

sonality, skill and devotion renders him specially adapted to his work as a medical missionary. Earnest prayers follow Dr. and Mrs. Large in the continuance of their labors in the welfare of the people. Interest is already manifest in the welfare of those to whom they minister.

Bay of Quinte Conference Convention.

The fifth convention of the Bay of Quinte Conference League was held in the Methodist church, Deseronto, on February 18 to 20. All the districts were represented. Nearly one hundred delegates were present.

On Tuesday evening addresses of welcome were given by Mr. E. W. Rathburn, mayor of Deseronto; Mr. Donnelly, president of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church; and Mr. G. E. Deroche, president of the local Epworth League. Rev. H. B. Kenny, of Millbrook, replied on behalf of the delegates.

A feature of the convention was an hour's Bible study on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, conducted by Prof. McLaughlin, of Victoria College. The first study was on "The Kingdom of God." The leader followed the idea of the kingdom of God briefly through the Old Testament, then into the New, as contained in Christ's life and teaching, being based on selections read from St. Luke. The Bible study Thursday morning on "The Christian Church," was equally helpful. The convention approved heartily of making special devotional studies a prominent feature in all our conventions.

The address of the president, Mr. W. R. Courtois, showed that the work of the number of Leagues and members in the last two years. More substantial work, however, is being done, and there is already a steady move upwards again on all sides. He said the young men of the Church are not doing their fair share of League work. Some of the ministers are still out of harmony with the Leagues, and local losses are often traced to the pastor's indifference. The great majority of pastors are enthusiastic Leaguers. The Christian Endeavor department work centered around two papers, one on personal work, by Miss Davey, Orono, and another on "Bible Study," by Rev. A. W. Coone, Bewdley, and in the discussion which followed it was shown that the Leagues are an aggressive evangelic force. On several districts the forward evangelistic Bible study in St. Matthew had been taken up in October, followed by a week of special meetings. In every case conversions were reported, and the membership of the League and the Church increased. Every League was strongly urged to take up this work next fall. The work of the Literary Department gathered around a paper on "The Literary Evening," by Rev. H. W. Foley, and one on "The Reading Circle," by Rev. G. E. Porter, of Frankfort. The Literary Department of our Leagues should create and develop tastes for literature that our Church may take her rightful place in Canadian literature. There was evidence that the Leagues are doing an important work in their literary work and reading circles. The Social Department felt that there was a lack of definiteness in its work. It feels the need of some centre around which to work, such as the Forward Movement for Missions in the Missionary Department, the prayer-meeting of the Christian Endeavor, etc. Yet much good is being done in visitation of the sick, and in creating a sociable spirit in the church. Miss M. Johnston, Belleville, emphasized the work of the Social Committee outside the League is looking up strangers in the neighborhood, and also in making itself felt in the social amusements and evening parties.

The Missionary Department gave cause for great encouragement. Five missionaries are being supported, some in full. Every district is organized for the Forward Movement for Missions. Bowmanville District leads in the amount given with \$408. Campbellford leads in proportion to numbers, with about sixty-five cents per member. The need of more missionary education is widely felt. Some Leagues hold regular mission study lessons. Miss Jones, Bowmanville, in a "model missionary meeting," showed the great needs of work among the strangers within our gates. Dr. Stephenson, of Toronto, said that the days of campaigning are past. The Forward Movement must work its own way out into the whole Church. He proposed magic-lantern exhibitions and stereopticon views, as a means to missionary education. He also spoke about the "Summer School," and it was decided to urge some features of this work upon all the Conferences and district conventions.

A resolution was introduced protesting against any change in the restrictive rules of the Church. After some discussion the following was adopted as a substitute: That whereas there is, on the part of some, an agitation for the elimination of the note explanatory to rule in the Discipline of our Church referring to amusements, be it therefore resolved, that should said agitation for elimination indicate a desire to open a wider door to worldliness or indulgence, we then, as Leaguers, stand for the retention of the note and rule; but if said elimination leaves room for a broader application and acceptance of the principles any genius of our holy religion, leaving upon the individual the responsibility of practicing the self-denials of the Gospel in the spirit of Christ, then we take no exception."

The evening sessions were characterized by public addresses. Stirring and timely addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Saunders, Cobourg, on "Ambassadors"; by Rev. E. Lancelotti, Port Hope, on "The Mission of Missions"; and Rev. V. H. Emory, Whitby, on "The New Patriotism." Rev. J. C. Wilson, president of the Conference, gave an address of official recognition; and Rev. Dr. Crothers, of Belleville, closed the convention with an impressive consecration service.

Everybody was pleased with the spirit and tone of the convention. It was conducted in as business-like a manner as is the Annual Conference, and it showed that the Epworth League is doing a grand work for Methodism, thorough, earnest, and far-reaching in its results.

The officers elected are: President, Rev. H. B. Kennedy, Millbrook; First Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Reddick, Trenton; Second Vice-President, Rev. J. P. Berry, B.A., Beaverton; Third Vice-President, Miss L. Rogers, Cobourg; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Jessie Arlett, on Fictio; Fifth Vice-President, Miss S. Brookings, Cobourg; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. S. C. Moore, B.A., B.D., Canton; Conference representative, Mr. George E. Deroche, Deseronto.

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An Hour in Japan.

On Monday evening, March 10th, the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Simcoe, held a missionary bazaar. The Windham League was invited, and a splendid delegation was present. Mr. Henry Johnston, missionary vice-president of the district, acted as chairman, and his short sketches of Japanese life and character contributed largely to the evening's enjoyment. Stereoscopic Japanese views and native curios had been secured from Dr. Stephenson, Toronto, and the audience evinced a decided interest in them. Mr. Frank Park sang

a solo. A paper on Japanese customs was read by Miss Stalker. Miss May Austin read a letter from Rev. W. W. Prudham, to whom the Simcoe District giving support, describing his work in Japan; replies to this interesting letter were read, on behalf of the Windham and Simcoe Leagues, by Miss Isaacs and Miss Edmonds respectively. Tea and rice cakes were served in the library, which was decorated in Oriental fashion. Taking it all in all, it was a notably unique missionary gathering, and cannot but be productive of increased interest in, and knowledge of, the missionary problems of the Far East. Rev. Mr. Isaacs, senior pastor of Townsend Circuit, pronounced the benediction.—British Canadian.

Warton District.

The officers elected for the present year of the Warton District are: Hon. President, Rev. George Clark, Ph.D., Warton; President, Rev. A. S. Colwell, B.A., Colpo's Bay; First Vice-President, A. A. Evans, Allenford; Second Vice-President, Rev. A. W. Shepperson, Kemble; Third Vice-President, Miss Sarfili, Fairford; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Newman, Warton; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mary Crawford, Arkwright; Conference Representative, Rev. W. J. Brandon, Allenford.

Would the Leagues of the district kindly arrange to have one or more of the members of the executive visit them during the spring and summer, as we believe by thus drawing the Leagues together it would increase the connexional spirit, and inculcate a deeper interest in the various departments of League work.

Just a Line or Two.

The Epworth League at Tilsonburg recently had a most interesting "Evening with Tennyson."

Bowmanville League publishes a local paper called "The Portfolio." It is read at the monthly literary meeting.

"Vaccination as a means of preventing smallpox" was discussed at a recent Literary meeting of Norfolk Street League, Guelph.

The Brighton Leagues have been debating the question, "Resolved, that Moses was a greater man than Paul." The judges decided in favor of the negative.

The inmates of the Aged People's Home, London, were entertained in a pleasant manner at the home recently by the missionary department of the First Methodist Church, Epworth League.

The League of Wesley Church, Amherstburg, so long ago had a temperance evening. Papers were read on the Crooks Act, the Gothenburg system, the proposed prohibitory legislation, and high license.

The Uxbridge League had a debate a few evenings ago, which aroused considerable interest. The subject was "Resolved, that old-time Methodism was more successful and aggressive than modern Methodism."

The Epworth League of Galt Methodist Church recently held its semi-annual reception for students and other young people. There was a good attendance, and the visitors were entertained in a most hospitable manner, and were invited to attend the regular meetings of the League.

At a literary meeting held on Feb. 25th, the Norfolk Street League, Galt, enjoyed an address by Mr. E. L. Hill, of Trinity Baptist Church, in which he took up the writings of the four apostles, and compared them one with the other, illustrating their different styles of writing with passages from each.