

Oakville; (5), Miss Hazel Cleaver, Burlington; Secy., Miss E. M. Alton, Watertown; Treas., Miss L. C. Carrington, Zimmerman; Conf. Rep., Rev. J. H. Wells, B.A., Watertown.

### Orangeville District

The Annual Convention of this District League was held at Horning's Mills on October 7th, and was considered by many to be one of the most successful ever held in the district. The reports for the year certainly showed a fine measure of prosperity. Between four and five hundred added members have been enrolled during the year and the Missionary givings have increased from \$700 to \$1,100. Those taking part included the President of the Toronto Conference League, Mr. H. D. Tressider, Miss Fillet of the Fred Victor Mission, Rev. J. M. Taylor, Missionary Evangelist, Miss B. Hamilton Third Vice-President of the Conference League, and Mr. W. T. Wilson.

The popularity of the President, Mr. W. E. Braden, was shown by his re-election. Mr. Braden is a very practical man, anxious for the success of the work, and proving himself a dependable leader of the district. He is instructor in Printing at the Victoria Industrial Institute, Mimico, and by training as well as disposition is attentive to the details of office. Under his guidance we anticipate another successful year on the district.

The Convention Church was well decorated with a fine supply of banners, mottoes, and striking wall hangings containing thought provoking sentences, so that not only by what they heard, but by what they saw, the delegates were prompted continually to renewed efforts in the Master's Cause.

The officers elect are: Hon. President, Rev. G. W. Robinson; President, W. E. Braden; Vice-Presidents, (1) Miss Bertha Lathwell, (2) Miss E. Topping, (3) Miss Bertha Johnston, (4) Mr. L. Hamilton, (5) Mrs. J. H. More; Secretary-Treas., Miss Lottie Bell, Orangeville; Rep. to Conf. Ex., Miss J. Clark.

### Guelph District

Splendid addresses, enthusiasm and good representation, were some of the features making the Guelph District League Convention, this year, one of the most successful from a practical standpoint, ever held within the confines of the district. The convention was held in the Methodist Church, Elora, October 8th and 9th. Junior Epworth League work was presented in an able and entertaining style by Miss Agnes Butler, of Brantford, and it is anticipated that she may be indirectly instrumental in having several Junior Leagues organized.

A realization of the new era opening before the church of the present time, if it shall cope successfully with modern conditions, the era of social service and the brotherhood of man, was the tone of the principal keynotes of the convention. Rev. W. F. Gaetz, of Guelph, gave a powerful exposition of the theme "Community Salvation," in which he dealt with our opportunities to aid in a fuller realization of the benefit accruing to the community from a proper conception of our opportunities in the field of social service. Rev. F. M. Woon, of Galt, dealing with the subject of "Leaguers as Christian Citizens," gave the convention a clearer insight of the possibilities of a higher standard of citizenship. Rev. H. W. Avison, of Guelph, on "The Four-Square Life," vividly presented the desirability of all-round development. Mr. J. Victor Coleman, of Acton, spoke all this line of thought, on "Efficient League Objectives."

The war situation received able and

ample recognition and exposition in "The War and the Kingdom." The subject was taken in hand and clearly and concisely propounded by Rev. C. D. Draper, of Acton.

Revs. J. A. Jackson, of Elora, and A. Evans, of Eramosa, in Bible study and presentation of church ideals, added much to the interest of the convention.

Rev. F. L. Farewell was in attendance and with his wide experience, clear expositions and practical suggestions, added greatly to the assistance which it was possible to derive from the convention, in aiding toward a more efficient season's programme.

Rev. J. A. Doyle, of Prince Albert, was home from the west attending General Conference, upon conclusion of which he was visiting in his old home in Elora, and the convention had the great privilege of hearing an inspirational address from him.

The district survey, in which short reports of all Leagues on the District were given, was a great help in giving a mutual conception as to how the work on the district is progressing. Three new Leagues were reported as organized in the year. The pessimist was absent, and all the reports breathed a strong vote of optimism and a determination of greater endeavor in the en-



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President Orangeville District League.

suing year. The following officers were elected for the year: Hon. President, Rev. J. A. Jackson, Elora; President, Rev. G. W. Barker, Guelph; Vice-Presidents, (1) David Freid, Guelph; (2) Miss M. Z. Bennett, Acton; (3) Miss Copeland, Salem; (4) Howard Grumbley, Guelph; (5) Miss Annie Jolliffe, Rockwood; Sec. Treas., J. Victor Coleman, Acton.

### Walkerton District

The Annual Convention of the Epworth Leagues of the Walkerton District was held in the Methodist Church, Walkerton, on Labor Day, September 7th. About seventy-five delegates from outside points were present.

An interesting feature of the morning session was a "Model Mission Study Class," conducted by the Hanover League. This League and others intend carrying classes during the winter months. Only a few Leaguers from this District attend a Summer School, no doubt on account of the distance from them. It was resolved later that the Executive should consider the advisability of holding a short school or institute next summer at some convenient point, probably Southampton.

At the afternoon session the various reports of the District officers were received. These were encouraging for the most part, the Missionary Department supplying the best report. An increase in the total amount of missionary givings was noted, furnished largely by the Hanover League, which raised \$109 during the year. The Convention expressed its appreciation of the services of Rev. C. P. Holmes and Rev. J. F. Knight, who toured the District in August. A resolution regretting the illness of the Treasurer, and also expressing appreciation of her past services, which cover a period of sixteen years in that office, was also passed.

The Convention was fortunate in having for one of its speakers Rev. W. G. Connolly, B.A., of Japan. Much that was of interest to the delegates related to Japanese life and the work of our missionaries among the people there was related by Mr. Connolly.

A short address on "Mistakes of the League," was effectively given by Rev. Dr. Williamson, of Chesley.

Rev. D. A. Walker, of Walkerton, conducted a round-table talk, which elicited considerable discussion, particularly on the problem of how to get and keep young men in touch with League work. The Walkerton choir very acceptably supplied the musical part of the evening session.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. L. Keeling, Southampton; Vice-Presidents (1), Miss M. Donogh, Hanover; (2), Miss E. Dirstein, Elmwood; (3), Miss C. Stansel, Eden Grove; (4), Mr. T. Darlington, Southampton; (5) Mrs. J. J. Busby, Port Elgin; Secretary, Mr. H. Willoughby, Walkerton; Treasurer, Miss E. Robertson, Southampton; Rep. to Con. Ex., Mr. Jas Thompson, Paisley.

### Acton League Rally

Unique and interesting was the programme and entire opening proceedings of the Acton Epworth League at their annual fall rally. The programme was to be given by the four committees, fifteen minutes being allowed each committee, and the committee presenting the best programme, and the most creditable showing of its membership present, was to be awarded a valuable prize—a watermelon.

The Christian Endeavor Committee presented something novel, in the form of the "Christian Endeavor Journal," written exclusively by members of the committee. It was complete, having its regular sections of witty editorials, witty squibs, and timely ads. The reading of the Journal occupied the time of this committee.

The Missionary Committee presented two missionary meetings of a different style. First, the commonplace, uninteresting citing of missionary statistics, arousing no enthusiasm or interest; and secondly, a study class, conducted along tried and approved basis, under a competent leader, this meeting proving highly effective in reaching a more thorough understanding of missionary problems.

The Social and Literary Committee rendered a very attractive and entertaining musical programme, which was very heartily received.

The Citizenship Committee held a short debate on, "Resolved, that the men are more enthusiastic League workers than women." The negative received the favorable decision.

After long consultation the judges awarded the Social and Literary Committee the war medal.

A brief period of social intercourse followed the programme.