

# Missionary Campaigner.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

—John xiv. 15.

"Preach the Gospel to every creature."

—Mark xvi. 15.

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### The "Missionary Campaigner."

THIS issue of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER is merely to follow up the introduction of the Students' Missionary Campaign so favorably presented by the *Missionary Outlook* for April.

If continued, the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER will aim at being a commentary on the "Cycle of Prayer," published by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. It will take the suggested subject for prayer and study at their monthly meetings, as the leading topic for each month, supplementing it by three of the daily sets of subjects. (See "Cycle of Prayer.") For instance: For June, India will be the leading subject, supplemented by articles on

(16th day.) The Eleven Inland Provinces of China.  
The Students' Missionary Campaign.

(17th day.) The Dependencies of China.

The Suppression of the Opium and Liquor Traffics. That the Holy Spirit may arouse Christians to a true conception of the wickedness of these traffics and the extent to which they hinder the growth of the Kingdom of God.

(18th day.) Annam and Siam (including Laos).

If this plan can be followed up we will have a "Cycle of Study," as wide in its circumference as the "Cycle of Prayer," and an excellent help for a monthly missionary meeting in our young people's Christian societies. In a year the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER will have touched every land; and as the years go on will continue to furnish helpful information as to the needs and conditions of all Christless nations, which really means that the Gospel shall be preached to them and they shall be saved, if we are to believe such men as *Rev. N. S. Burton*, who writes in the *Missionary Review of the World* as follows:

"After an experience of more than forty years in the pastorate, the writer ventures to give as his opinion that the smallness of the contributions to missions is due, not

so much to want of Christian liberality as to the lack of information; not so much to stinginess as to ignorance. He believes that diligent inquiry on the part of pastors would develop the sad fact that a very large proportion of the members of churches know next to nothing about what has been accomplished by missionaries even of their own denomination, and as little of the present condition of the work and the opportunities for winning the souls of the heathen to Christ. Now, it is not in human nature to feel an interest in that of which we know nothing. That a real disciple of Christ should feel no joy when lost men are saved and no interest in the work being done in heathen lands by their brethren is impossible, except on the supposition that he is ignorant.

"To urge the duty of giving where there is no intelligence respecting the objects for which giving is asked is like working the handle of a pump of which the pipe does not reach the water.

"After trial of many methods to secure liberal giving for missions, I am thoroughly convinced that the one indispensable (if not the only) thing to induce those who have the love of God in their hearts to give generously as God has prospered them for the conversion of the heathen, is to make them intelligent on the whole subject of modern missions.

"What the membership of our churches need is not exhortations to the duty of giving, nor thrilling appeals, nor teasing or cornering to extort money from them to give the bread of life to the starving nations, but information, information, information."

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The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER also aims at being a medium of communication between the Campaigners in the Field, and as far as possible between the Field and the Campaigners.

If all the Campaigners report promptly where they are working, etc., filling out the blank form furnished, upon application, by Dr. Sutherland, of the Mission Rooms, Toronto, and if the Officers of the Societies and Districts will write to the Corresponding Member of the Students' Missionary Campaign (F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College, Toronto), he will insert the reports and invitations in the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER, thus enabling the workers and those who seek their assistance to correspond regarding further appointments.

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Again, the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER may be used as a channel through which the Campaigners may continue to send such facts and suggestions to the young people's Christian societies which they have visited as may aid in promoting "daily prayer" for "careful study" of and "weekly giving" to Missions.

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Everyone commends the volunteer work which the members of the Students' Missionary Campaign have undertaken. But it is clear to the thoughtful student of the work and its needs, that one meeting will only start a work which it is most desirable to follow up and establish. This cannot be done except through the pages of a paper