

The Rev. Aquila Lucas, of Sussex, N.B., writes thus: "I cannot tell what pleasure it gives me to forward this application for charter as an Epworth League. As it will be an immeasurable blessing to our work throughout Canada, so it is the very society for little villages like this. Once we tried the C. L. S. C., but not a sufficient number of our young people could afford it, or were fond enough of reading to begin such a course. Nor was it sufficiently allied to our Methodism and religion to fill the place which I saw was needed to be filled. Nor could I see my way clear to adopt the Society of Christian Endeavor. The elasticity of the League pleases me. We have begun low down with the small cheap 'John Wesley Course' of reading; but nothing could better meet the sad need of the young people for instruction about Methodism. I have said very little about the 'Department' yet, while I know some of them would be afraid to lead. But they are becoming deeply interested, and after two weekly meetings, both Sabbath-school and weekly prayer-meeting feel the benefit of the League. For convenience we hold our meeting at the close of the weekly prayer-meeting, and I am filled with hope by the promise which the League gives."

Mr. A. Odell, of St. Catharines, writes: "My Dear Withrow.—You will find enclosed 25 cts. in stamps for which you will forward at once 100 copies of 'Topics for Young People's Prayer-meetings.' We have already distributed 100 copies. The young people seem to be very much interested in the study of the precious promises. To-night, notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather, we had an attendance of 57, a marked increase on former meetings. The promises were quoted quite readily under the topic 'Bring them to Jesus.' The result of the week's meditation were given expression to. We intend to circulate the leaflets quite freely, and, if possible, to create an interest in the study of the passages therein named."

From a very interesting letter from W. E. Dyer, Esq., President of the Oshawa League, we make the following extracts:

"The Epworth League is now fully organized and in lively mood for good-working order in all its departments, meeting once a week for social and literary entertainment, and once a week (Sunday morning) for spiritual consultation, fellowship, etc. Our pastor (Rev. J. W. Totten) is deeply interested in this Sunday morning class. Nearly one hundred under twenty-one years of age have lately been enrolled as lovers and followers of Jesus. We have now closed two months of honest direct spiritual work with the young and such is the result. And now entering the fields of usefulness which are open before us in the Epworth League, we feel that such is but the beginning of a long-looked-for work among the young. Our council is well supported by an able staff of earnest workers, and we hope to form reading circles, etc., at once.

We have great confidence in a work that grows steadily in interest; and it does seem to me that there is an importance to be attached to this great effort that demands the awakening of all to a sense of its great need; and we feel that no effort to that end would be too great. The systematic reading courses we believe to be invaluable, and especially those of the League; and the sense of their need, we trust, will be aroused and stimulated everywhere.

Mr. A. E. Henderson, of Alma, writes: "I enclose two reports of Epworth Leagues formed on our circuit. We have been testing the matter for three or four weeks, and find it to work very satisfactorily. The whole of both societies are taking up their No. 1 reading course.

It is a very encouraging feature in connection with the Epworth League, that the Christian work is that which is most sedulously followed. Already two large editions of the Young People's Prayer-meeting Topics are exhausted, and a third edition has been sent to press.

### The Wider Relations of the League.

We have spoken in previous numbers of the BANNER of the advantages of the local Leagues to their individual members. We desire now to speak of its wider relations, and how its Branches may be brought together. Once a month all the departments of a local League should come together for a very brief literary and musical programme—the shorter the better—the rest of the time to be given to cultivating the social relations so greatly needed in our churches. Once a quarter there should be a grand rally of all the Methodist Leagues in a city, going by turns from one Methodist church to another. Methodism is a connexion, a brotherhood; and young Methodists should know each other and should provoke one another to Christian love and zeal and good works, and organize for aggressive effort on a wider scale for promoting their common interests.

Then, once a year, there should be a grand all-day Convention of all the Leagues in the District, or in two adjoining Districts, for a discussion of common interests. These Conventions could very conveniently be held at the Fall District Meetings in connection with the Sunday-school Conventions, directed by section 323 of the Discipline to be held at the time of the Financial District Meeting, or such other time as the May District Meetings may direct.

We hope that at the approaching District Meetings the subject of the League may receive much attention. In the Methodist Epis-