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"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

—John xiv. 15.

"Preach the Gospel to every creature."

—Mark xvi. 15.

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### Amen and Ahem.

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TWO good friends, 'tis said, named Desire and Prayer,  
 Made a call upon Pocket, who lived o'er the way;  
 For the saving of souls these two saints had a care,  
 But they said, "It depends on what Pocket shall say."

"Now, we wish," said Desire, "that throughout our whole  
 land,

North and south, east and west, even once and again,  
 All the people may hear of our Gospel so grand."

Pocket seemed greatly moved, and responded, "Amen!"

Then said Prayer, "Long time I have made earnest plea  
 That dark lands might be reached by the Gospel, and  
 then

Shall their heathen the beauty of holiness see."

And with eloquence great, Pocket answered, "Amen!"

"We would have the whole world love the name of the  
 Lord;

So our prayers must be fervent, our faith must be strong;  
 And we know there is peace in obeying His word."

Pocket's rapturous "Amen!" sounded out loud and long.

"And the earth must be filled with the knowledge of God,  
 Through all lands, as the waters now cover the sea."

Now, Desire thought good Pocket's benevolence broad  
 And devout, for "Amen!" and "Amen!" shouted he.

"How the heathen must suffer till help to them come.

If we send no relief to their pain, then we mock it.

Now, we know you are ready to give a large sum."

"H—m! ahem!" very solemnly said Mr. Pocket.

"Here are papers; we ought to have asked you before,

As you may want your name upon each one of them;

And this year there's a call for a million and more.

'Tis a pleasure to give." Pocket answered, "Ahem!"

"There are those of my name who dispose of their store,  
 Who will give till their friends should their actions con-  
 demn;  
 But I can't rob myself." Then he showed them the door,  
 As he bade them "Good-day," with a "H—m!" and  
 "Ahem!"

### A Letter from Dr. Sutherland.

A FORWARD MOVEMENT.

MOTTO.—"Loyalty to the Head of the Church, and loyalty  
 to the Church of which He is the Head."

THE General Secretary of Missions gives cordial  
 greeting to the young people of Canadian Meth-  
 odism. He recognises in them the force that in a few years  
 must direct and carry on the work of the Methodist Church  
 at home and abroad. To do this effectively they must be  
 in full sympathy with the work of the Church to-day, and  
 to this end they must be kept informed about the work and  
 the workers, what is being done and who are doing it,  
 and what are the needs of the immediate future.

The missionary spirit is abroad in the Churches. Every-  
 where it is on the increase. The "Onward Movement"  
 has fairly begun, and promises to carry everything before  
 it. The Church that lags in the missionary enterprise will  
 soon be a "back number"—out of date—fit only for the  
 lumber room.

Once it could be fairly claimed that Methodism, if not  
 in the very van of the missionary host, was well to the front,  
 and was outstripped, if at all, only by those who had vastly  
 greater resources. In men and money she might be  
 weaker than some, but in missionary zeal she was excelled  
 by none. And the results were according to her faith.  
 Her triumphs in Fiji, in Africa, in India, in the West  
 Indies, were well known, and served as a stimulus to  
 other Churches which in larger measure have since "entered  
 into her labors."

It would be a sad pity if Methodism should retrograde.  
 It would be a calamity to herself and a loss to the world.  
 The instrumentality which God raised up to "spread Scrip-  
 tural holiness over the world," has not yet accomplished  
 its task. "There is much land yet to be possessed." The  
 message from on high is, "Speak unto the people that they  
 go forward." And this message is to all—"Young men  
 and maidens; old men and children"—for all are needed  
 in this campaign. A missionary revival in Methodism  
 would hasten the world's millennium.

Much depends upon the young people of to-day. The  
 Epworth Leagues, Societies of Christian Endeavor, etc.,  
 hold in themselves enormous possibilities for good. If their  
 strength is wisely utilized they can accomplish much. They  
 have been organized for Christian service, and there are  
 two directions, especially, in which their service may tell  
 with grand effect; first, as an evangelistic force at home,