

EXTENDED. The superintendent of the Leeds Circuit, Rev. George Morley, returned home resolved to do all he could to promote the cause of foreign missions. When he heard Mr. Scarth's proposal he at once recognized its value. He set to work, and never rested until he had established the first missionary society.

All the friends at Leeds encouraged him, and having obtained their consent and co-operation, he decided to go to the neighboring circuit of Bramley.

Dr. Coke and Dr. (then Mr.) Bunting accompanied him. When they reached Bramley they met the minister, Rev. William Nayler, on his way to his week-evening appointment. On hearing their business he took them into the house of a friend, Mr. Benjamin Wilson, and in the sitting room adjoining his shop these friends of missions planned the public meeting by which they hoped to make known to all the plan of supporting our foreign missions by regular subscriptions.

On October 5th the Rev. James Buckley preached at Armley. *Next morning a prayer-meeting at 6 o'clock.* Two more sermons in the forenoon and evening, with the missionary meeting in the afternoon, constituted the services of this memorable day.

At the meeting Mr. Thompson, of Hull, took the chair. There were eighteen resolutions and thirty-nine speeches. A sentence of Mr. Ripley's speech is worth preserving. Speaking of the duty of sustaining our foreign missions by a united effort he said, "We *ought* to do it; we *can* do it; we *will* do it." And the meeting responded we *will*, and they *did*—but no collection. They did better than that. A few days later sixty-one gentlemen were appointed collectors, and the result of their patient efforts was that within the first year £1,000 was obtained, and in the second year £1,600.—*Methodist Recorder.*

Welcome.

THE annual missionary services of this circuit were held on the 15th and 22nd December. On the 15th Revs. T. Brown, Canton, and M. E. Wilson, Baltimore, preached sermons bearing upon the missionary question to our edification and on the following Sunday Mr. R. H. Gordon, of Albert College, and Mr. F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College, Toronto (who is missionary vice-president of our District Epworth League) were with us and by their addresses, backed by the burning devotion of their lives and intensity of purpose to carry out the Master's last command, helped us to realize more fully the privilege and duty that rests upon us. The financial returns are very gratifying and when the collectors have done their work we expect a large advance on last year. The subscriptions and collections at two of the appointments are fifty per cent. in advance of the total amount collected last year.

Brother Stephenson also met many of our young people, which had the effect of rousing us by showing that there is something for each of us now to do and how we could do it. The result is that much of the fallow ground is being broken up and seed sown, and already we are reaping some of the first fruits, but we know eternity alone will reveal the full harvest. Bands on the two cent-a-week plan have already been formed at four of our five appointments, and we expect that before the winter is over, they will be greatly increased in numbers. Brother S. has won our sympathies to himself and to the work that is dear to him, and he may rest assured that our prayers are going out with our sympathies.

REV. J. P. BERRY.

Giving Cheerfully.

BY MISS LIZZIE S. MARTIN.

THE words "God loveth a cheerful giver" have never been a wonderful source of comfort to some of us, who, with a limited number of dollars, and at least two uses for every one we are possessed of, wonder how it can be possible to give cheerfully from a store so small that every cent is missed. That verse must surely be intended for the rich.

But it is possible for all of us to give cheerfully if we would only follow a plan often preached, but, alas, too seldom practised, that of setting aside regularly a portion of our income for the Lord, to be used only for His work.

A lady who had never tried this plan was continually being annoyed by having requests for money made at inconvenient times, just when it seemed hardest to give. "Oh, bother," she would say when a collector was announced, "they do always come when I really can't spare the money. It is a good cause and I would like to give to it any other time. Oh, well, I suppose I'll have to." And so the amount was given, but "grudgingly and of necessity." After hearing a powerful address on systematic giving she was induced to lay aside weekly a portion of her allowance for the Lord's use, and no longer was the collector's appearance the signal for a frown and worried "oh, bother," for the money was ready and could be given easily and cheerfully.

In another family this plan has been tested, and tested thoroughly, for not only is a tenth of all the money that comes into the house given, but also a tenth of all presents received that are equivalent to money. For instance, if a bag of flour is given to them, the Lord's tenth of the flour is given to "one of the least of these," or its value in money is laid aside for His work, and after some years of trial the plan has worked so well that the verdict is, "Whatever may be its advantages for the rich, it certainly is the best way for the poor."

Some contend that the tenth law is not binding on Christians, and therefore need not be recognized. But the point is, it pays to recognize it. It is a good law and one that will surely benefit us if we follow it. Others say you can't give cheerfully when bound down by rule, and quote such words as

"Give all thou canst,
High heaven rejects the lore
Of nicely calculated less or more."

But unless all our expenditure is systematized we are more than likely to find ourselves often in the position where our wants are unsatisfied and our purse is empty. And is it not better to "nicely calculate" than to give nothing cheerfully? We might, perhaps, comfort ourselves with the thought that the Lord looks on the intentions, "as in all probability our intentions would be far greater than our givings."

People who have practised for years the give-when-I-feel-like-it plan will find it very hard to change, but let us young people, Epworth Leaguers, begin right and give systematically and proportionately, however small our income may be, and we will surely then read with pleasure the words, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and also realize fully that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

"If I had my ministry to go over again, I would give more attention to the children."—REV. DR. ASHBEL GREEN.