

the importance, for the future of his young people and the Church, of personal attendance upon the League meetings and of active co-operation in the work."

Of similar intent is the recommendation of

#### LONDON CONFERENCE.

"That owing to the existing apparent lack of interest in the League by our young people, the pastors call the officers and members together and discuss the work with them, and that they endeavor to operate all the Departments."

Emphasizing the pastor's responsibility for the Juniors the

#### MANITOBA CONFERENCE

adopted this item:—

"Inasmuch as we believe that the Epworth League is one of the most valuable assets of our Church, and that the natural source of the new membership in our Leagues is the Junior League, therefore that the Committee recommends that the Annual Conference impress upon the pastors the necessity of organizing Junior Leagues wherever possible, and we are further of the opinion that the responsibility of organizing and directing this work rests directly on the pastor."

Other Conferences passed similar resolutions; but we need not multiply extracts from their reports. The ones quoted are sufficient for our present purpose, to call the attention of our official leaders everywhere to the need of the hour, and to repeat the hope expressed by the Conference in

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA

"that the matter be taken up at the next Financial District Meeting and the organization of the District be accomplished as speedily as possible." So may we all combine to make the current year a record one in our Epworth League history.

### Lantern Slides for Sale

In response to many requests for slides, we announce that there are on our shelves for sale several hundreds of excellent subjects dealing with travel in Newfoundland and Canada. We cannot print a full list, but shall be glad to answer any questions. The slides offered are duplicates of those comprising our regular travel talks. We have no distinctively missionary slides for sale. Neither do we stock slides on the current Sunday School lessons, either for loan or sale. We much prefer that the slides we sell be first actually "tried out" in the lantern, and if any intending purchaser will call at our office, we will with pleasure show any number of them on the screen. What you like you may purchase, and if you do not purchase we will like you none the less. Our price for such subjects as we have is 15 cents each slide or \$1.50 a dozen, carriage extra. If not convenient to call and personally examine the slides, we will send to any responsible person, by express, as many slides as are desired from which to make selection, the unsold ones to be returned, express paid. State your needs clearly.

Regarding slides from your own negatives, we announce that we will make slides at 15 cents each unmounted, or 20 cents each properly masked and bound. Whether the negatives be on glass or film, or what their size may be, does not matter. For further particulars address the General Secretary.

The forces that are for us—grace, truth, time, nature, life, God—are more than they that are against us.

The best ought always to be ahead of us.

## Hands Across the Sea

Our readers should all be greatly interested in the report of our brother, K. Mito, the General Secretary of the Sunday School and Epworth Endeavor Board in Japan. A careful study of the issue, which appears farther on in this report, will surely show that our Japan Methodists are earnestly working out the same great principles as are before us here at home.

The seed sown by the early missionaries is bearing fruit, and the native ministers appear to be fully alive to the needs of the situation as the children and youth of the nation are afforded, and to be actively engaged in disseminating the Word of Life among the people.

We bespeak for our fellow General Secretary in Japan the same sympathetic interest and support that we desire for our own Secretarial staff in the home church, and are sure our Leagues and Sunday Schools will remember the work in Japan both by prayer and continued financial support.

Many of our Leagues will receive this paper in time for their September Missionary Meeting. As the regular League topic for Sept. 10th treats directly of Japan, it would be a very interesting item on the programme if Mr. Mito's report were publicly read in the meeting.

We assure our friends so far across the sea of our heartiest fellowship and goodwill, and rejoice in the unity of all our Sunday School and League work. Truly Methodism is a marvellous organization the wide world over. May its members everywhere ever know and evince the dominating spirit of enterprise shown by the fathers, and through all the abounding activities of the Church may the propelling power and influence of the Holy Spirit ever operate for the largest measure of success.

### Japan Methodism SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH ENDEAVOR BOARD.

ANNUAL REPORT OF K. MITO, GENERAL SECRETARY.

I am glad to be able to report to those interested in our work in the three Methodist Churches, that in my official capacity as General Secretary of the Sunday School and Epworth Endeavor Board, God has been able to use me, unworthy instrument that I am.

In this report I will deal only with those things connected with the Board's work, omitting those relating to the Kobe District and other matters.

During the year as General Secretary,—

(1) I have travelled about 1,800 miles.

(2) I have made one itinerary each in Chosen, Shikoku and Kishu and numerous tours on the Main Island (Hondo).

Over high mountains on foot through the snow in winter, in the melting heat of summer, these journeyings were oft-times more than mere play.

(1) For the Church at large in behalf of the Sunday School and Epworth Endeavor work:

(a) General meetings were held, 46 times.

(b) Total attendance, 1,985.

(c) In smallest meeting, attendance, 11.

(d) Attendance largest meeting, 700.

(2) Especially for Sunday School workers.

(a) General meetings, 43.

(b) Total attendance, 2,694.

(c) Attendance smallest, 3.

(d) Attendance largest, 120.

(e) Meeting Sunday School pupils, 40.

(f) Total attendance pupils, 4,072.

(g) Smallest attendance, 12.

(h) Largest attendance, 500.

(3) Women's and Mothers' Meetings.

(a) Number of meetings, 18.

(b) Total attendance, 854.

(c) Smallest attendance, 6.

(d) Largest attendance, 135.

Or, a grand total of meetings, 147.

Attendance, 9,005.

At 71 different places.



THE JAPANESE GENERAL SECRETARY ON HIS ROUNDS.

It is difficult for one in America to fully appreciate the difficulties of work in Japan. For one thing, less than 10,000 were addressed in all the meetings combined, though nearly the whole year was devoted to this work alone, and thousands of miles were travelled.

I would like to call your attention to the minimum attendance. Though in one case only three met me, the meeting was held according to appointment, and it is possible to hold any number of such small meetings.

A meeting of Sunday School workers is by no means a failure because it is small, and this report is made with joy and satisfaction.

I would not venture to think of honor, of what footprints are left by me in these journeyings, or of seeds that may have been scattered. Ours is but to do and to dare.

Of you, my dear brothers and sisters, I would desire your prayers that some of these footprints may remain and that the seed scattered may spring up, some producing ten, some sixty, and some a hundred fold, glory to His name!

In addition to this, has been our office work during the year.

The preparation of Sunday School helps is getting gradually into better shape. We have published new and better cards,