

in Ontario this year happens to be a clergyman of your own church, whose activity in Sunday School and League work is well known, viz., Rev. A. P. Bence, of Richmond Hill. He has during his year of office imparted splendid enthusiasm and energy to the membership throughout the province.

A few years ago, when the organizations of young people's societies in connection with our churches swept over the country, we found it simply impossible to maintain our temperance divisions at a great many points. I am glad to say, however, that the order did not view the movement with any feeling of rivalry or antagonism, but we gladly welcomed these church organizations that were making their own work their own, and we gave over the old fields to them and constantly sought other points where no young people's society existed. It might not be amiss to impart or recall this bit of information to our Leagues and have them realize the responsibility in this respect of their organizations. During the present year in this province we have given our chief attention to the northern and western part of the province, and, as a result, we have now about twenty-five new, active divisions at different points, organized within the last few months. In addition to the adult work of our order we have our juvenile organizations, viz., Loyal Crusaders, Bands of Hope, and Cadets of Temperance, doing magnificent work.

What Are Your Boys and Girls Reading?

They are bound to read something. They will read trash unless you give them something better that is equally interesting. Try the Youth's Companion. There is plenty of adventure in the stories, and the heroes and heroines are of the real kind, finding in the line of duty opportunity for courage and unselfishness. More than 250 such stories will be published in the 52 issues of the new volume for 1909. There will be fully as many articles, sketches, and reminiscences to impart useful information in an agreeable way, familiarizing the Companion's readers with the best that is known and thought in the world.

Full illustrated announcement of the Companion for 1909 will be sent to any address, free, with sample copies of the paper.

The new subscriber living in Canada who at once sends \$2 for 1909 will receive free all the remaining issues of 1908, besides the gift of the Companion's calendar for 1909, entitled "In Grandmother's Garden." Illustrations by Thirteen Artists. The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

A Progressive Publication

The Special Thanksgiving Number of the Canadian Pictorial, recently received, shows, in addition to its wealth of beautiful harvest pictures and other photographs, several new and interesting features which are to be continued with other attractions in the enlarged and improved Christmas Number, in course of preparation. One of these is a complete story: a second is a series of "Old Favorite Songs," words and music complete, which will appear in each issue. Remarkable as has been the popularity of this splendid publication, the public are assured that the best is yet to come. Every issue of this Monthly "Art portfolio" would form a capital souvenir to send to friends abroad. None better. Ten cents a copy; \$1.00 a year. The Pictorial Publishing Co., 142 St. Peter Street, Montreal.

Nova Scotia Conference Epworth League

The Biennial Convention of the Nova Scotia Conference Epworth League opened in Pleasant Street Church, Truro, N.S., on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, and continued in session two days. Some fifty-five delegates, including several ministers, put in an appearance.

The proceedings were opened by the League's President, Rev. Dr. Wilson, of North Sydney. The Secretary, Rev. G. W. F. Glendenning, delivered an impressive devotional address, after which Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Eastern Associate Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, dealt with figures, facts and possibilities of League work. In connection with the Nova Scotia Conference there are 82 Leagues and Young People's Societies, having a membership of 3,004.

The Secretary's report, presented and adopted, showed a most successful work done, but also much remaining to be done. It stated that Rev. A. Hockin, Jr., who lately sailed for China, takes the place of the Rev. A. C. Borden as the League's representative in the foreign field. Certain defunct Leagues reported were referred to the new Executive for consideration and action.

Miss B. Starr, Missionary Vice-President, gave a report which showed that much painstaking work had been attended with much success.

Deaconess Kenny presented an appeal for service to the young women of the Methodist Church. In earnest words she spoke of the call to service.

Rev. Jas. Batty, of Sydney, spoke on "The Duty of the Epworth Leagues Toward Temperance and Moral Reform."

Dr. Heartz, President of the Conference, having lately returned from the meeting of the General Board of Missions in Vancouver, brought to the Leagues a stirring message concerning its transatlantic work.

Wilfrid Grenfell, C.M.G., Superintendent of the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, being in town, addressed the audience concerning his work in Newfoundland and in Labrador.

Dr. Heartz rose to express the appreciation of the Epworth League of Nova Scotia for Dr. Grenfell and the work in which he is engaged. Rev. S. T. Bartlett, supporting this, suggested that an offering be taken in support of his work. This was done, and although the people had already contributed to Epworth League funds, the sum of \$42.68 was laid on the plates.

ON THE SECOND DAY.

After a very helpful Bible study, conducted by Rev. J. W. Alkems, of Halifax, the officers of the Conference League for the next two years were elected by ballot, as follows:

Hon. President—Dr. Heartz.
President—Rev. A. C. Borden.
1st Vice—Rev. T. A. Wilson.
2nd Vice—Miss Bertha Starr.
3rd Vice—C. M. Mack.
4th Vice—Miss Alice Smith.
5th Vice—Rev. E. W. Forbes.
Secretary—Rev. G. W. F. Glendenning.
Treasurer—Mr. J. E. Hills.
Representative to General Board—Rev. J. L. Blevins.

The motto of the Epworth League Forward Movement for Missions, "Pray, Study, Give," was then dealt with by three speakers.

Rev. H. J. Indre spoke of the value of prayer for missions.

Rev. C. H. Johnson followed with an address on "Study."

Mr. J. E. Hills dealt with the last word in the topic, "Give."

Rev. D. B. Hemmeon gave an address on "The Leaguer as a Bible Student."

The great subject of China was then treated in a manner at once interesting and informing in three papers:

1. "Our Evangelistic and School Work," prepared by Miss Belcher and read by Miss Starr.

2. "Our Hospital and Press Work," by Mrs. J. W. Smith.

3. "Our Open Doors," by Miss O'Donnell, read by Mr. Helens.

Rev. A. C. Borden gave a very helpful address on "Why Japan Needs Us Today."

Mrs. T. A. Wilson read an excellent paper on the progress of the Student Volunteer Movement, from the "haystack meeting" to the present, and showing its relation to the "Forward Movement" of the Epworth League.

Amongst resolutions adopted by the Convention were the following:

1. Recording its great indebtedness to Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Epworth League Secretary, and tendering him its hearty thanks, expressing its conviction that his work will do much to consolidate and extend Methodism in this land.

2. Expressing appreciation of the presence of Rev. A. C. Borden, and commending him, now President of the Conference Epworth League, to the young people of all our churches.

3. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Miss Starr and Dr. Wilson prepare a circular which shall be forwarded to all Leagues, and Circuits where there are no Leaguers, urging that wherever they do not exist, "Pray, Study, Give" Circles be formed.

4. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee that every possible effort be made to arrange with the Camp Meeting Association for the holding of a summer school at Berwick during the Camp Meeting week, 1909.

5. Urging upon the Epworth Leagues and Circuits, a more generous support of the general Epworth League Fund.

At the closing session Rev. J. W. Alkems delivered a very thoughtful and effective address on "The Price of Success."

The audience then gave rapt attention to Rev. A. C. Borden, while he described the work of a Christian missionary in Japan.

After the reading of the minutes and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the Rev. Dr. Heartz led the Convention in prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Now is the time to "get busy" with the canvas for new subscribers to the CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA. An Era agent should be appointed in every League.

A Moving Appeal

He was a motherless boy, and his father's only child, but some of the relatives had decided that he should be sent to a boys' school, fifty miles from home, and at last the father had agreed to the plan. The King's Own tells how he met the crisis:

Forty-eight hours after his boy's departure, the father received a letter, which was, although not faultless as an example of spelling, so much to the point, and so in accord with his own feeling, that the plans for the future were speedily readjusted.

"Dear father," wrote the exile, "it's all right here and I'm not homesick I believe, but life is very short, and don't you think you'd better let us spend some more of it together?"

"Your affectionate son, Thomas."