

suffering. "There is no rest," he cried, "but in God. Fatigues of body and anxiety of mind attend us both in town and country. No place is excepted."

For a month or two he was confined to his bed, from which he wrote a number of letters to friends. These epistles breathe the spirit of intense devotion to God and consecration to his work. He fell asleep in Jesus on the 9th of October, 1747. He was only in his thirtieth year when his earthly task was completed, and he was called to his eternal home.

"Brave witness for the Faith! He spent his day,

In toils and perils oft, poor souls to save,
To point his Indians to the glorious Way.

The Truth, the Life, to lead beyond the grave;

Then, having walked with God in peace, lay down,

Who shares Christ's cross receives the victor's crown."

Hereditary Tendency in Missionary Effort.

The missionary spirit is both hereditary and contagious. It would greatly interest those who have time and opportunity to do so, to trace these two tendencies: 1st. By finding out how many missionaries have gone from certain neighborhoods and families. 2nd. By studying the reason why some churches and families give so much more to missions than others who are financially better able to give.

What shall we say about the other side of the question? Is the tendency to neglect Christ's great commission hereditary? How long will it take some of our Methodist members and churches to produce a missionary and send him forth? Again, why is it that the majority of our Epworth Leagues are neglecting to remit their givings quarterly for the support of their missionary? Is it because their fathers neglect to forward theirs to the General Fund until the very last months of the year? This is a tendency as evidenced by the monthly report of the Epworth League givings. Will the Leagues please make a study of this matter and send in the money every quarter? Let us make a strong and victorious fight against our hereditary tendencies to neglect this important part of the Forward Movement for Missions.

Prayers and Missions.

Among the Jews there is the saying, "He prays not at all in whose prayers there is no mention of the kingdom of God.

If the word of missions were purely a human enterprise, the neglect of the prayer, "Thy kingdom come" might be excusable.

Joseph Hardy Neesima said, "Let us advance upon our knees."

If the church must resort chiefly to prayer for missionary workers, workers and church must labor together in prayer for the desired conversions.

It has ever been through prayer that missionaries have been secured.

Foreign work, as a rule, has been least fruitful in conversions where the church has least lavished her prayers.

There is no other way than prayer to fill the treasury of the Mission Boards, and supply the means for an immensely widened work in the foreign field.

The mission that is not a training school of prayer may accomplish much in civilizing and enlightening, but it will be of little spiritual power in the land.

Missions have progressed slowly abroad, because piety and prayer have been shallow at home.—*Robert J. Speer.*

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into His harvest.

When ye pray say "Thy kingdom come"—the words of the Lord Jesus.

News Items.

In the Port Simpson District, B.C., there are six Leagues. These are organizing into a District League.

ZION League, Woodham, has organized a Forward Movement for Missions, and hopes to introduce systematic study.

THE Bradford District Epworth Leagues from September, 1899, to March 12th, 1900, have paid \$230.57 toward the support of Rev. D. Norman, their missionary in Japan.

THE Epworth League of Boissevain, Man., has adopted the plan of holding monthly missionary meetings, and have many members who give systematically to missions.

ALTHOUGH Haven League, Wendover, Guysboro' District, N.S., has not organized a Missionary Department, yet every member of the League is praying and giving to missions.

WHEATLEY League, Windsor District, last year contributed \$30 for missions. Not having a missionary library, they use the missionary books in the Sunday School library. This plan might be followed with advantage by many Leagues which have not as yet been able to buy a missionary library.

REV. ROBERT EMBERSON visited the Epworth Leagues of the Brighton District during the first part of April. As a result of Mr. Emberson's visit there is an increased interest in missionary work, and the district is looking forward to having a share in the support of a representative in the mission field.

A MISSIONARY Conference will be held in Albert College during May. The Epworth Leagues of Belleville and Picton Districts will unite with the Albert College students in discussing missionary questions. Dr. Livingstone, Dr. Winch, Rev. Robert Emberson, and other former students of Albert College, will be among the speakers.

This month letters have been received from Dr. Ewan, Chentu, China; Dr. Service, Clayquot, B.C.; Rev. W. Stone, Claoose, Vancouver Island, B.C.; Dr. Hart, Kiating, China; Rev. D. Norman, Japan, and Rev. C. B. Freeman, Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C. Copies of these letters may be had on application to F. C. Stephenson, 568 Parliament Street, City.

REV. MR. PERKINS, one of the British Wesleyan Missionary Secretaries, attended the Ecumenical Conference in New York. Mr. Perkins is deeply interested in the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, and has helped the Campaigners in introducing "Pray, Study, Give," for a Young People's Forward Movement for Missions in the Wesleyan Guild throughout Britain.

THE Missionary Vice-President of Florence Epworth League writes: "We hardly ever have disappointments in our League meetings. We never close our League at any season of the year, and always have a good attendance. Thirty-two are giving to the Forward Movement. Some of these have commenced since the visit of our brother, Rev. Goro Kaburagi, who was a great help to us.

HOLSTEIN Epworth League last year gave \$30 to the Forward Movement, and is making an effort to increase that amount this year. The President of the Missionary Department is working to increase the missionary givings, by giving the League members missionary information and leading them to deeper consecration. He has adopted the plan of explaining to all new League members the "Pray, Study, Give" plan, and asking them to join in prayer and study for the growth of the kingdom of God.

The People in Mars and Home Missions.

"I wonder if Mars is inhabited? If I were only certain, I would invent some means by which I could help the people. We here on earth have so much which is beautiful—our surroundings are artistic, our culture and refinement would be of great value to the people in that far-off planet. The thought of how I may help them absorb me, the sight of the stars stir my whole being with the desire to know." Just then this great would-be Mars missionary was interrupted in his star-gazing by a poor beggar pulling his coat-tail, and saying, "I'm here, mister; I wish I was in Mars, and could let the likes of you know."

EVERY Christian is called of God to some service; the point of careful and prayerful seeking is to know just what, to find the providential path. The pious Payson had the true and sensible spirit when he said, "I would undertake to govern half a dozen worlds if God called me to do it; but if He did not call me to do it, I would not undertake to govern half-a-dozen sheep."—*The Watchman.*