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One of the most important and interesting conventions of the La Grande district Epworth League's history was brought to a close Sunday night at Union, where the three-day sessions were held. Concerning the various speakers and entertainment, Miss Neil Bradley, official reporter for the league, relates the following review:

Sunday evening at Union was held the closing session of one of the most interesting and helpful conventions in the history of the La Grande district Epworth league. Though not so largely attended as some former conventions have been the whole session was preceeded with a spirit of enthusiasm and power that left every delegate feeling a new impetus to work in his local league.

The convention opened Thursday, August 3, with registration of delegates and assignment to places of entertainment.

The evening was devoted to a get-acquainted and social time. The devotions were led by Rev. A. P. Zadaker, of Riverside; special music was furnished by the committee, whose chairman, Miss Fannie McKennon, provided excellent music during the entire convention. Percy Rollins welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Union Chapter, and responses were given by Miss Marguerite Winters, of La Grande, and Amos Weeks of Baker. After a short program the rest of the evening was spent in an informal social time.

The regular sessions opened Friday morning with devotional led by Miss Elva Conklin of Imbler. Rev. Richards of Alicel presided at the business session in the absence of District Superintendent W. A. Winters. Reports were heard from a number of Chapters throughout the district. Prof. P. E. Christenson of Alicel presented a very helpful paper on "Charging the Dynamo," which was followed by another by Rev. Geo. R. Archer, of Summerville, on "Catching Men." Mr. Archer dwelt on the importance of personal contact and earnestness in Christian work.

Miss Mae Thompson, of Union, gave a most helpful paper on the "Morning Watch," mentioning the good to be gained therefrom and the importance of consistency in its keeping. The last paper of the morning was given by Rev. Richards on "The League and the Church," in which he showed the close relationship existing between the two, and the importance of co-operation in Christian work.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional service led by Rev. A. L. Cathers, of Cove, after which the convention listened to an enthusiastic and helpful paper on "The Work of the Department of World Evangelism" by Joseph Thompson of Union. In addition to his paper he read an interesting letter from the Chinese bible woman who is supported by the leagues of this district.

Miss Reba Williamson of Island City spoke on "How Can We Improve the Devotional Meeting?" This was somewhat in the form of a round-table discussion and many helpful ideas were advanced.

A paper on "Christian Stewardship" by Miss Rosa Sherman of La Grande Chapter, was read by Mrs. W. C. Wattenburg. Miss Sherman outlined the history of tithing and urged its importance as "God's Plan for Financing the Church," in a very interesting and convincing way.

A short but well prepared paper on "Missions and Character" was read by Miss Woodhouse, of Haines Chapter, after which the work of Third Department was presented by a splendid talk by Mrs. Frank Jasper, of Island City.

Friday evening, following devotional service, led by Rev. C. E. Helman, of Baker, the convention listened to a most interesting and inspiring address on the late general conference of the M. E. church by Rev. Chas. A. Edwards, of La Grande.

The devotional service of Saturday morning was a splendid one, in charge of the Island City Chapter. Music was furnished by the Thompson family band. Mrs. W. A. Winters, district superintendent of Junior leagues, spoke on the "Unique Place of the Junior League," as a training school for the church. Mrs. Winters also read a paper by Rev. C. E. Trueblood on "Immigrant Forces," which was in line with the work of Second Department. Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette University, gave a brief talk on "Having a Plan in Life."

Saturday morning, a well written paper on "Queen Esther" was read by Lavina Wolgamood of La Grande.

The last paper of the convention was by Rev. A. L. Cathers on "Soil for Seeds of Evil."

The district officers for the following year were then elected as follows:

President, P. E. Christenson, Alicel; first vice president, Miss Elva Conklin, Imbler; second vice president, Miss Laura McKeehen, Union; third vice president, Ed Jasper, Island City; fourth vice president, Amos Weeks, Baker; Rec. Sect. Miss Fannie McKennon, Union; Cor. Sect. Miss Gladys Stewart, Haines; Treas., W. C. Wattenburg, La Grande; Junior League superintendent, Mrs. H. C. Cullison, Union. Under the leadership of this strong cabinet the league looks forward to a year of splendid work.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to recreation. The delegates were taken in automobiles to the Busick place on Catherine creek where all enjoyed a delightful picnic. Walks, talks, climbs and a "weenie" and marshmal-

low roast made up a program which left all refreshed for the evening address by Dr. Doney.

The subject for the evening was "The Secret of a Young Man's Success." This splendid address was immensely enjoyed by the large audience present. Mrs. Edith Wright Phyllis added to the pleasure of the evening with a charming solo.

Sunday morning at 6 o'clock was held the only Morning Watch of the convention, under the leadership of the new president. The delegates were the guests during the Sunday School hour of the M. E. Sunday school and Miss Marguerite Winters, of La Grande, favored them with a solo.

A splendid audience greeted Dr. Doney at his morning address on "Mystery and Fact." He preached a masterly sermon dealing with spiritual birth, growth and destiny.

Sunday evening the league service was led by Joseph Thompson, Union, and was a most enjoyable service. Gordon Wilson, Union's sweet boy singer, favored the audience with a solo.

The Presbyterians united with the Methodists for the evening service. The song service was led by Mr. Christenson and included a solo by Paul Knautz, of La Grande. After the reading and adoption of resolutions Dr. Doney addressed the convention on the subject of the "Religion of a Young Man," from the text: "Study to show thyself approved unto God." This great sermon was brought to a very appropriate close by consecration service in which the leaguers pledged themselves to a year of better service in Christian work.

The convention then closed with the singing by all present of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Words fail to describe the hospitality of the Union people, ably assisted by their pastor Rev. H. C. Cullison and his good wife, in royally entertaining the convention. Every delegate went away feeling that the splendid hospitality, the helpful papers and discussions, and most of all the inspiration of hearing Dr. Doney has been of great and lasting benefit in his life.

The convention next year will be held at Alicel.

Great credit is due to Rev. W. A. Winters, who prepared the program as well as to those who so ably carried it out, and to the young people of the Union Chapter who left nothing undone for the pleasure and comfort of their guests.



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