

YOUNG PEOPLE'S

Forward Movement for Missions

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The South River Epworth League of Christian Endeavor is organizing a Forward Movement for Missions under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Wm. Nixon.

At the Montreal Conference Epworth League Convention, to be held in Cornwall, on January 29th, the mission work of our Church will be reviewed by Rev. G. S. Clendennen, of Brockville.

The Epworth League Union of Montreal has appointed Mr. Walter J. Phelps, 60 McGill Street, Montreal, as correspondent to our connexional periodicals for the French work, especially the work which the Leagues are trying to help.

A Winter School for the study of the Bible and of missions will be held by the Epworth Leagues of the Welland District. A. J. Irwin, B.A., B.D., will conduct the Bible study. A programme is being prepared, the outline of which is: The field, the men, methods, and topical addresses. The school will be held about the last of January.

Mr. W. T. Halpenny, who is preparing himself for French mission work, suggests that our young people who are studying French will find "L'Aurore" very interesting. This paper is published by a committee representing all Protestant denominations that are working for French evangelization. Sample copies of this paper will be sent on application to Mr. Halpenny, 72 Plymouth Grove, Montreal.

The Whitby District Epworth League is making an effort to raise at least three hundred dollars this year. Miss Lottie E. Hurd, of Port Perry, missionary vice-president, is campaigning the district by means of personal letters and talks. This is preparatory to a student campaign next summer. Whitby District is united with Bowmanville District for the support of Rev. A. McNeill, of Norway House.

The Toronto West District will say farewell this month to the second missionary they are undertaking to support—Mr. W. J. Mortimer, who sails with Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell for China on January 21st. While Mr. Mortimer goes to far-off China, a small Chinese missionary has arrived in British Columbia. His name is Wesley Cunningham Thom. His father is supported by the Toronto West District Epworth League.

One of the most interesting features at the Victoria College Conversat this year was the Missionary Exhibit which was shown in the library. Some beautiful Chinese tapestries, representing historical and mythical subjects, were shown, proving by their exquisite services and artistic blending of color that the Chinese were masters of the art of embroidery when other nations were only beginning to learn the art of weaving—some of this work being over five hundred years old. Many of the bronzes exhibited have been used in heathen temple services and are from five hundred to two thousand years old. Through the kindness of Dr. Hart, who has been thirty-seven years in China, those who attended the Conversat were given the privilege of viewing this collection.

When the Forward Movement for Missions was being talked of in Portland church, St. John's, N.B., a member of the quarterly board suggested in a board meeting that the League try and interest those outside the League who did not contribute to missions. The pastor's

visiting list was compared with the missionary collector's book. The former contained three hundred and twenty-five names, the latter twenty or thirty. Many of those able to give, whose names are on the pastor's visiting list, do not give directly to any missionary enterprise. It was thought we could interest these by giving them missionary books to read, and following up the information thus given by a circular letter, telling of our plans and asking for their support. Later, we plan to see them personally, and, if possible, to secure their co-operation; also to follow them up with reading matter to keep them interested. One thing that has kept us back is that we have no settled missionary or mission in view to help support. Our League is on the up-grade and missionary interest in the church is improving.

The Chinese Mission in British Columbia has already collected sixty dollars for the missionary fund, and expects to raise one hundred dollars as its contribution this year. Tom Chue Thom, Chinese missionary in British Columbia, writes that he is much encouraged in his work. Some of the Chinese are taking a great interest in the church. They assist in the open-air meetings, and are anxious to win others for Christ. One of the members of the Chinese Mission, who was brought to know Christ through the visits of the missionary to his laundry, about a year after his conversion returned to China, where he preached Jesus Christ to his family and relatives. His effort was blessed. He was the means of converting the entire family of his brother—in all seven persons. These were baptized and joined the Christian Church in China. Last year he returned to British Columbia, and is a great help in all the mission work among the Chinese. His happy face shows the light of hope in every feature. The Chinese women in New Westminster have found a Christian friend in Mrs. Thom, who visits among them and works as opportunity offers.

Why a Missionary Force.

1. Not to try to save others to lose one's own salvation. The Christian soul is the missionary spirit. There is no true Christianity without it. It manifests, guarantees, and increases the love which is "the fine flower of all the graces."

2. Missionary work can best be done by those who, being first consecrated to Christ, have youth with its enthusiasm, endurance, and willingness and ability to risk somewhat for Christ and souls.

3. Unless Epworth League activity constantly manifests itself in this missionary direction, it will be consumed in self-culture, personal enjoyment, and social pleasures, all of which may have aspects of selfishness fatal to growth.—Bishop Goodsell.

The Most Important Work.

If I were asked, "What is the most important work of an Endeavor Society?" I would answer, "The organizing and maintaining a Junior society."

Guard your society well. Upon these girls and boys the future of your own society depends. It is they who will take up the work that you must some time lay down. Bestow much attention upon the Juniors as individuals. They will be prompt to respond.

Encourage the superintendent by your presence as well as your prayers. Provide her with one or two sympathetic assistants.

Last, but not least, take as an incentive Christ's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Alice M. Jones.

New Missionaries.

At the recent meeting of the General Missionary Board at St. Mary's, a communication was received from the Epworth League of the Toronto West District, offering to provide support for an additional missionary in China, if one can be sent. Steps are being taken to provide the travelling and other expenses in addition to the salary. The committee decided to accept the offer. The Leagues of the Woodstock and Milton Districts having already in hand an amount nearly sufficient to send out an additional missionary and support him for the first year, it was resolved that one be sent accordingly.

Why the League Should be a Missionary Force.

1. Because it is composed mainly of our young people, and it is an old maxim. "Old men for counsel, young men for action."

2. Because it is one of the great wheels of the Church, and yearly growing more so. And one of its chief "spokes" should be its missionary spoke.

3. Because its members are soon to become pillars in both Church and State; and here is the best place and best way to educate them in missionary ideas.

4. Because the Church needs such missionary reinforcements just now, and the League should rally to her bugle-call like an army with banners.

5. Because the League needs a definite object and high purpose like this to awaken its sympathies and arouse its energies, and yet do great things for God and humanity.

6. Because God will own and bless its missionary labors, as he always does own and bless all honest work and faithful service. His call is to each and every one of us, and his pure promise is: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

If the Epworth League believes in its magnificent motto, "Look up; Lift up," surely here is a chance for loyal and loyal service.—Gen. James F. Rusling, L.L.D.

Evangelization of the World.

What is meant by the evangelization of the world in this generation? It means to give every person an adequate opportunity to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord. We do not mean the conversion of the world in this generation. The Church will not have fulfilled her task when the Gospel has been preached to all men. Such evangelization must be followed by baptism of the converts, by their organization into churches, by building them up in knowledge, faith, and character, and by training them for service. It is the obligation of the Church to evangelize the world in this generation. It is our duty because all men need Christ. The Scriptures clearly teach that if men are to be saved they must be saved through Christ. The burning question then is, Shall hundreds of millions of men now living, who need Christ, and who are capable of receiving help from him, pass away without having even the opportunity to know him? To have a knowledge of Christ is to incur a responsibility to every man who has not. We are trustees of the Gospel, and in no sense sole proprietors. What a crime against mankind to keep a knowledge of the mission of Christ from two-thirds of the human race!—John R. Mott.