

heart that throbs in sympathy with our work, and impels the giver oftentimes to breathe a prayer for its success.

The Committee, being anxious to make up the full \$800, if possible, decided to ask the League throughout this district to set apart a week for self-denial, that an additional amount might be realized. Although the members had already done well they fell into line loyally, as we believe they always do, and the sum of \$28.72 has been sent in as a result.

The amounts contributed by the different Leagues during the year closing 30th June, 1898, are as follows. The amounts given include the self denial contributions also.

Agnes Street (Junior)	\$15 00
Agnes Street (Senior)	24 00
Elm Street	25 00
Edgeley	6 35
Maple	11 00
Newtonbrook	15 00
St. Paul's	80 32
Thornhill	21 00
Yonge Street	103 75
Broadway	125 00
Davisville	26 00
Eglinton	—
Elia	9 50
McCauley (New Richmond)	58 40
Queen Street	57 40
Richmond Hill	—
Willowdale	—
Total	\$576 72

As was to be expected, our Leagues could not all get the machinery of systematic giving into working order all at once, and this partly, if not altogether, accounts for our not reaching the point we aimed at at the beginning of the year.

All our Leagues but one are now, we believe, in good working order, and we feel confident that next year will show a much better result, for it is marvellous what can be done when the Missionary Committee is well organized and the two cents per week plan is thoroughly and perseveringly carried out. Some Leagues, we know, that promised \$50 or \$75 with fear and trembling, found the money to come in so satisfactorily that they have been able to pay their amounts easily, and next year will probably be ready to promise more.

But while we have spoken of the financial side first, we must not forget that the money is only the evidence of the interest that has been awakened throughout our district amongst our Epworth Leagues. Formerly, in some Leagues, no meetings specially in the interest of Missions were held. Now, in almost all, if not in all our Leagues, Missionary meetings are held quite often and in many societies regularly.

We are grateful for this, because we know that as our missionary thermometer rises our interest in every other department of Christian work rises accordingly; for whether the need be home or foreign, it matters not, because it is all done in obedience to the Master's commands "Ye are My witnesses" and "Go ye into all the world."

In many Leagues missionary libraries have been formed, and interesting works on missions and mission fields and noted missionaries are circulated, and who can tell how many of our Epworth Leaguers may as a result hear the Master's call to go, and catching the enthusiasm from the life of some missionary here, offer themselves for that noble work.

We are sorry that such a good paper as our MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER has not been more generally subscribed for

by our members, as we know it has greatly helped those who have read its pages. Our special effort to increase its circulation among our members was not successful during the past year, but we hope the members will take a greater interest in the paper in the coming year.

We have during the year tried to urge our Leagues to have frequent special prayer, not only for our own missionary but for the whole mission field, for we all believe in the power of prayer, and who need the presence and aid of the Holy Spirit in their work more than the devoted missionaries who (forsaking home, friends, oftentimes even civilization and all that we who are at home prize so much, or should do) labor in loneliness and amid so much to distress and discouragement? Surely they need and deserve our prayers!

And now last, but not least by any means, a word about our own missionary, as we like to call Dr. Jackson.

We were all delighted a year ago, when the General Mission Board set apart Dr. Jackson as medical missionary to labor at Bella Bella and Rivers Inlet, and sent him out under the auspices of our Toronto Central District League. We felt that no one could have been selected that was worthy of our love and confidence more than he.

Just one year ago we bade him and Mrs. Jackson farewell, and followed them with our prayers as they started on their journey to the Pacific coast. It is not necessary here to enlarge on the grand work under God they have been able to do to the bodies as well as the spirits of these poor Indians.

Dr. Jackson's letters that have been sent to all the Leagues (and, we trust, read at your meetings) tell better than we can of the grand work that has been done. But to-night we temporarily rest under a shadow, for, as you know, God has seen fit to place the hand of affliction on His servant and Dr. Jackson has, under the doctors' advice, been ordered home and is now in our own Province. Entering at once into his arduous duties, almost night and day work, immediately after his many years of study and preparation, which he had gone through without sufficient change of rest, has been more than his constitution could stand, and the result is a temporary breakdown of his physical machinery. Those who know his history know how wonderfully God opened up his way before he entered upon his field; and remembering this we fully believe that this mysterious affliction must be one of the "all things that work together for good to them that love God," and after a few months' rest we trust he may be strong enough to go back to the work he loves so well.

How pleased we would have been to have looked into his face to-night and heard from his own lips of the work. But the doctors know best, and they say the excitement would be too much for him with his present very weak heart. He cannot be here in body, but we know he is with us in spirit. Shall we not unitedly pray that He, who has permitted His servant to be called aside from His work for a time, shall speedily, if it be His will, but speak the word and "he shall be made whole?"

During the year a new hospital has been erected at River's Inlet, and this has been equipped by Dr. and Mrs. Jackson and through the generosity of friends interested in the work.

While Dr. Jackson is away taking his much-needed rest Dr. Pope, of British Columbia, and the nurse at River's Inlet, are in charge of the work there, as this is the very important time of the year for that place, viz., the fishing and canning season, when as many as from three thousand to five thousand people are there at one time.