

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

The Biennial Convention of the Toronto Conference Epworth League was held in Central Methodist Church, Toronto, Nov. 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In the absence of the President, Rev. F. J. Farewell, the sessions were presided over by Rev. G. S. Faircloth. On the first evening the annual rally of the Toronto Epworth League Union took place, and was largely attended. Two splendid addresses were given, one by Rev. J. A. McDonald, editor of "The Globe," on "Canada's Call to Young Methodists," the other by Principal Falconer, of Toronto University, subject, "Expression."

Prior to this gathering the delegates met at seven o'clock to hear Mr. S. H. Soper give an illustrated talk on "City Life in the 'congested Districts.'"

Each day's sessions began with "Talks on Life Problems," by Rev. W. E. Pescott, followed by Bible study, on "Prayer," "Power," and "Service," by Prof. J. F. McLaughlin.

An excellent paper was given by Rev. F. W. Hardy, "Home Missions in Western Canada," which appears in this issue. Helpful Departmental Conferences were held, the findings of which were directed to be sent by the Executive of the Conference League to every local League president and pastor within its boundaries.

Instructive conferences of Volunteers, Christian Workers and Enquirers were held, on Domestic and Foreign Missions, at which Rev. B. Wesley Dean and Mrs. F. C. Stephenson, respectively, presided.

A Round Table Conference regarding local, district and conference League work, was conducted by Rev. H. Bartlett, the subject, "The Unchurched in Cities and Towns," was ably dealt with by Mr. J. H. Hundy, and "The Unchurched Problem in Rural Communities," by Rev. G. W. Robinson.

Rev. L. K. Kilburn and Rev. W. J. Mortimore, returned missionaries, made stirring appeals regarding our work in West China.

The Alexander Choir led the singing at the evening services. A social time was enjoyed at the luncheon. At the close of the Convention church under the supervision of Mrs. H. C. Gandy and Miss Wagnie, no sessions being held between 7 and 9, one of one and three o'clock each weekday. The closing prayer was read by Rev. John Coburn, who spoke of "The Opportunities of To-day for the Investment of Life."

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. G. S. Faircloth, B.A., B.L., Toronto; Vice-presidents (1) Rev. W. E. Pescott, Toronto; (2) Miss H. A. Sheppard, West Toronto; (3) Mr. Cooper, Stayner; (4) Mr. H. Carnahan, Meaford; (5) Mr. H. Childers, Orillia; Secretary, Miss C. Lancelotti, Toronto; Treasurer, Miss E. Madden, Aurora; Rep., Mrs. C. Bort, Mr. N. M. Squire, Toronto.

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

The Victoria District Epworth League and Sunday School Convention was held in the Metropolitan Church, Victoria. There was a good attendance at the sessions and the meetings were of great interest.

The Rev. John Robson, of Nanaimo, Chairman of the League, presided. The first paper of the session was read by Mr. Fred W. Davey, of the James Bay Church, Victoria, on "The League and the Forward Movement in Modern Civilization." The discussion that followed was very general and served to emphasize the points mentioned by Mr. Davey. (We shall publish this paper in a later issue.)

An address was then given by Mr. W. J. Shortt, of Victoria, on "The League as a Factor and a Power in the Extension of the Church." Mr. Shortt brought out the work of the League in connection with the manual, evangelistic and social enterprises of the church in such a way as to show the Convention that the League might be a power in any individual church.

At the afternoon session, the Rev. J. W. Dickinson, of Duncan's, presided. After devotional exercises, Mr. E. B. Manson, the President of the District League, gave an excellent outline of "The League and its history" and his story of the Forward Movement was enjoyed by all.

It was decided to elect upon the League Executive three representatives from the Sunday Schools of the District, as the League and schools are inseparable. The support of Rev. R. E. S. Taylor in China, Mr. J. M. Campbell, of the Public School staff, gave a paper on "The Forward Movement" in which he demonstrated how a Teacher

training class might be held in connection with the regular session of the school.

At a public meeting which was held in the auditorium of the church, which was in the nature of a farewell gathering to the various missionaries, chapters of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who are to be supported by the District League, were held. Mr. Robson presided. By authority of the British Columbia Conference, the Rev. R. Taylor, Taylor, Toronto, was the pastor of the ministry. The solemn service was conducted by Rev. James Calvert, President of the Conference. The Chairman then called to the platform, Revs. J. L. Stewart, J. W. Henderson, D. S. Kern, and G. G. Hartley, who, with Mr. Taylor, were to sail the next day for China. Each of these missionaries gave a short address. At the close of the service the audience said goodbye, while the organ played softly the familiar hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," a fitting close to a very helpful and inspiring Convention.

The officers-elect are: President, Rev. J. Robson, Nanaimo; President, W. J. Shortt, Victoria; Vice-presidents, (1) Geo. Holt, Victoria; (2) W. E. Manson, Nanaimo; (3) A. Calvert, Sidney; (4) Miss Ford, Duncan; (5) Mrs. A. N. Miller, Victoria; Secretary, W. Alton, Victoria; Treasurer, W. M. Ritchie, Victoria; Conference representative, W. Shortt; S. S. representative, Rev. C. Duncan, Duncan's.

BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

The fourth annual Epworth League Convention was held at Foxboro, November 26th, last. There was a fair representation of the various Leagues, and excellent reports were given of work done during the year. The discussion of these reports in the order of the program was a session. The General Secretary then led a very instructive Round Table Conference on Epworth League methods of work. Rev. King, of Albert College, gave a suggestive address on "Bible Study," and Rev. S. A. Eggleston, on "The League and the Forward Movement." (This address we have in the form of a paper for our readers. It will appear in a later issue.)

At the evening session, Rev. Prof. Docks gave an address on the hour and a half of the Forward Movement, that was stimulative to even greater achievement in the future than the past has witnessed. Mr. Bartlett spoke strongly on the elements of growth that are to be developed in the order of the program. He presented the delegates with the grandeur and value of their work. Rev. Dr. Bishop closed the Convention. The presence and wise suggestions of Rev. B. Greatrix, President of Conference, added much to the profit of the day's sessions. Rev. C. E. Crag made an efficient presiding officer. The District has departed from the regular plan in electing a lady as President. Miss Rush, who has been a painstaking Secretary, has the honor of being set officer of the District League for next year. Is she not the first lady to be placed in this position of District Secretary in Canada. The officers-elect are: Honorable President, Rev. B. Greatrix; President, Miss Ruth Campbell, Belleville; (2) G. F. Stewart, Belleville; (3) Mrs. J. Eggleston, Belleville; (4) Mr. W. H. Ward, Belleville; (5) Miss P. Ketcheson, Belleville; Secretary, Treasurer, J. A. Marsh, Belleville; Conference representative, Rev. G. E. Crag, Foxboro.

BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

In spite of unfavorable weather, the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention on November 27th, was well attended. The entertainment of the delegates to the Convention was excellent, and made it possible to spend the whole time in the business of the Convention.

The Superintendent of the Imperial Efficiency was given by Rev. G. Brown. This was followed by a "Study of Missions in Canada," by Rev. S. C. Moore, Sunday School Secretary of the District, conducted a practical Round Table Conference on the subject of School work of the District. The Rev. L. S. Wright reported some of the lessons of the "Forward Movement." Rev. J. E. C. A. Lapp struck a strong, clear note on the subject of "Loyalty," emphasizing especially the claim of our League work on the Life of the Church." Prof. Docks's address on "Bible Study" was a paper on "The Forward Movement" and intelligent study of the Scriptures.

The report of the Epworth League Secretary showed that the League and Sunday League, in prosperous condition, and much good work was shown to have been done during the year. The results were unanimously adopted pledging the District League to \$300 for the Forward Movement for next year. The results of campaign of the District was carefully planned for the near future. Mission Study Classes were discussed by Rev. E. Peir, and Mrs. A. Summers made a plea for "Personal Evangelism in the League." The Secretary of the Junior Department were forcibly presented by Miss M. Cochrane.

The following were elected: Hon. Pres., Rev. G. Brown, Colborne; Pres., Wm. E. Ketchum, Brighton; Vice-presidents, (1) E. Peir, Colborne; (2) E. J. Padginton, Colborne; (3) Mr. Westscales, Wooler; (4) Miss Johnston, Stockdale; (5) Miss M. Cochrane, Edville; Secretary, Harry Lawson, Brighton; Conference representative, Rev. E. Farnsworth, Smithfield.

MOUNT FOREST DISTRICT.

The Epworth League Convention was held in Mount Forest Church, and proved to be both stimulating and uplifting. The President, Rev. G. A. King, presided. The opening address was given by Rev. S. M. Roadhouse, of Mount Forest, on "What We Here For?" Miss Farrill, Kenilworth, discussed "The Purpose of the Social Department," and Rev. G. A. King, on "The subject dealt with by Miss Roadhouse, Holstein, and Prayer in the Methodist Church." Mr. A. M. C. Craig, of Mr. A. R. Craig spoke on "Topics," and Rev. G. A. King brought "Ocean Breezes From Seattle."

At the evening meeting "The Call of the West" was the subject of a powerful address, given by Rev. J. E. Hughson, and Dr. Chown spoke convincingly of "The Upward Trend of the West."

On the following morning "The Junior Department" was first under study, Miss W. Wolf, Durham, discussed "What Are We Doing?" and Miss Gill, Arthur, "The Ideal Junior League." Mr. G. E. Hudson dealt with the question of "Living in the League." In the afternoon, a second program was held. Bible Study was conducted by Rev. W. G. Bull, W. Wright, gave a talk on "What Should the Young People Learn?" Miss M. W. Wright, "What Are We Doing?" and "What We Should Do," were dealt with by Mrs. Bull and Rev. J. E. Hudson. The following were the Waters told "How To Do It." "The League and the Young Man" was the theme of Rev. A. D. Bakers, Durham. At the evening session the main features were addresses from Rev. J. Mortimore, and Rev. E. Baker, of Mount Forest. The officers-elect are: Hon. Pres., Rev. A. J. Irwin, Pres., Mr. J. Kearns, Arthur; Vice-presidents, (1) Mr. J. W. Durham; (2) Rev. W. G. Bull, Monticello; (3) Mr. G. E. Hudson, Horstein; (4) Miss E. Doan, Mt. Forest; (5) Miss E. G. Galt, Arthur; Secretary, Miss I. L. Farrill, Kenilworth; Treasurer, Miss M. M. Monaghan, Mount Forest; Conference representative, Rev. S. M. Roadhouse, Grand Valley.

LINDSAY DISTRICT.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention was held in Queen Street Church, Lindsay, on November 8th last. A large and representative attendance of delegates was present. The first business was in relation to the cooperation of the Sunday Schools and after in the afternoon the District representative on the Mission field. The union of the two departments was discussed. A free discussion on Sunday School work in general was engaged in by many, and numerous suggestions were made. The plans of work. The greetings and report of the Missionary Department of Canadian Churches were discussed by Rev. W. Elliott. Rev. H. W. Foley gave the Missionary report of Lindsay District. The Canadian Department District together are supporting Rev. R. Emberson, Missionary in Japan.

A Round Table Conference was conducted by Mr. F. R. Foley, President of Bay of Quintar Conference, on the important subjects discussed were: (1) The Well-being League, (2) Is the Missionary Department of the Epworth League an Incubator of the League Work? (3) What Constitutes a Model Social Department? (4) The Literary Department of the League. Questions were drawn out and discussed.

At the evening session Rev. J. P. Wilson addressed the Conference on the importance of the Sunday School work of the Church. The closing address by Mr. F. R. Foley, on "The League and the Church," brought to an end the most successful Convention held in the District for some time past.

"God takes care of the effect if we take care of the effort."—Canon Aitken.