

Higher, Step by Step.

Study the steps. Last year only one church reached the \$500 step in its offering for Foreign Missions, but more will go as high this year. Only one church reached the \$400 step. Note that 4 churches are to be found on the \$300 step; 8 on the \$200; 48 on the \$100; 87 on the \$50; 186 on the \$25; 617 on the \$10 step.

Do not fail to note that 1402 churches passed under the \$10 step—that is, 1462 churches gave less than \$10 each for Foreign Missions; and only 1001 churches gave \$10 or more. Higher, step by step!

All Scripture teaching, the deep need of the heathen world, the crying necessities of our mission stations, are all beckoning us on to higher steps. Will you not take them?

Will you not make a special effort to take your church one step higher this year? Try to make an average of \$1 per member. Last year the Hyde Park Church, Chicago, numbering 35 members, gave \$80.65—more than \$2 per member.

See that every member of your church is asked for a definite amount.

Do not fall below your full apportionment.

The missionary force is larger than one year ago, and the receipts must be correspondingly increased.

No less than \$50,000 from churches as churches, in the March offering, should satisfy us. Make an effort to reach \$50,000 in one day.

Keep in mind our watch-word: **An offering from every church; a gift from every member.**

Remember, *Higher, step by step!*

Let every church be ready, Monday

morning, March 2nd, to forward its full apportionment, or more, to

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London.

The annual meeting of the church in London was held in the church building on Tuesday, the 14th ult., the pastor, Bro. George Fowler, presiding.

Reports from the Sunday-school, Y. P. S. C. E., Junior Endeavor, Ladies' Aid and Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, were submitted, which showed all these departments of church work to be in a prosperous condition, especially the Sunday-school, which has doubled its membership during the year, the usual attendance being now about 160 and the membership roll, 213. 27 from the school obeyed the Gospel.

The church treasurer's report showed a balance on hand after paying salaries, current expenses and interest on mortgage.

The Board of Deacons reported that about \$200 had been either subscribed or collected toward the reduction of the mortgage, and recommended that a committee of five, to be selected from the different organizations in the church, be appointed to assist the deacons in looking after the debt. The recommendation was adopted.

Bro. Fowler reported that during the year he had preached 100 sermons, attended 130 prayer-meetings, made 1,200 calls, conducted 10 funerals, solemnized 4 marriages, and that there were 85 baptisms, 94 received into membership, 2 awaiting baptism, 4 baptized who had not taken membership. Present net membership, about 200.

After the transaction of business, those present, numbering about 250, ad-



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joined to the lecture room, where refreshments were served and a social time spent.

The church has made rapid strides during the year; one gratifying feature has been the large number of promising young men who have obeyed the Gospel and taken membership.

Bro. Fowler's Bible class for young men, organized two months ago with a membership of four, now numbers twenty-two.

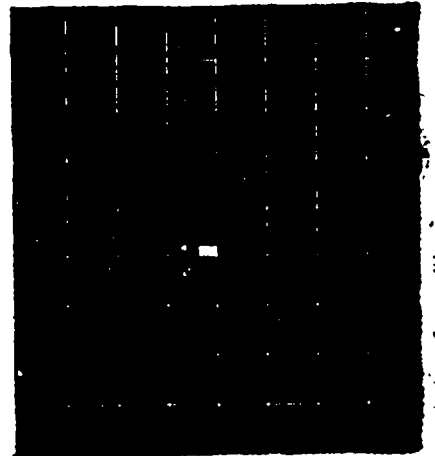
Our church building is now altogether too small to accommodate our Sunday evening's audience. Several times recently hundreds have been unable to find seats, and were obliged to go elsewhere, although every available foot of space has been utilized.

Our Sunday-school room is also overcrowded every Lord's day, notwithstanding that three of the classes are held in the church building.

It has become a matter of absolute necessity that we enlarge our building with as little delay as possible.

F. M.

Saul of Tarsus was not large in stature, but he was a giant for God wherever he went.



This diagram represents the heathen darkness and Protestant Christians in Japan. The total population of the empire is 44,000,000. Each square in this diagram represents 613,000 souls. There are 72 squares. The black squares represent the millions in midnight darkness. The little white square represents the Protestant Christians.

The need in India, China and Africa is even greater than in Japan.

To change the black squares into white ones is the work of the church. This is the meaning of the March offering.

We ask all to remember especially the following:

1. That every church should take the offering promptly on time. We will be glad to have every church that raises its full apportionment telegraph us, Sunday night. Telegram prepaid. Each church that raises its full apportionment, or more, will constitute the Roll of Honor for the next annual report. Last year 546 churches raised as much or more than they were asked. We expect no less than 1000 this year.

2. Last year 2403 churches made offerings. We must reach 3000 contributing churches this year.

3. Hundreds of churches will give this year that did not do so last. If all will give now that did then, we are sure of a great gain.

4. Our work in heathen lands cannot go forward faster than the receipts from the churches will permit. We cannot enter Africa this year if we do not have the funds. Two young men are ready to go, but their full support has not been provided.

5. We ask each church that gave last year to make a gain of at least 25 per cent. this year.

6. Now is the time to help. Do not talk about "educating" and "growing" as a thing of the future. Now is the time of our missionary salvation. We made a good gain last year. Let us try to gain now. Churches, as churches, must not fall below \$50,000. This is a very modest request. Now is the