

will not rise to the occasion; they won't be interested, and they will not contribute until they know the condition of the world's heathenism.

Where would the four to five thousand volunteer students of our colleges be to-day, if pains had not been taken to spread the facts, even the smallest minutiae, concerning the heathen world? Large maps and charts were always carried by such men as Forman and Wilder, and by means of these maps, together with short, earnest addresses, which were nothing more than a repetition of collections of hard facts and figures, by such means and such only, under God, were men drawn from almost every college in United States and Canada to give their lives to this work. At the present time 250 have gone, and it is believed that by this time next year as many more will be in the foreign field.

Just here comes another not unimportant reason why our Church should enter China at this time. In the ranks of the student volunteers are many who are preparing themselves as *medical missionaries*. For these Japan offers no opportunity. They are therefore lost to our Church unless a field such as China is opened. So surely as they are rejected by their own Church, they turn to the American churches or to another denomination at home. By means of a Chinese Mission, not only medical missionaries but missionaries of every other class, lay and clerical, may be employed.

In view, then, of what we believe to be the needs of the mass of the people, we trust we will not be thought presumptuous if we make this suggestion:—

One of us graduates in Theology from Drew Seminary, Madison, N.J., 1st of March next. The other can join him at that time on his way home from Europe. For the three or five months following that time, as the Church shall see fit, we are anxious to make a tour of as many Ontario churches as possible, especially those in the smaller towns and villages. We would stay one, two, or three days in a place, holding as many meetings as possible in that time; carry with us one very large missionary map of the world, and one or two large charts. These are a host in themselves they preach a more forcible sermon than we can with our tongues,—a sermon that goes straight home to the heart of every man, woman and child in the congregation. *Facts*, plain facts and figures about the world-field, are what the people need, and that's what we would try to give them.

True, the number of churches we could reach in the space of a few short months would be small; but we could at least begin the work for some one else to carry on.

We are not without a precedent in this scheme for visiting the churches. Doubtless you can call to mind that for a few weeks or months before Rev. Jonathan Goforth set out for China he went from place to place amongst the Presbyterian churches, carrying maps and charts, and giving the people the simple facts, and the results abundantly justified his undertaking. We were privileged to meet him personally at that time and to obtain details of his methods.

We have both done some work of this kind, having spoken a few times near Kingston and in Leeds County. We used a small missionary chart, and that alone, with our words of explanation, seemed often a revelation to the people. We believe God blessed those weak efforts to advance the foreign mission cause, and surely He will do so again.

We leave ourselves in your hands, and in God's! We firmly believe He has called us to work for Him in China. You already know how anxious we are that our own Church, above all others, should send us. We shall not cease to pray for those in authority, that the Holy Spirit may lead them, so that whatever course of procedure is decided upon shall be in accordance with God's will.

Sincerely yours in the Master's Service,

GEO. E. HARTWELL.

OMAR L. KILBORN.

The matter is now before the Church, and we feel confident the response will be prompt and generous. Enough money ought to come from special donations to send these young men to China, support them for the first year, and provide necessary buildings, without touching the ordinary income of the Society. One other point may be noted. This new movement will not work against our Domestic Missions—it will help them. It has been decided that during the ensuing Quadrennium forty-two and one-half per cent. of the income of the Society shall be appropriated for Domestic Missions, and hence out of any increase of income these missions will get their share. Providence has spoken; the Board has accepted the responsibility, and now awaits the Church's answer.

MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS.

THE Rev. James Woodsworth will be available for Missionary Anniversaries for the two months following New Year. He is making his own arrangements and brethren desiring his services will please address him at Brandon, Man.

The Rev. C. T. Cocking will be employed for the remainder of the conference year at Missionary meetings, as his services may be required. His time is all pledged till the end of December. Arrangements may be made for meetings after that date by addressing him at Markham, Ont. He sends us the following list of dates after New Year that are not yet pledged: January, 6 to 9; 13 to 16; 20 to 23; 27 to 30. February, 3 to 6; 10th and after.

The General Secretary's list of engagements is now full for the entire season, that is till March next. He would be glad to respond to all calls if it were possible, but the best he can do is to fill up all the time there is.

PAUL CAIAN.

THE life of this Christian Indian of the Cree tribe is worthy of particular mention. He passed away in June last. The writer first met him on the trail between Battle River and Edmonton in the winter of 1881. Before partaking of the lunch offered him, he devoutly returned thanks to God. For almost ten years I have known his home to be a house of prayer. To him religion was a reality and a joy.

Paul Caian was seventy-eight years old at his death. During the missionary labors of the pioneer Rundle amongst these Crees and Stonies, Paul became a disciple of Christ. Born near the Rockies, he remained in the west hunting and farming between Athabasca and the boundary. He accompanied Wolsey, one season at least, on the plains, as that noble Gospel messenger travelled with the migratory natives.