

Forward Evangelistic Movement.

The Queen's Avenue League, New Westminster, has been the first of our Western Young People's Societies to inaugurate the Forward Evangelistic Movement.

Prior to the date of November 12th, some two weeks were spent in the careful study of the Second Epistle to the Corinthians, a fit preparation for the services to follow.

On the Sunday mentioned a League rally was held, in the school room of the new church, which commenced with a sunrise prayer meeting led by Mrs. David Robson. From the opening service the power and presence of the Holy Spirit was manifest.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A., preached at 11 a.m. on the subject: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed." The afternoon session was unusually interesting. Music furnished by a well-trained orchestra and the League and Sunday school, addresses by Revs. Barraclough and Sipprell and Messrs. Halliday and Pearson.

In the evening Mr. Barraclough again spoke and an after evangelistic service was conducted by Mr. Sipprell. The spirit of the whole day's services was marked by an intense devotion and deep consecration. The week of services which followed were enthusiastically entered into by the Leaguers and friends and a number were led to accept of Christ as their personal Savior.

What the New Westminster League has done may be done by others. Let these closing years of the century be marked by an advance on every line, finances, mission and soul saving.

The Prohibition Pledge.

(Mr. H. J. Knott, Victoria.)

We would urge every Sunday school and Epworth League in the province to make sure that each member who has a vote puts his signature in the forms issued by the Dominion Alliance, accepting the pledge, which has already been accepted, as the only sure means whereby we may attain what we have been working for through the past years, namely the overthrow of the liquor traffic, by electing those only to make our laws who are pledged to do all in their power if elected, to banish this dreadful evil from our fair Dominion. At the recent convention of the B. C. branch of the Dominion Alliance, held at Vancouver, this pledge was endorsed, and we expect every Christian in the province to stand by those who represented them at that convention, and show by their readiness to sign this pledge that we hold principle ever dearer to us than party. It was suggested by some that by taking this stand we would put ourselves out of politics, but after much discussion on both sides, it was felt by the convention that it would not have this effect, as we would have no trouble in bringing good men to the front, when they have the assurance of the solid vote of the Christian and temperance people. Another feature of the convention which we think worthy of mention is in regard to the grocery stores where liquor is handled in connection with the groceries. It was shown that a great deal of liquor was consumed through this means that would not be consumed if the consumers had to buy it from the saloons or hotels, but having it come with their groceries and entered on the bill as goods,

it was all right, and it was decided that the best means to remedy this evil is for every Christian or temperance man, woman or child, to boycott these establishments, which would have the desired effect in a short time. A committee was formed to wait on the proper authorities and try to get a law passed prohibiting the issuing of licenses to anyone in connection with groceries. Let us all who profess to be opposed to the liquor traffic vote as we pray and be willing to banish all selfish motives in this great fight, that the cause of God might prosper, and that the greatest and most murderous enemy, the drink devil, should receive his death blow. The pledge reads thus: "We, the undersigned, promise that at the next general election for the Dominion Parliament we will vote only for such candidates as will agree to do all in their power, if elected, to obtain the immediate enactment of such legislation as will secure the total prohibition of the liquor traffic in at least those provinces and territories that gave majorities for prohibition in the plebiscite."

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Epworth League and Missions.

The report of the Ontario Provincial Union presented at the recent Dominion Christian Endeavor convention contains a mistake which should be corrected. It is stated that the Methodist societies contributed \$2,607 for missions, while the Presbyterian societies, with a much smaller membership, gave \$5,119. The latest official returns show that the Methodist Young People's Societies of Ontario gave to mission last year \$14,513. It is, of course, impossible to say exactly how much of this amount was given by Endeavor societies, but it is quite safe to conclude that one-half was contributed by Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor, which would be over \$7,000. The Provincial Secretary's

figures were probably founded upon imperfect returns. Our young people have done so well for missions that they should have full credit for all that has been accomplished.—Canadian Epworth Era.

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The Way of Salvation.

(The following, clear and concise utterance from the pen of Rev. Ebenezer Robson, was sent in answer to the question, "How would you state the plan of Salvation to an honest enquirer after Salvation?")

God is love (1 Jno. 4:8), and His law requires us to love Him with all our hearts, and our neighbors as ourselves (Matt. 22:37). This we have not done; but have sinned (Rom. 3:23), and thereby brought condemnation and ruin upon ourselves (Rom. 6:23). We cannot, by our own unaided efforts, extricate ourselves from the thralldom of evil (Jno. 3:5); but God, who is rich in mercy (Eph. 2:4), so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life (Jno. 3:16). Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15); laid down His life for us (1 Jno., 3:16); bore our sins in His own body on the cross (1 Pet. 2:24), and is now able to save to the uttermost them that draw near to God through Him (Heb., 7:25). In order that we may avail ourselves of Christ as a personal Saviour, we must repent of our sins (Acts, 17:30), turn to God for pardon (Acts, 26:20), and believe, with our hearts (Rom., 10:9), that God does, according to His gracious promise (Isa., 55:7), for Christ's sake, forgive and accept us (2 Cor., 6:17; Ephes., 1:6).

When we have, by the help of God, taken these steps, the Holy Spirit will witness with our spirits, that we are the children of God (Rom., 8:16), and the fruits of the Spirit (Gal., 5:22) will grow in our hearts and appear in our lives (2 Cor., 5:17).

Having been born of God, through faith in Christ (Jno., 1:12, 13), we should seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph., 5:18)—with all the fulness of God (Eph., 3:19); so that we may ever abide in Christ (Jno., 15:4), living holy lives (2 Cor., 7:1), and bringing others to the Saviour (Jno., 1:41; 4:20).

Everything required to enable us to enter the way of life and usefulness and walk therein, God is ready to supply, in answer to believing prayer (Matt., 7:11; Phil., 4:19); therefore we need not delay; but may come as we are (Matt., 11:28), and now (2 Cor., 6:2), to Him who is mighty to save (Isa., 63:1), and has promised, Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out (Jno., 6:37). "Just as I am, Thou wilt receive; "Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; "Because Thy promise I believe; "Oh, Lamb of God, I come."

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The Statistics of Missions presented to the meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance disclose the following growth during the century: In the beginning of the century there were only 170 missionaries in all the world, with hardly 50,000 converts, and an annual expenditure of only \$250,000. Now there are 4,694 mission stations, with 15,200 out-stations, 11,000 missionaries, and associated with them 65,000 native Christian assistants, 17,441 mission schools, 1,500,000 native Christians, and annually \$15,000,000 are spent in the work.