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Bradford District's Representative Sails for Japan.

REV. DANIEL NORMAN, B.A., is the next to go to the foreign field from the ranks of the Students' Missionary Campaign. The Leagues of the Bradford District have become responsible for his support, and under the direction of the General Board of Missions he sailed on the 13th of this month for Japan.

Mr. Norman is a Canadian of English descent. He was born and reared in a country home near Aurora, and he brings to his life-work that sturdy, common-sense and earnest manhood, which, in this country, has so often been characteristic of country youth. His earliest influences were those of a pious, godly home, and he was early impressed with the great question of duty to God and man. This seriousness often led him to retire to a secluded place for prayer, so that he was practically a Christian from very early childhood, but it was not until his sixteenth year that he made a public confession of Christ, and joined the Methodist Church at Temperanceville, under the joint pastorate of the Rev. D. S. Gee and Rev. Chas. Langford.

When Mr. Norman made this public avowal of Christ, his first great desire was to preach to those who had never heard the glorious evangel, but his enthusiasm soon settled down into an ordinary easy-going Christian life.

However, he had once heard God's voice, and he could never entirely shake it off. After a long, stubborn struggle, which was brought to a climax by the death of his brother, Rev. W. F. Norman, he yielded to the imperious call, and began to prepare himself for the ministry. After eighteen months he matriculated from Aurora High School, and

then attended Victoria College for a couple of years. The next two years were spent in the active work of the ministry as junior pastor, first of the Greenwood Circuit and afterwards of the Beeton and Tottenham Circuit. His work was successful, and on both of these charges his generous sympathies and genial Christian character won him many enduring friends.

In the autumn of 1894 he returned to college, and took his Bachelor's degree with the class of '96. The next year he returned to college to complete his Divinity studies, and at the Toronto Conference of June was ordained and received into full Connexion.

It is no flattery to say of Mr. Norman that no student has a warmer place in the hearts of his fellows than he. His kindly spirit, his Christian example, and his executive ability made him popular in all the college institutions; but his interests were not confined to these, for we find him preaching and addressing missionary gatherings whenever the opportunity was presented. He was ever of opinion that a minister of the Gospel should be willing to go anywhere and do all in his power for the extension of the Lord's kingdom. It was during the second period of his college life, however, that his interest in missions became greatly increased, owing to the general influences of Victoria.

He became very active in campaign work, and was always ready to render assistance in spreading the movement. His interests were many-sided. The labor problem and all questions of social reform hold his serious thought. During the Sunday street car agitation he was an indefatigable and tireless worker. We believe that he will be a faithful worker for Christ in far distant Japan, and we will pray for his safe keeping and prosperity.

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