

audience in the best of humor. The songs, recitations, etc., were very beautifully rendered. At the close the smallest Junior presented the Church, through the pastor, with the sum of \$50 towards the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund. Prizes in books were taken to eleven boys and girls for collecting \$2 and upwards. The offering for the evening was about \$10.

About Methodism.

The League of Paisley Street Church, Guelph has arranged an interesting series of addresses on Methodism, and interspersed them with the regular topics, having one each month from January to June.

The following are the subjects and speakers:

"The Rise of Methodism," by Rev. E. L. Flagg, B.D.

"Mr. Wesley and his Preachers," by Rev. A. J. Terryberry.

"The Doctrines of Methodism," by Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A.

"Charles Wesley and his Hymns," by Rev. Dr. Ross.

"Canadian Methodism," by Rev. S. W. Holden.

"The Sphere and Future of Methodism," by Rev. S. E. Couch.

Just a Line or Two.

THE Leagues on the Burford circuit have promised \$100 for missions.

A NEW League has been organized at Bethel appointment, on the Appin Circuit.

OWEN SOUND District Convention will be held at Flesherton on Tuesday, February 13th.

A JUNIOR League has been organized at Arthur with Mrs. Wright as superintendent. Success to it!

ARTHUR League has raised \$40 already for the Missionary Forward Movement, and expects to make it \$60.

THE Annual Convention of the St. Catharines District League will be held at Niagara Falls, February 13th and 14th.

THE George's Lake E. L. of C. E. on the Riceville Circuit presented a new pulpit, and pulpit chairs to the Church, as a New Year's gift.

SPRINGFIELD League has raised \$15 for the Century Fund, \$10 for missions, \$8 for a Bible for the church and \$4 for a Sunday School clock.

A NEW E. L. of C. E. has been organized at Fernie, B.C., which in the few weeks of its existence has doubled in membership. The prospect is bright.

A LEADING member of the Galt League says that the deep interest taken in Reading Circle work does not interfere in any way with interest in and attendance on other meetings.

THE League at Centreton has pledged \$25.00 a year toward the support of a missionary in China, and has also contributed \$15.00 to the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund.

THE E. L. of C. E. of Grafton Street Church, Halifax, gave a tea and concert annually to the Methodist soldiers attending the Church. It is much appreciated by Tommy Atkins.

REV. R. J. ELLIOTT, of Norwich, has prepared a programme of services for the weekly Church prayer meeting in which a number of lay workers and several young people take part. A good idea!

Is a circular letter, recently sent out to the congregation of Bridge Street Church, Belleville, by the Official Board, the following reference is made to the good work being done by the E. L. of C. E. of that Church: "With an open church door every day in the week for all who want to worship, or read, or rest, or find shelter from the temptations of the street; with smiling faces and hearty shake hands for those who come within our gates; the Master's spirit of aggressiveness—Luke 14: 23 and the Holy Spirit's abiding presence with us, we may plan and believe for far greater results, until He cometh again."

Personal.

REV. DR. MEDD, of Sarnia, is giving a course of lectures under the auspices of the Epworth League of Queen Street Church. They are free.

MR. JOHN TAYLOR, JR., President of the League at Galt, sent an attractive calendar to all his members as a New Year's gift. It contained an excellent picture of the church, and of the president himself.

THE new president of the London District League, Rev. Jno. Morrison, has sent out a stimulating circular to all the Societies on the District. Mr. Morrison intends visiting every circuit on the District.

MISS WINIFRED C. POWELL, Corresponding Secretary of the Epworth League at Medicine Hat, was married on New Year's day to Mr. H. J. Parkhill, also an active League worker. The Era tenders hearty congratulations.

A SURPRISE party was held by the Epworth League at Temperanceville, Ont., last month, when Miss Carscadden, the president, who is leaving to teach at Gornely, was presented with an album and an appreciative address.

MISSIONARY work has been growing on the hands of Rev. R. Emberson, the enthusiastic volunteer campaigner, to such an extent that he has felt the need of securing a helper. On the 18th ult. he was married to Miss Esther A. Harris, of Sarnia. Many friends will join in good wishes.

REV. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, pastor of Emmanuel M. E. Church, Chicago, is sending his subscription to THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA for 1900, says: "It is with unusual pleasure that I renew for another year's subscription, as I appreciate your paper very much, and especially the treatment of the League devotional topics. Many other features are helpful. Your paper should be read by every member of the Epworth League."

Guelph District.

A special business meeting of the executive committee of the Guelph District Epworth League was held in the Paisley St. Church, January 13th, 1900, and was exceptionally well attended, all the officers being present save two, whose absence was unavoidable.

Arrangements were made whereby every League in the district would be visited in the interests of the Forward Movement for Missions, with the expectation that the missionary spirit throughout the district would be greatly increased.

Palmerston District.

THE Epworth League and Sunday School Convention of the Palmerston District was held December 14th, and proved a great success. At the Sunday School session nine papers were given, which were short and to the point, containing many good points for the delegates to carry home. At the League session Rev. W. E. Treleven gave a very

helpful address on "What we have learned from the study of the parables." Rev. T. Boyd gave some practical suggestions on the study of the Bible. Rev. J. H. Robinson gave an address on "Methodism of today," and Rev. R. Burns on "Methodism of tomorrow," both of which were very inspiring.

JENNIE HAMBLY, Sec.

Norwich District.

Norwich District is progressing. At our last annual convention it was decided that a canvass be made of our district in the interest of missions. Our object was to put a missionary in the field, but if we could not do that we were to raise what money we could and then find some district to unite with us.

We did not succeed in raising enough money to support a missionary; but we have no reason to be discouraged, for our missionary givings have been increased seven-fold during the past year, and I believe the day is in sight when Norwich District alone can support a missionary in the foreign field. However, since Brantford Districts have joined with us, and our missionary has been appointed, and we hope before many months to have a representative in the "land of the rising sun."

Not only along missionary lines are we progressing, but all departments of work must of necessity have a spiritual uplift when such marked advance has been made in missionary givings. Our Leagues can say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

One very interesting feature of the annual convention at Ottaville, January 11th and 12th, was the fact that we had with us our future missionary, Rev. W. W. Prudham. Our opinion is that the Missionary Board has assigned to us a man who will labor faithfully and earnestly for our Master in that far-off land. We wish him God-speed, and follow him by our givings and our prayers.

Rev. T. A. Moore, Hamilton, gave us a very interesting and profitable address on Junior work, emphasizing the great importance of enlisting the children in the service of the Lord.

Rev. A. C. Crews was also with us, and by his kindly words of encouragement and counsel, made us feel that in him we had a friend.

We were somewhat disappointed when we found that Rev. E. Marshall, of Woodstock, could not be with us, but he sent a paper on "Why have a reading course?" which should rouse our Leagues to see the need of and the benefit to be derived from our Epworth League Reading Course.

Excellent addresses were delivered at the evening session by Rev. R. J. Elliott and Rev. W. W. Prudham.

The officers for this year are: Hon. President, Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., Tilsonburg; President, Mr. W. N. Kelley, Burford; first Vice-President, Mr. George Crumback, Oakland; second Vice-President, Miss Gertrude Bell, Verschoyle; third Vice-President, Miss Ellen Fry, Norwich; fourth Vice-President, Miss Florence Risk, Springfield; fifth Vice-President, Miss Emma Jull, Norwich; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Edith R. Thomas, Burford; Conference Representative, Rev. R. J. Elliott, Norwich. E. R. T.

Galt District.

THE Fourth Annual Convention of the Galt District will be held in the town of Galt, on Thursday, February 29th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. An excellent programme has been prepared and a good time is expected. At the evening session Rev. Dr. Williamson, and Rev. F. A. Cassidy will deliver addresses.