

When dinner was over she said, "Mamma, dear, may I ask those little Smiths into a Christmas tea party? I will get things all ready first, and Jane can help me with the tea."

"Such fun as they did have. 'Oh, mamma,' said Laura afterwards, 'how they did eat and eat, and I am sure I had a better time than if I had gone away.'"

Now, which little girl showed the Christmas spirit, Mary or Laura?

How I Would Like to Spend Christmas

"I would like to have lots of snow and ice, so as to be able to have plenty of fun."

"I would like to go skating with my sisters, and have some friends come to visit us."

"I would like to have money enough to send something to the Canadian soldiers who will not be home for Christmas."

MURIEL McFARLANE (age 8).

Stoney Creek, Nov. 29th, 1914.



THE CONESTOGO LEAGUE, BANNER BEARERS OF GALT DISTRICT.

Amateur Photographers, Attention!

On pages 13, 15, 17, and 19 of this number we give four prints made as stated in each case. These have been selected from a large number of negatives submitted to us by readers who have been more or less benefited by the suggestive articles written by Mr. Coles for us during the past year. A number of films have been necessarily returned as quite unsuitable for our purpose. The offer we made in the October issue, we repeat. Send in your best films. If they are of such general interest or pictorial merit that we can use them to advantage in our paper we will make an enlargement for you from the negative used and send with our compliments. In case your films are unusable by us they will be returned. No expense is involved in the transaction. It is one of reciprocal assistance and service, that is all.

The Editor regrets that so many of his young friends are evidently very careless of their films. Quite a number of otherwise excellent subjects have come to him in a badly marred condition through imperfect fixing in the hypo bath, insufficient washing, and such like causes. "What's worth doing at all is worth doing well."

Hamilton Conference

The twelfth Epworth League Convention of the Hamilton Conference was held in Wesley church, Brantford, on the 5th and 6th of November. The president, Rev. W. S. Daniels, B.A., B.D., presided over the different sessions.

After the devotional exercises, addresses of welcome were given by Rev. D. E. Martin, B.A., pastor of the Convention church, and Rev. A. E. Lavell, chairman of the Brantford District.

There were five group conferences with

Four live addresses, dealing with questions of vital importance to Epworth Leaguers, namely, Life's Calling, Life's Training, Life's Work, and Life's Ideals, were given by Rev. A. E. Marshall, B.A., Rev. R. D. Hamilton, Rev. T. E. Hollings, B.A., and Rev. Geo. H. Williams.

livered by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Stephenson and Rev. J. H. Arnp, B.A. The following resolution was unanimously carried: "That this Hamilton Conference Epworth League Convention express our high appreciation of the 'Link Scheme' for raising missionary funds among our Leaguers and that we as a Convention adopt the scheme and agree to do all we can to further the plan among our District and Local League workers."

An address by Rev. H. W. Crews, M.A., President of Hamilton Conference, was much appreciated. He gave an excellent statement of the organization, the fellowship and purpose of the Epworth League. The Reports of the Treasurer and of the Summer School Committee were read and adopted.

At the close of the Conference session a unanimous resolution of love and esteem was tendered the retiring President, Rev. W. S. Daniels, of Stoney Creek. To him is very largely due the splendid condition in which our Convention and Summer School are now placed.

The following officers were elected by ballot: Hon. President, Rev. H. W. Crews, M.A., Woodstock; President, Rev. C. D. Draper, Acton; Vice-Presidents, (1) Mr. William Braidwood, 56 Rose St., Galt; (2) Miss M. Z. Bennett, Acton; (3) Rev. A. E. Marshall, B.A., Brantford; (4) Mr. H. C. St. Clair Fisher, Queenston; (5) Miss Mabel Elliott, Norwich; Secretary, Rev. H. W. Avison, M.A., Guelph; Treasurer, Mr. Harry Card, Elora. Summer School Committee: Rev. J. H. Wells, B.A., Watford; Rev. W. J. Bull, B.A., B.D., St. David's; Rev. W. S. Daniels, B.A., B.D., Stoney Creek; Wm. Denyes, Milton; Mr. Emory, Plains and Appleby.

Stratford District

The Annual Convention of Epworth Leagues was held in Trinity church, Stratford, Nov. 4th and 5th. Mr. R. B. Hamilton, of Millbank, President of the District, occupied the chair. The keynote of the Convention was "Evangelism." The importance of individual work was kept prominent throughout the Convention. Rev. F. S. Farewell delivered an address at each session. In speaking of citizenship and politics, he said that the day was soon coming when women will exercise equal franchise rights with men. He suggested that young men acquaint themselves with politics, for he prophesied that both next Dominion and Provincial elections will be won by young men. A number of ministers also gave very helpful addresses. Rev. J. W. Baird's subject was, "Plan of Visitation." Rev. R. A. Miller spoke on "League and Evangelism." The four essentials peculiar to the Evangel are Vision, Value, Virtue, and Victory. The business of the League is to promote the value of the Cross of our Redeemer. Rev. F. E. Mallott gave an address on "Opportunities for Life Investment." He said not every man has money to invest, but every man has a life to invest. The supreme thing is to feel that our whole life is given over to God, not just a little of it.

Rev. A. E. Doan spoke on "The Epworth Leaguer's Religion." He believed that our Leagues needed more individuality. "Solemnity is not a virtue," he declared. "Let us carry our merriment into a religious channel. Let our mirth be sacred, and God's kingdom will surely advance."

Miss Hattie Baker had charge of the subject, "Rural Difficulties and How to

carefully chosen leaders, discussing the problems affecting the different departments. Through this means much inspiration was given the workers. The group leaders were Miss Allen, Mrs. F. C. Stephenson, Rev. R. D. Hamilton, Rev. C. D. Draper and Miss Agnes Butler.

One of the most interesting features of the Convention was the period conducted by the General Secretary, during which the reports of the District Presidents were given and plans suggested for the year's work throughout the Conference. These reports were proofs that the Epworth League is alive and very necessary and helpful to the life of the community. The General Secretary also greatly encouraged the Convention by his inspiring address on Friday afternoon.

Much interest was evidenced in the Junior League. A banner for Junior work, generously donated by Rev. F. L. Farewell, was presented to Barton St. Junior League, Hamilton, this League being the best in the Hamilton District, and as the Hamilton District had the best showing of all the Districts of the Conference in Junior League efficiency, the banner naturally fell to the best Junior League in Hamilton District.

The Missionary Department was emphasized, and inspiring addresses were de-