

3. He must be *thoroughly imbued with the spirit of missions*, for this is the prerequisite of power to inspire others.

4. He must be *willing to sacrifice* in the work for Christ's sake.

(c) As to the field and method of work, we have suggested above that we work in the locality in which we are situated during the summer. The advantages of working thus will be manifold. Furthermore, any necessary expense connected with the work will be reduced to a minimum. There are few neighborhoods in which abundant opportunities for this work are not afforded. There are organizations of various kinds for Christian work. It is in these—Congregations, Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, etc.—that we want to seek to arouse an intelligent interest in missions, an interest that will manifest itself in increased study, definite prayer and united effort. Then there are in almost every district occasional Sunday Schools, Epworth League and Christian Endeavor conventions. All these afford grand opportunities for such work. We must not wait for invitations, but must seek opportunities.

We can do much, too, by the *distribution of missionary tracts*, and pressing on the people the need of taking such literature. Perhaps it would be well to carry with us samples of a few of the best and cheapest books, pamphlets and periodicals. We should endeavor to stock Sunday School libraries with such literature. We are not to become "book agents." Nevertheless, we are to endeavor to flood the Church with stirring, heart-searching, conscience-quickenings missionary literature.

We should impress the need of *daily definite prayer*, and also urge, particularly on the young people, the advantage and the need of *systematic giving* to missions through the regular church channels.

There will undoubtedly be *obstacles and discouragements*. We shall meet with much indifference and irresponsiveness; we need not always look for large crowds, great enthusiasm, and immediate results. We shall encounter quibbles, complaints and excuses, which we must be prepared to meet and endure patiently. We shall, therefore, need to keep in close touch with our Master.

This work will require *time and sacrifice*. It will take time for preparation (and thorough preparation is absolutely necessary) for addressing public meetings, for private conversation, for help in organization, etc. We need expect no monetary remuneration. The work is to be wholly voluntary and gratuitous, and we need expect only the blessing of God on ourselves and our work.

It is not expected that we shall devote the whole summer to this work, but only that we shall give as much time as we can honestly afford to the prosecution of such a campaign. Some might find it possible to devote, say, only a week or two to this work. As we do not contemplate an organization, so we do not fix any method of work, but leave that to be adapted to the circumstances of each.

ADDENDA.

1. Dr. Sutherland, the General Secretary of Missions, evinces much interest in this movement, and will render assistance by way of advice, announcement, recommendations, etc. We require to keep in close touch with our Church Missionary Society.

2. Criticisms of the plan and suggestions concerning the work will be gladly received. This letter is drafted by a committee of four, representing Victoria University and Trinity Medical College, and is intended to propose and initiate the work.

3. If the above plan meets with your approval, kindly send, as soon as possible, the names and addresses of those who are willing to undertake the work. Let us remember that it is not numbers we should seek, but men of consecration and of God-inspired enthusiasm. *Surely only such are needed for this work.*

4. We venture to suggest a few books and pamphlets, which we have found almost indispensable for an adequate knowledge of the subject, and for preparation for the work. Of course each will know books which he has found most helpful to himself, and which may be superior to those which we suggest.

1. "Do Not Say," about \$0 06
2. "Prayer and Missions," by Robert Speer 0 05
3. "The Bible and Missions," by R. P. Wilder 0 05
4. "Open Doors," by Dr. J. T. Gracey 0 15
5. "Gist," by Miss Gracey 0 46
6. "Smith's Short History of Christian Missions" .. 0 80
7. "Christian Missions After a Century," by Dennis 1 50
8. Missionary map of some kind.

We shall be glad to correspond with you.

Yours in the work for Christ,

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I have pleasure in commending the above circular letter to the notice of our ministers and of all friends of our missionary work. The young people of Methodism are astir; more and more their interest is centring on the world's evangelization, and there should be an outlet for their consecrated enthusiasm. These young workers ask for no remuneration; they ask only for an opportunity to plead the cause of a perishing world, and thus to help the coming of the Lord's kingdom.

A. SUTHERLAND.

TORONTO, March 26th, 1895.

Christian Work for the Japanese Army.

Dear Doctor,—Several copies of the following "Appeal" have just come to hand. I send one, believing the readers of the OUTLOOK will be glad to hear of our new providential opening.

A STATEMENT AND AN APPEAL.

Through the generous assistance of the Bible and Tract Societies, individual donors among missionaries in Japan and gifts from other sources, some 12,000 Testaments and portions, with double that number of tracts, \$300 in money, and the personal service for a longer or shorter term of at least ten missionaries and sixteen Japanese workers, have been contributed to the special work for soldiers at Hiroshima.

Testimonies are abundant that a deep impression in favor of Christianity has been made upon many hearts and lives by this timely and effective service.

The Committee desire to express their deep sense of gratitude for what God in His providence has thus far permitted to be done. But the door is now open for a wider and still more telling service on the part of our common Christianity. Encouraged by the sympathy and weighty influence of Christian officials high in rank, the local Committee have applied for and obtained permission to send a number of able Japanese evangelists to the front as Christian workers for the army.

The present plan is to send at once Rev. T. Miyagawa, of Osaka, and Rev. Mr. Terada, of Hiroshima, to be followed as soon as practicable by Rev. Y. Honda, of Tokyo, and Rev. Mr. Aoki, of Kobe.

If the work proves the success that is anticipated, it is hoped this important Christian service may be sustained so long as the war continues. It is also part of the plan that permission be secured for a missionary (Rev. A. D. Hail, D.D., of Osaka) to accompany or follow these Japanese brethren. It is unnecessary for us to emphasize the importance of this new undertaking. It is the first permission of the kind obtained by Japanese Christians, and marks an epoch in the progress of Christianity here. It remains for all of us who have our Lord's work at heart to do what lies in our power to aid in using wisely this great opportunity.

The Committee feel confident that the whole missionary fraternity in Japan and its constituency in the West will stand behind them in pushing this work. They therefore call for \$1,000 at once, and may ask for more if the mission is long continued.

Co-operating committees of foreigners and Japanese have