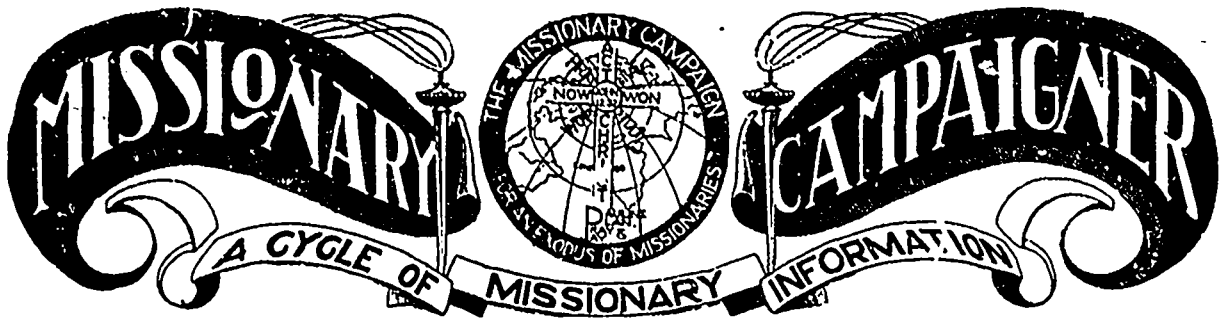


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Our Epworth League General Secretary.

REV. A. C. CREWS is General Secretary of Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools in the Methodist Church, Canada, to which position he was elected in May, 1895. He was born in the County of Lambton in 1857, and received his education at the Ingersoll High School and Victoria University. After ordination he spent one year as assistant editor of the *Christian Guardian*, and has been stationed in St. Catharines, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Toronto.

Through Mr. Crews' untiring efforts the Epworth League work has made great progress. The excellent arrangements which have been made for the coming Convention, under his direction, reflect not a little his enthusiastic belief that the development of our young people, under the guidance of the Church, is her hope for the future.

Mr. Crews believes in missions, and he believes in the "Young People's Forward Movement for Missions." He is always on the watch for opportunities to develop and foster an intelligent interest in the missionary work of our Church. The prominent place given to missions in the programme of the International Convention, is an example of his planning for the future, as well as the present, welfare of our Church.

IN the last annual report (1895-96) the Epworth Leagues were reported as having raised \$3,339, the Toronto Conference heading the list with \$720. Of the districts, Milton District, Hamilton Conference reports the largest amount raised, namely, \$153. Judging from the "sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees," there will be a large advance all along the line of our young people's contributions for missions.

The International Epworth League Convention.

We hope to see thousands of our missionary spirits in Toronto as representatives of our 75,000 Canadian Epworth Leaguers. The world is being searched by the cleverest and best men for the richest and best things to bring to the Convention, for those whose privilege it will be to come and carry them away. The demand of our young people has

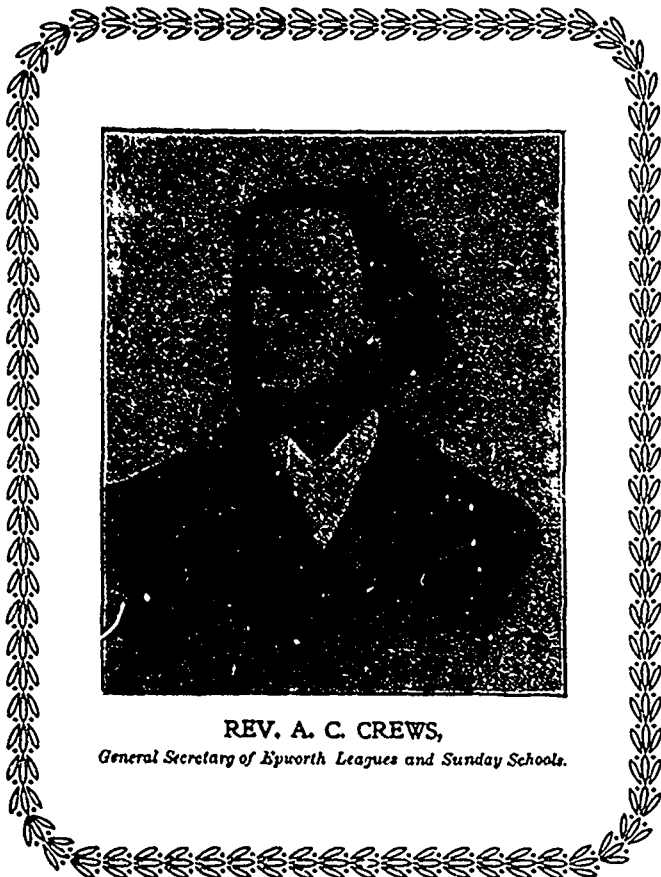
called together the best minds in America. The excellent and comprehensive programme, which we publish in this number, contains the names of men who stand first for missions, and through them the demand of our young people will be fully met. We welcome to the pages of the *CAMPAIGNER* as many of their faces as it has been possible to secure, and know we will gather from the wealth of thought and experience of the speakers, inspiration for our work.

OUR MISSIONARY SPEAKERS AT THE CONVENTION.

REV. ABRAHAM J. PALMER, D.D.

Rev. Abraham J. Palmer, D.D., is Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal

Church. He was born in the State of New Jersey in 1847, enlisted in the war as a private soldier, Company "D," 48th Regiment New York State Volunteers, in 1861, when he was fourteen years old. It is supposed that he has the record of being the youngest enlisted soldier in the army that fought for the Union. He was captured in the deathly night assault at Fort Wagner, S.C., on the 18th of July, 1863, and confined for nine months in a Confederate prison. He subsequently graduated from Western Middle town College, Connecticut, in 1870. Has been stationed at Grace Church, Staten Island; Waverley Church, Jersey City; Park Avenue and St. Paul's (second term), New



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York, and First Church, Yonkers, N.Y. New churches at Park Avenue, St. Paul's and Yonkers were built during his pastorate. In addition to a wide reputation as a preacher, he is well known throughout the country as a lecturer. His lecture, entitled "Company 'D,' the Die-no-mores," has been delivered many times. He received the degree of D.D. from Syracuse University and Alleghany College both on the same day, 1885.

REV. W. J. CARPENTER.

Rev. W. J. Carpenter is a native of Ohio by birth, but was raised in the West. He was converted in Western Kansas and licensed to preach, and entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in Missouri. In 1881 he joined the South-West Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was appointed to circuits, stations and districts till January, 1896, when he was transferred to Florida. He was the youngest Presiding Elder in his Conference in Missouri. He has always taken a deep interest in young people, and was elected President of the State League of Florida, after having been there six months. In his early ministry he began to collect a missionary library, and has given the subject of missions continued attention. He looked upon the movement as being the finest expression of the pulsing of the Redeemer's heart that belongs to the Church. God has blessed his ministry with many seasons of revivals; and, as a result, many have been added to the Church. During these meetings he urged the cause of missions, and those who have been converted under his ministry have shown a deep sympathy in and have been strong supporters of the work. He regards the Convention to convene in Toronto as one of the means to be used by our Lord to create and quicken a conscience in this work, which is so near to his heart.

REV. L. S. RADER, D.D.

Rev. L. S. Rader, D.D., who is to lead the devotional exercises at Metropolitan Church, Friday evening, although a young man, has been a pastor in the M. E. Church

eleven years, and a presiding elder four years. He was the ministerial delegate from St. John's River Conference to the General Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, May, 1896. He is a graduate of Scio College, and was given the degree of Doctor of Divinity by U. S. Grant University. He is now pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Greenville, Pa.

REV. F. E. DAY.

Rev. F. E. Day, who delivers the address on "Missionary Literature and its Circulation," at the Missionary Conference, is a member of the North-West Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is in his thirty-fourth year of age, and has occupied the offices of vice-president and president of the Iowa State Epworth League, which numbers over 100,000 members. At present he is a member of the Iowa State Epworth League Assembly Commission, elected to the State Convention, being editor of the official organ of that body.

He brings to the Toronto platform a reputation as an original and easy speaker, aiming at and succeeding in securing an interesting presentation of whatever subject he seeks to treat. Among his conference associates he enjoys full confidence, and holds a trusteeship of the conference-College at Sioux City. He has served on the Conference-Educational Committee for seven consecutive years. He is liberally educated in State and Church universities, and will happily occupy his place on the programme if he half fulfils the expectations of his friends. His local chapter of the Epworth League is one of the best of his Conference and his Church is one of the strongest, occupying the finest church edifice, within the bounds of the Conference, of any denomination. Rev. Mr. Day was born in California, but has passed his life since boyhood in Iowa.

REV. W. P. THIRKIELD, D.D.

Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D.D., is President of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., which Bishop Havgood has pronounced to be the most important and successful undertaking in the education of ministers, especially for the negro race in America or in the world. Mr. Thir-



REV. W. P. THIRKIELD, D.D.



REV. J. W. SHOAFF, D.D.

Thirkield began this work in 1883, with two students and an endowment of \$20,000. The institution now has an attendance of over ninety students, and an endowment of more than half a million dollars, with library and other buildings and equipments worth one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Thirkield was born in Franklin, Ohio, September 25th, 1854. He is a graduate of the Ohio University and the Boston University School of Theology. He has done much pulpit and platform work throughout the South, and has been an earnest worker in temperance, educational, Sunday School and League work.

REV. J. W. SHOAFF, D.D.

Rev. J. W. Shoaff, D.D., began to preach at the early age of nineteen years, and has filled important charges in Virginia, Baltimore and Alabama Conferences. During his pastorate at St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, he found it necessary to seek a more equable climate, and was transferred to the Alabama Conference and stationed at St. Francis Street Church in the city of Mobile, which is one of the most important charges in the State. He is now pastor of the First M. E. Church South in Selma. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by the Southern University located at Greensboro', Ala., some two years ago.

REV. JAMES C. MURRAY, D.D.

The Rev. James C. Murray, D.D., who is to speak on the "Missionary Impulse and Motive," is a native of the State of Indiana, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was engaged in educational work for many years as a teacher and Superintendent of Public Schools previous to his entrance on the work of the ministry. He studied theology in the Drew Theological Seminary, graduating from that institution in May, 1881. He then entered the pastorate in the North Indiana Annual Conference, of which he is still a member, and continued in that work about five years. He was next called to the chair of Exegetical Theology in Gammon Theological

Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, which he has held for the past twelve years. In addition to the work of his chair, he has given attention to popularizing Bible study in various ways, such as conducting institutes and Bible classes, preparing outline studies and delivering lectures. He is especially interested in mission work among the colored people of the South and in the evangelization of Africa.

REV. J. P. MCFERRIN, D.D.

Rev. J. P. McFerrin, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., U.S.A., who will speak at the Missionary Meeting at Mutual Street Rink, on the evening of July 16th, was born in the State of Tennessee, U.S.A., February, 1843. In the Fall of 1865, he entered the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and for more than twenty years filled many of its important appointments. In 1887, in obedience to Episcopal authority, he was transferred to the Holston Conference and stationed at Centenary Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. After three years of successful ministry in Chattanooga, he was transferred to South Georgia Conference, and stationed at Mulberry Street Church, Macon, Ga., from which, after two years, he was returned to Centenary Church, Chattanooga. He is now pastor of Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church South, Louisville, Ky.

J. E. HARRISON.



J. E. Harrison was educated in Tennessee, graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1883. Before graduation he held the position of Assistant in the School of English in the University. He served ten years in the pastorate, and was a representative of his conference in the General Conference of 1894. In 1893 he published a book on the Epworth League,

entitled, "Our New Building." In 1894 he accepted the



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REV. ALEX. SUTHERLAND, D.D.

presidency of San Antonio Female College, San Antonio, Texas, a college without buildings, students or funds. In a rented building the work was begun, and in three years there has been established a first class college, with buildings, students and a full faculty. The property, valued at fifty thousand, dollars is the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Harrison is first Vice-President of the Epworth League Board for his Church.

The Secretaries of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church of Canada.

It is not necessary to furnish our young people with pictures of our Missionary Secretaries, Rev. Dr. Sutherland and Rev. Dr. Henderson, to make them known. But we are sure that thousands of our Epworth Leaguers will be pleased to see these two pictures; as they look on them they will recall many earnest, eloquent, helpful addresses which have brought forth fruit as seed sown in good ground.

Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Henderson have an abundance of carefully sifted thoughts to give to the delegates who come to Toronto July 15th to 18th.

Epworth League Convention, Toronto, July 15th-18th.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS TO BE HELD DURING CONVENTION

Programme.

MISSIONARY DAY—FRIDAY, JULY 16TH, 9.30 A.M.

KNOX CHURCH—

Conducted by W. W. Cooper, Kenosha, Wis.
Devotions, Rev. Z. A. Parker, Athens, Ala.
Address, "Students' Volunteer Movement," Miss Ruth Sites, Foo Chow, China.
Discussion.
Address, "Students' Missionary Campaign," Rev. D. Norman, B.A., Aurora, Ont.
Discussion.

Address, "A Message From the Field," Rev. E. H. Richards, D.D. Norwalk, O. (15).

Address, "The Missionary Evening in the League," Rev. J. E. Harrison, San Antonio, Texas.

Discussion.

Address, "Missionary Literature and Its Circulation," Rev. F. E. Day, Sibley, Iowa.

Address, "Methods of Missionary Giving," Rev. F. E. Day, Perry, Iowa.

Question Drawer, Mr. F. C. Stephenson, Toronto, Ont.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

MASSEY HALL—

Address, "The Missionary Impulse and Motive," Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, D.D., Minneapolis, Minn.

PAVILION—

Address (Same subject), Rev. G. F. Salton, Ph.B., St. Thomas, Ont.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH—

Address (Same subject), Rev. W. J. Carpenter, Orlando, Fla.

COOKE'S CHURCH—

Address (Same subject), Rev. J. C. Murray, D.D., Atlanta, Ga.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Topic—"The World for Christ."

MASSEY HALL—

Chairman, Rev. J. D. Hammond, Macon, Ga.
Devotional Exercises, Rev. J. W. VanCleave, Mount Vernon, Ill.

Address, Rev. W. P. Thirkield, Atlanta, Ga.

Address, Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Toronto.

Address, Rev. J. M. Buckley, D.D., 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

PAVILION—

Chairman, Rev. S. W. Gehrett, Philadelphia, Pa.
Devotional Exercises, Rev. J. W. Shoaff, Selma, Ala.

Address, Rev. James Henderson, D.D., Toronto.

Address, Rev. J. P. McFerrin, D.D., Louisville, Ky.

Address, Rev. A. J. Palmer, D.D., 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.



REV. JAS. HENDERSON, D.D.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH—

Chairman, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Toronto.
 Devotional Exercises, Rev. L. S. Rader, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Address, Rev. W. F. McDowell, D.D., Denver, Col.
 Address, Rev. G. W. Briggs, Owensboro, Ky.
 Address, Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D.D., Cincinnati, O.

COOKE'S CHURCH—

Chairman, Bishop John F. Hurst, D.D., LL.D.
 Devotional Exercises, Rev. D. S. Houck, Picton, Ont.
 Address, Rev. A. Coke Smith, D.D., Lynchburg, Va.
 Lecture, "Africa," Bishop Walden.

Christian Missions and the Temperance Reform.

BY H. L. MACCALLUM.

WE beg to draw the attention of our Epworth Leagues to a *Leaflet*, entitled "Christian Missions and the Temperance Reform," recently issued by the Woman's Missionary Society. By a strong presentation of the havoc wrought in heathen lands, through the liquor and opium traffics, evils forced upon defenceless people by Great Britain, Holland, Germany and the United States, the writer, Mrs. Thornley, of London, successfully proves that every citizen of any land is personally responsible for the government of his country; every man, every woman, is a separate stone, a separate timber in the building up of some nation. In view of the present agitation for Prohibition in the Dominion—a movement led by Methodism—the young people of the Church will do well to supply themselves with copies of this *Leaflet*, to place in the hands of those whose education on the Temperance question has been neglected. From this sheaf of convincing arguments we quote the following:

"Hudson Taylor declares that in China opium does more harm in a week than all our Christian missionaries are doing good in a year. . . . The whole cause of missions in West Africa is imperiled by the liquor traffic. . . . The tap-root of the whole wrong lies in the licensed breweries, distilleries and liquor shops of Christian lands. . . . And Canada! What of her? Is she where, with consistency, she may cry out against the spoliation, for gain, of these 'children with adult passions?' Surely not. There is too much guilt upon her skirts.

"Only 5,000,000 of a population, but between seven and eight millions of a revenue from drink drops year by year into the coffers of the Dominion Government. Each Provincial Government, and every municipality that tolerates the curse, must also take its share of what Dr. Storrs calls "this coin of hell." Every winter grinding, bitter poverty, even amongst people willing to work, increases, while the drink traffic costs the country annually, 93,000,000 of dollars, throwing this enormous sum into channels that actually decrease our national capital, paralyze personal and corporate industries, and blot out the image of God in thousands of human souls . . .

"What, then, is the remedy? Surely the only road to answered prayer for these heathen lands, that 'lie bleeding at every pore beneath the wounds of European and American traders,' is to make clean the inside as well as the outside of the platter. To pour out our prayers over the liquor traffic in foreign lands, while we shut our eyes to the shame and pain and soul-loss coming from the same



REV. JAMES C. MURRAY, D.D.

source and lying at our own doors, is but a mockery of the One who taught us, through the picture of that helpless man on the Jericho road, that we may not pass by our brother, wounded and dying on the highway of life, to attain some distant good for ourselves or others. If each one of us gives gladly the little or much of prayer and effort that is within our power towards Prohibition in Canada, then can we pray God, with a clean conscience, for our heathen brother and sister."

These *Leaflets* may be obtained at two cents each, from Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto. Postage, two cents extra.

The Liquor Traffic.

WHAT HAVE WE TO DO WITH IT?

THE position of our Methodist Church in relation to this subject was well and forcibly put in the Report on Temperance and Prohibition as adopted by the General Conference at its last session. The following is a part of the report:

"That the liquor traffic of to-day is the greatest stumbling-block in the Church's progress, is fraught with untold evils to humanity, and spreads desolation over the length and breadth of our fair Dominion.

"That the efforts put forth by the Governments to restrain, by license laws, this cyclone of destruction, have failed in their purpose; be it therefore,

"Resolved, (1) That we are unalterably opposed to all efforts to regulate the traffic by taxation or license, high or low. These afford no protection from its ravages, but, on the other hand, entrench it in the Commonwealth, throw around it an artificial garb of respectability, and make the people partakers of and responsible for the evils resulting therefrom. 'It is impossible to legalize the traffic without sin.'

"(2) That we declare the complete and immediate prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes to be the duty of the civil Government."

As young people, loyal to every interest of our Church, we do not forget that this is a question, the solution of which requires and demands our most strenuous efforts. The solution of the question, too, will be brought about, not so much by strongly worded resolutions of representative and influential bodies, although these are necessary in defining their position, as by patient and continuous efforts of earnest individual workers in every circle of the community.

However disappointing to us may have been the postponement until next session of the consideration of the Prohibition Bill by the Dominion Parliament, let us not for one moment think that nothing can now be done. Rather, we must consider it as an additional incentive to more thorough work in preparation for the Plebiscite vote. Sir Richard Cartwright has stated that the Bill will be introduced early in the next session. That means that within twelve months we shall be called upon to engage in campaign for a Dominion Plebiscite. Direct votes of this nature have already, on different occasions, been taken in four of our Provinces with results as follows:

Province.	Date of Voting.	Votes cast for Prohibition	Votes cast against Prohibition	Majority for Prohibition
Manitoba.....	July, 1892	19,637	7,115	12,522
Prince Edward Island..	Dec., 1893	10,616	3,390	7,226
Ontario.....	Jan., 1894	192,489	110,720	81,769
Nova Scotia.....	Mar., 1894	43,756	12,355	31,401
		266,498	133,580	132,918

In April, 1893, the newly elected Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick unanimously adopted a strong resolution in favor of total prohibition. Now it remains for us, by an overwhelming majority taken simultaneously over the whole of the Dominion, to show that we are thoroughly in earnest in this matter, and are not to be set aside from our repeatedly expressed purpose—total prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes. The short space of one year or less is not too much time for thorough preparation for such a vote; nor must the fact be lost sight of that in January next the present Ontario Provincial Legislature will enter upon its last session. That means that within a year we shall be again electing men to represent us in the Local House. Past experiences have taught us that much of our success in securing effective temperance legislation lies in first securing men sound on the question to represent us. As to what we as young people can do in the immediate future to help on this work:

(1) We can begin to ascertain the views of any persons with whom we come in frequent contact. If they are not strongly in favor of prohibitive legislation there is no better work we can do than to induce them to see, what we believe to be, the only true and right side of the question.

(2) We can identify ourselves with whatever local active branch of prohibition advocates may be near us; and we can greatly assist them in the matter of distributing literature as may be necessary and in other details, thus leaving the leaders with their hands and time free to attend to matters connected with legislation, etc.

(3) We can make it our business to see that the local press is supplied with prohibition information, both local and general, and see to it that it is published, too. It may be necessary, sometimes, to have the information pre-

sented in the form of an address or discussion at a public meeting, and then send it to the press as a report of a meeting. This method will serve a double purpose, and has many things to commend it. This may serve as a suggestion as to how we can make good use of our temperance evening in the League.

This article is based upon thoughts given us by one of the most able and active prohibition advocates of our Dominion, and are intended to give the strongest emphasis possible to the fact that the preparations for the impending campaign should be begun now, and should be continued until the other side see that opposition is useless and cease their efforts to re-establish this accursed evil in our beautiful and loved Dominion. HORACE C. WRINCH.

An Appeal for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.*

By DR. J. S. ROSS.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," is true to-day as in the days of Hosea. We must study that we may be intelligent. The questions of the day which affect the moral and physical life of the nation and individual must be understood by our young people, if they are to bear their share in "Lifting up" our nation unto one whose God is the Lord.

The Temperance question demands our thought, our prayers, and co-operation with those who are working for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor.

Dr. J. S. Ross has, in his pamphlet, "An Appeal for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic," placed within the reach of all our young people reliable information regarding this question.

His reasons for the suppression of the liquor traffic are based on facts which are startling, but true, as they are gathered from the highest authorities on the question from medical, social and criminal standpoints.

Every League member should read Dr. Ross' pamphlet, that he may intelligently and effectively assist in the work of temperance.

Programme for July.

THE HINDERANCE of the Liquor traffic to Christianity.

HYMN 404, Canadian Hymnal.

PRAYER.

BIBLE READING.—Psalm x.

HYMN, 338.

WHY WE SHOULD SUPPRESS THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

1. Because it would wipe out a black reproach upon the name of Christianity.
2. Because it would prevent a sinful waste of our national resources.
3. Because it costs Canada \$28,000,000 every year for its Liquor Bill. We want the misery wiped out that drink brings, and the money it costs diverted into right channels.

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3. Our co-operation with the forces at work for the suppression of the traffic, especially in connection with the coming Plebiscite.

See articles in this issue. Also send for "An Appeal for the Immediate Suppression of the Liquor Traffic," by Dr. J. S. Ross (price 5c.,) from F. C. Stephenson, or Methodist Book Room.

Important to Those Who Intend to Come to the Convention.

Will you kindly send to F. C. Stephenson, 568 Parliament Street, Toronto, the names and addresses of the delegates from your Society to the International Epworth League Convention, Toronto, July 15th to 19th, that he may send each of them a badge, so that the Missionary Reception Committee may recognize them.

- I.—(1) Let us come up with prayer.
 (2) Secure the prayers of those whom we represent, that we may return with a blessing for ourselves and those whom we represent.
- II.—(1) Come determined to help as much as possible.
 (2) Come determined to get as much as possible. That none may be idle nor unfruitful.
- III.—(1) Ask your Society for a little money to spend, and calculate to spend some of your own, in Missionary Literature and Helps—the best are the cheapest.
 (2) If you can spare an hour please let us know, we need you on our Missionary Committee.
- IV.—(1) If you can obtain Indian relics, such as stone arrow heads, stone skinning wedges, or any Chinese, Japanese, or other relics, you will greatly help by bringing them to our missionary exhibit.
 (2) Let us each wear our missionary badge.

Waiters Who Grumble.

SOME Epworth Leagues seem to think because they have expressed a desire for a member of the Students' Missionary Campaign to visit them, that one will be sent without further effort on their part. Even some district officers

seem to think that they only have to wait until a member of the Campaign comes, and that he will arrange the meeting, and stir up a great missionary revival throughout their district. Worse than all this—some of the campaigners are inactive, they seem to think that all that it is necessary to do to be a Campaigner is to sign their names, and then wait until called out for service. It must be quite clear to all what the result of this kind of waiting will be. We have furnished each Campaigner and Epworth League, as well as the District officers, as far as possible, with a list of the Campaigners and their addresses, and a list of the districts which desire a Campaigner to visit them. As we intimated (see May CAMPAIGNER), we expected the Epworth League officers to correspond with the Campaigners, and the Campaigners to correspond with the Epworth Leagues, and thus accomplish the work desired. In a few cases this has not been done. Workers who desire work, or Leagues who need workers, please refer to May number, and correspond with workers. We hope that every effort will be made to make the most of every opportunity.

The corresponding member of the S. M. C., Frederick C. Stephenson, 568 Parliament Street, Toronto, is very anxious to help by letter or personally; he will, as far as possible, correspond with both Campaigners and Epworth League officers regarding any phase of the work with reference to organizing for meetings.

Are we Responsible? Can we Save \$28,000,000 every year?

All the missionary contributions of America, Great Britain and the Continent together, amount to \$11,250,000 annually. Canada alone spends \$28,000,000 every year for intoxicating liquor. The whole missionary contributions for Christendom would only pay Canada's drink bill for four and three-quarter months.

The total of missionary contributions from all denominations in Canada amount to about \$400,000 yearly, which would only pay Canada's liquor bill for five and one-quarter days.—From "An Appeal for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic," by Dr. J. S. Ross.



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Rev. J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., M.D.C.M.

WE are glad to be able this month to give our readers a photo-engraving of Dr. Jackson, together with a few facts from his life. In order to do this, however, we have had to delay the issue of the paper a few days, for which we hope this will be a sufficient apology.

Although we already have missionaries supported through the forward movement, Dr. Jackson is the first among those who have been most active in its development to be sent to the field by it; hence we feel this to be a most important point in the history of the work, and a point at which we would do well to stop and lift our hearts in sincere gratitude to God. May we not at the same time add a petition for the safe keeping of him and his companion as they enter upon their work.

With difficulty we obtained from Dr. Jackson the material for the following brief sketch:

Although he enjoyed the inestimable privilege of a Christian home and godly parents, it was not until he was sixteen years of age that he was thoroughly converted. He immediately became a member of the Methodist Church at Parkdale, and soon found scope for active Christian effort in connection with the West-End Branch of the Y.M.C.A., and also in conducting cottage prayer-meetings in connection with his Church.

At this time he was working as a bricklayer, at which occupation he spent eight years—four years as an apprentice and four years at the trade. Something of his Christian character then can be gathered from the fact that several of the men with whom he worked became converted during that time.

From a sense of unfitness for so high a work, for three years he resisted what seemed God's call to preach, but, to use his own words, "finally consented to go to college and fit myself, if not for the ministry, then for better equipment in Christian work in the Church." He spent a winter at Albert College, Belleville, and under the spiritual influence there he made the promise to God that he would follow wherever He should lead. The need for men then led to his appointment as assistant preacher on the Wyevale Circuit. In this work he found great pleasure, but the

following year returned to college, this time to the Wesleyan Theological College in Montreal, from which he graduated three years later, receiving the degree of S.T.L.

It was during his stay in Montreal that he became deeply impressed with the claims of the heathen upon him, and was led to give his life to the missionary work. The two men who most strongly influenced him to this decision were John R. Mott, who was then making his first tour of the Canadian colleges in the interest of the Volunteer Movement, and his much-esteemed professor, the late Dr. Douglas, who declared to him that if he were a young man he would "glory in proclaiming Christ in the distant regions." It was with much reluctance that his friends

gave their consent to his purpose for missionary work, but finally did so when it appeared to be a call from God.

After completing his course in theology, Mr. Jackson was exceedingly anxious to take a full medical training, but the heavy expenses connected with it seemed an insuperable barrier. Notwithstanding this, however, God so opened the way for him that he was able to enter at once upon the course of medical study at Trinity Medical College, and to pursue it continuously until he graduated in April of the present year, taking the full university degree of M.D.C.M., and also the fellowship degree of the college.

In connection with the Campaign work, Dr. Jackson last summer assisted in introducing the movement in a large number of the Leagues in the three Toronto

Districts. He also made a systematic series of visits to the Leagues in Brantford and Bowmanville Districts, both of which adopted the plans and are now working vigorously for missions.

Dr. Jackson will be supported by the Leagues of the Toronto Central District. He expects to start for his field on June 24th, so will probably be on his way there when this article reaches the hands of our subscribers.

H. C. WRINCH.

A missionary in Alaska says: "I find the natives a peculiar people. At times you think you know all about them, and again you know that you do not. While you are trying to study them they are studying you."



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How the Central District Came to be Organized for Special Missionary Work.

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MANY earnest missionary meetings, addressed by different Campaigners and conducted by officers and members of local Leagues, have been held during the past year in the Toronto Central District.

Early in December, 1896, a special meeting of the Central District Executive was called to meet Mr. F. C. Stephenson, who explained the work some of the other districts in Ontario had undertaken along the lines suggested in connection with the "Forward Movement," and more especially the supporting, by a District Epworth League of a missionary in the home or foreign field.

The Executive were impressed with the importance of the work and the opportunity that was offered for some practical work for our Leagues to take up. They accordingly decided to call a meeting of representatives from every League in the district, believing that if the object was to be attained, every League should co-operate. The Pastor, the President, Missionary Vice-President, and the members of the Missionary Committee of each League were invited, and a fairly representative meeting held at Broadway Church, December 28th, 1896, was the result, at which the President of the District, Rev. J. C. Speer, presided.

As far as the Central District is concerned, the matter first assumed definite form at this meeting, when it was unanimously and enthusiastically resolved to undertake the support of a missionary, and a committee, consisting of the Missionary Vice-President for the district, Mr. G. H. Wood, and the Convener of every League Missionary Committee, was appointed to carry it out.

This committee has met frequently, and, as a result, nearly every Young People's Society in the district has fallen into line, even those in the extreme northern part—too far from the city to attend our meetings—writing to inform us that they are in hearty sympathy with our work; and, better still, are going to help financially.

A very important and largely-attended meeting was held on January 29th, at the home of Mr. Fred. C. Stephenson, to select, if possible, the field or missionary to which the money raised by the district should be applied. On invitation of the committee, Rev. Dr. Sutherland was present, representing the General Missionary Society, and Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Hincks, representing the Woman's Missionary Society, both of whom spoke impressively upon the work and needs of their respective societies. While the committee thoroughly appreciated the grand and self-sacrificing work done by the Woman's Missionary Society, and were especially anxious not to encroach upon their sources of income, it was felt that, at any rate at present, it would be better not to divide the proceeds between the General and Woman's Missionary Societies, as suggested by Dr. Sutherland, but to devote all our efforts towards supporting, through the General Board, "our own" missionary. As Dr. Sutherland had intimated that there was great need of a medical missionary being sent to the West Coast of Vancouver Island, it was unanimously resolved that the Leagues of our district undertake the support of a missionary of the General Society in that field, at a cost of \$800 per annum. At a later date it was found impracticable to occupy the West Coast, and the Missionary selected was sent to Bella Bella.

The suggestion was made that Junior Leagues of the district might hand their missionary funds to the Woman's Missionary Society, which, if carried out, would more than make up any loss that society might otherwise sustain.

A word as to the district might not be out of place. In the city, its limits east and west, are Yonge Street and Spadina Avenue; but its length is much greater than its width, extending as it does from the Bay to Richmond Hill. The district includes seventeen Young Peoples' Societies, which altogether have a membership of about 1,000.

It is very gratifying to know that the young people are taking the matter up so enthusiastically. In fact, in April, only about three months after organization, in response to a request from the committee, asking for an intimation of the probable amount their League would raise before May, 1898, ten of the societies replied naming amounts which aggregated more than \$500. We understand some of the societies—such as Broadway, \$150; St. Paul's (Avenue Road), \$75; Yonge Street, \$75; New Richmond, \$50; Elm Street, \$25; Davisville, \$25; Thornhill, \$12; and Edgeley, \$5—have actually pledged themselves to contribute these amounts during the first year. There is therefore good reason to believe that in the future, as the young people of our district realize, as they undoubtedly will, to a still greater extent, the privilege which is now offered to them of doing something practical in helping on Christ's cause, and of putting into practice our motto, "Look up! Lift up!" they will take hold so earnestly, that even more than the necessary \$800 will be raised without trouble.

Our League motto can most appropriately be our motto in this movement also, for it is based on the "pray and pay" principle. Equally important with giving is praying; and thus, in joining this new movement we perhaps, more truly than ever before, both "look up" and "lift up."

There is even greater reason for activity on the part of our members now than when the work was first undertaken, for the Missionary Board have, as a result of the Central District organization, appointed Rev. J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., M.D., as Missionary to Bella Bella, an important point on the West Coast of the British Columbia mainland, where, especially during the summer fishing season, as many as four or five thousand people are there at a time. A hospital is being erected, and, as Mr. Jackson is doctor as well as minister, a field of untold usefulness awaits him. Although he is not going to Vancouver Island, as we at first expected, we believe the Missionary Board know the needs of the work so well, that we must simply accept the change; and while Dr. Jackson and his young wife labor amongst the Indians and whites thousands of miles away, we must be ever active at home, and constantly in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our missionary, and also on ourselves and our societies.

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