

according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jer. iii. 15, R.V.).

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Provoked to jealousy by the manifestation among Christians of a vigorous spiritual life, unknown to Judaism, and alarmed at the rise and rapid progress of Anti-Semitism, and the spread of missionary effort, many Jewish leaders are now earnestly seeking to pull Israel out of the ditch in which she has so long been lying. There is the *Orthodox Rabbi*, struggling in vain to uphold the waning authority of the Talmud; the *Reformed "minister,"* adopting various Christian practices and preaching a Unitarianism which has nothing distinctively Jewish about it; the *literary "layman,"* advocating a species of Christianized Judaism, which shall embrace all mankind; the *philanthropist*, spending millions in endeavoring to ameliorate the condition of his persecuted brethren; the *Zionist*, striving to foster the "National Idea," the revival of Hebrew, and the colonization of the Holy Land; and last (what is more significant than all), the *political nationalist*, moving all Europe to bring about the formation of a Jewish State in Palestine.

But in spite of her many leaders, the condition of the nation is growing worse and worse. Rejecting the Head Stone of the corner, the builders are building with untempered mortar (Ezek. xiii. 10-16; Psalm cxviii. 22-23), and are crying "*Peace, peace,*" when there is no peace. Oh! may God open their eyes! For until they acknowledge the need of atonement through the death of the Sin-bearer, and point the people to the "*Smitten Shepherd*" (Ezek. xiii. 7.), Who was "wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities," these would-be shepherds are only leading the sheep further astray.

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*To be Read by the President.*

Yes, Israel to-day is wanting a Shepherd, for "there is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up" (Isa. li. 18). And it is for us Christians to point these "sheep without a shepherd" to Him, of whom it is written: "Behold I have given Him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people" (Isa. lv. 4). The Good Shepherd Himself is out on the mountains to-day seeking His sheep, and deep down in many a Jewish heart His Holy Spirit has created a longing after God, which He alone can satisfy, and will (Ezek. xxxiv. 11-15). And what is true of Israel is true of the nations, for "all we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together, until now." But the blessing must come "to the Jew first" before all the families of the earth can be blessed.

The lost sheep of the House of Israel must first be gathered in, and then "those sheep which are not of this fold." And so at last the saying shall be fulfilled—"There shall be one fold and one Shepherd," (John x. 16; Ezek. xxxiv. 23; Jer. xxxi. 10).

Out of fifty thousand Sioux, over four thousand are now members of Episcopal, Presbyterian, or Congregational Churches. Many, if not most, of these have become citizens. The contributions of those connected with the Episcopalians amounted to \$4,100 in 1892, while the women raised \$2,210.

## Toronto Central Epworth League District.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Central Epworth League District was held July 8th, in Yonge Street Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Parker, the pastor, presiding. After disposing of some matters of business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Fred. Dane, President; H. Hoffman, C.E. Vice-President; G. Herbert Wood, Missionary Vice-President; O. R. Dayman, Literary Vice-President; T. A. Kelly, Social Vice-President; Miss Salter, Junior Vice-President; Miss Adams, 86 Hazelton avenue, Treasurer; T. G. Rogers, 11 Sultan street, Secretary.

The past year has marked a decided advance in the progress of the district, and the future outlook anticipates success in every department of League work, especially along missionary lines.

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A large number of districts are doing grand work along the Forward Movement for Missions line. We shall devote considerable space in September MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER to the work of the Epworth League executives of the different districts.

At the present time district executives in a number of districts are planning under the direction of the General Board of our Church to send out missionaries.

## The Missionary Spirit in Stanstead Wesleyan College.

In the academic year 1894-95 there were started in the college two weekly prayer and praise meetings, one for the girls and one for the boys. Ever since the young people of the institution began to meet in order to praise God in their songs and to study His word, it has been noticeable that the Spirit was moving the students to seek the higher and nobler life, and to think more and more about their part in making this world a better one.

The truth of this last statement was most gloriously in evidence last fall, when Dr. Hart, of China, visited the college, and during his stay gave a most thrilling and inspiring address on the work in the Celestial Empire. All who listened to the missionary seemed to feel that there was a great work for Christians to do to help in lifting up heathen humanity in China; but upon none did the spirit of practical love fall in greater measure than upon the college students. After the address a few of the young men of the upper flat got together in one of the rooms, and with prayerful hearts and loving zeal decided to do something for the cause of Christ in China. It might be noticed here that the boys anxiously and earnestly desired to do something to help on the good cause of missions. Oh, that all Christians were as anxious as these students to work for the evangelization of the world! If such a spirit were to be abroad among the members of the home Church, in a short time this world would be won for Christ. There were open hearts, and, as was natural, work, grand work was forthcoming. Dr. Hart was approached; and, after a short talk, the young people *gladly* decided to support a native preacher in China, at the cost of \$50.00 a year. Mr. Perry S. Dolson to whom was given the task of raising the money needed, handed to the students and others connected with the college pledge slips, which they signed, at the same time writing down the sum which they wished to give weekly. Before the closing of