

Neepawa District

The Sunday School and Epworth League Convention at Gladstone, Man., was largely attended and very profitable. President Minaker opened the sessions, and gave "Others" as the centre of his appeal. The Sunday School Secretary, Rev. J. E. Lane, presented a report of the schools of the district, and was followed by Rev. J. W. Ridd, who spoke on "Evangelism in the Sunday School." Helpful discussion on the theme was led by Rev. J. A. Doyle. Mrs. W. J. Harrison gave a demonstration of the new Graded Lesson Series for Juniors. Rev. D. R. L. Howarth gave a comprehensive address on "Teacher Training." (Read what Mr. Howarth is doing with a class at Plumasa. See Sunday School pages this issue—Ed.) A profitable Round Table discussion of organized Adult Bible Class problems was led by Rev. H. Irvine.

During the recess the Gladstone hosts entertained the delegates by providing a bountiful repast in an adjoining wing of the church.

The evening session was marked by three strong addresses. Rev. H. Irvine discussed "The Young Man Problem." Mrs. W. J. Harrison outlined the new International Graded Sunday School Lessons for parents, pupils, pastors and people, and strongly emphasized the value of the Graded course. Rev. J. A. Doyle gave a stirring address on "Mind Your P's and Q's." His address left a profound impres-

sion on the entire convention, and paved the way for a thorough morning session on the Epworth League and its work. "The Place of the Church in the Present Age" was strongly presented by Rev. B. W. Allison. Mr. Doyle's closing address was on "What of the Future?" His encouraging, clarion note of optimism brought to a fitting close a convention full of great pleasure and profit to all. During the session a highly interesting letter was read from Rev. A. O. Rose, the District's Missionary Student in Austria, and Rev. J. E. Lane was appointed to reply thereto on behalf of the District.

The officers elected for the coming year are Hon. Pres., Rev. A. B. Osterhout, Gladstone; Pres., H. B. Armitage, Minnedosa; Vice Pres., (1) Mr. Tilley, Rapid City; (2) Miss Ruth Boughton, Arden; (3) Rev. F. C. Middleton, Brookdale; (4) W. L. Belton, Neepawa; Sec. Treas., C. W. Wickett, Neepawa; Conf. Rep., Rev. D. R. L. Howarth, Plumasa.

A Tribute of Affection

After a century of, of hard and earnest toil, during which he has been associated in personal labor with Rev. H. T. Crossley, in winning thousands of lives for Christ, the Rev. J. E. Hunter, well-known and dearly beloved by a great host of people, has been laid aside from public work as an evangelist. This fact has been keenly deplored by multitudes of his

The Summer School

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At this season of the year, with the thermometer down below zero, and in the midst of one of our jolly Canadian snowstorms, one doesn't think very much about "summer" schools. But the "good old summer-time" will be here again in due course, and one should soon consider just what form of relaxation and recreation his boy-

only Canada's century, but the kingdom's century—is about the best thing going. And then the summer school gives numerous opportunities for one to get straightened out. We all know that after a year's hard work on the farm, in the school, or at the office, one begins to see strange things. They somehow get in their wrong order. Last things come first, and first things come way down the line. The cobwebs of doubt and suspicion and moodiness hang about. We must get straightened out. And the summer school can do it. Under the leadership of men of the various departments of our church—missionaries, secretaries, deaconesses, professors—specialists in their respective fields,—men, who while they are yet learners, have passed this way before, one is led to get a right perspective of things, to see them in their right order and value, and to relate himself in complete harmony with the great things of life and the kingdom.

Try it, and this coming summer let every body live himself away to a summer school resort.

Notes

In reporting some facts regarding the Cookstown Epworth League, where, out of a membership on the 23rd day of June, the president attributes the flourishing condition of the Society to the facts that the committees work, the programmes are well



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day might take. The many attractions of the summer schools at such beautiful natural resorts as Rock Lake, Shoal Lake, Orxow, and Lumsden Beach, in the West; Whitchy, Inroquois, Kensington Point, and other points in Middle Canada, should not be overlooked.

Did you ever attend a summer school at any of these places? If not you have missed one of the rare experiences of life. For relaxation and recreation, for rest of body, mind, and spirit, for inspiration and vision whereby one is able to multiply himself in the coming year there is nothing like a summer school.

It offers one of the most wholesome physical enjoyments, the sports of lake and river, of wooded park and lawn,—bathing, boating, fishing, strolling, tennis, croquet, bowling, and many other games and forms of play, whose pleasure consists largely in the very spontaneity and informality with which they are initiated and carried through.

It is a great social gathering. Every member of a summer school is, for the time being, a member of the "gang." All respond to the same song; all play the same games, and go on the same excursions; all are thinking of the same problems; all are mastering the same difficulties. There is a sympathetic bond, an esprit de corps, a fellow-feeling that from the very first pervades every activity and relationship. One can't help but be sociable. It makes everybody feel that life here and now in this great twentieth century,—not

thought out, and are well rendered. Other Leagues, now in a more or less languishing state, might take the hint and by following the wholesome counsel implied therein, attain a more healthy and robust state of life.

One of the neatest holiday cards, containing Christmas and New Year's greetings that came to the editor's desk was that issued by the Junior League of Front Park Methodist Church, Toronto. Although this is not one of our largest or wealthiest congregations, the friends who sent out the pretty little card in question, have excellent taste, good judgment, and are evidently very much alive to the value of the boys and girls. We reciprocate their kind wishes.

The possibilities of Sunday School work, even in new and sparsely settled districts, is well illustrated by the case of Glen Orchard, on the 23rd day of June, in Northern Ontario. In October, 1909, there were three who, with Mr. J. H. Jones, began agitation for a Sunday School. Now they have a nice school, wholly self-supporting, with an attendance of about 40, and, best of all, the adults have recently become so interested that a Bible class of over a score has been gathered together. At this same appointment the pastor, who is only able to provide fortnightly preaching, has been assisted by the services of a local committee, which has made arrangements for service on the other Sundays, thus assuring a weekly meeting. We congratulate Mr. Warren on the success of his work