

study of what programmes make the strongest appeal to the hearer, and, above all, the Christian Endeavor Department must seek to win souls for the Kingdom. If it fails here, then it fails everywhere.

With these aims in view, with your earnest co-operation, and in the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, I shall endeavor to do during the coming year my very best for this Department. I hope:

1st. To meet personally every First Vice-President of the District, either in the local League or at some central point, the first preferably.

2nd. To inaugurate and carry through this summer an evangelistic campaign, whereby some of the members of the Executive, together with some of the campaigners whom we might get for the supreme purpose of soul-winning, and touching as many local points as possible.

3rd. To encourage every member of our League to identify himself with the Sunday School, for three reasons: To develop himself, to help the School, and to win recruits for the League.

4th. To make a special effort to introduce the most up-to-date Look-out methods in every local society.

5th. To strengthen the Christian Endeavor programme by dealing as exhaustively as possible with problems and experiences of human life in all its phases, that the League meetings may be a great uplift in the lives of the members, and do more to equip them for service in the Master's Kingdom.

PRES.—Shall this report be adopted, members?

MEMBERS.—Carried.

PRES.—What big plans has the Missionary Vice-President for this year?

MISSIONARY VICE-PRES.—Mr. President, you have requested me to outline my plan of work for the year upon which we are just entering. In doing so, there are two or three recommendations which I would like to make to this Executive Committee.

First, I wish to recommend that our District aim to support a missionary of our own. As you know, we have been associated with two other Districts in our missionary work, the three districts together supporting one missionary and his wife in China. Of the amount required to do this, our District has raised during the past year \$400, not quite two cents per week per member.

Second, I would like to say that I would like to point out that if we can but raise \$1,000 during the coming year, which would mean about five cents per week per member, we may have a missionary of our own, and also have a surplus toward paying his out-going expenses to the field.

THREASURER.—Do you mean to say that we can more than double our givings within a year without doing a work which none of us has time to do?

MISSIONARY VICE-PRES.—I admit that there is not sufficient interest at the present time, but I believe that if the local Missionary Vice-Presidents can be kept in close touch with the District organization, receiving inspiration and the latest helps for missionary work, they will in turn be enabled to inspire and arouse their members, and it is my plan, therefore, to keep in personal touch with every Missionary Vice-President on the District which we represent. At the end of each month I propose to send a letter to every Missionary Vice-President, encouraging them to state their difficulties, and to ask for help and suggestions in the preparation of the monthly meetings in their Leagues. I shall each month send out a list of questions regarding the success of their meetings, number of systematic subscribers, amount

raised to date, committee meetings held, and so on. Their requests for assistance will be answered when the next monthly letter is sent out.

THREASURER.—I am sorry to say there is nothing in the treasury at the present time. In fact, we are \$3.45 in debt.

MISSIONARY VICE-PRES.—I suppose this is a matter which can be taken up again. This work, of course, requires a considerable amount to be expended on postage alone.

Now regarding helps for the financial side of the Missionary work in the local Leagues. Doubtless you have all seen the record folders and envelopes, (I have samples with me). I understand that Dr. F. C. Stephenson of the Forward Movement Department has kindly offered to supply each League organized for the Forward Movement with these helps, free of charge, so I have made a list of the Leagues on the District, and forwarded it to Dr. Stephenson's office, requesting him to send samples of the record folder, collecting envelopes, and pledge cards, and I am explaining their use, and offering them a quantity in my first letter for the year, which I am about to send out. I am recommending that every Vice-President appoint a Missionary Collector for every eight persons in the Society, and a Missionary Treasurer to take charge of the financial end. The Treasurer will relieve the Vice-President entirely of the financial part of the work, leaving him free for his numerous other duties, and this plan will also train and interest the treasurers and collectors. Giving our young people something to do is one of the best ways of holding them.

Then we are planning to lay strong emphasis on Missionary Education. We shall never thoroughly arouse our young people to the importance of the work of world-evangelization until we make provision for a systematic and intelligent study of conditions. Doubtless you are all familiar with Mission Study Class work—perhaps the most successful plan of missionary education at the present time. We hope to have at least one Study Class in every League on our District. A splendid new book on the Immigration Problem in Canada has just been published by the Forward Movement Department, "Strangers Within Our Gates."

SECRETARY.—Well, I wish you success in your venture. Where in the world you will find leaders for this work I do not know. Why, we have had only three Study Classes on the whole District the past year.

MISSIONARY VICE-PRES.—That is true, but what other Districts can do, we can do.

Take for instance the St. Thomas District. They hold a Summer School every year. Each League is supposed to send at least one delegate to the School, and here plans and methods of work are outlined and illustrated by missionary specialists, and instruction for the leading of Mission Study Classes is given. Such a School means the inspiring and arousing of the entire District.

From the Port Burwell Leagues, just mentioned, have come eleven volunteers this year, and these volunteers formed themselves into a band and campaigned the District, a general awakening resulting. Study Classes have been organized in almost every League on the District, some in the smaller centres, where such work was deemed an impossibility. There were 155 delegates at this School. The question comes to me, why can we not have such a Summer School?

THREASURER.—Well, that beats everything I ever heard of. We could not do that.

MISSIONARY VICE-PRES.—Yes, I think we could, if we only will. I am delighted

to see that we have present with us tonight the District Sunday School Secretary. He is invaluable in working up a Summer School. The work of the Sunday School should be kept well to the front at such a gathering. In fact, in all our League Missionary work we should work side by side with the Sunday School. Do you not think that there should be in every Sunday School a Missionary Committee such as we have in our Epworth Leagues, and that the Missionary Committees of these two organizations should co-operate in planning for their respective monthly programmes, organizing Study Classes, and in promoting systematic and proportionate giving to Missions? With the aid of the Sunday School on our District we could not only support one missionary, but two, and that with no very great effort or sacrifice.

In closing, I would recommend that the District officers, unitedly or separately, visit each League during the coming year, and that the officers canvass the Leagues in the interest of securing a missionary of our own. Shall we not take as ours the motto, ALL AT IT AND ALWAYS AT IT FOR FORTH LONG AND WORLD-WIDE SERVICE?

PRESIDENT.—This outline of the Missionary Vice-President's plans has been very helpful, and I am sure that she will have the enthusiastic support of every member of this Executive. Shall we adopt the question for presentation?

MEMBERS.—Carried.

PRESIDENT.—These reports are certainly very good. Shall we call upon the 1st Vice-President to outline his work for the year?

1ST VICE-PRES.—Mr. President, the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents have evidently served as District officers before. Consequently, they have their plans matured, but this is my first experience as Executive Vice-President for the District. However, I am anxious to develop and have come here expecting to learn the best methods of work rather than to impart them. Since my appointment, a number of questions have beset my mind, which some of you may be able to solve. First, then, what is the definite object I am to aim at as Literary Vice-President for this year?

PRESIDENT.—We appreciate the Literary Vice-President's inquiring mind, and I am sure members of the Executive will be glad to offer suggestions. What do you say, Mr. Treasurer?

THREASURER.—Mr. President, this Executive must regard me as its odd member, but, Sir, I believe in being frank, and while I assume that the Literary Department is for the purpose of literary culture, I for one believe that we should seek to encourage and familiarize ourselves

with the civic and political problems which confront us in individual, church and national life. Therefore, I am convinced that we ought to encourage our young men to read such newspapers and magazines as have in them a tone of literary aggressiveness and strength. Let us develop in ourselves the art of carrying our Christian principles into every phase of human life. This we cannot do until we understand somewhat the problems of life. For instance, the *Monthly Witness* and *Canadian Life and Resources* are types of newspapers and magazines, respectively, which every young man ought to have in his home. Of course, in reading newspapers, we must learn discrimination and judgment. I would suggest to also that the ladies be encouraged to store their minds with information which pertains to the highest and best in woman's world, but I'm afraid I am presuming in offering this advice.