

Partial Summary of Campaign Work of Summer of 1896.

REPORT BY COLLEGES.

	Victoria University, Toronto.	Wesley College, Winnipeg.	Wesleyan Theological Col., Montreal.	Albert College, Belleville.	Trinity Medical College, Toronto.	Total
No. of Campaign workers	81	44	37	30	13	205
No. of Campaigners who have sent in reports of work done	31	13	4	14	8	70
No. of Leagues visited	114	5	3	28	112	262
No. of Members in the Leagues visited	6,358	235	141	1,316	5,264	13,314
No. of Bands formed for daily prayer and week- ly giving	46*	3	—	8*	83*	140*
Total No. of Missionary meetings addressed (Leagues, Services, etc.)	222	37	5	49	185	498
Total No. of people reached (estimated)	16,600	2,200	200	3,600	12,200	34,800

The above report does not, in any respect, represent the total amount of work done; and this for two reasons: (1) Because, we regret to say, only about *one-third* of the workers have sent in reports of any kind whatever; and (2) Because a number of societies have acquainted themselves with the plans of the movement by correspondence, and have adopted them without having been visited by any of the workers. We have sufficient, however, to indicate something of the extent and possibilities of the work.

We find that the Leagues visited are distributed over 48 out of the 110 Districts, and in 6 out of the 10 Conferences, of our Canadian Methodist Church.

We cannot afford space for even a brief reference to the work done in each League, or by each Campaigner, even if it would be wise to do so. Mr. J. C. Reid, of Victoria, reports the largest number of Leagues visited (38). His work was largely in the Wingham District. Systematically arranged series of visits were also made by Messrs. D. Norman, B.A., and R. W. Large, in the Bradford District; W. F. Gilroy in Palmerston; C. W. Service, B.A., in Brockville and Matilda; J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., in Bowmanville and Brantford; W. T. Rush in Chatham; F. C. Stephenson in Cobourg; and by J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., and H. G. Barrie, Phar.B., in the three Toronto Districts. More extended reference to the action taken by some of these Districts will appear in January number.

While we rejoice in the work done, and may well unite in gratitude to our Master in that He has thus permitted us, in a small degree, to labor with Him, yet a careful survey of the report sheets shows a number of ways in which the work was not as extensive as it might have been. A reference to these, and a thoughtful consideration of them by our workers and young people, will be a valuable preparation for the work of next year.

1. Not as many Leagues were visited as might have been. We know that a number of Societies tried to secure a deputation and failed. This we regret, and aim that such will not be the case in a single instance next year. But we know, also, that many more would have received visits had they expressed their desire to Campaigners who were living within easy reach of them, but who neglected, either from diffidence or some other cause, to themselves seek an opportunity of presenting the work. A little more conse-

* The number of Bands formed is much greater than indicated, many having been formed since the reports were made out at close of meeting.

crated push is needed on *both* sides. Not many cases have come to our notice in which a worker asked for a meeting and was refused.

2. We cannot help noting that the generous offer of the Book Room in providing literature for sale by the workers was not properly appreciated. Here, we believe, the onus rests largely with the Campaigners, as may be gleaned from such reports as, "Sold all the literature I had with me," "Could have sold more books if I had brought them along," or "Did not sell any as I had none with me." Next year our Book Room has promised even better offers to us, both for carrying and buying. We doubt if there is a much more important factor than this in securing the perpetuation of the work.

3. To Campaigners, we cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of sending in, as promptly as possible, reports of every League visited. In filling blank forms, remember that *no one item is more important than another*. Although all do not appear in this report, *all* are necessary to the Corresponding Member if we would help him to get a comprehensive grasp of the work. The experience of those who, during the past summer, thought they could get a better report by waiting until further action had been taken by the League, has shown conclusively that we can only get full reports by filling them out *immediately at the close of each meeting*. If we could add anything to make this still stronger, we would gladly do so.

4. One more feature, revealed by this retrospective glance, we would call attention to with all earnestness. The great need for money in the extension of this noble work has been fully appreciated, and has led to the almost universal adoption of the second part of the pledge. Many of the reports show that *both* daily prayer and weekly giving are being adopted. But in those cases where one is omitted it is in almost every case *the first*. Perhaps the omission in many cases has been an oversight. Are we speaking too strongly in saying that "God does not want our money without our prayers?" At any rate we know that many (if not all) of His promises are conditioned upon prayer, and our offerings are infinitely more acceptable to Him when accompanied by it. Should it not be our aim to attain the spirit of I. Sam. xv. 22, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice"? See Psa. ii. 8, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Remember that the Campaigner who spoke of the work of the Forward Movement in your Society will be glad to correspond with you or your Missionary Vice-President on any matter of interest to the work. You will find his address in the July or August CAMPAIGNER. If you cannot find him by that, write to F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College, Toronto.

The United Presbyterian Missionary Association in Egypt has decided to publish a religious paper in Arabic.

Ethiopia is certainly lifting up her hands, not only to God, but in defence against the vices of civilization. A Zulu church recently organized has among its by-laws, that "no member shall be permitted to drink the white man's grog."

The people of Dahomey are among the most degraded savages of the world. Visitors to the World's Fair became familiar with many of their characteristics. Rev. T. J. Marshall, a native minister, is now translating the Bible into their language.