

### Harvest.

HE who works in the field of the world  
Must work with a faith sublime,  
And let the seeds lay still in the earth  
And wait for God's good time.

But nevertheless the harvest is sure  
Though the sower the sheaves may not see,  
For never a word was spoken for Him  
But will ring through eternity.

—Selected.

### Missionary Spirit in Albert College.

THERE never was a more earnest spirit manifested, perhaps, in missionary work in our College than at the present time. This is due in part to the fact that F. J. Livingstone, B.A., M.D., whom our society chose some years ago to be its representative in the foreign work, is now on the Dark Continent.

Dr. Livingstone, who volunteered to go to Africa as a missionary when he was a student at Albert College, secured permission from the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church after his ordination to go to Africa. Having raised the necessary money to send him forth, we are praying earnestly for God's blessing on his efforts, and also that the way may be opened up for more of us to follow him.

Dr. Livingstone is now at Durban, Natal, endeavoring to master the language of the people amongst whom he expects to spend his life. His letters already received are bright and hopeful. He expects to be able to preach in the native tongue in the course of four or five months.

Our missionary prayer-meetings, from 6.30 to 7 on Saturday evenings, are more largely attended than usual, and many earnest prayers are offered for the great work of the world's evangelization.

The monthly missionary meetings, which are held in the College chapel on the last Sabbath afternoon of each month, have been of special interest this year, as the addresses, with scarcely an exception, have been enthusiastic, Christ's claim on Christian students in the interest of foreign missions having been especially pointed out.

We have, in connection with our missionary organization, a mission study class, composed of from twenty-five to thirty members. Our study during the fall term was on India, as planned by the "Students' Volunteer" and proved most interesting and instructive. Our topic for the winter is, "The Religions of the World," by G. M. Grant, D.D.

There are at present only four young men in our College who are actually preparing for the foreign work, and they meet together each Sunday morning to pray for the hastening of that day when all men everywhere shall at least have heard of Christ the world's Redeemer. We sincerely hope that this spirit may be deepened and broadened, so that many others may be led to give their lives to so noble a cause.

R. H. GORDON.

THE "hard times" have evidently not affected missionary contributions in England. Canon Scott Robertson's twenty-fourth annual summary of the sums contributed by all sections of Christianity in the British Isles in support of foreign missionary work shows that for the fiscal year 1894 the total voluntary contributions amounted to over \$6,500,000. Only in one year (1891) has this total been exceeded.

### Volunteers.

THERE are many who volunteer for the foreign field and through force of circumstances are compelled to relinquish their cherished desire and serve at home. Their intentions were honest, and no doubt they would have been true to their pledge had not circumstances over which they had no control closed their way.

Because they are compelled to remain at home while others are permitted to go to the regions beyond, shall they be less devoted and less self-sacrificing than those who are privileged to go? Is not the volunteer at home under the same obligations and under the same marching orders as the one who goes to the front?

The man who gives up the prospect of worldly advancement and a life of ease and enjoyment, counting not his life dear unto himself, but going forth bearing the message of salvation to a lost world, is certainly giving his life to the noblest work committed by God to mankind; but should the one who remains behind feel less the responsibility because circumstances have kept him out of the mission field?

What greater privilege can a disciple of Jesus Christ wish for than consecrating all his means above the necessary living expenses to the work of spreading abroad the Gospel message?

Are volunteers true to their pledge when, finding their way closed, they settle down to a life of greater ease and pleasure than they would have expected had they been permitted to go to the field?

Let each volunteer consider this aspect of the question prayerfully, giving up if need be "houses and brethren, wife, children and land" for His name's sake.

W. T. RUSH.

### How to Use Great Men.

NEARLY anyone who is interested in the advancement of our Lord's kingdom and the uplifting of his friends and neighbors would count it a great privilege to accompany such men as Bishop Thorburn, Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D.D., Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D., Bishop Taylor, Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, Martyn, Carey, Judson, Morrison, Marsden, John Williams, William Johnson (of Africa), Hunt, Gardiner, Duff, Livingstone and Patteson, to the home of his friends and introducing them. This is an honor that would be worth the most valuable time we could spend. It is a privilege within the reach of nearly everyone to be the medium of conveying the thoughts of these men of God to our neighbors and friends.

"As a man thinketh, . . . so is he;" a man's thought is the man, his book is his thought; therefore, by introducing the book we introduce the man. Although some of them may "rest from their labors, their works do follow them." There are many grand men whom to know is to be helped by them. Let us know as many as possible, and then introduce them to our friends. It will not cost very much to move in this society, and it is the one price for ourselves and our friends, if we buy the works of these missionary writers and circulate them. By watching and praying for God's blessing upon our efforts we can lift many a life in higher service.

GIVE me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen, such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven upon earth.—WESLEY.