

Chatham District Junior League Convention

On Saturday, May 18th, the first Junior League Convention in Ontario, perhaps in Canada, was held in the Victoria Ave. Methodist Church, Chatham. The session opened at 9.45 a.m. for registration, and before 10.30 over one hundred delegates from the surrounding Junior Leagues had registered.

The key note of the convention was

local pastor, Rev. E. F. Armstrong, B.A., B.D., a couple of musical selections were given, a violin solo, Arval Ripley, Dresden, and a piano solo, Freda Hartwick, Blenheim. Mrs. Owen Burke gave a short, concise and earnest address on "Effective Junior Methods." The last hour of morning session was spent in a round-table conference, ably conducted by Rev. F. L. Farewell, B.A., Toronto. After the session the Junior delegates, with their pastors and superintendents, entered the

District, A. E. Hopper, took the chair, while Mrs. (Rev.) Brown, assisted by one of her Juniors, Muriel Halliday, conducted the devotional exercises, after which a vocal duet was given, as rendered by B. Newcombe and R. Riseborough, of Huffman's Corners; also a reading by W. White, Middleboro, and a recitation by Jessie Pilon, Union.

The unique part of the afternoon programme was three demonstrations, one on a consecration meeting, by Kent Bridge Juniors; one on a missionary meeting, by Baldoon Juniors, and a Bible drill, by the Dresden Juniors. These demonstrations were real, earnest and helpful.

An enthusiastic and earnest black board talk was given to the Juniors by Rev. F. L. Farewell, after which there followed a vocal duet, by H. Martin and R. Pierce, Wallaceburg; a reading, by Doris Edwards, Wesley, and a cornet duet by Roy and Harold Worth, Kent Bridge. Effective closing remarks were made by Rev. J. E. Hunter, Tupperville.

Although this convention was a new departure for Ontario still it was a decided success. The Juniors were well behaved and quiet during both sessions. It was the largest attended convention ever held in Chatham District, and one of the best in every respect. The few older people who attended began to realize that the hope of our country rests in the boys and girls, and that the Junior Leagues are training them in a practical Christian work, which would enable them to be better voters and leaders. Pastors were made to feel that in the Junior Leagues were the future workers for the Senior Leagues. Superintendents who were almost distracted, went home, determined to consecrate themselves more fully to leading the boys and girls to Christ.

Since the convention the fifth Vice-President of London Conference received a letter from one of the Junior superintendents, and these are part of her words: "Never before did I realize the greatness of the Junior League work and my own weakness in carrying that work out, and in another sense I feel stronger to try to overcome difficulties and discouragements—the convention was a great success," etc. The first convention for Juniors is over, but we trust its influence may live long in the hearts of those who attended and that many other districts will follow Chatham District in holding a convention for Junior Leagues.

It is hoped that this convention will be but the first of many others conceived and carried through by District Junior Superintendents. The gathering at Chatham was an inspiration. Fifteen Junior Leagues were represented, and the programme was largely carried through—and splendidly carried through—by Juniors. Let other Junior Superintendents get busy and plan for similar conventions in the near future. Information and suggestions, will be gladly given by Mrs. E. Noyell, Chatham, or by the Central Office, F. L. F.]

A Just Tribute to the Sunday School

Scarcely one person of adult age has failed to notice some time in past days the malicious references to Sunday School attendance or work on the part of an unfortunate accused of crime. There is a secular spirit abroad which seems to gloat in tracing misdeeds to religious influences. While it cannot be denied that good people sometimes go wrong, or that bad people, without benefit to themselves, have sometimes been connected with good institutions, it does not follow that Christian service tends to make people bad. For one exposure of a bad outcome from good environment, it would not be difficult to cite a hundred cases of good outcome from the same good environments. The rule is that a good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and rare exceptions do not invalidate the rule.



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Showing where the workers go and where the people come.

"Efficiency—we will do our best," which was shown in the splendid programme put on by the Chatham District Juniors.

Rev. A. S. Whitehall, Dawn Mills, acted as chairman for the morning session, while Rev. H. W. Willans, assisted by Cedar Springs' Junior, conducted the devotional exercises.

After the address of welcome by the

prettily decorated room, where about 125 sat down to well-spread tables (supplied and waited upon by the Chatham Juniors). During the lunch hour the different superintendents gave very interesting reports of their own work for the year. Immediately following the lunch games were heartily engaged in by young and old.

Promptly at 2.30 the President of the