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### Programme.

#### SUBJECT—

China and the Chinese. (Use a map of China).

#### HYMN 404.

#### PRAYER—

Subject: Special prayer for China; Our Work and Missionaries there, also for the Chinese work in British Columbia.

#### BIBLE READING—

Psalm 96.

#### HYMN 187.

#### CHINA AS A MISSION FIELD—

The Country (Young People's History of the Chinese).  
The People (Free Tract).  
The Religions of China (Young People's History of the Chinese).

#### OUR WORK IN CHINA—

See Missionary Report 1896-97, page 31, and W.M.S. Report 1896-97, page 54.  
Sketch of Dr. Smith's Life (this CAMPAIGNER).  
Sketch of Mr. Hartwell's Life (this CAMPAIGNER).

#### THE MEDICAL WORK—

Dr. Kilborn's Letter (this CAMPAIGNER).  
Dr. Kilborn's Letter (*Guardian*, April 13 and Feb. 9).  
Mrs. Smith's Letter (*Outlook*, February).  
Dr. Hare's Letter (*Outlook*, November).  
Dr. Ewans' Letter (this CAMPAIGNER).

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK—

Mr. Hartwell's Letter (*Outlook*, Feb. and Nov.).  
Mr. Hartwell's Letter (this CAMPAIGNER).  
Some Short Stories of Work in China (*Guardian*, Jan. 12, Feb. 23).  
"China and Its Needs," *Onward*, February 19th.

#### CHINESE WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Letter from Tom Chue Thom (this CAMPAIGNER).  
Article by Mrs. Cunningham (this CAMPAIGNER).

#### SUGGESTED READING ON CHINA—

China's Millions (free from Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto).  
The daily papers and various magazines.  
Chinese Characteristics, \$1.25. Robert Morrison, the Pioneer of Chinese Missions, 50c. Western China, Dr. Hart, \$2.00. A Cycle of Cathay, A. P. Martin, \$2.00. Griffith, John, W. Robson, 50c. Glances at China, Gilbert Reid, 70c. Young People's History of the Chinese, W. G. Cunningham, \$1.00. Among the Mongols, Rev. J. Gilmour, 90c. Morning in Many Lands, Daniel March, \$2.00. For His Sake: A Record of a Life Consecrated to God and Devoted to China, 90c.

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## Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell,

MISSIONARY TO CHINA, SUPPORTED BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE LONDON DISTRICT E. L.

REV. G. E. HARTWELL was born at Westport, and was baptized at Newboro' by a Church of England minister. He came to live with his aunt, Mrs. S. G. Judd, in Morton, Ont., when about 14 years old, his parents having died in his childhood. He attended the school here, passing the Entrance; he then went to Athens High School, where he lived with Dr. Cornell, assisting the Doctor in return for his board. Dr. Cornell, of Brockville, has been a great friend to him, and says he thinks as much of him as he would of his own son. He remained there until he received his Second Class Certificate, when he returned to Morton as teacher in the school. I think if there was at any time a *special* conversion it must have been during his stay at Athens. I can never remember him anything but an avowed Christian. I had the pleasure of attending the school while he taught. The school was always opened with prayer and hymn singing. From Morton he went to Kingston to Queen's College, where he received his B.A. degree. During the summer he taught school, and one or two seasons took a position on a lake steamer. He then went to New York, where he received the degree of B.D. While there he did a great deal of work in the slums and among the *very* poor people. His education has been acquired by pluck and perseverance. He is a self-made man. A peculiar incident in connection with his after life occurred on the first night of his arrival in Morton. It was a dark, cold, rainy night when a friendless boy knocked at a door in a small village. It was opened, and a young girl appeared. The boy asked if she could tell him where Mrs. Judd lived. "Oh, yes, just across the street," was his welcome answer. The girl was destined to become his wife and go with him into the heart of far-off China.

## Rev. W. E. Smith, M.D.

BY MISS MARY C. TAMBLYN, MISSIONARY VICE-PRES., COBOURG DISTRICT.

REV. W. E. SMITH, M.D., of Chentu, West China Mission, is the representative of the Cobourg District Epworth League. Dr. Smith's earliest years were spent on a farm near the little village of Kendall, Durham County, and in 1885, at the age of twenty-one, he opened a general store in Elizabethtown, a few miles from his former home. Here, under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Bell, he was converted in February, 1886. He was once heard to say that he had often been impressed with the idea that if a Christian he should have to preach the Gospel. His conversion and call to the ministry were clear; he obeyed the call, and in January, 1887, leaving his store and their widowed mother in care of a younger brother, he began his work of preparation at Albert College, Belleville.

While there he was led to join the Student Volunteer force, and from that time until shortly before his departure for his present field of labor, his thoughts were turned to Africa as the scene of his future work; and though he always expressed himself as willing to go anywhere, yet China seemed at that time to appeal to him less than any other land. He loved his native country and wished to go as a Canadian Missionary, yet for some years it seemed that the open door for him would be Bishop Taylor's Mission in Africa.