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We thank the Toronto Central District Executive for the privilege of publishing the above photographs. It is used by the District Epworth League for their Stationery. This is an admirable way of introducing the District Officers and the Missionary supported by the District.

The Toronto Central District.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO.

THE unvarying theme of this paper requires that all undertakings mentioned be of a missionary nature. In any case, it is the first, the strongest and most important feature of our work. The growth and prosperity of the district has held proportion to the earnest effort and Christian endeavor with which we have engaged to advance the interests of the missionary department. About a year ago the District was organized for this work, and Dr. J. A. Jackson was appointed as our chosen representative at Bella-Bella, B.C., where he is now laboring, together with his wife and a nurse, sent out recently by the Woman's Missionary Society. The cost of supporting Dr. Jackson and his wife is \$800.00, the amount which the district attempted to raise as our part in the Lord's work.

WHAT WE DO.

Meetings during the past year have been held, both in the city and at outlying points, for the purpose of creating and maintaining interest in the new departure. All societies before whom the plan could be brought acquiesced in the scheme, and offered their hearty support. As a consequence, the district has been unified, and the missionary connection has bound the societies strongly to one another, despite the distance which too widely separates, especially farther north. The work of canvassing and collecting has been silently going on, evidenced by regular instalments on the amounts promised toward the support of Dr. Jackson. Of the total amount pledged, three-fifths is now in the treasury, and it is expected that before the close of the term the amount will be even exceeded.

How WE DID IT.

The definite object of selecting and supporting a medical missionary on a hitherto unoccupied field directed our efforts to Systematic Giving among the seventeen societies which compose the district. Promises were first

obtained from the leagues according to their financial and numerical strength, this obligation in many cases promoting systematic contribution by the members. As this was the first step in united missionary work it was scarcely under stood at its inception, and the work delayed by some leagues until late in the season. While this is an unhappy feature at present, it is the promise of a fuller harvest for the ensuing year. Our district has been spiritually blessed in the attempt to gather for Him who is Lord of the harvest, and a spirit of thoughtful prayer and thankful generosity has possessed our young people.

THOS. G. ROGERS, *District Secretary.*

Toronto East District.

ALTHOUGH a number of the Leagues had been for some time working individually along the lines suggested by the Forward Movement, it was not until the fall of 1896 that the Toronto East District decided, as a district, to attempt by themselves to support a missionary. At that time, Dr. O. L. Kilborn and his wife, Dr. Gifford Kilborn, of the West China Mission, were selected to be the objects of our special prayers and support.

That this did not mean that all other missionary work being done by the Leagues should cease, or be diverted toward this end, has been clearly shown by some recently-gathered information. Of some \$1,249.70 raised for missionary purposes by the Leagues in the district during their last financial year, \$662.93 was contributed toward the special object of Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn's support; \$157.10 was paid in to the General Board; \$90.00 to Dr. Bolton's work in British Columbia; \$291.50 to the Woman's Missionary Society; and the remaining \$38.50 was divided between the Famine Fund of India, the Armenians, and a native in China. We hope that by the end of the next financial year we shall be able to show a clear \$800.00 for our special object, without diminishing in the least from any other worthy object.