

white man, whom all Indians think has wronged them, is being melted away."

Get a Woman's Missionary Society report and read this report of the Supply Committee as well as the reports of the other branches of work, also get a report of the General Missionary Society and learn the names and understand the work of all our missionaries.

Forward Movement in Missions.

Extracts from an address at the Nashville Convention, by Miss Margaret W. Leitch, of Ceylon.

A GREAT advance in the future of missions may be looked for along the line of a closer tie between the workers abroad and the supporters at home. In this advance the Church Missionary Society of Great Britain, the strongest Protestant missionary society in the world, leads the way. Two years ago, when facing a deficit, they decided instead of making a reduction in the work, to invite the society's friends to contribute special subscriptions toward the sending out of the new missionaries for the next three years. They further decided to appoint all suitable candidates, and place the responsibility for their going or remaining upon the churches. Within two weeks of the time the offer was made to churches and individuals to have their own missionaries, the support of seventy-seven missionaries was pledged.

This movement created such widespread interest that special booklets on the subject were prepared, and one and a quarter million copies distributed. This movement goes on with increasing momentum until the present time.

In this country a number of the leading boards have adopted a similar policy, which has come to be called "The Forward Movement." Under this plan individuals, churches, Christian Endeavor societies, or groups of societies, can have their own representative on the foreign field. This method possesses marked advantages. It is easier to follow the work of one man than a thousand. It assures the missionary a definite prayer in his behalf, and of the earnest advocacy of his work at home. The wide adoption of this method will assure the boards of a reliable financial backing.

It is found that this method results in a large increase of interest, gifts and prayers. For example, a young people's society, which last year gave only \$11.73, this year gave \$524 for their own missionary, and for the new year they have pledged \$1,200, the salary of two missionaries.—*Christian Endeavor World.*

Epworth League Mission Givings, 1897-98.

THE increase in mission givings by our Epworth Leagues for the last Conference year is a notable one. The total amount for the whole Dominion is \$12,759, an increase over the previous year of \$5,314, or 71 per cent.

This, according to the General Secretary, Mr. Crews, is attributable largely to the Forward Movement. Certain it is, some unusual force has been at work among our young people the last two years. The principle of systematic giving, carried into practice, will revolutionize our finances, wipe out our church debts and connexional deficits. As yet, systematic giving is only in its infancy. What may not the Leagues of this country do if they proceed to carry the principle forward and upward into full and general practice.

At present the Leagues contribute about one-twentieth of the total income of the Missionary Society. The proportion should be much greater. It should be one-tenth at least. The actual amount of money raised is not the greatest result nor the most important. The interest aroused, capabilities for service developed, are very important results and will serve to bring greater success in the future. In the meantime, the work goes on. Let the high-water mark for 1898-99 be \$20,000. We can raise it if we will, and by systematic givings too. We have an almost perfect organization. We have the machinery. Let us put on more steam, watching every opportunity. Our possibilities are stupendous. Let us pray for Divine guidance and leading in all our plans, in all our work. Right now, the best missionary work we can do is help crush the cursed liquor traffic. Relieved of the burdens it creates, we would have a freer field to work.

T. H. KEOUGH.

Bible and Missionary Training School.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—A work little known by most of the members of the Methodist church, but of a highly important character, is being rapidly and successfully presented under the auspices of the Board of Management of the Methodist Deaconess' Home and Training School of the Toronto Conference.

No word of commendation in regard to the noble and Christ-like work done by the Deaconesses from house to house and in the slums of the city, need be written for your readers. They may not be aware, however, that this is but a portion of the great work carried on under the Board.

The Training School has passed the experimental stage, and promises to be an assured success. It purposes to give tuition by the most competent instructors in the various branches necessary to fit students for evangelistic, home and foreign mission, and general Christian work without charge, except a nominal fee for incidental expenses. Board for ladies may be had at very reasonable rates in the Training School. Gentlemen are admitted as day students.

The premises lately received by gift from the trustees of the Hart Massey estate, 257 and 259 Jarvis Street, are now in preparation for occupation, at very considerable expense, and when completed will be admirably adapted to their purpose, and a source of just pride to those who are forwarding the enterprise.

Further particulars, including the annual report, may be had by addressing Miss E. Jean Scott, Jarvis and Queen Streets, Toronto.

Yours faithfully,

S. D. CHOWN.

LACK of space compels us to hold over an article on the "Campaign Work in the United States." We ask our Leaguers to pray for our fellow-workers across the line; they are struggling with a missionary debt. We are sure that our young people appreciate the great advantages which they enjoy under the loving and careful supervision of our General Board of Missions.

It has been a much heavier task to compile a report of our campaign work for this summer than we had anticipated. We, therefore, ask our readers to look to the future and plan their work for this fall and coming winter. We hope this issue will help our committees to study carefully the opportunities and difficulties which face them, and by God's help assume their responsibilities with the faith that giveth us the victory.