

speak, to pray; the feet to go on God's errands; the hands to work in Christian ministries. The form of organization, the wording of the pledge, the conventional committees, may be changed; but the idea that the Church should have a department for the training of the young Christian to do something more than worship, to witness, and to work for God, has come, please God, to stay."

Leaguets.

The Epworth League should be enthused with the doctrine of living, working, praying, and giving for a world outside of the locality in which they live.—Rev. W. T. Smith, D.D.

The individual Epworth Leaguer is but a stunted Christian growth until he becomes a servant of men, and the whole Epworth League will be but a dwarfed society until it, too, gives itself to doing the will of God in the saving of all men.—W. F. Oldham, D.D.

If we build up spiritual life, the very soul of which is the desire to serve, if we give such information as will furnish wise direction to the benevolent impulse, and if we then afford the opportunity of giving, the Epworth League will be a missionary force.—Rev. J. W. Van Cleave.

Real work should be the watchword for Epworthians from this time on. Nothing in this world can be accomplished without work. A clerk in any capacity would soon sit down and do nothing would soon be given his "walking papers." We do not turn out the drones from our churches, but any one bearing the name of Christ should scorn to be in the place of a drone enjoying all church privileges and doing nothing.—Willis W. Cooper.

The Epworth League in Sweden now has one hundred chapters and five thousand members. Its Annual Convention in Gefle, where there are two fine Methodist Episcopal Churches, was largely attended, June 27 to July 1. One of the incidents of the meeting was a great open-air mass-meeting in the Bonlogner Forest, where nearly three thousand people assembled to hear evangelistic addresses. The music was inspiring, and the discussions full of force and fire.

Woman's Work.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South is sending out thirteen new missionaries.

A wealthy gentleman is providing for the expenses of a deaconess to work in connection with Simcoe Street Church, Hamilton. It is an excellent way to use money.

Deaconesses last year in America made 254,937 religious calls, an increase of about 20,000 over the year previous. The influence of this constant, humble ministry among the neglectful, and frequently the neglected, can but be dimly apprehended.

Bishop Thoburn says: "The most notable fact of the deaconess movement is the fact that wherever a deaconess home is established other benevolent agencies soon begin to spring up around it. The deaconess home seems naturally to suggest the need of a hospital, then an orphanage, and perhaps an old people's home."

Mrs. Helen M. Barker, of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was addressing a large audience, when a dog in the aisle began to bark. Some one cried, "Put him out!" and at once there was an uproar. Mrs. Barker feared she had lost her audience; but, keeping her presence of mind, she raised her

hand in a commanding way and said: "I thought that but one Barker was authorized for this evening." Her little speech made a tremendous hit, and the dog was suppressed.

Isabella Thoburn went to India in 1869 as the first representative of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church. She organized and conducted the first Christian college for the higher education of the women of India. Her life's purpose was to give India educated and enlightened Christian mothers. Her recent death from cholera is a great loss to the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Northwestern Christian Advocate says: "Methodism has numbered among its adherents more brilliant women than Isabella Thoburn, but none greater."

Temperance Items.

The French Minister of Instruction requires that special teaching showing the evils of intemperance be given in the schools.

Denmark has passed a law securing medical attention for drunken persons, the expense of the publican who supplied the last drink.

The superintendent of the Wellington, England, Reformatory, says that of 1,000 boys of the thief class more than 900 would not be there but for drink.

The Union Pacific Railroad has notified all its employees that the habitual use of intoxicating liquors or the frequenting of saloons or places where such liquors are sold will be a sufficient cause for dismissal from its service.

The Examiner, of New York, is authority for the statement that "Edward VII. of England will not allow the sale of liquor on any of his estates, and is reported to have recently requested Parliament to pass the bill now before it prohibiting the sale of liquor to minors."

In prohibition Maine, where it is said prohibition "is no good," there were last year behind the prison bars 841 persons, a total of thirteen for every 10,000 people; while in Massachusetts, the best enforced license law state, there were 7,451 prisoners, or thirty-three for every 10,000 of population.

The Frenchman is never "fanatical" on the liquor question, and, naturally, his testimony appears to be the stronger when it is given against the drink habit. Dr. Darenberg, in a report just made, says that alcohol and tuberculosis are so closely related that a common and unrelenting battle should be waged against them.

The new Bishop of London recently received at his episcopal palace the delegates of the National United Temperance Council, and addressed them in his welcoming remarks as "brother teetotalers." He told some interesting incidents concerning his adventures as an advocate of total abstinence, one of which briefly outlined the story of a brickbat aimed at and narrowly missing his head as it crashed through the carriage window when he rode away from the place where he had spoken for prohibition.

Pertinent Paragraphs.

A kind deed done for a person in need is worth more than a thousand promises for some future time.—J. W. Neyman.

It is a sign that your reputation is small and shrinking if your own tongue must praise you.—Sir Matthew Hale.

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Dictate no terms to Providence. At whatever cost, accept the service offered you, high or low, far or near. Then turn to the socket.—R. D. Hitchcock.

Each sorrow carries at its heart a germ of holy truth, which, if you set and sow in the soil of your heart, will bear harvests of fruit, as seed-corns from mummy cases fruit in English soil.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

No young man in these days can afford to make less than the very best of himself. The frittering away of one's evening: "He talk, foolish amusements, to say nothing of a life of vice, is little short of a crime.—W. F. Stocum.

Interesting Facts.

Japan has announced that hereafter all its communication with foreign governments will be made in English.

The proposition to pay Sunday-school workers is relative to a trial in a Detroit church. The Unitarian Church last week voted a salary of \$200 for the coming year for the superintendent of the school.

The telephone was invented by Prof. Bell twenty-five years ago. Five years later there were about thirty thousand miles of telephone wire; the amount has now increased to about two million miles.

The population of London, including the city of London and twenty-eight metropolitan boroughs, the whole forming what is termed the Administrative County of London, is now 4,536,034—an increase of 308,717 since the last census, 1891.

Here is an odd combination of church and automobile. On Sunday, the electric light plant of the Congregational Church at Stratford, Connecticut, failed to work, and the congregation was left in darkness. Mr. Beach, editor of The Scientific American, was present. He backed his automobile up to one of the windows of the church, connected the storage battery with the feed wire, and in a few minutes the building was again brilliantly illuminated.

Our September Number.

The September issue of The Canadian Epworth Era is a unique number. Its thirty-two splendid pages are literally packed with valuable Sunday-school matter. We congratulate our enterprising confrere.—Epworth Herald.

The Sunday-school number of the Canadian Epworth Era, issued this month, is worthy of highest commendation. It is practical up-to-date, and full of inspiration and interest. Our people who are trying to do without The Era are making a grave mistake.—Christian Guardian.

Every pastor, Sunday-school superintendent, Sunday-school teacher, and Epworth League officer of the Methodist Church should not only read but study the September number of The Epworth Era. It would mean a Forward Movement in Sunday-school work in the Methodist Church.—Rev. J. E. Mavey.

Just as we go to press we received the September number of The Epworth Era. Editor Crews has fairly surpassed himself. Almost the whole number is devoted to Sunday-school topics and interests. The whole number is full of wise counsels, helps, hints, and suggestions on Sunday-school work. Every teacher should have a copy.—Sunday-school Banner.