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#### STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER MEETING AT CLEVELAND.

One of the most important missionary meetings ever held was that which gathered in Cleveland, Ohio, last month. Its delegates were representatives of missionary organizations in Colleges, Theological Seminaries and Universities throughout the world.

Eight hundred and thirty-nine institutions in the United States and Canada have identified themselves with the movement, which embraces institutions for higher education in Great Britain, Scandinavia, Germany, France, Belgium, Australia, South Africa, China, India and Ceylon.

Over two thousand delegates were present, representing most of the countries mentioned. The leading spirits of the movement are Mr. John R. Mott, Mr. R. P. Wilder, and Mr. F. S. Brockman, who have been chiefly instrumental in awakening missionary zeal and forming missionary organizations in the educational institutions of the world.

Among the most impressive addresses in connection with the Convention were those of F. B. Meyer, the well-known London preacher and author, who led a great devotional meeting in a highly edifying way; Robert E. Speer, who spoke with intense earnestness of the efforts that are being made to meet these needs; the needs of the heathen world and the feebleness of Bishop Baldwin, of Canada, who spoke on the spiritual qualifications of the volunteer; and Gen. Beaver, who discussed the duty of various classes of Christians in relation to the world's evangelization.

Opportunity was given to the volunteers to come into close touch with the missionaries, who were present in large numbers and who represented nearly every part of the great harvest field.

Subscriptions amounting to over \$7000 a year, for four years, to pay the expenses of the central organization, were secured by a quiet but effective appeal.

About eighty delegates went from the various institutions of Toronto, McMaster furnishing her quota. The McMaster delegation returned full of enthusiasm, and in the Fyfe Missionary Society meeting, held soon afterwards, gave the benefit of their rich experience to those who were not so highly privileged.

#### REPORT OF W. B. F. M. S. OF E. O. AND Q. BOARD MEETING.

The second quarterly meeting of the Board was held in the First Church, Montreal, on Friday, March 4th.

The Hon. President was in the chair and fifteen members were present.

The Treasurer's report was received with much thankfulness, as it showed that the deficit was fully paid off and that the funds for regular work show no decrease.

Letters full of interest were read from Miss Murray and Miss McLaurin, who are both enjoying good health.

A letter was read by Mrs. Vaux, Brockville, Directress of the Central Association, reporting her trip with a view to strengthening and encouraging the Circles in that district.

Much sympathy was expressed for our beloved President, Mrs. Dadson, who was unable to be present on account of illness.

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Cor. Secretary.

#### POINTED PARAGRAPHS FOR PASTORS.

God so loved the world.—John iii. 16.

Go ye into all the world.—Mark xvi. 15.

No pastor needs to tell how much in earnest he is about giving the Gospel to a lost world, his people know.

The pastors are the key to the situation in our foreign mission work. If they say, no debt and forward movement, it must be so.

The work of foreign missions is great—the difficulties, the dangers, the trials; but God is greater than all. He promises His power and presence.

Pastors are God's teachers and leaders. May the hosts of Zion falter not, waver not, but be led forward with firm faith and courage by true courageous leaders.

The idea of evangelization lies at the bottom of all preaching. The very existence of a ministry that does not preach missions is a miserable caricature.

The preaching of missions by the pastor, and the practice of missions by pastor and people, is the only guarantee against disintegration and decay in home work.

We look in vain for an instance where the pastor asked his people to contribute to missions and got no response. And yet there will be many churches that will not give one cent this year. Whose fault will that be?

Paul said, "The word of God is not bound."—2 Tim. ii. 9. So it is not and cannot be by the opposition or persecutions of its enemies; but it is greatly hindered by the indifference, slothfulness and neglect of many who stand in the position of leaders.

A ministry that lovingly labors for the salvation of the world will be mighty in the salvation of people in its immediate reach. If your ministry is not bringing men to Christ around you, possibly the reason is that you have not made your preaching missionary.—*Foreign Mission Journal*.

A HINDU father recently brought his little motherless girl to a mission school, and asked that she might be received. She was six years old, and was sought in marriage by a man of 40, who offered 200 rupees for her; but her father could not consent. Then the priests