

Complimentary Banquet.

The League of Park Street Church, Chatham, gave a complimentary banquet to Rev. Goro and Mrs. Kaburagi during December, which was a splendid success. The table was arranged in the form of a double cross, and an excellent repast was served in courses by the young ladies of the League. The hall, with its decorations, looked very pretty.

Appropriate addresses and good music made up a fine programme, which was much enjoyed.

Mr. Kaburagi spoke of the kindness that that had been manifested to himself and wife during their visit to the Chatham and Ridgeway districts. Our correspondent expresses the opinion that the missionary givings on these two districts will be doubled as a result of Mr. Kaburagi's address.

There were 150 persons present at the banquet from various parts of the two districts.

Farewell to Missionaries.

On Tuesday evening, December 12th, 1899, the Epworth Leaguers of Toronto East District met at Sherbourne Street Methodist Church to bid farewell to their Missionaries, Dr. O. L. and Dr. Gifford Kilborn, who are returning to their mission work in West China, sailing from Vancouver on January 1st. About an hour was spent in a social reception in the school room of the Church, after which the Leaguers went into the Church, and sat in the places allotted for them.

The meeting was presided over by the honorary president of the district, Rev. Mr. Ockley. After singing and prayer Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary, gave a short address expressing his delight with the work of the young people in their forward movement for missions, and addressing a few words to the missionaries themselves. Greetings from the different Leagues were given, the roll being called by Rev. Mr. Hassard, President of the District. These were full of help and comfort to the missionaries and assured them, as never before, that they had the prayers and sympathies of every member of every League in the district. Mr. Flint, of Scarborough League, Missionary Vice-President of the District, in a few well chosen words of farewell, presented to Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn a framed picture of the executive of the district. Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn were then called on to say a few words to the Leaguers before closing the meeting. They were both given the Chautauqua salute. After the benediction they stood in the altar and shook hands with all present bidding them farewell.

The Far East.

A SPLENDID new organ has been placed in the Centenary Church, St. John, N.B.

The League Room at Dartmouth, N.S., has just been papered, painted, whitewashed, varnished, and generally brightened.

REV. DR. CARMAN has been addressing missionary and Twentieth Century Fund meetings in Newfoundland, which have been largely attended.

THE President of the Halifax District says: "The Leaguers of the city are 'Looking up.'" Just what they ought to be doing when one considers the motto they have adopted!

The Epworth League of Christian Endeavor at Port Greville, Cumberland Co., N.S., has lately been reorganized. This was considered necessary on account of a number of the former members failing to keep the pledge.

The Carleton Epworth League, St. John, N.B., recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. During the ten years the League has enrolled two hundred and four members, seven of the charter members being still in the society.

DARTMOUTH Epworth League is taking up the Missionary Forward Movement. Fredrickson League has entertained all the students of the Normal School, Business College and Military School who attend the Methodist Church.

THE War was the subject of an interesting debate recently in the Sackville Epworth League. The question discussed was "Did England pursue the best possible course in going to war over the Transvaal difficulty?" A social time followed the settlement of the question.

The Cumberland District League Convention, Nova Scotia Conference, dealt with the subject of amusements. After a spirited discussion, it was generally conceded that Christians could get good solid pleasure out of life while keeping the spirit and letter of the Pledge, and the Rules of the Church.

THE Junior League of Portland Street Church, St. John, N.B., is flourishing. Attendance is from 39 to 45. First night in the month is "verse night" when each answers roll by a verse of Scripture. Second evening is for Temperance, when songs and recitations are rendered. Other evenings are occupied by talks on Bible history, geography, and other subjects. The League was amongst the first in the Church to contribute to the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund.

THE Leaguers of Halifax held a district rally on December 11th, in the Brunswick Street Church. Five-minute papers were given on the following subjects: "More Consistency," "More Enthusiasm," "Strong Allegiance to the Pledge," "Faithfulness to Committee Work," "Loyal to Our Church," "Making Our Religion More Practical," "Quality not Quantity." At the evening session an excellent address was given on "Why an Epworth League Should Exist," by Rev. J. L. Batty, President of the Nova Scotia Conference Epworth League.

Just a Line or Two.

THE Epworth League at Cottam has undertaken to pay for a new organ for the church.

ELEVEN new members were added to the Fergus League on one evening during December.

A new League has been organized at Lime Lake, Robin and Marlbank Circuit, with twenty-one members.

THE Christian Endeavor Society of the Friends Church, Newmarket, and the Epworth League of the Methodist Church recently visited the Christian Church.

REV. JAMES M. WRIGHT, of Sydenham Street Church, Brantford, informs us that his League is progressing nicely, and considerable interest is manifest in all the departments.

THE Junior and Intermediate Leagues of the Toronto Metropolitan Church gave a very successful "At Home" recently, which was attended by three or four hundred parents and friends.

EVANGELISTIC services have been held at Athens for over six weeks. Many of the young people have been converted, among them a number of High School students. The League will receive a number of new members.

The secretary of the St. Thomas District League reports that three new Leagues have been organized since the District Convention. They are located at Vienna, Port Burwell, and Summers Corners.

MISS KATE WESTMAN, Missionary Vice-President of the Metropolitan Epworth League has presented each member of the society with a Christmas card containing a picture of the Toronto East District missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn.

AN enjoyable and interesting time was spent by the Welland Epworth League on Monday evening, Dec. 11th. Miss Brackbill, of Ridgeway, returned from missionary work in China, gave a most instructive and entertaining description of missionary work and the progress of Christianity in China.

At the meeting of the Ontario Street League, Clinton, on Monday evening, Dec. 11th, Mr. John Houston gave an address on South Africa, from a geographical standpoint. The lecture was illustrated by charts, and was particularly interesting. Dr. Thompson also spoke on the same subject, from a historical standpoint, and was attentively listened to.

THE annual Convention of Picton District League was held at Cherry Valley. There was a large attendance, good addresses, and interesting discussions. The Convention passed a resolution pledging hearty sympathy with, and earnest prayer for, the Forward Missionary Movement. It was also agreed to raise \$400 toward the support of Dr. Winch, who is to be the missionary representative of the District.

Personal.

MR. FRED R. FOLEY is the new president of the Bowmanville District League. He has been intimately associated with district work from the very first.

REV. S. A. STEEL, D.D., formerly General Secretary of the League in the M. E. Church South, has been appointed pastor of Centenary Church, Richmond, Va.

REV. W. H. HARVEY, B.A., of Fergus, recently entertained and profited the League at Lakelake for over an hour with his new lecture on "The Sunny South."

MAJOR J. W. HAMILTON recently gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "St. Paul as a Missionary," to the League of George Street Church, Brockville.

DR. O. R. AYMONS, a medical missionary in Korea, formerly of Toronto, delivered a very interesting address to the Toronto Metropolitan League on Monday evening, December 18th.

ON Monday evening, December 11th, Rev. Dr. Williams, of Medina, son of our late General Superintendent, lectured in the Methodist Church, Galt, under the auspices of the Epworth League. Subject: "The Girl Who Wins." Our correspondent reports it as "a fine lecture."

THE Halifax Guardian speaks thus of Dr. Carman's recent missionary address in that city: "The General Superintendent's address was not only grand and eloquent, but it was also patriotic and inspiring. For forty minutes the congregation heard him with almost breathless attention, and the appreciation was most marked."

REV. W. T. CHERRY, of Ellensburg, a member of the Troy Conference of the M. E. Church, has accepted work under Bishop Thoburn in India. Mr. Chery was at one time a member of the Queen Street Methodist Church, Toronto, and an earnest worker in the Epworth League. Mr. Chery, with his wife and child, sailed for Singapore on December 16th, where he will act as publishing agent and general manager of the Church press.