

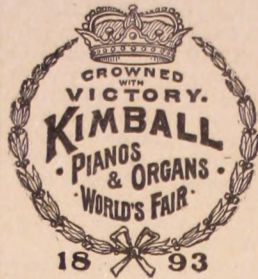
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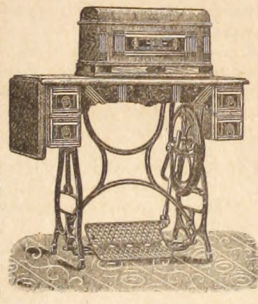
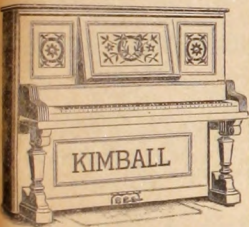
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Epworth League District Convention.

The annual convention of the Streator district Epworth League was held in Dwight at M. E. church last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. R. C. W. Alying, the district president, in the chair. The home league had made excellent arrangements. Committees were appointed, and as the different trains arrived, the delegates were met and escorted to the places awaiting them. They came from all parts of the district and were a fine looking lot of young people, and they were just as fine as they looked.

The first session opened Friday at 2 p. m. with song service conducted by L. A. Naffziger, of Dwight. At 2:30 the report of district officers was listened to, and a two minute report from each league represented. The Dwight report was as follows:

REPORT OF DWIGHT LEAGUE.

The League at Dwight has a membership of 101-78 active members and 23 associate members.

All the departments of work outlined in the constitution have been taken up and the superintendents and committees have done very efficient work during the past year.

The devotional meetings are held Sabbath evenings before the preaching service.

The business meetings are held once a month and a literary program is usually presented at the close of each.

Under the direction of the department of Spiritual Work 49 devotional meetings have been held with 29 different leaders, the average attendance being 75. This department has also made 93 social calls, 55 calls on sick, taken 15 bouquets to sick, given 62 invitations to church services and presented 120 cards to the sick and persons not interested in church work.

The Dept. of Mercy and Help consisted of 7 members, to each of whom was assigned a definite territory of the town which was canvassed once each month during the winter, and as far as possible the needs of the poor found therein were carefully attended to. The following is a partial list of its distribution and work done: 10 tons of donated coal distributed, 12 sacks of flour, 7 sacks of corn-meal, \$10 donated by a member of the committee spent in groceries, \$25 solicited in League and spent on funeral expenses of a member, watches provided for 27 nights for sick member, 32 calls made, 30 persons taken drives, 274 articles of clothing distributed to needy persons, 48 bouquets to sick, 69 reliques to sick, 32 cards on which were printed Epworth badge and appropriate scripture text distributed, 29 quarts of milk given to poor.

The Literary Dept. arranged for all the programs for the meetings, among which were the following: Columbian Program, Resurrection Program, Experience Meeting, 5th Anniversary Program, Patriotic Program, Program on English Bible and Carleton Program.

The Social Dept. provides flowers for the pulpit each Sunday and has given two socials.

The League has pledged \$2 per month toward the support of the Epworth Children's Home in Ravenswood.

This is a brief summary of the work done during the past year. At the November business meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year was held and the League hopes to accomplish much good during the year.

Then followed papers by Henry Melchior of Henry, Miss Ella Morse of Odell and F. M. Boner, of Westburn. The committees were then appointed and delegates assigned.

After song service led by D. B. Stevens in the evening, the following address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Anna Bell, of Dwight.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

EPWORTH LEAGUES, CO-WORKERS AND FRIENDS:—Dwight Chapter extends to you a most cordial welcome. There are many reasons why we are glad to receive you here in our League home.

First, the calling into convention so many leagues from the different fields portends for us a most pleasurable profit; and then the standard of our league has been such that we feel we can meet you on the common ground of helpfulness, and it is at present so officered that we are most hopeful for the future. We are expectant then that the ideas and suggestions of this convention may enable us to realize, in part at least, what we anticipate for the coming year, and leave with us an impetus for all time to come.

I need not here recount the almost phenomenal growth of this society of which we are but a part. Its advancement is along all lines of work that stand for the betterment of humanity. I was quite amused at a statement in the Herald of last week which reads: Wanted: A machine, right away, for use at conventions, to put emotion into action. Doubtless it is true that we feel more than we express or put into practical use, but I think we are safe in saying that the characteristics of this great society are not based on its sentiment, emotion or temperament but upon its aims, its purposes and its accomplished results. Its design is the agent of Christian scholarship and now almost all our churches have recognized the pre-eminent obligation of this work.

But past achievements do not suffice for the present. The responsibility rests upon us not only to maintain this high standing of the league but to advance it. Good measures our responsibility by our opportunity. History shows us to be much more unfettered than any who have preceded us in Christian work. God's grace is as sufficient for us as for Paul. His ability and willingness to give power and endurance as great as in the days of our forefathers, the Wesleys. What will he not expect at our hands? We are glad then to bid you welcome because we want to partake of your enthusiasm, we want your methods, your thought, so that by putting into cooperation the understanding and the will we may attain to that strength of Christian character which can be procured only by earnest, continuous effort such as the soul is capable of and in this lies the vital element to success.

But it is more blessed to give than to receive, hence our greatest pleasure in greeting you is in the desire to come in contact with you helpfully. We want you to feel the warmth and cordiality with which we receive you and manifest toward you while among us, the spirit of our pledge and all that it implies. Thus our meeting may be made profitable and new channels be opened through which the power of the Gospel may reach the hearts and lives of men.

The address of welcome was happily

responded to by Mrs. R. F. Riason, of Wenona, as follows:

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

We, as Epworthians of Streator district, have been looking forward with great anticipation, ever since our last annual gathering in Streator, to the time when we should gather at Dwight, to mingle with this Chapter and Church. We thank you for the kind invitation, and the delightful welcome with which you greet us tonight.

We feel at home among you, for we see, as the poetess hath said, that

"Not only are your houses open,
Your homes so cheery and bright,
But your greeting is warm and cordial,
The grasp of your hand is firm,
Your eyes have a depth of meaning,
In your life is love we discern."

Love for the Master; love for His cause; love for Methodist lore for the Epworth League. Our hopes, our aims, our loves are one, and we feel as we sometimes sing,

"Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

As a district organization we are indebted to Dwight Chapter in a peculiar sense, for you furnished us the material out of which we made our district president, and though he is "Aying," yet we are glad he is so near the "Cure."

Is it too much to hope, that after our visit to the Keeley Institute and our stay in Dwight, that we may go home Epworthians every while? Gold, not Bi-Chloride of Gold, but pure gold, tried as by fire, and made ready to reflect the sun of righteousness in every day life as never before.

To be enrolled among the young people of any church is an honor, and specially among the young people of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their number is legion. Their object is noble. They love every other church that exalts Christ; while they live to make their own church a power for good in the land, and they are doing this. The strength of the Methodist Episcopal church to-day is her young right arm, the Epworth League. The League of to-day is the church of to-morrow. Our conference termed the Epworth League, "The Militant Host." By our loyalty to one church and pastor. By our prompt responses to calls to the various benevolences of the church. By our activity in the coming revival work, out in the highways and byways compelling them to come in, let us prove ourselves worthy the name "Militant Host," and may this convention the better prepare us to accomplish this work. May it not only be the means of drawing us closer together as League members, but may each one of us receive new thoughts to be put into practice at home. A fresh baptism of enthusiasm that will characterize us true em-bassadors for Christ every day in the year; and new plans and methods of execution, that will render us "Workmen that needeth not to be ashamed." "Thoroughly furnished unto every good work."

Again, "We thank you for your cordial welcome.

A welcome gold can not pay;
We rejoice that we came to your city;
Reluctantly we will go away.

We have nothing to give for your kindness,
Though the love of our hearts we bring,
But our Father will send you a blessing,
For we are sons and daughters of the King."

The "Value of the League to the Church and community," and "The Relation of Creed to Christian Life," were ably discussed by Dr. Hanev of Normal and Rev. A. R. Morgan, of Juliet, respectively.

Saturday morning opened with a still larger attendance. The song service was conducted by Rev. F. R. Lord, of Odell.

The following interesting papers were read: "Associate Members," Mrs. J. D. Thompson, Lacon; "Active Members," E. E. Mecham, Hennepin; "Sources of Danger in League Work," G. L. Taylor, Tonica.

After this all visited the Keeley Institute, which is spoken of later on.

In the afternoon Dr. F. H. Cumming, of Streator, conducted song service, and discussed "The League in Revival Work." After an address by H. A. Ewell on "The Epworth Herald," the report of the committee on election of officers was listened to. The question drawer was then discussed by C. S. Morse, of Grand Ridge, and others.

The following resolutions were adopted: "We, the representatives of the various chapters of the Epworth League of Streator District, assembled in the convention at Dwight, Ill., being grateful to our Heavenly Father for the prosperity with which He has blessed our organization at all times, and praying for a continuation of His manifold kindnesses and mercies, are

Resolved, That the present convention stands pre-eminent for thoroughly practical suggestions, helpful toward our vigorous growth along the lines of the various departments of work, and that we are most desirous of carrying into effect the suggestions offered.

Resolved, That we are highly appreciative of the efforts of our District President and his worthy cabinet in arranging for our edification the excellent program, and to those who have responded in such an able manner.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the effort made by our chief pastor, Bishop Merrill, to look into our convention though he had but a few moments between trains, and we were delighted with his words of encouragement, and the blessing he pronounced upon us.

Resolved, That we tender our most sincere thanks to Dwight League, and those friends who have so hospitably thrown open their homes for our entertainment, and we pray that God's choicest blessings may continue to rest upon them.

Resolved, That we shall go out from this convention feeling that we are strengthened and enthused for more efficient work in the future, and more determined than ever before, to live up to the full import of our League motto.

Resolved, That we extend to the Leslie E. Keeley Company, for their kind invitation to visit their laboratory and offices, and also to Dr. Keeley for his pleasant address and words of welcome, our most sincere thanks, and pray for the blessing of Almighty God to rest upon the good that is being accomplished by this great institution.

In the evening the song service was conducted by H. V. Holt, who has just

arrived. A very fine paper on "Relation of the League to the Course of Missions," by Mrs. E. T. Miller, was listened to. This was followed by an address on "The League as a factor in Reformation" by the conference president, S. L. Gutbrie, of Abingdon, Ill. Rev. Gutbrie is a very brilliant orator, a deep thinker, a sincere Christian gentleman. His address on reform has never been excelled in Dwight as far as our knowledge. Mr. Gutbrie is a young man and certainly has a splendid future before him, and is capable of doing much good in the world. Rev. Wright pronounced the benediction.

Sunday morning the delegates attended Sun 'y school, and at 10:45 listened to a very fine sermon by Rev. Gutbrie. Consecration service was held at 3 p. m., in charge of H. V. Holt. In the evening D. B. Stevens led the song service. A paper was read on "Relation of the League to the Church" by Verna Drossaway, of Henry, and the splendid session was brought to a close by an address by Field Secretary H. V. Holt, of Chicago.

The session was one of the best ever held and that the visit to Dwight will be remembered with pleasure and interest.

VISITED THE INSTITUTE.

In response to a kind invitation from the Leslie E. Keeley Company, about five-dozen of the delegates to the recent District Epworth League convention visited the handsome offices and laboratory of the company last Saturday. They were received by Dr. Keeley, who shook hands with all of them, and showed them through the whole building. Afterward Rev. Alying massed the visitors in the main office, and Dr. Keeley delivered a short and impressive address.

The visitors were much pleased with the visit and passed a resolution to that effect, which is published in another column.



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The congratulations and good wishes of a host of friends go with them.