

A good suggestion that many "dull" Leagues might well profit by, thereby brightening up their meetings, at least occasionally, is given in the following: "Sometimes we have a Round Table or Question Drawer. Either we ask the pastor questions or he asks us. We find it very helpful." Certainly! And pastors everywhere ought to be on such intimate terms with their Leagues as is implied in this plan. In like manner Leagues should be on terms of sufficient familiarity with their pastors that they naturally and without hesitation or fear turn to them with their questions. We wish all our pastors and their young people were living on such terms of friendly intercourse and helpful fellowship.

The Lockport Epworth League has recently added thirteen new members as the result of earnest work. The secretary writes just what we would like to hear of every other League: "We have a good League, well attended, and always have helpful meetings. The interest is growing. We expect to have better meetings and to greatly increase our numbers as the months pass." Such a hopeful outlook will always result from earnest, systematic planning and sustained work.

Here is a good plan, given in brief by the League President of Plattsville: "A junior member is put down to lead the meeting, one of the older members is given the topic, and still another to lead in the discussion. We have three sections. 'Cokes,' work the younger members in this way. We are always sure of someone to lead in the discussion, and find our system quite satisfactory."



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Miss I. A. Lambly, Superintendent of the Mount Royal Avenue Junior League, Montreal, reports that her Juniors "have been divided into three sections: 'Cokes,' 'Esthers' and 'Miriams,' with leaders for each group, a motto and song. This has stimulated attendance. Offering and may be easily adapted to any Junior League. We have each month a Business, Temperance and Missionary meeting. There is an attendance of from 40 to 50 each Wednesday. The work among our boys and girls gives us much joy. No Senior League can be complete without a carefully planned Junior Department." While no Society will question the correctness of Miss Lambly's last statement, we wish we could see every League practicing it.

The Dundas Street Methodist Church Epworth League, Vancouver, B.C. held a special Missionary Meeting on January 10th. The Pastor, Rev. H. M. Thompson, secured the Rev. Dr. White, Superintendent of Missions in British Columbia, who gave a grand panoramic view of the coast and inland scenes with his optical lantern, accompanied by an interesting and pleasing lecture. The church was crowded to the doors.

The League has twenty-five members who are giving \$100 to Missions. Miss M. M. Stewart has secured eighteen new subscribers for the "Era," making now a total of all twenty-one subscribers for the League.

The keynote of achievement is sounded in this one sentence written by Rev. B. W. Alton, Minnedosa, Man., in a letter referring to the recent Conference Convention Here it is: "We have planned for the biggest and best year's work in our Conference, and believe we can realize our hopes. How big are your plans? How strong is

your faith? How hard do you work? These are pertinent questions and should be honestly asked, not only in Manitoba, but in every Young People's Society throughout all Methodism. Success depends very largely on the answers given.

In a bright and cheerful letter relating to the work of the Wicklow Epworth League, the President writes of a plan that will awaken interest and increase attendance when ordinary announcements fail. She says: "We have had a special service to each home in our congregation asking them all to come to our meeting the next week. We had a special service or we had refreshments to attract them, but just a regular meeting. It was our next citizenship evening. We had a talk on the flag, readings on patriotic subjects, a young men's chorus, 'O Canada,' and our music was in keeping throughout with the subject. Our League room was decorated suitably. We had a large attendance. Everyone did not come, but we did not expect that. God answered our prayers except for we did pray for that evening. We do not expect to have as large an attendance every week, but we are hoping to accomplish more each time." Work wins every time.

The Montreal Epworth League Union is doing things, and that they do not intend to go to sleep. We have known some others like it is evident from this extract from the enterprising President, Mr. C. S. Madill, who writes: "The big thing that is before us at present is what we are pleased to call an Epworth League Day. For this purpose we have entered into close relations with the Ministerial Association, and our idea is

question of curfew bell for fifteen or twenty minutes, and then voted upon the measure. Motions were introduced to enforce by-laws re dumping of ashes on street corners, cleaning sidewalks after snow-storms, and a by-law passed to make stippling on the sidewalks a punishable offence. The meeting was a distinct success. The boys entered into the spirit of the debates enthusiastically. You will note from topic card that we held a similar meeting in February, when we propose to sit as a Parliament with speaker and six or seven members and a similar or less number of Opposition members, and carry through a debate on provincial prohibition. I really do not know whether the idea is original, it certainly is with our League.

This is practical work, and not only gives the young people much-needed instruction in principles of government, but trains them in methods of procedure and affords a favorable opportunity for the cultivation of public speaking, an art toward the growth of which in our young men many of our Leagues are doing positively nothing. We hope that the course of our Maritime friends will be very profitable, and that their example will, in some form, be copied by a host of other societies now running in a deplorable rut.

The Secretary of the Avon League gives a brief account of "An evening with the Era," as held by their Society recently. The Leader wrote on the blackboard the following seven questions, and seven Era subscribers, to read young men, even them in turn. "Give one reason why we should take the Era?" "Give one reason why we do not take it." "Give one criticism of the paper." "Give one best wish

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to turn the day of April 9th into an Epworth League Day—both church services in all of the Methodist churches of the city will be in the interests of League work. To this we are also adding a mass meeting in Dominion Square Methodist Church at 11 o'clock in the morning, and also one at 8:30 in the evening in St. James'. The Ministerial Association has agreed to change pulpits in the morning, and in the evening the services are to be conducted by the Epworth Leagues. We hope, as they see fit, with the suggestion that the meeting take the form of a platform service. Whether the Executive Conference, District or local, it must inaugurate plans to bring the Young People's Leagues to the front and push it aggressively, or it will lose vitality and die. We need more men of the responsible officers who are supposed to lead, and lacking such wide-awake leadership we may as well stop the work to fall. Montreal is doing things.

Writing from Morrisburg, Ont., late in January, Mr. Wm. MacKenzie, President of the Epworth League in that town, gives such an interesting account of the inauguration of the Citizenship Department that many other Leagues may wake up and begin to realize the possibilities of this feature. The "Era" makes him say: "Our new Department of Citizenship is well organized and will certainly be a great help to our young men and women of the League. We held our first meeting Dec. 20th, when a deputation of young boys presented a petition to Council to pass a by-law re curfew bell. Six young men took positions of Reeve, Town Clerk and four Councillors, as in an ordinary Town Council meeting. The Council discussed the

for it." "Give a short selection from the Era." "Give one shortcoming of the paper." "Give one subscription to the Era." The Secretary does not tell how these subjects were treated, but says: "We had a very profitable evening and appointed Claire McIntyre our Era agent. Good! Who is the Era agent in your League?"

Among other items showing fine progress in the Mount Pleasant Society recently, the Wallace Circle, Ontario, the President reports the following, which goes to show how easy it is to reach young men even in rural sections when the right way is taken.

On January 22nd the Citizenship Department, recently organized, was successfully launched. The meeting was entirely in charge of the young men, and was held in the auditorium of the church, the centre seats being occupied by about 75 young men. A special programme, consisting of addresses, recitation, vocal and instrumental music, was prepared. A patriotic sentiment prevailed throughout the entire service. Mr. Fred Manning, Fourth Vice-President, delivered an excellent address on the topic, "Canada's Relation to the Empire." Short addresses were also delivered by the pastor, Rev. Jas. Efford, and Mr. E. L. Robinson, ex-President. Mr. James Kinsman very ably filled the position of chairman, while the pastor presided at the organ. The attendance was one of the largest in the history of the Society."

The following suggestive report of a meeting, the like of which might be profitably arranged anywhere, comes from Bobcaygeon, Ont.: "One of our interesting meetings recently held was in charge of the Citizenship Committee. The main part of the programme was in the form of a mock meeting

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