

that some action be taken therein within one month. It is hoped that such practical good may result from these institutes.

#### WINGHAM DISTRICT.

At the last meeting of the Epworth League Executive a review of the whole work of the District was made and the following plan was adopted for campaign work: Rev. J. E. Ford to visit Wingham and Ashfield Leagues; Rev. E. Sawyer to visit Lucknow and Saleem Leagues; Rev. M. D. Madden to visit Ripley and Kincardine Leagues; Rev. C. W. Givens to visit Berville and Bethel Leagues; Mr. Roy Pryne to visit Ethel and Wroxeter Leagues; Mr. T. W. Hall to visit Beterave, Bluevale and Teaswater Leagues; Miss May Reid to visit White Church and Teaswater Leagues; Rev. C. W. Givens to visit Gorrie, Fordwich and Brussels Leagues; Miss Ida M. Cole to visit all the Junior Leagues in the district.

The object of these visits is to encourage and stimulate the League workers on general lines of Missionary, Literary, Social, securing subscriptions for the "Epworth Era," and where possible to organize new leagues, and to resurrect old ones where they have died out.

#### GALT DISTRICT.

Rev. J. J. Redditt reports a splendid S. S. Institute on Galt District, and the papers speak highly of the splendid services rendered there by Mr. Redditt. His address on "The Sunday School of tomorrow," gave suggestions in the organization of the Sunday School so as to accomplish good results which could be profitably followed out. He advocated fewer classes and consequently fewer teachers, and three grades of classes, primary, intermediate and senior. He indicated the advantages of having a teachers' training class, from which would be recruited the teachers of the Sunday School. He did not minimize the work being done by the present teachers in the Sunday School, but thought that this method in obtaining teachers would reduce to still greater success in the carrying on of Sunday School work in a manner more helpful and efficient.

Much of the success of the gathering is due to the active interest of Rev. R. J. Elliott, chairman of the district, and the untiring efforts of Rev. D. H. Taylor, S. S. Secretary.

#### WATERLOO BROTHERHOOD.

The members of the Brotherhood of the Methodist Church, Waterloo, were most hospitably entertained at the spacious residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hallmark on the occasion being the first annual banquet of the organization.

Mr. Bush acted as toastmaster, as toasts were proposed to the "King," "Canada," "Our Brotherhood," "Our Church," "Our Guests" and "Ladies."

The toasts were very ably presented and the responses were most happy. Especially did the toasts commend themselves to those possessed of talent and ability and in course of years should develop and grow into orators and public speakers of high ability. The Brotherhood provides opportunity for the discussion of various topics by the young and the old, and affords to gain necessary experience and knowledge in the art of public speaking.

Plans are being considered for the establishment of a gymnasium, recreation and reading rooms in quarters suitable for the purpose in connection with the Brotherhood, which should still further enhance the good work being done.

#### OUR TOPIC TRACT APPRECIATED.

From a number of letters recently received, we quote two typical references. Mrs. Towler, Athens, Ont., writes, "The list of questions, February 'Era,' page 22, was just what we needed. I used them after topic had been well handled. . . . All seemed to enjoy them. Give me a similar list for each chapter of our most interesting text-book—'Our share in China.' It makes us sit up and take notice, when we know there is to be a review.—Good. Follow the suggested treatment as given in the missionary papers and you will have profitable meetings."

Mr. S. Cook, Collingwood, reports "one of the best consecration services I ever described the March meeting, says that after dealing with 'Paul's ambition and ours'

in a general way, all the supplementary topics given in the 'Era' were dealt with by different members, most of whom had never taken part before.—This is what we desire. The more persons you can use in your programme the better, so long as you do not crowd too much, or break up the unity of the meeting."

We have a number of letters appreciating the "Era," and hope to make the paper a specialty to our workers, more of whom should have it regularly and personally.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND TO THE FORT!

Rev. J. K. Curtis, B.A., of St. John's, Nfld., reports that "the forces of the E. L. will be splendidly augmented as a result of a gracious revival in Wesley Church. Scores of young people were converted and some of them are already planning to study for the church. It could scarcely be otherwise under such magnificence and inspiring leadership as Bro. Curtis gives his people. The Sunday School with the devoted A. W. Martin as superintendent is in splendid condition with all available space filled. The pastor's wife is repeating her splendid record at twilight. Starting with a class with a Bible class of four, she now has over fifty members. The class is thoroughly organized and most enthusiastic. Mr. W. M. Rooney, in the same school, is at the head of a class of men numbering over a class and doing exceedingly well. We congratulate our friends at Wesley Church on their bright prospects and wish them abundant success."

#### A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

ALL who can possibly do so should attend the fifth of the season's Missionary Lectures, as conducted by the Epworth Leagues of Toronto, and hear that celebrated Missionary Leader,

REV. HARLAN P. BEACH, M.A.,  
F.R.C.S.,

whose subject is of extreme importance, "The World for Christ: What That Means for Us."

The Lecture will be delivered in Carlton St. Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 12, at 8 p.m. Tickets 25 cents each—proceeds devoted to missions.

#### BLACKSTOCK S. S. INSTITUTE.

The following letter from Bro. Irwin to all the S. S. Superintendents of Bowmanville District will explain itself. It is a sample of many being sent by our alert wideawake District S. S. Secretaries in many places. Good results must follow.

"Despite the fierce storm of Wednesday, 23rd Inst., which prevented so many of us from reaching our Sunday School institute at Blackstock, there was a goodly attendance of local workers, and a very helpful convention. As ministers were few the laity present had ample opportunity to enter into the discussions which they did with splendid results. Many encouraging facts concerning our District S. S. work were brought out; also many points in our schools, which it is well for us to know. The efforts of last year to increase our missionary givings were crowned with great success, showing an increase of over 100 per cent., which gives us first place among the Districts of our province in the work. Let us keep up the pace! But the following recommendations made by our Institute, indicate the progress in our schools, which is well improved; we urge them upon the mind and heart of every worker.

"1. To organize a Cradle Roll in every school where none now exists.  
"2. To institute a Home Department where there is none now.  
"3. To give special attention to the organization of Adult Bible Classes.  
"4. To make a systematic canvass of the neighborhood in order to secure all persons possible in the membership of the school.  
"5. To give emphasis to Total Abstinence and pledge-signing in the school at least once a quarter.  
"6. To observe Rally Day as advised by

the General Board, with envelope offerings for the S. S. Aid and Extension Fund."

"7. That the S. S. Secretary be requested to send a copy of these recommendations to every S. S. Superintendent in the District with the request that they be presented to the S. S. Committee of Management (Teachers' Meeting) within one month of this date.

"A. Mansell Irwin.

District S. S. Sec'y

"Newcastle, Feb. 25th, 1910.

Conventions and Institutes must be followed up. If permanent good is to result, and we are rejoiced at the way many of our District Secretaries are pressing the work for practical and beneficial results.

#### PETERBORO DISTRICT.

The E. L. and S. S. Convention was held in Millbrook on Feb. 15.

The sessions were fairly well attended, the inclemency of the weather, however, preventing many from being present. The programme was excellent, inspiration and enthusiasm characterized the sessions and higher aims and greater efforts should mark each institution represented.

The officers of the most enthusiastic Rev. G. W. Henderson presided and Rev. W. Rogers, S. S. Sec. ably assisted him. President of the District, Bro. J. W. McCann also took part. The presence and help of the General Secretary and of Rev. L. S. Wright, President of the Conference League, assisted much in making the sessions profitable. Rev. J. G. McEwen was elected President for the ensuing term.

#### OUR DISTRICT S. S. INSTITUTES COMMENDED.

Rev. R. J. Currie, Oil Springs, writes enthusiastically of the work being done in conjunction with the District S. S. Sec. London, Ontario. The District S. S. Institutes have been held. Of the one at Oil Springs, Bro. Currie writes: "It was the best ever held in our district. The S. S. work came. Something definite was handed out as a working plan.

At such brief intervals kept right at the work and we could have such an institute in Oil Springs every year I am sure there would be the same success." We value highly such testimony. The policy of our General Board is to hold these local Institutes all through our Districts from coast to coast. Mr. Currie has voiced the feeling and desire of many regarding them.

#### MONTREAL S. L. UNION.

We learn from Bro. C. S. Madill, Secretary, of a successful Union Rally in Douglas Hall, for March. The largest attendance ever known at an executive meeting, over thirty members being present, gave a fine business atmosphere to the gathering. Supper was served from 7 to 8 o'clock, with a number of five minute speeches following, on subjects of practical import to the Union. Mr. Fred White, Educational Y. M. C. A. Sec. gave an address on "The Future of the Epworth League," which was a very superior quality. The Secretary reports with commendable success, "The 'Era' is getting down to definite work. We are confident of much progress in the Montreal Districts under its wise administration."

Mr. H. J. Knott, President of the 6th Avenue Epworth League, Vancouver, B.C., writes: "I am glad to hear of the progress of our League. Our Consecration Service was the best in the history of the League. We adopted the plan outlined in the January number of the 'Era,' the members responding without names being called, the secretary putting down each name on a black-board as the names were called, and under a heading, 'Enrollment of soldiers enlisting under the banner of the King.' A number of our young people, who had never made a public confession, asked to have their names entered, and with the exception of about three, every person in the room responded. We had a formal reception service for the new members, a close and received about fifteen new members."

Bowmanville Epworth Leaguers, numbering about eighty, visited the Simcoe St. Oshawa League, recently, and enjoyed a pleasant evening with their neighbors.

"Work is only done well when it is done with a will."—Ruskin.