

should be given charge of the missionary evening. The work of the committee will be to prepare the programme and work for the largest possible attendance.

2. The larger the number enlisted in preparing for the meeting the greater success it will be.

3. Ask the Lookout, Social and Missionary Committees to help work up the attendance. Permits of meeting in the church calendar or from the pulpit, and in the local papers, will help.

4. The music is very important. Choose good missionary hymns. If new hymns are chosen, they should be practised. A solo, duet or quartette will add to the programme.

5. Those taking part in the programme should be given at least three weeks in which to prepare their parts.

6. The committee should procure the reference literature for those taking part.

#### LITERATURE FOR THE MEETING.

"Among the Ankenumens," paper 35c., cloth 50c., postage 10c. for each.

"David Sallosallon," 10c. (paper only), postage 3c.

"Up and Down the North Pacific," by Dr. Crosby.

"Coast by Canoe and Mission Boat," paper 35c., cloth 50c., postage 10c.

"Our Indians and Their Training for Citizenship," by Rev. Thompson Ferrier, 15c. (paper only), postage 5c.

Map (5 feet 6 inches x 4 feet 8 inches), mounted on rollers, Canada on one side, the world on the other, \$1.25, postage 25c. The above prices are for each with order. If the books are charged, the prices are double. All charge orders must be endorsed by the pastor.

These books may be placed in the League or the Sunday School Library after the meeting has been held. They may be used in interesting many in our Indian mission work if the members of the League will keep them in circulation among their friends.

#### SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.

The meeting should open with a hymn, and with prayer for the Indians of our Dominion and for their families.

A *Map Talk*.—The first number of the programme may be a map talk, showing how Dr. Crosby reached Nainaimo and the places in which he taught and preached. The places may be marked by pieces of red ribbon or wool held in place by a common pin. The map talk may include information as to how Dr. Crosby travelled and why his journeys were so dangerous.

*The Story of the Chiefs' Journey to Fort St. Louis*.—We all know the charm of a good story well told. On page 13 of "Among the Ankenumens" will be found the wonderful story of "The Indians' Search for the Book of Heaven." It supplies the facts of one of the most marvellous and heroic pilgrimages of missionary history. This story may be had in dialogue form. "Two Thousand Miles for a Book" (25 cents), and in this form may be given by some of the younger members of the league. The result of the search for the book which tells of the "Great Spirit" the white man worshipped, was that the first missionaries to the Indians west of the Rockies found their way to the Pacific coast.

An *Address*.—Dr. Crosby as a Teacher and What his Scholars Learned."

An *Address*.—Dr. Crosby as a Preacher and Some of the Outstanding Reasons of his Success."

#### REASONS OF HIS SUCCESS.

These suggestions are given to help the Missionary Committee make this "Thomas Crosby" meeting one of the best missionary meetings of the year.

We must not expect results without having worked for them.

Do not forget, in preparing for this meeting, that we are fellow-workers with God, and that with His help we can make this meeting extend His Kingdom.

Let us not forget to pray for those who are to take part in the programme and for those who listen.

If this meeting is to bring results, it will demand thought and time and God, and that with His help we can make this meeting extend His Kingdom. We must be willing to pay the cost of achievement.

#### THE LEAGUE ROOM.

Create a missionary atmosphere in the room. Missionary mottoes or sayings of great missionaries may be prepared by members of the League. The following are suggestive:

"Anywhere, provided it be forward."—Livingstone.

"Pray, study, give."—The Forward Movement.

"We are My witnesses."—Jesus Christ.

"Attend great things of God; expect great things from God."—Carey.

"Every element in the missionary; program depends for its solution upon prayer."—Speer.

"Let us advance on our knees."—Neesima.

"Christ is conquering; Christ is reigning; Christ is triumphing."—Charlemagne.

Indian curios may be borrowed in the neighborhood, and be placed on exhibition before and after the meeting.

A picture of Thomas Crosby (5 cents each, 20 cents a dozen) should be put up near the door.

A flag—Union Jack or Dominion Ensign—may be used to decorate the wall near the platform. Hang on the flag a motto picture of Thomas Crosby ("What do we owe our Canadian Indians?").

Lantern lectures on "Thomas Crosby and his Work among the Indians on the Pacific Coast" will provide a special evening during the four months we are studying the life and work of Doctor Crosby.

Order literature and lantern slides from F. C. Stephenson, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto.

#### LATEST INDIAN STATISTICS.

Population, 109,556 (about 9,000 more than twenty-five years ago).

Value of public property, \$978,442.

Value of private fencing and buildings, \$5,232,000.

Value of their reserves, \$30,890,000.

Total value of live stock, \$2,636,200.

Their grain crop for the year was 1,101,300 bushels.

Their total income, \$5,692,260.

#### Lantern Slides

During the past few weeks we have sent out thousands of slides to various purchasers. These are duplicates of our own views, from negatives in our own hands, and are sent always subject to approval. They are for our own friends and workers, not for general sale, at \$1.50 a dozen. Any number may be obtained for selection, the purchaser to make his own selection after trying them out in his own lantern and being fully satisfied as to their character and value; the unpurchased ones to be returned carriage paid. This is the only fair way, as we see it, to satisfy everybody. The subjects deal generally with Canadian and Newfoundland scenes. We print no detailed list. Cannot afford to do so at the price quoted. The profit is all with the purchaser as these figures. Our only purpose is to help our own workers replenish their stock at a minimum of cost.—Write your wants to the General Secretary.

## Junior Topics

JAN. 18.—NOBLE THOUGHTS.—Phil. 4: 8.

If I were a Junior preparing this Topic for the League meeting, I would try first of all to find out some reasons why St. Paul gave this advice.

Three points seem clear:

1. He wanted the people to be as good as they could be.

2. He knew that they would become better or worse, just as they would *thought* about good or evil things.

3. He was sure that their *actions* would be good or bad as their hearts were the one or the other.

So there are three little words to study over: *Think, Be, Do*. In the ninth verse, you may find how St. Paul uses the word "do." He uses clearly, just what we all know, that everybody is doing things. We cannot live without being *doers*. What we *do* is governed largely by what we *are*. And what we *are* is very much determined by what we *think* most of.

So the three greatest facts of our lives are connected with *thoughts, characters and actions*.

Our actions express our characters, and our characters are formed largely by our thoughts. The one great lesson, therefore, may be stated in this way for each one of us: "If I would do right, I must be good, and I cannot be as good as I ought to be, unless I keep my mind busy thinking the best thoughts."

Notice that St. Paul said "Finally . . . Think on these things." Why "finally?" which you know means "lastly," or "last of all."

I fancy it was not because that this was the last word of advice he had to give them, but in addition to this, because to *think* on the kinds of things he names is the most important of all ways to form a good character and to live a right life.

It was as if he had said, "You may try to do right actions, but unless you have a clean mind and a pure heart, your actions will soon become a mere sham and you will prove yourself to be insincere." No one can think bad or unclean thoughts and do the things God expects his children to do.

So we must go right back into our hidden life of thought if we would really find out what we are in the sight of our Heavenly Father, who judges not by outward actions merely, but by the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Now, pick out the words St. Paul uses, and write them on the blackboard in a list, one after the other under a heading, THINK. Then in another column at the other end of the board write other words the opposite of these, under the heading, THINK NOT. You may find other words from the dictionary to use; and when you are through the list your blackboard should read something like this:

| THINK.       | THINK NOT.  |
|--------------|-------------|
| True.        | False.      |
| Honest.      | Dishonest.  |
| Just         | Unjust.     |
| Pure.        | Vile.       |
| Lovely.      | Hateful.    |
| Good Report. | Ill Repute. |
| Virtue.      | Vice.       |
| Praise.      | Blame.      |

Then hand the meeting over to the superintendent, who will show how the words in the first column *help* and the ones in the second column *hinder* in the lives of all girls and boys.

Quotations bearing on the Topic. To be