

THE proceedings of the seven western conferences of our church are published in one volume, which is sold at the extremely low price of 50 cents. It comprises a little over 400 pages filled with interesting and important information that every Methodist should have at hand. We advise every one of our readers to get a copy.

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WHAT is most needed in our young people's work is wise and enthusiastic leadership. There are many who are willing enough to do something, but they are waiting for some one to show them what to undertake. A League president should try to help such people by suggesting ways and methods by which they may work for Christ.

Join the ranks of intelligent and progressive young people by taking up the Epworth League Reading Course. Quarter of an hour a day for six months will carry you through the four books.

DR. CHALMERS' expression, "The expulsive power of a new affection," is most significant, and capable of a wide application. The tendency towards light and frivolous reading for instance, is most successfully combated by developing a taste for elevating and profitable literature. And it can be done if the task is undertaken early enough.

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"HAVE you paid for your conversion yet?" was a question Rev. John A. Williams used to ask sometimes, when appealing to people to give liberally. We often speak of the countless blessings with which God has strewn our path, but our conversion was certainly the greatest experience of all, and places us under obligations that never can be paid.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes that she has been so helped by reading of the work done by other leagues that she feels constrained to write a short note telling of what her own society is trying to accomplish. We hope others will be similarly inspired. Whenever we receive good it ought to lead us to ask what we can do to send like blessings to others.

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WE regret that we were not able to secure the pictures of all the editors of the *Christian Guardian* to include in the group picture which was published in our last issue. Some of them died years ago, and it was not possible to get their photographs in time for the September issue. It is scarcely necessary to state that there was no intentional slight in the omission.

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IT is said that John S. Huyler, the great candy man of New York city, has on one drawer of his desk the letters "M.P." When asked the significance, he replied: "I don't want ever to forget that God is My Partner." If this idea were accepted and recognized by all the people called Methodists there would be no doubt of the success of the Twentieth Century Fund.

THE question is often asked at conventions, what is the best method of doing certain things. The correct reply is that there is no absolutely best method of doing anything. It has been truthfully said that the very best way will soon become second best if it is used all the time. Instead of clinging to any one plan, it is well to recognize the value of variety. Try something new.

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GREAT care and prayerfulness of spirit must be used in replying to the question, "What would Jesus do under certain circumstances?" It does not follow that the first answer that occurs to the mind is necessarily the right one. Further heart searching and waiting upon God may reveal a more excellent way. Oftentimes those most ready with a solution are more superficial in Christian character than others who, with deeper thoughtfulness, take time to reply.

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THE circular sent out as a CALL for the Annual Convention of the Chatham District, by the Executive, is unique and suggestive. It contains a general statement of the attractive features of the coming gathering which is to be held in Chatham, on October 19th and 20th, and also a few words from each of the officers of the District. District Secretaries would do well to write to Mr. Ivor E. Brock, Chatham, Ont., President of the District League, for a sample copy of this circular.

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ABOUT the only objection that we have heard urged against the Forward Evangelistic Movement is that it tends to interfere with the rights and privileges of the pastor whose business it is to arrange for evangelistic services. It should be remembered that this week of services is not intended in any way to supersede or take the place of any special effort that the minister may see fit to inaugurate during the year. It ought also to be noted that in no case is the movement to be taken up without the consent and co-operation of the pastor. It is intended to be a help and not a hindrance to him. Most pastors are only too glad to have the young people interest themselves in work of this kind.

When a young man's room has nothing in the shape of reading material beyond a fourth-rate novel and an evening paper, it is not a promising interior. There is no visible barrier against low vices, for the mind of the occupant is empty and ready for any visitor.—Ian McLaren.

A PASTOR in Hamilton called upon an old lady, who was sick, recently. She rather startled him by declaring that the doctor said she had a bad attack of "information." There are many people who are absolutely in no danger of ever contracting this disease, for they never expose themselves to contagion. They read nothing, and think less.

THERE is no better way to prepare for the Twentieth Century Movement than by seeking to deepen the spiritual life of our churches. There should be a very close connection between the Forward Evangelistic Movement and the Twentieth Century Fund.

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THE *Review of Missions* for September notes the progress the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Presbyterian Church in the United States have made in their missionary givings, which have increased eight-fold in seven years or from \$5,264 in 1891 to \$42,650 in 1899.

Whenever you hear a person say, "I have no time for reading," it is an indication that he has no taste for it. Where there is a genuine passion for reading the time will always be found.

IN our own Epworth Leagues the missionary givings this year amount to \$17,000. Beginning with \$5,000 in 1895-6, we have increased about \$5,000 each year. At the end of seven years at the same rate of yearly increase, our Leaguers will contribute \$34,000 to the missionary work of our Church, through the General Board of Missions. In the future we look for great things for the Kingdom of God. Now only one in every six Epworth Leaguers gives two cents a week for missions. If every member would contribute this small sum we could add \$80,000 yearly to our income. We cannot help giving if we are really in earnest about missions.

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THE Canadian Home Journal is a really excellent production. In matter, typography, and illustrations it is making steady improvement. Its subscribers are asked to show their practical interest by becoming shareholders in the company.

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ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement of the Linotype Company on page thirty-one of this issue. The Oliver Typewriter is one that all who desire a cheap and durable machine should investigate. It has a number of excellent points, chief of which is the visible writing.

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THE report comes to us from the Central Business College, Toronto, that the attendance of young men and women at the commencement of the fall term this month is larger than at any previous autumn session. This is accounted for by the improved commercial conditions which now seem to prevail throughout our country, the excellent reputation this school enjoys for thorough work, and by the success of its students and graduates in securing and holding good situations. By reference to card in another column we find the equipment is improved by the addition of another teacher and a large number of new typewriting machines, so that we may naturally expect good results from this college in the future.