

HOW TO ENCOURAGE A STUDENT IN THE MISSION FIELD.

There are different ways in which to do this.

(1) On his arrival at the station be sure that there is no one to meet him. Then he will have to look out for himself, and thus a quality much needed in the work will be developed.

(2) On the first Sunday do not fail to shew by your conduct and general attitude that you are there to see how the young man does.

If you are at all given to indulging in a nap during service, it would be in place to do so on this occasion. The young student will thus be made to put forth greater efforts to arouse his sleepy hearers.

(3) There are two questions which you must not on any account forget to ask your student, and these are, (a) how long he has been in College, and (b), how much experience he has had in the work.

If it so happen that this is his first mission field it will be your duty to force upon his mind the fact that he has taken upon himself a great and solemn responsibility.

It would be well to enlarge on the vanity and weakness of youth, and to exhort him to make sure that he is "called" to the work.

(4) Another way in which to encourage students in the mission field is to frequently remind them what excellent men their predecessors were.

If your present student is a young

man, and his predecessor was somewhat older, then it would be expedient for you to speak of the sobriety, gravity, and stability which characterise older students, and vice versa. If the student is rather advanced in years, you ought not to forget to praise the young man who was in the field the year before him.

The young ladies also should express themselves as being delighted with him. "He was just lovely" they ought to say.

(5) If your preacher is very young and you are beginning to be afraid that he "may think more highly of himself than he ought to think" one way in which to stimulate his ardor is to have on hand a few select stories about "boy-preachers." He will thus realise what an atrocious crime it is to be a young man.

(6) When the student visits you be sure to impress on him the fact that you have a great deal of work on hand at present. The effect of this will be that the visit of your missionary will be shortened, and he will go away feeling that he has made a poor impression, and that in order to be successful he must work more diligently in the future than he has done in the past.

(7) Remember to attend church only when the weather is fine. Your student will thus become "instant in season and out of season." Besides, he will learn in this way not to despise numbers, and