

## CHAPTER XII.

A MISSIONARY MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF  
CANADIAN METHODISM.

## NEVER FORGET—

**I. That the Word of God Shall Stand Forever, a Sure Foundation for Our Faith, 250, 251.**

1. In spite of the assaults of sceptics: a. who assume that it is not the revelation of God's will to men, but an ordinary book with no supernatural elements, 250, 251; prophecy and miracle ruled out, 251; everything not explainable on natural grounds regarded as fraud and fiction, 256. b. Whose chief premises a century ago are now utterly discredited, 251.
2. In spite of the attitude of the so-called "higher criticism" of to-day, 251: Their premises, where not true, will soon be discredited, 251.

**II. That God's Never-changing Purpose is to Establish on Earth a World-wide Kingdom of Peace and Righteousness, 251, 252.**

1. This kingdom was typified in the history of Israel, and shadowed forth in the visions of the prophets, 251, 252.
2. This kingdom began to take definite shape with the advent of Jesus, 252: a. Its laws were clearly enunciated, 252. b. Its leading characteristics were boldly outlined, 252.

**III. That God's Purpose and Plan is that the Kingdom Shall be Self-Propagating, 252, 253.**

1. Therefore the Church is radically, essentially and altogether missionary, 253.

**IV. That Disobedience to This Plan of Self-propagation Means Spiritual Poverty, Barrenness and Death; Obedience Means Abounding Spirituality and "Real Success," 253, 254.**

1. Be careful that increase in numbers, wealth and fashion be not mistaken for real vitality, 254.

**V. That the Spirituality and Success of a Church may be Measured by Its Missionary Spirit and Enterprise, 254, 255.**

1. All history shows that every great spiritual awakening has been followed by increased missionary activity, and