

Forward Movement in Evangelistic Work and Bible Study.

This work is worthy of more space than we can give it. In the September CAMPAIGNER we published the plan of work and study. In the October number our readers found the plan of organization. This work is being taken up by districts, and letters and copies of the plan of work are sent out by the Executive to the pastors and Leagues. District Executives wishing to take up the work can get these letters printed very cheaply, as they are kept set up ready to be run off by our Book Room.

This work may be taken up by any League. All they will need is a few copies of the plan of work, which may be had for a few cents by writing to the Book Room or to F. C. Stephenson, 568 Parliament Street, Toronto.

Don't be Selfish.

[From *The Philistine*.]

Don't be selfish. If you have something that you do not want, and know some one who has no use for it, give it to that person. In this way you can be generous without expenditure or self-denial, and also help another to be the same. *New York Voice*.

It would be too severe to say that much of our giving to the cause of Christ is after this fashion, and yet, are there not many times when such a spirit has prompted? The day we trust is past when niggardly church members can pay their quarterage by selling to the preacher at an exorbitant price what they could find no market for elsewhere; but does much of our giving receive any better approval from the Lord? That which is given simply to get rid of the one begging it; that offered in pride to appear as good as another who has given the same amount, or that handed over in order to have one's name published in an annual report. In the matter of acceptance with God and being well-pleasing in His sight, do they rise much higher than the giving of the mean church member?

Another standard of giving which we believe is more prevalent than the former and rises only one step in advance of it is giving *what we can afford*. The whole consideration in this case is just what does self need and what will gratify self, and then after selfishness is satisfied and all one's own needs are attended to, the balance, if there is any balance, and in most cases it is a small one, shall be given to the Lord. This is the spirit which, in times of financial depression or low prices, always curtails expenses by first making an onslaught on the Lord's account.

Another method regarded by many as sound and proclaimed by some of our preachers as orthodox is to *give till we feel it*. But what a poor standard this to go by though it may be the highest yet mentioned. Do we not know it true that often we feel giving five cents when we ought to give five dollars?

The scriptural standard is the only right one and will include these three elements: (1) That of self-denial, for the secret of all true spiritual life is a crucifixion and denial of self (Matt. xvi. 24) which must affect our giving as well as every other phase of life. (2) This done systematically as to time and amount (1 Cor. xvi. 2), and (3) with cheerfulness and free of grudging (2 Cor. ix. 17). Such giving as this is generally the outcome of a deep, spiritual experience which has found the secret and sweetness of self-

renunciation, but it is also evident that no one can follow such a method without a deepening and broadening of the spiritual life.

Aims and Methods of the Students' Missionary Campaign.

I. The deepening and broadening of the prayer-life of our young people.

II. The cultivating of intelligent interest in the missionary work of our Church.

III. The increasing of missionary contributions to the missionary work of our Church.

These objects are being accomplished:

1. By the systematic visiting and addressing of the Young People's societies by the members of the Students' Missionary Campaign.

2. By the forming of bands pledged to pray daily, study carefully and give systematically for the support of our missionary work.

3. To help our young people, the "Cycle of Prayer," missionary literature, pledge and collection books and envelopes are introduced. The starting of a missionary library in each society is especially recommended by our Campaigners.

4. By uniting the Leagues of a District in the support of a special object or missionary recommended by the General Board of Missions.

(The same spirit which prompts a congregation to pay its pastor makes a District try to pay its missionary.)

5. By appointing a committee over the work in each society.

DESIRABLE RESULTS.

The following are some results growing out of the work of the Campaigners:

I. The connexional spirit is strengthened by the work of our Campaigners. They never fail to impress our young people with the advisability and necessity of loyalty to the General Board of Missions, which they explain is composed of elected representatives to manage and direct our missionary interests. The pastor's office is specially recognized.

II. The interests of our Book Room are held up continually. Our young people are directed to the fountain of pure Methodist literature.

III. The plan of personal correspondence with the missionary allows our young people to ask questions and thus learn the needs of the field. It also makes them to think of our brothers in the field as their co-workers. This plan helps the missionary also. The letters he receives cheer him.

IV. Our Campaigners by their work are broadened in sympathy and deepened in spiritual life, and a true Christ-like missionary spirit is developed. Their talents for speaking, organizing and personal work are improved, and their loyalty to all church interests increased.

V. The general effect upon the Leaguers is to systematize and deepen habits of prayer and improve the business method of the societies. The opportunity and disposition for personal work along the line of leading associate members to Christ is increased.

These short statements cover a great deal, but they do not cover all the work of the Students' Missionary Campaign; nor, indeed, is it possible to sum up the good generated by these earnest young workers.