

we will be in a position to do all we can. To bring us more into touch with the awful destitution of the Christless nations, we require living links, between us and them, and these are being supplied now by the "Forward Movement" among the young people.

We may not all be able to go abroad with the message, nor is it necessary, but would we save our own souls we must make it possible for others to go in our stead; and by our sympathy, prayers, and offerings, we can all be workers together with the Lord in the upbuilding of His kingdom.

The young men on the "Home Missions" may accomplish a good deal for the foreign cause. If they are men of spirit and fit for higher stations, they will endeavor

to educate their people along missionary lines and get them, as soon as possible, to become independent of the "Missionary Boards."

From the human side nearly everything depends upon the workers at home and abroad. God makes a special appeal to young men. With many, life's sun is passing from zenith to its setting, and with others the setting already reddens the sky. With young men and women it has still to pass from dawn to zenith. This is the age on ages telling, and sometimes into a year is compressed the eventfulness of a century. The signal gun is booming. Let the Christian Church then advance to the call and so will they learn "What is the greatest work in the world."

*WHY SHOULD WE HAVE COLLEGE REVIVALS?

By the late Professor W. S. Tyler, of Amherst College.

Revivals are in accordance with the analogy of nature, which has its seasons of revivification and rapid growth followed by seasons of ripening fruit and maturing strength. They are in harmony with the nature of man, who requires alternate seasons of activity and repose; of stirring labor and excitement on the one hand, and on the other of tranquil enjoyment and sober reflection; each in turn preparing the body and the mind for the other, and both in their due season imparting health and vigor to the system, and conspiring to produce the largest possible results. Revivals accord especially with the habits and spirit of the present age, which is an age of excitement, of division of labor, of associated feeling and action, of concentrated effort, and hurried enterprise and rapid locomotion; and religion, if it is to keep pace at all with business or pleasure, or sin, must fall in more or less with the movements of men and things. Revivals of religion are peculiarly adapted to the constitution and the circumstances of young men in college—with their quick impulses and lively sympathies.

*This argument and appeal, although written by Professor Tyler forty-five years ago, is not without its powerful message to Christian students and professors to-day.

their love of excitement and activity—the exciting and engrossing nature of their pursuits also, and the peculiar force of their temptations. Occupation and excitement are to them a necessity. If they are not, at particular times, specially excited by the thoughts of religion, they will be always engrossed, if not by something hurtful, at least by something not so useful, not so important, not so essential to their temporal and eternal well-being. They are remarkably susceptible on this great subject. Serious thoughts, anxious inquiry, and earnest prayer spread through a community of college students with the rapidity and the power of an electric shock. Every eye is open, every ear attentive, every conscience awake, every heart alive to this one engrossing interest. Dissipation ceases, amusement is forgotten, the ball-ground and gymnasium even are forsaken, silence reigns through the rooms and halls, broken only by the voice of prayer. Now and then perhaps a number band together for rioting and uproar, possibly to make sport of sacred things. But it is like the revelling of Belshazzar and his court over the sacred vessels of the house of the Lord: they see a handwriting on the wall, and their knees smite together: the next day, they are found penitent and believing before the cross, and in a few years they are preaching the