

Field Notes

The Wingham Epworth League reports that the year just closed has been a successful one, and the contributions were increased over the previous year. The Senior League raised \$317, and the Junior League \$33, making a total of \$350 for missions. Much credit is due the tireless efforts of the vice-president, Miss M. Tibbs, for this creditable showing.

Rev. Francis Swann, minister of the Fullarton Circuit, writes: "We have four good Leagues on this circuit, giving \$205 this year to the Forward Movement. We have three Sunday Schools giving monthly missionary collections. Another year we can do better things with God's help." Such a note has the right ring in it, and we covet scores of such items from all over our field.

An exchange gives an account of a young people's society which held at least one useful meeting this last year. The Maori Hills Society met and opened the meeting with a praise service of fifteen minutes and then spent an hour in mending the church carpet, repairing news, and freshening up the interior of the church building. The meeting closed with a hymn and a prayer, and this kind of a meeting would be an improvement on some of the meetings held in our land. It might be a good thing to sometimes spend the hour given to singing and sneaking in some form of practical service for the local church, and thus prove to the congregation generally and the officials particularly, that "For Christ and the church" is not merely emotional sentiment; but that it represents our supreme business.

A very pleasant evening was spent in the League room of St. James' Church, Montreal, on May 19th, when Mr. Charles R. Bilger was presented with a handsome suit case, the gift of Senior and Intermediate Leagues. During the past five months Mr. Bilger has been assisting Rev. Dr. Young in pastoral work. He was superintendent of the Intermediate League, which has developed wonderfully under his careful guidance. With a membership of thirty, some fifty dollars was raised this year as a voluntary offering to missions, without resorting to the time-worn custom of concerts for enhancing the missionary treasury, the young folks being trained to give systematically to this great cause. A missionary library had also been circulated among the members, education as well as inspiring them to further effort. Mr. Bilger has been in the city of Montreal, as he was for some years in Toronto, an ardent and zealous Leaguer, and into his new field of work in the city of Peterboro' he carries many good wishes for his success in business as well as in continued church life.

Satan's Premises

There is a quaint story of the Middle Ages which tells how once upon a time a church member died at a ball. Along came Satan, and was soon flying away with the bewildered soul. Saint Peter espied him, and started in pursuit. "Hold on," said the watchful guardian of the gate: "just pass him over to me, if you please." "Maybe he was," crowled Satan, "but you keep your hands off; I found him on my premises, and down he goes." J. H. Willie says that this story is five hundred years old, and not, as you might suspect, a sly invention of Methodism.

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