

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY UNION.

THE International Missionary Union will hold its Eighth Annual Meeting at Clifton Springs, New York, on invitation of Dr. Henry Foster, June 10 to 17, inclusive, 1891.

The purposes in view are, the mutual acquaintance and conference of missionaries, and the promotion of Foreign Missions both in the hearts of Christians in the home churches, and in the wide field abroad.

All persons of either sex who are or have been Foreign Missionaries in any field or of any Evangelical society, constitute the only membership of the Union, and will be entertained without cost during the week. Provision cannot be made for the children of Missionaries. Missionary candidates under actual appointment will, so far as practicable, be hospitably entertained. Very moderate rates for board in private houses can be obtained by other persons attending.

The sessions of the Union are open to the public; the rights of vote and debate being reserved to the members. The mornings are usually occupied by conferences on technical subjects of missionary policy and experience; the afternoons by prepared papers and addresses; the evenings by the more popular exhibit of fields.

The programme for 1891 cannot yet be furnished, being dependent to some extent upon late arrivals and conditions of health. The number of well-known Missionaries arriving in America this summer, however, gives promise of an unusually interesting meeting. Drs. Happer, Martin and Nevius, from China, promise papers or presence. A representative of the Baptist work on the Congo is looked for. The Student-Volunteer-Movement, which began delegated relations with the Union last year, will be heard from, particularly its Cleveland Convention. Important future plans for the usefulness of the Union are to come up this year in connection with the generous invitation of Dr. Foster to Clifton Springs, and of others.

Missionaries are requested to communicate further with the President or Secretary, or for Canada with the Executive Chairman, S. H. Kellogg, D.D., Toronto. Mention of papers or topics proposed, or late-arriving Missionaries from abroad, will be gladly received.

Missionaries and others expecting to attend, will please notify the President, giving name of field and society or board, with years of appointment and, if retired, of departure from the field. The Union cannot assure entertainment to any persons not so reporting to Dr. Gracey. Any inquiries will be answered by either of the undersigned.

J. T. GRACEY, D.D., *President*
Rochester, New York.

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TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN INTEREST IN MISSION WORK.

A BROTHER sends us the following suggestion, which we take pleasure in publishing, with the hope that it may be the means of causing other brethren to consider how they can best interest their people in this important department of the Church's work. The mistiness of some regarding it is lamentable, of which we were forcibly reminded within the past month when one who has been an active Christian worker for years came to us, and exclaimed in a tone of surprise, "Why, it was only last week that I found out we have no missions in China."

"I think the OUTLOOK does good when sent to the people. I believe I cannot spend a part of the Lord's tithe better than sending the OUTLOOK for a year to Methodists among whom I labor, and I am confident the Mission Fund could be considerably enlarged in this way if every minister should try it. I sent \$4 worth of OUTLOOKS to friends on my last field before I left, and I expect to hear of them doing better for missions as a result of that seed sown. I think you may look for a list from one of the young brethren of this District, to whom I mentioned my plan of informing the people of our missions, and stirring them up once a month through the OUTLOOK. My firm belief is, that it would put many a dollar into the Mission Fund without lessening the minister's subscription, and at the same time enable you to do work for the Society. This Mission will do better than ever before and I think a good deal is owing to the OUTLOOK."

THE CHINESE WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE following brief letter is from the Rev. Chan Sing Kai, our native Chinese Missionary at New Westminster. When Mr. Chan came to this country, two years ago, he did not know a word of English, but the letter shows that he is making good progress in the language. We print it almost exactly as written:—

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.,

April 16th, 1891.

"I am very glad I have a good time about this three months. In the New Year's time we have meeting three weeks every night and the room were full. And on the 21st January I go to Kamloops and Revelstoke and Donald. When I preach up there they all very quiet to listen to me and a happy time too. I have little sorrow. There are five Chinamen want to baptize in our Methodist Church, but there are no minister there at that time and they go to other church to baptize. Until the 4th of February I come back to Westminster for the Chinese New Year when I preach here and lot of the Chinamen come to meeting. And then on the 7th of March I go to Victoria for the Chinese new church were gone to be open, and very good meeting, too. And I come back to Westminster I brought four Chinamen to baptize