

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—*Matthew* xxviii. 19.

Who was the first great missionary to the heathen nations? Paul.

"But Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken unto you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light for the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord."—*Acts* xiii. 46-48.

Who was the first great missionary of modern times? William Carey.

Give a short sketch of Carey's life.

William Carey was born at Paulerspury, Northamptonshire, England, August 17, 1761. On his cobbler's bench he taught himself Latin, Greek and Hebrew. He became a Baptist minister, but his congregation being poor, he supported himself at his trade. He felt it to be his duty to preach to the heathen, and studied hard with that object in view. Mainly through his exertions the Baptist Missionary Society was organized in 1792. In 1793 Carey went to India. The Indian Government opposed him in his work. In 1801, the New Testament in Bengali was published. He became Professor of Oriental Languages in Fort William College, and for thirty years he taught Bengali, Mahratta and Sanscrit. The large salary which he received for this was spent entirely in the cause of missions. He prepared grammars and dictionaries of several Indian languages. He translated the Bible in whole and in part, assisted by others, into twenty-four Indian languages, making it accessible to more than three hundred millions of people. He died at Serampore, India, in 1834.

Sing hymn, "Onward, Christian soldiers."

When was the first Methodist Missionary Society organized? The Wesleyan Missionary Society was organized in 1818. Missions, however, were begun and regular collections taken up for the support of missions by the Wesleyan Methodists as early as 1786.

Who was the founder of Methodist Missions? The Rev. Dr. Coke.

Give a sketch of Dr. Coke's life.

Dr. Coke was born at Brecon, Wales, in 1747. He united with the Methodist Society in 1776. John Wesley ordained him Bishop of the Methodist Societies in America in 1784. He landed with three missionaries in 1786, twenty-six years after Methodism had been introduced there. Eighteen times he crossed the

Atlantic in the interests of religion. He spent his fortune in the cause of Christ. He was "the founder of the Methodist Missions (though not of Methodism) in the West Indies, in Africa, and in Asia, in England, Wales and Ireland." He died on his way to India to organize missions there, and was buried in the Indian Ocean.

When was the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada organised? 1824.

Who was its first great missionary? The Rev. Wm. Case, the "Father of Canadian Missions," who organized the work amongst the Indians.

What was the income of the Society during its first year? One hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty cents.

What is its income this year? About two hundred thousand dollars.

What were its fields of operation the first year of its existence? A few bands of Indians in Ontario, and the white settlers.

What are its fields of operation now? *Domestic Missions*, in all the older Provinces in the North-West, British Columbia and Newfoundland; *Indian Missions* in Ontario, the North-West, Keewatin, and British Columbia; *French Missions* in the Province of Quebec; *Chinese Mission* in Victoria, British Columbia; and the Japan Mission. How many missions are there now? Four hundred and eighty-three.

How many agents are employed in missionary work? Five hundred and seventy-four.

How many Church members are there in connection with our missions? About forty-nine thousand.

Sing hymn, "Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Which was the first Indian Mission? The Grand River Mission, which was begun in 1822.

When was mission work begun amongst the Indians of Hudson's Bay? In 1840 the Wesleyan Missionary Society sent Messrs. Barnley, Mason and Rundle, and shortly after that the Canadian Missionary Society sent James Evans, Thomas Hurlburt and Peter Jacobs.

When was mission work begun among the Indians of British Columbia? The Rev. Thomas Crosby began work among the Indian tribes in 1868.

When were the French Missions begun? 1856.

When was the Chinese Mission begun? 1885.

When was the Japan Mission begun? The Revs. George Cochran, D.D., and Davidson McDonald, M.D., began work in Japan in 1873.

How many benevolent and educational institutions are there in connection with our missions? The Mount Elgin Institute at Muncey. The Crosby Girls' Home, the French Methodist Institute, the Macdougall Orphanage, and the College in Tôkyô, Japan. Besides these there are many Indian and French schools.