

Local League Notes

From the General Secretary's Mail.

A gracious revival is reported at Jessopville in which many of the young people are being led to Christ. The Epworth League expects to increase its membership, and take on renewed life as the result of the services. There is no better way of strengthening a League than through a revival of religion.

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Rev. F. E. Barrett, Hantsport, N.S., reports a splendid summer season among the boys of his charge. The Tri Mu Club had its summer camp with good success. The Juniors of Hantsport have been graded into Junior and Intermediate Departments, with Miss Regina Masters, President of the former, and Miss Lella Dodge in charge of the latter. A prosperous year's work is assured under the wise leadership of the Pastor.

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Digby, N.S. Epworth League is diligently at work. From the President, Bro. S. C. Mulhall, we learn that among other commendable phases of work, the League holds services regularly at the County Alms House five miles from the town. He says "this work is a real means of

the old people were remembered. She tells of an evening devoted to the old folks and says "it was a decided success. The older people belonging to the church were invited as our guests, and they told us what things were like some fifty years ago; not only in the church life, but in their daily life as well. We used, old, old hymns for the singing, and for refreshments we served the dishes which were fashionable fifty years ago. We all enjoyed it, and I think the old people were the most pleased."

Surely a service such as this is possible to any Epworth League, and would be a boon to all wherever held. The Leagues might do much more for the aged people than they have done, and then they would owe their elders a great debt of gratitude they never could fully pay.

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From Horning's Mills comes the cheering word that the League is prospering favorably. The pastor sees a larger measure of growth during the current year than during any previous year of his pastorate. The Secretary writes that to keep up the interest an occasional debate is held, and on the third Monday of each month one of the prominent church members has been giving a chapter from *Pilgrim's Progress*.

had about seventy-five present, and a larger number took part in response to the Roll Call than ever before in the history of the League. The last Literary meeting took the form of a debate, "Resolved that invention has done more for the progress of the world than exploration." The debate was very closely contested, the judges giving their decision in favor of the negative. At our last missionary meeting there were over 200 present, it being the mock trial for which we had been preparing for some time. The prisoner was named Indifferent Leaguer. The witnesses for the Crown were Mrs. Bengal Madras (supposedly a native of India), Miss Jessie Wing Sang (China), Dr. Stephenson (Forward Movement Secretary), and the League Secretary. These all gave evidence to the effect that the prisoner could have no excuse for his indifference and ignorance owing to the many opportunities afforded for acquiring knowledge by the various organizations, abundance of missionary literature available, and the addresses given by incoming and outgoing missionaries. Evidence was given to show that there had been no interest manifested by the League, no canvass for missionary offerings, no interesting missionary meetings held, no literature distributed dealing with the mis-



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grace to our young people, and greatly appreciated by the people to whom they minister. There is one dear old Methodist lady who has not been able to get to service for years until she recently came to "The Home," and she is so thankful for the services. Our September service was a season of great helpfulness. Our friend was not able to leave her bed that day, so we went up to her room after the regular service, and spoke and prayed with her. She spoke of nearing the river, and of how glad she was to go. As we sang "Shall we gather at the River" it seemed that "heaven came down our souls to greet, while glory crowned the mercy seat." We find that there is nothing that brings us as much joy as service for others.

Such ministry to the aged is always productive of great good, and we commend the example of the Digby Leaguers to many others. We heard recently of a League where the birthdays of the aged people of the congregation were remembered by some slight token of affection by the young people. Much comfort and pleasure may be imparted to the old people by such loving tokens of remembrance by the Leaguers.

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Miss Patterson writes from Indian River League and tells of another way in which

This League seems to have the happy knack of uniting both senior and junior members of the congregation in the work of the Society.

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Is this your League? We received this not recently from a League that for obvious reasons we shall not name. . . . Few Epworth Enthusiasts are taken by the members. We seem to be in a rut. Everything going on in the same old way. We're living, that's about all. Knowing that this reply is of no use to you, I am . . .

Nothing very inspiring about that, is there? But "while there's life there's hope," and that same league is "living." So we hope for better things from them, and all others like them, of whom, by the way, there are too many.

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How different is the tone of a letter from the energetic and growing League in Sixth Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. The President writes: "I thought you would be interested in receiving a report from Sixth Avenue League, especially as it spells progress. We have been gaining ground steadily through the summer months, both in membership and attendance, which means more interesting and helpful meetings. At our last consecration service we

slonary work, and that all surplus funds were squeezed out of the prisoner by the pastor for the building fund and by the Envelope Secretary for the running expenses of the church. The Judge gave a splendid summing up after the counsel on both sides had presented their cases. The Jury, after a short absence from the court room, brought in a verdict of guilty with a strong recommendation for mercy on account of the apparent indifference of the League and church as a whole, the prisoner being only one of many who were guilty of the same offence. The Judge, however, felt it was not a case where mercy was justified, and after a long splendid address in which he showed the enormity of the crime, and the awful consequences which have probably resulted on account of negligence of prisoner, sentenced him to a year's hard labor in missionary work. The League takes charge of the weekly prayer meeting the second Wednesday of each month, and also holds a social song service at the close of the Sunday evening services, besides assisting in local missionary work, cottage prayer meetings, local option campaign, etc. We are looking forward to a good winter's work."

With a man like Bro. Knott to set the pace and direct the work, we expect the outlook will be more than realized.