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On the 16th of December last an Epworth League of Christian Endeavor was organized in West Selkirk, Man. in connection with Wesley Church. Over twenty young people joined as active and several as associate members. Rev. Manson Doyle, our Field Secretary, was present and helped greatly in effecting the organization. The society gives promise of being a strong factor in the church and community in promoting its spiritual and social ideals. Nine subscriptions for the Epworth Era have been sent to the General Secretary. We believe in starting well.—Dorothy Teeter, W. Selkirk, Man.

Hodge-Podge

A small Norwegian lad presented himself before a Minnesota School teacher, who asked him his name.

"Pete Peterson," he replied.

"And how old are you?" was the next question.

"I not know how old I bane," said the lad.

"Well, when were you born?" persisted the teacher.

"I not born at all; I got stepmutter."

There was a young man, vain of his accomplishments as a preacher, who after officiating at a certain service for a Scottish minister who occasionally had to avail himself of the assistance of probationers, was met by the old gentleman with extended hands as he descended from the pulpit. Expecting high praise, he said: "No compliments, I pray."

"Nay, nay, my young friend," said the parson, "nowadays I'm glad of anybody."

In one of the Western States a spirited campaign for woman suffrage was being carried on. The suffragettes employed a Mrs. Nickell, who was a strikingly handsome woman, to call upon the voters to learn their party affiliations. At one place Mrs. Nickell was met at the door by the lady of the house.

"Is Mr. Chester in?" inquired the visitor sweetly.

"He is not," was the emphatic answer, while Mrs. Chester regarded the questioner with frank suspicion.

"We are very anxious to know what party he belongs to," continued Mrs. Nickell ingratiatingly.

Mrs. Chester drew herself up to her full height, eyed her visitor haughtily, and answered with asperity:

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