

## The District Convention.

It cannot be doubted but that our annual District Convention is one of the most helpful features of our Epworth League. At this convention the Connexional spirit is strengthened, and all the best of the district is brought to the front. Especially is this the case regarding our missionary work. Our districts could not do a better thing than arrange for an annual District Missionary Rally, at which might be arranged to have the General Board's field representative, Dr. Sutherland, give an address. In support of this statement the Chatham District furnishes proof.

CHATHAM, Jan. 29th, 1896.

"MR. F. C. STEPHENSON,  
"Toronto, Ont.

"DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly insert in the columns of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER the enclosed report of a missionary rally, held in Park Street Methodist Church, on the evening of December 21st, 1896, under the direction of Dr. Henderson, of Toronto. The report has been delayed by several circumstances, but I hope it is not so late that all interest in it will have ceased, as it was one of the most interesting and instructive missionary rallies we have had in the Chatham District.

"Yours sincerely,

"IDA A. POWELL,  
"Cor. Sec. E. L. of C. E."

On Sunday, December 20th, 1896, Rev. Dr. Henderson, of Toronto, preached the missionary sermon in Park Street church. His earnest and eloquent addresses on Sunday paved the way for a grand rally on Monday evening, and all who attended were amply satisfied with the rich treat which they received.

The Epworth Leagues of the district and the Christian Endeavor Societies of the city were invited, and, in view of the fact that the holiday season was just at hand, and there were several counter attractions in the city that evening, a large audience greeted the speakers.

Rev. L. N. Baker, the pastor of Park Street Church, occupied the chair, and beside him were Rev. Dr. Henderson, of Toronto, Rev. Mr. Gregg, of the William Street Baptist Church; Rev. F. H. Larkin, of the First Presby-

terian Church, and Rev. John Holmes, of Blenheim, chairman of the district.

Mr. Gregg, Mr. Larkin and Mr. Holmes each gave short, earnest talks on the importance of mission work in general, and the special need for the young people to direct their attention and energies to home and foreign missions.

Rev. Dr. Henderson then gave one of his grand addresses on mission work. He attached great importance to the "Forward Movement," and gave a stirring account of the rise of the "Students' Volunteer Movement." We feel sure that all who heard him that evening will not only be more interested in hearing about the progress and success of missions, but will pray more and give more for their support and success.

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From lack of space, we find it necessary to withhold our articles on "South America," "Epworth League Colors," and "District Reports," as well as two other good articles—one on "The Isles of the Sea," the other on "Missions in Sunday School." The former is especially good, being full of information, the latter touches a little on church polity. The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER does not propose to deal with any questions relative to church management. We leave all discussions and anything which provokes discussion to the *Christian Guardian*. We stand for missionary information and the Young People's Forward Movement for missions, with the motto, "Pray, Study, Pay."

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