

AMONG THE LEAGUES

Peterboro', Ont.

A most successful year of the George Street Church Epworth League has just closed. It has been a year of great helpfulness and inspiration to all who have assisted with the varied programmes, and to those who have attended the meetings. Through the year there have been several special features, namely, the Annual Rally last September, a banquet in November, and Rev. Byron H. Stauffer in December delighted a large audience with one of his excellent lectures. Under the charge of the Missionary Department a missionary play was presented by the members of the League.

Spiritually, numerically and from a monetary standpoint the League during the past year has gone forward and upward, and we trust the coming year will be one of even greater success.

Brantford

"Wellington Street Epworth League, Brantford, at its annual meeting, received the reports from retiring officers, showing progress all along the line. Not a dull meeting had been held, but each was inspirational and well attended. Many of the members have contributed to programmes, and benefited thereby. "The Dairy Maids and Haymakers" cantata is worthy of mention.

"The new executive is looking forward with keen interest to the work of the year, and will have the co-operation of the entire membership. We know of no more inviting meeting place than our League, and the spirit of good-will and friendship is ever present. There is abundance of work to do, and we are all willing laborers in the vineyard of our Master."—W. L. TOWNSEND.

Dunnville

The reports given at the annual meeting of Grace Church Epworth League, Dunnville, showed great prosperity during the year.

"Apart from those added to the membership roll through the agency of a contest, there has been a goodly increase, and the League stands as one of the largest in the district. Missionary givings have been materially increased, as well as funds for general use. "The Young People's Day" recently held was a decided success, the church being crowded at both morning and evening services. A special choir of male voices led the singing in the evening. The pastor delivered two appropriate sermons, the themes being, 'A Rule of Righteousness' and 'The Voyage of Life.' A large number of juniors were present. The following evening a splendid programme was enjoyed. The League begins a new year under most encouraging circumstances."—M. C. KAUFMAN.

Florence Circuit

The Annual Circuit Convention of the Florence Epworth League, Ridgeway District, was held on Sunday and Monday, May 10th and 11th. Special Epworth League discourses were given on Sunday at the regular hours of service by Revs. W. Edson, of Newbury, and S. W. Muxworthy, of Thamesville. On Monday afternoon and evening sessions were held, at which Revs. S. W. Mux-

worthy and B. Snell gave inspiring addresses, the latter in the interests of the Junior League.

Rev. J. C. Reid addressed the audience of the evening on the social duties of the Epworth Leaguer. Miss Sherman, of Thamesville, generously contributed to the enjoyment of the day by her service of song.

Reports from the various Leagues show a manifest interest in all departments of work.—WINNIFRED DORRIS, Secretary.

Owen Sound

"In this issue of the ERA appears a group photograph of the Executive of Westside Epworth League, Owen Sound, under whose guidance the League attained success not equalled in any previous year. Much credit is due our energetic President, and as a mark of our appreciation we presented him with a framed photo of the members of the Executive together with an illuminated address.



EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, WESTSIDE EPWORTH LEAGUE, OWEN SOUND.

We rank as one of the best Leagues, we believe, in the Conference. At the District Convention we stood first, according to reports presented. Our meetings are planned a month ahead, and each Vice-President is required to give a written report at each monthly business meeting of the definite plan to be carried out during the succeeding month. The question of so many of our Leagues being lost to the Leagues by removal was discussed at our last Executive meeting, and it was felt that something might be done other than letters of introduction or the transfer cards which are printed but seldom used. In connection with our League we have inaugurated a Publicity Department, and a system of advertising is now being worked out. We have also a 'Duty Roster.' On this roster the names of all the members are arranged alphabetically, and as each Vice-President desires someone to lead a meeting, he consults the roster, takes the next name in order that has not an X after it (in-

dicating that the person represented has taken part once, X, twice, XX, etc.). In this way no one is left out and every person is given the opportunity of helping in the League work."—CHAS. A. WAITE, Con. Publicity Dept.

Port Simpson

The following is an extract from a letter received from Rev. J. H. Raley, Chairman of the Port Simpson District, B.C.:

"I took the Epworth League up the Skeena River. With us were four of the members of the League at Port Simpson. We went about 200 miles into the interior and had a truly blessed time. Several of the heathen of Kishpiax were converted, and the Epworth League resuscitated. At Kishpiax we had with us some Catholics from Bear Lake, one of whom, wearing a great cross given him by the priest, was converted. While with us he learnt a number of Gospel hymns and was singing them as he and his wife started with a dog team on a journey of 100 miles further into the interior. My Indian boys took the beautiful banner sent them from Toronto up the Skeena on the trip, and it was the admiration of all who saw it. The Kishpiax Epworth League, hearing the story of the new banner, asked if the Chief of

the League could not change their old one and let them have a new one, as the League was being renewed and they did not want to wear their old clothes any longer. I am sending it to you, and if you can have one made for them it will be good missionary work. Anything you can do will be much appreciated. The Kishpiax Leaguers are heroes. Since I was there and we shook heathenism, one of the leading Leaguers died. The heathen claim they killed him with witchcraft, because, with others, he gave me a petition asking us to put an end, if possible, to the heathen customs which are still practiced in that village. The lives of the prominent Epworth Leaguers are threatened, and some are fearful of results. I had a letter from the missionary Mr. Tomlinson, which states they are trying to destroy him by witchcraft. He is still alive and well, and has not lost any sleep over the matter. Our people take the Epworth League seriously, and it is a strong evangelizing factor of our