

Notes from the Field

Walkerton District

The Annual Convention of the Walkerton District Epworth League was held in the Methodist Church, Paisley, on Labor Day, September 6th. Encouraging reports were received, containing many new and helpful ideas. Excellent music was furnished by outside as well as local talent. A most inspiring address was delivered by Rev. W. B. Smith, B.A., of Chesley, on "How to Develop the League Along Missionary Lines." Mr. H. H. Miller, M.P., of Hanover, also gave a very instructive address on "The Making of a Country." Rev. Z. Ono, Japanese minister of British Columbia, also delivered addresses, afternoon and evening that were very much appreciated. There was a large delegation present and the Convention was one of the most successful held for some time. An invitation from the Chesley League to have the Convention in that town next year was accepted. The following officers were elected:

Honorable President, Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D.; President, Mr. C. E. Leppard, Walkerton; Vice-Presidents (1) Miss B. Rose, Chesley; (2) Miss M. McGillivray, Elmwood; (3) Miss L. Thompson, Paisley; (4) Miss E. Ball, Hanover; (5) Miss A. Zinkin Southampton; Secretary, Mr. W. L. Keeling, Cargill; Treasurer, Miss E. Robertson, Southampton; Conference Representative, Mr. F. W. Elliott, Port Elgin.

Owen Sound District

The Annual Convention of the Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools of the Owen Sound District was held at Dundalk on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 21st and 22nd. The Convention opened with a sermon, the key note of which was "In touch with God."

A talk on "Junior League Work" by Miss Thurston was most helpful to the workers present. An instance was cited where a Mouth Organ Orchestra had been organized as a means of holding the boys, and keeping them interested.

"Some Defects in Our Present Sunday School System" was the title of an address delivered by Rev. H. E. Wellwood, which was followed by a profitable discussion. In the evening Rev. K. J. Beaton of Toronto addressed the Convention.

On Wednesday morning "The League Pledge" was the theme of a paper read by Mrs. Armstrong, Fiesheron. Miss Rundle of Dundalk also read a paper on "Consecration—How to make it most helpful." Mrs. Cook, Markdale, very ably dealt with the subject "The Relation of the League to the Temperance Cause," showing the urgent need of training for active work by our young people in this great movement. "Missionary Work in the Leagues," was the subject assigned to Miss Edge, Owen Sound, and the "Relation of the Sunday School to Missions," to Mrs. Kemp. Walter's Falls. Both ladies in a very practical way presented these questions to the Convention, helpful discussions following.

A very effective Round Table Conference was conducted by Rev. S. T. Bartlett, General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues who also delivered a splendid address at the evening session.

The Convention sessions throughout were inspiring and intensely interesting. Reports from the different Leagues showed a marked increase in every department during the past year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. J. R. Wilkinson, Rocklyn; Vice-Presidents (1) W. Leavens, Owen Sound; (2) Miss K. A. Spring, Markdale; (3) Miss E. Rundle, Dundalk; (4) Miss Murdoch, Markdale; (5) Miss F. Thurston, Fiesheron; Conference Representative, Rev. J. R. Wilkinson, Rocklyn.

NETTIE DENCH, Secretary.

Uxbridge District

An Epworth League and Sunday School Convention was held in connection with the Financial District Meeting at Goodwood on September 28th, the Chairman of the District, Rev. H. Moore, presiding. The two sessions were well attended and the interest well sustained to the end. In the afternoon the Rev. N. Wellwood gave a very suggestive address on "Bible Study in the League, Its Place and Method." He has promised to put it in the form of an article for the Era. An excellent paper from Mr. G. B. Furniss, Sunderland Business Man's Bible Class, on "Adult Bible Class Work" was very helpful. Some of its report will be found elsewhere in this paper. A Round Table Conference was conducted by the General Secretary who also spoke at the evening meeting outlining the Supreme Purpose of the Sunday School and Epworth League work of the Church. An address full of valuable suggestions was given by Mr. G. H. Reed, M.A., Principal of the Markham High School on "The Sunday School, Its Position and Possibility."

The delegates were well entertained during the day, and the recess for tea, during which an excellent meal was served in the Sunday School room, gave excellent opportunity for social intercourse. The District League was reconstituted and the following officers were elected:

Honorable President, Rev. H. Moore, Stouffville; President, Rev. A. J. G. Carraden, Sanford; Vice-Presidents (1) Miss Roach, Vallentyne; (2) Dr. Ganton, Uxbridge; (3) Miss Hames, Whitevale; (4) Miss Le Fraugh, Stouffville; (5) Miss Steel, Markham; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. H. A. Toye, Lemonville; Conference Representative, Rev. A. Bedford, Uxbridge.

The reorganization of this District will probably result in a more aggressive plan of work throughout its borders.

Collingwood District

The Fifteenth Annual Convention was held in Stayner on September 14 and 15. The Leagues of the District were fairly well represented. The address of the retiring President, Mr. C. W. Cooper, will be found in another column. The reports of the various Leagues were indicative of a measure of success. The Junior report from Collingwood and Stayner were particularly good. This branch of the work will likely receive more attention in the future as the Secretary, Mr. E. H. Carnahan, writes the Editor of aggressive plans for the boys and girls. The Convention was ably served by Dr. Retta Gifford Kilborn from China, whose missionary addresses were very informing and stimulating. The General Secretary was also present and gave helpful addresses in addition to conducting Round Table Conferences on "Methods at Work." Good addresses were given by Rev. W. K. Hager, Chairman of the District, on the Literary Department, Miss Maude Lyne

on "How to Improve Our League Meetings," Mr. A. N. Brownridge on "The Leaguer and the Church," and by Rev. W. R. Barker on "The League and the Temperance Reform." The officers elect are as follows:

Honorable President, Rev. W. K. Hager, Collingwood; President, Mr. J. Charlton Gardiner, Ravenna; Vice-Presidents (1) Mr. W. B. Miller, Thornbury; (2) Miss Maude Lyne, Thornbury; (3) Miss Annie Lawrence, Creemore; (4) Miss Gertrude Hewson, Heathcote; (5) Mrs. F. E. Courtice, Collingwood; Secretary, Mr. E. H. Carnahan, Meadford; Treasurer, Miss Maude Hair, Leander; Conference Representative, Rev. J. Wheatley, Stayner. The Convention of 1910 will be held at Thornbury.

It is worthy of note that this will be the sixth successive year that the Secretary has served his District. This is evidence of his devotion to his work and of the District's continued confidence in him. It is wise to retain in office a capable District Secretary, for if he be alive to the situation his familiarity with local conditions will greatly enable him to develop the efficiency of the whole District.

Brockville District

The fifteenth annual Sunday School and Epworth League Convention for the Brockville District was held this year in Delta, September 21st and 22nd, Tuesday and Wednesday. The first session opened at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday. The Convention closed at noon on Wednesday. There was bright warm weather during the two days. The attendance was good from the very opening session, while the evening sessions were well attended. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost. The plan of the programme was to devote the time on Tuesday to Epworth League work, and spend Wednesday on the work of the Sunday School. We had a very suggestive Round table address on the League methods, and another on the Adult Bible Class.

Besides having speakers, who are stationed in the district, we highly appreciated having present the Rev. C. W. Service, M.D., of West China. He addressed the Convention at each of the three sessions. Instructive and inspiring describe his addresses. The following resolution, duly moved and seconded, was carried unanimously:

"It is the opinion of this district Epworth League Convention, assembled at Delta, that the time has come when the Epworth Leagues of the Brockville District should be represented by a missionary in the foreign field. Therefore, be it resolved, that the General Board of Missions be respectfully requested to appoint the Rev. Dr. C. N. Service, of West China, as representative of the Brockville District; and we do hereby pledge the Leagues on said District to assume the whole responsibility of his support to an amount not less than eight hundred dollars per annum."

The following are the newly-elected officers for the District:

Honorable President, Rev. W. H. Sparling, B.A., Brockville; President, Mr. A. M. Lee, Athens; Vice-Presidents, (1) Mrs. B. Love in, Greenbush; (2) Miss B. E. Adams, Brockville; (3) Rev. D. W. Fomeroy, Escott; (4) Mrs. W. T. Towriss, Glen Buell; (5) Miss M. Stephenson, Prescott; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Carrie Hill, Delta; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Erva Halladay, Soper-ton; Conference Representative, Rev. F. A. Read, Athens.

A promising Junior Department has been organized by the Holstein Epworth League with a membership of forty-two.