

have fallen in with the plan has been most encouraging. The need of some such definite plan of mission work has been felt by many societies.

Campaigners, by the help of the ministry or District League officers, arrange a programme of meetings so that they can hold a meeting every night in the week and perhaps two on Sunday. Each League billets the speaker for a day and conveys him to the next appointment. It is found that by this plan Campaigners can accomplish the most and the best work, in the time at their disposal, with the least trouble and expense.

Where the District is not organized, arrangements must be made through the assistance of the ministry, who are sometimes so busy with their regular work that they neglect to correspond promptly. But worse than an unorganized District is an organized District whose officers are neglectful, careless and ignorant of their duty. We are sorry to say we are all forced to the conclusion that such officers were the greatest trouble and hindrance to the work met with last summer. "Patience and perseverance" has failed to secure answers from some. In such cases it was necessary to turn to the pastors for the needed information to enable us to prepare programmes of work.

We recommend the following plan for selling missionary literature. Sell all possible after the meeting, and then leave samples with someone, trusting him to get all the orders he can, and return samples if he cannot pay for them or sell them. Secure for this work the Second Vice-President, or some reliable missionary worker who will realize that the selling of missionary literature is one of the best helps to the extension of Christianity.

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### Trinity Tells Her Tale.

TO the Campaigners of Trinity Medical College, the past summer brought experiences of a most varied character, the pleasant and encouraging, however, largely predominating.

Although not bearing directly upon the work, we cannot omit a brief reference to the courteous and hearty reception and entertainment everywhere accorded us by our young people. This was universal and was most sincerely appreciated.

Among the encouraging features of the work, we would mention: (1) The almost universal sympathy and co-operation extended to us by the pastors. Only in very few instances, after the work was explained, was there anything but the most hearty support from them. (2) The prompt response on the part of the Societies in taking some action towards adopting the plans of the movement. Frequently it seemed that the Spirit had gone before to prepare the way, and they were just waiting for some plan of operation. (2) The willingness, and even eagerness, of many individual members to "do something," if only the way were pointed out.

Discouragements and difficulties, although few, were not altogether wanting. In the few cases referred to, where the pastor either stood aloof or gave no substantial support to the movement, the worker was led to wonder if, after all, we were not moving along wrong lines. This feature will be beneficial if it but lead to a more careful consideration of every step in this, the incipient, stage of a great work.

Some temporary difficulties were found in cases where the movement and its relation to the Church were previously totally unknown to the Society or circuit. These, however,

were soon removed by a further explanation, and frequently some, who were most conservative at first, have become the warmest and most active supporters of the work.

Another phase of perplexity was found in a few cases of Societies already engaged in supporting some special missionary work. With such it was thought best not to advocate any immediate change of plans, but rather to explain our movement and its objects and leave it entirely in the hands of the Society to take what action they chose towards it.

Again, where the Forward Movement was entirely new to the Society, it was sometimes found that one evening was too little in which to explain it and permit them to discuss and take definite action upon it. Under such circumstances it has been left in the hands of the Missionary Committee, who, it must be added, have, in almost all cases, found the members desirous of adopting the work.

One great need was met with in very many Societies, to supply which is well worthy the greatest consideration. To maintain an intelligent and increasing interest in missions there must be information, and that not of an out-of-date, cumbersome nature, but fresh, bright, and condensed. The readiness with which such literature has been purchased during the past summer indicates that a taste and appetite for such matter already exists and needs but to be carefully and judiciously supplied.

By way of suggestions for the strengthening and perpetuation of the work, which is an object for consideration not only to the workers of the Campaign, but also, we believe, to every member of each Missionary Committee, three things seem to require to be made an especial aim: (1) To keep the Societies of each District in touch with one another and with the whole progress of the movement; (2) to secure fresh reading matter from time to time and have it accessible to all; and (3) to keep from specializing one branch of the work at the expense of the others. Although our object is threefold—work, study, pray,—let us never forget that, of the three, prayer is the most important.

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### District Representation in the Foreign Field.

TWELVE Districts have each decided in convention assembled to send out and support a representative in the foreign field under the direction of our Church. They sent mention of their work for this issue. Owing to lack of space these Districts are held over until January number.

### Western China.\*

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Western China, as we are taken through it in Dr. Hart's charmingly written book, grows a reality and ceases to be part of the map of China, whose position on the globe we learned in our school days, and which, from its other-side-of-the-worldness, had little interest for us; but as we read of the cities, quaint and old, the country, a fairyland of beauty and delight, our hearts go out in sympathy to the millions who are struggling with idol worship, a government which does not uplift, and the wickedness which has strengthened with the years, until we feel that the darkness must be dispelled, and are thankful for the light of the Gospel which

\*"Western China" and 4 copies of THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER for one year for \$2.00.