

YOUNG PEOPLE'S

Forward Movement for Missions

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News Items.

Toronto Central District gave \$1,001.00 last year for missions.

Mr. Geo. Irving, whose home is at Vernon, P.E.I., is campaigning for Leagues of the Island.

Rev. C. J. L. Bates, who is appointed to China, visited the Bay of Quinte and Toronto Conferences.

The Toronto Conference Epworth League gave for the year just closed \$6,580.00 for missions.

Fredericton District is being campaigned by Mr. J. W. Howe, of the University of New Brunswick.

Dr. C. Service is visiting the Leagues of the Matilda and Brockville Districts, which he will represent in our Mission field of West China.

The two Leagues at St. Mary's have given this year \$130.00 for missions. Stratford District is asking to be allowed to support a missionary.

Toronto East and Toronto Central District Executives have both decided to ask that another missionary be appointed to each district for support.

A League has been organized at Mount Horeb, and the members are alive to missions, and before long hope to have the Forward Movement in working order.

Toronto East District gave \$1,561.00 for missions last year. Part of this was given to the W.M.S., part to general fund, and the greater part for the support of Dr. Kilborn.

Purple Grove Epworth League for the year just gone has given \$22.44 for missions. The membership is 20, 16 of whom give systematically. This is one more League added to the Honor Roll.

Last fall the Executive of Windsor District Epworth League planned to visit every League in the district; this has been done during the winter and spring. District officers are the best campaigners.

A request has come from League workers in New Brunswick that Rev. R. O. Armstrong, who is appointed to China, be assigned to the young people of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for support.

Rockwood League is moving forward for missions. In 1899 they gave \$16 for missions, in 1900 \$29, in 1901 \$40, and in 1902 \$55. The membership is small, but their givings tell of their interest in missionary work.

The Forward Movement for Missions is making good progress in New Brunswick. In Fredericton District, three Leagues, and twelve Pray-Study-Give Bands are contributing through the Forward Movement.

A Committee representing the Montreal, Quebec, and Huntingdon Districts met at the Montreal Conference to consider the missionary work of the Leagues. As the result of the meeting there is a probability that the Quebec and Huntingdon Districts will unite with the Montreal in the effort they are making for the support of two missionaries.

The parents and guardians of the Junior Leagues have been visited and their co-operation in helping the boys and girls keep their pledge and live out the spirit of its teachings, has been sought with blessed results.

"Japan through the stereoscope" has been much enjoyed by the Leagues of St. Thomas District. The educational value of the pictures to our young people cannot be overestimated. Financially the tour of the views proved a success.

The Leagues in Perth District are anxious to do more for missions this year than ever before. At the invitation of the chairman, Mr. George Irving visited several of the Leagues, and helped them in organizing and planning for definite work.

The Junior Epworth League of Cowansville, Quebec, have given \$6 towards the support of their missionary, Dr. J. C. Spencer, Bella Coola, B.C. For Home Missions they are sending a box of literature to the Labrador Coast, and are working to endow a cot in the Sherbrooke Hospital for poor and sick children.

The work is growing in Chentiu. One Sunday this spring, one of our missionaries gave a talk to the women of the two ways, the broad and the narrow. After the address, the question "Which way do you want to walk," was asked; many spoke up and said, "We want to walk in the narrow way." After the meeting a woman came, asking the way of salvation.

The Leagues of the Montreal District, through their Executive, are offering the Mission Board \$200.00 towards the support of a missionary to the French-speaking population of the Province of Quebec. This is in addition to the support of Dr. Ewan. The students of the Wesleyan Theological College are united with the Leagues, and twelve Pray-Study-Give bands pay in full Dr. Ewan's salary, and help in the French work.

Amherst, Nova Scotia, League has made a steady advance in its missionary givings. Their givings for the Forward Movement have increased from \$13 two years ago to \$41 for this year. In addition to this the League gave \$40 this year for work they had undertaken when the Forward Movement was introduced. The meetings are bright and interesting, the young men are a help to the work. A personal canvass for missions will be made throughout the League.

The Juniors at Westmount Methodist Church, Montreal, are not behind the Seniors in Missionary work. On Thanksgiving they made many happy with a well-filled basket. A Christmas tree for 114 children kept them busy preparing for it, and made many other children happy. The Missionary Committee have raised \$10 towards educating a child in China. They hope to make this \$15 before the end of June. The Juniors have had a prosperous year under the superintendency of Mrs. J. H. Wilder.

Toronto West District Leagues are working at missions systematically, persistently, prayerfully and successfully. This year the District stands first in missionary givings through the Forward Movement. Last year when they succeeded in raising \$32 over the amount of their missionary's salary; they began work on a second missionary, with the result that at the end of the year they had paid his outgoing expenses and his salary. To-day they find themselves with \$173 in the treasury. The first Executive meeting for the year 1902-3 was held the first week in June, and the Executive decided to support a third missionary, whom they hope will be sent out to the mission field early in the year.

The Support of Rev. C. J. L. Bates, M.A.

Undertaken by the Ottawa District Epworth League.

Mr. George Irving, B.A., of the Montreal Conference, has just completed a successful tour of nearly all the Leagues and churches of the Ottawa District. The Executive of the District Epworth League have asked for the responsibility of raising the support of the Rev. C. J. L. Bates, M.A., who is under appointment to China. The response on all sides has been most enthusiastic, one thousand dollars having already been pledged, with several leagues not visited. This result from a district that only gave \$218 from the Leagues for the year 99-1900, shows what a powerful stimulus it is to have a definite man to support. The fact that Mr. Bates is well known throughout the district contributed greatly to the success of the campaign. One especially successful feature of the campaign was the meeting of Mothers of Men in the Dominion Church, Ottawa, when Mr. Bates delivered a truly inspiring address and won his way into the people's hearts. At this meeting over \$200 was pledged over and above what had already been promised by the several Leagues.

Summer Schools.

Every Conference and many districts are talking about holding summer and winter schools. Soon willing workers will be pressed into service as teachers of different branches of League work.

The missionary question will always be the hardest (1st) because we are so far behind in missionary knowledge and methods. We have so few who are studying the present and future of missionary effort; (2nd) because such rapid progress is being made and so much is being written that it will require much more time and much concentrated study to keep up with the progress even of our coming more workers; (3rd) because the work will be on a larger scale. Our country is filling up with people who are bringing false religions with them. We must study to meet these strangers with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Those who wish to be ready for service will do well to send for the programme of the Summer School, to be held at Victoria College, Toronto, July 19th to 29th, and study it, even though they cannot attend the school. Some, however, after examining the programme, will see clearly that it offers a great opportunity for preparation for needed work.

Summer Recreation.

In the minds of many thoughtful people summer holidays and summer resorts have altogether too many question marks written after them to keep them free from doubt as to their value for strengthening body and character, for daily duties and opportunities. Why should this be? Is it not because those who go to such places go to seek their own pleasure, and those who prepare for such visitors seek to supply such things as will please guests? The change which recreates is the change of attitude. Those who work for self-advancement are rested and strengthened spiritually and physically when they rest from their self-seeking and think of others. If you have any doubt about this fact come up to the Summer School for the study of the Bible and missions. The testimony last year was unanimous that those who wait upon the Lord do renew their strength; they are helped in such a way that they are ready to go home at the close of the school with enthusiasm for their daily work.