

Dear Bro. Belden: Can you forward this package to the person who succeeds you on the Com. on F. M. Miss. in your Presbytery of N. Jersey? This year is one of great prosperity throughout the whole country & we hope to do great things for the Lord. Stir up the Presbytery by letter if you cannot be present in person.

Fraternally,

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CAMPAIGN FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Presbyterian Committees on Foreign Missions:

DEAR BROTHERS:—Eleven hundred thousand dollars is the sum asked for in the interest of Foreign Missions during the current year. With six thousand public speakers to advocate the cause from the pulpit; with nearly one million workers in the churches; with vast resources of wealth at our command; with the door to every nation open, and a multitude of waiting laborers, it ought to be a delightful task to meet the requirement the General Assembly has set before us.

We trust that you will lose no time in awakening in your Presbytery a renewed interest in Foreign Missions. Organize that interest in each church, and then direct it to the most advantageous results. The following are some of the means that can be used:

1. Call your committee together at once and organize for vigorous, systematic work.

2. Enter into direct correspondence with every church through its pastor and session. Encourage a careful canvass of the entire membership of the church for a gift from each one for Foreign Missions. Ascertain the time when the pastor will present the subject of Foreign Missions to his people, and take up the annual collection. Ask him to report back to you the amount of the collection when so taken. Urge that the money be sent at once to the Treasurer of the Board in New York City.

3. Arrange for a convention to be held in each church on some prayer-meeting night, with a neighboring pastor to help. At this convention, aim to thoroughly arouse every department of work in the church—the Church proper; the Woman's Society; the Sabbath-school and the Young People's Society. The effort should not stop short of reaching every member of each body of workers. Encourage the Church to use such diligence as shall secure not only an increase of interest, but also a liberal gift from all those who have been non-givers.

4. Arrange a system of exchange between neighboring pastors, as far as is practicable, at which time they will be expected to present the cause of Foreign Missions with all the force that it is possible to give to the subject.

5. Distribute in connection with this ex-

change, such leaflets and cards of information as you may be able to secure for that purpose, from the Board.

6. On the most convenient Sabbath after the exchange, encourage the pastors to preach to their own people on Foreign Missions, and take the annual collection.

7. Engage the Young People's Society to systematically canvass the church, the congregation and the Sabbath-school and, as far as is possible, secure a weekly offering to be collected monthly from every member of each body of workers in the church, and also from all friends, for Foreign Missions.

8. By way of enlisting the interest of the Young People's Society in this work of securing subscriptions of the largest amount from the greatest number, it may be well to recommend that the churches allow to the Young People's Society, at least ten per cent. on the collections they make from month to month, with the understanding that this commission is to be sent to the Board of Foreign Missions of our church.

9. Send to each church a comparative statement of its gifts for the past two years as gathered from the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, and not from the Minutes of the General Assembly. Encourage the elders to send to 53 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for the Annual Report, and to make it a study.

10. Note the sum given last year by each giving church, exclusive of the Woman's Society and the Sabbath-school, and add to it half as much more and make that the sum that you request it to raise this year, with the cry for the campaign: *Fifty per cent. increase during the current year for the cause of Christ in foreign lands!*

11. Note the fact that more than 2,000 churches last year sent no contribution to the Board of Foreign Missions. Kindly look after these churches. They are under your care. Stimulate these non-giving churches and non-giving members to come up to the blessed enjoyment of glorious privilege; to the discharge of pleasant duty; to the full measure of obligation in sending the Gospel to those for whose salvation Christ says, "Go and preach."

For the extension of the kingdom of Christ in foreign lands,

Your fellow laborer,

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