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Students' Missionary Campaign

Is the subject for this issue, which contains the following articles, giving as full information regarding the work as it has been possible to obtain:

Suggested Programme, explaining Students' Missionary Campaign.

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Cycle of Prayer.

Advertisement of Missionary Literature, Methodist Book Room.

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TEN CENTS FOR ONE YEAR.

Subject for January number: The power of the Holy Spirit on our Membership, Missionaries and Teachers.

North American Indians, Mexico, Central America.

West Indies, educational work in missionary lands.

(See "Cycle of Prayer": Subject for January, also first, second and third days.)

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We are greatly pleased with the prospect for the coming year. We feel confident that the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER will be very helpful to both the Woman's Missionary Society and the Epworth League in preparing programmes for their monthly missionary meetings. Remember each month will contain a programme based on the subject suggested by the Cycle of Prayer for the current month. Also remember that during the year we hope to furnish information from every land in the world. The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER will be a commentary on the Cycle of Prayer, and if you subscribe immediately you may have it for one year for 10 cents.

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Exact Size.

THE CAMPAIGNER'S BUTTON is useful to a Young People's Society in that it shows in a quiet way who are in favor of the "Forward Movement for Missions," and thus enables them to throw their influence in the right direction. It serves as an introduction to a conversation about mission work. The price is 5 cents each, or 30 cents a dozen. We also have a very neat little ribbon badge which is helpful to committee men, at same price.

Suggested Programme on Young People's Foreign Movement for Missions.

- I. *Opening Exercises.*—Hymn (Can. Hymnal, 167); Prayer; Scripture lesson (Lk. xiv. 15, Num. xiii. 30, Matt. xxviii. 18-20), with *brief pointed* comment; Hymn (Can. Hymnal, 431).
- II. *Young People's Forward Movement for Missions.* Its inception, progress and promise; Its relation to the Students' Missionary Campaign.
- III. *Objects.*
 1. *Careful study* of literature of missions.
 2. *Daily prayer* for missions.
 3. *Weekly giving* to missions.

Show the importance and relation of these three aims.
- IV. *Helps.*
 1. *Missionary library* in possession of each League, regularly added to and systematically circulated.
 2. *The "Missionary Campaigner"*—one in each home represented in the League.
 3. *Cycle of Prayer* and Facts on Foreign Missions.
 4. *Pledge and collector's books.*
 5. *Envelopes*, in which the contributions are to be returned each month.
- V. *Musical selection.*—"Two cents a week"—November CAMPAIGNER.
- VI. *Ultimate aim.*—Every Home District to be represented by its own missionary (with consent of and under direction of General Board).

Advantages and results.

 1. *Fostering of connexional spirit and effort.* All young people of the Church will be united for one grand object in line with denominational work.
 2. *Increased and increasing interest* because of definite work.
 3. *Direct communication with the missionary* by quarterly interchange of letters, thus keeping in constant and direct touch with the Church's work in that field.
 4. *Vast increase of missionaries* under our own Church.
 5. *Reflex action* on the Society and thus on the Church.
- VII. *Feasibility of the aim.*
 1. Statistics regarding Epworth Leagues of Canada.
 2. Statistics regarding Epworth Leagues of the District in which the Society is located.
 3. What local Leagues and Districts have already done.
- VIII. Prayer by several members.
- IX. Hymn (Can. Hymnal, 193).

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Necessary information may be had from the following (a) Students' Missionary Campaign leaflets (free), and Pledge and Collector's books (5c. each)—from Rev. Dr. Sutherland; (b) Cycle of Prayer (3c. each, 30c. a doz.)—from Woman's Missionary Society; (c) Facts on Foreign Missions (5c. each, 30c. a doz.), and Prayer and Missions (5c. each)—from F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College; (d) Back numbers of *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER*, especially June and September; (e) *Guardian* of November 18th, page 4, and October 7th, page 9.

CHAS. W. SERVICE, Trinity Medical College.

S. M. C.: What It Is.

THE Students' Missionary Campaign is not a new missionary society, but is a movement inaugurated by Christian Methodist students to promote, under the direction of the ministry and the General Secretary of Missions, a young people's forward movement for missions.

What the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions has done and is doing to create and maintain an intelligent, active interest in missions in our colleges and universities, the Students' Missionary Campaign seeks to do in our young people's Christian societies. The Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, by organizing for daily prayer and systematic study of the missionary cause, has enlisted thousands of consecrated students as volunteers for the foreign field. These volunteers are not sent out by the Movement, but await the call of the Church to active service. It is a well-known fact that, while the Church members are in possession of an abundance of means, the missionary societies of the Church are financially unable to send out but a small percentage of the educated men and women who have volunteered for missionary work. Missionary authorities are agreed that the cause of this financial embarrassment is lack of knowledge on the part of the membership. If Christians only knew their privilege and the heathen need, and understood our heavenly Father's will concerning the extension of His kingdom on the earth, they would respond heartily and liberally.

To meet the need of the Church in this crisis of her history, the Students' Missionary Campaign has been instituted to assist the ministry in calling the Church, the young people especially, to daily prayer for, careful study of, and systematic proportionate giving to, the missionary cause.

The methods adopted are simple and direct. All operations are carried on through and by existing organizations; all monies flow through the proper channels to the Missionary Society. Space will permit of but the briefest outline of the plan of work: Christian Methodist students, volunteers for mission work and probationers for the Methodist ministry, while attending college, where they have special advantages for obtaining missionary information, organize classes for prayer for, and study of, missions. During vacation, and from time to time as opportunity offers, they seek to make known to all whom they can reach, what they have learned regarding missions.

Our young people's Christian societies offer a wide and accessible field for work. Each member of the Students' Missionary Campaign reaches as many societies as he can wherever he happens to be situated. Some, by the co-operation of the district and local Epworth League officers, are able to plan a tour throughout one or more districts.

In order to make his work permanent and self-propagating, he not only gives a stirring, up-to-date missionary address, but asks for an after meeting of all interested in the extension of our Lord's kingdom on earth, requesting especially that the superintendent of the missionary department and the missionary committee confer with him. He then suggests the forming of a band in the Society for daily prayer for, careful study of, and weekly giving to, missions. The developing of this band is left in charge of the missionary committee of the Society. As helps to the members of these bands, he introduces:

1. The "Cycle of Prayer," published by our Church, which is a guide to those who wish to "lift up their eyes and look on the fields." This booklet divides the world into thirty-one parts, so that in one month, by praying for a portion each day, the one using it makes intercession for all men everywhere. The *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* is a paper published monthly as a commentary on the Cycle of Prayer, in which information regarding the subjects suggested for prayer is furnished.

2. He recommends each Epworth League to begin to form a missionary library, he sells and takes orders for all the missionary literature he can, and leaves printed price lists, so that they may purchase more.

3. He also introduces the pledge and collectors' books for weekly giving furnished by our Missionary Society.

It is needless to say that the above plan of work meets with the hearty approval of the members of our Church. Dr. Alexander Sutherland, Secretary of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, says in the *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* for September, 1896: "Our young people will do well to study carefully the 'Young People's Forward Movement for Missions,' which is being promoted by the Students' Missionary Campaign. The work has been carefully planned with a two-fold object:

- "1. To enlist all our young people in united work for missions, under the direction of our Church.

- "2. To establish and make that work permanent and self-propagating—bringing each member of our young people's Christian societies into such close touch with the extension of our Lord's kingdom and the salvation of the world, that daily prayer and systematic, proportionate giving will be recognized as a personal privilege and responsibility.

"A well organized district could raise enough to send out and support at least one missionary. Several districts are already at work, and the plan meets with great favor. When enough is raised to send out a man and support him for one year, the General Board of Missions will be glad to appoint one. The discussions this work will call for at the annual District Conventions, and the definite interest of the individual Epworth Leagues, will tend to develop an earnest interest on the part of every member."

"I have long since ceased to pray, 'Lord Jesus, have mercy upon a lost world.' I remember the day and the hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, I *live had* compassion upon a lost world, and now it is time for *you* to have compassion. I have left you to fill up that which is behind in mine afflictions in the flesh for the body's sake, which is the Church. I have given *my* heart; now give *your* hearts.'"—A. J. Gordon

Partial Summary of Campaign Work of Summer of 1896.

REPORT BY COLLEGES.

	Victoria University, Toronto.	Wesley College, Winnipeg.	Wesleyan Theological Col., Montreal.	Albert College, Belleville.	Trinity Medical College, Toronto.	Total
No. of Campaign workers	81	44	37	30	13	205
No. of Campaigners who have sent in reports of work done	31	13	4	14	8	70
No. of Leagues visited	114	5	3	28	112	262
No. of Members in the Leagues visited	6,358	235	141	1,316	5,264	13,314
No. of Bands formed for daily prayer and week- ly giving	46*	3	—	8*	83*	140*
Total No. of Missionary meetings addressed (Leagues, Services, etc.)	222	37	5	49	185	498
Total No. of people reached (estimated)	16,600	2,200	200	3,600	12,200	34,800

The above report does not, in any respect, represent the total amount of work done; and this for two reasons: (1) Because, we regret to say, only about *one-third* of the workers have sent in reports of any kind whatever; and (2) Because a number of societies have acquainted themselves with the plans of the movement by correspondence, and have adopted them without having been visited by any of the workers. We have sufficient, however, to indicate something of the extent and possibilities of the work.

We find that the Leagues visited are distributed over 48 out of the 110 Districts, and in 6 out of the 10 Conferences, of our Canadian Methodist Church.

We cannot afford space for even a brief reference to the work done in each League, or by each Campaigner, even if it would be wise to do so. Mr. J. C. Reid, of Victoria, reports the largest number of Leagues visited (38). His work was largely in the Wingham District. Systematically arranged series of visits were also made by Messrs. D. Norman, B.A., and R. W. Large, in the Bradford District; W. F. Gilroy in Palmerston; C. W. Service, B.A., in Brockville and Matilda; J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., in Bowmanville and Brantford; W. T. Rush in Chatham; F. C. Stephenson in Cobourg; and by J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., and H. G. Barrie, Phar.B., in the three Toronto Districts. More extended reference to the action taken by some of these Districts will appear in January number.

While we rejoice in the work done, and may well unite in gratitude to our Master in that He has thus permitted us, in a small degree, to labor with Him, yet a careful survey of the report sheets shows a number of ways in which the work was not as extensive as it might have been. A reference to these, and a thoughtful consideration of them by our workers and young people, will be a valuable preparation for the work of next year.

1. Not as many Leagues were visited as might have been. We know that a number of Societies tried to secure a deputation and failed. This we regret, and aim that such will not be the case in a single instance next year. But we know, also, that many more would have received visits had they expressed their desire to Campaigners who were living within easy reach of them, but who neglected, either from diffidence or some other cause, to themselves seek an opportunity of presenting the work. A little more conse-

* The number of Bands formed is much greater than indicated, many having been formed since the reports were made out at close of meeting.

crated push is needed on *both* sides. Not many cases have come to our notice in which a worker asked for a meeting and was refused.

2. We cannot help noting that the generous offer of the Book Room in providing literature for sale by the workers was not properly appreciated. Here, we believe, the onus rests largely with the Campaigners, as may be gleaned from such reports as, "Sold all the literature I had with me," "Could have sold more books if I had brought them along," or "Did not sell any as I had none with me." Next year our Book Room has promised even better offers to us, both for carrying and buying. We doubt if there is a much more important factor than this in securing the perpetuation of the work.

3. To Campaigners, we cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of sending in, as promptly as possible, reports of every League visited. In filling blank forms, remember that *no one item is more important than another*. Although all do not appear in this report, *all* are necessary to the Corresponding Member if we would help him to get a comprehensive grasp of the work. The experience of those who, during the past summer, thought they could get a better report by waiting until further action had been taken by the League, has shown conclusively that we can only get full reports by filling them out *immediately at the close of each meeting*. If we could add anything to make this still stronger, we would gladly do so.

4. One more feature, revealed by this retrospective glance, we would call attention to with all earnestness. The great need for money in the extension of this noble work has been fully appreciated, and has led to the almost universal adoption of the second part of the pledge. Many of the reports show that *both* daily prayer and weekly giving are being adopted. But in those cases where one is omitted it is in almost every case *the first*. Perhaps the omission in many cases has been an oversight. Are we speaking too strongly in saying that "God does not want our money without our prayers?" At any rate we know that many (if not all) of His promises are conditioned upon prayer, and our offerings are infinitely more acceptable to Him when accompanied by it. Should it not be our aim to attain the spirit of I. Sam. xv. 22, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice"? See Psa. ii. 8, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Remember that the Campaigner who spoke of the work of the Forward Movement in your Society will be glad to correspond with you or your Missionary Vice-President on any matter of interest to the work. You will find his address in the July or August CAMPAIGNER. If you cannot find him by that, write to F. C. Stephenson, Trinity Medical College, Toronto.

The United Presbyterian Missionary Association in Egypt has decided to publish a religious paper in Arabic.

Ethiopia is certainly lifting up her hands, not only to God, but in defence against the vices of civilization. A Zulu church recently organized has among its by-laws, that "no member shall be permitted to drink the white man's grog."

The people of Dahomey are among the most degraded savages of the world. Visitors to the World's Fair became familiar with many of their characteristics. Rev. T. J. Marshall, a native minister, is now translating the Bible into their language.

Report of the Corresponding Member of the S. M. C. for 1896.

It is evident to all who study the missionary question of the Methodist Church that our colleges are producing volunteers for the mission field much faster than the Church is prepared to send them out. The cause of this can be explained on no other ground than that the college men are making a systematic study of the missionary cause, and are thus led to give all they have and offer themselves for this greatest of works. It is agreed that if the membership of the Church and Epworth League were only informed—if they only knew the heathen need, and our Lord's will, they would appreciate their privilege and be just as anxious to extend our Lord's kingdom on earth as those who are willing to give their lives to the work, and would show their interest and consecration by sending out and supporting the educated men and women whom our Board would select from the volunteers as fit representatives for the mission field.

The Students' Missionary Campaign was inaugurated in March, 1895, for the purpose of uniting students during the summer vacation in an effort to stimulate, and, where necessary, create an intelligent interest in missions. To this end a letter was sent to nearly every Methodist college in Canada. The letter called for volunteers to work in their own neighborhoods. They were to seek opportunities in Epworth League, Sunday-school, and Woman's Missionary Society meetings, and, if possible, preach missionary sermons. The circulation of missionary literature was one of the main features proposed. The response to this letter was encouraging. Those who took part in this effort reported hearty co-operation of the ministers and officers of our Church, and also were much encouraged by the interest manifested by those to whom they had the privilege of speaking. They also reported great blessing received to their own souls. But it was evident that we were only touching the border of a great work, which would unfold if we only planned to meet the needs which were evident.

The needs which led to the formulating of the plan for the campaign of 1896, sprang from two sources. These needs were evident on the field:

1. Just as soon as a young people's society adopted our motto, "Pray, Study, Pay," they wanted some definite work to do.
2. They wanted a systematic plan of work.
3. They wanted a cycle of information as wide in circumference as the cycle of prayer.

In order to meet the first it was thought best to recommend each district to undertake work under the direction of the Church, either the supporting of a missionary, or education of heathen, or aiding established institutes or the like.

To meet the second need, the pledge and collectors' books were designed.

The third need seemed the hardest to meet. To meet this need we could not do better than fall in line with the Woman's Missionary Society, recommend their monthly subject for study, and use the Cycle of Prayer as a text book. The General Missionary Society, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Epworth League and Sunday-school had adopted the Cycle of Prayer, and were recommending it through the connexional periodicals. A large number were already in use, but a difficulty in getting information about the countries and subjects suggested for daily prayer, such as Mexico, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador,

Peru, Bolivia, etc., seemed to call for a commentary which would run over the countries mentioned in the Cycle in a year, giving some information regarding every land. This is one of the aims of the MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER.

The needs were three which had to be met for the Campaigners:

1. While it was thought best not to draw up a constitution and form an organization, yet there was need of at least a central correspondent and a man over each Conference. The first should strive, as far as possible, to prepare the way for the Campaigners, secure invitations, and try, as far as possible, to get a man over each district.

The man in each Conference was to watch for conventions, and try to get a place on the programme and a man to fill it on behalf of the Forward Movement for Missions at every convention, Epworth League, Sunday-school, etc.

2. A better plan of securing and distributing missionary information, literature, etc. To meet this need a committee waited on the Book-Room, and obtained the favorable terms and plans explained by "How to Secure a Missionary Library."

3. It was a well-known fact that many of the Campaigners could write practical articles, and could furnish helpful information, both as to practical working of a Missionary Department of a young people's Christian society, and regarding foreign fields which they had studied. They also felt the need of a means of communication among themselves. The MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER aims at filling this need.

The campaign of the summer of 1896 has developed other needs and difficulties. The Corresponding Member may be pardoned for mentioning some of them before the Campaigners meet in college and express themselves.

1. Much more excellent aggressive work could be done, and thousands of dollars could be secured for missions by spending a few hundred dollars in assisting some of the Campaigners to pay their expenses at college, and thus save them the necessity of turning to some mercantile pursuit or other lucrative occupation.

2. It will be necessary to provide for postage and stationery.

3. The plan of distributing missionary literature and advertising it needs improving.

4. There is difficulty in organizing an Epworth League on the daily prayer and weekly giving plan where the Woman's Missionary Society Mission Circles are operating, because the leading female missionary spirits of the Epworth League are almost sure to belong to the Circle, and cannot take hold of the League work also.

To show what could be done if the necessary funds for the next year at college could be furnished to some of our young men, the Corresponding Member put the personal case of Mr. J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., and Mr. H. G. Barrie, both probationers, students of Trinity Medical College, and volunteers for the missionary field, before Mr. J. W. Flavell and Dr. Sutherland, and by their aid and the aid of Mr. H. C. Wrinch and the Corresponding Member, these men will be able to pay their way at college.

There are other men who have felt it their duty to push this work, who will need assistance to keep them out of debt.

F. C. STEPHENSON.

The only Protestant societies at present at work in Persia are The Church Missionary Society and the American Presbyterian, North.

How to Plan Your Work. How to Work Your Plan.

TOOLS and designs will never rear a building. We need the workman. No machine, however perfect, can work without power and someone to guide and operate it.

The General Conference has furnished us with a perfect machine for missionary work in the Epworth League, but we need in each Epworth League one member who will make connection with the source of power and stand by the work. A faithful, patient, prayerful planner and worker for missions can, with God's help, which may be had for asking, move a whole Epworth League, yes, a District, for missions if he will.

1st. Have a meeting of the Missionary Committee called for prayerful consideration of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, which aims at enlisting every member of the Epworth League in a band to "pray daily and give weekly" for missions.

2nd. If the Missionary Committee will undertake to establish the work which this "Forward Movement" will entail, then let them be the first members of the "Praying and Giving Band," and let them prepare to hold a special missionary meeting at which they will explain their plans to the whole Society, and if possible, by prayer and careful preparation, secure the unanimous co-operation of the membership of the Epworth League.

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The Epworth League Missionary Committee's part in the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions is :

1st. To form a band of the League members for "Daily Prayer and Weekly Giving," and see that the band does not fall short of its object.

2nd. To hold a monthly missionary meeting and provide an interesting and instructive programme.

3rd. To secure a missionary library and see that it is circulated and read, and in every way possible impart missionary information to the members of the Epworth League.*

This can best be done by dividing the membership of the League, and allotting a certain number to each member of the Missionary Committee, to canvass and look after.

The Epworth League Missionary Committee should consist of a Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, and one member for every ten or fifteen members in the League.

The *Chairman's* duty is the oversight of all the members of the committee; he should also see that the programme is provided for the monthly missionary meeting.

The *Secretary-Treasurer* should keep correct minutes of each committee meeting and should receive all the money from the members of "The Weekly Giving Band," this he should hand over to the Treasurer of the Society.

The *Treasurer* of the Society should send the money to the District Treasurer, where the District is organized; where it is not he should send it to the pastor to be forwarded to Dr. Sutherland.

The *District Second Vice-President* should see that every missionary department in the District is organized, and working along the "Forward Movement" lines.

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- How could you play ball without ball or bat?
- How could you build without tools or plans?
- How could you sail the seas without compass or telescope?

*A 24-page catalogue of the latest missionary literature will be sent free upon application.

How could you farm without implements or market reports?

How could you do business without records or communication?

How will you do missionary work without the necessary helps?

What are necessary helps? They are such helps as will aid in accomplishing the most work, in the best way, with the least effort. The following helps or tools are offered to our young people at cost price to enable them to do a great deal with little effort.

For the Epworth League

The pledge book for "Daily prayer and weekly giving"	5 cents.
The Collector's book	5 "
The Envelopes	—
Missionary books and literature for circulation*	—

For the Individual.

Cycle of Prayer	3 cents.
THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER, per year	10 "
The Campaigner's Button or Badge, 5 cents each or per dozen	30 "
Catalogue of Missionary Books	free.

These may all be had by writing to Dr. Sutherland, Mission Rooms, Toronto, or to F. C. Stephenson, Corresponding Member, Trinity Medical College, Toronto.

Victoria College Reviews the Campaign of '96.

AT this crisis of need in our Church's missionary work, where may we look with more confidence than to the organizations of the young people in the Church? Who should be more responsive than they to a call for the support and extension of Christianity? They are heirs to all the best that the faith and culture of the past has handed down to the Church of the present, men and women of this missionary age, organized for Christian work and pledged to its active support.

What is the attitude of the young people's societies toward mission work? We will speak of the Epworth League. In no other sphere of its work is the League so far behind the requirements of the time as it is in the line of missions. We find, by reference to the last annual Missionary Report, that the total amount contributed by Epworth Leagues was only \$6,000. This means that each Epworth Leaguer gave, through his Society, an average amount of eight cents per year, or only two-thirds of a cent per month, for missions. Yet Epworth Leaguers are a class of earnest and conscientious Christian workers. They loyally sustain the interests of the home work, so we must conclude that the Leaguers are not sufficiently educated to the needs of mission work. How can this best be done? Now it is principally in the colleges that the great missionary movements of the age have sprung up, and here they have their centre. The colleges are the centres of missionary zeal, because they are the centres of missionary light and information. How may a like interest in mission work be kindled in the Leaguers? Let the college student, with his missionary information and his missionary zeal, go to the Leagues, impart to them what he has learned, and appeal for their co-operation in the work. This is the plan adopted by the Students' Missionary Campaign. The readiness with which the Leaguers

*See advt., page 8, and write for catalogue of the latest missionary literature, which will be sent free.

have fallen in with the plan has been most encouraging. The need of some such definite plan of mission work has been felt by many societies.

Campaigners, by the help of the ministry or District League officers, arrange a programme of meetings so that they can hold a meeting every night in the week and perhaps two on Sunday. Each League billets the speaker for a day and conveys him to the next appointment. It is found that by this plan Campaigners can accomplish the most and the best work, in the time at their disposal, with the least trouble and expense.

Where the District is not organized, arrangements must be made through the assistance of the ministry, who are sometimes so busy with their regular work that they neglect to correspond promptly. But worse than an unorganized District is an organized District whose officers are neglectful, careless and ignorant of their duty. We are sorry to say we are all forced to the conclusion that such officers were the greatest trouble and hindrance to the work met with last summer. "Patience and perseverance" has failed to secure answers from some. In such cases it was necessary to turn to the pastors for the needed information to enable us to prepare programmes of work.

We recommend the following plan for selling missionary literature. Sell all possible after the meeting, and then leave samples with someone, trusting him to get all the orders he can, and return samples if he cannot pay for them or sell them. Secure for this work the Second Vice-President, or some reliable missionary worker who will realize that the selling of missionary literature is one of the best helps to the extension of Christianity.

J. C. REID, Victoria College.

Trinity Tells Her Tale.

TO the Campaigners of Trinity Medical College, the past summer brought experiences of a most varied character, the pleasant and encouraging, however, largely predominating.

Although not bearing directly upon the work, we cannot omit a brief reference to the courteous and hearty reception and entertainment everywhere accorded us by our young people. This was universal and was most sincerely appreciated.

Among the encouraging features of the work, we would mention: (1) The almost universal sympathy and co-operation extended to us by the pastors. Only in very few instances, after the work was explained, was there anything but the most hearty support from them. (2) The prompt response on the part of the Societies in taking some action towards adopting the plans of the movement. Frequently it seemed that the Spirit had gone before to prepare the way, and they were just waiting for some plan of operation. (2) The willingness, and even eagerness, of many individual members to "do something," if only the way were pointed out.

Discouragements and difficulties, although few, were not altogether wanting. In the few cases referred to, where the pastor either stood aloof or gave no substantial support to the movement, the worker was led to wonder if, after all, we were not moving along wrong lines. This feature will be beneficial if it but lead to a more careful consideration of every step in this, the incipient, stage of a great work.

Some temporary difficulties were found in cases where the movement and its relation to the Church were previously totally unknown to the Society or circuit. These, however,

were soon removed by a further explanation, and frequently some, who were most conservative at first, have become the warmest and most active supporters of the work.

Another phase of perplexity was found in a few cases of Societies already engaged in supporting some special missionary work. With such it was thought best not to advocate any immediate change of plans, but rather to explain our movement and its objects and leave it entirely in the hands of the Society to take what action they chose towards it.

Again, where the Forward Movement was entirely new to the Society, it was sometimes found that one evening was too little in which to explain it and permit them to discuss and take definite action upon it. Under such circumstances it has been left in the hands of the Missionary Committee, who, it must be added, have, in almost all cases, found the members desirous of adopting the work.

One great need was met with in very many Societies, to supply which is well worthy the greatest consideration. To maintain an intelligent and increasing interest in missions there must be information, and that not of an out-of-date, cumbersome nature, but fresh, bright, and condensed. The readiness with which such literature has been purchased during the past summer indicates that a taste and appetite for such matter already exists and needs but to be carefully and judiciously supplied.

By way of suggestions for the strengthening and perpetuation of the work, which is an object for consideration not only to the workers of the Campaign, but also, we believe, to every member of each Missionary Committee, three things seem to require to be made an especial aim: (1) To keep the Societies of each District in touch with one another and with the whole progress of the movement; (2) to secure fresh reading matter from time to time and have it accessible to all; and (3) to keep from specializing one branch of the work at the expense of the others. Although our object is threefold—work, study, pray,—let us never forget that, of the three, prayer is the most important.

H. C. WRINCH, Trinity Medical College.

District Representation in the Foreign Field.

TWELVE Districts have each decided in convention assembled to send out and support a representative in the foreign field under the direction of our Church. They sent mention of their work for this issue. Owing to lack of space these Districts are held over until January number.

Western China.*

By DR. V. C. HART, Superintendent Canadian Methodist Mission, Western China.

Western China, as we are taken through it in Dr. Hart's charmingly written book, grows a reality and ceases to be part of the map of China, whose position on the globe we learned in our school days, and which, from its other-side-of-the-worldness, had little interest for us; but as we read of the cities, quaint and old, the country, a fairyland of beauty and delight, our hearts go out in sympathy to the millions who are struggling with idol worship, a government which does not uplift, and the wickedness which has strengthened with the years, until we feel that the darkness must be dispelled, and are thankful for the light of the Gospel which

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has been carried in, and is piercing through the superstition and ignorance.

Dr. Hart's life-work in China, his quick sympathy and keen perception, have enabled him to give us a comprehensive idea of Western China from every standpoint, while the quaint humor, and many charming word-pictures, afford a fresh glimpse of one of the oldest nations of the world.

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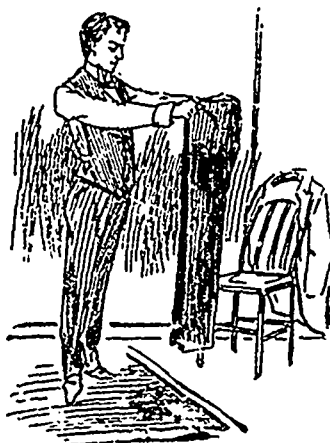
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