

Young Methodists, Forward!

MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCE LEAGUES.

Forward!

EMMA C. DOWD.

"Forward!" Hear ye the order!
Pass it along the line!
Forward—inspiring watchword!
May it be yours and mine!
Forward!

Out of the past, with its errors;
Out of the dreary night;
Into the glorious present,
Bright with hope's radiant light—
Forward!

Out of the toils of the tempter;
Out of the dust of despair!
Into faith's highest freedom,
The freedom of praise and prayer—
Forward!

Out of the vale of the idler,
Where sloth and neglect have been;
Into the fields of action,
Where service and joy are kin—
Forward!

Out of ourselves and our sadness;
Out of our weary way;
Into the limitless beauty
Of God's magnificent day—
Forward!

"Forward!" Its echo is ringing!
The word new life imports;
May it in living letters
Be blazoned upon our hearts!
Forward!

—Forward.

What an Opportunity!

The leaders of our Church have sounded the "Advance!" and upon Sunday, 14th October, our Methodist forces will enter upon such a campaign for Christ as we believe our Church has never before undertaken.

What an opportunity lies before us as Epworth Leaguers to aid in this grand work! Young, strong, and enthusiastic, we should be ready to go into the thickest of the battle, and then, fighting shoulder to shoulder with many tried and proved veterans, under the infallible leadership of King Jesus, we confidently count upon success.

Two facts we must admit:

1. There are hundreds of our young people, many of them our daily associates, who are now unawakened and are utterly indifferent to their souls' welfare.

2. They can and will be reached and won for Christ if we will allow the Holy Spirit to lead and use us as He wants to.

Oh! for a clarion call that will arouse us from our lethargy to real aggressive effort to resist the invasion of Satan and carry forward the banner of Jesus.

Then, Leaguers, remembering the untold blessings we ourselves enjoy, and remembering the value Jesus to His death set upon their souls as well as ours, let us, by prayer, by word, by action, by life, do all we can to win our unconverted young friends for Christ, and thus make more glorious the closing months of what has undoubtedly been the most wonderful century this world of ours has ever seen.

G. H. WOOD,

President Toronto Conference Epworth League.

The New Evangelism.

Shortly before his departure Mr. Moody said, "I regret to leave this scene of earthly activity for many reasons, but largely because I would like to take part in that opening of the new century in what I might call 'The New Evangelism.'" This new evangelism is represented for us by the Twentieth Century Evangelistic Campaign, in which we hope and believe every League in our Conference is interested. Generals often prepare for great battles by sending a detachment of trusty troops to seize some strategic point in advance. This honor falls to us. If the 50,000 active members will claim the 27,000 associates for God, the success of the whole campaign will be assured. How can this be done? Much prayer and scripture study are essential to a true revival. In revival services the League is always active, but in this campaign it is to do more than ordinary. All the year the Nile flows through Egypt, but once in the year it overflows Egypt. All through the century streams of blessing have flowed, but this year all the land is to receive the fertilizing inundation and the seedling for harvest yet to be. As we hope to be the chief reapers let us give ourselves to the labors of this campaign. A revival first in our own hearts, then in the League, and then in the entire Church.

REV. G. H. CORBLEDICK, B.D.,

President London Conference Epworth League.

A Revival in Every League.

A revival in every League in Canada! A flame of purging and reviving fire from the Atlantic to the Pacific, moving every heart, animating every life, and foreboding the destiny of every young person in our beloved country! All our young people for Christ, and that now! For this our Father waits! This the noblest manhood and womanhood of our young people demands. Why can we not, as never before, realize such a momentous forward movement? There are two important reasons why it should be sought and attained.

First, on such depend the future life and prosperity of all our Leagues. By revival I mean not simply a spasmodic effort by which either few or many unawakened are moved to give their hearts to God, but a deep spiritual awakening among the active members first—for from such a fountain must the best results flow—and then spreading out to the associate members, and finally to the wider circle of the young people who are as nowise interested in the things of God. Such a revival is one in which every young Christian realizes in a deeper sense the blessed consciousness of the indwelling Christ, and feels as never in the past "the burden of souls" and the weight of responsibility resting upon him as Christ's ambassador.

To secure this, what need we? Faith in God, faith in our young people—a consciousness of their needs in Christ, unceasing prayer to God, an activity which no indifference can chill and no opposition can baffle. A bright cheerful hopefulness and the complete absence of all censoriousness. Without being bound to any particular methods, and desisting no genuine operation of God's

Spirit, let us aim at having every young person in Canada enjoy the consciousness of sins forgiven and a new life through the Spirit of God.

REV. J. H. RIDDELL, B.D.,

President Manitoba Conference League.

Better "Lookout" Work.

I will just mention one way in which we can greatly enlarge our Master's kingdom, viz.: By having as members of our Lookout Committees men and women who are consecrated to the service of the Lord and who have tact, and know how to approach people. A mighty Forward Movement can be made by this committee in seeking the strangers who are arriving in our cities and towns every day, and who, because they have no one to instruct them, through ignorance are influenced by the devil's "lookout committee" who is ever on the alert, and never fails to take advantage of the opportunities afforded. They are thus taken prisoners and can only be set free by mighty efforts; whereas, in the first place, a hearty handshake, an invitation to attend our meetings, and a few kind words might have won them for Christ. Let us consecrate ourselves to the Master's service, to be used as He sees best, going forth with willing hands to do His bidding, ever keeping before us the blessed promise, "Fear thou not, for I am with you, be not dismayed for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

HORACE J. KNOTT,

President British Columbia Conference League.

A Glorious Leader.

The closing days of this century are upon us. The Church with which we are associated, and which we love so well, is about to engage in a mighty revival enterprise, the success of which largely depends on the united efforts of all the forces within her borders. May I be permitted to express the hope that when the time for action arrives it will find us ready. As our troops in South Africa have had in Lord Roberts an incomparable leader, and behind them all the might and power of the British Empire, so we have in the Lord Jesus a leader who has never lost a battle, and at our command all the resources of His Kingdom. Let us come to this work with clean hands and pure hearts, and sinners shall be converted as in the past, not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. Let us urge upon the Leagues that the intervening time be spent in preparation for this work. Let us lay aside everything that would hinder.

W. H. MOSS,

President Hamilton Conference Epworth League.

Conditions of Success.

Upon us, as members of a society whose object is largely to develop and broaden Christian character, and to "bring our young associates to Christ," there comes a special opportunity. What are the conditions upon which a wide and general revival of Christian faith and consecrated living may be expected?

First, the bringing of our earthly substance and laying it at the Master's feet for His service. *Mat. 3:10.*

Second, tarrying before God in earnest prayer until the Holy Spirit makes us willing to act through Him and thus become a power to win others for Christ. *Luke 24:49.*

The first of these conditions in connection with the present movement has been pretty