

dren were present. Mr. Yellowlees gave an illustrated talk on "Ship Signals," using many different flags, and telling what each represented. Mr. G. M. Haldane, superintendent of the Strathroy Sunday-school, gave an object-lesson, using candles of different sizes.

The evening session brought a delightful convention to a close, addresses being given on "Harmony," by Rev. Mr. McCamus, of Sarnia, and "The Necessary Qualification for a Sunday-school Teacher," by Rev. R. Hobbs.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Hon. President, Rev. R. Hobbs, president of Conference, Strathroy.

President, Mr. W. B. Ferguson, Strathroy.

1st Vice-Pres., Miss Mame Smith, Petrolia.

2nd Vice-Pres., Rev. R. D. Hamilton, Petrolia.

3rd Vice-Pres., Dr. Calder, Petrolia.

4th Vice-Pres., Miss A. Richardson, Kerwood.

5th Vice-Pres., Mrs. P. W. Jones, Oil City.

Sec.-Treas., Miss C. Holmes, Strathroy. Representative to Conference Executive, Rev. L. W. Reid, Kerwood.

Wiaraton District

The Wiaraton District held this year, from September 25th to 29th, its first school for the study of the Bible and missions.

The usual half-day E. L. Convention was replaced by an autumn school, which proved a source of helpfulness to many Leagues on this district. The school began with the missionary anniversary services of the church at Wiaraton, on Sabbath, September 25th.

On Monday evening we were treated to a lecture, with stereoscopic views, by Rev. Dr. Jackson, on "Our Mission Stations in British Columbia."

On Tuesday morning the work of the school began in earnest by Bible study, conducted by Rev. W. S. Daniels, B.A., B.D., Colpo's Bay. On three successive mornings the study was conducted, dealing with 1 Corinthians. The various mission fields of our Church passed under review, our leaguers manifesting a deep interest in the work of our Church and preparing excellent book reviews.

We were also favored by an address from Dr. Meacham, from Japan, on Tuesday evening. The Convention was brought to a close on Thursday evening, 29th, by an interesting session, when Rev. W. S. Daniels gave a review of his Bible studies, which he had conducted each morning, and Rev. C. P. Holmes gave the closing address of the Convention on the subject, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation."

Officers for the coming year:
Hon. Pres., Rev. Dr. Clark, Wiaraton.
Pres., Mr. I. Groh, Shallow Lake.
C. E. Vice-Pres., Miss Ferguson, Oxenden.

Missionary Vice-Pres., Rev. W. S. Daniels, B.D., Colpo's Bay.

Literary Vice-Pres., Miss Fisher, Wiaraton.

Parish Vice-Pres., Miss Lena Smith, Parkhead.

Junior Dept. Vice-Pres., Miss Flo. Clark, Wiaraton.

Sec.-Treas., Mrs. C. P. Holmes, Shallow Lake.

Conf. Rep., Rev. W. S. Daniels, Colpo's Bay.

The Cookstown League, under the direction of the Literary Department, conducted a successful programme on Tuesday evening, illustrating a transatlantic trip.

Just a Line or Two

The League at Berlin has joined the procession, and organized a Reading Circle.

Eleven new members joined the Tara League recently, eight active and three associate. That is about the right proportion.

The young people at Tara are delighted with the Reading Circle which they recently started. There are twelve members.

The Sarnia and Strathroy Districts are planning for a joint Summer School, to be held on Lake Huron, near Sarnia, next August.

At the anniversary services of the Colborne Church, the proceeds were \$660, of which the Sunday-school contributed \$153, about \$1 per member.

Rev. J. M. Wright, of Ridgeway, reports that the members of the Reading Circle there, to the number of twelve, are very enthusiastic over the work.

The Berwick, N.S., League recently held a novel and interesting literary meeting, the programme consisting of a newspaper, "The Evening Patriot," edited by one of the members.

A systematic visitation of the Leagues and Sunday-schools of the Sarnia District is being made by the district officers. There is no better way of promoting the work than this.

Two bright bands of boys and girls have been recently organized into Junior Leagues, one at Mimico, and the other at New Toronto, under the superintendency of Mrs. Wallis Harton.

Rev. G. W. Kerby, Chairman of the Calgary District, organized an Epworth League at Delavare, on the Langdon Mission, recently, and has also started a Junior League at Calgary. If every district chairman would follow this example we would have a fine increase in the number of our societies.

Rev. J. G. Carscadden writes: "I am glad to report that the Reading Circle proved so enjoyable to the young people of Honeywood last year, that this year we have another circle in full swing, with a membership of twenty-six, almost double that of last year. We enjoy the books." Good for Honeywood!

New Books

All books mentioned here can be procured from the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto.

Children and the Home. By Eleanor Hunker. Published by the American Tract Society, New York. 10 Pp., 75c.

A large number of helpful suggestions on the management and training of children are embodied in this volume, which is specially intended for fathers and mothers. Here are some of the chapter headings: "The Home Manners of Mother," "House Keeping and Home Keeping," "Scolding," "Appreciating Children," "Training the Will," "Trusting Children," "The Children's Companion," "Children's Books," "Children's Amusement," "Fathers and Sons," etc. The circulation of such a book cannot fail to do good.

The Prospector. By Ralph Connor. Published by the Westminster Co., Toronto. Price, \$1.25.

"The Prospector" opens with a realistic description of a football match between McGill and Varsity, on the grounds of the latter in Toronto. Soon the scene shifts to the regions of the West, and the hero of the football field finds himself among miners, cow-boys, and adventurers as a missionary. He becomes a "prospector," not for gold, but

for souls, and has many remarkable experiences. His noble, manly character makes a deep impression upon the rough men around him, and considerable success attends his labors. The book is interesting from first to last, and will be generally regarded as quite equal to "The Sky Pilot," and "Black Rock."

Denizens of the Deep. By Frank T. Bullen, Author of "The Cruise of the Cachalot." Published by the Revell Co., Chicago. Price, \$1.50.

It is simply wonderful that Mr. Bullen can continue producing books on the sea of such an instructive and interesting character. His knowledge of the ocean and its inhabitants seems to be inexhaustible. This volume describes the habits and manner of living of the various denizens of the deep such as the whale, shark, walrus, turtle, seal, elephant, sea serpent, the flying fish, seals, etc. The chapters are not a collection of dry facts concerning these strange creatures, but are filled with exciting anecdote, and pulsate with life. It is a book of absorbing interest, that ought to be in every Sunday-school library.

Red Cap Tales. Stolen from the treasure chest of the Wizard of the North, which is humbly acknowledged to S. J. Crockett, Published by the Geo. N. Morang Co., Toronto. Price, \$2.00.

For some time a committee of Sunday-school superintendents and librarians in Toronto have been engaged in preparing a catalogue of books, all of which can be confidently recommended to Sunday-school libraries. When the works of Sir Walter Scott came to be considered, the committee found themselves in a difficulty. They were anxious to retain these splendid stories, but found most of them objectionable on account of their prolixity, and the very objectionable language used by the rough characters. Reluctantly it was decided not to recommend them. Here, however, is exactly the thing that is wanted. Mr. Crockett has re-told several of Scott's best stories, especially for children, leaving out the dry details and long introductions, and eliminating all profanity, etc. His work is well done, and the book can be confidently recommended with it.

Doctor Luke of the Labrador. By Norman Dunn (aka P. H. Revell Co., New York. Price, 50c).

Mr. Duncan is a Canadian, born in Brantford, educated at the University of Toronto, working for some years on the staff of the New York Evening Post, but now Professor of English in Washington and Jefferson College. For several years he travelled and lived during the summer months on the Newfoundland and Labrador coast, gaining the acquaintance with those regions which has well fitted him to write this charming story. It is told in the first person, as by a boy of those parts, and in style is a frequent reminder of "Lorna Doone." The language is beautiful, simple and yet perfectly fitted to the peculiar idiom of the fisher-folk who make up most of the characters. Tender pathos, exquisite sentiment, whimsical humor, and spirited action are here. Sin and punishment and expiation come strongly in.

The Little Kingdom of Home. By Margaret E. Sangster. MacLeod & Allen, Publishers, Toronto. Price \$1.25.

An exquisite gift book, beautifully printed, with unique marginal designs. Mrs. Sangster deals in a most interesting and suggestive manner with almost every question that relates to the home. Some of the chapter headings are: "Bride and Groom," "How Shall the Home be?" "How Shall the Home be Purified?" "The Training of Children," "The Earnings of Married Women," "The Sinister Influence of Worry," "The House of Feasting," "The House of Mourning," "Early Religious Teaching," "The Library," "The Old Folks at Home."