

Missionary.

The Chalmers Memorial.

The massacre of the eminent missionary, the Rev. James Chalmers, some months ago, by the cannibals of New Guinea, is to be avenged in a singularly pathetic and Christian fashion by the London Missionary Society, under whose auspices he labored. That organization is about to gather a fund of \$12,500 for the support of a missionary for a term of at least five years, who is to labor among the savages at whose hands the missionary hero lost his life.

A Hopeful Outlook.

I do not take a discouraging view of the present, neither do I take a gloomy view of the future, but the very reverse. In the years to come we shall look back upon the year 1900 as the most terrible in the annals in the Christian Church in the land; and we shall look back upon it, too, as the most pregnant with blessings. I believe that all that has transpired will be made conducive to the best interest of China and the church in China. We are on the eve of a new day, and a brighter day than the people of China or the church in China have ever known.—Dr. Griffith John.

Open Doors.

Open doors in India. Open doors in China. Open doors in Japan. Open doors in Africa. Open doors in Mexico. Open doors in South America. Open doors in the Philippines. Open doors in Porto Rico. But how few heralds of salvation are entering them! The reason is not that consecrated men and women are unwilling to go, but that the church is too worldly and selfish to send them. Almost every missionary treasury is empty. The secretaries are sick of listening to appeals they cannot answer. The leaders in foreign fields are disheartened. A retreat must be sounded unless help comes soon. Oh, why does not the church see the peril of the hour and fly to the rescue?—Epworth Herald.

How to Make the Epworth League Effective as a Missionary Force.

First, there must be in each League at least a few missionary enthusiasts. From these will be chosen the members of the Missionary Committee. The chairman of this committee should be the best the society affords. No mediocre man or woman can lead in a world movement. This committee should not be too large. It should secure, whenever possible, the visit of a missionary campaigner. Every member of it ought to read the best books on missions. The committee ought to have a monthly meeting. Next in importance is the monthly missionary meeting. In this, monotony in leadership and in the programme should be avoided. Out of it ought to grow a mission-study class. For the further success of the missionary movement a library is of prime importance. It is easier to secure a library than to get it read. Here personal work by the leaders is all important. Another means in which the League can get close to the heart of the missionary cause is that of prayer. More than any other thing, un-

less it be money, the cause of missions needs effectual prayer. The last source of effectiveness open to the League which I shall mention is that of promoting scriptural habits of giving. This means systematic giving and liberal giving. All these suggested plans will require supervision and constant effort.—S. Earl Taylor.

"More Than They All."

A touching little incident was reported in the New York Times from Plainfield, N.J. Here, at Hope Chapel, the Rev. G. K. Newell made the central feature of the children's day exercises the presentation to the church of a legacy given by a little crippled girl of seven, Lillie Cowling. The amount was only \$1.15 but it represented the little invalid's savings for years, and for years it had been hoarded for the long-cherished purpose of buying a doll's carriage. But when the patient child saw death was near she left the money to the church. Like the widow's mite, it proved the most fruitful of gifts. Spurred or shamed by her example, the people raised the debt on the chapel and paid it off last Easter. The teachers of the Sunday-school redeemed the coins gathered by the little sufferer, and the money was put with the rest to pay the mortgage; but the coins were preserved as a memorial.

The Test of Life.

Interest in missions is not an immaterial, accidental feature in the life of some churches, which other churches may or may not feel, as they may choose. On the contrary, an interest in missions is the test of the life of a church.

Without an interest in missions, no Christian church has the true sense of Christ. To say that such, or such a church "is a strong church, but takes no interest in missions," is like saying that such a man "is a strong man," but has only one lung and a weak heart! If a church is the Church of Christ, it has life eternal. It knows Him whom to know is life eternal. If we know Him, if we know how He blesses and enriches life, we cannot rest content and inactive while so many of our fellowmen are without the precious and enriching knowledge. In proportion as a Church of Christ knows the Saviour of men and His Spirit, it uses every means He has given it to make Him known to others. If our churches do not fully use their means for this most Christian end, they are not giving evidence that they have in them the life of Christ. No other form of activity can be substituted for this, the essential work of the church. So to hold up Christ before the world that the presentation of Christ's life and teachings through the life and words of Christians shall perpetually draw men to Christ, is the first great duty of the church.—Merrill E. Gates.

News Items.

Mr. E. C. Hennigar, of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., is carrying on a very successful campaign in the New Brunswick Conference. He is visiting the Chatham, Saint John, Fredericton, and Woodstock Districts, and reports a hearty reception of the boards of the District League officers and of the Leagues.

T. W. Price, of Victoria University, is coming north for his education by working in the Northwest. He finds me, however, to preach missionary sermons, and addresses Leagues whenever the opportunity is afforded him. He writes,

"I have just been up to Moose Jaw preaching on missions. Had a good time. Crops good, and prospects exceptional.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South has published a report of the General Missionary Conference of that church, held in New Orleans last April. This report is a very valuable book of some six hundred and twenty-five pages, bound in cloth, and is sold at the low rate of one dollar per copy. It would be a valuable book for our Epworth League libraries.

Missionary Study Class.

One of the direct results of the Summer School, held in Victoria College last July, is the organizing of the Study Class in St. Paul's Church Epworth League, Toronto. The following is the constitution or platform of the Study Class. We give this, hoping that many other Leagues will follow the example of St. Paul's.

OBJECT.

To enter into sympathy and fellowship with our Lord and Master, and catch more of His Spirit in His great plan of world conquest, and to fight loyally and faithfully under His direction.

To do His will we must first know it. To pray effectively we must pray intelligently.

PLANS.

1. To study missions.
2. To learn how to pray.
3. To aid one another in every possible way by prayer, conversation, example, etc.
4. To awaken a missionary spirit in our church and neighborhood, and stimulate others to the study of missions.

WORKING RULES.

1. No criticism to outsiders of what is done in the class.
2. Every one to do exactly what they are asked to do.

EQUIPMENT.

All power is of God. Only as the Spirit of Jesus dwells in us and works through us can we accomplish anything. Our secret power is to be gained by laying hold upon God in prevailing prayer. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

STUDGIONS.

1. The morning watch, i.e., spending the first part of the day, when we are at our best in prayer and Bible study, in a wonderful source of strength for the day's duties.

A question drawer, for inquiries along any line of the Christian life. Send in your difficulties, requests for prayer, suggestions, etc. Your name does not require to be attached.

First read a missionary book, and then get others to read it. Do personal work for your Master. Hand-picked fruit is always the best.

Without mutual sympathy and helpfulness we can accomplish little. We are and must be "servants one of another."

Stir up the gift that is in thee. Expect great things from God, and dare great things for him.

LIBRARY.

All are requested to lend or give missionary books, which the Sunday-school librarian will gladly put in circulation. List of same will be posted in library for reference.