

SUBJECT: YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MISSIONS.



Vol. III., No. 2.

TORONTO, JUNE, 1898.

PRICE } Clubs of Ten, 10c.
Per Year } Single, 25c.

The Epworth League Pledge.*

BY ANNIE D. STEPHENSON.

Tune—56 or 83 "Canadian Hymnal."

Taking Christ as my example,
By the Spirit's power
I will do my Father's will
Every hour.

Daily I God's Word will study,
His will would know,
And aside with God in prayer
Daily go.

I will give myself for service
In the Church and League,
And from God, for every duty,
Strength receive.

I will honor with my substance
God who giveth all,
And for blessing on my pleasures
On Him call.

Living Christ in word and deed,
I will try to bring
Others to the joy of serving
Christ, my King.

The Origin and Development of the Students' Missionary Campaign.

THE origin of the Students' Missionary Campaign for a Young People's Forward Movement for Missions may be traced in two directions. When the General Conference of our Church launched the Epworth League, with its Missionary Department, they prepared the way for the movement, and practically appointed the officers and called for volunteers to fall into line.

While the League was being organized, the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions operating in our universities and colleges, by "prayer and study," had aroused a great missionary enthusiasm, and led a larger number of students to volunteer for foreign mission work than the finances of our Mission Board could send forth and sustain.

What seemed to be needed was that the same plan of "prayer and study" which led our students to give their lives be introduced into our Epworth League. In other words, that the students should appeal to the members of the

Epworth League to volunteer to "Pray, Study, and Give," under the direction of the officers already appointed by the Church.

During the winter of 1894-95, a volunteer for the foreign field from Trinity Medical College visited the Missionary Conference held at Victoria College. On invitation, he spoke briefly on the possibilities of a great work being accomplished if the students interested in missions would organize and go forth to our young people, presenting the need of the heathen, and call for a Young People's Forward Movement to aid our Church in sending forth the volunteers. The Conference immediately appointed a committee to write a circular letter to all Methodist students asking them to unite in an appeal to our Young People. The letter was carefully prepared and submitted to our General Secretary of Missions, Dr. Sutherland, for his approval. The following quotation will show the spirit and import of the letter: "Our plan is to inaugurate a missionary campaign during the summer months, to be carried on by each college man in his own neighborhood, and in each of these centres, however narrow the limits, to seek to arouse an intelligent interest in missions."

Dr. Sutherland's attitude may be judged from the following foot note which he added to the letter.

"TORONTO, March 26th, 1895.

"I have pleasure in commending the above circular letter to the notice of our ministers, and of all friends of our missionary work. The young people of Methodism are astir; more and more their interest is centering on the world's evangelization, and there should be an outlet for their consecrated enthusiasm. These young workers ask for no remuneration, they ask only to plead the cause of a perishing world, and thus to help the coming of the Lord's Kingdom.

(Signed) A. SUTHERLAND.

FIRST SUMMER.

During the summer of 1895, many earnest missionary addresses were given and some missionary literature sold. One campaigner visited a number of Leagues on the Cobourg District, and by the kind co-operation of the pastors and Rev. A. C. Crews, General Secretary of the Epworth League, succeeded in uniting the Leagues of the District in an effort to raise enough money for the support of a missionary under the direction of the General Board of Missions. Pledge and Collectors' books were prepared, and nearly all the Leagues on the Cobourg District started on the "Pray, Study, Give" plan.

During the college year of 1895-96, plans were pushed ahead apace. After careful study of the needs of the work it was found necessary to have a central correspondent, to whom requests for campaigners from Leagues might be sent, and to whom students might write offering to do campaign work.

* Duplicates of this hymn may be had free by writing to F. C. Stephenson, 505 Parliament Street, Toronto.

The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER was started as a means of communication between the campaigners, and also to announce our plan of work.

SECOND SUMMER.

During the summer of '96, 517 meetings were held, several districts were thoroughly worked and organized, and were asking for a missionary. When the campaigners returned to college in the fall of '96, they rejoiced greatly in the work which they had been permitted to do.

Dr. Sutherland, who had spent much time and thought in kindly advising the corresponding member from the beginning, invited him to bring a report of the work done before the General Board of Missions at its fall meeting in Toronto, and ask for such legislation as the General Board might see fit to grant, in order that the movement might be guided and kept under proper regulations.

The General Board assumed control and appointed the corresponding member for the next year. They recommended the organizing of districts for the support of missionaries under the control of the Board and the continuing of the work along the line already begun.

THIRD SUMMER.

During the college term of 1896-97 definite plans were made for the systematic campaigning of over thirty districts, all of which responded heartily to the earnest appeals of the CAMPAIGNER.

While this campaign work was being done, the International Epworth League Convention at Toronto, gave opportunity for work. A headquarters for missions, which was a centre of aggressive work, was established, and thus many delegates from the States were aroused to missionary work in their own League. Mr. W. W. Cooper, of Kenosha, Wis., who had been in correspondence with the Corresponding Member previous to the Convention, was among the delegates and alive to missions, he went carefully over the whole plan of work with the view of helping the missionary department of the League of the American Church.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

The endorsement of the work by several Conferences meeting in June prepared the way for the work during the summer of 1897. (See Minutes of Toronto Conference, page 70, Clause 5, also Bay of Quinte Minutes, page 59.)

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

At the meeting of the General Epworth League Board in Toronto, on September 19th, 1897, it was moved by Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, Missionary Vice-President, and seconded by Mr. Warring Kennedy, and resolved: "That having heard from Mr. F. C. Stephenson in regard to the Students' Missionary Campaign work, we express our hearty approval of the said movement, and commend it to the Leagues throughout the Connexion for their cordial adoption."

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD.

At the General Board meeting held in Halifax in October, the Corresponding Member presented the report of the summer's work, which represented work done in forty-six districts. The General Board, after carefully looking into the work and discussing it fully, made provision for its continuance under the direction of the Executive.

MEETING OF MISSIONARY EXECUTIVE.

The work of the Students' Campaign received careful attention. At a former meeting a committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Carman, Sutherland and Potts, and Hon. J. C. Aikins, had been appointed to confer with Dr. F. C. Stephenson, corresponding member of the Forward Movement, and prepare regulations for the government of the workers. The committee reported as follows:

"1. Method of selecting campaign workers:

"(a) That there be in each of our colleges a committee, consisting of two members of the faculty, appointed by the Executive Committee, and two students, elected or appointed by the students, who propose to engage in Campaign work; this committee to secure the names of all the students who offer for such work, together with a sealed letter from each volunteer stating, first, When, where and how long he proposes to work, and that he will take the field that may be allotted to him; second, what remuneration he will need, if any; third, that he has carefully prepared himself for doing Campaign work, and, if appointed, will devote the time specified exclusively to it, and always with the aim of strengthening our Missionary Society.

"(b) That these names, together with the letters, be carefully considered by the College Committee, who shall report their judgment, with such comments as they deem necessary, to the General Secretary of Missions, before the first day of March next; said report shall then be submitted to the Missionary Executive, or a sub-committee thereof, for final action.

"2. In regard to remuneration and travelling expenses, your committee recommend that it be understood that there is to be no expense where the term of service is less than one month; that for longer terms of service the remuneration shall not exceed one dollar per day for the time actually given to the work, the exact amount to be determined by the Missionary Executive, or a sub-committee thereof. It is expected that the Leagues in the districts visited shall provide for the travelling and living expenses of the worker while on the district; but where it is necessary to send a worker any considerable distance from home, the amount of his expenses to and from the district where he is to work may be considered and provided for by the Missionary Executive or its sub-committee.

"3. Letters from missionaries supported by Leagues are to be sent to the Mission Rooms, and the General Secretary and the Corresponding Member of the Campaign movement shall determine jointly as to their publication.

"It is to be understood that the special agency referred to in these regulations is regarded as temporary, and will be unnecessary when the work of organizing the Young People's societies on missionary lines is accomplished."

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE CONVENTION.

The Conference Epworth League Conventions of the Montreal, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton, London Conferences, in convention assembled, passed resolutions expressing their hearty approval of the work, commending it to the Leagues and recommending its adoption throughout the Connexion.

S. V. M. CONVENTION.

The Corresponding Member accepted the invitation of the Students' Volunteer Movement to take a complete set of plans, papers, etc., to the Students' Volunteer Convention, held at Cleveland, February, 1898, where a room for

conversation and display of Campaign Plans was provided for the work. Fifteen Canadian Campaigners did personal work, reaching a large number of Colleges through the students in attendance at the Convention.

SUMMER OF '98.

The plans made by the sub-committee of the Executive have been carried out in selecting and placing the men for their summer's work. Already many programmes are printed, and work has begun on several districts.

SOME OF THE RESULTS.

Fourteen districts undertaking the support of the following missionaries :

BY WHAT DISTRICT LEAGUE SUPPORTED.	NAME OF MISSIONARY.	WHERE STATIONED.
Toronto East	Rev. O. S. Kilborn, M.D.	West China.
" Centre	" J. A. Jackson, M.D.	Bella Bella, B.C.
" West	Tong Chiu Thom.	Chinese, N. Westmtn., B.C.
Cobourg	Rev. W. E. Smith, M.D.	West China.
Bradford	" D. Norman, B.A.	Japan.
Montreal and Wesleyan College Society	" R. B. Ewan, M.D.	West China.
Barrie	" Takagi.	Japan.
Chatham	Goro Kaburagi.	Japanese of Brit. Colum.
Weslov College, Winnipeg	" J. Endicott, B.A.	West China.
London	" G. E. Hartwell, B.D.	West China.
Palmerston	" T. Ota.	Fujieda, Japan.
Bowmanville	" H. Tsuchiya.	Chuen, Japan.
St. Catharines	Fred. G. Stevens.	Oxf. Hou, via Selk. W., M.
Galt	H. Kawamura.	Hamamatsu, Japan.
	S. Yoneyama.	Yamura, Japan.

Seventeen districts are organized, each for the support of a missionary, but have not yet had their missionary appointed to them.

The arousing of a greater interest in missions among our young people.

The planting of a large number of Missionary libraries and the introduction of systematic study of missions in many societies.

Dr. Sutherland estimated the increase in missionary givings from the Leagues for the year ending May, 1897, at about \$5,000.00.

Regarding the Supporting of a Special Missionary.

MANY have asked the question. Does the General Board encourage a district in supporting an individual missionary? We always answer, yes, the Board does strongly encourage the plan on the following conditions (See *Christian Guardian*, October 20th, 1896):

I. While the General Board will be glad to consult the wishes of those who apply to support a missionary, yet the Board must reserve the right of appointing the missionary.

II. All money and supplies must be sent through the General Board.

III. It is, of course, expected that in taking part in the Forward Movement for Missions, all the money paid shall be over and above what the giver has been in the habit of giving to any one and all other funds. It can easily be seen that it would not be a forward movement to stop giving through other channels of our Church and give the same amount through the League. It should not be forgotten that nearly all can give more time to prayer for, and study about, a missionary or the mission work in general, and this is truly the greatest part of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions. So if some earnest soul, has neither silver nor gold, let him give such as he has towards this great work. (See Study Course.)

IV. While any and all those interested are encouraged to write to the missionary asking questions, etc., yet they should not expect personal letters from the missionary. If the missionary writes one good letter each quarter (three month) to the district supporting him and sends it to the Mission Rooms, it will be copied by the Corresponding Member, and a copy sent to each Society interested. (Note letter from Dr. Jackson and Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell in this paper.)

V. Any District Epworth League or persons supporting a missionary will, of course, not confine their prayers and givings to the one special effort at the present time. We read of classes of individuals, such as railway men in the United States, building and fitting out a man-of-war and sending it forth to fight for their country. If these men refused to pay their regular taxes and wished to control their man-of-war, we would not call them even loyal. They might even be called rebels. But if they fit out by sacrifice a man-of-war and put it in with the United States force under the control of the Government, and continue to pay all regular claims of the State, do you think they will be looked upon as disloyal, or will they read of the movements of the navy as a whole with less interest because they have sacrificed specially to strengthen it by one ship, which would not have been there but for their special sacrifice?

Hints for Missionary Campaign Work.

In the various meetings held in the different Colleges in the interests of the campaign work, many valuable suggestions were made, some of which are here outlined briefly.

Regarding the campaigner's preparation and plan of work, these suggestions were made:

1. That all who purpose undertaking this work should seek to be endued with power from on high. Nothing can take the place of the zeal which is born of the Holy Spirit. If spiritual power be lacking on the part of the campaigners no amount of mere organization of the Leagues will supply this defect.

2. That as almost every district has its league officers, who can help to prepare the way by corresponding with the Leagues, making out district programmes, etc., the campaigner should communicate with these officers and with the chairmen and pastors of the districts, to enlist their co-operation and sympathy. To request the presidents to have special prayer in the several leagues one week prior to the campaigner's visit, will help to fix the work on the minds of those we wish to reach and will help in the preparation of a work which is essentially spiritual.

3. Another suggestion was that the services of campaigners who have not been appointed to districts, and of lady workers, be utilized whenever available. Such persons will be of great service to the campaigners by looking after the missionary literature, the arranging of meetings, the giving of addresses, etc. It is desirable, however, that the work of organization be left to the campaigners regularly appointed, that there may be no collision.

4. It was further suggested that the campaigners should meet the probationers during the session of the Annual Conference to which they belong, and present the claims of the Forward Movement. The object of this should be to ascertain whether any of the probationers who are appointed to attend College would be willing to assist in the summer campaign.

5. Each campaigner should feel that he is always on

duty—even between meetings he must not be found off guard. He should always be watching for a chance to say a helpful word to the young, especially the boys.

6. He should study all circumstances and influences, with the idea of finding out what is most helpful in fortifying and strengthening the true missionary spirit in individuals of all classes. The student campaigner should always take it for granted that both pastor and people are anxious to help the missionary cause.

The campaigner must not pose as an authority, he is the agent of the General Board, under the direction of the pastors and the District Epworth League Executive. He should quote Scripture freely and correctly, showing the true authority for missions. He should quote facts, showing the need of missions; and he should explain fully and clearly the plan of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, as advocated by the Students' Missionary Campaign, under the direction of the General Board of the Methodist Church.

7. The campaigner should endeavor to see the pastor as early in the day as possible before the meeting, and gain his counsel and advice. This is very important. He should also see the president, and arrange for a meeting of the officers a half hour before the regular meeting begins. The campaigner should always be the first at every meeting which he is to attend.

8. Great use can be made of the local newspapers, both in announcing the meetings and in publishing missionary facts. These papers should be encouraged to publish as much missionary information as possible, and discouraged in dwelling upon the eloquence and oratorical powers of the speaker.

8. One of the most important features of the campaigner's work is the placing of missionary literature. "Every method of awakening and creating of missionary interest depends for its lasting success upon the planting of the missionary libraries. Failing in this, the campaign worker largely fails in all."

How to Organize the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions in Your Society.

UNDER the Missionary Vice-President of the League a Missionary Committee should be formed, consisting of a convener, a secretary-treasurer, one additional member for every ten members in the League to act as canvassers, and a missionary literature member. The convener of the Missionary Committee should call the committee together at least once a month, to plan for a regular missionary meeting (monthly, if possible), and receive reports from every member of the committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Department of the League should make and keep a copy of the roll of membership of the League, and keep carefully written minutes of committee and regular missionary meetings.

He should also receive and keep account of all the money paid into the Missionary Department of the League, which should be paid over monthly to the treasurer of the League, and also prepare a written report of the work of the Missionary Department for the business meeting of the League.

The whole membership of the society should be divided among the members of the Missionary Committee who act as canvassers. This is done after prayer, asking God's

help that the names may be wisely assigned. It has been found best to call the roll and allow the committee members to volunteer to take names to canvass as the secretary reads them.

Each Canvassing Committee member should make a carefully written list of the names he has chosen, memorize them, and pray for them daily, and should personally present to each the pledge-form, explaining kindly and prayerfully the "Pray, Study, Give" plan for a Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, realizing that it is being done for the Master, who said, "Go ye," and for our Christless brethren who cry, "Come over and help us."

The missionary literature member should solicit subscriptions for Missionary and Connexional periodicals, and in every way possible supply the League with missionary information and literature.

As helps, we would recommend a little book called "Pray, Study, Give;" price, 10 cents, explaining the "Pray, Study, Give" plan (or the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, as advocated by the Students' Missionary Campaign). Also, Pledge book, 5 cents; Collectors' books, 5 cents; Envelopes, 10 cents per hundred, 80 cents per thousand; the "Cycle of Prayer," 3 cents each, or 30 cents per dozen; "The First Hundred Years of Modern Missions," 10 cents; and "THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER," 10 cents per year in clubs of ten.

Address, F. C. STEPHENSON,
568 Parliament Street, Toronto.

Notice re Programme and Monthly Subject.

As the Woman's Missionary Society in issuing their new *Cycle of Prayer*, have placed "India" as the subject for July, we will supply material for a programme on India in the July CAMPAIGNER.

As the subject of the Woman's Missionary Society for June, "The Liquor Question," is so great, we have simply printed a "Suggested Programme," recommending sources of information, and have taken the June CAMPAIGNER to place before our young people the Young Peoples' Forward Movement for Missions. In doing this we are using a much needed opportunity for the Campaign work.

PROGRAMME.

SUBJECT—

The Extinction of the Liquor and Opium Traffics, and all covetous hindrances to Christianity.

HYMN 64.

PRAYER—For the Extinction of the Liquor Traffic.

READING OF SCRIPTURE—Psalm 10.

HYMN 163.

PAPER—On Our Responsibility Regarding the Liquor Traffic.

DISCUSSION.

PAPER—On the Coming Plebiscite Vote.

DISCUSSION.

HYMN 193.

BENEDICTION.

RECOMMENDED READING—

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER, July, 1897.

The file of the *Christian Guardian*.

"An Appeal for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic," by Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D. (Meth. Book Room).

"The Facts of the Case," by F. S. Spence, Toronto. Statistics of Canada,

Young People's Forward Movement for Missions.

PROGRAMME.

HYMN—

Epworth League Pledge Hymn (June CAMPAIGNER).

PRAYER—

For the Student Campaigners who are visiting the Leagues during the summer; for the work throughout the Districts and in the Leagues; and that members may be added to our "Pray, Study, Give" Bands.

HYMN 185.

BIBLE READING—

Psalm 67 (missionary).

PAPER—RELATION OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MISSIONS TO THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS. (See *Guardian*, Oct. 7th, 1896, Oct. 20th, 1897; also Report of Executive in this CAMPAIGNER).

PAPER—On Pray, Study, Give, discussing the advisability and advantages of using the Cycle of Prayer, the Missionary Study Course, and the Pledge and Collectors' Books and Envelopes.

HYMN—"Pray, Study, Give."*

QUESTION DRAWER—Conducted by the Missionary Vice-President.

DOXOLOGY.

BENEDICTION.

Are You Interested in Having 100 Methodist Missionaries in 1900.

REPRESENTING

100,000 METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE

ARE you interested in Missions? Are you personally doing anything toward our 100 missionaries in 1900?

The end attained must be the result of the means employed. If we, as young people, are to be represented in the mission field by supporting 100 missionaries we must have the spirit of Christ which is the spirit of sacrifice.

Nothing of great help to others was ever accomplished without sacrifice, even Christ pleased not Himself. The scholar gives himself to study that he may enrich the world with his thoughts. The scientist steps aside for research that he may, through science, discover truth. The missionaries give themselves, and if they are to be our representatives—in our stead—they represent our sacrifice for the spreading of the kingdom of God and the uplifting of Christ.

Let us each think about this. How much real sacrifice have I represented in the Mission Field? Have I sacrificed one hour in which to study the field, its needs, or those who are working therein faithfully for the harvest-time? Have I ever asked God to strengthen and bless our missionaries?

Have I ever given "two mites" as the widow gave, to the mission work of our Church? If I cannot honestly answer yes to these questions, have I ever prayed that God would create in me a new heart for missions?

To-day, June 1898, as we stand looking forward to 1900 and our 100 missionaries let us remember that sacrifice is our straight line, the shortest distance between our deter-

mination to support 100 missionaries and the support of the hundredth missionary.

Are we ready to "Pray, Study, and Give," remembering that it is "not by an army, nor by power, but by my Spirit, said the Lord of Hosts.

Klondikers and the Unsearchable Riches.

MINERS AND INDIANS IN AN EXPERIENCE MEETING AT
BELLA-BELLA.

BELLA BELLA, March 26th, 1898.

MY DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS,—There are a few incidents that have occurred during the past few weeks that have tended to throw a little more variety in our somewhat routine life. About two weeks ago we heard the whistle of an incoming steamer, which proved to be the mission boat *Glad Tidings*, in charge of Bro. Crosby, accompanied by Mr. Robinson, a lay worker. We gave them a hearty welcome, and greatly enjoyed a real good talk in our "mother tongue." Bro. Crosby was in excellent health and spirits, and spoke very encouragingly of his trip along the coast. He told us of a white settlement up north, where they had not seen a preacher of the Gospel for eight months, and the people were so anxious to hear the truth that the place of preaching would scarcely hold the people that came to hear the Word. The arrival of the mission steamer is always an important event to the inhabitants of the various Indian tribes along the coast, and as soon as the whistle sounded, the Indians hastened down to the wharf to greet her.

Next day being Sunday, Bros. Crosby and Robinson remained at Bella Bella till Monday morning before proceeding on their journey. The bell for early morning prayer was rung at 6.30, and notwithstanding the coldness of the weather we had a good turnout—better, I imagine, than could have been mustered from the same number of whites. This gave us a good start for the day. At half-past ten o'clock (which is the time for the preaching service) nearly all the Indians gathered to hear Bro. Crosby preach, which he did with much earnestness and power, the Indians remaining afterwards to learn the text in their own language.

In the afternoon Bro. Robinson preached to a good congregation, which was listened to with intense interest. Just after the service the steamer *Albion*, of Seattle, came into the wharf, as the weather was too rough for her to proceed on her journey to the Klondike. The purser and first mate came up to the mission-house requesting me to go down and see an old man supposed to be in a very low condition. We went at once to see the sick man, and found him so weak that it was only with much difficulty that he could speak to us. We advised him to remain in Bella Bella, promising to attend to his wants till a favorable opportunity presented for his return home. As we returned to go home we extended a hearty invitation to the 120 passengers, mostly miners, to attend the evening service. To our great surprise nearly every man of them turned out to church, which, with our own Indians, made a crowded house. This meeting was unique, both from the character of its audience and the method of its service. Never had Bella Bella church seen so many nationalities gather under its roof before. It is not an exaggeration to say they came from nearly all quarters of the earth. We had no set plan of service, but commenced by singing some

*This Hymn sent free on application to F. C. Stephenson, 668 Parliament Street, Toronto.

very familiar hymns, and, as a starter, gave out that soul-stirring hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Our Indians always sing this with a good deal of spirit, but when the bass voices of one hundred miners joined them it produced a most thrilling effect. I asked Bro. Crosby to preach, which he did with good effect for over an hour, interspersing in his discourse many incidents in connection with his work among the Indians. Especially did the miners seem interested when he related the state of the Bella Bella fifteen years ago to what they were as the men looked upon them in that meeting; and, to confirm his statements, Bro. Crosby turned the service into a fellowship meeting and asked some of the Indians to speak, which they did very willingly, interspersing their testimonies with beautiful songs in their own tongue. This seemed to take the miners by storm, arousing them to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. One miner rose to his feet and requested that some testimonies be interpreted. Before closing the meeting the invitation was given to any of the visitors present to say a word for the Master or speak of their own thoughts concerning the work done among the Indians. At once one man rose to his feet and confessed his faith in Christ, and said he was a Methodist. Another got up and said he was a Presbyterian, but had greatly enjoyed the meeting. When he left home he supposed he would never join again in church fellowship till his return, but he confessed that the meeting to him was a wonderful source of inspiration and blessing. Others spoke in a similar strain. Some of the audience requested that we sing as a closing hymn "There's a land that is fairer than day." I cannot describe to you the peculiar joy we experienced while singing this hymn. It seemed as though the inspiration from the sermon, together with the testimonies and songs from the Indians, all found vent while singing this last hymn. Personally I felt too much overcome to sing, for the thought pressed itself upon me that I was looking into the faces of men who, in many cases, were going to face the bitterest privation and hardship—men whose thoughts for a little while had been diverted from their eager ambitions for this life, and asked in all seriousness to weigh well the claims of the future; men who, in the vigor of youth and strength of their manhood, were having now perhaps the most urgent invitation they might ever receive; young men, whose faces bore the lines of culture and refinement, seated alongside sinners steeped in vice and crime. I thought of the mothers and sisters whose prayers were going to God continually on behalf of many who at that moment were singing the farewell song. Can you wonder that I was unable to sing? My hymn was a prayer that the good providence of God would shield them by His loving arm, and lead them that moment to take Jesus as their constant friend. When the last chorus of the hymn was sung, we sung it again, and then Bro. Crosby asked them to be seated, and requested those to stand up whose purpose was to enter the kingdom of heaven. Scarcely a man kept his seat, but rose as a body acknowledging at least their interest in higher things. We sang the same chorus again, and asked that a wave offering be given. The effect was grand. Handkerchiefs of all colors were brought forth and waved aloft. Where handkerchiefs were wanting the large brimmed hats did good service. The memory of this meeting will never be forgotten, nearly all waited to shake hands after the meeting was over, and expressed in the most genuine manner their appreciation of the meeting and most cordial wishes for our success in the labor to which we had set our hands. Pray with us, dear brethren,

that in the hours of their loneliness these hearts may look up to Jesus Christ and claim Him as their Saviour.

This incident is a little aside from our regular work, but we have related it to you, hoping it may prove to be both of interest and profit.

We hope in our next to speak more definitely about our work in Bella Bella.

Yours in His name,

J. A. JACKSON.

Study Course of the

YOUNG PEOPLES FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MISSIONS.

Objects—

- 1st. The systematic study of the Missionary work of our Church and the work done by our missionaries, also Missionary lands and their missions.
- 2nd. To prepare the members of the Young People's Societies to take part in missionary meetings, and give information whenever opportunity offers.

Membership—

All that is required in order to become a member is an earnest desire to study missions and to send your name to F. C. Stephenson, 568 Parliament Street, Toronto, who will furnish you with a membership card and text books for the First Course for 30 cents.

Examinations—

As each course is read, upon application, examination papers will be furnished. Those passing successfully will obtain a seal for the course.

Read carefully the plan of the Study Course.

* * *

THE PLAN OF THE STUDY COURSE

(The First Course is preparatory to a study on Canadian Missions, the text-book for which is being prepared by Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Henderson, and Rev. A. C. Crews. The study of China will also be taken up.)

TEXT-BOOKS FOR THE FIRST COURSE. (PRICE, 30 CTS.)

First Hundred Years of Missions, 10 cents.

The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER for a year, 10 cents.

Pray, Study, Give, 10 cents.

Cycle of Prayer, 3 cents.

"The Hundred Years of Missions" is a foundation text-book for all our studies.

The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER gives information about our mission work and the missionaries engaged therein.

"Pray, Study, Give," is a complete explanation and plan of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions.

"The Cycle of Prayer" directs our thoughts in prayer in daily remembering mission lands, and furnish us the subject for the Monthly Missionary Meeting, programme and material for which is published in the CAMPAIGNER.

The success we attain in any line of study is measured by the source of our information and the use we make of the knowledge acquired. That the best results may be obtained we require accurate and comprehensive text-books and every student in earnest.

Read the letter to the members of the Epworth League.

The Toronto Central Epworth League Executive



THOS. A. KELLY, 4TH VICE-PRES. MISS FLO. V. SALTER, 5TH VICE-PRES. FRED. DANE, PRESIDENT. MISS ELLA ADAMS, TREAS., 66 HAZELTON AVE. O. R. DAYMAN, 3RD VICE-PRES.
 ALFRED PRICE, CONFERENCE REP'VE. THOS. G. ROGERS, SECRETARY, 6 DUPONT ST. REV. W. R. PARKER, D.D., HON. PRES. REV. J. A. JACKSON, M.D., OUR MISSIONARY. G. HERBERT WOOD, 2ND VICE-PRES. J. H. HOFFMAN, 1ST VICE-PRES.

We thank the Toronto Central District Executive for the privilege of publishing the above photographs. It is used by the District Epworth League for their Stationery. This is an admirable way of introducing the District Officers and the Missionary supported by the District.

The Toronto Central District.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO.

THE unvarying theme of this paper requires that all undertakings mentioned be of a missionary nature. In any case, it is the first, the strongest and most important feature of our work. The growth and prosperity of the district has held proportion to the earnest effort and Christian endeavor with which we have engaged to advance the interests of the missionary department. About a year ago the District was organized for this work, and Dr. J. A. Jackson was appointed as our chosen representative at Bella-Bella, B.C., where he is now laboring, together with his wife and a nurse, sent out recently by the Woman's Missionary Society. The cost of supporting Dr. Jackson and his wife is \$800.00, the amount which the district attempted to raise as our part in the Lord's work.

WHAT WE DO.

Meetings during the past year have been held, both in the city and at outlying points, for the purpose of creating and maintaining interest in the new departure. All societies before whom the plan could be brought acquiesced in the scheme, and offered their hearty support. As a consequence, the district has been unified, and the missionary connection has bound the societies strongly to one another, despite the distance which too widely separates, especially farther north. The work of canvassing and collecting has been silently going on, evidenced by regular instalments on the amounts promised toward the support of Dr. Jackson. Of the total amount pledged, three-fifths is now in the treasury, and it is expected that before the close of the term the amount will be even exceeded.

How WE DID IT.

The definite object of selecting and supporting a medical missionary on a hitherto unoccupied field directed our efforts to Systematic Giving among the seventeen societies which compose the district. Promises were first

obtained from the leagues according to their financial and numerical strength, this obligation in many cases promoting systematic contribution by the members. As this was the first step in united missionary work it was scarcely understood at its inception, and the work delayed by some leagues until late in the season. While this is an unhappy feature at present, it is the promise of a fuller harvest for the ensuing year. Our district has been spiritually blessed in the attempt to gather for Him who is Lord of the harvest, and a spirit of thoughtful prayer and thankful generosity has possessed our young people.

THOS. G. ROGERS, *District Secretary.*

Toronto East District.

ALTHOUGH a number of the Leagues had been for some time working individually along the lines suggested by the Forward Movement, it was not until the fall of 1896 that the Toronto East District decided, as a district, to attempt by themselves to support a missionary. At that time, Dr. O. L. Kilborn and his wife, Dr. Gifford Kilborn, of the West China Mission, were selected to be the objects of our special prayers and support.

That this did not mean that all other missionary work being done by the Leagues should cease, or be diverted toward this end, has been clearly shown by some recently-gathered information. Of some \$1,249.70 raised for missionary purposes by the Leagues in the district during their last financial year, \$662.93 was contributed toward the special object of Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn's support; \$157.10 was paid in to the General Board; \$90.00 to Dr. Bolton's work in British Columbia; \$291.50 to the Woman's Missionary Society; and the remaining \$38.50 was divided between the Famine Fund of India, the Armenians, and a native in China. We hope that by the end of the next financial year we shall be able to show a clear \$800.00 for our special object, without diminishing in the least from any other worthy object.

We have 550 members who contribute systematically to missions. Within the past two years a number of the Leagues have either established or increased their missionary libraries. We regret that information is not at hand to show to what extent this has been done and the books used.

In September of last year a missionary rally was held at one of the central churches of the district. This, followed and strengthened by a systematically-planned series of visits by the Missionary Vice-President, as well as by several other officers of the district, has helped largely in knitting the Leagues more firmly together. We believe that no inconsiderable part of this missionary movement is its indirect effect of uniting the Leagues more closely together by a bond of mutual interest and service.

H. C. WRINCH, *District Secretary.*

Toronto West District.

WHAT WE PROMISED TO DO.

COMMENCING with July 1st, 1897, the Toronto West District Epworth League undertook to raise \$500.00 a year for the support of Tong Cheu Thom, a native Chinese layman in British Columbia, who has been in the employ of the Missionary Society for several years.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE.

Up to date we have not raised the percentage of the total which we would need, in order to raise all by the end of the year (June 30th). We are very hopeful, however, of having \$400.00 by that time. The chief reason for our deficiency, calling it by that name, is that our district undertook the support of the missionary before the Leagues were organized for the purpose of raising the money; and hence, for the first six months, only about \$85.00 came into the coffers. The third quarter closed on April 1st, which yielded \$95.00; and this current quarter we expect to get \$200.00.

HOW WE HAVE DONE IT.

In the first place, our President emphatically told the League: we wanted no money from bun-fights, pie socials, Klondike teas, or any other similar enterprises. So that, if we have come short in amount of what some other districts have raised, we can say at least, every cent of ours has been from systematic two-cents-a-week givings of League members. Whatever it may be in districts not engaged in this campaign work, it can be safely said that the offices of President and Secretary in the Toronto West District have been no sinecures. It has meant continual stirring up, continuous stirring up, and stirring up all the time.

In some of the Leagues the envelope system is used, and the givings are collected every week. The more general plan, however, is to collect ten cents each month, either the first meeting or the last. One letter from Tong Cheu Thom was printed, and copies sent to the Leagues for free distribution; and several copies of letters have been read at League meetings. Some Leagues have missionary libraries, consisting to a large extent of books or publications about the field in which they are most interested.

Innumerable small devices have been used in individual Leagues to stir up interest and arouse attention, but beyond doubt the most important factor in our success thus far

has been the fulfilling of the first part of the motto, "Pray." We are only beginning to realize very faintly what God will do for us if we only take the trouble to ask Him, believing that He will answer our prayers.

THOS. H. KROUGH, *District Secretary.*

Facts, not Theory.

THE missionary record of one of the circuits on the Matilda District, in the Montreal Conference, is worthy of note. Since the advent of the present pastor two years ago there have been organized a Woman's Missionary Society Auxiliary and two Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor. In 1896 the total missionary givings of the circuit were \$141.06 for the General Society. In 1897 the General Fund was \$181.90, while the Woman's Auxiliary raised \$90. The present year will see a large increase. The Woman's Missionary Society will raise \$90, while it is confidently expected that at least \$240 will be contributed to the General Society's work, of which the sum of \$45 or \$50 will be given by the Epworth Leagues. To sum up: In 1896 there was given to missions \$141.06, while in 1898, \$330. Now, how has this affected the other finances of the circuit? One of the Leagues has purchased a library of twenty-four books, chiefly missionary, while liberally supporting the Educational and Superannuation and general Epworth League Funds, besides taking several special collections, e.g., for Rossland.

Again, instead of taking special collections and subscriptions for each of the many connexional funds on different occasions as in the past, the pastor prepared special envelopes and distributed them several weeks previous to the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day, and asked the congregations to return them on that day with a thank-offering to meet all the circuit claims except the missionary. What was his delight and relief to find that \$6 more than last year were contributed for these funds. This record illustrates several truths:

1. The Woman's Missionary Society does not interfere with, but rather aids the General Society.

2. The Young People's Forward Movement for Missions must also be recognized as a powerful auxiliary factor, and, if properly understood and directed, means much for our own Church missionary enterprises.

3. The liberal support of missions by any church or circuit only enhances and conserves all its other interests and claims. "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

In regard to the collection of League missionary moneys we would emphasize:

1. *Regularity and System.*—On some fixed evening each month each contributor should return his offering. The experience of many societies makes it evident that unless this is rigidly adhered to the work becomes demoralized and both prayerful and studious interest and funds are lost.

2. *Use of Special Envelopes.*—Special missionary envelopes for League purposes can be had from the Methodist Book Room at 10 cents per 100. Only one is used by each person each month. Where they are carefully used they are found of very great advantage in saving time, worry and annoyance for one or more persons in each League. A young lady in one of the Brockville District societies, Montreal Conference, who has charge of between fifty and sixty contributors, writes that she has found the introduction of the envelope plan a great aid, in that

whereas she had formerly to wait on each individual each month, now nearly every envelope is voluntarily returned.

We heartily recommend every League to adopt and apply the above suggestions.

A Word to Workers.

FROM THE CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE S. M. C.

A LETTER TO THE DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE OFFICERS.

DEAR CO-WORKERS,—In addressing you as District Epworth League officers, it sounds as if I were addressing a class of workers whose work and privileges would have much in common. However, this is not as true to fact as we trust it will be after our League is a little older, and the pioneers have done considerable clearing away of obstacles and bridging of difficulties by hard, patient labor.

Some district officers are enjoying their work and accomplishing very much for Christ. Others feel that it is hard work, and are somewhat discouraged with results. In order that difficulties may be made known, and how success is gained, I have determined to ask you one and all to make use of this paper; please write to it freely in any way which will enable you to gain or give help.

The Missionary and Bible Study "Forward Movements" have done and are doing much to make our Epworth League a strong league in very deed, both for offence and defence, in our Lord's kingdom.

Will you please let me know what your district is doing along the Forward Movement line?

1. The Forward Movement for missions?
2. The Forward Movement along Bible study and evangelistic lines?

What are your plans? What your success? What your difficulties?

Awaiting your reply, and continuing with you in prayer

I am your co-worker,

F. C. STEPHENSON.

A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENTS AND MISSIONARY VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE LEAGUES.

DEAR CO-WORKERS,—Yours is the most responsible and, at the same time, the most satisfactory work in our League (without it be that of the individual member). Is it not an honor and a joy to be a co-worker in this great work of strengthening and extending our Lord's kingdom? I wish to thank many of you for your encouraging letters.

I also wish to thank every one who has written to us for information or help. It gives us the greatest joy to answer questions, and do anything we can to help any one who may make a request or an enquiry. Let us assure you that anything we can do in the future to help you, or your work, will be done with joy, as soon as possible after you communicate with us.

The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER, at 10 cents per year, in clubs of ten, is doing a great work. We invite you to use it, write to it, circulate it. It is published only for the good it can do. No one makes any money out of it. Please study this copy carefully.

Your co-worker in the Master's greatest and best work,

F. C. STEPHENSON.

A LETTER TO OUR PASTORS.

DEAR PASTORS,—Sometime ago I wrote to all the pastors, asking each one if he wished a Campaigner to visit his Young People's Society (or Societies). A very large number responded in the affirmative and sent me the name and address of the President of each Young People's Society on their charges. I have submitted the requests to the sub-committee of the Missionary Executive. Arrangements are being made as fast as possible to send a Student Campaigner to nearly every district in the London, Hamilton, Toronto, Bay of Quinte, and Montreal Conferences. Some good workers from Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., will do campaign work in the Maritime Conferences. Wesley College, Winnipeg, and Columbia College, New Westminster, are furnishing some of our most enthusiastic and self-sacrificing campaigners for the Western Conferences. Many of you will receive this letter before attending your District Meeting. Will you please spend a short time at that meeting conferring with one another as to how best to prepare our young people for the great work of bringing this lost world to Jesus Christ our Saviour? The "Pray, Study, Give plan" which our Campaigners advocate I am sure commends itself to you. We fully depend upon our pastors not only to guide us in this work, but to foster and develop the plan by the help of the Missionary Department of the Leagues.

I am sure many of our pastors feel there is great need of special effort along missionary lines. The true minister of God will see in the open doors of the Christless nations a most earnest appeal for the Gospel. He will also see in such letters as Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell's God's approval of our missionary efforts. Now, one pastor often helps another in times of special effort. What do you think of trying to arrange a Ministers' Missionary Campaign? When our young people are organized they will need missionary lectures such as few of our young students are able to give. Many of our pastors upon invitation from a brother pastor could let his league take charge of his services, or get some local preacher or superannuated brother to take his work, and he could go and lecture for a week or ten days for some brother minister who might invite him. What do you think of this?

Awaiting your words of advice and counsel, I am your servant in Jesus Christ,

F. C. STEPHENSON.

A LETTER TO LEAGUE MEMBERS.

DEAR FELLOW LEAGUERS,—You will notice in reading the CAMPAIGNER for this month that the paper is nearly all given up to our Young People's Forward Movement for Missions. Many have been aroused to an interest in missions, and are asking for the plan of our work, how to begin and how to organize a "Pray, Study, and Give" Band. The importance of our work demands that you should know all about it, so that you may help many to begin to "Pray, Study, and Give."

Please read carefully the plan of "The Young People's Forward Movement for Missions Study Course." I am sure you can spare ten minutes, or more, a day for reading. Give the ten minutes an offering to God. If you can take up this course, before long we will have many missionary workers prepared to take part in meetings, whether in League, W. M. S., or at the homes of the members.

I hope to receive your name as a member.

Your co-worker,

F. C. STEPHENSON.

Opening Pen-Hsien.

(Continued.)

BY REV. GEORGE E. HARTWELL.

CHENTU, WEST CHINA, *January 24, 1898.*

In a former letter it was stated how the Lord had led His servants in Chentu to open a new station in a city thirty miles distant, named Pen-Hsien.

The difficulties of obtaining even a shop in a city of this kind was also briefly sketched—how that, notwithstanding the usual barriers, the evangelist, sent in answer to prayer, found a friend, who, by his recommendations, assisted the evangelist in obtaining a shop. Lastly, how the officials issued most favorable proclamations and posted them in the gates of the city, where everybody could read.

Following apostolical methods, two native evangelists were sent. This was their first experience in opening a strange city. It was with much fear and trembling they opened the doors. The Chinese in one respect are similar to the Athenians, always ready "either to tell or to hear some new thing."

For a week the two brethren sat at opposite ends of a table as the crowd came and went, exhorting, preaching, and answering questions. The days were spent in the street chapel, the evenings in the large tea shops where, in hot weather, the literary men gather, sip tea and talk over the news of the day. These tea shops are the newspapers of China. The principal subject of conversation at this time was the new doctrine that was being preached. Some said it was Roman Catholicism in disguise. Others said no, Ho Sien Sung (my Chinese name) was an Englishman, and the English do not propagate Roman Catholicism in China. The priests are almost without exception from France, hence the Chinese differentiate Protestantism and Roman Catholicism according as the preachers are English or French. The literary standing of the two evangelists soon won them friends among the students, and once the students of China are reached the victory is practically assured. Before the week was over the earnestness of these two men so deeply impressed the students of Pen-Hsien, that those whom we feared would become our most bitter opponents are to-day our warmest friends. The hearts of the Chinese respond to truth when set forth by earnest believers.

The work begun under such favorable circumstances has been most fruitful. The enemy was not always quiet. Some attempts were made to frighten the landlord, also to hinder the progress of the work, but in vain. A great change has come over the Chinese people within the last two or three years. China's Rip-Van-Winkle sleep is hastily approaching its end. The seeds sown in China during the last decade are already maturing. What triumphs are in store for the Gospel! Happy the eyes that shall see her fruitful vines laden with precious fruit. Let us now see how wonderfully the Holy Spirit has been working in Pen-Hsien in answer to prayer.

November 17, Pen-Hsien was visited for the third time. What a change had taken place in four months. Three of the Chentu brethren beside the evangelist were present. Sunday morning arrived. It was market day and the city was crowded. At nine o'clock we met for prayer, ten o'clock the front of the chapel was opened and the preaching began. The chapel was crowded. The evangelists spoke in turn. A student, sixteen years of age, a bright young man, was present; he has been a boarding pupil

for four years in the schools, and has shown an earnestness in the Gospel that bespeaks another laborer in the vast vineyard. Two evangelists had already spoken when up jumped this young man and said, though he was their (the congregation's) younger brother, yet he had a message for them. His young, passionate face soon attracted a full house, who listened most attentively to his testimony. From ten o'clock until dusk the doors remained open and the crowd came and went as, turn about, we told the Gospel story. At dusk we sat down to rest; we had been, so to speak, fishing all day, and we asked, would the Lord Jesus come along that way and bring the fish.

An evening meeting had been announced for those who desired to obtain salvation through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Seven o'clock the lamps were lit. A tap is heard on the outside door. A voice inside inquires, "Who's there?" If an interested person he gives his name, if not, there are departing footsteps. One by one they come. The available space in the inner room was very limited, being only 8 x 12 feet, yet as they came there would be a little tighter squeezing until a seat was found. Thus they came, much, I imagine, as the early Christians did when they wished to have a quiet worship.

Sixteen individuals were present—sixteen souls seeking light and salvation. The apostles needed divine help to keep their nets from breaking, otherwise their labor would have been in vain. To whom could these sixteen souls be trusted to be led into the kingdom of God? Just one—the Holy Spirit. Hence a lesson in Acts—subject, the disciples waiting, the disciples receiving. A short exhortation followed and then a testimony meeting. They knew nothing about a Methodist class meeting, but the spirit of the old class-meeting was present if the forms were absent. There were no set phrases, no eloquence, but simple testimony of how they were led to believe in the Gospel. The first to speak was a doctor who has a good practice and is well known. He was the first to take an out-and-out stand for the truth. In stating his experience he said: "I was persecuted a little shortly after I put my name down as an inquirer. Several of my father's family became sick, and they said it was a punishment upon them because I had left the paths of my ancestors. I then prayed that God would restore them, and He has, and now they have nothing to say."

One most striking feature of the testimonies was their implicit confidence in prayer, their simple faith in God. It was a delightful season and well repaid all the trouble, toil and anxiety of the past few years in acquiring this difficult language to hear these men testify for Christ.

Six months have passed. Forty names are now recorded in the church register as inquirers and probationers. One has been baptized and the work continues to grow. Scholars, merchants, clerks, tailors, carpenters and workmen are all represented. This is one instance of the change that is rapidly coming over China. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

The evangelist in charge is supported by the Grafton Street Methodist Sunday School, Halifax, N.S.

First Hundred Years of Modern Missions. By Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D. Price 10c. Second edition. Revised and brought up to date.

"Missionary facts are the fuel for missionary fire." In the "First Hundred Years of Modern Missions" we have carefully gathered fuel from every country; let us use this and keep the missionary fires bright.

The book is a concise record of authentic statistics, condensed facts, and the progress and conditions of missions in all lands during the past hundred years arranged so well that it is an "encyclopedia of missions." Invaluable as a foundation for missionary study of any country or any phase of missionary work.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PAGE.

IN CHARGE OF

REV. S. T. BARTLETT, MADOC, ONT.

Our Missionary Work.

BY REV. S. T. BARTLETT.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MISSIONARY EXERCISE.

NOTE TO SUPERINTENDENT. Arrange that each part shall be taken by a Junior. If you will go to a little trouble in the matter of costuming, the various parts may be made of greater interest than without. The parts as here given are necessarily brief, and may be lengthened by yourself with the aid of the annual missionary reports.

(Concluded from the May Number).

Third Girl—Dear friends, we can only tell you a very little about our Woman's Missionary Society. It was begun in the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, in November, 1881. So it is now in its 17th year. The first annual meeting was held in Hamilton and the latest in Whitby. The income of the Society for the first year was about \$3,000, and for last year about \$40,000. Will someone please tell us how the Society is divided? *Voice*—"Into Branches." What do these mean? *Voice*—"That all the Auxiliaries in each Conference are called a 'Branch.'" How many Branches are there? *Voice*—"Nine." But we were told a little while ago that there are ten Conferences. How is this? *Voice*—"There is no Branch in the Newfoundland Conference." That is right, for as there are only three Auxiliaries of the Society in Newfoundland they do not compose a Branch. What do we mean by an "Auxiliary"? *Voice*—"Each part of the Society in the different churches is called an Auxiliary, because it is a part of and helps the whole; for instance, the Auxiliary at Madoc." Yes, and all the Auxiliaries put together make up the Society. How many Auxiliaries are there in all the Branches? *Voice*—"680." And how many members are there in all these? *Voice*—"16,000." Which of the nine Branches has the most Auxiliaries? *Voice*—"The Bay of Quinte, which has 152 Auxiliaries with about 3,000 members." Are there any children in the Society? *Voice*—"Why, yes; It would be a strange thing if there were not." Correct. How many are there? *Voice*—"About 6,500." What do we call the children's part of the Society? *Voice*—"Mission Bands." How much did these Mission Bands raise last year? *Voice*—"Nearly \$6,000." Yes, and you will see dear friends, that this is near; \$1.00 a member, which is a good showing, we think.

Fourth Girl—The work that the Woman's Missionary Society is doing is in Japan, West China, among the Chinese in British Columbia, the Indians, the French, and in Newfoundland it assists in the support of the Methodist Orphanage. In the different missions there are 34 missionaries at work for the Society—16 of these are in Japan, 5 in China, 12 in British Columbia, and 1 in Montreal, Quebec. Since the commencement of the Society it has sent out 62 missionaries. Two of these have died, and the others that are not now in the work, have, for various reasons, retired. The prospects for the future are very bright, and if all the women of our Church in Canada would unite with the Society and support its work, there

would be great prosperity seen at once. I am sure, dear friends, that you will feel it your pleasant duty to become very earnest in this part of the great Methodist Missionary Society.

(Closing address by the Local League Superintendent, or by the Pastor).

* *

QUESTIONS.

1. How many kinds of work is our Missionary Society doing?
2. Name them.
3. For how many years has our Missionary Society had workers in Japan?
4. How many missionaries has the Woman's Missionary Society in Japan?
5. How many Indian Institutes (schools) has our Missionary Society?
6. How many Domestic Missions has the Society?
7. How much was spent last year on these Domestic (home) missions?
8. How much was spent in the whole Indian work?
9. How much did the work among the French cost?
10. How old is the Woman's Missionary Society?
11. How much did the Woman's Missionary Society spend in its work last year?
12. How many children are in the Mission Bands of the Woman's Missionary Society?
13. Are you one of these?
14. What was the total amount spent by our General Missionary Society last year?
15. About how many people are there yet in the world who do not know of Jesus Christ?
16. What is our authority for sending them the Gospel?

* *

To all Junior League readers of the CAMPAIGNER offer. To every Junior Leaguer who will correctly answer the above questions on a postcard, and send to my address, I will send a printed portrait of either General Missionary Secretary Sutherland, General Epworth League Secretary Crews, or a nice Missionary Campaign Button. All these questions have been answered in the CAMPAIGNER. Mark with an "X" each question you answer from memory. Answer the questions by number. Now, send along the answers, and I will print the names and addresses of all who do so, in the CAMPAIGNER. Answers must reach me before the 20th of June.

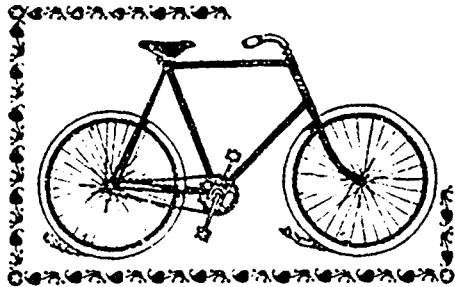
S. T. BARTLETT, Madoc, Ont.

In June last a "Pray Study Give" Band for Missions was formed at Peniel Church, Manilla Circuit. The band was comprised of fourteen members, and met monthly. In four months a strong aggressive League has developed, holding weekly meetings, and having upwards of forty members pledged to systematic giving. Where the Spirit is there is growth.

The Massey-Harris Bicycle

Is built for use in winter and summer, and will stand the wear and tear of the roughest roads.

DON'T buy a toy wheel—get a good one while you are about it



SEE THE '98 MODELS

MASSEY-HARRIS CO., LIMITED
TORONTO

ALBERT COLLEGE, Belleville, Ont.

(OPEN TO BOTH SEXES.)

Phenomenal record in both University and Departmental Examinations: Of 31 Senior Matriculants, 28 successful; of 14 Senior Leaving, 12 successful. In 1897, of 5 Senior Matriculants, all successful; of 8 Senior Leaving, 7 successful; of 8 Junior Leaving, all successful; making 95 per cent. successful.

The Departments of **Music, Fine Arts, Elocution and Commercial Science** are thoroughly equipped and largely attended, and the rates moderate. The new buildings, "Massey Hall" and "Gymnasium," are greatly admired.

200 students are enrolled annually, nearly one-half of whom are young ladies.

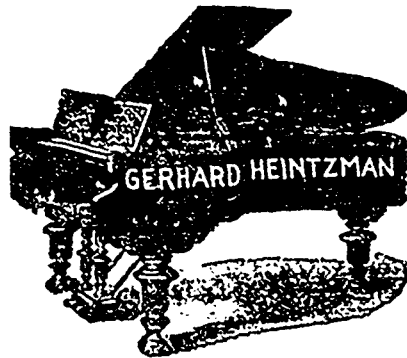
The Lady Principal is a graduate of Toronto University, with First Honors in English and Moderns, and has spent one and a half years on the Continent in the study of French and German.

Special Exam. in May for Conference Candidates.

Will re-open after the Midsummer vacation on Tuesday, September 6, 1898.

For illustrated circular, address

PRINCIPAL DYER, D.D.



The...
Gerhard Heintzman Pianos
Grand and Upright

Factory and Warerooms:
69 to 75 Sherbourne St.
City Warerooms:
188 Yonge St.

TORONTO

The Wall Paper King of Canada

Sample books of Choice Wall Paper for Residences, Churches, Offices, Lodge Rooms, Public Halls, Hotels, Stores and our booklet, "How to Paper," sent free to any address. Write a postal to

C. B. SCANTLEBURY

P. O. Box 920 Belleville, Ont.

Mention what prices you expect to pay, the rooms you wish to paper and where you saw this advertisement.

We pay express charges.

Important Missionary Books

WE PAY POSTAGE

AMERICA—		
Life of James Evans. John Maclean	50	
The Warden of the Plains. John Maclean	1 25	
Oowik-puin; or, How the Gospel Reached the Nelson River Indians. E. R. Young	90	
By Canoe and Dog Train. E. R. Young	1 00	
AFRICA—		
Thomas Comber, Missionary Pioneer to the Congo. J. B. Myers	50	
H. M. Stanley. A. Montefiore	50	
The Congo for Christ. Rev. J. B. Myers	50	
Thomas Birch Freeman, Missionary Pioneer to Ashanti, Dahomey and Egha. John Wilton	50	
The Story of Uganda and the Victoria Nyanza Mission. S. Stock	90	
CHINA—		
A Cycle of Cathay. W. A. P. Martin	2 00	
John Griffith, Founder of the Hankow Mission. W. Robson	20	
Glances at China. Gilbert Reel	70	
Young People's History of the Chinese. W. G. E. Cunningham	1 00	
James Gilmour and His Boys. R. Lovett	90	
Among the Mongols. Rev. J. Gilmour	90	
More about the Mongols. Rev. J. Gilmour	1 75	
Morning Light in Many Lands. Daniel March	2 00	
For His Sake. A Record of a Life Consecrated to God and Devoted to China	90	
PERFIA—		
Persian Life and Customs. Rev. S. G. Wilson	1 25	
ISLANDS OF THE SEA—		
Among the Maories; or, Daybreak in New Zealand. J. Page	50	50
From Darkness to Light in Polynesia. Rev. W. W. Gill	2 00	
James Chalmers. Wm. Robson	50	
Pioneer Life and Work in New Guinea. James Chalmers	1 25	
FORMOSA—		
From Far Formosa. Geo. L. Mackay	1 25	
KOREA—		
Korea and Her Neighbors. Isabella B. Bishop	2 00	
INDIA—		
The Bishop's Conversion. E. B. Maxwell	1 50	
Reginald Heber, Bishop of Calcutta. A. Montefiore	50	
MISCELLANEOUS—		
Medical Missions. John Lowe	90	
Short History of Missions. Geo. Smith	90	
New Acts of the Apostles. Pierson	1 50	
A Hundred Years of Missions. Rev. D. L. Leonard	1 50	
The Miracles of Missions. 1st Series. Pierson	1 00	
The Miracles of Missions. 2nd Series. Pierson	1 00	
A Manual of Modern Missions. J. T. Gracy	1 25	
A Primer of Modern Missions. E. R. Lovett	35	
Strategic Points in the World's Conquest. John R. Mott	1 00	
Foreign Missions after a Century. Dennis	1 50	
Missionary Heroines in Eastern Lands. Mrs. E. R. Pitman	50	
The Missionary Pastor	75	
Christian Missions and Social Progress. Vol. I. Rev. J. Dennis	2 50	

WILLIAM BRIGGS, WESLEY BUILDINGS, 29-33 RICHMOND ST. WEST, TORONTO.

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER 10 cents per year in clubs of 10. Single subscription, 25 cents. Address, F. C. STEPHENSON, 368 Parliament Street, Toronto.