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NOTES.

Bro. Doyle reports the organization of several new leagues, one at Trepanak on the Methven circuit, Souris District, as the fruit of revival services, another at Griswold, and still another at the Wesleyan. Parewell tells of a new league at Wesley on the Birt circuit and another at Bryans-ton. Let us hear of many more.

The Epworth League of Queen St. Church, Toronto, under the efficient leadership of H. J. Wallace, President, is following up last season's Student Evangelistic Campaign by a systematic canvass of their neighborhood. An attractive letter is used to reach as many as possible, and to interest them in the Church and League services. It is an excellent plan.

Exeter District reports a very successful Convention, and Bro. Hibbert, S. S. Sec. of London District, writes most appreciatively of the services of Bro. Parewell and his staff at the three S. S. Institutes of that District, at Thorndale, London and Bryans-ton. Excellent sessions were held and such practical work covered. The S. S. interests of London Conference are being well developed.

Upwards of 160 visiting members from adjacent Leagues gathered at the Convention of the Epworth League at Arthur, Ont., for a social evening. The exercises were participated in by the various Leagues represented, and a delightful service was much enjoyed by all. Much might be written in support of these inter-League visitations, and we strongly advise that arrangements be made for many such enthusiastic gatherings as our Arthur friends have enjoyed.

We are glad to learn that after a series of revival services conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Sanderson, the Medford St. League, Oshawa, held its consecration service, when over a hundred young people assembled to renew their pledge and extend the right-hand of fellowship to some fifty new, active members. Not far from a year ago, a similar such success as that of the present time, due to the efforts of an untiring pastor, a faithful president, and a live executive committee.

The Carp, Ont., League reports in preparation a contest on "Our Church." The contest will be conducted after the manner of an old-fashioned spelling match, and will consist of answers to questions on various such subjects as "Our Punds," The Annual Conference, "General Conference," "District Meeting," "Quartette active workers," "The Itinerant Pastorate," "The Faith of our Fathers," and kindred themes. They contemplate still later studying the life of John Wesley by similar methods.

Wesley Memorial League, Moncton, N.B., recently received twenty-eight active members and eight associate members "admitted into the ranks of the active workers." We like this way of putting it, for it is an advance that more of our leaguers should aim at and work for.

This same League has good times socially having a social hour at the close of each business meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. At the close of a regular prayer meeting in January the leaguers went for a snowshoe trip to the winter houses chosen, who led the party on a merry chase, and all returned to the church after an hour's good wholesome and healthful exercise. Driving and skating parties are parts of the winter's bill of fare in this splendid league. The statement of our correspondent we know that such social

evenings go a long way toward making our league work a success," is correct and we commend it to all. He is right, too, when he adds that they tend to break up cliques and make a more genuine Christian Fellowship prevail. They do away with the solemn and long-faced idea too many people have of the "Christian religion"; surely this is both good reasoning and commendable practice.

A recent "Epworth Era" evening in this same league resulted in the addition of thirteen new names to our subscription list. That is "commendable practice also." Excellent! We call it "Boosting the Era." Let everybody "boost."

WESTERN NOTES.

FROM BRO. DOYLE.

A number of the young ladies connected with the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Regina, Sask., felt that they should attend Sunday School. They got together, and after choosing a teacher, in the person of Mr. G. S. Gamble, they organized under the name of the "Metropolitan Young Ladies Bible Class." With the beginning of the New Year they gave the superintendent of the school a surprise by walking into the school, thirty-five strong, and asking for a place of meeting to be assigned to them. The class continues to grow.

Some of the young men on Western mission fields, where they have not been able to find leaders to take charge of the Sunday School, have found it possible themselves to conduct a combination Sunday School and preaching service. They report a good degree of satisfaction and success. In one case this effort, on the part of the young minister, was the means of discovering as bright and efficient a staff of Sunday School workers as can be found anywhere. Young men, it is worth trying.

The energetic chairman of the Battleford District, Rev. C. Endicott, is campaigning in his whole district with the aid of a lantern and a variety of slides, in the interest of missions, Leagues, Sunday Schools and work generally. His district is 375 miles in length. It has twenty-six circuits and missions and only six ordained men. Here is a sentence from one of the chairman's letters, "I have paid up my mind that there is to be a Sunday School or Home Department at every station on the district. Also four new Leagues."

He is "starting at Jerusalem." The League and Sunday School at North Battleford are both in a flourishing condition.

Arrangements are well under way for six summer schools, to be held in the Prairie Provinces next summer.

Manitoba Leagues are planning for three. One for the Southern Districts at Rock Lake is dated for July 4-13. Shoal Lake School, to be held July 20-26, will accommodate the central section of the conference and the needs of the north will be met by the Lake Dauphin school. The dates are July 13-20.

Saskatchewan Conference will hold two schools. One at Okavay, for the south, to be held July 26-Aug. 1. And the other at Lumsden Beach dated for Aug. 1-10.

One school is being arranged for the Alberta Conference. It is to be held this year at Silver Lake, about twelve miles west of Red Deer.

A little girl's prayer was suggestive to those who overheard it: "O Lord, please to make me have a good time all day, for when I have a good time all the other folks are angry with me. I am afraid of saying that a thoroughly happy and comfortable person is a public benefactor.—Sel.

A teacher asked a class of boys in a Sabbath school what their idea of heaven was. The smallest one answered, "A place where—where you're never sorry.—Sel.

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