

and in triumph waved a bunch of threatening looking branches in her sister's face, exclaiming: "See 'em! I wan't goin' to lose such a good chance as that! I know I won't be in the woods again fer another year, and I was bound I'd lay in a lot of switches!"

As they boarded the car for the homeward ride one little woman sighed and said: "O dear! I wish we was just comin'! I've been awaitin' to come all week and now its all over! But," she added with a smile, "it was lovely wasn't it?" And so said they all.

Walkerton District Epworth League Convention.

WALKERTON District Epworth League met in convention in Southampton on the 31st ult. In the Missionary Department the following topics were discussed: "Why should Young Men and Women be interested in Missions" was the subject of a paper by Miss A. Tisdale, of Walkerton. They should be interested because: (1) It is the positive command of Christ. (2) Out of gratitude to man. Others have sown the seed which has given us so many Christian privileges, and we ought to be willing to do something for those who know not Christ. (3) God has answered the prayers of His people, and has opened up countries to receive the Gospel. (4) The great need of the heathen, particularly the women. Our women ought to do a great deal in giving to the heathen women the privileges we enjoy. (5) We are privileged to be co-workers with God in this work. (6) The Church at home will be blessed through our reaching out to the heathen and giving to them the blessings of the Gospel.

Miss F. George, of Port Elgin, read a paper on "How can the League do Practical Missionary Work?"

The prime necessity for this work is entire consecration. Our work ought to be the outcome of our Christ-life. We should plan our work and work our plan. Each missionary meeting should have a mission, and should be planned so as to accomplish it. Every member should be canvassed for the "Pray, Study, Give" plan, and should be urged to give systematically. Literature should be spread so that our Leaguers may be intelligent missionaries. We should be willing to do the work nearest us. The greatest need of the time is more missionaries, and we should consecrate our money to send out missionaries and pray that the Holy Spirit may create an unrest among His people until Christ is glorified in the world.

Mr. C. E. Mahon, of Paisley, read a paper on "Missionary Giving." He urged strongly the study of the great need of the heathen world, and the intelligent, systematic, prayerful giving of our means for the salvation of the world.

The following resolution was adopted: "We, the members of the Walkerton District Epworth League, do heartily endorse the plans of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions as they have been presented, and recommend that each society and each member be urged to adopt its methods. We recommend further, that each League having been thoroughly canvassed by its Missionary Committee, report to the District Missionary Vice-President the amount they expect to raise within the year, and having thus learned what the district will be able to raise, the District President, Secretary and Missionary Vice-President, together with the Chairman of the District, be a committee to confer with the General Board of Missions and select a missionary to be supported by the Leagues of our district."

A live Missionary Vice-President has been elected and we expect an advance this year in this department of work. The names of the officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Honorary President, Rev. D. A. Moir, B.D., Walkerton; President, Mr. O. H. Nelson, Paisley; 1st Vice-President, Mr. J. W. Ward, Mildmay; 2nd Vice-President, Miss F. George, Port Elgin; 3rd Vice-President,

Mr. W. J. Todd, Walkerton; 4th Vice-President, Miss M. Stanley, Chesley; 5th Vice-President, Mrs. Potter, Paisley; Secretary, Mr. A. Butchart, Walkerton; Treasurer, Miss E. Robertson, Southampton; Representative on Conference Executive, Mr. H. H. Miller, Hanover.

How the Bowmanville District Convention was Managed.

THE editor of the CAMPAIGNER attended our convention and was so pleased with its success and the manner in which it was carried out that he asked the Secretary for a short article on "How We Managed Our Convention." If our plans might prove helpful to any districts that have not yet held their convention they are cheerfully submitted.

In the first place we began early. Three months before the time for the convention the District Executive was called together for a review and preview of the work. After an interesting review of what had been accomplished the convention was talked up. The date was decided, the leading speakers discussed and a committee of three appointed to prepare the programme.

This committee was soon at work and, having much time ahead, had no difficulty in securing all the help necessary to make up an excellent programme. A new feature was introduced into the morning session: a consecration sermon by Rev. John Potts, D.D., which lent an inspiration and spirituality to the whole convention. Rev. A. C. Crews and Dr. F. C. Stephenson were also engaged to assist at the afternoon and evening sessions.

About three weeks before the convention the executive was again called to complete arrangements. The local executive, where the convention was to be held, was also invited to be present. Reports from committees were received and discussed and committees appointed to arrange special music, to prepare reporting blanks and to attend to the printing.

The convention was advertised in the local papers, programmes sent to all the leagues, also an official letter drawing attention to several important matters.

The plans of the local League for the day were excellent and fully carried out. The church was beautifully decorated with plants and bouquets, a large classroom was fitted up for a ladies' dressing parlor and a similar one for the gentlemen, and the lecture room was arranged as dining-hall. Tables were spread to accommodate one hundred delegates at once, and an excellent staff of waiters served dinner and tea to about one hundred and fifty delegates.

A quadruped committee was appointed to assist strangers in finding stable room for the horses, and a few genial members were set apart to receive the visitors, assist in making acquaintances, etc., etc.

Thus our convention was brought to a successful issue and passed off to the entire satisfaction of all who attended.

FRED. R. FOLEY, *District Secretary.*

BOWMANVILLE, Oct. 22nd, 1898.

In our October issue we promised that this month we would enlighten our friends as to certain changes that might be made in our paper. We must apologize for not being able to redeem that promise now, but can only say in extenuation that delays which we could not control have combined to prevent it, although we have delayed publication for two weeks for this purpose.

In the meantime, and until further announcement, subscriptions may be sent in at the old rate, viz., 10c. per year for clubs of ten; and we would repeat the assurance to our subscribers that they will have no cause for regret should any change be made in the form of the publication of the paper.