

Missionary Campaigner.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

—John xiv. 15.

"Preach the Gospel to every creature."

—Mark xvi. 15.

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THIS issue of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER is merely to follow up the introduction of the Students' Missionary Campaign so favorably presented by the *Missionary Outlook* for April.

If continued, the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER will aim at being a commentary on the "Cycle of Prayer," published by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. It will take the suggested subject for prayer and study at their monthly meetings, as the leading topic for each month, supplementing it by three of the daily sets of subjects. (See "Cycle of Prayer.") For instance: For June, India will be the leading subject, supplemented by articles on

(16th day.) The Eleven Inland Provinces of China.
The Students' Missionary Campaign.

(17th day.) The Dependencies of China.

The Suppression of the Opium and Liquor Traffics. That the Holy Spirit may arouse Christians to a true conception of the wickedness of these traffics and the extent to which they hinder the growth of the Kingdom of God.

(18th day.) Annam and Siam (including Laos).

If this plan can be followed up we will have a "Cycle of Study," as wide in its circumference as the "Cycle of Prayer," and an excellent help for a monthly missionary meeting in our young people's Christian societies. In a year the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER will have touched every land; and as the years go on will continue to furnish helpful information as to the needs and conditions of all Christless nations, which really means that the Gospel shall be preached to them and they shall be saved, if we are to believe such men as *Rev. N. S. Burton*, who writes in the *Missionary Review of the World* as follows:

"After an experience of more than forty years in the pastorate, the writer ventures to give as his opinion that the smallness of the contributions to missions is due, not

so much to want of Christian liberality as to the lack of information; not so much to stinginess as to ignorance. He believes that diligent inquiry on the part of pastors would develop the sad fact that a very large proportion of the members of churches know next to nothing about what has been accomplished by missionaries even of their own denomination, and as little of the present condition of the work and the opportunities for winning the souls of the heathen to Christ. Now, it is not in human nature to feel an interest in that of which we know nothing. That a real disciple of Christ should feel no joy when lost men are saved and no interest in the work being done in heathen lands by their brethren is impossible, except on the supposition that he is ignorant.

"To urge the duty of giving where there is no intelligence respecting the objects for which giving is asked is like working the handle of a pump of which the pipe does not reach the water.

"After trial of many methods to secure liberal giving for missions, I am thoroughly convinced that the one indispensable (if not the only) thing to induce those who have the love of God in their hearts to give generously as God has prospered them for the conversion of the heathen, is to make them intelligent on the whole subject of modern missions.

"What the membership of our churches need is not exhortations to the duty of giving, nor thrilling appeals, nor teasing or cornering to extort money from them to give the bread of life to the starving nations, but information, information, information."

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The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER also aims at being a medium of communication between the Campaigners in the Field, and as far as possible between the Field and the Campaigners.

If all the Campaigners report promptly where they are working, etc., filling out the blank form furnished, upon application, by Dr. Sutherland, of the Mission Rooms, Toronto, and if the Officers of the Societies and Districts will write to the Corresponding Member of the Students' Missionary Campaign (F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College, Toronto), he will insert the reports and invitations in the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER, thus enabling the workers and those who seek their assistance to correspond regarding further appointments.

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Again, the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER may be used as a channel through which the Campaigners may continue to send such facts and suggestions to the young people's Christian societies which they have visited as may aid in promoting "daily prayer" for "careful study" of and "weekly giving" to Missions.

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Everyone commends the volunteer work which the members of the Students' Missionary Campaign have undertaken. But it is clear to the thoughtful student of the work and its needs, that one meeting will only start a work which it is most desirable to follow up and establish. This cannot be done except through the pages of a paper

which can be sent to those who have not enough interest in the missionary cause to pay for a paper, be it ever so cheap. If those who do not co-operate in the missionary work can be reached with the information they need, then we shall have a united missionary effort upon the part of the members of our young people's societies, which means all that we wish to accomplish.

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As information is the only cure for the indifference which we believe is caused by ignorance, rather than a rebellious spirit on the part of professing Christians, and as there is a wide field from which to gather knowledge, and a wide rich field in which to scatter it, and many students of missions have been gathering and are anxious to scatter, we therefore have all the conditions of need and supply, excepting the cost of printing. Some say this lack of funds for publishing blocks the channel of communication.

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The members of the Students' Missionary Campaign have faith that they will be billeted if they go to our young people's societies on this volunteer labor of love. Why not have faith in our societies that they will feed the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER with printing ink and paper, if the CAMPAIGNER furnishes the information needed?

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The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER IS A FAITH PAPER.

"Seeing is believing:"

1. We see, and therefore we believe—(a) That there is need of more "missionary information" among our young people; (b) That the information needed is available; (c) That part of the needed information may be furnished through the medium of a *young people's missionary paper*.

2. We do not see, but our Faith ("the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen") leads us to believe that those who profit by the knowledge they receive from this paper, will, without solicitation, honor our faith in them by sending a few cents each, thus establishing our faith and the missionary paper, namely, the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER.

A Word From the Corresponding Member of the S. M. C.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS,—Please read the CAMPAIGNER thoroughly. We would be glad to hear from anyone interested in this "Forward Movement for Missions," especially from members and officers of young people's Christian societies and members of the Students' Missionary Campaign, letting us know what they think of the idea of having a young people's missionary paper.

First. Do the members of the young people's Christian societies think they need information which might be furnished cheaper in this than in any other way?

Second. Do the Campaigners think that they can furnish information which will help supply the need (if such is acknowledged to exist)?

Third. We would like both to express themselves as to how they think the necessary expense can be met.

We hope this issue will help in introducing the S. M. C. work. It announces the workers who have sent in their names, and also the names and addresses of those who have already requested their services. The June issue of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER will deal with some details of the Students' Missionary Campaign, "Cycle of Prayer," Pledge-Book, etc.

We are sure that no one can read the article in this number on "Our Share in the World's Evangelization," by Rev. E. I. Hart, without great profit. An article by Rev. Wray R. Smith is held over till next issue.

We would direct your attention to the advertisements, and ask you to aid us by mentioning the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER when communicating with any of the advertisers.

Students' Missionary Campaign. EXPLANATORY.

WE DESIRE to call attention to a missionary movement among the young people of our Church which is destined, if wisely prosecuted, to accomplish great good in promoting a missionary spirit in the Churches, and in developing true Christian liberality on the lines of systematic giving. It is becoming known as the "Students' Missionary Campaign." This is not the same thing as the "Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions," which is inter-collegiate and inter-denominational; but is a movement among the medical, theological and other students of our Methodist Colleges, having for its object the kindling of missionary zeal and the promotion of systematic giving, especially among the young people of our own Church. The movement began about a year ago, and now some 200 students, men and women, have given in their adhesion, and are ready for such service as they may be able to render.

The general outline of the plan is as follows: During the season of college vacation, the students will spend their time, chiefly in the districts in which they reside, and with the consent and co-operation of the pastors of our churches, in holding missionary meetings, giving information, circulating missionary literature, organizing the young people for missionary effort and systematic giving, and thus give increased momentum to the missionary work of the Church. When the vacation season is over, the work will not be abandoned, but those who return to college will still give such time as may be practicable to places within reach, while those who have left college to enter upon the work of life will still keep in touch with the movement, giving it all the practical aid they can.

Two things about this movement are to be distinctly understood:

1. These young men and women are taking up this work as a labor of love, and will not ask or accept any money for themselves.

2. This movement is not a new or separate missionary organization. Those engaged in it will work in and through the existing organizations of our Church and in loyal co-operation with our missionary authorities.

As this movement will not interfere with any existing missionary organization, or other Church interest, but will simply endeavor to strengthen and develop the missionary work of the Church, we commend it to the sympathy of our pastors and all others concerned, referring them to the articles which follow for further information.

A. SUTHERLAND.

OBJECTS AND AIMS.

(The letter sent to each Methodist College.)

The following extract from a circular letter to students unfolds more fully the objects and aims of the "Students' Missionary Campaign":

First—There are thus two classes of students whose assistance we seek in this work: (1) Those who expect to

be stationed, and who will then have an opportunity of establishing a permanent work where they may be located, and also of reaching out more or less into the adjoining territory; (2) Those who will not be settled, but will be able to give more or less of their vacation in presenting the work wherever opportunity is afforded.

"*Second*—When presenting our work it must be our object to stimulate (or, if necessary, to create) an intelligent interest in Foreign Missions in the hearts of our people, especially those in the Young Peoples' Societies. Further, we must endeavor to deepen that interest to a sense of personal responsibility and privilege.

"*Third*—Having aroused an interest we must aim to give it permanence by suggesting and assisting to develop plans for (1) Conducting missionary meetings frequently, say monthly; (2) Systematic missionary reading and prayer; and (3) Systematic missionary giving.

We intend without delay to bring our work before our Young Peoples' Societies by means of their columns in the *Guardian*, and by such other means as may from time to time be found possible, and also to invite correspondence from them.

We desire as soon as possible to get out a complete list of our workers with their permanent addresses. This will be of value, both as a means of introduction, and also that we may communicate personally with each individual. In order to this end you will see the importance of losing no time in ascertaining who will be able to devote any time to the work.

We believe that it will be of mutual benefit if, when preparing the list of names from your college, you will get each person to answer as far as possible the questions on the accompanying sheet.

The committee has requested F. C. Stephenson to act as corresponding member. Please address all correspondence to "F. C. STEPHENSON, Trinity Medical College, Toronto."

In closing, we would urge that everyone interested make this a matter of special prayer for Divine leading.

Yours in our Master's work,

Committee: Chas. M. Marshall, J. C. Reid, A. P. Addison, Victoria University; Chas. W. Service, Horace Wrinch, F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College, Toronto.

Financial Aspect of the Students' Missionary Campaign.

THERE are, at the present time, in our Methodist colleges throughout the Dominion a large number of enthusiastic Missionary workers, the majority of whom have consecrated themselves to service in the mission field, and are now engaged in preparing themselves for their life work. Although having no permanent organization, they have formed themselves into an association for the furtherance of the cause that lies so near to their hearts.

One of their proposals is a practical one that will be of interest to all our Young People's Societies. They desire the privilege of personally visiting the Leagues and other societies for the purpose of laying the claims of our Missionary work before the members, and enlisting their sympathies and support more heartily than ever before. They will not come advocating any special schemes of Missionary enterprise apart from our Church, but will simply seek to enthuse the Leaguers in Missionary activity. Such visits ought to result in incalculable good.

Will all Leagues desiring a visit from these young workers,

address Mr. F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College, Toronto. Distance from Toronto will make no difference, as the association has members all over the country, and much of the work will be done during the holidays. The plan has the hearty endorsement of the General Secretary of Missions. The conditions upon which this work is to be done are as follows:

1. That we avoid making any charge for expense or work.

2. That we shall not advocate the raising of money by any member or department of our Church for Missionary work not under the direction of the Methodist Church. If opportunity is afforded, and we consent to speak on behalf of Missionary finance to any other denomination, it shall be our principle to recommend them to support the Missionary work of their own Church.

3. That we shall organize bands for (a) Daily Prayer for our Heathen Brethren; (b) Careful Study of Their Need, and our Relation before God to Them; (c) Systematic Weekly Giving Toward the Missionary Cause.

As guides and helps to the members of these bands, we shall introduce—(a) the Pledge Form of Weekly Giving; (b) the *Cycle of Prayer*; (c) the *Missionary Literature* published by our Church.

4. We shall recommend that all Missionary money be sent through proper channels to the General Secretary of Missions, and avoid accepting any money for Missionary purposes ourselves.

5. That we distribute as much Missionary Literature as we can at as little cost as possible.

Suggestions for Missionary Meetings.

(May be had in Tract Form, Free.)

HENRY MARTYN says, "Live more with Christ, catch more of His spirit; for the spirit of Christ is the spirit of Missions, and the nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we shall become."

The Missionary Church is a spiritual and revival Church, having larger conception of the Gospel, of the need of world-wide evangelization, and of fulfilling the last command of our ascended Lord.

Every Christian should be a Missionary, abroad or at home. The cause of Missions needs men; and having men, never shall there be lack of prayer or money.

Our Methodist young people are entering more and more into the spirit of Missions.

Therefore it is suggested:

1. That every League have an active Missionary Committee, composed of earnest and spiritual workers.

2. That monthly Missionary Meetings be held and entrusted to this Committee under the direction of the 2nd Vice-President. It would be well for this committee to arrange its plans three or six months in advance.

3. That careful preparation be made for every meeting. Let both brain and heart contribute their share. Variety is essential; sameness and repetition mean failure. Avoid ruts, but follow a definite plan. After the spirit of Christ, there is nothing like the grasping of Mission facts, and the understanding of the needs of the field for the development of Missionary zeal. Hence the aim of the meeting should be not only devotional, but also educative. Many suggestions as to topics might be made, as:

(a) Systematic Missionary Study Along Bible Lines; for instance, compare the Missionary Spirit with that of the Church to-day. Bible Readings are always interesting.

7th of April

(b) A Systematic study of the Home Field, topically, (Domestic, Indian, French, Chinese), geographically, or historically, including the working of our own Missionary Society.

(c) A Systematic Study of the Foreign Field, in its infinite variety. To appreciate the condition of the Christless nations, perhaps the best plan is to study them individually; e.g., Japan or China, where our own Church is successfully laboring. It may be necessary to devote more than a single evening to a nation, but in all cases it should be thoroughly studied. Brief papers may be written upon the "Geography and Population," the Classes of People and Their Condition," "Their Religions and Customs," the "Number of Missionaries Laboring there," the "Work Being Accomplished," etc, etc.

(d) A Systematic Study of the Various Religions of the World.

Besides the foregoing, many special topics might be suggested, as "Medical Missions," etc.

4. That information on any of the topics suggested is now by no means hard to obtain, and can be had at trifling cost. We would refer to current periodicals and to the excellent books on Missions, recommended in another tract.

5. That the leaders of meetings be carefully chosen. The Pastor, the President, 2nd Vice-President, the Convener of the Missionary Committee, or other competent leader, will be chosen in view of his qualification for the special topic. Such leader should be intensely interested in Missions, and willing to spend the necessary energy and time in preparation, having presented himself a living sacrifice upon God's altar, and realizing that the Missionary cause is the grandest on earth, and worth his very best effort.

6. That charts, maps and blackboards be utilized as far as possible.

7. That we pray for and expect results. For suggestions as to practical and systematic activity, we refer to another tract, entitled "Hints to Workers," etc.

8. That every meeting commence on time and close on time. Punctuality is everything to inspire confidence. From the first, make each individual feel his share of responsibility in making the meeting a success.

9. That the Pastor be consulted freely. He will be able to give much valuable assistance, both by way of suggestions and practical help.

If You Do Not Possess It, Get It.

AMONG the many letters received by the Corresponding Member of the Students' Missionary Campaign from different officers, local and district, are quite a number showing that the writers have not as clear an understanding of the E. L. and E. I. of C. E. organization and work as they wish. Some of these letters are very encouraging. The following extract is a sample: "I should be very willing to work. . . . Our District League has not been organized very long, and I confess I do not know what my duties are as 2nd vice-president. Was unable to attend Convention at the time the District was organized." I say letters written in such a spirit are encouraging, because all that is needed is the information (which can be had for 25 cents) contained in *The Epworth League Manual*, a handbook of methods for the use of pastors, officers and members of E. L. and E. I. of C. E., compiled by Rev. A. C. Crews, General Secretary of E. L. in Canada. Order it from Rev. A. C. Crews, mentioning the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER; or order it and the CAMPAIGNER for one year for 30 cents.

Members of the Students' Missionary Campaign.

THE following names with their addresses have been received by the Corresponding Member of the Students' Missionary Campaign. More are expected—some colleges expect to add to their lists, and other colleges have not reported as yet.

Each member of the Students' Missionary Campaign is desirous of doing all he can to advance the cause of Missions. The Corresponding Member will gladly communicate with any who need help along this line, and as far as possible take advantage of all opportunities to assist at missionary meetings, especially among our young people.

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"Our Share in the World's Evangelization."

BY REV. E. I. HART.

LOOK in with me upon a humble home in Northamptonshire, England, where a young man sits upon a cobbler's bench and laboriously gathers together facts and figures regarding the moral and spiritual condition of the world. That he may the more thoroughly grasp the situation, he makes a rude map—sketches the countries about which he has so diligently been reading, and writes in here and there what he can ascertain as to the people, their habits, their religious convictions and their needs. That map hangs before him day by day, its facts filling up, the world becoming more and more distinct to his view, impressing his mind and teaching his heart. And when others come into that shop of William Carey, he does not speak to them of the gossip of the day, but he turns their thoughts to that which fills his own soul, and repeats what he has ascertained and seeks to impress upon them the spiritual needs of the wide world. And, as his eye follows land after land,—these are heathen, and these are heathen, and these are heathen—his mind is overwhelmed and tears gush from his eyes.

The great fact of heathenism which shaped the marvellous career of that pioneer of organized missions is to-day just as appalling and just as dark as it was to him. In reality the heathenism of the nineteenth century is a greater fact than the heathenism of the eighteenth. "Heathendom has so out-populated Christendom, has so multiplied, that whilst the Church has won 3,000,000, heathenism has increased 200,000,000." Though this is the case, it does not prove that Christian missions have been a failure, for we have much to rejoice over. It only proves that the Church of Christ must be more earnest and more active in its obedience to the Great Commander's orders, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Though heathenism, numerically, is a greater fact now than in the days of Carey, when missionary fire again began to burn upon the altars of the Church, yet heathendom was never more accessible than in this year of grace, 1896. The whole world lies open to the heralds of Christian truth. "God has flung wide the gates of India, broken down the wall of China, unsealed the ports of Japan: Africa is girdled and crossed. Turkey and Siam, Burmah and Corea invite missionary labor, and France, Spain, Italy and Mexico welcome an open Bible and a simple Gospel. These long-locked doors God has curiously opened with the keys of commerce and common schools, the printing press and medical science, as well as arms and diplomacy." One billion pairs of hands are held out in invitation to the Christian civilization and to the Christian religion. Oh, what inspiration to holy activity and zeal!

A recognized authority on missions has said that there are three stages of missionary work: *First*, the pioneer period, when as yet the missionary is met with such distrust and suspicion that little headway can be made; *secondly*, the period of *action*, when early obstacles have been removed or surmounted, opposition is overcome, and the cross is actually planted, and converts are multiplying; and *last of all*, the period of *establishment*, when native churches become self-governing, self-supporting, self-propagating. During the first stage it is vain to send many missionaries to the field; during the third, they may be withdrawn as no longer needed; but during the second they should be

especially multiplied. The opportunity is grand but brief, and must be promptly improved. As we look around upon the various fields of missionary effort, we shall find that in a great majority, the second period—the period of action—has been reached, when the need of men and money is most imperative.

Saddening is the response of the Missionary Boards to the calls that come from every land for more men and more means—"We have not the money to send the men." During the past year the paralyzing order to *retrench* has gone forth from many a board. What does retrenchment mean? It means retreat and abandoning vantage-ground already gained. It means that new enterprises must be checked in their very conception, and applicants for missionary employ must wait, or enter, to be forever lost to foreign work, the already crowded ranks of the home ministry. We are passing through a crisis in our missionary history. What shall be done? I believe the Lord has been preparing for this crisis. To help meet this great contingency, during the past decade He has inaugurated that mighty movement among the young people of the Christian Church known to some as the "Christian Endeavor," to us as the "Epworth League."

The Epworth League was organized not only for spiritual development, intellectual life, social fellowship, recreative amusement, instruction in the doctrines and usages of the Methodist Church, but also for fostering the missionary spirit and preparing our young men and women for a greater work in the evangelization of the world.

"Almost everything that is great," said Disraeli, "has been done by youth." In looking through the pages of profane history, I discover illustrious examples of achievement. Alexander, Cæsar and Napoleon, while yet in their twenties, were acknowledged great leaders of men, and successful generals. Chatterton, Burns, Byron, Keats, and Henry Kirk, White, ere they had reached their fortieth year, had completed the work of genius and passed through the portals of death, leaving indelible names upon the roll of fame.

In looking over the pages of missionary history, I find that those who have done the greatest work for the Master, have been young men and women who have gone forth into the foreign field with the enthusiasm, hopefulness, vivacity and buoyancy which are characteristics of youth. Raymond Lull, that young noble of Majorca, at the age of thirty, was changed from a poet of lust into a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, and immediately became a herald of the Cross among the Moslems. Francis Xavier was thirty-six when he landed in Portuguese India, and entered upon that wonderful decade of self-sacrifice. Ziegenbalg was just twenty-three when he commenced his work in Tranquebar. Robert Morrison set sail for the "Middle Kingdom" at the age of twenty-five, and Alexander Duff for Calcutta at twenty-three. Fidelia Fiske was twenty-seven when she began her work among the women of Persia, and Hannah Mullens was nineteen when she instituted the movement for penetrating the closed doors of Hindu homes.

The youth of the Church of yesterday had a large share in the attempt to bring the world to the feet of Jesus. The youth of the Church to-day—so much better organized, with more influence and enthusiasm and knowledge—must have an infinitely larger share, or else the work so near to the heart of our Saviour will never be accomplished and great responsibility met.

In the successful prosecution of the evangelization of the world, we, as members of the Epworth League and

members of the Church, must first of all and above all be filled with the spirit of our Master, who came to seek and to save that which was lost. We must endeavor to possess His mind, look upon the needs of the world as He looked upon them, and feel towards them as He felt towards them. We must have the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Our Lord did not enter upon His missionary work until He had himself sought and obtained the special gracious anointing of the Holy Spirit. If He needed the Spirit, how much more do we? This baptism will not come to us unless there has been complete dedication. We must place ourselves fully in the hands of God, to be completely at His disposal, ready to go and ready to do. We must believe that the command, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations," is a command addressed to each one of us, and that if we cannot go ourselves, *we are to send*. I feel that we need a great revival on this line—a revival of personal interest in the evangelization of the world. If we are not deeply aroused ourselves, we cannot expect the cause of Missions to advance. "Christendom must be more deeply christianized and then heathendom will be faster evangelized."

Though two-thirds of our race know nothing about Christ, the mass of Christians know little and care less about these lost ones. To them the subject of missions is uninteresting, and missionary meetings are a bore. It is because they have not been properly presented with the facts of the world's needs and the Christian's obligation. Ignorance and indifference are twin brothers. The question is, "How can the League help to break down this ignorance and this indifference, and secure a more intelligent knowledge of missions?"

Missionary meetings should be held at least once a month, and interesting and varied programmes should be prepared. The young people should be made acquainted with the work of the Church in foreign parts in its various phases. They should familiarize themselves with the names of our missionaries and their respective fields. (What gross ignorance there is in this particular.) Let not our knowledge of missions be purely denominational, but let it and our interest be broad and general. Such topics as these might be considered in our meetings:

1. *Fields*—(a) Geography and History; (b) Literature and Religions; (c) Missions.
2. *Success of Missions*—(a) Civilization; (b) Christianization.
3. *Difficulties of Missions and Missionaries.*
4. *The Reflex Influence of Missions*—(a) On Science; (b) On Trade; (c) On Home Church.
5. *Phases of Missionary Work*—(a) Medical; (b) Educational; (c) Industrial; (d) Evangelistic.
6. *The Biblical Argument for Missions.*
7. *Post-Apostolic and Medieval Missions.*
8. *Roman Catholic Missions.*
9. *Missionary Biographies.*

Nothing will so inspire us as to read and study the lives of such famous missionary heroes as Francis Xavier, John Eliot, Bartholomew Ziegenbalg, Hans Egede, Friedrich Schwartz, William Carey, Robert Morrison, Adoniram Judson, Captain Gardiner, John Williams, David Livingstone, Alexander Duff, William Moffat, and Bishop William Taylor. If anything will quicken us to greater consecration and endeavor, the study of these wonderful lives should. Every League should have a library, well stocked with missionary biography and literature. We can afford it if we are in earnest. It would be well to take some weekly

or monthly missionary periodical, so as to keep abreast of the times and understand the present situation of the work. Such a periodical you would find in the *Missionary Review*, or the *Gospel in All Lands*, or the *Missionary Outlook*, or *China's Millions*. Let us have maps and charts of the different fields indicating the progress of evangelization. I have been speaking of the League accumulating information. It must also disseminate information. We should scatter missionary intelligence through the churches to which we belong, and our committees in this way could aid the pastors materially in the preparation of the people for the annual missionary day. If we can get the *fact* of missions before our people, we *will* have the missionary fire.

If you will look over the Missionary Report for last year, you will find that very few of the Leagues give largely to missions, and a great many give nothing at all. The total contributed last year by our Societies was \$4,000.00. The Leagues in connection with the churches in the city of Toronto alone ought to raise that amount. Let every League this year contribute and be interested in placing in the hands of the Missionary Treasurer of the Church something more commensurate with their ability and means.

If we have the missionary spirit, there will be no trouble in raising money, methods will readily suggest themselves, and giving will be easy. What we need to do is to get possession of the idea of stewardship, to have the true ministry of money, and to adopt the principle of systematic and proportionate giving. Each of us, according to our ability, should contribute willingly and cheerfully and systematically.

In conclusion, let me remark that we cannot make the machinery of the Epworth League mighty to effect results in the evangelization of the world without the great motive power of prayer—prevailing, believing, expectant prayer. Reliance on human patronage and kindred confidence in numbers and riches are fatal hindrances to missions. The secret of all the success of the past has been prayer. The secret of all the triumphs of the future will be prayer. To promote the missionary spirit; to increase the givings of the Church; to awaken greater interest, fellow-Epworthians, we shall have to get down upon our knees, in our homes and in our Leagues and pray.

While we are upon our knees, let us remember our missionaries yonder in the field. How much they need our remembrance at the throne of grace. Far from loved ones, amid difficulties and discouragements. One of those at the front has said, "I believe there is nothing in our missionary life like the consciousness that the Church of God carries us on its heart in prayer." In all our meetings let us make it a rule to pray for the laborers who have been sent into the great harvest-field.

Brothers and sisters, may God help us to do our duty in the salvation of the world—the doing of that duty may, perhaps, lead some of us to China or to Japan, or to some far-away shore. I earnestly pray that it may. Let us resolve this day, as members of the Epworth League, to put forth every power in our possession that the happy time foretold by the Psalmist may be hastened, when

"The beam that shines from Zion's hill
Shall lighten every land;
The king that reigns in Salem's towers
Shall all the world command."

THE motto of Dr. Cuyler ought to be written in letters of gold, "No one was ever lost on a straight road."

Help Asked

FROM STUDENTS' MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

THE Corresponding Member of the Students' Missionary Campaign has received communications from those whose names and addresses are given below, asking that one or more of our campaigners arrange to assist them in the missionary work of their local Epworth League or District Epworth League. As this is a volunteer work there is no man or officer to say "go" to any member of the campaign. Those who have joined this campaign serve under our Great Captain only. His command, "go ye," should sound in each volunteer's ear wherever an opportunity can be found to serve. His command is emphatic, and should be heard and obeyed above every worldly voice that might cause hesitation—"the King's business requireth haste." Therefore, in His name, each worker is asked to watch this list, as well as every other source of information regarding opportunities for service. Do not let an invitation go unaccepted which you can accept. Do not wait for any man's command, or to be coaxed or forced into the work—accept command only of God on bended knee, and then press forward, as opportunity permits, by communicating directly with those who request aid. Make all necessary arrangements for doing as much work as possible, according to the circumstances of the case, and the time at your command. If notices of such arrangements are sent to the Corresponding Member of the Students' Missionary Campaign he will insert them in the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER, which will help those who wish to write to our workers.

Following are the names of the persons referred to above, who are now awaiting the services of any campaigner who will volunteer his assistance:

T. Smith, Bowmanville, Ont.; Miss Annie L. Foster, Palmerston; M. H. Adams, Ivanhoe; F. A. Groves, Fergus; Miss Nettie Crich, Clinton; Rev. Jos. Anderson, Hastings; N. McCay, Dundalk; C. H. Coon, Janetville; Miss S. L. Stephenson, Prescott; Rev. J. G. Lewis, Trenton; Miss Jones, Bowmanville; Miss Rosalie Keenleyside, London; Miss Mary M. Morse, Niagara Falls South; Rev. W. E. Hassard, Avening; Rev. G. H. Cobbedick, Brussels; D. N. Panabaker, Hespeler; Rev. C. W. Watch, Brighton; Miss Jennie Babb, Mitchell; Lillie Henderson, Guelph; A. R. Perry Shaw, Box 896, St. Catharines; M. Courtice, Brooklin; Perry M. Burton, Oakland (Brant Co.); J. M. Benzie, Tilsonburg; E. P. Clement, Berlin; J. B. Lobb, Galt; Mrs. R. B. Watt, Castleton.

"Campaigners."

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY.

TEN TIMELY TOUCHES TO THINK OUT THOUGHTFULLY.

1. Use every available opportunity from now till college closes to get filled with missionary information and spirit. Read! Study!! Pray!!!
2. Send copies of "Explanatory" to pastor, president of society, and convener of Missionary Committee when commencing to arrange for any meeting.
3. When meeting a League or Society, *unless absolutely impossible*, be at the spot on the afternoon before speaking in the evening, and have a talk with the pastor. Explain fully to him our work and the course you wish to pursue

in the meeting. Enlist his sympathy. It will give you strength and freedom when speaking if you know he is heartily endorsing you.

4. Make the acquaintance of as many of the members of the Missionary Committee as you can *before* the meeting. Arrange to have a consultation with them immediately *at the close* of the public meeting. At that time get them to arrange and adopt some definite plans of missionary work suitable for their Society, and get them to agree to commence at once to put these plans into operation. Frequently it will be found possible to allow the members to commence using the pledge-book immediately at the close of the public meeting. Then hand the matter over to the committee and have them make a thorough canvass of the members. Sometimes it will be better to leave it with the committee to push the canvass after.

5. Urge the committee to get some missionary books, if only two or three, and *circulate them* amongst the members (not keep on a shelf to look at). Advise with them, if necessary, what books to get first. If no books are purchased, and you feel that you can afford to do so, give a copy of "Facts" (2 cents), and a "Cycle of Prayer" (2½ cents) to the person in the society who appears most interested. Ask them to *read* and *circulate* the first and *use* the second.

6. Leave what tracts and books you have with you to sell in the hands of someone *near the door*, so that people may examine them as they go out. Speak of them just before the close of the meeting.

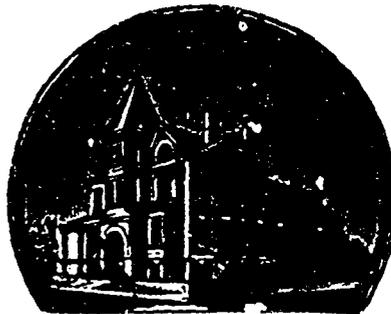
7. Study "Prayer and Missions" and then show the *absolute necessity* of earnest, intelligent prayer. Aim to get every subscriber to the pledge to procure and *use* a "Cycle of Prayer." This is perhaps *the most important* part of the work, and yet one most liable to be slighted or overlooked.

8. Don't criticise Home Missions nor speak of them as of minor importance in comparison with Foreign. They are most important, and many of our workers on them labor as arduously, and endure trials and privations as severe as in the foreign field. "The world is our field."

9. Read this over again, stopping to think at the end of each division.

10. Cut this out, carry it in your pocket-book, and refer to it before each address you give. Or, better still, carry a copy of this issue with you all the time. There are some other things in it that you cannot afford to forget.

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