

Barrie District has undertaken the support of the Rev. M. Takagi, who has attended Victoria University, and will return to Japan as a pastor in Tokio and professor in the College. Mr. Takagi and Rev. G. Agar visited the Leagues of the district and gave the members an opportunity of becoming acquainted with their missionary.

Collingwood District.—This district was visited by Mr. R. A. Spencer during May and June. The Leagues have enthusiastically taken up the Forward Movement plan.

Owen Sound District will be visited by Miss Danard, of Victoria University.

Bracebridge District was visited by Mr. W. G. Evans, and missionary interest aroused.

Parry Sound and Algoma Districts.—As opportunity offers the pastors are presenting the Forward Movement, with the result that many home mission charges are making a special effort for self support.

Photo-gravures, Music and Information, for 5c.

ALMOST A PRESENT TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER has purchased for its subscribers 1,620 copies of a book on the great "International Epworth League Convention," held in Toronto in July, 1897. This book is made of very fine paper and well bound with stiff board covers. It contains over 150 pages of well-printed music, engravings and carefully prepared information. The music consists of twenty-nine of the best hymns (with music-notes) sang at the Convention. The engravings represent choice scenes in Toronto, such as the Parliament Buildings, the new City Hall, the Armory, Massey Hall, colleges, churches, pictures of streets, parks, etc.

The half-tone photo-engravings are very fine. They represent fifty-four of the leading Methodists of to-day, such as Dr. Carman, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Burwash, Dr. Potts, Dr. Briggs, Dr. Courtice, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Withrow, Rev. A. C. Crews, Mr. J. W. Flavell, and others of our Canadian Church, and Bishop Ninde, Bishop Walden, Bishop McCabe, Bishop Newman, Bishop Hurst, Bishop Hendrix, Bishop Fowler, Bishop Fitzgerald, Bishop Duncan, and Missionary and Epworth League Secretaries, and College Presidents and Professors.

The information is of the most interesting and valuable kind, a short introduction to each of over 190 leading Methodists is a feature which anyone interested in our Church will appreciate. The history and description sketches are invaluable to anyone visiting Toronto. Sixteen pages of the one hundred and fifty are devoted to the programme of this convention. The reading over of the subjects discussed at this convention would be helpful and suggestive to any one, but especially to those who had the privilege to attend the convention.

This Souvenir Programme was prepared by Rev. A. C. Crews, General Secretary of our Epworth League. It was sold for 50 cents per copy. We now offer it to our subscribers (in lots of ten), for 5 cents each (C. O. D., by express), or we will send a single copy to any address for 5 cents each, with 5 cents for postage.

Those who are not subscribers to the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER may have it and the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER for one year for 15 cents.

Sinking Fund.

ANY company, state or municipal corporation which owes a debt is supposed to have a sinking fund. Very often great difficulty or failure result on account of neglect to manage affairs with a view to reducing the debt.

Every Christian of every denomination admits that he owes all he has and is to Jesus Christ. He is a steward. Is it too much to say that every Christian should "seek first the kingdom of God?" We received a letter a few days ago from a man who said that he had been giving a tenth, but that he found this not enough. He thought a Christian should give all the profit of his farm or business to God. Jesus has gone away and left all debts due Him payable to His brethren. See His will, Matt. xxv. 40. If you do not like this plan read Matt. xix. 21 and following verses.

Now is the Time to Prepare for Winter.

DURING the summer every successful housekeeper preserves fruit and stores up other supplies for the winter. The busy bee and the farmer work hard to provide for the winter. Members of the Epworth League should not forget to store their minds with missionary information during the beautiful Sabbaths and rest hours of the summer.

Some of our Leaguers may not have the privilege of taking a summer trip by boat or rail. Many may not even be able to spend a few days in camp on the shores of any of our many beautiful lakes and rivers. Instead of murmuring or even regretting this fact, every Leaguer can take a trip to any missionary or every missionary land, compassing the earth, camping on the seaside, or beside the inland lake, or following the rivers to their sources. And just think of the guides who offer themselves (through their books).

For the seas and islands you may have in turn John G. Paton, 50c., for the whole trip through the New Hebrides; John Williams, 50c., taking in Polynesia; James Calvert, James Chalmers and many others. How delightful to be guided by such men among the beauties of nature! I think, too, we would see sights which would make us glad of our own Canadian Christian home. If you would like to go to China, Africa, India, South America, or any other place apply to the CAMPAIGNER office, 568 Parliament Street. We will recommend guides which will enable you to give glowing accounts of your trips during next winter around the fireside and at the League meeting.

Questions for Meditation, Discussion and Correction.

1. WHAT is the difference between the closed Bible (of the Roman Church) and the Bible which is not opened (the Bible not studied by Protestants)?
2. What is the difference between the person who can neither read nor write and the person who can but does not do one nor the other to his own profit or to the profit of anyone else?
3. What is the difference between the closed doors in Christless lands and closed pockets in Christian lands?
4. What is wrong with the Christian who forgets to obey our Lord's commands? (which, if we love Him, we will keep. Joh.n.) "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." "Go ye." "Preach the gospel to every creature"—"be my witnesses."
5. What is the difference between the love which gets and that which gives?