

of the Student Volunteer Movement of North America, and Mr. Geo. Warburton, of Toronto, as the speakers. Two hundred and fifty was the limit of accommodation. This number had been carefully allotted to the different congregations of the city and the representatives were all there. Seldom have we known a banquet meeting to reach as high a level. At the close, the men expressed themselves in a resolution pledging their individual loyalty to the missionary enterprise and their effort to promote the missionary life of their respective congregations.

Sunday was a missionary field day in the city with missionaries and mission secretaries of the various Boards speaking at the church services.

Monday morning was devoted to a Ministerial Conference on the important theme: "Pastoral Leadership in the Missionary Enterprise." In the afternoon, the Ladies' Committee demonstrated that they were not one whit behind any of the committees in charge of the other sessions by the splendid audience that gathered to listen to addresses from Miss Loretta Shaw, of Japan, and Mrs. J. T. Taylor, of Central India.

The crowning session of the Conference however, was the Young People's Mass meeting on Monday evening, when the large auditorium of Emmanuel Church, ground floor and gallery, was crowded to the doors. Very real and very conscious was the Master's presence as the World Call was given by representatives from both the foreign and the home fields and the challenge presented to the large audience of young people to definitely link up their lives with Jesus Christ. In the solemn hush that marked the close, when with bowed heads they gave to Him their answer, many young men and women pledged their life and service in whatever way would enable them to share most largely in the extension of His Kingdom. To follow up these splendid Conference sessions is now the task of the leaders, a task that after all must rest mainly with the leaders in the local congregations.

Similar Conferences have been arranged for Hamilton, February 22nd to 25th, and Peterboro March 21st to 24th, while plans are under way for a number of other centers.

### SPECIAL SESSIONS CANADIAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

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The Canadian School of Missions has entered upon a Six Weeks' Session which is being attended by upwards of sixty furloughed missionaries and missionary candidates, representing eight Canadian Foreign Mission Boards. Evidently the success of this session in the past two years has become widely known, as several missionaries and candidates have come to Toronto to attend it from British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Kentucky, as well as from various points in Ontario.

The courses being given include Public Health, Personal Hygiene, Nursing (for women missionaries), Present Conditions in the Mission Fields, Theory and Practice of Missions, Moral Hygiene, Buddhism, Hinduism and Chinese Religions, and two theological courses on "Religion and Biblical Criticism" and "The Heart of the Christian Message." The subjects of the courses were decided by vote of the missionaries and candidates themselves. The staff consists of a score of instructors drawn from the faculties of the University of Toronto, the theological colleges of the city, the Toronto General Hospital, city physicians, Board Secretaries and missionaries on furlough.

The Session was pleasantly inaugurated on the afternoon of January 21, when the Methodist National Training School, of which Miss Winnifred Thomas is Principal, entertained the School of Missions. The gathering was attended, in spite of inclement weather, by over one hundred and fifty missionaries and candidates, Secretaries and members of co-operating Boards, members of faculty of the co-operating theological colleges, and members of the teaching staff of the Session. The