

Organize! Organize!

The value of thorough organization has been well illustrated in the South African campaign. The name of Kitchener, who has had this work in charge, has not figured very prominently in the reports from the field, but he has played a most important part. One of the despatches thus states the case tersely:

"When the history of the war comes to be written, if the truth be told, it will be that Kitchener's victories of organization were the means of Roberts' victories of action."

Methodism is planning for a great Twentieth Century Evangelistic Movement in the autumn. Its success will largely depend upon the thoroughness with which the forces of the Church are organized and prepared.

In a political campaign, the party that is best organized, other things being equal, always wins.

The value of organization in Christian work can scarcely be overestimated.

"Inasmuch."

The Deaconesses of Toronto are doing a practical work among the poor of the city that should be encouraged. Recently a gentleman has placed a cottage at Whitby, on the lake shore, at their disposal for the purpose of giving poor children a short summer outing. The proprietor of the steamer *Garden City* has generously offered to transport the deaconesses and the children free of charge, and kind friends are helping in various ways to give the little folks a good time. There can be no doubt that work of this kind has the Saviour's approval.

A Rallying Cry.

Upon retiring from the office of president of the Epworth League, Bishop Nind sent a message to all the students engaged in the League missionary campaign. In this message the bishop makes the following statement: "The vast single need of the League is a mighty, welding, stimulating, rallying cry that shall evolve its resources, converge its energies and command its conquering power. That cry is a phrase of four words: 'The world for Christ.'"

The good Bishop is right. The League will not live if it becomes introspective. It must cultivate the missionary spirit more and more. The society which has neither a missionary department nor a missionary committee is pretty sure to have a funeral before long.

Dominion Day.

Once more we commemorate the confederation of the various provinces of British North America into one great Dominion, and never before have we had so much reason to be proud of our country. The development of her natural resources during recent years has been remarkable; population has increased, mines have been opened up, vast prairies brought under cultivation, manufactories

established, and on all sides we see indications of prosperity. Canada is undoubtedly entering upon an era of great progress, and those who are young are to be congratulated upon the prospect of being witnesses of this magnificent future. With a splendid climate, with almost unlimited stretch of territory where homes for the million may be planted, with just laws honestly and impartially enforced, with a loyal bond of union connecting us with the British Empire, may we not reasonably expect this Dominion to become one of the greatest countries in the world? Let us seek to do all we can to make it so.

"I Have Done Refusing."

A church member, who had never done much work, was asked to take a certain duty. To the astonishment of his pastor, who made the request without much hope of success, the shirking member accepted the assignment, saying, "I have done refusing." There are young people's societies where the work has been hindered for a long time by the unwillingness of the members to take the part given to them, and doubtless the disbandment of many organizations has been due to the same cause. What an impulse would be given to the Epworth League if all its members would determine to no longer refuse when their turn comes to do something.

Rejected Manuscripts.

One of the most painful tasks an editor has to perform is to reject manuscripts which have been sent in for publication, but his duty to his readers requires him, sometimes, to do it without fear or favor. During the past few months we have had to return quite a number of articles, which we would have liked very much to use. Very often when a paper has been read in a league meeting, which has pleased and profited those present, some one is liable to get up and move that it be sent to the Epworth Era for publication. As a rule this is a mistake, for a paper of this kind is rarely suitable to be printed, and in nine cases out of ten is twice too long. We are always glad to examine contributions, and desire to encourage our young people to write for this paper, but it is quite impossible to publish all that is sent to us. When a manuscript is returned, let no one feel offended. Please remember that short articles are much more likely to be accepted than long ones.

Dr. Berry Re-elected.

We congratulate Dr. J. F. Berry upon his re-election to the editorial chair of the *Epworth Herald*, by a practically unanimous vote. It was expected that he would have been made a bishop, as his name stood first on the list in at least fifteen ballots, but in order to break a dead-lock, and allow an election to take place, he very gracefully withdrew from the contest. Probably his great success as an editor prevented many from voting for him as bishop. Through the columns of the *Epworth Herald* he reaches and influences half a million people every

week. In importance, and in possibilities for good, no position in the Church can be placed before the one he now occupies.

The office of Editor and General Secretary of the Epworth League have been consolidated and placed in the hands of Dr. Berry. At first sight this looks like a backward step, but it simply means that the entire work of the League shall be under the direction of one head. Of course Dr. Berry will have to employ extra assistance to overtake the duties that are now laid upon him.

Called Home.

The General Sunday School and Epworth League Board has lost another useful member in the death of Rev. Joseph Edge, who was one of the representatives of the London Conference, chosen at the last meeting of the General Conference. He was a brother greatly beloved by all who knew him. The congregations to whom he ministered appreciated him highly, and his loss is keenly felt. He was a practical and helpful preacher, a faithful pastor, and a warm and sympathetic friend. From the very first he exhibited a keen interest in the Epworth League, and frequently appeared on Convention platforms. At the International Epworth League Convention held at Indianapolis last summer he very worthily represented his Conference. His comparatively early removal has caused widespread sorrow throughout Western Ontario.

Our Organization.

A correspondent writes asking if the General Epworth League Board has any vice-presidents in general charge of the different departments, and if so what are their names and addresses. For the information of many of our readers who may desire this information we have published on the last page of this issue a full list of the members of the General Epworth League and Sunday School Board and its officers, and also the officers of the different Conference organizations. District officers and others should preserve the list for reference.

A Change Needed.

It is a great pity that so much time should be spent at our annual Conferences in hearing reports and listening to deputations on almost every imaginable subject, while the most important business presented in the reports of committees is crowded into a very short space just before adjournment. At the Toronto Conference the Sunday School and Epworth League reports were introduced after half past ten on the closing evening. They were rushed through at lightning speed and no time allowed for discussion, although they brought up questions of great importance.

Dr. Maclaren's motion for a committee to arrange the programme of the Conference is a wise one. The time allotted for hearing deputations, reports, etc., should be curtailed and more opportunity provided for dealing with reports of committees.