

Missionary.

A Trio of Missionary Workers.

We have pleasure in publishing on this page the portraits of three of the most energetic missionary workers in America, who are regarded as leaders in the Young People's Campaign for Missions. Dr. F. C. Stephenson, Toronto, is one of the most active promoters of the Students' Forward Movement for Missions in Canada, which originated largely through his efforts. During the past five years he has literally given himself to the cause of missions, and almost his entire time has been taken up with missionary work. His wife is equally enthusiastic with himself, and their home is a hive of industry, all bearing on the evangelization of the heathen. Dr. Stephenson edits a department in the OUTLOOK, and also in this paper, conducts a large correspondence, and attends many conventions in the interests of the cause he has so much at heart.

Mr. Willis W. Cooper is a good mate for Dr. Stephenson in missionary zeal, and is doing similar work in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. He was general corresponding secretary of the Young People's Methodist Alliance, an organization which was actively pushed throughout the West, until, at the time of the organization of the Epworth League, the Alliance was the largest Young People's society in Methodism. Mr. Cooper was given the honor of calling together representatives of the five separate Methodist organizations in the city of Cleveland on the now historical 15th day of May, 1889, when the Epworth League was launched, and he presided through the entire session of this conference. He has always had a very deep interest in missions, and it is very appropriate that he should take the lead in the League Missionary Campaign. During the past two or three years he has been giving special attention to the circulation of missionary libraries among the young people of his church in which he has had wonderful success.

Rev. P. L. Cobb is the leader of the Campaign movement, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He is a young man of intelligence, energy, and consecration, who is pushing missionary work with great activity.

Toronto West District has planned for a visit to every League by a student campaigner.

Student Missionary Campaign Regiments.

The following extract from the first letter of the Student Missionary Campaign in the Epworth League of the M. E. Church in the U.S., will greatly cheer all our old Campaigners. Many of those who first enlisted in this Volunteer service in the years of '94, '95, '96, and '97 will be ready to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" That which was only a band of from fifty to one hundred in our own Methodist Church of Canada has grown to be a mighty army with companies and regiments formed or forming in every Protestant Church. Who does not believe that God hears prayer, and grants wisdom to those who seek it. He also accepts a living sacrifice. If we continue to pray to God and study his will, and the deed of men, we will doubtless continue to be living sacrifices, acceptable to God, for the evangelizing of the world.

GREETING:

"On the twelfth of January, 1899, there met in the City of New York, representatives of eleven great denomina-

the World and Preach the Gospel to every Creature.

"At Eisenach, Germany, July 13-17, 1898, at the foot of the famous Wartburg castle, where Luther wrote and spoke, the student leaders of the world were in convention assembled. Twenty-four countries were represented. There were present leaders of sixteen national and international student movements.

"Thirty-six denominations of the all embracing Church of Christ were represented, as were the five great races of mankind.

"The fundamental principle on which affiliation was made is as follows: 'A belief in Jesus Christ as God the Son and the only Saviour of the World.'

"The Object of the Meeting was to Perfection Plans whereby the Christian Students of the World Might be United in One Great Common Purpose, that by Prayer, by Study, and by Spiritual Endeavor the Way Might be Prepared for the Complete Establishment of Messiah's Reign. 'The Evangelization of the World in This Generation.'

"Is it not remarkable that at about the same time God should call into being the Student Missionary Campaign and

the World's Student Christian Federation, at a time when the doors of the heathen world have been literally torn off their hinges?

"The Christian young people of the world are uniting, brother with brother, denomination with denomination, nation with nation, in spiritual confidence and with a deep sense

of oneness in Christ, praying and working and confidently expecting that speedily "The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

The Forward Movement at Toronto, '97.

The International Epworth League Convention of 1897, held at Toronto, was the day of opportunity for the "Student Missionary Campaign" for a "Young People's Forward Movement for Missions." Although the movement had been designed two years previously, and experiments had been made, yet the pioneer workers fully realized that the campaigns of '94, '95, and '96 had only proved the possibility of reaching the hundreds of thousands of Christian young people for missions.

No prayers have been more definitely answered than the prayers offered in the little hall represented on the next page. From fifteen to twenty Canadian Campaigners kept this hall open early and late during the days of the convention for prayer and conversation about missions. The "Young People's Forward



LEADERS OF THE FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MISSIONS.

tional and interdenominational young people's movements.

"The object of the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of inaugurating a mighty forward movement which should sweep through the young people's societies of North America and Great Britain.

"After much prayer and discussion it was finally unanimously decided that such a movement is entirely practicable, but the clear understanding that each denomination should conduct the movement according to its own methods and along strictly denominational lines. It was agreed that certain objects and methods might be common to all, but they might be pursued in different ways. It was felt that each society could work best in its own workshop.

"Plans are now being made to conduct the Student Missionary Campaign in the Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Dutch Reform, United Presbyterian Churches, and the three branches of the Methodist Church.

"The Final Object of the Movement is to set the Christian Young People of North America and Great Britain on Fire with a Holy Zeal for Immediate Obedience to Christ's Last Command: "Go Ye Into all