



### Campaigners in College.

**T**HIS October number will find many of our workers back again at college with another "stiff" year's work confronting them. Let us unite in grateful praise for what has been accomplished during vacation, and also pray for its continuous development.

May we emphasize three things which require our prayerful consideration just now :

1. Follow up summer's work by correspondence with members in Leagues.
2. Plan to meet as many Leagues as possible again at Christmas.
3. Study and plan for a more extended work next year.

### Tell It Not.

**A** RETURNED missionary was repeating over to himself one night the words of the stirring hymn :

"Tell it out among the people that the Saviour reigns,  
Tell it out among the heathen, let them break their chains,"

when it occurred to him that in view of the dark financial outlook of the Foreign Board, some things might as well not be "told to the heathen"—and he took his pen and wrote as follows :

"Tell it not among the heathen, that the ship is on a reef;  
It was freighted with salvation,—our 'Captain,' Lord and Chief—

But the tide at length receded, and left it high and dry,  
The tide of gold and silver, the gifts of low and high.  
The eagles and the dollars, the nickels and the dimes,  
Flowed off in other channels, from the hardness of the times.

"Tell it not among the heathen that the train is off the track,

The oil all gone—a heated box—the signal came to slack,  
The Foreign Board is side-tracked with its passengers and freight,

Its messengers of mercy, though so eager, all must wait.  
The oil was once abundant, and the wheels went smoothly on,

But drop by drop it lessened, and now 'tis wholly gone.

"Tell it not among the heathen, that the stream has ceased to flow

Down from the lofty mountains in rain and dew and snow;  
It flowed in floods and rivers, in rivulets and rills,  
It gladdened plains and mountains, the distant lakes and hills,

But now 'tis dry! the thirsty ones they cannot drink as yet;  
For the Foreign Board is threatened with a paralyzing debt.

"Tell it not among the heathen, tell it not among the Jews,

Tell it not among the Moslems, this melancholy news;  
Lest sons of Gath deride us, and tell it to our shame  
That churches, sworn to true and full allegiance to His name,

No longer do His bidding, no longer heed the cry  
Of millions, who in sadness, must now be left to die.

"Tell it not among the heathen, but tell it to your Lord,  
Drop on your knees, ye Christians, and speak the truthful word;

We thought we gave our all to Thee, but now with broken heart,

We see that in our giving, we had kept back a part;  
So with complete surrender, we give our all to Thee.

"Then tell it to the heathen, that the Church of Christ is free,

That the tide of love is rising to float the ship again,  
That the oil of Grace is flowing to start the stranded train,  
That the rivulets of mercy are rising to a flood,  
For a blessing to the nations, and the glory of our God."

—HENRY H. JESSUP.

### Canadian Methodist Missions.

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**I**T is often said that the Church of Christ is essentially missionary. The saying is trite, but true. The great purpose for which the Church is organized is to "preach the Gospel to every creature," and its mission is fulfilled only in so far as this is done. But, as commonly used, the saying is the recognition of a principle rather than the statement of a fact. Within the century—indeed, within the last two or three decades—there has been a marvellous revival of the missionary spirit.

The beginnings of Methodism in Canada reveal the same providential features that marked its rise in other lands. Here, as elsewhere, it was the child of Providence. In the year 1824 a Missionary Society was formed. It was a bold movement, such as could have been inaugurated only by heaven-inspired men. Settlements were few and, for the most part, wide asunder. Population was sparse, and the people were poor. But "there were giants in the earth in those days," whose faith and courage were equal to every emergency. The income of the Society the first year was only about \$140, and the field of operation was confined

\*This is a brief synopsis of a chapter in "Modern Missions," in which Dr. Sutherland gives very full information on the subject. "Modern Missions" is one of the four books in the Epworth League Reading Course for the coming winter. The retail price of the four books, if bought singly, is \$3.40. The four will be furnished by the Methodist Book-Room, in uniform binding, post paid, for \$2.00.