

getting our Missionary Committees, who have not a better plan of working, to take charge of a little book made on the same plan as a blank note or cheque book, and put this question before each member of our Leagues?*

4. What about the power to rescue these perishing souls? Is not the command of the Almighty, the Omnipotent, Omnipresent One enough? Eternity only can reckon our opportunity. All power is in obeying; death and decay in staying. The heathen world is one great "COME" or "SEND." The universe, eternity, and the God of both says "Go," or "help go."

"Many Shall Come from the East and the West."

SHALL I tell you a story of the work that came to me last summer? 'Tis of a Chinaman. Once upon a time this man had occasion to travel a distance from home on business. He met a missionary, listened to a short talk, took a copy of the New Testament, and returned home. He read and re-read it, and was thoroughly converted; put away his idols and prayed to the Father, and lived a consistent Christian life in the midst of the sneers and jeers of a heathen home. One point he could not understand. He read, "Repent and be baptized." His puzzle was—what did it mean? Years passed, and a native Christian passed through his town, and in answer to his questions told him that the missionary put water on one's head, and gave him the formula. He waited in hopes that some one with authority to baptize would come his way, for years. Then one day when the skies were cloudy and the rain came down an inspiration came to him. He went outside, and standing with uncovered, bowed head in the rain, said: "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost I accept my baptism." As I listened to this I wondered if the Master would not have said, "I have not found such faith, no, not in Israel." It was twenty-five years from the time he read the Gospel first before he had opportunity of joining a Christian Church.

The above is told in a private letter received a few days ago from one of our (Canadian Methodist) missionaries, who passed through the riot, and is at present in China. How does it appeal to you? Will it help you pray during

* I have a limited number of blank forms like the following, which I shall be glad to send to any Missionary Committeeman who would like to help in this *praying, studying, giving* band organization.

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For Jesus' sake and for the sake of suffering man:

I. I PROMISE to pray at least once a day that Christians everywhere, especially the members of our E. L. of C. E., may study the needs of the heathen, looking earnestly to God for guidance and power to obey His last command—"Preach the Gospel to every creature." (MARK xvi. 15.)

II. I FURTHER PROMISE two cents each week, on which I will ask God's blessing, toward the cost of sending out and supporting a missionary under the direction of the Methodist Church of Canada, to represent the members of the E. L. of C. E. of the District, who cannot go to the foreign field themselves.

Name

Date

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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (MATT. xxv. 40.)

the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth days of each month, and all through the month of May? (See "Cycle of Prayer.")

Dr. W. J. Wanless, travelling secretary for the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, who has spent the past six years as a medical missionary in India, gives the following very important advice in answer to a request regarding the kind of men needed for the foreign mission field. (Read carefully; these words are from one of God's ambassadors, who would speak to us in His stead.)

"Men with a university education, with either a full course of theology or medicine, are some places needed most, though Y. M. C. A. and other lay-workers are in some places required. Every missionary should be a soul-winner at home, a Spirit-filled man who knows the art of stooping down to the place of the sinner he seeks to save, and of rightly dividing the Word of Truth so as to teach the way of life, and to make clear God's love, willingness and power to save even to the uttermost. No degree of education can suffice for a life of holiness—a life full of the Spirit's power; and no degree of education can be too high, and no kind of true education without value in the mission field, if used by a man full of the Holy Spirit, and who has learned to make every talent subserve the purpose of glorifying Christ by saving men, and the hastening of His kingdom. If the men have the right spirit, and are spiritually as physically and intellectually qualified, and possess a *heart deep* purpose to go, believing that it is God who sends, very few will have to remain at home. Every volunteer, if fitted to go, can do a great deal towards ensuring his own support before going. Unless the volunteers do more to remove obstacles which are in their own power to remove, and trust God to remove those beyond them by using their opportunities to secure support, a good many may have to remain at home. Medical missionaries are now more in demand than formerly, and the chances are good for getting to the field for the right kind of men. Every man is responsible for his own fitness. God wants men, the Boards want men; but the best qualified are most in demand, and the Spirit-filled only ought to be sent. It is best to take a college course in theology or medicine, according to the volunteer's peculiar fitness for either. There is room for every kind of ability on the foreign field. Industrial missionaries are now being sent out by some of the Boards."

"Here am I, Send Me."

ISA. VI. 8.

WAVING white to the harvest,
Fields of golden grain
Wait the hand of the reaper,
Oh, shall they wait in vain?
Jesus is looking for workers,
Say! is He calling to thee?
My soul, art thou ready to answer
"Here am I, blessed Master, send me."

Plenteous in truth is the harvest,
Lab'ers are needed sore;
Swiftly approacheth the darkness
When man can work no more.
What wilt thou say to thy Saviour
When He shall ask for the sheaves;
Ah, shall He seek fruit from the fig tree
And find on it nothing but leaves?

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