

## Notes from the Field

### Warton District

The Annual Sunday School and Epworth League Convention was held in Tara on Jan. 26 and 27. The attendance was good. Interest was sustained throughout by the consideration of a varied programme of papers dealing with "The Conversion and Christian Culture of Children," "The Sunday School Superintendent and His Work," "Elements of Power in the S.S. Work," "Temperance in the Sunday School," "The Junior League," "The League as an Evangelistic Force," "Methods of Work in the Missionary Department," "The Social and Literary Evening," and "Our Pledge."

Rev. A. J. Irwin, B.A., B.D., conducted a very fruitful Bible Study on Acts, and Rev. Dr. Ross gave a most instructive address on Church Union. At the evening sessions addresses were given by Rev. W. R. Smith on "The Way to the City of Child Soul," by Rev. Dr. Ross, on "Youth the Hope of the Church," by Rev. Mr. Waddell on "Missions," and on "Citizenship," by Rev. H. S. Magee.

The officers elect are Hon. Pres. Rev. A. J. Irwin, B.A., B.D., Tara; Pres. Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, B.A., Shallow Lake; Vice-presidents: (1) Mrs. Ferguson, Hepworth, (2) Miss A. Danard, Hepworth, (3) Mrs. Marshall, Lion's Head, (4) Miss Ida Evans, Parkhead, (5) Miss Atkey, Warton; Sec., Miss Phoebe Robinson, Hepworth; Treas., Mr. Harvey Merriman, Tara.

### Lindsay District

The Annual Epworth League Convention was held in Omemee on Feb. 8th. Every League on the district was represented. A marked spirit of unity and enterprise characterized the sessions. The reports from the Leagues were encouraging. While attention was fully given to other interests, the claims of the Missionary Department were most prominent. A change in district co-operation for the support of Missionary Emberson, made this necessary. Lindsay and Cannington districts are now attempting the full support of the missionary, leaving Napanee and Madoc Districts free to undertake other work. Rev. H. W. Foley, carefully and well, presented the plan, and the convention loyally accepted it, the Leagues pledging themselves to a hearty effort to increase the Forward Movement income by 50 per cent. during the present year. An invitation was also, by resolution, extended to the Sunday Schools to co-operate, so that the District Leagues and schools may assume full responsibility in the near future for Mr. Emberson's support. With this Cannington District's help, thus making it possible for Cannington to support its own District representative in the Mission Field also. A programme of District League visitation was adopted in the interests of this commendable enterprise. Choice papers were given at the afternoon session on the Christian Endeavor Department and on Junior work. A Round Table Conference, conducted by the General Secretary, added to the profit of the meeting. In the evening stirring addresses were given by the Rev. W. J. M. Craig and the General Secretary. The officers elect were all present, and received a most hearty welcome as they

were in turn introduced by the President of the Conference, Rev. R. McCulloch. The new Executive is thus constituted: Hon. Pres. Rev. R. McCulloch, Omemee; Pres. Mr. G. A. Robson, Lindsay; Vice-Presidents, (1) Miss Jennie Fee, Lindsay; (2) Rev. H. W. Foley, B.A., Bobcaygeon; (3) Miss N. Riches, Cambray; (4) Miss L. Anderson, Omemee; (5) Miss Maud Littleton, Fenelon Falls; Sec.-Treas., Mr. A. B. Musselman, Lindsay; Conference Rep., Mr. A. W. Terrill, Fenelon Falls.

### Cobourg District

The representatives of the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues of this District met in annual convention in Port Hope on Jan. 13. After routine opening exercises a report of the District was given by Mr. C. E. Clarke, Cobourg, Secretary. A profitable discussion on the District work followed. On the general topic, "What should be the aim of those who teach and train in the Church of God?" Revs. A. H. Hoare, B.A., Canton, and M. H. Winter, Wicklow, spoke. Rev. J. L. Stewart, returned missionary from China, gave a most practical, earnest and interesting address on our missionary work there. A Round Table Conference on League work was conducted by the President. A resolution expressing the sorrow of the Port Hope over the death of the late Dr. Withrow

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was unanimously adopted. The evening session was marked by able and inspiring addresses by Rev. W. G. Clarke, E.A., on "The Place of the Epworth League in the Church," and by addresses from Rev. J. L. Stewart and Dr. S. J. Shorey.

The officers for the ensuing year are—Hon. Pres. Rev. S. J. Shorey, D.D.; Pres. Rev. W. Higgs, Centerton; Vice-Presidents: (1) Mr. T. Wickett, Port Hope; (2) Miss Loretta Winter, Wicklow, (3) Mr. P. Hawkins, Canton, (4) Mr. E. Harper, Cambray; (5) Miss E. Hagerman, Port Hope; Sec. Miss I. Rogers, Cobourg; Treas., Miss Ida Clarke, Cobourg; Dist. Rep., Rev. F. Johnston, Cambray.

### Northern Alberta

A convention of Sunday School and Epworth League workers representing the five Northern Districts of the Alberta Conference was held in McDougall Church, Edmonton, on February 2 and 3. The presence and services of the Western Associate Secretary, Rev. J. A. Doyle, assisted very materially to make the convention a most helpful and inspiring one. Excellent addresses were given by a teacher as a servant in the school and out of the school by Commissioner Butchart and Y.M.C.A. Secretary Ward. Emphasis was laid on the greatness of the Sunday School teacher's business, which was shown to be full of golden opportunities and great responsibilities. Dr. Riddell and the

Western Secretary spoke on the League, out of and in the League. The strength of character and extent of usefulness that the League should develop and exert were well treated. Bro. McDonald also spoke, and personal work was the keynote of his address. A profitable Round Table Conference on Epworth League problems was conducted by Rev. E. E. Marshall, Mr. W. W. Chown outlined the relation borne by the Sunday School and Epworth League to the Laymen's Missionary Movement and Mr. Tuttle presented the claims of the Junior Department. A feature of the second afternoon was the discussion of object teaching in the Sunday School by Mr. W. W. Gould, of the Education Department. At the last session, Rev. C. A. Huestis, spoke on the Convention Motives, "What to Serve," and Rev. J. Doyle gave the closing address on, "What of the Future?" He strongly presented the needs of Western Canada, where it is said seventy-five languages are spoken. The officers elect are: Hon. Pres., Rev. E. E. Marshall, Edmonton; Pres., A. M. Vail, Edmonton; Vice-Pres., (1) A. A. P. McDowell, Daysland; (2) Miss Violet Porter, Edmonton; (3) Rev. W. E. Galloway, Sedgwick; (4) Miss Lily Hare, Good Hope; (5) Mrs. L. R. McDonald, Vegreville; Sec., Rev. F. J. Johnson, Clover Bar; Treas., Miss Jessie Edmunds, Edmonton; Conference Rep., Rev. Jos Coulter, Edmonton.

### Sunday School Institute

A Sunday School Institute was held in Varna Methodist Church on January 6, at which the largest number of Sunday School workers from the Bayfield and Varna circuits were present. The first subject, "The Sunday School in Relation to the Church," was ably handled by J. Keys, of Goshen, in which he showed the numerical importance of the Sunday School as a well wide-spread evangelistic institution, and a place for character building. In the discussion which followed, the importance of studying the catechism, memorizing Scripture, and parents bringing rather than sending their children to the Sunday School was dwelt on. Miss C. Elliott, of Porter's Hill, gave a bright and interesting paper on "The Relation of the Sunday School to Missions." If the boundless energy and enthusiasm of child life be aroused to definite action by incidents from the Bible and daily life, it would soon endorse the idea of daily prayer, missionary instruction, systematic benevolent giving, and thus contribute for himself to missionary as well as to local purposes. Mr. S. H. Whitmore, of Brucefield, gave a very forceful paper on "The Sunday School and Temperance." Where ever the liquor traffic exists, it is a menace to the youth of our land. If the temperance pledge is taken and the temperance lessons taught, the scholars will develop into enthusiastic temperance workers, and will remove temptation from their brother's way. Mrs. John McKinley, of Goshen, gave a well thought out paper on "The Sunday School in Relation to the Home." All the church should be in the Sunday School.

Mr. J. E. Harwell, of Varna, admirably handled the difficult task of showing how to teach the Sunday School lesson.

The first address of the evening session was by Mr. W. H. Johnston, of Brucefield, who gave a masterly presentation of the subject, "The Laymen's Missionary Movement."

Rev. W. H. Hiles, B.A., of Bayfield, very ably presented the subject, "The Sunday School as an Evangelistic Force." If the child is properly trained in the