

2. Arrange for a visit from the union by deputation or in some other way reach the weak Society and secure the following:—

(a) Get the Society to realize that its exists for a purpose, for an organization that can give no good reason for its existence had better quietly die. Members who are such simply because someone asked them to join and are content to be and do nothing more, are not such as make a strong Society. God has a purpose for each life and our success in Christian life will be according to our faithfulness and obedience to His will. The Society should be brought to know that there is some good reason for its existence. That it has a purpose and that it has a work. That there is a very definite work in connection with the home congregation and with the Church at large. Let the members be ruled by the thought that it is their privilege to be more spiritual.

(b) Secure good organization in the Society to meet the needs of the particular congregation and locality with which it is connected. The organization of a City Society may not be the best for one situated in a country district. The nature of the organization should be determined by the local surroundings and the material in the Society.

(c) Aid in securing educative and helpful meetings. Emphasize the need of deep spirituality and an interest in the Missionary work of our Church. If the plan of study, mapped out by the Assembly's Committee, is carefully studied, we will certainly be more intelligent in regard to the work our Church has done and is now doing.

(d) Encourage the members to take an active part in the work of the congregation. Let something be found for each one to do.

3. Have occasionally a local Convention under the auspices of the Union, in a locality which will touch one or more of these weaker Societies. This might be carried out without very much difficulty to the stronger organizations, and certainly with much help to those less strong. These are some of the ways in which I think weaker Societies in the Union may be helped.

"HOME MISSIONS," THEIR IMPORTANCE AND HOW TO RAISE MONEY FOR THEM.

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"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." What does our hand find to do? The work miles and oceans away



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from us? Yes if possible, but more particularly the work which lies undone right at our very doors. Our duty manifestly is first to benefit and improve our own country and then to extend this benefit to the world at large. The early Church was told to begin at Jerusalem, then Judaea, then Samaria and the regions round about. Then and not till they had done at least some of their duty to the home land were they to go to the "uttermost parts of the earth."

It is very hard when we hear cries from South America, India, China, Japan, and the Isles of the Sea—the old time "cry from Macedonia, come and help us." It is so hard not to think their need greater than that of the perishing souls in our own land. But permit me to-day for a few moments to offer a heartfelt plea for my Canadian brothers and sisters.

Any Canadian, man or woman, who does not wish for Canada—our fair, young, beautiful Canada—to be a grand, clean, pure Christian nation fifty years hence; is unfit to live under the shadow of our Maple Leaf. Time, that never failing revealer of Truth, tells us that the prosperity—yes even the worldly prosperity—of any nation depends upon the number of that nation's children who declare with heartfelt fervor "The Lord He is the God, The Lord He is the God." Then Presbyterian young people I ask you as Christian patriots to aid our enthusiastic little nation to "put on the whole armor of God." Oh let us consider how she needs your help.

To begin with British Columbia here I have a word for my Foreign Mission brother and sister enthusiasts. You are rightly spending time and money, labor and prayers in laboring to bring poor China to see the love of the Crucified One. But dear Endeavorer you can accomplish twice as much with half the labor, if you go to British Columbia and compel the despised John Chinamen to reform the awful dens he has reared in the cities of that land. Then when he is a law abiding citizen how much easier, away from his old influences, to win him to the love of Jesus. And when God fills Him with His holy Spirit, as He is able, abundantly

able, to do; then He will go back to his brethren and tell them of Jesus' love more adequately and less expensively than a foreign missionary could do. Will the Chinese not more readily listen to a gospel preached by one of their own nation than by a foreigner whom they despise as an upstart. Wouldn't you?

Leaving British Columbia enter with me into our territories and visit the poor Indian who has such misty and false conceptions of the "Great Spirit." We came over to America and drove the red man from his home. What have we given him in exchange for his broad acres? We give him contempt, we despise him. His race is gradually becoming extinct. Yet with such a little effort and love he can be taught to live as a Christian Canadian. What will you say Christian Endeavorers, when God questions you as to how you, individually, have helped give the gospel to the Indian nation given into our care four hundred years ago. Let me urge you to read how readily the Indian children learn to love Jesus, and become law-abiding Christian Canadians. And when you have read the accounts found in all our church papers, at your peril neglect doing all in your power to aid your Red brother.

Then in all our districts, territories and newer provinces; are to be found young settlers and their families, who have left good settled parts of the Dominion to hew out their fortunes and open up the great West. They are scattered as sheep having no shepherd, and in time they will become careless and allow their children to grow up into a Godless manhood and womanhood. Do you know why the Methodist Church is the greatest Canadian Church? It is because in the early years of our country they sent their pioneer preachers to all the outlying stations, and many belonging previously to other denominations, joined the Methodist Church simply because it was the one church they could attend, and their children became staunch Methodists. And this though the Methodist Church was the weakest church in the old lands.

In twenty or fifty years, if we are not very careful, Western Ontario and the Maritime Provinces will be overrun by a godless Western population and then what will become of our Pharisaical "Thanking God we go to church every day" but do not "give tithes of all we possess;"

Most of the common people in Roman Catholic Quebec, as in the time of our Lord, hear the good tidings gladly. Why do we not send it to them? Shall we, like rich Dives, refuse the poor brother Lazarus the Bread of Life for which he is hungering? Young Canadian patriots as you value your country's future welfare I charge you do not allow Rome to gain the supremacy. Why has France Spain and Italy seen their glory decline while that of England increases yearly?

I must for lack of time leave discussing the importance of Home Missions and dwell upon some ways of obtaining money for them. Let us get men's hearts to see the need, if they see the need—mark what I say—they must respond, otherwise they are not Christians, for it is utterly impossible for us to be Christians and lack the greatest characteristic of our Leader who came "not to be ministered unto but to minister." He said "He that is greatest among you let him serve." Did Jesus ever hear the cry for help and not respond and—mark you—was He not ever more ready to respond when the cry came from His own native land? Wasn't He? Should we not follow His example in all things?

Do not foolishly fear hurting a person's feelings upon the question of giving. If they be Christians they will thank God you woke them up. If they be not for Christ they are against Him, and would be against Him, anyway, they are only anxious for an excuse.

Make people see the need. They will respond when they see it. Half of us do not see the need. Our time is so taken up we cannot read the missionary news as we would like, nor can we be enthused by attending a convention like this. Then tell us about it. Talk to us about the home missionary as if both you and I loved him and his family. Tell us all about his trials.

Let us subscribe to something definite. Now suppose each class in Sunday school had a little place of their very own to send the money to. Perhaps unite two or three classes. Discuss it often with them. Find out all all about it. Suppose they were educating a little Indian boy and he is known to them, as well as your efforts and those of the home missionary and the little Indian himself, can make him known. Let them write to him and he to them. Don't you believe the boys hearts would be touched and the pennies they gave, because they were were given to a definite object, would be real missionary pennies and not just given because mother told them to give them to some misty missionary who lived away off they didn't know nor care where. My paper is already too long I must close but never, oh never, let us neglect our Jerusalem.