

A special feature of the afternoon session was a beautiful and helpful "heart-to-heart talk," by Mrs. (Rev.) Marshall.

The convention gave expression to its deep feeling of sorrow at the death of A. H. Crosby, by a sympathetic resolution of condolence, which was ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Crosby. The two following resolutions were also passed:

"That we urge upon our local League secretaries the necessity and importance of forwarding at once to the district secretary the list of new officers, whenever a change of officers occurs."

"That we reform our method of receiving reports from local Leagues; that the district secretary request each vice-president of the district to give the list of questions to be presented to the local Leagues; that the secretary place all these questions in order of the departments on one list, and send this list to the secretary of each local League, and request that the questions be presented to and answered by the Executive. Upon the return of these reports, the secretary will send each vice-president the portion of the returned list which belongs to such vice-president's department, from these reports will be prepared for the convention."

The following is the list of officers for next year: Hon. President, Rev. J. D. Scott, Ingersoll; President, Rev. J. L. Richardson, Swagboro; Secretary, Miss Grace E. Miller, Ingersoll; Treasurer, Miss Alma Card, Ingersoll; First Vice-President, Harry Jakeman, Swagboro; Second Vice-President, Rev. Rolfe Keefe, Washington; Third Vice-President, Miss Holby, Woodstock; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Wilson, Plattsville; Fifth Vice-President, Miss Banting, Woodstock; Representative to Conference Executive, Rev. E. E. Marshall.

Milton District.

The seventh annual convention of the Epworth Leagues of Milton District opened in the Methodist Church, Burlington, at 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25th, 1901. There was a large attendance, and all Leagues in the District were represented. Throughout the proceedings of the day very considerable interest was shown by all present, and the reports of the different vice-presidents were well discussed. The leaguers of Burlington extended a warm welcome to the delegates, and during their stay they were made to feel quite at home.

The first session of the day was full of good things. Three addresses were given, in which many good suggestions were thrown out. In the first address, which was given by Mr. W. H. Tuck, President of the District, an earnest appeal was made for earnestness and greater zeal in Epworth League work. In the Social Department report, Miss Lusk, of Oakville, suggested many methods for improving this branch of the work. In the third address, which was on the Literary work, and was given by Rev. J. E. Hockey, all the difficulties of this department were brought out, and various means of improvement were discussed. The secretary's report was a very encouraging one. The increase in membership during the last year was forty.

At the afternoon session, three reports and two addresses were given. The reports of the Missionary, Junior, and Christian Endeavor Departments were listened to with interest, and were thoroughly discussed in the three-minute speeches by delegates. The address by Rev. Dr. Henderson, Burlington, took the form of an explanation of the Active Members' Pledge, and was appreciated by

the leaguers present. The missionary address, by Rev. J. W. Cooley, of Milton, was a grand effort. Throughout the address Mr. Cooley was listened to with intense interest. He urged all to try to spread the missionary spirit, and proved conclusively that the wider possession of this missionary spirit was the only thing which would cause an earnest missionary revival.

Of the evening session we can say that it was a grand success. A large and attentive audience, two stirring addresses, and excellent music combined to make this session one of the best in the history of Milton District convention. Rev. W. F. Wilson, of Hamilton, delivered the first address, in which he took for his subject, "Does the Epworth League pay?" His arguments were strong and convincing, and when he finished speaking he had entirely convinced the large audience that the Epworth League is indeed indispensable to the church. Rev. D. A. Moir, of Oakville, gave the last address of the convention, and his subject was, "Beautiful Hands." In the course of his remarks, Mr. Moir eloquently described the different ways in which we may make our hands beautiful in the Master's service.

The music for the evening session was supplied by Miss Manly and Mr. W. H. Tuck, of Oakville, and the Burlington Methodist choir.

The following officers were elected for 1901-2: Hon. President, Rev. Dr. Henderson, Burlington; President, Mr. Higginbotham, Milton; 1st Vice-Pres., Miss Henderson, Burlington; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. S. R. Bews, Milton; 3rd Vice-Pres., Miss Wilkinson, Watertown; 4th Vice-Pres., Miss Eva Pearl, Freeman; 5th Vice-Pres., Miss Mayplet, Watson, Burlington; Treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Oakville; Secretary, Mr. Allan C. Holmes, Georgetown.

Sarnia District.

The Sarnia District Sunday-school and Epworth League Convention, held at Alvinston, October 8th and 9th, was one of great profit and power. The Sabbath-schools reported prosperity. Mr. W. E. McCann, in speaking on "The Sunday-school as an aid to the Epworth League," represented the Epworth League as the finished product of the Sunday-school, and advocated a certain stage in the Sunday-school, when a scholar would become eligible for League membership. Rev. G. W. Andrews, B.A., dealt with "The Relation of Decision Day to Experimental Religion." Mr. C. A. Barnes, M.A., P.S.L., read a masterly paper on "Principles of Teaching as Applied to Sunday-school Work." Mr. J. Endicott, B.A., of China, ably discussed our work in that land.

Different workers indicated five good points of each of the following: The Christian Endeavor Department, the Missionary Department, the Social Department, and the president.

Rev. R. Smith Baker's address showed "what we can do for our associate members" by winning and educating or training them for Christ and His Church.

Miss Ida King's paper on "How to Conduct a Junior League," showed the great importance of this work, and suggested various plans of operation. Rev. G. N. Hazen, B.A., outlined the District Forward Movement work up to the present union with three other districts for the support of a missionary in China.

In the evening the church was well filled. The chairman, Rev. W. A. Smith, introduced Rev. J. A. Ayearts, B.A., of Courtright, who ably discussed the great temperance question, and the League's relation thereto.

Rev. R. D. Hamilton conveyed "Echoes of the San Francisco Conven-

tion," and his address was a masterpiece of the descriptive art. He did ample justice to the various points of interest throughout the whole trip, including, of course, the important features of the convention. He was proud of the reputation of everything "Canadian."

The resolutions included: Approval of Decision Day, with a recommendation to our schools to adopt the idea; recommendation to our people to vote only for such candidates as are pledged to the support of prohibitory legislation; hearty co-operation with three other districts for the support of a missionary in China.

Our membership and missionary givings are on the increase.

Officers elected: Hon. President, Rev. J. E. Ford, Forest; President, Rev. W. A. Smith, B.D., Oil Springs; First Vice-President, Mrs. Law; Second Vice-President, Rev. S. W. Muxworthy; Third Vice-President, Miss M. Armstrong; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Ida King; Fifth Vice-President, Miss A. Hayne; Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. H. J. Laycock; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Squire, of New York; Secretary of Sunday-school Department, E. C. Rice; Representative to Conference, G. N. Hazen, B.A.

Collingwood District.

The seventh annual convention of the Collingwood District Epworth Leagues was held in the Methodist Church, Meaford, October 1st and 2nd, 1901. The president, Mr. N. M. Squire, of New Lowell, took the chair, and the roll being called forty-two delegates answered to their names, after which reports were received from the secretary and treasurer, which showed an increase in numbers, both of members and general finances. The president's address was full of inspiration and hope, special prominence being given to the Missionary Department of the work, and the need of placing a missionary in the foreign field at once, in order to retain and deepen the interest in the cause of missions.

Rev. W. R. Seeley and Rev. W. G. Evans addressed the convention on behalf of missions, urging united action for a definite purpose, prompted by the true spirit. Subsequently a resolution was passed requesting the General Mission Board to send a missionary to China during the year, if at all possible, to be supported in whole or in part by the Collingwood District Epworth Leagues.

Miss N. Ward's paper, "Social to Serve," presented many practical suggestions upon the social work of the League. This was followed by a paper on "Coworkers with Christ," by Miss Brooke, in which the exalted character of our privileges and importance of our work were brought out.

At the close of the afternoon session two hours were passed in social intercourse, refreshments being served in the basement of the church. The League of St. Vincent Circuit aiding the League of the town in providing for the same. A special feature of the social hour was the introduction of which each person were while at tea, by which the name of each delegate was known to others.

The evening session opened at 7:30 o'clock with a song service. The address of welcome on behalf of the town, in the absence of Mayor Hamilton, was read by Mr. Geo. Alby, town clerk, to which Rev. M. L. Pearson replied in his usual happy manner. The Junior League of the town extended its greetings to the convention by marching with banner to the front singing meanwhile, and presenting the Chautauqua salute, to which