

has not only the oldest Epworth League society in Canada; it is also the youngest society, for only two or three days before, they had organized a Junior League.

Rev. Mr. Crews gave a practical address on Christian Endeavor work, under the following headings: Evangelistic, Missionary, and Literary. He advocated the Fulton plan of two cents per week per member for missions. During the evening, Miss Irvine, Mr. Jos. Young, and the choir contributed acceptably in a service of song.

A Splendid Record.

We give almost in full the annual report of the Y. P. S. C. E. of First Presbyterian church, Brockville. It is so suggestive that we feel it should be of much practical value to our readers. By way of criticism, we may perhaps express a hope to see a greater missionary activity reported next year:

Six new members joined the society during the past year—one associate member became an active member, one graduated from the Junior society, and the other four were church members. The society has now a membership of thirty-seven active and two associate members, making a total membership of thirty-nine.

The Sunday evening is still, as it always has been, the chief meeting, and is usually led by an active member. The attendance at these meetings, from the report of the Lookout Committee, are recorded as follows: Total attendance of members, 1200; average attendance of members, 25; total number of members taking part, 569; average number of members taking part, 12; total attendance, 1,803; average attendance, 39; visitors' attendance, 603; average visitors, 12.

The society does not make any effort to raise money except for necessary running expenses, which are met by voluntary collections and pledged contributions. The expenses have been for the year 1898 about \$27.00. It also contributed \$19.00 as its share with the Junior society in placing one hundred chairs in the ladies' parlor, and in addition to this, some \$14.00 has been raised for missionary purposes.

Floral offerings with comforting texts of Scripture attached, have been distributed to the sick and sorrowing to the number of 775 bouquets and 24 plants, besides visiting the sick and making calls at the hospital.

Thirty-six baskets of substantials and money were distributed Christmas eve, amounting in all to about \$75.00, which was in co-operation with the church.

The committee in charge of the distribution of bags of religious literature upon vessels and barges touching at the wharves, report that 80 packages have been delivered. This means that about 325 sailors have been visited.

Visits by the Music and Missionary Committees were made to homes where the sick and infirm are shut in from church; baskets of substantials were taken in some cases, and helpful hours spent in prayer, reading of Scripture, and singing.

The Calling Committee have made a good many calls. The present committee have made 36 calls during the last two months.

AND THE JUNIORS, TOO!

The year opened with 101 members on the roll of the Junior society, and at the close there were 115.

The total attendance for the year, 3,204; average number present per Sunday, 61.

The work during the past year has been full of enthusiasm and encouragement. All departments are well organized, and the various members of the committees are showing a commendable zeal in bringing the work to a successful issue.

The missionary collections amounted to \$9.25, two days being set apart for missions. The sum of \$7.75 was contributed for Klondike fund and \$1.50 for augmentation.

The Flower Committee distributed during the summer about 150 bouquets to the sick of our church and hospitals.

On March 11, the third of a series of entertainments, in aid of the fund for carpeting and decorating the ladies' parlor, was held, which proved very successful, the sum of \$34.00 being realized. This, along with \$64.50 already in the bank, making the handsome sum of \$98.50, was then at our disposal. A number of ladies of the church kindly consented to select the carpet, which they did to the satisfaction of all, the cost being something over \$60.00. The balance was then expended in renovating and decorating the interior of the parlor.

By an agreement made between the trustees of the church and the officers of the societies, one hundred chairs were placed in the parlor, the two societies defraying the expense, amounting to \$19.00 each.

The annual picnic was held in August, affording a delightful outing to all those who attended.

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Missions are the footsteps of God on His way to final triumph.

Literary Kingston.

Recently the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor of Queen Street Methodist church had a literary evening. It embraced a review of the first six chapters of the "Founders of Methodism," made up of six addresses or essays. Mr. Meek spoke on the conditions of life—public, private, social, and political—in the time of the Wesleys; Miss Lora Chapman, on Susanna Wesley, the mother of Methodism; Miss Freida Harmer, on John Wesley, the founder of the movement; Miss Quinn, on Charles Wesley, the greatest hymn writer in the world; Alexander Fokes, on John Nelson, the converted mason; and Kenneth Ross, on Silas Told, the reformed sailor and prison evangelist. The attendance was large, and the interest maintained throughout. Rev. Mr. Elliott presided, and expressed the gratification which he felt in seeing young people show such admirable evidence of their study. Following the meeting there was a clamor for "more books," so that the reading circle is being gradually widened.

From Our Special Correspondent by the Sea.

Halifax Happenings.

The Local Union of Halifax and Dartmouth has been asked to conduct and support a mission, in a certain section of the city, for boys not sufficiently respectable to be admitted into the Y. M. C. A. \$1000 per annum will be required to carry on the work successfully. The Local Union has presented the matter to the various societies with a view to finding out how many are willing to support such a mission. It is confidently expected that the Endeavorers will respond favorably to this call.

The Christian Endeavor society of Chalmers church, Halifax, is noted for its good works and its charity. Last year the society, which numbers 60, 15 of whom are on the honorary and absent lists, raised by voluntary offerings and donations, \$50 for Trinidad College, \$35 for N. S. Bible Society, also the sum of \$6 for city missions. The missionary spirit is strong in the society. One member is settled in Labrador, two went to Corea last year, and another is now preparing to go to the same field.

Halifax Junior Rally.

The principal event for some time in Endeavor circles in this city was the Junior rally which was held in the Academy of Music, March