

THE *Epworth Herald* of Oct. 21st has the following kind reference to our paper: "THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA emphasizes the value of good reading in its October issue. The whole number is a decided credit to the editor."

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"WHEREFORE doth a living man complain?" says Jeremiah. That we are alive should call for gratitude, but we have the added fact that we live *now* in this wonderful age, when one year is worth a score in the time of Methuselah.

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ONE of the speakers at the Indianapolis Convention hit the nail on the head when he said: "Hannibal's army was noted for its numbers; Caesar's for its discipline; but Napoleon's for its enthusiasm; but the Methodist army combines all these."

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THE sailors of the wrecked *Scotsman* broke open the liquor stores and got raving drunk. As a result, valuable lives and valuable property were lost. The ship that carries whiskey has a more dangerous cargo than if it were loaded with gunpowder.

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GIVING, to be scriptural, must be both systematic and proportionate. One will not do without the other. The miser may give the merest pittance, and do it systematically. There should be the consecration of a fair proportion of our means to God's cause.

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DR. JOHN WATSON's article in the *Ladies Home Journal* on "The Candy-Pull System in the Church" is a caricature of modern church methods, and yet it may do good if it should lead the few churches which indulge in questionable practices to change their ways.

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THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA will be sent to new subscribers from now until the end of 1900 for the price of one subscription, thus giving the November and December numbers free. Now is, therefore, a good time to commence the canvass for new names. Let us have a large list during the next few weeks.

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THE contagious influence of Christian enthusiasm was illustrated in the Toronto meeting for the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund. Its effect upon the whole Church has been wonderful. Everybody has been talking about it, and not a few churches have been inspired by the noble example, to take hold of the movement.

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THE *Outlook* prints two articles on the South African war, presenting both both sides, and sums up editorially. It is of the opinion that the war is an unnecessary one and might have been prevented by the exercise of a little more tact. It believes, however, that the final result will be for good, and that justice, liberty, and civilization will be the gainers by the victory of the British.

DOES anyone know of a convention programme that was not overcrowded, and can a case be mentioned where the sessions started at the hour announced, and ran on time right through? It would be quite safe to offer a big prize for a single such instance.

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IN many of our churches Bible texts are painted in large letters, such as "God is Love." "The Lord is in His Holy Temple," etc. The *Michigan Christian Advocate* suggests that the text, "The Love of Money is the Root of all Evil," be put up in a thousand elegant churches.

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THE Annual Letter from the General Epworth League Board to the Leagues and other Young People's Societies has been mailed to all the ministers where there are organizations. It is intended that this letter shall be read in every society. If any have failed to receive it, please notify us at once.

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A CONVENTION speaker, the other day, made the statement that not one-tenth of the young people of Methodism, outside of the reading circles, had read an instructive book during the past year. If this is anything like the truth, there should be increased effort put forth to extend the influence of our reading course.

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THE *Shamrock* and the *Columbia* were about as perfect in equipment as it was possible for them to be, but for days they were like helpless logs in the water for lack of wind. Our leagues may be complete in their organization, and well manned by intelligent officers, but after all, success depends upon the power that comes from above.

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AS THE Twentieth Century Fund is intended to be an expression of thankfulness for God's blessings to us as a Church, it will be a most appropriate thing to devote some time during the coming year to the study of Methodist history. The Book Steward has prepared a list of books which will be very helpful. Send for it.

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IT was a refreshing sight to see how the Toronto leaguers crowded the galleries of the Metropolitan Church at the Twentieth Century Fund meeting. There were a few empty seats on the floor of the church, where the "bone and sinew" of the church were supposed to be located, but the "upper story" was filled to overflowing. It was an indication of the loyalty of the young people to this great denominational enterprise.

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IN the parable of the great supper it is stated that one of the invited guests excused himself from attendance on the ground that he had "married a wife." It was one of the most foolish excuses of the whole list. It is to be regretted that quite a number of young people drop out

of the League and of all church work when they get married. It would be a great element of strength to many leagues if the young married people would retain their membership for a few years at least.

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A SPEAKER at the Methodist Rally of the Montreal C. E. Convention is reported to have said that "one church is as good as another," and this sentiment was greeted with applause. In order to be fraternal, and cultivate the interdenominational feeling, it is not necessary to go as far as this. It is rather an admirable thing for a young Christian to think more of his own church than any other. We may be fully determined in our own minds that our church is superior to others in many respects, without becoming bigoted or narrowly sectarian.

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WE heard the other day of a trustee board which required the local Epworth League to pay fifty cents each night to cover the expense of heating and lighting the building for the meetings. How can parents expect their sons and daughters to become interested in the church when their organization is treated as an alien institution? Such trustees have utterly failed to grasp the idea that the Epworth League is a part of the Church, and exists for the express purpose of strengthening the Church.

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THERE may be differences of opinion as to the questions at issue between Great Britain and the Transvaal Republic, but every Briton must have been stirred by the readiness of England's colonies to help the mother country in time of need. From Australia, from Canada, and other dominions of the Queen, comes the offer—"Call on us." So when the Church of God launches a great enterprise like the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund, the Sunday School, the Epworth League, the Ladies' Aid Society, and all the departments of the church should rally their forces and say to the denominational authorities, "We are ready to help; count on our loyal cooperation."

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THE report of the Ontario Provincial Union presented at the recent Dominion Christian Endeavor Convention contains a mistake which should be corrected. It is stated that the Methodist societies contributed \$2,607 for missions, while the Presbyterian societies, with a much smaller membership, gave \$5,119. The latest official returns show that the Methodist Young People's Societies of Ontario gave to missions last year, \$14,513. It is, of course, impossible to say exactly how much of this amount was given by Endeavor societies, but it is quite safe to conclude that one-half was contributed by Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor, which would be over \$7,000. The Provincial Secretary's figures were probably founded upon imperfect returns. Our young people have done so well for missions that they should have full credit for all that has been accomplished.