3. They should be taught how to do personal work for their Lord and Master.

They should receive instruction in systematic and proportionate giving, and given the opportunity of cultivating the practice as well as the theory of giving. 5. They should be trained in the missionary enterprise, and shown how to be

missionary workers.

6. Young people should be trained in works of mercy and help. There are many people in every community who are poor and sick and sad, who would be greatly cheered and helped by a visit from the young people of the League. Let the homes of poverty and distress be Surely this is Christ-like work! The Floral Committee, especially, has a most inviting field of opportunty.

QUESTIONS.

1. Is our society really developing church workers?

2. If not, why not?
3. Am I a worker myself?

What are the hindrances that keep me from being more active? 5. What can we undertake in the form

of church work this season? 6. How can we more emciently help our

SEPT. 27.-THE MISS ONARY STUDY CLASS AND ITS INFLUENCE.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME. (Canadian Hymnal Used.)

Hymn 82

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Prayer-That our Mission Study Class may be a great blessing, and may fit its members for more efficient service

Scripture Lesson-Psl. 72.

Hymn 379.

Address-The Necessity for Mission Study

Hymn 317.

Address-The Results of Mission Study. Testimonies from those who have been members of classes.

Round Table Conference on Mission Study Class Organization, courses of study, etc.

Hymn 115.

Benediction.

References: Mission Study Class Manual, 5 cents; the Missionary Outlook for September; the Missionary Bulletin, 75 cents a year, 25 cents a copy.

on Mission Study Class Methods, 3 cents.

Every Epworth League and Mission
Study Class should be supplied with Study Class should be supplied with suitable maps. "How to Make a Mis-sionary Map," 5 cents, tells how this may be done cheaply and effectively. Special offer: "How to Make a Mission-ary Map" and maps of China and Japan,

for copying, 10 cents.

A back number of the Missionary Bulletin will be supplied free to any League wishing to inaugurate the Missionary Post Office. For Bulletin and full direc-tions address: F. C. Stephenson, Metho-dist Mission Rooms, Toronto.

Speaking on the subject of missionary education, at the recent Pittsburg Convention, Rev. William Douglas Macken-

zie said:
"God is not commanding individual men and women merely; God is com-manding the whole church to undertake the final task of bringing the rest of the world (still the vast majority of men) to the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ. This cannot be done without enthusiasm, and an enthusiasm that is to pass right through the ranks of the whole great army of Christ. And no army will possess permanent enthusiasm in the ranks unless they know what the

warfare is about-unless their hearts are aflame with an intelligent zeal. thusiasm otherwise must be fanaticism, or it may be a passing spasm of meaningless emotion. Enthusiasm that is to be permanent, that is to be really potent upon the history of men, must be illumined by intelligence, and it must be sustained by intelligence; an intelligence hat looks out upon the world and realizes what each man is in relation to that world, and the measure of God's great work through him upon that world. There lies the need, you see, for education. That is to say, every private member of every church in Christendom ought to know, not only why and how he is a member of the church of Jesus Christ at all, but what he is called upon to do. He is there, not to pray for his own salvation merely, but through that and beyond that to pray and labor for the salvation of the whole world. It is a magnificent conception that is laid before us by the modern situation—a vast mass of quiet folk going about their ordinary business, interested in their homes and their cities and their social circles, and yet in all those hearts and minds the quiet, earnest, passionate zeal for the world, and the determination that forth from that family, forth from that one circle, shall go something that counts for the warfare of Christ against the mighty foes of darkness."

This idea of missionary education then, forms the basis for the organization of the mission study class. We realize that the Great Commission applies to each one of us. We study that we may understand the meaning of the world's evangelization, and that we may comprehend the part that God has for us in His plan; we study that we may know something of the countries and peoples among whom the missionaries are laboring: we study that we may understand the nature of the non-Christian religions and the darkness and error in which so many of our fellow-men are dwelling; we study that we may follow the pro gress of the Expanding Kingdom, we may realize how our prayers are being answered: we study that we may intelligently comprehend the work of our own missionaries, that we may enter into their difficulties, rejoice with them in their successes, and bring them before God in definite, earnest prayer.

The mission study class has become a permanent feature in the life of many Leagues. The courses of study are varied, and usually cover from eight to ten weeks, after which the class may be re-organized, and a second course fol-

The results of the mission study class have been very marked. Though the membership of the class is usually limited, the influence exerted throughout League and the church is strong. From the mission study class have come volunteers, many of whom are in the mission field to-day. Indifferent members have become enthused and have gone out to do more effective work in Church, Sunday School and League. Perhaps the results could not be better expressed than in the words of the speaker already quoted:

"I think that the personal and the private Christian character of every one who goes through this course of missionary education will be deepened. I don't know anything that will commit the church of Christ more completely to the devotional life, that will take it more often to the throne of God, that will give it more permanently and consistently a sense of the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ, than this habitual confronting of the church's task in the world. I do not know anything that will make a man ask himself more earnestly whether he knows the mercy of God, than being challenged to carry that mercy to other

men. How can we preach, who know not what we preach? How can mercy mean anything on my lips to another, if it anything on my lips to another, if it has not ment anything in my heart to myself? How can the cross of redemption be a word potent, as I speak it, for every conscience, if that cross has not come in the very power of God upon my conscience, and broken me down in countrition and raised me up with the immortal hope beating in my heart? Nay, to have every member of our churches challenged to consider himself a messenchattenged to consider nimetr a messen-ger of God to the world will com-pel him to find God for himself more completely, more constantly, with a sense that upon him the powers of the ages have met. There is nothing more gloriously conceived of in all man's glorious dreams than this Christian message that God, through an individual on the cross, redeemed all men; and that each individual of all men is called to each individual of all men is called to stand at that cross, and into his poor heart receive all the wealth of Christ, the Eiernal Love of God. But we must face that in both its aspects, if we would taste all its blessing. It is for all and for me. Hence the man who knows that that merciful love is for the world, and that he is commanded to take his share in bringing the world to that cross will, I repeat, find himself more often kneeling there, till all its universal message sink into all the secret places of his own soul."

NEW TEXT BOOKS FOR 1908 AND 1909.

"The Moslem World," by Samuel M. Zwemer.
"Why and How of Foreign Missions," by

Arthur J. Brown. Kindly fill out the following blank and

return to F. C. Stephenson, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto, Ont.: Have you a mission study class in your church?

Who is the leader?.... How many members are enrolled?

What text books are you studying?..... If you have not a class, will you endeavor to form one?

Give the name and address of some one whom we may write regarding study class organization

Write us fully of your plans for the fall and winter work in your society.

For full information as to organization, courses of study, text books, etc., address: F. C. Stephenson, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto, Ontario.

In order to complete a file of the Epworth Era for the past year, I shall be pleased to receive the May and October, 1907, issues from any reader of the Era who can spare them. Address: Cora C. Sifton, 81 Charles Street West, Toronto.

OCT. 4.-OUR VOWS AND THEIR FULFILMENT. Ps. 116,

(CONSECRATION MEETING.)

HOME READINGS.

Mon., Sept. 28—Making vows. Ps. 65. 1-5. Tues., Sept. 29—Jacob's vow. Gen. 28. 18-22.

Wed., Sept. 30-Israel's vow. Num. 21. 1-3.

Thurs., Oct. 1-Hannah's vow. 1 Sam. 1. 9-11. Fri., Oct. 2—David's vow. Ps. 132. 1-5. Sat., Oct. 3—Paul's vow. Acts 18. 18-21.

EXEGETICAL HINTS.

V. 9. "I will walk before the Lord." V. 9. "I will walk before the Lord."

"Walking with God" implies communion, fellowship, companionship. "Walking after God," guidance, direction and example. "Walking before God" implies Lor Δ que tim Day 119 tude v It a n the are

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