

THE STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

THE following letter recently received by the Missionary Secretary explains itself. The students' movement is assuming large proportions, and needs to be skilfully guided:—

COBOURG,
MONTREAL, } February, 1891.
BELLEVILLE, }

REV. A. SUTHERLAND, D.D.

DEAR SIR,—As you are doubtless well aware, the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions has aroused much interest in the missionary problem among our Canadian colleges. Of the 5,000 who have signed the volunteer pledge, about 300 are Canadians; it is estimated that of the total number, 17½ per cent. are Methodists, so there ought to be some fifty volunteers in our Church. In view of the new mission contemplated by our General Board, and in view of the approaching International Convention of the S. V. M. F. M., we think that the time is opportune for a report from these fifty to our Missionary Society. Accordingly, the Methodist students of Victoria University, of Wesleyan Theological College, of Albert College, and of McGill Medical College, who have offered themselves to God for Foreign Mission service, have authorized the writing of this joint letter on their behalf. "We are willing and desirous, God permitting, to become foreign missionaries." We are registered in connection with the S. V. M. F. M. We desire to go into foreign service, if God will, under the banner of our own Church. We have in Victoria and Albert volunteer bands in addition to the students' missionary societies, and in Wesleyan and McGill Medical Colleges our volunteers belong to an inter-collegiate band connected with McGill Y. M. C. A. Our numbers are:—Victoria University, eight; Wesleyan Theological College, seven; Albert College, twelve; McGill Medical College, three. In addition to these, there are nine ex-students of Victoria who have signed the volunteer pledge, eight of whom are graduates in Arts, and all but one ministers or probationers in the Methodist Church. In Wesleyan Theological College there are six non-resident students who are volunteers, and who would, we believe, cordially join us in this action were they here. Some of the ex-students of Albert College are also volunteers.

We will be ready, and we hope others with us will be ready, within a few years to go to China, Japan, India, Africa, or where the Church may send us. We believe God is guiding us, and that He will make the way plain before us. Our motto is, "The evangelization of the world in this generation."

Respectfully yours,

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J. H. McARTHUR, " " Wesleyan.
F. C. STEPHENSON, " " Albert.
G. W. MANCHESTER, " " McGill (Md.)

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A CONVENTION in connection with this most important movement was held at Cleveland, Ohio, during the last four days of February, just too late to permit any report of the proceedings to appear in this month's OUTLOOK. Instead of a report, we append a brief statement of the origin of the movement, the object of the convention, etc.

The Student Movement for Foreign Missions had its origin at the well-known Mt. Hermon meeting of college men in the summer of 1886. At that time, 100 of the 251 students in attendance from all parts of the United States and Canada, volunteered for the foreign field. Since then, the movement has been extended among the institutions of learning on this continent, until now there are over 5,000 students who have signified their willingness and desire to become foreign missionaries. Over 300 of their number have already sailed. Many others are ready to go whenever the way opens, but a large majority are in the various stages of preparation.

The movement has never held a convention. For over a year there has been a growing demand that volunteers from all sections of the continent should be afforded an opportunity to come together for prayerful and practical consideration of the many problems confronting the movement. More important than this has been the earnest wish expressed by leading men in a number of the denominations, as well as by many volunteers, that the Foreign Missionary Societies and the Student Volunteer Movement be brought into even closer and more helpful relations.

The object of the coming convention is to bring the Foreign Missionary Societies and the Student Volunteer Movement into more direct contact.

The key-note of the convention is the key-note of the movement, namely, *the evangelization of the world in this generation.*

REPLY TO REV. J. KENNER.

IN his criticism of the Editor of the Woman's Department of the OUTLOOK, the Rev. J. Kenner says:—"I suppose I speak for others at the same time." Some of the others may be disposed to dissent from this presumption, especially as it might involve approval of the *animus* and the *diction*.

Surely one who supposes himself charged with the vindication of the rights and reputation of a number of Christian ministers should not compromise his clients by imitating, much less outvieing, the manner and methods which he deprecates and denounces. Where, if not in such leaders of thought, such imitators of the spirit of their Master, can there reasonably be expected the exercise of the "charity that suffereth long, and is kind;" that "doth not behave itself unseemly" (is never rude or boorish); "is not provoked; thinketh no evil" (does not reason on any particular act or word, so as to infer evil from it); "beareth (covereth) all things; believeth all things" (is ever ready to believe the best of every person, and will credit no evil of any, but on the most positive evidence)? Well is it with those who merit the beatitude, "Happy is