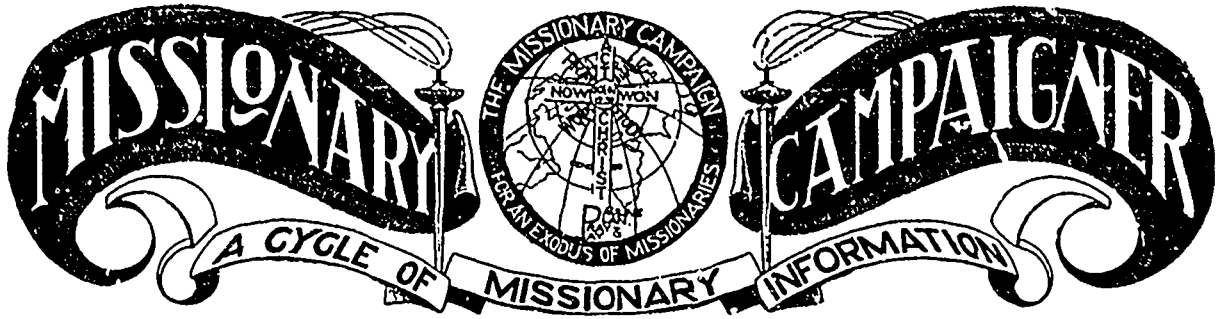


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One Policy for all Evangelical Denominations, Young People's Christian Societies and Sunday Schools

LAST week we received the following motto from the superintendent of the Missionary Extension of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union: Y—our P—rivilege S—preading C—hristianity E—verywhere. Can anyone suggest a better motto for the Y.P.S.C.E with its splendid organization of 3,250,000 consecrated young people?

Including the Epworth League and other young people's Christian societies of evangelical churches, the membership numbers over 5,000,000. If this army would kneel in prayer once per day and study and give systematically, all missionary problems would be settled.

Questions for Church Members.

1. Will you please take a pencil or pen and sit down and figure on what change would be necessary in the plans and government of our Christian church in order to make its policy, the evangelization of the world as soon as possible.

2. Will you continue your reckoning until you reach the important factor of the church—the ideal member. We hear it said, "like priest, like people." Whatever we may think about the truth of this adage, as applied to our church we must believe that "like member like church."

3. Which do you think is the best topic for conversation: "The minister and his preaching," "The church and its present imperfections" or "The membership?"

4. When you come to deal with the membership can you find a better plan than that announced by Jesus. (See Matt. xviii. 15; also see Gal. vi. 1; James v. 16; 1 Peter ii. 20. Also read Rev. xiv. chapter.)

Questions for Sunday School Workers.

Why should not our Sunday Schools study the acts of the present apostles? Do you not think that at least one Sunday in the month could be well used in teaching the children that God is still doing wonderful works upon the earth?

Should not the children know missionary geography as well as the geography of the holy land? Should they not know of those who worship idols now as well as those mentioned in the Bible?

Should not the trials and heroism of the men of God of this age, as well as those of God's prophets of old, make their hearts throb with sympathy and joy? They would understand better that "God is the same yesterday, to-day and forever." How would these present studies affect the future?

Programme.

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Use a Map of Africa.

HYMN—180.

PRAYER—African and Jewish Missions.

HYMN—404.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES—Acts 8 ch.—26 to 38 verses (The Jew and the African).

AFRICA—The country, the people, and the missionary work. (THIS CAMPAIGNER.)

THE JEWS—The Land and the Peoples. (THIS CAMPAIGNER.)

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS.

HYMN.

CLOSING PRAYER.

REFERENCES—Africa: *The Methodist Magazine* for August, 1898. *The Missionary Review of the World*, August, 1898. Dr. Ross' "Hundred Years of Missions," and School Geography.

RECOMMENDED READING.

Africa—Thomas Comber, Missionary Pioneer to the Congo, J. B. Myers, 50c. H. M. Stanley, A. Montefiore, 50c. *The Congo for Christ*, Rev. J. B. Myers, 50c. Thomas Birch Freeman, Missionary Pioneer to Ashanti, Dahomey and Egba, John Wilum, 50c. *The Story of Uganda and the Victoria Nyanza Mission*, S. Stock, 90c. Mackay of Uganda, 35c. *A Lone Woman in Africa*, \$1.00. David Livingstone, 50c. (Methodist Book Room.)

The Jews—The Bible.

The Land and the People.

IN 1 Cor. x. 32 we find the inhabitants of the world divided into three classes—the Jews, the Gentiles and the Church of God. Our subject is the first of these, namely, the Jews, and as they are inseparably connected with the earthly habitation which God gave them, we shall entitle this subject, "The Land and the People."

It is the land that was the home of the prophets and where the revelation of God was given—beautiful Palestine, graced by the feet of Jesus, the Messiah of Israel, the Saviour of men, the King of the Jews and the Son of God. Let us note three things about the land:

First. God selected it, "A land that I espied for them, flowing with milk and honey. (Ezek. xx. 6)

Second. God gave it to Abraham and his descendants—"For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever. (Gen. xiii. 15 17, see also xii. 7, xv. 18; xvii. 8; xxiv. 7; xxvi. 2-4; xxviii. 13; xxxv. 12;