

tering missionary information, and voted \$240 to be spent in free copies.

The increase in the demand, for missionary information, at as little cost as possible, induced the General Board and the Woman's Missionary Society to enlarge the *Missionary Outlook* to the extent of eight pages. This is an addition of the same amount of space as there has been in the regular MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER. The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER is now amalgamated with the *Missionary Outlook*, and both are to be sent to the present subscribers of each of the papers in the form of the enlarged *Missionary Outlook*. The combined papers will be sent to new subscribers and to those renewing their subscriptions, at the former price of the *Missionary Outlook* (club rates 25 cents per year). It is clear that this change is to the advantage of all concerned. All departments of our missionary work will be advocated in one connexional missionary paper, the price of which is lower even than that of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER. The regular MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER has consisted of seven pages of missionary information per month for 10 cents per year (in clubs), whereas the *Missionary Outlook* now gives us twenty-four pages for 25 cents per year (in clubs).

We sincerely hope that our readers will not think or speak of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER as something of the past. We have every assurance from Dr. Sutherland, the Editor-in-chief of the *Missionary Outlook*, that sufficient space will be allotted, and that everything will go on the same as heretofore. All articles, suggestions, reports and news items regarding the work may be sent to F. C. Stephenson, M.D., C.M., corresponding member of the Students' Missionary Campaign, 568 Parliament Street, Toronto, Ont. The suggested programme for the monthly missionary meeting will be treated just the as it was in the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER.

We earnestly request the friends of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER to treble their efforts on behalf of the paper in its new form. This is a very reasonable request. The *Missionary Outlook* will bring not only the Young Peoples' Forward Movement for Missions, but also the work of the Women's Missionary Society and the General Board of Missions before the subscribers.

"The *Outlook* will be supplied to Student Campaigners and members of Leagues, or other young people's societies, at club rates—25 cents per annum, postage paid."

Send all subscriptions for the *Missionary Outlook* to Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Mission Rooms, Wesley Building, Richmond Street, Toronto, Ont.

Prayer as a Therapeutic Measure.

IN an informal talk with a number of students of Trinity Medical College, on the evening before his return to his hospital work at Port Simpson, B.C., Dr. Bolton stated that it is his invariable custom, after all preparations have been made for an operation, to have all concerned in the operation (including the patient) unite in prayer to God for His blessing upon the work, and committing themselves and the results to Him.

He said that the composing effect upon all has been truly wonderful, and he is assured that the patient exhibits much more self-control while taking the anæsthetic than is the case otherwise. The plan was an original one with Dr. Bolton, but is one well worth putting to the test, not only by every medical missionary, but by every Christian surgeon no matter where he may be.

The Epworth League Reading Course.

SOME one has said, "The most important arrest in the world is the arrest of thought." After one thought has been arrested we allow it to occupy that spacious chamber which we all possess, "The room for improvement." How impossible to keep our thought in this room unless supplied with everything to maintain health and vigor. Through reading our thoughts are directed and our minds developed.

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The New League Paper.

THE League paper authorized by the recent General Conference is to be known as "*The Canadian Epworth Era*." The January number is already out. It is a journal of thirty-two pages, printed on fine calendered paper, containing eighteen illustrations. The first issue has a splendid article on "How to Keep Young," by Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., and an interesting description of "Boston and its Environs," by Mr. N. W. Rowell. Miss Bessie Scott, of Ottawa, writes an article on "The Place of the League in the Church," which every young Methodist should read. An illustrated article on "Benjamin Franklin" contains information that will be stimulating and inspiring. Two pages are given to devotional reading, under the heading, "The Quiet Hour," while three pages are devoted to missionary work. A special department for "The Young People's Forward Movement for Missions" will be placed under the direction of Dr. Stephenson. Other departments in the paper are, The Reading Course, the Junior Work, the Sunday School, News from the Field, Editorials, etc. The paper is crowded with League information which will be exceedingly helpful to all our workers. The first page is adorned with a splendid picture of Martin Luther, the hero of the Reformation. The price of the *Era* is only fifty cents per annum.