

are more active than in Clinton, and this is clearly shown in the organization called "The Clinton Young People's Local Union." (The Provincial C. E. secretary is a Clintonian.—*Ed.*) The annual meeting of this union was held in the Ontario St. church on Monday evening, March 13th, with a good attendance. The president, Miss J. Wilson, presided, and presented a very interesting programme, the first item being reports of the societies, which showed clearly that each was doing aggressive work. The Baptist delegate said that one of the best things accomplished during the year was that they had enlisted each member to take a topic and lead a meeting. The Ontario Street Methodist and Rattenbury Street Methodist have both emphasized missions, not only in contributions, but also in the fact that monthly missionary meetings are held. The Presbyterian delegate said that at each meeting they discussed one question of the catechism; Bible study emphasized, also missions. Turner's church in Tuckersmith also emphasized missions. Miss M. S. Washington then introduced the subject "How to conduct a missionary meeting," in a splendid ten-minute address, in which she said among other good things, "preparation" was essential to every good missionary meeting, and the three divisions, pray, study, give, should be introduced in the order named. Ten questions followed, which made the discussion lively, interesting and profitable. These were a few of the questions: "Is a missionary library practical and advisable?" "Do you advise maps, charts, and pictures to introduce the countries?" "Should the subject of systematic giving and tithing be introduced by the Missionary Committee?" Miss Dempsey, of Holmesville, read a paper on "Sociability," and her practical thoughts received due recognition in the lively discussion which followed. The officers elected for the coming term are: C. N. Holland, president; Miss J. Wilson, vice-president; T. J. McNeil, sec.-treasurer.

Ambitious City Activities.

The Rally Committee of the Local Union are making preparations for holding a grand meeting in May, in the Centenary church. They are planning to have a good speaker from Toronto. The singing will be led by a large chorus, under the direction of Mr. H. A. Martin. The Junior Union will also hold their semi-annual rally in May, and expect to have an address from Miss Whitworth, our Junior superintendent. The Missionary and Good

Literature Committee report successful work in the House of Refuge. Many of our Endeavorers are talking "Detroit '99," and from appearances Hamilton will be well represented at this convention.

Knox church society held their annual concert on the 17th of March, and, notwithstanding the rough weather, the large auditorium was crowded. The principal attraction was a debate on the resolution, "That old maids are old maids by choice," Misses Lilian Fraser and Ethel Wallace taking the affirmative, and H. M. Gilchrist and Jas. Stevenson the negative side of the argument. Needless to say, the ladies were victorious. An excellent programme preceded the debate. Rev. Dr. Fraser occupied the chair. The Juniors will hold a cantata in the near future.

Capital Clippings.

The E. L. of C. E. attached to Bell St. Methodist church is largely increasing in membership.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Knox church held an "At-Home" in February, and the Juniors of the same church also held one on March 16th.

Erskine church society have had a driving party and also an "At-Home" this winter. The members also purpose to hold a debate soon, the subject being, "Resolved that country life is preferable to city life."

The Executive Committee of the union met on March 9th. This was the first meeting under the new officers, and the outlook for a busy year is encouraging. A rally is to be held in April and an exchange of leaders between the societies in the union was arranged for.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Zion Congregational church gave a social, at which the Rev. Wm. McIntosh, pastor of the First church, presided. Among the items on the programme were two quartettes and an exercise by the Boys' Brigade attached to the church. Zion's pastor, Rev. H. I. Horsey, is a graduate of the R. M. C., and saw active service in the Northwest Rebellion of '85, a brief description of part of which he gave. Strange to say, the pastor of First church also received a military training, graduating with honors. It is fitting that the church militant should enlist them both in her service.

McLeod St. Methodist church, which has one of the most alive societies, now possesses three branches, an intermediate E. L. of C. E. having been formed on Monday afternoon, March 13th. It is composed of boys and girls between the ages of thirteen and sixteen. The first topic was "The pledge," and after a careful explan-

ation, nine joined as active members and two as associate. Miss Alice Timberlake is superintendent, and is assisted by Miss Corrique. The Junior society is growing, the boys and girls taking a great interest in the meetings; the present active membership is thirty-two. This branch is under the superintendence of Miss L. Clendinnen and Miss F. Timberlake.

About two months ago the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Congregational church invited the E. L. of C. E. of McLeod St. Methodist church to unite with them in their weekly meeting, and a goodly number of the latter society went along, the result being a hearty fellowship meeting with plenty of personal testimony. A chat over a cup of cocoa and a piece of cake was afterwards enjoyed. On February 20th the order was reversed, and the Congregationalists went to the Methodist meeting, which was specially arranged for by the Missionary Committee under the name of a "Japanese Entertainment." One of the features of the evening was a dialogue written for the occasion, giving "a peep into Japan." A heart-stirring recitation by Miss Lily Fawcett represented a heathen child's experience. Miss Clendinnen read a very concise address on "Japan," written by Miss L. Giddings, another member of the society. Another address and some bright singing, to which were added refreshments, filled up a long, enjoyable evening.

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A Bit from Barrie.

On a recent Sunday, Rev. A. C. Crews, of Toronto, preached special sermons in connection with the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor of Collier St. Methodist church.

On Monday night, in the church, a union E. L. of C. E. meeting was held. The audience was large, among those present being representatives of Burton Avenue, Elizabeth Street, and Collier Street leagues, and also Crown Hill and Dalston. Dr. Richardson presided, and in a short address gave an outline of the work of Collier Street league, of which he is the president. There are four departments of work, viz.: Christian Endeavor, Missionary, Literary, and Social. Dr. Richardson then called on Rev. Mr. Hudson, of Elizabeth Street church, which has the honor of being the parent of the Epworth League in Canada. In a short speech he spoke of Barrie as a young people's town, and that Elizabeth Street church