

to see a complete organization on the other side of the line. Mr. Willis W. Cooper, of Kenosha, Wis., a leading missionary spirit among the Americans, is devoting his time and talent to the attainment of this object, and we pray that God may crown his earnest efforts with rich success.

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As an evidence of the growing popularity of our new movement, we are already receiving many requests for campaigners to address District Conventions. This desire for more missionary information is a very gratifying sign of the times, and we are paying very careful attention to this feature of the autumn's work. It would be a great convenience if District Executives would arrange their dates, near to those of the adjoining District, and have their Secretary forward request for campaigners at as early a date as possible.

"The Campaigner" and the Pastor.

We cannot congratulate our readers too highly upon this new department of the CAMPAIGNER. We know that there are abundance of good things which our ministry can furnish us. All the articles or facts or suggestions received for this department of the CAMPAIGNER are referred to a committee of ministers, who give them their place.

The spirit and work of Missions are one. However, there are many angles of view. The student Campaigner views Missionary enterprise from one angle, the pastor from another. This new department of THE CAMPAIGNER aims to view the subject from the pastor's angle. He needs must seek for that which turns to practical advantage in his preparation for the Sabbath sermons, the mid-week service, the Sabbath School, and the Epworth League.

Every department of THE CAMPAIGNER aims to do this very thing for the pastor, but this added department seeks to do so in a more especial manner. The design is to furnish practical material for every-day use, Missionary texts, brief outlines of Missionary sermons preached by pastors in their regular work, illustrations, original and gleaned, related facts and figures compared and contrasted, programmes used in Epworth League Missionary Meetings and various other material as the experience of the field suggests.

We appeal to those specially interested in this department of THE CAMPAIGNER to aid us in our work, by furnishing materials used by themselves as indicated in the foregoing paragraph. Write us, giving facts and particulars of your League work, of your own pulpit and pastoral work along Missionary lines.

REGULAR MISSIONARY SERMONS.

BY ONE OF OUR PASTORS.

The Financial District Meetings will now have been held, with possibly a few exceptions, and every pastor in our Canadian Methodism will have made arrangements as to men and dates for the Annual Missionary Services.

No one denies the necessity and efficacy of these services. However, too many pastors are aware of the disappointments and discouragements connected with these anniversaries. Earnestly and eloquently the case of the heathen is presented, yet there is created no abiding interest in Missions. The appeal for *help* to send men and women into the field, is largely unheeded and fruitless. The money does not come in as it ought.

Disappointed and disheartened, he questions for the

cause of failure. Almost always the blame is laid upon the congregation. Is the blame altogether theirs? We think not.

There is lack of knowledge on our part of human nature, and of God's unalterable laws of cause and effect. No effect can be larger than its cause. Every result must have an adequate cause. This is true in all nature. Mission interest and help is no exception to this law. Unless we know and act upon this principle, failure is apparent and certain from the first.

The remedy lies in providing a larger and sufficient cause. Then results, satisfactory and certain, must follow. Have we provided sufficient cause for missionary enthusiasm and support, when we have carried through, however successfully, our annual missionary services? Have we thus paid the debt we owe to our people and to the cause of the world's evangelization? There can be but one answer to these questions.

Let us preach regularly and often, during the entire year, on the spirit and work of missions. Many pastors are doing this, and are enthusiastic in their praises of the good results that follow. Where these pastors meet their congregations but once every Sabbath, missionary sermons are preached every second month, and where they meet their people twice on Sabbath they preach monthly on Missions. By this means facts are given, interest is created, fire is kindled, and the spirit of missions pervades both pastor and people. The anniversary occasions are looked forward to with keen and increasing interest. There is a willing and liberal response to every legitimate appeal for financial help. The missionary income of the Church is largely increased year by year.

And this is not all. These churches become intensely spiritual and evangelistic in all their consecrated activity. The missionary church is always a spiritual church, and, apart from the missionary spirit, there cannot be a deep and abiding spirituality in the Church of Christ. Spirituality and Missions are inseparable.

Let every pastor try the plan and prove for himself.

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.

BY ONE OF OUR PASTORS.

"Ought not Christ to have suffered these things."—*Luke xiv. 26.*

"We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."—*1 John iii. 16.*

The *ought* in each case expresses the demands of duty. Christ bore an ethical relationship to the world while here in person, expressed both in His life and death. The demands of that relationship are since continued in His body—the Church.

What were the forces bearing upon Him, which demanded His complete devotion to the world as expressed in His life, and more especially in His death? In other words, why *ought* Christ to suffer?

1. Because by it the world could be saved. The world was lost in sin. Without shedding of blood was no remission. The blood of Christ was sufficient for redemption. Therefore He *ought* because He could.

2. The Father's love demanded it. The Word says: "God so loved the world He gave, etc."—*John iii. 16*; the general conception is, Christ so loved the world, He came; Christ, Himself, regarded it as a matter of obedience. "As the Father hath sent me, etc."—*John xx. 21*. "As thou hast sent Me, etc."—*John xvii. 18*. If God loved the world, He must do something for it; and if Christ loved