

School and you will see that the Sunday School will rally around you.

Yours in Christian effort,

JAMES RALLY,

Associate Secretary of the S. S.
and E. L. Standing Committee.

SPARKLE RIVER, March 17th, 1909.

To the Secretary of Show-How District Executive:

Dear Mr. Secretary,—The members of Sparkle River League extend to you and to the other members of the Executive best wishes that your term of office may be one of great blessing to all of the local Leagues. We know that you are great workers, and therefore open to suggestion. I have been authorized by the members of our league to suggest that a literature depot be established on the District. It would not be a bad idea also to have in connection therewith a small library, dealing with the best methods of Sunday School and Epworth League work. Someone, of course, would have to be in charge of the library and literature depot. I understand that the incoming Literary Vice-President is very anxious to adopt some progressive ideas, and I would suggest that he be appointed by the Executive, to see if such a depot and central library could not be established.

Wishing you God-speed in your work, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. WORKER,

Secretary of the Sparkle River Epworth League.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORWARD MOVEMENT DEPARTMENT, METHODIST MISSION ROOMS,
Toronto, March 26th, 1909.

To the Members of Show-How District Executive:

My Dear Co-Workers,—The Missionary and Educational societies of our Church are co-operating in launching a campaign, with the aim of organizing Sunday Schools along missionary lines, and the educating of our people to deeper and more intelligent interest and co-operation in the great work of giving the Gospel to the whole world. The campaign will be under the direction and supervision of the Chairman of the District, the District Sunday School Secretary, and the District Epworth League Executive.

A number of students, who have been studying and making special preparation for this work for the last few months, will be equipped with stereoscopic lantern and slides, and an exhibit of Missionary literature, and sent forth to take up this work. It is proposed to send two students out together. The campaign will receive \$5 per week from the Educational Society of our Church, and it is hoped will make their expenses and \$5 per week each from the collections which it is proposed shall be taken at each of the evening meetings.

The campaigners will deliver stereoscopic lectures at the evening sessions, and also meet the local workers for conference, if desired. During the day, committee meetings and conferences will be arranged with the workers of the various organizations of the church. The exhibit of Missionary literature will be fully explained at these conferences, and the latest and most successful methods of work in connection with the Sunday School and Young People's Societies presented. Wherever possible, the Sunday Schools will be organized for Missions, along lines similar to those used in the Epworth League.

Will you kindly have the matter of a Missionary Campaign on your District thoroughly discussed at the next meet-

ing of your District Executive, and appoint a committee of perhaps two members to co-operate with the Chairman of your District and the District Sunday School Secretary in arranging for an itinerary, advising me of the action which you may decide to take in this matter.

I would recommend that you arrange for at least one member of your Executive to be present with the campaigners at every appointment on the itinerary. This will greatly strengthen the work done by the campaigners, and will also keep the District Executive in close touch with the campaign. I would also suggest that you consider the possibility of holding a District Summer School at the close of the campaign, or, if in the winter, a substitute for the purpose of training workers and leaders to follow up the work of the campaigners.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

F. C. STEPHENSON.

PRESIDENT—We shall take up these letters under new business. Are there any reports of Special Committees?

SECRETARY—I have here a report from the Committee appointed to look into the matter of Summer Schools.

The Secretary, the Show-How District E. L. Executive:

The Committee appointed to look into the matter of Summer Schools begs to report as follows:

We have investigated the results attending the efforts of such schools, and find that wherever held the inspiration and benefits derived are great. Our attention has been called especially to the work done on the St. Thomas District, where last year the attendance at the District Summer School reached as high as 125. There have come from this District ten volunteers, and great good resulting from the evangelistic work which grew out of the School, and which was carried on by these volunteers and the District Officers under the auspices of the local League.

Summer Schools for the most part emphasize the Missionary Department.

While this is good, at the same time we should not permit our Leagues and Sunday School workers to feel that the other departments can be sacrificed. Your Committee, after due consideration, recommend the following plan of campaign:

1st. That Summer Schools be held in our District during the coming summer for Sunday School and Epworth League workers.

2nd. That a committee comprising the Chairman of the District, the District Epworth League President, District Sunday School Secretary; and the Conference representative and the First Vice-President, be a committee to arrange the date, place and programme, after consultation so far as possible with the local Leagues and Sunday Schools. 3rd. That this committee be authorized in preparing the programme to have regard for any or all the departments of our League work, with special reference to the Department of Christian Endeavor.

4th. Leading up to this Summer School, there should be an evangelistic campaign carried on by campaigners which may be sent to the District, associated with the Sunday School Secretary and the representative of the District Executive, separate meetings to be held under the auspices of the local Sunday School and Epworth League. During this campaign, special attention shall be paid to soul-winning, increase of numbers, organization of new Leagues, introduction of Bible Study, inauguration of Mission Study Classes, Junior League

work, and possibly co-operation between the Adult Bible Class, teachers of the School, and League workers.

5th. To meet the expenses of the campaign and the Summer School campaign to follow, each delegate shall pay a registration fee of fifty cents, either through the local League or Sunday School, or personally.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours faithfully,

(Names of Committee.)

PRESIDENT—Any other reports?

SECRETARY—No, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT—We shall take up this report under new business. It might now be in order to call upon the different officers of the Executive to outline briefly plans for the work of the different departments for the year. We shall first hear from our First Vice-President.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—Since my election to the position of First Vice-President of this District, I have given serious thought to the best means of furthering the interests of this Department.

Doubtless one need in this Department of our Leagues is more competent leaders; that while almost without exception the First Vice-Presidents are sincere, earnest, young Christians, desirous of using every effort to further the highest interests, many of them realize their lack of training and of knowledge as to the best means of carrying on their work. It seems to me, Mr. President, that our Executive should be a central agency, constantly on the watch for improved methods of work, and disseminating this information to all the Leagues of our District.

While some of this work could be done by correspondence, from past experience in local work we believe that for it to bear fruit it is first necessary that there should be a personal acquaintance between the different workers brought about by visiting each League in the District.

*TREASURER—Such visitation would cost money; more than we can afford.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—Yes, Mr. President, we realize that such is the case. Our income is an uncertain quantity, and at the best very limited, and inadequate to accomplish the work, and therefore we have had to do things on the cheap plan, unduly curtailing the results which we desired, but we are hoping for better things.

To return to the subject in hand, what we would like to see is a visit to each League by our District officers; let the work be explained to the members, and their co-operation secured, and then let the work thus started be followed up by correspondence where further visitation is impracticable.

Some of the subjects which it might be well to thus lay before our Leagues are:

The development of the prayer spirit among our members, and the encouragement of the Quiet Hour.

Increased study of God's Word, and the formation of Study Classes for that purpose similar to those for Mission Study.

Development of the work of the Look-out Committee, both in regard to the League itself, and also where feasible in conjunction with the Sunday School, as outlined at the Epworth League and Sunday School Institute last year.

I think we are agreed that the Christian Endeavor Departments of our Leagues are not doing their best work. There must be enthusiasm aroused, there must be old members spiritualized and new members brought in, there must be the process of training and developing, there must be a systematic