

## The Secret of Success in Our Work.

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THE greatest need of our Epworth League to-day is not more organization, not more machinery; but more power, more spiritual dynamite. The enemy is upon us. His forces are strong and mighty; Onward his watchword; and if he is to be defeated the soldiers of Christ must be fully armed with the Christian armor. Mere organization will not suffice. Large numbers in themselves will profit nothing. The hearts of the soldiers must be on fire with loyalty to the Master, loyalty born of full consecration, and of the realization of what we owe to Him.

To make mankind better and nobler, to reflect the light of the Sun of Righteousness upon a world darkened by sin and suffering, to proclaim a Father's love to prodigal humanity, this is the true mission of our Epworth League, this the great purpose of her existence.

We have entered upon a great missionary campaign, we have begun to realize the meaning of Christ's command to preach the Gospel to every creature; but if this missionary movement is to be permanent it must not be buoyed up by mere enthusiasm, but based upon the sincere personal consecration to Christ of ourselves as Leaguers.

The Acts of the Apostles contain a marvellous account of missionary enterprise. What was the secret of this wonderful success? The personal consecration of the workers, their willingness to obey God at any cost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by which they were endued with power from on high. We, too, must possess these qualifications if we would wage successful warfare against evil. Without them we shall be like unarmed, undisciplined soldiers going forth to battle against trained and mighty forces.

A careful study of the Book of Acts, noting the work of the Holy Spirit through His servants, will be of great practical benefit to us. And this same spirit who wrought so mightily through His servants in those early days of the Church, now seeks to use the youthful fire and energy of our League in driving back to hell the darkness and degradation of heathenism.

What honor, what great records await us if, as faithful servants in the strength of God Almighty, we press forward in this great missionary work which we have undertaken. Consecrated to the service of the Master and filled with the Holy Spirit, we shall be able to contend successfully against sin, and after the battle shall hear our Saviour say, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

## Forward Movement in Evangelistic Work and Bible Study.

NOTES.

How to commence the work by Conference, District and individual League: 1. Let the Conference Executive of the Epworth League meet and appoint a Forward Movement Committee, say of three. Duties of this committee will be to get Plans printed to the number of about one thousand for each district; also printed letters of suggestions to Pastors, District Presidents and Local League Presidents.

When the District Secretary receives the Plans for his district, let him at once notify the District President, who

will call the District Executive together, and a Forward Movement Committee for the District will be appointed. This committee will arrange the campaign for the district, and see that copies of The Plan are sent to each League.

When the President of each Local League receives The Plans for his League, let him proceed at once to bring the matter before the League and get all the committees of the League at work; also seek through the pastor to have the entire congregation read the Book of Acts with the members of the League.

The Hamilton Conference have this year issued 15,000 copies of The Plan. These have already been sent to the various District Secretaries throughout the Conference. Some of the District Executives have already met and appointed a committee to arrange the work on the district.

Inquiries are coming in from all the Conferences concerning the movement, and copies of The Plan are being asked for.

In Nova Scotia meetings have been held in Halifax and other places, and the movement is likely to be general throughout the province.

We clip the following from the *Wesleyan*, of Halifax: "The Forward Evangelistic Movement is a grand thing. It means culture and work-culture by systematic Bible study, and work in practical soul-saving effort, and that for every League and member who will go in for it.

This movement is just the thing for a city campaign. Can we not have it this autumn in all our cities? Let the Local Union in each city take hold of it.

Pastors will find the reading of the Book of Acts by their congregations a wonderful stimulus to spiritual life and revival work.

Start the movement as early in the autumn as possible. It will prepare the way for the fall and winter work.

In the Hamilton Conference the movement is inaugurated this year on Sunday, September 26, by the pastors preaching a sermon on the Holy Spirit as revealed in the Book of Acts.

What an inspiration and impetus would be given to the work of the Church if every pastor in Canadian Methodism should preach the sermon on Sunday, September 26, and every congregation follow by reading the Book of Acts in twenty-eight days.

## Gleanings.

Shall we work as if we expected the completion of our task 2,000 years hence, or shall we plan for early, and decisive and complete victory.—*Bp. J. M. Thoburn.*

If you do not wish for the Kingdom of Christ, do not pray for it; but if you do you must do more than pray for it, you must work for it.—*John Ruskin.*

DR. MARSHMAN, the great Serampore missionary, said: "The great hindrance to the conversion of the nations is not in the hearts of the heathen, but in the heart of the Church."

THERE are people living in beautiful homes, with over \$500.00 worth of bric-a-brac in a single room, giving 25 cents a month to Christian missions, often less than is given by the serving girls who toil for their living. We have to thank God that such examples are few, and that we have noble examples of Christian generosity—people who do settle with their conscience at the family altar their duty to the great work the Saviour has left to occupy them until He comes.—*Dr. Dival.*