

## From the Field.

### Cape Breton League Notes

The first Epworth League Convention of the Sydney District was held in the Jubilee Methodist Church, Sydney, on the 20th and 21st inst., and was a splendid success. All the leagues in the District had representatives present, and every session was well attended. Dr. F. C. Stephenson gave five stirring addresses and conducted several inspiring and educative discussions. Mr. Neave gave the young people such glimpses of China that probably this District will finally support a missionary there. Strong and suggestive papers on "The Opportunity of the 4th Vice-President," were read by Miss Hackett, of North Sydney, Miss Blesedell, of Glace Bay, and Mr. H. A. Frowde, of Sydney. Miss Lena Clark, of Sydney Mines, read a superb paper answering the objection: "The Epworth League interferes with the Congregational Prayer Meeting," while Mr. Frank Johnson showed how the League strengthened the church. The addresses by S. E. Anglin and H. F. Duchenein were very helpful, giving much aid to those seeking assistance along literary and Christian Endeavor lines. The Pastor's Conference, on Tuesday morning, was attended by all the ministers of the District, and was a season of great blessing and spiritual uplift.

The District League officers are:

President, Rev. B. J. Porter, A.B., Sydney Mines, C.B.  
1st Vice, Mr. C. A. Clark, Sydney Mines, C.B.

2nd Vice, Miss Henrietta Burchell, Sydney Mines, C.B.  
3rd Vice, Miss Jennie Hackett, North Sydney Mines, B.C.

4th Vice, Mr. Frank Duchenein, Glace Bay, C.B.

5th Vice, Miss M. C. Robinson, Sydney Mines, C.B.  
Representative on District Executive, Rev. Jas. Blesedell, Glace Bay, C.B.

Sec.-Treas., Rev. H. D. Townsend, A.M., Baddeck, C.B.

### Wiaraton District

The Epworth League Convention of the Wiaraton District was held in the Epworth Methodist Church on Friday, Oct. 13th.

Rev. Mr. Symthe presided. Encouraging reports were read from the Leagues in the districts.

Three interesting topics under the Literary Department were discussed, viz., "Bible Study," by Rev. W. S. Daniels; "Reading Course," by Kimble League; and "Epworth Era," by Mr. Featherstone.

An interesting paper on social work was given by Miss Baker. At the close of the afternoon session tea was kindly served to the delegates by the Epworth Leagues. In the evening four papers were given by the Missionary Department, subject, "Latest news from our Mission Fields."

China, by Mrs. Vanslyke, Hepworth; Japan, Miss Pierson, Wiaraton; Indian Western Work, Miss Carbee, Tara; French work, by Miss Hall, Allenford. Mrs. Daniels gave an interesting address on the W. M. S. work. Rev. Mr. Smythe introduced the most important subject of the evening, "Evangelism."

The officers elected were:

Hon. President, Rev. Mr. Smythe, Wiaraton.

President, Rev. J. T. Wilkin, Hepworth.

1st Vice, Miss Elda Flett, Wiaraton.

2nd Vice, Rev. W. S. Daniels, Colpoys Bay.

3rd Vice, Miss Baker, Park Head.

4th Vice, Miss Carbee, Tara.

5th Vice, Junior Leagues. Miss C. Featherstone, Clavering.  
Sect., Miss C. Evans, Allenford.  
Treas., Mr. J. R. Vandusen, Tara.  
Conf. Rep., Rev. T. J. Atkins, Tara.

### London Conference League

We have not received any report of the London Conference Epworth League Convention, held in London last November, but understand that it was one of the best ever held, both in attendance and interest. The following are the new officers:

Hon. President, Rev. Jos. Philip, B.D., Aylmer.

President, Mr. T. B. Shillington, Blenheim.

1st Vice, Rev. H. J. Wren, Harrow.

2nd Vice, Rev. F. E. Mallott, Chatham.

3rd Vice, Mrs. G. M. Haldane, Strathroy.

4th Vice, Walter Hall.

5th Vice, Mrs. J. F. Sutcliffe, Corbett.

Secretary, Rev. D. E. Morton, 373 Hamilton Rd., London.

Treasurer, Miss B. Powell, London.

Representative to General Board, Rev. J. W. Baird, B.A., Sarnia.

### Cobourg District

The Cobourg District League held a very excellent convention at Camborne on Jan. 9th. There was a good attendance at the afternoon session, and in the evening the church was filled.

Rev. H. T. Lewis gave a general outline of the condition of League work in the district, and Miss Ada Hawkins and Miss Ella Henderson read papers of unusual excellence. Rev. G. W. Henderson gave some valuable hints on the Forward Missionary Movement, and Dr. Crews conducted a Round Table and delivered an address.

The new officers are:

President, Rev. A. M. Irwin, B.A., Canton.

1st Vice, Rev. J. F. Anderson, Welcome.

2nd Vice, Miss Idell Rogers, Cobourg.

3rd, Miss Ada Hawkins, Canton.

4th, Miss Limbert, Camborne.

5th, Miss Boyd, Campbellcroft.

Secretary, C. A. Byam, Port Hope.

Treasurer, W. J. Jennings, Centreton.

Conference Representative, Rev. H. T. Lewis, Cobourg.

### Milton District

The tenth annual convention of the Epworth League of Milton District was held in Oakville, Thursday, December 7th, 1905. The delegation was large and the convention one of the best ever held in the district.

G. K. Bradshaw, B.A., Freeman, gave a very helpful talk on "How to Help the Pastor in Evangelistic work." Miss Sumner, superintendent Oakville Junior League, gave a most interesting paper on "How to Interest a Junior League in the Bible and Missions."

Mrs. S. R. Bews, of Milton, 2nd Vice-President, gave a paper on "Our District Representative in the Foreign Field." Miss Deacon Milton, sang a solo, and then Rev. A. C. Crews, B.D., Toronto, read the Question Drawer.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., Burlington, gave a stirring address on Local Option. Dr. Williamson was thoroughly alive to his subject, and drew applause from the audience several times.

He explained Local Option thoroughly. The closing address of the convention was given by Rev. A. C. Crews, on "The League that Counts."

Newly-elected officers:

Hon. President, Rev. Dr. Ross, Oakville.

President, Rev. G. K. Bradshaw, Freeman.

1st Vice, Mr. S. Syers, Milton.  
2nd Vice, Mrs. S. R. Bews, Milton.  
3rd Vice, Miss Lottie Lusk, Oakville.  
4th Vice, Miss Mary Horning, Waterdown.  
5th Vice, Miss Lillie Sumner, Oakville.  
Secretary, Miss Maplet Watson, Burlington.  
Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Coulson, Lowville.

### Still Moving Forward

Some months ago (June, 1905) the Meaford League furnished The Epworth Era with a number of its specially attractive features. The society has again decided to reveal to the world? (a few additional characteristics—(those previously reported being still in existence.):

1. An energetic executive.
2. A substantial financial basis.
3. An extensive bank account.
4. An optimistic outlook.
5. A fraternal spirit—visiting neighboring Leagues.
6. No inactive active members—every Leaguer on some committee.
7. Delightful Reading Circle—privilege of utilizing telescope of the Astronomical Society.
8. Proposed educational lectures during the winter.
9. A share in the (Canadian) Methodist College at Chentu. (This is now being collected.)
10. Christmas box (of clothing, etc.) to the Fred Victor Mission.
11. Aiding the District Organ Fund—Collingwood District is supplying an organ to Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Hoffman, our representatives in the West China Mission.
12. Up-to-date missionary methods—record folders, missionary envelopes—special solicitors.
13. Something unique—three missionary vice-presidents—the local society, the Collingwood District and Toronto Conference.
14. Subscription solicitor to The Canadian Epworth Era.

### An Interesting Literary Evening

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th, in the lecture room of the Methodist Church, Markdale, a very enjoyable time was spent by the members and outside friends of the Epworth League. The evening was in charge of the Literary and Social Committees, who as usual were there with a host of good things. Miss Neely, with her committee, had the literary part of the evening well in hand, while Miss E. Baines and her committee made smiles and sunshine by the neat and pleasing lunch served during the latter part of the evening. The Literary Committee treated the friends to an evening with famous men and women of the past and present age. A slip of paper with a sentence written thereon had been cut in two, and as the young people came in, were distributed, and the first thing to be done was to read your paper. As we wandered hither and thither seeking ours we heard spoken whispers, which, if heard under "the shade of the old apple tree," would have reminded us of the long ago, when we, too, were young. Some of the whispers heard were straight to the point, for example, "You're mine, aren't you?" or, in the way of a compliment, something like "Say, I've asked everybody else but you Won't you be mine?" And sometimes it so happened that she would, and they were attractively able to commence the guessing contest. It was pleasing to notice the intelligence shown by our young people in naming the different faces shown on the pictures. A very nice book was given to the winners of