

who would not attend at any other time. Mr. A. O. Dawson is the efficient Superintendent of the afternoon school, who has around him a fine staff of officers and teachers. The school raises \$414 for missions.

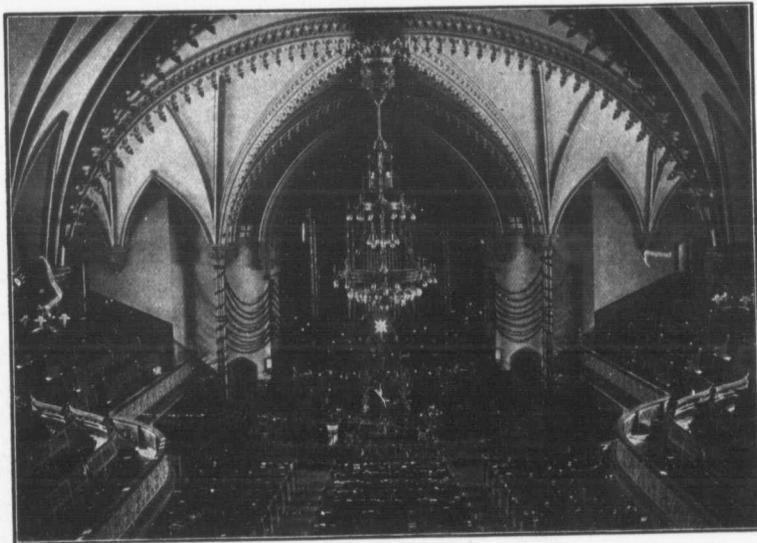
The Epworth League of St. James' Church is an unusually efficient organization, with 111 members.

The four departments are conducted, and a monthly consecration meeting is held, when the roll of membership is called. The President reports: "We are glad to have among our members a large number who make a point of standing up

etc. A debate is held once or twice during the season, a feature which has been very popular.

An Annual Fall Reception is held, for young Methodist students, nurses, etc. At this gathering on Oct. 5th, between three and four hundred were present at the Reception Rooms, and a very pleasant time was spent.

The success which has attended the St. James' League has been due, in no small degree, to the efficient leadership which it has enjoyed. Good live men like J. Penrose Anglin, J. Clark Reilly, F. B. Alutt, and Harold E. Plewman have



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and giving an inspiring testimony or some words of experience in the Christian life which prove very profitable." Sometimes the Roll Call is dispensed with, and voluntary testimonies called for.

The C. E. Department arranges and holds Cottage Prayer Meetings at the homes of aged or infirm persons; also has sent a barrel of clothing, magazines, etc., to Newfoundland for distribution among the Methodist poor people there last year, and at Christmas gave a number of dinners to the poor of the city.

The Lookout Committee has made a good showing in looking up absentee members, by sending post-cards reminding delinquent members of the good things they were missing. A strict record of the attendance is kept, members being checked off as they come in to the meetings on Monday evening.

A monthly bulletin announcing the topics is published, and during the summer, a special card is printed with names of topics and leaders for the services which are held at the close of the regular church worship on Sunday evening. These summer meetings have been well attended, and many visitors from other places have been present and have taken part.

The finances of the League are supported by a monthly collection, which is taken up in envelopes provided for the purpose, and the usual envelopes are used for the Forward Movement. Last year the sum of \$155 was raised for the Forward Movement, in addition to which the League gave \$33 for the Chentu Hospital, and several dollars for the famine stricken people of Japan. The aim is to raise \$200 this year for missions.

The Literary Department is planning to organize a Literary Circle this year, the meetings to be held at the homes of various members, where papers will be read and discussed,

been at the helm and have worked hard. The present President, Mr. Fred. A. Matthews, has been associated with Epworth League work since 1900, having occupied the offices of Missionary Vice-President, Literary Convener, First Vice-President, and Treasurer, before being chosen to the Presidency. He is a Commercial Reporter, with the mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., and has been associated with St. James' Church for the past six years. He is not afraid to work, and gives largely of his time and energy to the work for and among young people.

A lady writer in England has recently declared that "whatever is worth doing, is worth doing badly." This scarcely seems to accord with the old proverb with which we have all been familiar from childhood, but there may be some truth in it. Many people refuse altogether to do certain things because they cannot do them really well. Here is a young lady who because she cannot be the leading soprano in the choir, declines to sing at all; yonder is a young man who will not pray in the prayer meeting because he cannot pray as well as the pastor of the church; our churches are full of people who are attempting nothing, hindered by the fear of failure. It is often worth while to do a thing badly, as the doing it is a stepping stone to more efficient service later on.



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