

Methodist Volunteers of the Mission Field.

By the time our next annual conferences meet at least twenty five men will be ready to go to any part of the world to preach the Gospel and heal the sick. These men are greatly needed in many foreign fields. Nearly all our home Conferences are crowded. Last year young men were refused admission because they were not needed in the home Conferences, and appointments to our Indian and Foreign Work were refused because of the lack of mission funds. Young men called of God must obey. They therefore leave our Church. How long shall we allow this to continue? Let us study the past and look into the future, but let us act in the present.

Trinity's Missionary Undergraduates.

AMONG the seventeen or more men in Trinity Medical College who are intending to give their lives in missionary work, no less than eleven are connected with our Methodist Church and would gladly enter the field in her ranks. Our space is too limited to give more than a brief reference to each.

The following five men are in the *graduating* class, and hope next spring to appear as duly qualified physicians:

1. Mr. Howard G. Barrie, graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1894, taking the General Proficiency Gold Medal that year. He then spent one year in Victoria University before commencing the study of medicine. He is a probationer for our ministry and has had missionary work in view for a number of years. China is his chosen field. At the present time, besides taking his college work, Mr. Barrie is acting as Provincial College Secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association, and is also President of the City Volunteer Union of Toronto.

2. Mr. C. W. Service, B.A., obtained senior matriculation at Albert College in 1892; then entered Victoria University and received the B.A. degree from there in 1895. The following fall he commenced his medical course. He is an accepted candidate for our Methodist ministry and feels strongly drawn to China as his field of labor. He was a member of the committee which, in the spring of 1895, laid the foundation of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions. Under that movement he has been selected (subject to the approval of the General Board) as the missionary representative of the Brockville District Epworth League.

3. Mr. H. R. Smith decided about eight years ago that if it were God's will he would serve Him in the missionary work. As a preliminary to medicine he spent some time in Albert College obtaining the junior leaving and matriculation standing in 1895. For two years he has been leader of the Missionary Volunteer Band in Trinity Medical College, during which time the missionary work there has been much developed. During vacations he has spent a good deal of time in campaign and local preacher's work. Mr. Smith is unbiased as to his future field so long as it be where the need is great.

4. Mr. W. Stephens has had missionary work in view for seven years. He spent some time in teaching before he started, in 1894, to study medicine. China has taken strong hold upon his sympathy, and as soon as his preparation is complete he will be glad to go there, or to some place where his life will be equally valuable. As a local preacher

he has often done acceptable service on the Trafalgar Circuit.

5. Mr. H. C. Wrench, after getting the required matriculation standing from Albert College, entered directly upon his medical preparation for service. It is about seven years since he admitted the claims of God's neglected poor, and made it his purpose to minister to them. As to field, his preference is only that it may be one that might otherwise never be reached for the Master. His standing in the Methodist Church is that of a local preacher.

Two volunteers at present are in the *third* year of their course. They are:

1. Mr. T. A. Addy, who has, as far back as he can remember, had the desire and purpose to be a missionary. He had senior leaving high school standing before commencing his medical course. In his first year at Trinity he stood at the head of his class, receiving the scholarship for general proficiency and also a special prize for highest standing in physiology. Mr. Addy's plans are to become a self-supporting missionary, and preferably in China.

2. Mr. C. L. Taylor, who, although missionary work has appealed strongly to him for some time, only within a few months has definitely decided to devote his life to it. The field of his choice is South America, and his faith is strong enough to lead him to believe there is a place there for him.

In the *second* year the following three men are at present in attendance:

1. Mr. J. E. Sawdon decided upon a missionary life in 1892, when he felt his call to that phase of work as clearly and distinctly as one he had previously had to the ministry. He has spent two years on circuit work and two more in theology, and expects to be ready for ordination as soon as he shall have graduated in medicine. As a field, he feels deeply the need of China, but will go wherever divinely directed.

2. Mr. Gordon J. Mackay five years ago settled the question of entering the missionary ranks. He attended Albert College for his preparatory work. To him Africa appeals most strongly as the door of great opportunity.

3. Mr. H. M. Stephens, whose brother is referred to above in the graduating class, is, like him, hoping that China's doors will open to him. For several years the missionary life has been his ideal and purpose, and he hopes to go to the front as soon as possible after his graduation.

In the *first* year Mr. E. Allin is at present our only representative. His purpose for a missionary life took definite form four years ago, and since then he has taken high school work as far as honor matriculation and has taught for two years. His ambition is to have as thorough an equipment as possible, and then to find a field of operation somewhere among the millions of China.

A SHORT account of Dr. A. E. Bolton's work is given elsewhere. He was the pioneer medical missionary to the British Columbia Indians.

DR. A. Y. MASSEY, B.A., a graduate of Trinity Medical College, class 1898, applied to our General Board of Missions for work as a medical missionary. The Board not being able to accept his application, he engaged for the summer months as a medical missionary with the Deep Sea Mission to the fishermen on the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. His application is still before our Board. We hope he will be sent out by our Board this fall.