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## THE TORONTO EAST DISTRICT.

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### Group of Our Missionaries to China.

The picture we publish this month is especially interesting to the Epworth Leaguers of the Toronto East District, as that District supports Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn, in Chentu, China. Miss McGuffin has kindly written the very interesting and instructive article on the medical work in China, giving extracts from Dr. Kilborn's letters. We understand that the Toronto East District Secretary has a letter from Dr. Kilborn which will be circulated throughout the District. When it is available we hope to publish it in the **MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER**. We could not find a photograph of Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn alone. We think the Toronto East District would do well to ask their Missionary to send them a photo of himself and wife.

### Medical Missionary Supported by the Toronto East District Epworth League.

In 1889 two consecrated students, who had spared neither time nor expense in order to be fully equipped for their future life work, and rich in enthusiasm, latent powers, and earnest love, wrote to the Mission Rooms offering themselves to go to the regions beyond to give the Gospel message to the poor, the blind and sin stricken. Both of these young men were graduates in arts of Queen's University, Kingston, one a divinity and the other a medical student. Wishing to take advantage of every opportunity to be workmen fully approved, after finishing at Queens one took a course at Drew Theological Seminary, while the other

crossed the ocean to walk the hospitals of the Old Land. These two earnest volunteers—Rev. George E. Hartwell, B.A., B.D., and O. L. Kilborn, M.A., M.D.—pled that the Church would open work in China, and send them forth to labor in that whitening vineyard. In a letter, dated Heidelberg, Germany, Sept. 5th, 1890, Dr. Kilborn wrote to the missionary authorities as follows:

"We leave ourselves in your hands and in God's. We firmly believe that He has called us to work for Him in China. You already know how anxious we are that our own Church above all others should send us. We shall not cease to pray for those in authority, that the Holy Spirit may lead them, so that whatever course is decided upon shall be in accordance with God's will."

These two were companions in student life, and are companions in their missionary efforts, so that it is hard to separate them in thought or work, but it is to the medical work we would more especially refer.

At the General Board meeting of 1890 it was decided to open up a new foreign mission, and West China was the field decided upon. In September, 1891, our first contingent, under the superintendency of the Rev. V. C. Hart, D.D., left for their distant sphere of labor. At this time a new departure was made in sending not only evangelistic but also medical missionaries, as the healing art was an open door to the people, of which advantage must be taken. Drs. Kilborn and Stevenson had the honor of being the first medical missionaries sent out by the Methodist Church. (The noble efforts of Dr. Bolton among the Indians of the Port Simpson district are not forgotten. But Dr. Bolton went out on his own responsibility, the Church at that time not seeing its way clear to take hold of this department of work; since then it has shown its sympathy by making a yearly grant towards Dr. Bolton's medical work.)

We in this country who are blessed by having a physician at our very door, will find it hard to appreciate what it means to so many people who are utterly destitute of such help to have a medical missionary among them. An extract from the "Annual Missionary Report" for 1893-94, written by Dr. Stevenson, will not be out of place here:

"In accordance with the wish of Dr. Hart, I have tried to keep the dispensary open one forenoon each week. The prevalence of certain diseases may be judged by the following: Skin diseases, 70; eye diseases, 148; ear diseases, 51; diseases of digestion, 50; diseases of respiration, 68; ulcers, 47; other unclassified diseases, 255. Our wish was not to advertise so as to get unmanageable crowds on dispensary day, but merely to keep the work going till we got a proper hospital; and also that the neighbors might be able to speak well of us. The average is about 50 per dispensary day, but I was almost forced to see patients every day, often a dozen per day. Many of these were operation cases, and thus the forenoon was spent just as on dispensary day. Moreover, the afternoon was quite often used in seeing patients in their homes, in attending opium suicides, in teaching my dispenser how to wash wounds or arrange drugs.

"Thus this morning (the forenoon of writing this), although not supposed to see patients, and with the thermometer over 90, I could not refuse to see a man who had come about 40 miles, but had my dispenser give him chloroform. His disease, fistula, which had given him much trouble for 20 years, will probably be healed in 15 days. The nails on this man's little fingers measured seven-eighths of an inch. Another patient whom I also operated on had cataract on both eyes. Unfortunately he was also perfectly deaf. So I was not able to give him directions how to move his eyes and my fear was he might become unmanageable. But the cocaine acted so well and the knife I had so well sharpened, that after the lens had been removed, he asked when I was going to cut him. My dispenser wrote with

his finger on his hand in Chinese character, that I had already taken out the lens. The old gray-haired man was profuse in his thanks, saying we did good deeds. I hope he will soon know who to thank. Another patient was a young man with painful joints, unable to walk. We had a talk which I hoped convinced him of his great sin and his present needs. Our lives as missionaries will only be a success, just as we influence them to accept the Saviour as the great sin destroyer. The young man may be cured in a year or two, but will not need to stay in the hospital. This morning a poor girl came in a chair—she was half gone with consumption. We let her have some cod liver oil, but the prospect is dark for her. I had also to dress several patients whom I had operated on before, such as the removal of a finger and a scalp wound. There were about a dozen other patients, to some of whom I gave medicine, but as my regular dispensary day occurs to-morrow, I shall see them then and perhaps 50 others."

To establish an hospital and open up dispensaries is necessary in order to successful medical missionary work; but while many more people are reached in the dispensary work, more effectual and permanent good is likely to result from what is done in the hospital. Let us imagine the case of a man who for years has been suffering, and whose family has long since tired of his unceasing complainings (for the mercies of the heathen are not tender), and almost endless nights have been succeeded by no less weary days, year in and year out, with *no hope* for the present life nor that which is to come, who is at last brought into the hospital. Here he is met by a kindly doctor, who knows at a glance what he has suffered, and also knows that it is in his power to restore the sick one to health and strength, changing the bitterness of despair into joy and gladness. Then the nurse comes with gentle touch and considerate ways, until the poor man, whose whole education has been such as to engender suspicion, asks in amazement, "Why do you do it?" Now is the opportunity to tell the story of the Master, who went about doing good, and how the servant is striving to be like Him. Thus it is that after such care and prayer for days, or weeks, or even months, he goes home to his friends to tell what great things hath been done for him, and, like the leper of old, begin "to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter."

As is known, our hospital in Chen-tu had only just been completed, and work well begun, when the riot broke out, and our missionaries were forced to flee for their lives. Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn, with their baby not more than six weeks old, had, with the loss of all things temporal, to take that long and tedious journey down the Yangtze River; but God's care and providence was over them, and they reached Shanghai in safety. The authorities having forbidden their return to Chen-tu, Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn decided to spend the year in visiting our Missions in Japan, returning to their work as soon as permission was given by the Consul to go up the river. The hospital buildings are now rebuilt, and the work pretty well established, and if our leaguers are faithful in both "praying and paying," by so much more will their laborers be blessed, and greater things accomplished. Oh, for faithful prayerfulness in those who are at home "by the stuff!"

Mrs. Kilborn is a graduate in medicine of Trinity Medical College, Toronto, a devoted Christian, who, when the call came from the Great Head of the Church to go to China, went forth determined to spend and be spent for the Master. She first went out under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society, and, on the 24th of May, 1894, was married to Dr. Kilborn. Dr. Gifford Kilborn still continues her medical work, and both she and her husband find their hands full. We close this sketch with

an extract taken from a letter written by Dr. Kilborn to the *Guardian*, under date of Chen-tu, May 12th, 1897:

Sunday, April 4th, was a gala day in our mission. Not that we had flags flying, or firecrackers booming; our hearts were filled with a great joy nevertheless, for that day witnessed the admission into the Church of eight new members! That day seven men and one woman renounced darkness for light, gave up heathenism for Christianity, turned from idolatry with all its sin, to the pure worship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! These, with the young man who was baptized in August, 1896, make a membership of nine—a small beginning, it is true but to the eye of faith, a beginning of that which shall go on increasing through all time, and which shall last through all eternity. May we ask the earnest prayer of every Christian in Canada for God's blessing on the infant church in Chen-tu? They need it.

BESSIE MCGUFFIN,

Missionary Vice-President Toronto East District E.L.

### Organization of Toronto East District for Missionary Campaign Work.

The inspiration for this, born, we believe, of the Holy Spirit, came originally through the persistent efforts of certain members of the Students' Missionary Campaign. The work was first introduced to Leagues of the district at the annual meeting held in Sherbourne Street Church, on the evening of May 27th, 1896, and so heartily did the systematic plan "to pray, study, and give" commend itself to the leaguers present that some went home to immediately organize their societies.

It now remained for the District Executive to complete arrangements, and, at their first meeting, unavoidably delayed till October 22nd, it was unanimously agreed that the energies of all the officers would be directed to this one line of work. Realizing that united action was necessary, and that, in order to the greatest success, the fullest harmony was required, it was thought advisable to call a representative meeting of the district, that would consider different plans, and, if possible, agree upon some definite and satisfactory object. Owing to the previous delay in the meeting of the Executive, and with the year now almost half gone, no time was to be lost, so November 5th was appointed, and the different societies notified. In the interim, Dr. Sutherland, our General Missionary Secretary, was interviewed, in order to ascertain what plan he would suggest as the most satisfactory, and it was agreed, that he should attend and represent the General Board. This meeting of representatives was held in one of the classrooms of the Sherbourne Street Church, there being about thirty present, beside Mr. F. C. Stephenson, who came to further explain the Forward Movement, and answer any questions with regard to it, and Miss McGuffin, who appeared in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Sutherland.

Those present were most enthusiastic in their desire to do something, and the feeling was quite as unanimous that it should be done at once. Regarding the plan to adopt, many were of the opinion, that the best would be to aim at sending out a new man to the field, and not a few wished to make a selection of such representative immediately. The only other plan which came before the meeting, and which was finally adopted with enthusiasm, was that suggested by Miss McGuffin, namely, to undertake the support of Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn in China. This gave the district the advantage of having a most satisfactory representative already in service, so that their efforts touched the field

direct, while they were yet perfecting their organization, and, besides, it brought assistance to the General Board for the present lamentable stringency in the Missionary offering of our Church.

The work was now fairly commenced, and yet only commenced. It remained for the Second Vice-President to make a systematic visitation of the district, for the different leagues to take action, and for the Missionary Committees to do their work along the lines laid down by the Forward Movement. On the part of a few societies there was hesitancy, and, in one or two cases, failure of response; yet, so successfully did the majority organize and work that, at the annual meeting held in the Central Church, May 27th, 1897, no less than \$425.13 had passed through the hands of the Treasurer, and, before the plan shall have been in operation a year, we have every reason to believe the required amount will be received. It might be well, however, to say here, that the report of money raised is no criterion of the labor expended by the different missionary conveners, and neither does it give us any idea of the self-denial which has been practised by many because of their love to Christ. The great majority of our leaguers in this district are those who work full time for limited remuneration, and their offerings to this fund have been an evidence of their consecration to Christ's service. Individual cases, not a few, have come within the range of the writer's observation, or been communicated to him by members of the missionary committees, which, if recited, would put to shame many more able givers. We believe every contributor has received a blessing for his desire and effort to further the Kingdom of God, but those who have received the greatest and fullest blessing are the ones who most have denied themselves that they might honor Christ. This is the beginning. For what has been done, we praise God, and look forward with bright hopes, but we feel sure it is only a fraction of what is within our power to do, and what we will do when we learn to pray, "Thy kingdom come," in such a way that we will put forth every effort to answer our own prayer.

J. D. FITZPATRICK,  
Pres. Toronto East District.

If we gave each woman of India a Bible at the rate of 20,000 a day it would take seventeen years to supply them all. The children of India, walking four abreast, two feet apart, would make a procession 5,000 miles long.

It is stated that there are as many Missionaries working among the 4,000,000 of London as there are among the 200,000,000 Mohammedans and 800,000,000 heathen in the world. London needs all she has, but how fares the unconverted world—the great army for which the Master is waiting?—*Missionary Outlook*.

A prominent Hindu in Dingah, Punjab, who had opposed the work of the Missionaries, asked for a private interview with one of them. Instead of a fierce expression of hostility, the man took from his pocket a New Testament, and said, "Sahib, I have read this book, and I find it to be pure and holy. Up to ten days ago I was a bitter opponent of yours. I gave a public lecture against you and against your work. Then I resolved that I would expose your book. So I began to read it in order to pick faults in it; but, do you know, as I read I was drawn to it. My heart was captivated, and now I cannot oppose you. I know God's light is in that book.—*Methodist Review of Missions*."

## Suggested Programme.

## SUBJECT—

Another Year for Jesus.

## RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT—

"And herein I give my advice," for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

"Now, therefore, perform the doing of it; that there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have."

(2 Cor. viii. 10-11.)

## HYMN.

## PRAYER.

## READING OF SCRIPTURE.

## HYMN.

## RETROSPECT—

1. What have we done as a Society during the past year for Missions?
2. What have we done as individual members?
3. What have we planned which we have not fulfilled?
4. Has our Society greater influence than a year ago? Have we prayed for and studied about our Lord's Kingdom?
5. Have we given to God's work according to His plan? (See 1 Cor. xvi. 20).

## PROSPECT—

*The world for Christ; Christ for the world.*

The world is our field. Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields, which are white, already to harvest.

*Do we pray daily, "Our Father," and regard not "our brother"?*

*Shall we study to know the condition of God's Kingdom? Do we know all about "God's other children," the countries in which they live, the conditions under which they live, and our obligation to them?*

Shall we, as a Society, read about Missions, about the men whom we send to other lands to represent us?

Shall we gather and use Missionary literature? How many Missionary papers do we take as a Society?

*Shall we give?* (2 Cor. ix. 6, 7, 8, 11.)

Let us look forward to filling the measure of our opportunity.

1898, not only will they have surprised themselves, but we believe the work many of us undertook with more or less fear and misgivings, as to the first year's results, will be found to have been accomplished so happily and so easily, that we trust it may be an incentive to other Districts to "go and do likewise."

Surely, to be able to report over \$600 in sight, so soon after organization, should give us great encouragement, and we are truly thankful to God, for His spirit has certainly been moving upon the hearts of our young people, and revealing to them the duties and privileges this movement offers. We are also grateful that the Executive Committee of our Missionary Board, has faith in our young people, and trusting to our raising the necessary \$800, have sent Dr. J. A. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the people at Bella Bella, and along the great Pacific coast. Dr. Jackson is now laboring there for God, in our room and stead; we could not go, but we could send. Are we now going to forget him? No—let the prayers of hundreds of our consecrated young people daily go up for the Holy Spirit to be given to "our Missionary," in such measure, that we shall hear of great good being done there, and many, many, being brought to know of the love of the Saviour we have found. Let us remember him by sending him a letter occasionally, and though he cannot answer us individually, let us look forward to the monthly letter he has promised to send, and see that it is read at our meetings.

Our experience teaches us, that if the work is to be done successfully, in our Leagues, we need three things—System, Perseverance and Faith.

Each League should have an enthusiastic and deeply earnest Missionary Committee, who will pray and work to have every member of their society interested in and contributing to this movement.

Then, perseverance is necessary, as members with the very best intentions, will forget to "pay up," and it is necessary that the matter be kept, kindly and courteously, before them and that their interest in the matter does not wane.

Remember, it is not for the Central District we are working, not for the Missionary Board, not for Dr. Jackson, but for Christ, our Redeemer. Therefore, let us have faith. We are working for Him, and He will guide us and bless our efforts, if we are but faithful.

G. HERBERT WOOD,

Missionary Vice-President Toronto Central District.

### Report of the Missionary Vice-President of the Toronto Central District.

I am pleased to report, that as a district, we have made much progress during the past year.

A year ago we were practically unorganized, and when we began corresponding, we found we were doing so with those out of office, and also that there were Leagues in existence of which we had not heard before. A year ago, our League officers were almost unacquainted with those of any League outside of their own; to-day, many of us are glad we have been brought into acquaintanceship with the workers of other Leagues, and the interest in the work of our own League seems to have increased and our ideas to have been broadened thereby. A year ago, most, if not all, of our Leagues, had no definite Missionary object in view; to-day, we believe every one of our seventeen societies has "a shoulder to the wheel," and before May,

### Forward Movements.

How quickly the gold cry gains the attention of our fair country? Who does not know about the KLONDIKE? Would that our people were as fully acquainted with the "Forward Movements" for eternal riches as they are with the mad rush for gold. There are bright nuggets which will increase in value with the ages, which may be found by every Epworth Leaguer—you may stake out your claim and begin your search now, this fall. There will soon be no claim for you, if you do not stake it off and get to work. See Rev. G. W. Kirby's article on Forward Movements along Evangelistic lines for directions.

There is a company safer and surer than any of the Klondyke companies, terms, two cents per week and upwards, with a real live interest in your investment, which will yield dividends worth more than gold or diamonds—if

you want to study the company and its management, get the little book just published on the Young People's Forward Movement for Missionaries, as advocated by the Students' Missionary Campaign under the direction of our Church. See advt. last page.

#### STUDENTS' MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN WORK.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the Epworth League Board Meeting, which met immediately after the International Epworth League Convention.

It was moved by Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, seconded by Mr. Warring Kennedy, and resolved: "That having heard from Mr. F. C. Stephenson in regard to the Students' Missionary Campaign work, we hereby express our hearty approval of the said movement, and commend it to the Leaguers throughout the work for their cordial adoption."

#### THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

The Forward Evangelistic Movement was brought to the attention of the Board by a communication from the Hamilton Conference convention. The following resolution was passed, moved by Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., seconded by Rev. J. E. Lanceley:

"That whereas the Hamilton Conference Forward Movement in Evangelistic Work and Bible Study has been a gratifying success, resulting in the conversion of many souls, the deepening of spiritual life, and the giving of great impulse to Bible study, therefore be it resolved that this Board would heartily endorse the same, and furthermore would urge upon all our Conference and district conventions the desirability of inaugurating the movement in the various Leagues and congregations at the earliest moment."

### To the Field !!

THOSE of our brethren and sisters whom God has called to be His witnesses will do well to train thoroughly. They may be called sooner than was thought a year or so ago. Our 80,000 Epworth Leaguers can support a large army of Soldiers of the Cross in the field, but they want well-trained men—as is evidenced by the choice which has been made up to date.

During the next few months we will try to tell you of Dr. McEwan, whom Montreal District and Wesleyan College are to support in China, and also of Rev. D. Norman, B.A., Bradford District Epworth League's missionary, and Mr. W. T. Rush, M.D., C.M., whom the Chatham District is ready to support.

Cobourg District has Rev. W. E. Smith, M.D., in Chentu, China.

There is another noble brother at Chentu, Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell, B.A., B.D., whom we expect will soon be claimed by a district which is anxiously seeking to support a man who does good work; they already have the greater part of the money collected.

There are two grand opportunities for Epworth Leaguers at Kiating, China, Dr. Hare and wife, who is the daughter of Rev. V. C. Hart, D.D., and Dr. Hart himself, the superintendent of our missions in China. Either of these men may be supported by a district of 800 members, who will pray daily, and each lay aside two cents per week, just think of it.

Our campaigner, Rev. D. Norman, B.A., will soon be in Japan.

Those who are preparing District Epworth League con-

vention programmes, and want a profitable subject for a discussion which will lead to action, would do well to examine our "Missionary Report," and write to Rev. Dr. Sutherland, General Secretary of our Missions, asking his advice about their district undertaking the support of one of the few missionaries we have in Japan.

To come nearer home, Rev. J. A. Jackson, M.D., C.M., whose picture and a sketch of his life appeared in the July CAMPAIGNER, is being supported out at Bella-Bella by the Toronto Central District Epworth League. Toronto West District Epworth League has a noble missionary in the person of Brother Tong Chue Tom, of whom our subscribers read last month. Our Canada, especially the new Western Districts and old Quebec, are full of such opportunities as should make every Leaguer's heart swell with the hope of being truly a help to our Church, our brothers, and our God.

### Office Echoes.

Since the convention we have been very busy with our office work. Subscription renewals have been pouring in, and our list is rapidly increasing. We anticipated this however, and still have a supply of the July and August issues, to furnish those who have yet to send in their names. Write early before the extras are exhausted.

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Our readers are constantly wondering how THE CAMPAIGNER can be published at such a low rate of subscription. Only those who know something of the amount of volunteer labor used in the pasting, folding, and addressing of each issue, can appreciate the saving thus made possible. If it were not for the work done in this way, by the consecrated young people in sympathy with our movement, the price would have to be at least doubled.

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On the evenings of July 27th and 29th, a large force of workers from the Carlton Street League, gave their cheerful assistance, and as a result of their splendid and systematic work, almost the entire August issue was pasted and folded ready for sending. We are indeed very thankful to them, but of infinite greater value than any expression of our gratitude, is the blessing God will give unto them, for their intense interest in His work, as manifested by their desire to do it.

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Miss Wood of Yonge St. League, and Miss Milne of Elm Street, have kindly given us a great deal of their time, and helped us greatly in addressing THE CAMPAIGNERS. We are also especially indebted to Mrs. Peacock of Wesley College, Winnipeg, who is visiting in the city, and who has given us important assistance in many departments of our work. Miss Peacock is an enthusiast on the subject of Missions, and wherever present, her intense missionary zeal does not fail to infuse new missionary spirit into those whom she meets. We expect great things from Wesley, upon Miss Peacock's return in the fall.

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God has abundantly blessed the seed sown at the Headquarters during the convention, and it is growing in every part of the North American continent, irrespective of physical climatic conditions. From Maine to California and from the Rockies to the Provinces by the sea, we are receiving encouraging communications in regard to the movement. In the very near future, we hope and expect

to see a complete organization on the other side of the line. Mr. Willis W. Cooper, of Kenosha, Wis., a leading missionary spirit among the Americans, is devoting his time and talent to the attainment of this object, and we pray that God may crown his earnest efforts with rich success.

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As an evidence of the growing popularity of our new movement, we are already receiving many requests for campaigners to address District Conventions. This desire for more missionary information is a very gratifying sign of the times, and we are paying very careful attention to this feature of the autumn's work. It would be a great convenience if District Executives would arrange their dates, near to those of the adjoining District, and have their Secretary forward request for campaigners at as early a date as possible.

### "The Campaigner" and the Pastor.

We cannot congratulate our readers too highly upon this new department of the CAMPAIGNER. We know that there are abundance of good things which our ministry can furnish us. All the articles or facts or suggestions received for this department of the CAMPAIGNER are referred to a committee of ministers, who give them their place.

The spirit and work of Missions are one. However, there are many angles of view. The student Campaigner views Missionary enterprise from one angle, the pastor from another. This new department of THE CAMPAIGNER aims to view the subject from the pastor's angle. He needs must seek for that which turns to practical advantage in his preparation for the Sabbath sermons, the mid-week service, the Sabbath School, and the Epworth League.

Every department of THE CAMPAIGNER aims to do this very thing for the pastor, but this added department seeks to do so in a more especial manner. The design is to furnish practical material for every-day use, Missionary texts, brief outlines of Missionary sermons preached by pastors in their regular work, illustrations, original and gleaned, related facts and figures compared and contrasted, programmes used in Epworth League Missionary Meetings and various other material as the experience of the field suggests.

We appeal to those specially interested in this department of THE CAMPAIGNER to aid us in our work, by furnishing materials used by themselves as indicated in the foregoing paragraph. Write us, giving facts and particulars of your League work, of your own pulpit and pastoral work along Missionary lines.

### REGULAR MISSIONARY SERMONS.

BY ONE OF OUR PASTORS.

The Financial District Meetings will now have been held, with possibly a few exceptions, and every pastor in our Canadian Methodism will have made arrangements as to men and dates for the Annual Missionary Services.

No one denies the necessity and efficacy of these services. However, too many pastors are aware of the disappointments and discouragements connected with these anniversaries. Earnestly and eloquently the case of the heathen is presented, yet there is created no abiding interest in Missions. The appeal for help to send men and women into the field, is largely unheeded and fruitless. The money does not come in as it ought.

Disappointed and disheartened, he questions for the

cause of failure. Almost always the blame is laid upon the congregation. Is the blame altogether theirs? We think not.

There is lack of knowledge on our part of human nature, and of God's unalterable laws of cause and effect. No effect can be larger than its cause. Every result must have an adequate cause. This is true in all nature. Mission interest and help is no exception to this law. Unless we know and act upon this principle, failure is apparent and certain from the first.

The remedy lies in providing a larger and sufficient cause. Then results, satisfactory and certain, must follow. Have we provided sufficient cause for missionary enthusiasm and support, when we have carried through, however successfully, our annual missionary services? Have we thus paid the debt we owe to our people and to the cause of the world's evangelization? There can be but one answer to these questions.

Let us preach regularly and often, during the entire year, on the spirit and work of missions. Many pastors are doing this, and are enthusiastic in their praises of the good results that follow. Where these pastors meet their congregations but once every Sabbath, missionary sermons are preached every second month, and where they meet their people twice on Sabbath they preach monthly on Missions. By this means facts are given, interest is created, fire is kindled, and the spirit of missions pervades both pastor and people. The anniversary occasions are looked forward to with keen and increasing interest. There is a willing and liberal response to every legitimate appeal for financial help. The missionary income of the Church is largely increased year by year.

And this is not all. These churches become intensely spiritual and evangelistic in all their consecrated activity. The missionary church is always a spiritual church, and, apart from the missionary spirit, there cannot be a deep and abiding spirituality in the Church of Christ. Spirituality and Missions are inseparable.

Let every pastor try the plan and prove for himself.

### CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.

BY ONE OF OUR PASTORS.

"Ought not Christ to have suffered these things."—*Luke xiv. 26.*  
 "We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."—*1 John iii. 16.*

The *ought* in each case expresses the demands of duty. Christ bore an ethical relationship to the world while here in person, expressed both in His life and death. The demands of that relationship are since continued in His body—the Church.

What were the forces bearing upon Him, which demanded His complete devotion to the world as expressed in His life, and more especially in His death? In other words, why *ought* Christ to suffer?

1. Because by it the world could be saved. The world was lost in sin. Without shedding of blood was no remission. The blood of Christ was sufficient for redemption. Therefore He *ought* because He could.

2. The Father's love demanded it. The Word says: "God so loved the world He gave, etc."—*John iii. 16*; the general conception is, Christ so loved the world, He came; Christ, Himself, regarded it as a matter of obedience. "As the Father hath sent me, etc."—*John xx. 21.* "As thou hast sent Me, etc."—*John xvii. 18.* If God loved the world, He must do something for it; and if Christ loved

the Father, He must obey Him. This is the compelling power of love.

3. By it He could honor His Father. The world misunderstood God. They knew Him as the Creator, and regarded His Omnipotence with awe. They looked upon Him as the Giver of the law, and His righteousness was ever their condemnation and dread. It was the privilege of Christ to reveal Him as the Loving Father, full of tenderness and compassion.

4. Thus He entered into the fulness of His own glory. This is the reason given in the text, not that Christ suffered in order to get greater glory to Himself, but the greater glory came as a result of His suffering. The possibility of Christ's refusal to suffer, or the effect of such refusal upon His condition, a glory beyond the province of discussion, but the praises of eternity to His name proclaimed by that "innumerable company" will be in grateful remembrance of His salvation.

Now, if these considerations may be regarded as applicable to Christ in His relations to duty, and as forces calling upon Him to give His life for the world, are they not equally binding upon the Church which has been called to complete the work which He began? The brethren are not simply the followers of Christ, but rather the great brotherhood of man. We perceive the love of God because Christ laid down His life for us *while we were yet sinners*, therefore we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren while they are in the same condition. We, therefore, apply the same reasons as binding upon us to lay down our lives in service and sacrifice for the world's redemption.

1. By it salvation may come to those who know not of it. It has pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching, to save the world. Multitudes are perishing because the Gospel is not preached to them. If we are not doing what we can, all we can, to bring the glad tidings to them we are responsible. A man fell over a precipice and lay with broken limbs doomed to death unless rescued by some friendly hand. Another heard his cries, and, with some effort could have reached and cared for him, but did not. The man died. Was not the other as responsible as though he had pushed him over the precipice? Therefore the

question, as one has said, is not whether the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, but whether we can be saved if we do not give it to them.—Jas. iv. 17.

2. God still loves the world. Those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death are longed over by the Christ who died for their redemption. If we love God we will love what He loves, and run in willing obedience to follow His commands.—John xiv. 15, R.V.; Mark xvi. 15.

3. The world still misunderstands God, though none are without some idea of a Supreme Being. How dark must be their conception where they worship Him under the image of gold, silver, wood, or stone? Ours is the gracious privilege to reveal Him to them, and thus bring honor to His name.—John xv. 8.

4. What can our glory be, if when we reach the place where we should enter upon it, we look back over nothing but lost opportunities and neglected privileges? If we neglect in the face of so much Gospel light, and so many plain commands, shall He not justly say, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of these, ye did it not to Me." "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall find it."—Matt. x. 39.

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This movement was inaugurated by the Hamilton Conference Epworth League last September, and was attended with such gracious results that the General Conference Epworth League Board, at its annual meeting, on the 19th of July, decided to take steps at once to bring it before all the Conferences. In this issue of the CAMPAIGNER is published the Plan for 1897 as passed by the Hamilton Conference Committee. The plan, as it will be seen, is simple, yet containing marvellous possibilities. It can be taken up by any Church or League, or by any District or Conference. It is adapted to country or city. It is just the thing that is needed to prevent formalism and cause the machinery of our splendid organization to pulsate with spiritual life and power. The sermon on the Book of Acts by each pastor will start the congregation thinking, and give them a new interest in that wonderful book. By the time they have read the book through, in ten or twenty-eight days, they will begin to feel something of its Pentecostal power.

The Young People's Sunday and Evangelistic Campaign will give an excellent opportunity for utilizing the talent of the Society and rallying the forces of the Church together. It is right in harmony with the “Forward Movement for Missions,” and the two working together will achieve wondrous results for a dying world. In the Hamilton Conference last year 140 pastors preached sermons on Acts, over 6,000 persons read the book in ten days, 100 Leagues had Young People's Sunday, 60 Leagues held one week's evangelistic campaign. The reports that came in show that many souls were converted, the spiritual life and activity of the League greatly quickened, a great incentive given to Bible study, while it prepared the League for the general revival services and work of the Church. Such a

movement as this is truly born of God, and we hope to see it taken up in every League or every District, and throughout every Conference.

PLAN OF THE MOVEMENT.

The movement will be inaugurated Sunday, September 26, 1897, when the pastors and the District Executive of the Epworth League will commence and carry on the work in each District.

THE OBJECT.

The conversion of souls—The deepening of spiritual life—The increase of spiritual power—The enlargement of Missionary zeal—The more general and intelligent reading and study of the Word of God on the part of our young people.

THE FEATURES OF THE PLAN IN ORDER.

- 1st. Sermon by each pastor, on the Holy Spirit as revealed in the Book of Acts, Sunday, September 26th.
- 2nd. Reading the Book of Acts in 28 days—a chapter a day, commencing on September 27th.
  - (1) Reading first section, chapters i.-xii., September 27th to October 8th.
  - (2) Review of first section, October 9th and 10th.
  - (1) Reading second section, chapters xiii.-xxviii., Oct. 11th to 27th.
  - (2) Review of second section, October 28th to 31st.
- 3rd. Young People's Sunday, October 10th.
- 4th. Evangelistic Campaign, October 11th to 18th.

KEY NOTE AND KEY VERSE.

“Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”—Acts i. : 8.

## HINTS FOR PRIVATE STUDY OF THE ACTS?

1. Who wrote "Acts"? When? Where?
2. What are the divisions of the book?
3. What is the design of the book? Is it the Acts of the Apostles? Study the key word, chap. i. 8.
4. Go over each chapter and name it. For instance: ii., Pentecost chapter; vii., Stephen's chapter; xiii., Missionary chapter. Make a list of the subjects in each chapter.
5. Study the plan and work of the Holy Spirit in the early church. Note the outcome of His work in the lives of Peter and Paul and other Evangelists.
6. Trace the movements of the Gospel to the Gentiles, and its progress from Jerusalem to Rome.
7. Study the power of the Gospel in its contact with different races, nationalities, classes and temperaments.
8. Investigate the difficulties that beset the Church in the "Acts."
9. Learn the geography of the "Acts." Keep a map before you. Study the cities.
10. Make a study of the great doctrines contained in the Book
11. Write out the biographies of the characters in "Acts."

Read the book through, not only in twenty-eight days according to plan on opposite page, but also read it through at one sitting, again and again.

It is suggested that the pastor give a concluding sermon, on the last Sunday in October, as well as the opening sermon on September 26th, on the Holy Spirit.

The busiest persons will be able to join in this as it only means one chapter a day for twenty-eight days.

Put down suggestions, questions, difficulties and experiences that may present themselves during the course of your reading.

Above all, ask the aid of the Holy Spirit day after day, as you read this book.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10.

A day of Prayer and Praise and Testimony.—The day to commence with a Sunrise Prayer Meeting and close with a live Evangelistic Service.

A Mass Meeting in the afternoon for everybody, at which there will be short addresses on Practical Themes interspersed with Gospel singing.

Each local League makes the arrangements for this day. Get every Committee on your Society doing something—inviting, decorating, writing, visiting, talking, speaking, praying.

For further instructions as to this day see Epworth League Manual, pages 95-99.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN, OCTOBER 11TH TO 18TH.

The idea is to follow the reading of the Book of Acts and the Young People's Sunday, by at least one week's Evangelistic Campaign, embracing every society and church in the district.

In this campaign the desire is to utilize the consecrated talent of our young people—those who will sing, or pray, or witness, or give short addresses, or exhortations.

Let each active member pledge himself or herself to speak to one person a day about their souls during the campaign.

Let it be borne in mind that this is a campaign for soul saving and spiritual upbuilding.

The campaign will be in charge of the pastors and

District Executive. The Executive will allocate its workers, arrange dates and group circuits.

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## From Cobourg District Epworth League Missionary.

It is inspiring indeed to receive word from those in the foreign field. The opportunities of a Medical Missionary for doing good, are clearly shown in a letter from Rev. Dr. W. E. Smith, who writes from Chentu, China. The following is an extract: "I have assisted in consultation cases and in operations in the hospital. The buildings are nearly completed, the wards almost completely furnished, and already eight beds occupied. Several operations have been performed, and over forty patients have been treated in the dispensary. These, of course, all hear the gospel preached, as they wait for their medicine, and many carry away tracts. The nurses are natives. You can scarcely realize how much a cause for thankfulness there is in the successful treatment of a case, especially an operation. It means additional faith in us, in our work, and in our message, while an operation with fatal results means great discredit to the cause, perhaps present collapse or worse still, a riot. Of course the officials now are friendly, and aim at protecting us, so we are comparatively safe. Many of the Chinese too, who know us, are friendly, but there are some evilly disposed persons, who gladly take every opportunity to misrepresent our work, and embitter the minds of those who do not know us. And these poor people are so superstitious. They quite credit us with being "baby-eaters," and the preserved cherries which were discovered at the time of the riot, and reported as children's eyes, were quite within the probability in their minds. The superstition of their nature is so highly developed, they can believe anything."

On the Mobanghi slavery and cannibalism are still flourishing. In the immediate neighborhood of European stations slaves are no longer publicly killed for food, but in secret the inhuman practice is still frequently indulged.—*Illustrated Africa.*

"Miss Turner and I went this afternoon to a village a little distance up the river. We were received very kindly, and when, after Miss Turner had preached for some time, we arose to go, they urged us to stay longer, and gave us kind invitations to come again. We do thank God for the open doors He gives us here. There seems almost no limit to the work to be done. But we are so few and weak." *Miss Emma Randall in China's Millions.*

A man was found in Burma who possessed a copy of the Psalms, in Burmese, which had been left behind by a traveler stopping at his house. Before he had finished the first reading of the book he resolved to cast his idols away. For twenty years he worshipped the eternal God revealed to him in the Psalms, using the fifty-first, which he had committed to memory, as a daily prayer. Then a Missionary appeared and gave him a copy of the New Testament. The story of salvation through Jesus Christ brought great joy to his heart, and he said: "For twenty years I have walked by starlight; now I see the sun."—*Faithful Witness.*