

A chorus by the "Girls' Morning Hour" was much enjoyed.

The evening session opened with a hearty song service, with Rev. Wm. Higgs in charge. Rev. A. H. Goring, Port Hope, discussed a very practical theme, "The Leaguer's Place in the Business of Life," contending that the Leaguers had a place

ship." The choir of the church rendered choice music and ere Rev. Dr. Clarke pronounced the benediction the leaguers all felt uplifted and blessed, having received a stimulus for further work in the kingdom.

J. H. MOORE,
District Secretary.

Portage la Prairie and Neepawa Districts

The first joint Convention of the Young People's Societies of the Portage la Prairie and Neepawa Districts was held at Neepawa on January 15 and 16. As a preparation for this Convention institutes had been held previously at Oakville, Sidney, Gordon and Keeweenaw. Representatives from a majority of the circuits in the two Districts attended the Convention, the number of delegates registering numbering exactly fifty.

A spirit of deep earnestness marked the sessions of the Convention, a spirit which gave evidence of a determination on the part of the delegates to carry back to their respective societies something that might be of practical benefit. At all of the three sessions practical themes were discussed, and at no time was there any indication of lack of interest.

The general subject, "Our Young People's Societies," was taken up under three heads: (a) Their Weakness; (b) Their Needs; (c) Their Aims, by W. R. Beiton, Esq. of Neepawa; Rev. G. A. Colpitts, M.A., B.D., of Macdonald, and Rev. Thos. Merryweather, of Kelowna, respectively. Following the discussion on these topics, Rev. J. W. Ridd, of Franklin, delivered an excellent address on "The Epworth League as a Factor in the Intellectual, Social, and Religious Life of the Community."

Two addresses were given at the evening session, both of which were very suggestive and came in for high praise. Rev. M. C. Platt, of Portage la Prairie, spoke on "Our Task"; and he was followed by Rev. Manson Doyle, B.A., Field Secretary, who very ably discussed "Our Resources." A large number of local people, in addition to the delegates, were present at this session; and all were convinced that while our task is no easy one, yet its accomplishment is within the bounds of possibility if we are but willing to conserve and use the resources at our command, both Divine and human.

At the Friday morning session, Rev. R. E. McCullagh, B.A., of Carberry, for the Portage la Prairie District, and Rev. T. W. Price, B.A., of Arden, for the Neepawa District, outlined "What Our Young People are Doing," and "What They Ought to Do," along the line of Missions. These two very practical addresses called forth considerable discussion which culminated in the adoption of the following resolution, viz.: "That we ask the Mission Board to relieve the Portage la Prairie District from co-operation with the Dauphin and Swan River Districts in the support of Rev. W. B. Albertson, B.A.; and that we request the Board to assign a Missionary, preferably Rev. Arthur O. Rose, B.A., to the Portage la Prairie and Neepawa Districts."

A joint organization of the two Districts was formed, with the following officers:

President—Rev. T. W. Price, B.A., Arden. Vice-Presidents—(1) Miss R. J. McKay, Minnedosa; (2) Joseph White, Franklin; (3) Miss Cora Grobb, Portage la Prairie; (4) W. L. Belton, Neepawa; (5) Miss Ida Watts, Carberry. Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. G. A. Colpitts, M.A., B.D., Macdonald.

At the final session, Rev. Manson Doyle, B.A., closed the Convention with an appeal to the delegates to put into prac-

tice in their home societies the ideas that they had received while in attendance.

Wiarion District

The "target" contest (described in the January Era) was closed with the old year, and the District Executive met to decide which League was entitled to the place of honor and for general business. After carefully considering the reports of the different Leagues it was found that Shallow Lake League and Allenford League had exactly the same number of points, so that honors were divided equally between these two Leagues for having made the most progress during the year. Almost every League of the District entered the contest, and they were practically unanimous in asking that the contest be continued another year. The Executive decided to start the contest in May, so that the officers in the Local Leagues would have the whole year in the contest.

ALBERT H. AIKEN,
District President.

Welland District

A very profitable convention of the Epworth Leagues of the Welland District was held in the Methodist Church, Port Colborne, Jan. 13 to 15. The opening session on Tuesday evening was presided over by the President of the District League, Rev. Dr. Laidman of Ridgeway. Splendid and inspiring addresses were given by Rev. H. J. Forster, B.A., of Stromness, on "God's Call to Service," and by Rev. R. J. Elliott, Chairman of the Welland District, on "What the League Stands for."

The sessions on Wednesday were begun with a "Quiet Hour" and an address by Rev. W. M. Lovegrove of South Cayuga, on "See that thou makest all things according to the pattern." Rev. H. J. Harnwell then extended greetings and a hearty welcome to all delegates. This was followed by the roll call of the Leagues and Young People's societies of the Welland District. There were over twenty societies in the district, nearly all of which responded to the roll call. The reports of the various delegates were encouraging, and showed that our young people are awake and working for the best interests of Christ and the church.

Rev. W. E. Stafford then gave a very interesting and helpful outline study of the Gospel of Matthew.

The afternoon session was presided over by Rev. R. J. Elliott. Addresses were given by Rev. G. J. Borland of Ridgeway on "Methods in League Work," followed by Miss Lottie Nash of Dunnville on "Junior Work."

Rev. Wm. Kendall outlined the work among the Indians, giving inspiring addresses, afternoon and evening. The story by Henry Van Dyke, "The Other Wise Man," was given in good style by Dr. Laidman. The home league entertained delegates and friends by a social hour and supper in the basement of the church.

Rev. W. E. Kerr had charge of the evening session. The Thursday sessions were introduced by Rev. G. J. Stephenson giving a devotional address. The retiring officers presented their reports. Miss Mabel House, Bridgeburg, gave an excellent address on "Social Methods," outlining the necessity of the church in providing social life for our young people.

At the final session Rev. Wm. Smythe, Bridgeburg, addressed the Convention on "Individual Work," and Rev. F. J. Fydel answered the Question Drawer.



REV. H. B. KENNY,
Pastor, Bowmanville Church.

in the political and business life as well as in the church life. Young Canadians are needed wherever reforms are in progress and in every fight for the good against the evil.

Mrs. (Rev.) Bamforth, Port Perry, sang a solo very sweetly. Rev. J. W. Aikins, Toronto, pastor of the Metropolitan Church, had charge of the closing address and consecration service. He referred to the revivals in past centuries and the reforms which immediately followed, and said that just at this materialistic age a revival would be the means of bringing to pass some of the reforms of which we are at last beginning to realize the need. The closing service was an inspiration to all to return to their various Leagues to accomplish a greater work for Christ; that His kingdom may come the more quickly on account of the Bay of Quinte Leagues having a share in this great work.

Newly-elected officers are: Hon. President, Rev. Wm. Lambert, Oakwood; President, Rev. S. T. Tucker, B.A., B.D., Odessa; Vice-Presidents (1) Miss G. Young, Bowmanville; (2) Rev. J. F. Chapman, B.A., Omeme; (3) Miss Lillian McLean, Bowmanville; (4) Rev. H. W. Foley, B.A., B.D., Centreton; (5) Mrs. (Rev.) W. F. Rogers, Trenton; Secretary, Rev. A. H. Foster, Colborne; Treasurer, Miss Thompson, Concession.

St. Catharines District

A rally of the St. Catharines District Epworth League was held in Welland Avenue Church, St. Catharines, on Monday evening, Jan. 26. Every League in the district was well represented, except Grimsby, where revival services were in progress. Those participating in the opening exercises were: Rev. Dr. Henderson of St. Catharines, Dr. Williamson, Lundy's Lane, and Mr. Geo. Ball, Niagara Falls. To the Roll Call each League responded in song or verse of Scripture. Mr. F. Blain of the home league gave the address of welcome. Mr. L. P. May, the District President, was chairman. Rev. J. R. Patterson delivered an inspiring address, "Duty, Loyalty and Leader-