

Necessary information may be had from the following (a) Students' Missionary Campaign leaflets (free), and Pledge and Collector's books (5c. each)—from Rev. Dr. Sutherland; (b) Cycle of Prayer (3c. each, 30c. a doz.)—from Woman's Missionary Society; (c) Facts on Foreign Missions (5c. each, 30c. a doz.), and Prayer and Missions (5c. each)—from F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College; (d) Back numbers of *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER*, especially June and September; (e) *Guardian* of November 18th, page 4, and October 7th, page 9.

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### S. M. C.: What It Is.

THE Students' Missionary Campaign is not a new missionary society, but is a movement inaugurated by Christian Methodist students to promote, under the direction of the ministry and the General Secretary of Missions, a young people's forward movement for missions.

What the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions has done and is doing to create and maintain an intelligent, active interest in missions in our colleges and universities, the Students' Missionary Campaign seeks to do in our young people's Christian societies. The Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, by organizing for daily prayer and systematic study of the missionary cause, has enlisted thousands of consecrated students as volunteers for the foreign field. These volunteers are not sent out by the Movement, but await the call of the Church to active service. It is a well-known fact that, while the Church members are in possession of an abundance of means, the missionary societies of the Church are financially unable to send out but a small percentage of the educated men and women who have volunteered for missionary work. Missionary authorities are agreed that the cause of this financial embarrassment is lack of knowledge on the part of the membership. If Christians only knew their privilege and the heathen need, and understood our heavenly Father's will concerning the extension of His kingdom on the earth, they would respond heartily and liberally.

To meet the need of the Church in this crisis of her history, the Students' Missionary Campaign has been instituted to assist the ministry in calling the Church, the young people especially, to daily prayer for, careful study of, and systematic proportionate giving to, the missionary cause.

The methods adopted are simple and direct. All operations are carried on through and by existing organizations; all monies flow through the proper channels to the Missionary Society. Space will permit of but the briefest outline of the plan of work: Christian Methodist students, volunteers for mission work and probationers for the Methodist ministry, while attending college, where they have special advantages for obtaining missionary information, organize classes for prayer for, and study of, missions. During vacation, and from time to time as opportunity offers, they seek to make known to all whom they can reach, what they have learned regarding missions.

Our young people's Christian societies offer a wide and accessible field for work. Each member of the Students' Missionary Campaign reaches as many societies as he can wherever he happens to be situated. Some, by the cooperation of the district and local Epworth League officers, are able to plan a tour throughout one or more districts.

In order to make his work permanent and self-propagating, he not only gives a stirring, up-to-date missionary address, but asks for an after meeting of all interested in the extension of our Lord's kingdom on earth, requesting especially that the superintendent of the missionary department and the missionary committee confer with him. He then suggests the forming of a band in the Society for daily prayer for, careful study of, and weekly giving to, missions. The developing of this band is left in charge of the missionary committee of the Society. As helps to the members of these bands, he introduces:

1. The "Cycle of Prayer," published by our Church, which is a guide to those who wish to "lift up their eyes and look on the fields." This booklet divides the world into thirty-one parts, so that in one month, by praying for a portion each day, the one using it makes intercession for all men everywhere. The *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* is a paper published monthly as a commentary on the Cycle of Prayer, in which information regarding the subjects suggested for prayer is furnished.

2. He recommends each Epworth League to begin to form a missionary library, he sells and takes orders for all the missionary literature he can, and leaves printed price lists, so that they may purchase more.

3. He also introduces the pledge and collectors' books for weekly giving furnished by our Missionary Society.

It is needless to say that the above plan of work meets with the hearty approval of the members of our Church. Dr. Alexander Sutherland, Secretary of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, says in the *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* for September, 1896: "Our young people will do well to study carefully the 'Young People's Forward Movement for Missions,' which is being promoted by the Students' Missionary Campaign. The work has been carefully planned with a two-fold object:

- "1. To enlist all our young people in united work for missions, under the direction of our Church.

- "2. To establish and make that work permanent and self-propagating—bringing each member of our young people's Christian societies into such close touch with the extension of our Lord's kingdom and the salvation of the world, that daily prayer and systematic, proportionate giving will be recognized as a personal privilege and responsibility.

"A well organized district could raise enough to send out and support at least one missionary. Several districts are already at work, and the plan meets with great favor. When enough is raised to send out a man and support him for one year, the General Board of Missions will be glad to appoint one. The discussions this work will call for at the annual District Conventions, and the definite interest of the individual Epworth Leagues, will tend to develop an earnest interest on the part of every member."

"I have long since ceased to pray, 'Lord Jesus, have mercy upon a lost world.' I remember the day and the hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, *I have had* compassion upon a lost world, and now it is time for *you* to have compassion. I have left you to fill up that which is behind in mine afflictions in the flesh for the body's sake, which is the Church. I have given *my* heart; now give *your* hearts.'"—A. J. Gordon