

tions to unite with the pastor in his work; to gather in the straggling and the careless, first, into pious association, and then into Christ-like service; that they help to develop in our young people so much attachment to our beloved Methodism and enthusiasm in building up in her interests, as to repay all the toil bestowed; therefore, we strongly advise the formation of Epworth Leagues in all places where young people can be found willing to be thus banded together; and we commend this institution to the careful consideration and Christian sympathy of all our people.

E. DEWART LEWIS, *Chairman*.

E. T. CROWLE, PH.D., *Secretary*.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Memorials beg to report:—

1. That having read a memorial, *re* Prison Reform, from A. M. Rosebrugh, Corresponding Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada, we recommend that the communication be received and adopted, and the suggestion *re* the appointment of a co-operating committee be acted upon.

2. That the recommendation from Roseneath Circuit and Cobourg District, in reference to our missionary at Alderville giving one service each Lord's Day to Roseneath Circuit, be granted, provided the Missionary Committee do not lessen the grant to Alderville Mission.

3. That the recommendation from Picton District, *re* Minutes of Conference, be referred to the Conference.

4. That having read the memorial from Brighton District, *re* Invitation System, we recommend that the Conference request our ministers and laymen to discourage that system as far as possible.

ROGER ALLEN, *Chairman*.

D. SCOTT HERRICK, *Secretary*.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Your Committee, in reviewing the closing year, have cause to give glory to God for the degree of success with which we have been favored. We are grateful for the peace, prosperity and national blessings with which we have been endowed; and in looking at our beloved Zion, our hearts rejoice at the ingathering of precious souls, giving us an increase of over 1,000 in our membership. The Missionary Fund, while we regret to report a small deficiency in the ordinary income, is more than made up by the large increase in the income of that excellent organization, the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, giving us altogether an increase of some thousands of dollars. We are grateful for the very flourishing condition of our educational institutions, and we recommend increased liberality in that direction. The present is the day of missionary enterprise. We need no longer pray, Lord, open the door, for it stands wide open, and the men are ready to go forth.