

prayer and class-meetings, charge of three street chapels, charge of nine cities and about one hundred market towns surrounding Chentu, in some of which buildings are being rented, and where already about a hundred persons have at different times and places handed in their names to the evangelists as inquirers, and in one city there is a baptized member. This country work was so promising, the Holy Spirit's leading so evident, that it was felt the work must be kept up. The city work must also be kept up. Only one man was available. Dr. Kilborn, who has been so helpful this Conference year, leaves us in July on home furlough. Dr. Smith will have the hospital. I must rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, on your prayers, and the help God is sending in the persons of native evangelists. Nor do I despond. In my own strength I can do nothing, but with the grace of God I hope to organize and carry on this work, or superintend it until your prayers and my prayers are answered, namely, that the way will be opened quickly for more workers to come to China. God's work cannot be stopped. The people are willing to listen to the Gospel as never before. The seed-time is near. The ground is being prepared for the seed as never before. China is awakening. The old is losing its hold. To-day opium is a greater curse and has a greater power than idolatry. Opium is eating the vitals out of idolatry. In the same commandment that says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image," etc., also says God "will visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children." The more I see of opium the more I am convinced that this is God's punishment upon this people. They would not turn, and now they are afflicted, sorely afflicted. But it is not God's will that any should suffer. Christianity must come in and save this people. It may have been necessary for opium to come in to break down their proud and stubborn hearts. They are now in the dust. They are beginning to realize it. Their sores are becoming more noxious. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no salvation for China? Surely the arm of our heavenly Father is not shortened that it cannot save, nor the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ exhausted that it cannot lift up this people? Those comforting words of Isaiah just now float down over the turbulent scene, "Be still, and know that I am God." Now my thoughts are carried to the second Psalm, "I will decree the decree; the Lord has said unto me, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Yours in His work,

GEO. E. HARTWELL.

New Year's Plans.

PLANS for the new year—are they all made? Planning is the most important work of life. It is far safer to judge ourselves by our plans than by our prayers. If our prayers agreed with our plans—for instance, the kind of prayers we offer at the missionary prayer-meeting—God could answer more of them.

There are two kinds of plans: the plans to do, and the plans not to do. They both need to be made to harmonize with our prayers. To help God answer our prayers we frequently need to plan a long way ahead. A little girl in Exeter District secured the privilege of consecrating a turkey to missions. It is needless to say that the old mother turkey as well as the little ones were well cared for,

and \$9 was the profit for missions which resulted from this little girl's planning. We heard of a woman down South who planned so that she had an acre of cotton cultivated for missions. By prayer and planning she secured plenty of volunteer help, and God blessed her plan.

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After January 1st we have planned to have missionary maps and charts made by hand. We can furnish for \$3 a large map of the world on cotton, 12 x 7 feet, beautifully printed in colors, showing the different religions and giving a large amount of information, statistics, etc. We will have made by hand maps of any country or continent as cheaply as possible. The cost of a map hand-made, 6 x 6 feet, would be from \$1 to \$2, according to the amount of work. We will furnish for five cents each small maps, on paper, of China, Japan and British Columbia, indicating where our missions are situated, and giving directions for enlarging on cotton with Diamond dyes.

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We have heard of ladies enlarging photographs or painting pictures of friends. Perhaps someone would plan to enlarge pictures of our missionaries for League rooms.

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In all your planning, do not forget to plan to help the W. M. S. Supply Committee. This is a blessed work in which thousands can help. Write for information to Mrs. Wm. Briggs, 21 Grenville Street, Toronto.

To Our Subscribers.

DEAR CO-WORKERS,—Many of our subscribers and friends have written, asking why the *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* is being amalgamated with the *Missionary Outlook*. We need only say that it was thought that this course was the best to pursue. The *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* would never have been published if space to advocate and develop the Students' Missionary Campaign for a Young Peoples' Forward Movement for Missions had been available in one of our connexional periodicals.

At first the *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* was not well received. Many such questions as, "Where do the profits go?" "Under what authority is it published?" etc., were asked. When it was explained by the Student Campaigners that there were no profits, but that the expense of all the sample copies and advertising, etc., was paid by the corresponding member of the Students' Missionary Campaign, and that the subscription price (10 cents per year) did not pay the cost of the copies sent to each subscriber; and further, that the corresponding member was careful not to publish anything which the General Secretary of Missions did not sanction; suspicious questions not only ceased, but kind words and encouragement came from all who were interested.

As soon as the object and work of the *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* was understood, the subscription list began to grow, and has continued to rapidly increase. During the latter months over nine hundred subscriptions per month were received. At present our paid subscription list is nearly eight thousand.

Two hundred and nineteen thousand copies of the *CAMPAIGNER* have been published and about one hundred thousand copies have been circulated free of charge. The General Board of Missions which met at Halifax last year carefully inquired into this expense, and the wisdom of thus scat-