

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—In some cases very good; in others fair. The state of the work, Mr. President, in this, more than in any other department, depends upon the person who is at the head. I find that some superintendents make the mistake of trying to do everything themselves, instead of simply directing the efforts of the children. One Junior League on the one at Sparkle River. I refer to the one at Sparkle River. It has as superintendent an energetic young lady, who has made a thorough study of Junior methods. She is a very busy person, but she finds time to keep posted, and, in addition, she is a great lover along the same lines as the Senior League, with a number of sub-departments, and the members are all on committees. Each department is under the direction of an assistant superintendent. The boys and girls take part in the programmes, and it is really wonderful how well they can conduct a meeting.

**2ND VICE-PRES.**—What missionary work are the Juniors doing?

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—I believe you dream about missions. Yes, in some of our Leagues they are following the Junior Missionary Trip. This has been so successful where it has been tried that I have urged it upon every superintendent, and I hope before the end of the year to have it introduced into every one of the societies. The Junior League and the Sunday School are the places in which the boys and girls should receive their missionary training.

**2ND VICE-PRES.**—How about the gifts?

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—In that, too, the Juniors are doing well. I have found that where they had something definite before them, such as the Chest Hospital or the Japan Orphanage work, there has been a greater interest shown, and the contributions have been larger. Some of the Superintendents are endeavoring to cultivate the habit of systematic giving among the children, but that is not general yet. The money is usually given through a monthly collection.

**1ST VICE-PRES.**—How are the running expenses of the League met?

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—Mostly by a collection once a month. One or two of the senior societies support the Junior Department, and this I believe to be the ideal way.

**3RD VICE-PRES.**—Do you not think that the superintendents should for the most part be day school teachers, or at least those who understand child life. It seems to me there are wonderful possibilities along the line of Junior League work. But we should be careful in the selection of our Superintendents. They should be able to discriminate the stages of development in child life, and distinguish between the likes and dislikes of boys and girls, be more or less students of nature, in order that they may accompany the members in nature rambles, etc.

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—I quite agree with what the Literary Vice has said, and feel quite confident that if the Junior Department is to do its best work it must speedily be placed in the hands of superintendents who are thoroughly acquainted with child life.

**PRESIDENT.**—What are your plans for the future?

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—In the first place, I am going to try to put a Junior Department into at least five of the nine Leagues where there are none now. We shall endeavor to extend the plan of systematic giving, and more than ever to train the children for active Christian service. The Junior League, as I said before, is the most important department

of our work, and I want the earnest prayer and co-operation of every member of our Executive, in order that we may train the Juniors on our District for active, definite service for Christ and the Church.

**PRESIDENT.**—You have listened to this encouraging report of our 5th Vice-President. Shall it be adopted?

**MEMBERS.**—Carried.

**PRESIDENT.**—We shall now hear from our representative to the Conference League.

**CON. REP.**—As District Representative to the Conference Epworth League, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to make my report to this meeting. I esteem it a great privilege to be thought worthy to represent you on the Conference Epworth League Executive. The meetings of which I have regularly attended, and I would indeed be sorry to miss the inspiration and help which I have there received, and which I will report in part as much as possible to the officers and workers of the District. And just here let me say it is really a shame that so few of our District Representatives attend the Conference League.

Some matters which have been discussed by the Conference League from time to time might be summed up as follows:

1. Best methods of look-out work, i.e., how to hold old members and win new ones.

2. Plans for keeping records of attendance, methods of visitation, etc.

3. Suggestions for a five year programme, which, if adopted and realized would mean unbounded progress for our Epworth League.

4. Plans for co-operation with the Sunday School. Suggestions were normal looking to the organization of a normal training class in the Epworth League, in which all members should be members of an Adult Bible Class. On the other hand, it was pointed out how the Sunday School Superintendent and teachers, in the League, being to some extent in the League, might graduate younger scholars into the Junior League, and the adult scholars into the Senior League, where under well-trained officers they might obtain a preparation for active Christian service.

We have also discussed, although not sufficient to arrive at any satisfactory plan, the question of how the young men might be attracted to and held in the Epworth League, especially in view of the fact that in some cases it looks as if the young men's clubs which were organized a few years ago would discontinue.

In fact, the idea of the Conference League is to make the Epworth League the working organization in the Church, and consequently a force to be reckoned with against sin, and in the building up of the local church work.

Now, Mr. President, I would make one or two suggestions, and I am through.

Inasmuch as there is so little interest shown in the Conference Executive by the District Representative, and inasmuch as we should have men present at the meetings of the Conference League who are closely identified with the District work, I would suggest that the District Representative to the Conference League be in every case the District President. This would keep him in touch constantly with the work which the Conference Executive are endeavoring to do on the District.

**TREASURER.**—I thought it was the duty of the Conference League only to prepare for the biennial convention.

**CON. REP.**—No, it seems not. The District provides for their assistance in the District work, and from what I have heard at the meetings of the Executive, it would be a splendid thing if District

officers kept in touch more with the Conference officers.

**4TH VICE-PRES.**—Well, I have been a District officer for some time, and only once have I received any communication from a Conference officer.

**CON. REP.**—That may be. But the idea that there should be closer relationship between the Conference and the Districts is growing. And I believe, moreover, that the Conference officers should be the very best young people of the Conference—experts in their departments—whose duty it will be to obtain for us the best suggestions from every source, and to devise big plans for the whole Conference, which the Districts might work out.

**PRESIDENT.**—This, then, shall stand as a notice of motion. At our next meeting, the Conference Representative will move that henceforth the President of the District Executive be our representative to the Conference Executive.

**PRESIDENT.**—The Treasurer's Report.

**TREASURER.**—Mr. President, the Treasurer's report to-night is not one to call for much congratulation, but when we take all things into consideration, there is perhaps something to be very thankful for in the fact that the showing is as good as this.

Receipts from collection at last Convention .....	\$11 00
Disbursements:	
Gown Convention Printing .....	4 50
Expenses .....	1 05
Postage, etc. ....	
2nd Vice-Pres., to set of Maps .....	5 00
President's Travelling Expenses .....	3 90
Deficit .....	\$3 45

As I stated previously, the showing is not as favorable as I would like, and I would, therefore, suggest that we consider the advisability of requesting each League to assist the Conference League to assist the District Executives, on the following basis: \$1.00 for Leagues with a membership of 50 or under; \$2.00 for Leagues who have over 50 to 100 members, and \$3.00 for those that have over 100 members, monies to be collected by Conference Treasurer, and distributed.

In making this suggestion, in order to strengthen our finances and influence, I do so feeling that it is rather humiliating for any organization, be it ever so successful in carrying out the work for which it was founded, when the expenditure exceeds the receipts.

If the Leagues were approached, and the needs of the District put before them in a forcible manner, our income would be greatly augmented, and the Executive would be in a position to carry on their work more energetically.

Mr. President, the plan as outlined appears to me the most feasible at present, and until the Epworth League and Sunday School Department of our Church be placed on the same footing as the Missionary, Superannuation, Educational, or any other schemes of our Church, and the Church as a whole be appealed to for an annual collection in support of these most worthy departments.

**PRESIDENT.**—We shall deal with this report under new business. We have with us at our Executive meeting the District Sunday School Secretary, and the office created at the last meeting of the General Conference for the purpose of stimulating and developing interest in Sunday School work. We are glad to have him with us. We realize that the spirit of unity and co-operation between the Epworth League and the Sunday School is in the air, and shall, therefore,