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"If ye love me, keep my commandments." —John xiv. 15.
 "Preach the Gospel to every creature." —Mark xvi. 15.

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Object: To promote a united prayer for, study of, and giving to, Missions.
Contributions to this end gladly received.

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TORONTO, DECEMBER, 1895.

A Letter from the 2nd Vice-President of Cobourg District E. L.

To each Epworth League member in the Cobourg District:

DEAR FELLOW-WORKER,—At our District Convention held in Canton, this fall, it was evident that everyone felt that, as Christian young people banded together for "Christ and the Church" to "Look Up and Lift Up," we were not as well informed regarding our Church's missionary work as we should be; nor have we considered as earnestly as we should the great need of the helpless thousands, yes millions, of our brethren who are denied a knowledge of our Saviour, and held down by the crushing power of heathen darkness. A sense of conviction rested upon the Convention regarding our prayers and efforts for these needy ones for whom Jesus died. We felt that fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) and sixty dollars (\$60.00)—the amount of our contributions to missions—were small offerings for the past two years from a thousand Christian young men and women. There is a united feeling that we can do more, and that we will do more, both in study and prayer; and it is thought that although the majority are not able to give largely, yet there are few who cannot do a little more than they have done, even in giving.

With the hope of securing the united effort of the Cobourg District I am expected to communicate with each society, with the view of helping where I can in the establishing of systematic study of, prayer for, and giving to, missions.

Will each of you into whose hand this sheet may fall, please take it to your place of secret prayer and ask God earnestly what your duty is concerning the lost and helpless sheep that "are not of this fold," indeed, who have no fold, no Shepherd, no hope, no —, no —, no —.

After you pray, fill in the blanks and continue to make a list of the blessings that they have not, because they have not the Gospel—and then, after asking God what you shall do with the following pledge, act according as the Holy Spirit guides.

For Jesus' sake and for the sake of suffering man:

I. I PROMISE to pray at least once a day that Christians everywhere, especially the members of our E. L. of C. E., may study the needs of the heathen, looking earnestly to God for guidance and power to obey His last command—"Preach the Gospel to every creature." (MARK xviii. 15.)

II. I FURTHER PROMISE two cents each week, on which I will ask God's blessing, toward the cost of sending out and supporting a missionary under the direction of the Methodist Church of Canada, to represent the members of the E. L. of C. E. of the Cobourg District, who cannot go to the foreign field themselves.

Name

Date P.O.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." (MATT. xxv. 40.)

If any individual member or any missionary committee of a League would like to secure missionary literature, I have a stock of books which I shall be glad to lend.

I SHALL be glad to assist in any way I can those wishing to purchase a "Missionary Library" for private use or for League work. Some Leagues are using and recommending very highly a "Missionary Library."

MANY of the most interesting books sold by the Methodist Book Rooms are accounts of the opening up of the world to Christianity, and thus to commerce and civilization. It is safe to say that a person is not intelligently informed as to the world's progress, let alone as a Christian, who does not read up-to-date missionary literature.

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December 1st, 1895.

N.B.—Rev. S. T. Bartlett and Mr. Dell (our district President and Secretary) have already written you regarding this work. All the money paid into each League is to be sent to the District Treasurer, Mr. Thomas Wickett, Port Hope, Ontario.

The Missionary Paper

GIVEN BY MISS S. HAWKINS AT THE COBOURG DISTRICT CONVENTION, HELD AT CANTON, SEPTEMBER 17TH.

LET us take a glance over the great world field, and then let us consider what we as Christian young people can do in the missionary cause.

First, then, half the world, or more than 700,000,000 people, have never even heard of Christ. There are more heathen in the world to-day than ever before. There are more increasing every day, faster than we are gaining converts.