

YOUNG PEOPLE'S

Forward Movement for Missions

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A Summer School.

We are glad to announce that a Methodist Young People's Summer School is to be held in Victoria University from July 20-28th. This has long been talked of by many leaguers and students, and it time seemed now ripe for the work. The school will be devoted to the study of the Bible and of Missions, and is calculated to meet some of the demands for deeper knowledge of the Bible and extended information about our mission fields.

Committees have been appointed to carry out the arrangements, and we now present the matter for prayerful consideration of all our leaguers everywhere.

The school will continue for one week, and will be held at a time when a few holidays may be much appreciated and well used in a most enervating way. The morning sessions will be devoted to Bible study under professors from the college, and to the study of every part of the mission field occupied by our church. The latter will be under the direction of a missionary from each field, who by lecture, charts, maps, lantern slides, and open parliament will be able to bring each field immediately before us. Methods for development of missionary work in the Leagues, including Mission Study Classes, Chart and Map Making, Missionary Meetings, raising Missionary Funds, will be presented by most capable leaders. This, of course, offers one of the rarest opportunities ever given in the life of our League work for gaining that information essential to the success of individual Leagues. The afternoons will be devoted to educative excursions, visiting various places of interest in the city, also pleasure resorts, by boat and train, all under capable supervision and at lowest possible rates. The evening sessions will be Mass Meetings, when addresses by our best men will be given on the great missionary problems of the day. Various committees are now at work arranging the matter of fare, programme, and recreation. Boarding-houses may be had near the college at very reasonable rates from \$3.00 and upwards per week, and as the school continues for only one week the expenses in that direction are very small.

It is with assurance of your hearty cooperation that we send this preliminary announcement. Programmes will be ready in a few weeks. Will you kindly discuss the whole matter at the next meeting of your League, and appoint a committee of two or three of your best workers, to confer with your officers and members of your League, and get as many delegates as possible. Send for all information and programmes to F. C. Stephenson, 81 Czar Street, Toronto.

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News Items.

The Leagues of Montreal District are being visited by Mr. T. C. Curran of Victoria College, who is assisting the District officers by addressing the Leagues on Missions. Wesleyan Theological students are united with the Leaguers of the district in supporting Dr. R. B. Ewan, of our West China Mission.

Rev. D. Norman, who is now home from Japan, will spend some time among the Leagues of the Bradford District, which have been supporting him for the past four years.

Belleville and Picton Districts, which are united for the support of Dr. Wright, at Hazelton, B.C., are busy preparing hospital supplies, which the Doctor hopes to need in his medical work in the near future.

Parliament Street Epworth League has this year raised \$258 for missions through the Young People's Forward Movement. Part of this money is the result of a month of self-sacrifice by the League members.

Waterloo Epworth League, on the astically taken up the Forward Movement. Although the League is small, the Missionary Vice-President reports that \$20 will be contributed this year for missions.

The Epworth League of Carlton Street, Toronto, during the past year, has raised \$160 for missions, half of which has been given to the Woman's Missionary Society; the other half goes toward the support of the District Missionary, the Rev. O. L. Kilbourn, West China.

At the Quebec District meeting arrangements were made for the organization of the district for a Forward Movement for Leagues. Mr. A. S. Cleland, of Wesleyan Theological College, will visit every League. The campaign will begin about the end of this month or the beginning of July.

The Epworth League at Union this year has contributed \$25.12. This is more than \$1 per member. At the last meeting, in response to the invitation of the Missionary Vice-President for new members to join in prayer, study, and sacrifice, four new contributors to the Forward Movement for Missions were added.

Goderich District Epworth League officers report an increased interest in missions throughout the Leagues of the district. Rev. J. W. Stone, of Niton, Vancouver Island, visited all the Leagues on the district during the past winter. They have been working for the support of Mr. Stone for the last two years. Mr. Stone's visit has resulted in the increase of Missionary interest and giving. The officers of the district will this year look after the developing of the several Department of the Leagues, and thus a more needy district may have the benefit of a Campaigner's services.

The Missionary Rally held at Bright, April 24th, in which six leagues united, was a list of four held on successive evenings in the Woodstock District. These rallies were arranged and managed by Rev. A. Crosby, Missionary Vice-President, and to him thanks and honor are due.

There were two sessions, afternoon and evening. The papers were all good, but the one, "Christ's claim on us," by Mrs. Ramsey, of Plattsville, was particularly impressive. There were also several addresses, all good, but those by Rev. Mr. Hartwell captured the audiences.

He actually carried us into China, and the life and work of the missionary. We commend these rallies to other districts.

The Palmerston District Epworth League Executive met with the ministers at the District meeting, and planned a Missionary Campaign of every League. Each minister is responsible, with the members of the League, for the arrangement of the meetings on his own circuit. The meetings begin in June. The programme will be printed, and a systematic effort will be made by pastors and Epworth League Executive to lead the young

people in missionary effort. A point which will be emphasized is "systematic giving." The giving which is planned for is real giving, and Palmerston District is helping to solve the missionary problem by teaching the leaguers to give "as the Lord prospers them." The Leagues support two native pastors in the Japanese work.

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Our Japanese Work in British Columbia.

The Rev. Goro Kaburagi, missionary among the Japanese in British Columbia, who is supported by the Ridgeway and Chatham Districts, furnishes the following interesting items of information concerning his work:

Church work has been very much hindered recently by account of many Japanese leaving the country. The fishermen's strike in Steveston caused much poverty among the people, and many were obliged to leave. Recent changes in British Columbia law have also caused much dissatisfaction, and many skilled laborers have gone to find work in the United States. Mr. Kaburagi says that they never had as many farewell meetings in the history of our church as in this year.

The Provincial Election Act, which prevents the naturalized Japanese from exercising the franchise, has caused much dissatisfaction.

There is a strong Buddhist party which opposes and hinders Christian work in every way, and bad men are also a great stumbling block. The Japanese suppose that all white people are Christians, and it is hard for them to distinguish between the true and the false.

The Japanese Hospital at Steveston during the past year expended \$9,276, which amount was raised entirely among the Japanese people.

The Christians, which include the better class of the Japanese population, have organized a Japanese Reform Society, that has already been a great help in the work. This society has contributed over \$1,000 this year towards the benevolent work.

We have some faithful Christian workers trained in our church stationed at Vancouver, New Westminster, and Cumberland. Their kindness and philanthropy at the time of the sad accident of the burning of the ship "Alpha," and the mine disaster, opened the minds of the people to Christianity, so that in many cases their sadness and sorrow were turned in blessing to their souls.

The Japanese paper, known as the Vancouver Weekly, which has been published by Mr. Kaburagi, has been a lamp to the people, because through its agency good seed has been sown in many hearts that could not otherwise have been reached.

During the last eleven months fourteen adults have been converted to Christ in our Japanese church in Vancouver. Of these, three young men have dedicated themselves to the Lord's work, and one young lady has been acting as a mission worker among her Japanese sisters.

There are also a number of Canadian night school teachers in the mission, but these are not only teachers of the language, but of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "The Woman's Missionary Society, of Homer Street Methodist Church, Vancouver, has helped us in a great many different ways, especially supplying us with some excellent teachers for our night school."

Owing to ill-health, Mr. Kaburagi has, upon the advice of two physicians, decided to go to Japan for six months. He left on May 27th, in company with his wife, and expects to return on Dec. 10th.