

Our Missionary Study Class.

WE have sent out several hundred post cards to those whom we had reason to believe would unite in a Missionary Study Class. The card reads as follows:

Please put my name on the roll of the "Missionary Study Class," I desire to gain knowledge of the Missions and Missionaries of our Church as well as world-wide Missions. I will read "The First Hundred Years of Modern Missions" (Price 10 cents: Methodist Book Room, Toronto,) before January 1st, 1899, and will try and interest others in the study of the growth of God's Kingdom on earth. Praying "Thy Kingdom Come."

I am your Co-Worker,

Name and address:

Name of League Circuit District

The name of anyone signing this card, or writing stating that they wish to join the class, is put on the roll. It is not intended that this class shall have any rules; each member will be expected to read that wonderfully cheap, concise and interesting little book, "The First Hundred Years of Modern Missions," by Dr. Ross (price 10 cents at Methodist Book Room) in the time mentioned. We expect that the General Board of Missions will greatly favor these students of missions by furnishing them with equally cheap and helpful little books on each of our mission fields. We also hope to send these workers copies of letters from our missionaries. If you join this class send us your name. If you can help interest others send for some of the post-cards. Address F. C. Stephenson, M.D., 568 Parliament St., Toronto, Ont.

Let Those Who Pray, Study, and Give Rejoice.

A LITTLE less than a year ago it was asked if we really believed that the Leagues would contribute the increase which Dr. Sutherland's article in the November *Outlook* called for, namely, from \$5,956 to \$12,056. We said that we believed that the "Pray, Study, Give" plan would be adopted to that extent during the year. The actual result has not yet been published by the Mission Rooms. Our General Board will not receive all of the \$12,759, as part of this has been sent to the Women's Missionary Society Board.

We have attended District Epworth League Conventions where considerable sums of money have been announced as the result of the "Pray, Study, Give" plan. The majority of the delegates were too much surprised to rejoice. In fact, the District officers and a few faithful workers were all who could rejoice, for they were the only ones who had known the joy of sacrificing, and therefore the only ones who could hear the Master's "Well done."

There are a number of Districts which will not be able to rejoice in this reasonable increase. A number of Districts are holding their money. This is a very bad policy. If the committees, appointed at the last District Conventions, had done their work faithfully, considerable more money would have been in the hands of the General Board of Missions.

If the Sunday School and Church will unite in daily prayer for, careful study of, and systematic giving to

missions we are not at all afraid to say that our whole missionary income will be doubled. On the other hand, if the other departments of our Church do not "pray with the understanding" and bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, for her past sloth and selfishness, the Epworth League will become more influential than all the rest of the Church put together. The neglect of missions is the sin which makes a modern Church guilty of all the errors which infest its selfish character and make it fruitless.

Campaign News from the M. E. Church North.

"FIVE HUNDRED Libraries or eight thousand volumes of the best missionary literature have been planted in our Epworth Leagues. These are scattered through more than twenty States. This work will be followed up by reading and study courses. Our Campaigners have visited over eight hundred Leagues.

"We have made no effort to raise money, as the law of our Church (Methodist Episcopal North) prohibits that in the Leagues. We have, therefore, put all our efforts into educational work. Notwithstanding this, we have disposed of fifteen thousand envelopes for systematic giving, and this means a dollar a year for each one taken (\$15,000). If they will let us loose we can raise \$100,000 without the least trouble."

Yours sincerely,

W. W. COOPER.

News from the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions.

IN THE METHODIST CHURCH SOUTH.

REV. H. P. BEACH's book on China, with a chapter on our work in China by Bishop Galloway, has been put into the Epworth League reading course, and an outline study is being published in all our church papers. A Bible subject on missions has been put on the topic cards for the first Epworth League meeting in each month. A missionary committee has been arranged for by the Epworth League Board. In every conference in our church (Methodist Episcopal South), with the exception probably of four, the Leaguers have undertaken some form of missionary work. Altogether over \$13,000 have been pledged by the Leaguers. The last General Conference made it obligatory on every pastor and superintendent to organize every Sunday School into a missionary society; this gives us a new field of work among the young people. The Students' Missionary Campaign is proving a great success. A three days' conference was held at Vanderbilt University.

"All for Christ,"

P. L. COBB.

THE students of Scio College, Ohio, after returning from the Cleveland convention, held a mass meeting for the reports of the convention. At this meeting they passed slips for pledges of two cents or more per week for missions, and the pledges amounted to \$156 for this year. Since college closed they have sent out two men to visit the young people's societies in that portion of the State, who are to introduce the Pray, Study, Give plan of missionary work.