

an extract taken from a letter written by Dr. Kilborn to the *Guardian*, under date of Chen-tu, May 12th, 1897:

Sunday, April 4th, was a gala day in our mission. Not that we had flags flying, or firecrackers booming; our hearts were filled with a great joy nevertheless, for that day witnessed the admission into the Church of eight new members! That day seven men and one woman renounced darkness for light, gave up heathenism for Christianity, turned from idolatry with all its sin, to the pure worship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! These, with the young man who was baptized in August, 1896, make a membership of nine—a small beginning, it is true but to the eye of faith, a beginning of that which shall go on increasing through all time, and which shall last through all eternity. May we ask the earnest prayer of every Christian in Canada for God's blessing on the infant church in Chen-tu? They need it.

BESSIE MCGUFFIN,

Missionary Vice-President Toronto East District E.L.

Organization of Toronto East District for Missionary Campaign Work.

The inspiration for this, born, we believe, of the Holy Spirit, came originally through the persistent efforts of certain members of the Students' Missionary Campaign. The work was first introduced to Leagues of the district at the annual meeting held in Sherbourne Street Church, on the evening of May 27th, 1896, and so heartily did the systematic plan "to pray, study, and give" commend itself to the leaguers present that some went home to immediately organize their societies.

It now remained for the District Executive to complete arrangements, and, at their first meeting, unavoidably delayed till October 22nd, it was unanimously agreed that the energies of all the officers would be directed to this one line of work. Realizing that united action was necessary, and that, in order to the greatest success, the fullest harmony was required, it was thought advisable to call a representative meeting of the district, that would consider different plans, and, if possible, agree upon some definite and satisfactory object. Owing to the previous delay in the meeting of the Executive, and with the year now almost half gone, no time was to be lost, so November 5th was appointed, and the different societies notified. In the interim, Dr. Sutherland, our General Missionary Secretary, was interviewed, in order to ascertain what plan he would suggest as the most satisfactory, and it was agreed, that he should attend and represent the General Board. This meeting of representatives was held in one of the classrooms of the Sherbourne Street Church, there being about thirty present, beside Mr. F. C. Stephenson, who came to further explain the Forward Movement, and answer any questions with regard to it, and Miss McGuffin, who appeared in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Sutherland.

Those present were most enthusiastic in their desire to do something, and the feeling was quite as unanimous that it should be done at once. Regarding the plan to adopt, many were of the opinion, that the best would be to aim at sending out a new man to the field, and not a few wished to make a selection of such representative immediately. The only other plan which came before the meeting, and which was finally adopted with enthusiasm, was that suggested by Miss McGuffin, namely, to undertake the support of Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn in China. This gave the district the advantage of having a most satisfactory representative already in service, so that their efforts touched the field

direct, while they were yet perfecting their organization, and, besides, it brought assistance to the General Board for the present lamentable stringency in the Missionary offering of our Church.

The work was now fairly commenced, and yet only commenced. It remained for the Second Vice-President to make a systematic visitation of the district, for the different leagues to take action, and for the Missionary Committees to do their work along the lines laid down by the Forward Movement. On the part of a few societies there was hesitancy, and, in one or two cases, failure of response; yet, so successfully did the majority organize and work that, at the annual meeting held in the Central Church, May 27th, 1897, no less than \$425.13 had passed through the hands of the Treasurer, and, before the plan shall have been in operation a year, we have every reason to believe the required amount will be received. It might be well, however, to say here, that the report of money raised is no criterion of the labor expended by the different missionary conveners, and neither does it give us any idea of the self-denial which has been practised by many because of their love to Christ. The great majority of our leaguers in this district are those who work full time for limited remuneration, and their offerings to this fund have been an evidence of their consecration to Christ's service. Individual cases, not a few, have come within the range of the writer's observation, or been communicated to him by members of the missionary committees, which, if recited, would put to shame many more able givers. We believe every contributor has received a blessing for his desire and effort to further the Kingdom of God, but those who have received the greatest and fullest blessing are the ones who most have denied themselves that they might honor Christ. This is the beginning. For what has been done, we praise God, and look forward with bright hopes, but we feel sure it is only a fraction of what is within our power to do, and what we will do when we learn to pray, "Thy kingdom come," in such a way that we will put forth every effort to answer our own prayer.

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Pres. Toronto East District.

If we gave each woman of India a Bible at the rate of 20,000 a day it would take seventeen years to supply them all. The children of India, walking four abreast, two feet apart, would make a procession 5,000 miles long.

It is stated that there are as many Missionaries working among the 4,000,000 of London as there are among the 200,000,000 Mohammedans and 800,000,000 heathen in the world. London needs all she has, but how fares the unconverted world—the great army for which the Master is waiting?—*Missionary Outlook*.

A prominent Hindu in Dingah, Punjab, who had opposed the work of the Missionaries, asked for a private interview with one of them. Instead of a fierce expression of hostility, the man took from his pocket a New Testament, and said, "Sahib, I have read this book, and I find it to be pure and holy. Up to ten days ago I was a bitter opponent of yours. I gave a public lecture against you and against your work. Then I resolved that I would expose your book. So I began to read it in order to pick faults in it; but, do you know, as I read I was drawn to it. My heart was captivated, and now I cannot oppose you. I know God's light is in that book.—*Methodist Review of Missions*."