

and Africa had better remain the dark continent, if such must be the end of it all. Underneath the cry for gin I seemed to hear the reproach, 'You see what Christians have made us. You talk of peace and good will, yet put devils into us.' As things stand in many places, I translate this cry of opening Africa to civilization as really opening it to European vices, old clothes, gin, rum, powder and guns. Truly, liquor has been well termed 'the devil in solution.'"

### Hints For Our Young People.

THE New Constitution of the Epworth League provides for a Missionary Department, and it is greatly to be desired that every League will make a specialty of this most important department of Christian work, not only for the sake of the Mission cause, but for the benefit accruing to the Societies themselves.

At this time of the year, when many Leagues are getting down to earnest work and others are considering the advisability of making greater and more united efforts in this direction, it may not be amiss to give some information of a general character.

It is preferred by the Missionary authorities that all Methodist young people should contribute through the regular channels; but, if some special object is desired, it does not interfere with the workings of the General Society should they contribute toward a particular object, provided it is within the limits of the work carried on by the Missionary Society.

There are three departments of our Mission Work, each having features of interest peculiarly its own. These are, the work in West China, the work in Japan, and the work among the Indians of our own country.

West China.—In Chentu schools have been opened, which are attended by boys some of whose parents are in comfortable circumstances, others again are very poor. To support a boy in one of these schools will cost \$25 at the present rate of exchange. The medical work also gives grand opportunities to reach the people, and donations for hospital buildings, surgical instruments, and drugs will be gladly received. We have not definite figures regarding maintaining a cot in the hospital, or furnishing a ward, but hope to have in the near future, and any Societies desiring to take up this work may communicate with the Mission Rooms and they will receive the desired information. The cost of supporting an unmarried foreign Missionary is \$500 a year.

Japan.—In this country there are native evangelists who do Mission work part of the time, in order to help to pay their way during the period in which they are preparing for their life work. The remuneration received by such young men ranges from \$50 to \$150. Any society becoming responsible for the support of one of these students will be doing a good work. The stipend of an unmarried foreign Missionary in Japan is \$700.

The Indian Work.—In the Coqualeetza Institute Chilliwack, B.C., or in the McDougall Orphanage,

Morley, N.W.T., a boy can be supported for \$50 per annum. Dr. Bolton's medical work at Port Simpson, and the steamship *Glad Tidings*, on the Pacific Coast, are commended to the liberal aid of our young people.

In order to have contributions to any of the above-named objects acknowledged in the Annual Report it will be necessary to forward the money through the Mission Rooms, as the Treasurers can only give credit for money they have actually received.

There are some who feel that the easiest and best way to create and foster a Missionary spirit among the home-workers is to correspond direct with the Missionaries. The imposing of this heavy burden, even if done for want of thought, upon those who, if faithful, have their hands and hearts full, and more than full, with their own work, seems almost cruel. That information is needed, if interest is to be maintained, goes without saying, but that lack is fully met by the OUTLOOK, in which the letters of our Missionaries from all parts of the work are published, and in this way the whole Church is benefited thereby, instead of a small number in one locality. Regarding the circulating of the latest Missionary intelligence, much depends upon the officers. If they have enthusiasm and interest sufficient to seek for information, encourage the circulating of the OUTLOOK, and look to the Holy Spirit for Him to awaken a holy enthusiasm and divine love for precious souls, there will be no need to resort to the expedient of personal letters from Missionaries in the field. But, brothers and sisters, we are well aware that this means work. Paul used no empty form when he spoke of Christ's followers as "workers together with God."

### Old Stamps Wanted for Missionary Purposes.

ANYONE having large or small quantities of the above, and who may be willing to donate the same for the benefit of the Home and Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church, will oblige by sending the same to Miss Josephine Lane, 118 St. Matthew St., Montreal. Anything in the shape of postage or revenue stamps, whether Canadian, English, American, or foreign, with the exception of the common 1c. and 3c. Canadian and the 2c. United States of the present issue, will be of value. The older they are the better. Any stamps over twenty years old are more valuable if sent on the original envelope or letter sheet. The embossed envelope stamps should not be cut round. If your parcel is too heavy to send by mail, send it by express, c.o.d.

### Mite Boxes.

HE who endeavors to gather together the small sums is often building broader and deeper foundations than he dreams. In no field can this method of raising money be better worked than among our young people. Many of them are earning a weekly sum of more or less amount, while others are given an allowance upon which to provide for their own necessities,