

unselfish missionary spirit, it is not of God, and therefore not eternal. The member of the Epworth League who has a true missionary department in his heart has a heart in which Jesus abides. That member is interested in the whole kingdom of God, not only that part which affects himself, his home, his Church; but he prays, and sacrifices, and is anxious to know that the kingdom of this world is becoming the kingdom of God.

The Missionary Department of the Epworth League is the organized unselfishness of a new and rapidly growing organization consisting of over 80,000 members. Epworth League Societies are grouped into District Epworth Leagues, and Conference Epworth Leagues. Where the officers are properly elected there is a Missionary Vice-President over each Society, who is assisted by a Missionary Committee selected from the membership of the Society. 2nd. A Missionary Vice-President over each District, who is assisted by the 2nd Vice-President of each Society, which makes a strong committee well placed. 3rd. A Conference Epworth League Missionary Vice-President, who in turn has the District Vice Presidents in his Conference to act as a committee under him. The Missionary Vice-President of the General Epworth League Board is at the head of the Missionary Department of the Epworth League, to whom the Conference Missionary Vice-Presidents are responsible.

If all these officers and committees were appointed and heartily supported by the 80,000 or more members, with missionary departments in their hearts, our Church could easily pass along the line such plans and commands as would direct this great army of consecrated young people in their attack on the strongholds of heathenism; but they are not all appointed, and some who are appointed do not realize the importance of their offices. And, as a general rule, if the above officers are appointed and willing to be useful, they are overlaid with other offices and all kinds of work, many of them being business men, professional men and such others as see much more to be done than they are able to do. And yet these officers of this war department are placed over an army of 80,000, for the most part undrilled, untrained soldiers. It would be impossible to accomplish anything with this army without the consecration meeting. It is only through the personal consecration of each member and personal obedience to the Captain of our salvation who is called "Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Prince of Peace," that we can hope to make the kingdom of this world the kingdom of our God and His Christ.

The watch-word is "Pray, Study, Give."

We regret that our young people have not as a whole conceived the grand possibilities within their reach. Some officers even fall short of realizing what a grand connexional society our Epworth League is. How then shall we present this grand ideal to our young people? Our officers, who see the possibility, and our General Board of Missions, and our ministry, are all so busy that they cannot find time to make a systematic canvass of our Leagues so as to establish a permanent, self-propagative, systematic movement along the best approved lines of work. The Lord has, however, in his providence raised up a band of earnest students of His kingdom. These are praying, studying, and planning during the winter in our colleges, loyal to the Church, strong in body, full of zeal, many of them hoping to go out as missionaries, others expecting to be pastors at home, and others expecting to enter different professions, will hold prominent places on our Church Boards. These young men say to our

fathers, "Guide us, give us the best plan of work, and we will go to all the Leagues we can possibly reach and place it before them, and talk with the members and officers and report our success to you. We ask you to watch our work. Many of us wish to go out as missionaries; the greater number of us will go, if you will choose us, to any part of the world to preach the Gospel and to heal the sick."

The Missionary Department of Yonge St. Epworth League Send in a Short Report of their Work.

We are very glad to be able to state that we have already at this early date, paid in the full amount promised. Our plan is to begin with the first of our League year, in October, to canvass every one of our members through the Missionary Committee; also any new comers during the year for the promise of a certain amount every month, which is collected on Consecration evening in numbered envelopes. The majority give ten cents, others fifteen and twenty cents a month, a few prefer paying the whole sum at once. It is purely voluntary, but any of those who promise, and forget to keep paid up, are reminded of their arrears.

We have the second Monday of every alternate month for our meeting. At our first we had an earnest address on "Praying and Giving." One evening was given to Canadian missions, with a map.

Several very interesting letters from Dr. Jackson have been read. Our society helped the Woman's Missionary Society in sending a large bale of goods out to Bella Bella from our church in December last.

Next month we purpose having "Sketches from Lives of Missionaries, such as Moffatt, Paton," etc., their books having been read by several persons and interesting items taken therefrom.

Our members have fallen in very heartily with this form of systematic giving, and it has come to be quite an established fact in our League.

We are earnestly trying, by prayer and work, to do something for our Master.

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Miss'y Vice-Pres.

[Dr. Jackson is supported by the Toronto Central District Epworth League, in which Yonge Street League is situated.—Ed.]

The Students Volunteer for Foreign Missions—Convention at Cleveland, February 23rd-27th.

A grand students' missionary campaign for a Young People's Forward Movement for Missions throughout America, will be announced during this Convention. This means that over four million Christian young people will be asked to join in prayer, studying and giving, that the world may be evangelized in our generation. This plan has been steadily shaping for over a year; it was greatly helped by the International Epworth League Convention held in Toronto last July.

All those interested in the extension of God's kingdom are asked to take part in this plan by praying that God's Holy Spirit may guide and bless the Convention, and those who are called upon to lead and direct the thought of the young people.

We regret very much the necessity of holding the second part of Dr. Jackson's letter promised last issue over until April, owing to lack of space. See our offer regarding his picture in last issue.