

But saddest of all is the fact that what there is, is not properly studied. The greatest need to-day among our church members and Epworth Leaguers is for a more definite and systematic study of missions. True, the Reading Course is doing something to meet this need; but the course has not been widely enough undertaken, and it will not, we believe, fully meet the need. In the limits of this article, we cannot set forth fully how it may be effectually met, but can give merely a vague suggestion. What is necessary, in our opinion, is something analogous to the course of study conducted throughout our colleges under the Student Volunteer Movement. Here a course of weekly studies in missionary history or biography is planned, a text book being prepared and published at a small cost. It is, in fact, somewhat similar to the scheme of the Sunday School lessons. Such a plan could, we believe, be conducted in our Epworth Leagues, and would effectually meet the needs of the day. The present organization of the League would be sufficient to conduct the work, and another hour in the week would be required. This would probably constitute the great objection—lack of time; but if thousands of our students in the whirl of college life can find an hour for such studies, surely this objection is groundless. It would not be necessary that the League undertake it as a whole. In many of our colleges the band does not number ten men. A few in any League banded together for such a purpose would be a power for good and for the advancement of missions.

It is expected that our Epworth Leagues will form classes for the study of missions. The bands which are formed for prayer will desire missionary information. Those who study missions at college during the winter and go forth as Campaigners among our Leagues in the summer, will be in the best possible position to furnish the desired information. The subjects treated and monthly programmes furnished in the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER are a beginning of what we hope will grow to be a general missionary study for Young Peoples' Christian Societies, on the same principle as the International Sunday School lessons.

Victoria College.

W. E. GILROY.

Every League its own Organizer.

STUDY—PRAY—GIVE.

HAVE you adopted the "Daily Prayer and Weekly Giving Plan" in your League? If you have not, your members are missing a great opportunity.

Missionary work to-day demands study that we may pray intelligently. Daily prayer means daily strength and daily supply. Weekly giving, as God hath prospered, is the practical way of helping those whose needs we have studied and for whom we pray.

Some time during the summer your League will be visited by a member of the Students' Missionary Campaign; be ready for his visit. If you have not adopted the Daily Prayer and Weekly Giving plan, do so at once; do not wait for the Campaigner to do for your League what you can do yourself. Be in earnest. Our work is a "Forward movement for missions." Do not allow your League to form any part of a backward movement. We must either go forward or go backward. Full particulars of "how to organize" are to be found in the May number of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER.

Students' Fund for College Expenses.

TIME IS MONEY, even to missionary campaigners, many of whom, in giving their time to "The Young People's Forward Movement for Missions" in the summer Campaign work, really lose opportunities of making enough money to pay next year's college expenses. Whereas the General Board recognize that these young men will be the means of great blessing to our Church, as well as the means of bringing thousands of dollars into our missionary treasury, recommend the gathering of voluntary contributions to provide for the remuneration at a rate not to exceed \$1 per day of service, of those students who spend more than four weeks in one season in the work of visiting Epworth Leagues and organizing bands therein of members pledged to pray daily and pay weekly for missions. (See *Guardian*, October 7th, 1896.)

In addition to their support as a body, the members of the General Board of Missions have promised the Forward Movement for Missions their hearty support, individually, as is evidenced by the following:

"Whereas, we, the undersigned members of the General Board of Methodist Missions assembled, have expressed our hearty sympathy and co-operation with the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, as inaugurated by the Students' Missionary Campaign; and

"Whereas, we have recommended that voluntary subscriptions be solicited to form a fund to assist those students who have worked as regulated by our Board of Missions for more than one month during the season, and who need aid for college expenses, we, as individuals, hereby promise financial assistance, which we will pay to the Treasurer of the Mission Board within one week after the report of the Summer's Campaign of 1897 has been presented to the Board at its fall session. The amount of our subscriptions to be regulated by our several ability and judgment, regarding the needs of the students and merits of the cause.

(Signed) "A. CARMAN, Toronto.

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