

ORGANIZE LOCAL MEETINGS.

Holding in grateful remembrance the blessings which attended the November Simultaneous Meetings in 1887 and 1889, arrangements may wisely be made for a special meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions in every church (or at least in every locality) during the fall and winter. By systems of pulpit exchange, by central meetings attended by delegates from surrounding congregations, by grouping contiguous churches and making the pastors of each group a committee to carry out the plan for the group, and other similar devices, the accomplishment may be made comparatively easy. Great good has already resulted from the zeal of pastors and Presbyterial Committees in this direction; these popular meetings have greatly helped to dispel the ignorance and indifference which yet interfere with general participation in the work and glorious privilege of evangelizing the world.

CIRCULATE THE MAGAZINES.

The Church at Home and Abroad for \$1.00 a year, Woman's Work for Woman (in clubs) 50c. a year, Children's Work for Children (in clubs) 25c. a year, are excellent, and every member of each church and congregation ought to read one or more of them every month. They are too good to be enjoyed by only a few, and they can be made better if more people will take them. Subscribe for them, get up clubs, read them, lend them, *push* them, that they may be light-bearers in all of our congregations throughout the land. Yes,

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The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions having been greatly edified by a conference held at Trenton with a Secretary of the Board and members of nearly all of the Presbyterial Committees, desires to put before the churches of the Synod certain practical suggestions there presented.

OBSERVE THE MONTHLY CONCERT.

It is indispensable for the instruction of the general congregation in the principles and facts of missions. In most places it is likely to accomplish more if held on the evening of the Lord's Day. The abundant material now furnished upon the monthly topic makes it easy for Societies and Bands to contribute their share of information and enthusiasm; and a general participation both indicates and arouses interest. A good missionary map should always be at hand and the library should contain a proportion of missionary books. Dawson's "Hannington," Guinness' "In the Far East," Blaikie's "Livingstone," "Mackay of Uganda," Walsh's "Heroes," and "Modern Heroes," Page's "Patteson," "Mary and I," by Riggs. Prime's "Goodell," Coan's "Autobiography," and John G. Paton's (with its Young Folks' Edition)

are specimens of stirring biography; while such as Broomhall's "Evangelization of the World," Miss Gracey's "Gist," Maxwell's "The Bishop's Conversion," Pierson's "Miracles of Missions" and "Crisis of Missions" deal with the general subject. One copy of the last mentioned is given by the Board to any pastor applying for it; also, a line of varied and forceful leaflets and tracts, which may be obtained from Wm. Dulles, the Treasurer, at 53, Fifth Av., N. Y. A free use of such material cannot fail to promote healthy growth in knowledge, prayer and giving. For those who can avail themselves of a magic lantern found in the community, the Board loans (at the nominal cost of two dollars and express charges) slides, illustrating several of its fields, with prepared lectures to accompany them.

All of these means may profitably be used to make the Monthly Concert an occasion of interest and profit. But let it never be forgotten that its main object is *concerted prayer*. No other use of it will be greatly fruitful if this is lost sight of. Let information and instruction but stimulate to prayer to "the Lord of the harvest."

To neglect the Monthly Concert is to miss one of the most effective means for broadening and spiritualizing the people as well as for promoting and fructifying missionary zeal.

SYSTEMATIZE EFFORT.

Women's Work in Foreign Missions is a syno-

nym for growth and success. Its secret is found in its combination of system with consecration. Its wonders have been wrought by persistent personal and class instruction, in societies and bands, joined with persistent prayers and labors and regular gifts according to a plan. Let its methods, and above all its devotion, be emulated by us all. Especially let our societies of youth, now so numerous, inform themselves as to the principles upon which missions is based and the scriptural rules for giving to its support, and let each member learn to lay aside, "on the first day of the week," a proportion of his income, "as God hath prospered him." A growing army of youth well-grounded in the principles and practice of proportionate giving will go far in solving the future problem of missions.

The General Assembly has said: "The Presbyterian Church is a Missionary Society, * * * * and every member of the church is a member for life of that society and bound to do all in his power for the conversion of the world." The question is suggested, Why may not each Sunday School be a Missionary Society, Home and Foreign; each class, with its teacher, constituting a Mission Band (perhaps to report in turn upon some country or some special work), a part of the Sunday School service once a month being given up to reports and special prayer of a missionary character? Without any new machinery, would not this be the simplest and best organization for training up a missionary church? Try it.

APPOINT A MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENT.

It seems important that some member of each church (usually a layman, and an Elder) should be designated to have special care of the Foreign Missions interest in that congregation in co-operation with his pastor, and to be its correspondent with the committees of the Presbytery and the Synod. Such a strictly Presbyterian arrangement tends to unify and strengthen missionary activity throughout the church. Some of the Presbyterian Committees report such a correspondent in every one of their churches: let the plan be made complete throughout the Synod. When the correspondent has been appointed his name should be promptly sent to the Chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on Foreign Missions.

SUPPORT YOUR OWN MISSIONARY.

Six hundred dollars in some fields (e. g., Africa),—a larger sum in others,—will support an ordained missionary for one year. A strong stimulus to interest and giving has been furnished, in many cases, by the determination of a church or society (or a group of contiguous churches or societies) to assume a missionary's entire sustenance and so call him their own. Others care for a native helper, which requires a much smaller sum. If you would like to engage in such definite work, to hear from your own missionary and to have him come to see you when he returns, write to Mrs. H. H. Fry, 53, Fifth Av., N. Y., and she will tell you how you may do it.