

District Conventions.

Huntingdon District.

Huntingdon District Epworth League convention was held in the town of Huntingdon, September 26th and 27th. The attendance was fairly good. Words of welcome were given by Rev. Mr. Deerpore, pastor of the church. The members of the Huntingdon League provided tea for the delegates in the basement of their beautiful church, and furnished most excellent music during the convention. The president, Rev. H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D., had an up-to-date programme. The principal speakers were Rev. Mr. Crews, General Secretary of Epworth League work, Rev. Mr. Cleland, and the pastor, of Ormstown. Other addresses and short, pithy papers were given by several laymen and ladies. The presence of the Rev. A. C. Crews produced more than usual interest, and as a result, The Era and the Reading Course will be well patronized, and in addition the young people were led to greater activity and earnestness in their work by the helpful discussions and round-table talks.

The officers for the present year are: President, Rev. J. R. Hodgson; First Vice-President, Dr. Clouston; Second Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) H. E. Warren; Third Vice-President, Mr. W. Lewis; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Garvin; Fifth Vice-President, Miss Tredrea; Secretary, Rev. J. W. Humphrey, B.D.; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Eagleton; Treasurer, Rev. J. M. Tredrea; Representative to Conference Executive, Rev. F. A. Read; Hon. President, Rev. C. S. Deerpore.

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Matilda District.

The Matilda District Epworth League convention was held in the Methodist Church, Winchester, September 18th, 1901. Rev. C. J. Curtis, of Matilda, gave a very helpful paper on the topic, "Are there any changes needed in our Sunday-school work for the twentieth century?" He said that the twentieth century calls for better qualified teachers, and contended that all Sunday-school teachers ought to be trained to teach and receive remuneration for so doing. This paper was followed by a lively discussion.

Rev. George Stafford, of Cardinal, then gave the convention a paper entitled, "Gems from Cincinnati Convention." This was bristling full of bright and helpful ideas.

The local Leagues reported, and on the whole, the results were very encouraging, and showed signs of increase. Special mention might be made of Morrisburg League, which showed signs of splendid work being done in that town. The convention listened with delight to a stirring address by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman upon "The Present Demands and Available Supplies for the Mission Work of To-day." The subject, "How Best to Adapt the Epworth League to the Needs of the Twentieth Century" was discussed. The Business Committee then reported, and the officers for the coming year were elected, the Rev. C. J. Curtis being chosen president. The president, Rev. R. G. Peever, who represented the district at the international convention of Epworth Leagues, then gave the convention the impressions gathered while attending that convention. The main thoughts were emphasized, viz.: Life, labor, and liberality, and he carried back the great thought that every League must do something for

Jesus. The convention was delighted by this address.

The convention closed, all feeling that our zeal in League work had been revived, and determined to do better and greater work for Christ and the Church. The delegates are loud in their praise of the Winchester people, and their kindness in entertaining them.

Exeter District.

The Epworth League of Exeter District held a very successful convention on Tuesday, September 24th, in James Street Church, Exeter. Rev. G. W. Brown, B.D., Exeter, president of the district association, occupied the chair. The secretary's report evidenced that while there is not a numerical advance in the Leagues, there is a deepening interest among the young people, especially in the work of missions. Over \$400 was raised during the year for missionary purposes. Rev. G. N. Hazen, E.A., Sarnia, addressed the convention regarding the advisability of the four districts—Exeter, Sarnia, Strathroy, and Stratford—uniting this fall in the sending of a missionary to West China. A resolution was afterwards drawn up signifying the hearty desire of this (Exeter) District to unite with the other three, and a copy of this resolution has been forwarded to Dr. Sutherland.

The attendance at the three sessions was very large, and the programme all that could be desired to quicken and educate our young people.

In the evening inspiring addresses were given by Rev. G. H. Cobbleddick, B.D., of Parkhill, on "The International Convention," and Rev. R. D. Hamilton, of London, on "The Young People's Opportunity for Christ and the Church."

The following are the officers for the next year: Hon. President, Rev. R. Milyard, Exeter; President, W. H. Harvey, Exeter; Secretary, Miss Mary Taylor, Whalen; Treasurer, Mrs. Monroe, Exeter; First Vice-President, Miss Lily Halle, Ellmville; Second Vice-President, Rev. S. Anderson, Kirkton; Third Vice-President, Miss Haskett, Birr; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Annie Beak, Hensall; President Junior Department, Miss Lammie, Hensall; Representative to Conference Executive, Rev. W. J. Waddell, Ellmville.

Simcoe District.

The Simcoe Epworth League convention, held at Waterloo, September 25th and 26th, in conjunction with the financial district meeting, was one of the most interesting, profitable, and successful conventions ever held in the district.

On Wednesday evening, in the absence of Rev. S. W. Holden, of Cayuga, the chairman of the district, Rev. D. W. Snider, addressed the Leagues upon the subject of "The Young Man of To-day: His Relation to the Church." Dr. Scanlan, of Jarvis, followed, with an able address upon "The Young Woman of To-day: Her Relation to the Church."

On Thursday morning, Rev. H. G. Livingston, of Hagersville, gave a very excellent paper on "Christian Endeavor Work," and led in a round-table conference upon methods of conducting this department of Epworth League work, which proved very profitable. A most thorough and helpful paper on the Social Department was then given by Miss Annie Thompson, of Rockford, which was followed by a round-table conference, led by the president, Rev. A. I. Terryberry.

The afternoon session began with an address upon the Literary Department,

by the chairman of the district, Mr. Snider then led a round-table conference on methods in the Literary Department. Rev. Mr. Corelli, of Victoria College, was next introduced to the convention as a substitute for Dr. Stephenson, who was unavoidably absent. Mr. Corelli reviewed in a very interesting and able manner the work and aim of "Methodist Young People's Summer School."

In the evening, to a crowded house, Mr. Corelli delivered an address upon "North-West Missions," his theme being thought being the pioneer missionary in the pioneer settlement—himself that missionary.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., chairman of the Guelph District, was then introduced, and delivered, as usual, a most instructive and inspiring address upon, "Japan: Its Possibilities, Our Responsibilities."

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Hon. President, Rev. D. W. Snider, Simcoe; President, Rev. A. E. Smith, B.D., Port Dover; First Vice-President, Rev. Dr. Scaglion, Jarvis; Second Vice-President, Mr. Henry Johnson, Simcoe; Third Vice-President, Miss Annie Hind, Hagersville; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Annie Thompson, Rockford; Fifth Vice-President, Miss Collier, Simcoe; District Representative to Conference Epworth League Executive, Rev. I. J. Terryberry; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. W. H. Douglas.

Woodstock District.

The seventh annual convention of this district was held on October 8th, in the Methodist Church, Innerville. The convention was favored with delightful weather, and the attendance was good throughout, representing a large number of earnest, enthusiastic workers from all parts of the district.

The different departments of League work, Junior, Social, Literary, Missionary, and Christian Endeavor, passed under review, and papers were read, illustrating the best and most effective methods of work. The review showed that the work on this district is in a prosperous and progressive condition. The following papers were presented: "Junior Work," "How to Make the Social Department Effective," "This Year's Reading Course, Character, and Importance," "Missions at Your Door," "The Missionary Study Class" (round-table conference), "How to Keep a Lookout Committee at Work," "Duties of the Prayer-meeting Committee."

In harmony with the motto of the convention, "Not What, But How," practice, not theory, was the key-note of all these papers, and also the discussions which followed.

The present condition of the Forward Movement for Missions was clearly presented by Rev. H. S. Dougall. The district has on hand about \$1,600 ready to be used when a missionary is chosen. Steps were taken towards the choice of a missionary to represent this district in the foreign field. Dr. Harry Scaglion, assigned to the few Leagues reported a slight decrease in missionary givings, but others reported an increase, so that the district has maintained, and slightly increased its givings.

At the evening session, Mr. E. A. Brown, Woodstock, gave a very vivid and realistic description of the international convention at San Francisco; Rev. E. E. Marshall answered in a pointed and pleasing way the "question-drawer" queries; and Rev. A. J. Johnson fittingly gathered up and presented in a neat address on "String of Pearls from the Convention," the gems that sparkled in the different papers and addresses.