

means. We have the men and the Bibles ready to go, but alas, the money to forward them is still in the pockets of Christian people.

"Had Enough."

Family prayer was being conducted in a certain home, and the youngsters were kept upon their knees for a longer time than usual. One of them, a little fellow of about two and a half years, whispered in his mother's ear, "had enough, mamma, had enough." Doubtless family prayer is often made distasteful to children by being unduly prolonged. The patience of the young folk should not be subjected to too great a strain. It is much better to have a service that is bright, interesting and brief.

Do Not Stop.

Not long ago we tried to induce a railway superintendent to stop a fast express train at a small station. The attempt was unsuccessful. The officer declared that the train would lose too much time by making the halt, and it was very important that it should reach its destination without delay.

Quite a number of city Leagues are now thinking of pulling up for their usual summer vacation. We hope that they will not do it. Time, energy and enthusiasm will be lost by putting on the brakes. Open the throttle, turn on a full head of steam and keep the train running right through the season. It will pay.

What They are Made of.

On the streets of Chicago, the other day, we noticed a boy with a basket busily engaged in picking up something from the gutter. When questioned, he admitted that he was gathering cigar stumps, and already had his basket nearly full. These were sold for fifteen cents per pound, to be *manufactured into cigarettes*. We were informed that a number of boys make a regular business of patrolling the streets of the large cities scavenging for the ends of cigars that have been thrown away. It is just as well for the boys who smoke cigarettes to know what they are made of.

A Good Example.

The Methodist Church, of Truro, N.S., gave their Pastor, Rev. A. D. Morton, the sum of \$100, and asked him to go to New York and enjoy the Ecumenical Missionary Conference. Why do not more of our congregations treat their pastors in this way occasionally? As a rule ministers' salaries are so small, and the demands upon their purses so many that the majority of them cannot even think of a vacation that involves much expense. The cost, however, amounts to very little when distributed among a whole congregation, and the benefits derived by a church which sends its pastor to a gathering like the Missionary Conference are undoubted.

BISHOP HARTZELL'S lecture on the "Briton and the Boer," at Chicago, was a ringing declaration in favor of British ascendancy in South Africa. A few of the delegates did not relish it, but the great majority applauded heartily.

WITH the Twentieth Century Fund, the Patriotic Fund, India Famine Relief, and the Ottawa Fire Calamity there is a pretty heavy strain upon the benevolence of the public just now. It has been found, however, that the more people give, the more they are willing to give.

There are numberless tongues and dialects in India, and the probabilities are that if we sent a message of sympathy to those who are starving, they would not be able to read it, but when we send bread we speak to them in a language that every one of them can understand.

A PICNIC or two during the summer, an occasional bicycle run, and an open air meeting now and then, will do much to keep the League going during the summer months. Last year some of our societies had their best attendance and most interesting meetings in July and August.

WE are glad to know that the proceedings of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference will be published about July 1. The two volumes will be sold for \$1.00, which is remarkably cheap. It is impossible to mention any other source from which so much valuable and up-to-date missionary information can be secured. Orders may be sent to one of our Book Rooms.

"ALL CANADA REJOICES" was the head-line used by the daily papers in describing the festivities of the 24th of May. Well may the country enthuse over such a Queen and such a glorious reign! Her Majesty has now completed the eighty-first year of her life, and the sixty-third of her reign, and still her subjects sing that she may be spared "long to reign over us."

THE British world gives thanks for the deliverance of Mafeking. What a magnificent record of endurance and courage was made by its brave garrison under the inspiration of the heroic Col. Baden-Powell! No wonder that the bells rang and the people shouted when the siege was raised. The records of history will have to be searched pretty closely to find a parallel to Mafeking.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, having declared himself a "Christian Socialist," has been invited by the Canadian Socialist League to accept the honorary presidency of the organization, which he has consented to do. The Socialist League, No. 2, of Toronto, has nearly one hundred members, one-fourth of whom are clergymen or physicians. It accepts Frances E. Willard's definition: "Socialism is Christianity applied." Certainly no true Christian can find any fault with this.

The great need of the age is the application of Christian principles to business, to politics, to municipal affairs, to home life. Theoretical Christianity will never save the world.

The *Outlook*, of New York, says: "He is most loyal to John Wesley, who studies not to do what John Wesley did, but what John Wesley would do if he were living in our time." There is much sound sense in this remark. Mr. Wesley knew how to *adapt* himself to his surroundings, and his true followers will not slavishly adopt his plans and methods, but study the needs of the present age. Only thus can our beloved Church prosper.

During a few days recently spent in Chicago we had the privilege of meeting Rev. Dr. Filben, Chairman of the Executive Committee for the next International Epworth League Convention, to be held in San Francisco in July, 1901. He states that the organization is complete, and the members of the Committee are taking hold of the work with great interest. The prospects are that this will be the greatest Epworth League gathering ever held. Save up your money for it. It will be the trip of a lifetime.

OUR Reading Course has just closed another very successful year. The interest has been well sustained, and nearly all the circles which existed a year ago have been maintained with increasing prosperity during the year now closing. It is, however, cause for regret that so few of the readers have taken the examinations. The handsome diploma granted by the Board would be a very fine souvenir of the course. We are not yet prepared to announce the course for next year, but it will certainly be "better than ever."

OUR Nashville namesake remarks that "THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA is a handsome magazine." Quite a number of editors have complimented us on the attractive typographical appearance of our paper. We believe this to be a matter of considerable importance. If a journal is printed on bad paper, its matter poorly arranged, and wretchedly printed, the reader is prejudiced against it at the very outset. A large sum of money has been expended in making the ERA what it is, and we look to the Leagues to show their appreciation by extending its circulation.

The Boer envoys who have been visiting the United States stated that ninety per cent. of the American people were in sympathy with the Boers. If they could have attended the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, recently held in Chicago, this opinion might have been modified. The enthusiasm with which expressions of regard for Great Britain were received was simply wonderful, and the hope was freely uttered that her arms might be successful in South Africa. There can be no doubt but that the best and most intelligent elements in the neighboring republic are pro-British in their feelings.