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"Keep a Goin'"

The following lines of J. Whitcomb Riley have been posted in the public corridor of the Government Immigration Hall at Winnipeg, by the Presbyterian chaplain, Rev. Mr. Bowman, who says that they have given a lift to many a man who has come in strapped or stranded, and whose eye happened to fall on the verses:—

If you strike a thorn or rock,
Keep a goin'.
If it hails or if it rains,
Keep a goin'.
'Taint no use to sit and whine,
When the fish aint on your line;
Bait your hook and keep on tryin',—
Keep a goin'.
If the weather kills your crop,
Keep a goin'.
When you tumble from the top,
Keep a goin'.
S'pose you're out of every dime,
Gettin' broke ain't any crime;
Tell the world you're feelin' fine,—
Keep a goin'.
When it looks like all is up,
Keep a goin'.
Draw the sweetness from the cup,
Keep a goin'.
See the wild bird on the wing,
Hear the bells that sweetly ring;
When you feel like sighin', SING,—
Keep a goin'.

The Greatest Force.—F. A. McKenzie, the well-known foreign correspondent of the *London Mail*, says in the *London Christian World*: "The greatest civilizing force in China during the last half century, and especially during the last fifteen or twenty years, has been Christianity. It has broken down the barriers and has transformed the attitude of the people." And again: "A stranger stopped me. 'I cannot understand,' he said, 'why you, a newspaper man, should advocate missionary work. It is not your business. Why do you meddle with it?' 'I do it because I am a Christian imperialist,' I replied. The man still looked puzzled, so I went on: 'I believe that England stands for good homes, for kindness to children, for a high standard of womanhood, and for peace. The white man's civilization is the best of the world has seen, and the white man's civilization is based on Christianity. The more British influence spreads, the more our ideals prevail. I know that

every missionary is an active campaigner, not merely for a new-theology, but also for a new life—a life based on the foundation of our civilization, the cross. I want the white man's ideals to triumph, not for the glory of the whites, but for the betterment of woman life and child life throughout the world.'"



The Large Contributors.—Who are the largest givers to our missionary funds? Rev. J. E. Hughson, in an address on "The Call of the West," delivered recently in the Sherbourne Street Church of this city, threw some light on this question by telling of the self-sacrifice of young men whom he had known to turn their backs on positions worth \$1,000 a year in the town, that they might go out on some mission and preach the Gospel to the settlers, at a remuneration of \$350 for a year's work. He claimed that these probationers of our Church were the largest contributors to missions, for they really gave the difference between these amounts. The point is well taken. These devoted workers on our home mission field give more than they all, for they give themselves, time, talents, strength. It is not very creditable to the Church that we support them so poorly.



Be Young, Be Eager, Be Strong.

—Bishop Quayle, who succeeds Bishop Barry as President of the Epworth League in the United States, sends the following stirring message to the young people of his constituency, which is equally appropriate to the Epworth Leaguers of this country:

Be young, be eager, be strong. The Epworth League is for youth, not to suppress it, but to express it. We must keep in heart and mind that to be young and to act young is to please God. We are to be good and to be merry, to be good enjoyers of people, books, nature, church. We are to make merry in heart and with lips and laughter and in goodly play. Be young!

Be Eager. Want to be things and want to do things. Be not content with the folded hands nor with a chair in which to take ease. We are too young to be sitting around. We must do things. We must help the church. We must enjoy the chance to love the church, give to it, pray for it, sing its songs, invite to its services, be good friends with the preacher, hang around the house of God, which is a thing

far removed from lounging. Make all young folks know that the Methodist Church loves youth and plans for it. Be eager!

Be Strong. What is youth for if not for strength? Old folks may grow feeble, but youthhood must not. Youth must get down to big business, must bear burdens and think them fun. Here is for the fun of doing good and being good and giving good. May other youth catch goodness from you as if it were a holy contagion.

You are God's youth. Be mighty for Him and in Him. Be strong!



Presbyterians Ahead.—The Presbyterian Sunday Schools of Canada, to the number of 1,636, contributed \$10,295 to carry on the General Sunday School Work of the Church. Methodist Sunday Schools, to the number of over 3,000, gave, last year, only about half of this amount to a similar fund. The consequence is that the General Board, which meets this month, will be face to face with rather a serious financial outlook. Our Church has no reason to feel very proud of the support she gives to the extension of her own Sunday School work.



The New York *Herald* of July 17 devotes a column to the statement of the fact that Miss Ethel J. Wheeler, daughter of Hon. Everett P. Wheeler, of New York City, a noted lawyer and reformer, is to become a missionary and depart at once for her field of labor at Hankow, China. Highly educated, much travelled, with an elegant home, hosts of friends, and an exalted social position, the *Herald* seems puzzled to learn that she gladly sacrifices all, that she may go to China to bear light, hope and comfort to these untutored people. The *Herald* is again surprised into saying: "To the world Miss Wheeler gives no reason for her decision to devote her life to missionary work other than that it is a field where her life may be spent in the accomplishment of much good, and that it pleases her to do so." The writer of this item evidently knows little of modern missionary work, and certainly nothing of the fact that many of the most brilliant young men and women are hearing now the call of Jesus Christ to "go" and bear His Gospel to others, joyously leaving home for the East to devote all that there is in them to preaching and living out that Gospel.