THE MEN AND RELIGION FORWARD MOVEMENT.

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of the boys' secretary in the Y.M.C.A. The plan is to make the boys' secretary and his assistants active co-operators with every Sunday School and boys organization in the city. This is but the beginning of the work for the boys of the city which it is hoped and believed with be the means of winning the boys to the church and the Christian life.

The work of the city is moving at a rapid rate. Rev. J.W. Graves, of the Calvary Baptist church, chairman of the social service committee, visited Chicago to inspect the municipal lodging house, this being one of the things Mr. Robins recommended for Des Moines. He returned in time to present his report at the first meeting of the inter-church council. At that meeting a report was made as to conditions in the city and county jails which so aroused the men present that immediate steps were taken to secure relief. A committee was appointed to wait upon the city council, with the result that they appropriated $2500.00 for the immediate establishment of a municipal lodging house and employment bureau. The committee is now working upon a plan to form an industrial colony. It is believed that the cooperation of the county will be secured to bring this about.

The union labor interest of Des Moines have long been planning the erection of a labor temple. A sub-committee of the Social service committee is cooperating with the m. and are at work looking for a site and the securing of ways and means to make a labor temple a possibility.

Steps are being taken for the immediate organization of a joint social service registration bureau which will receive reports from all the different charitable organizations of the city, and the principal charitable organizations have already promised their help, and it is believed this will be in existence in a few months.

Another committee is at work to secure legislation which will result in a better system of vital statistics than is available at present. The other subjects that Mr. Robins recommended are being kept in mind and will be taken up just as soon as the other matters are out of the way.
The committee on community extension was hard at work with a large number of shops being organized before the eight day campaign. These meetings have been greatly strengthened and about twenty shops now have weekly meetings. This number will be increased from week to week and it is expected that practically every place in the city where men are employed in large numbers will be covered before spring. Dozens of men who never addressed a shop meeting before in their lives have been enlisted, and the universal expression is that the meetings in are doing the leaders and speakers almost as much goods as the men in the shops themselves. The committee on evangelism has planned a series of meetings on Sunday evenings for men in the churches of the city, and these are being well attended. A number of large mass meetings are being planned for different sections of the city during the winter. These are addressed by well-known speakers. The committee is urging individualistic evangelism everywhere, the idea being that every church member is to set him himself to one man or group of men not now in the church with the view to lead them to commit themselves definitely to the Christian life. The plan is also being considered of districting the city and of placing one man in charge of each block, or in a small portion near his home, and make him responsible for personal work in that section.

The committee on mission is being reorganized and recruited. The old laymen's missionary committee is made a nucleus of this new missionary committee and this work is prosecuted energetically.

The committee on outside cities is hard at work. A weekend campaign is being conducted practically every week, and several teams are now visiting all the towns and cities in Des Moines district. Most encouraging reports are coming from the cities already visited, and the calls for teams are so numerous that difficulty is being experienced in getting enough men to visit the cities that are asking for weekend campaigns.
The committee on community extension was hard at work with a large number of groups and organizations. During the week of meetings, there was an increased attendance and more reports were made. They were eager to participate and were motivated to improve the city where they are employed. They have made comments to improve meetings and meetings have been held more frequently and in the city where the meetings were held.

The committee on sponsorship found a variety of events to further in August. They met in the conference of the city and there were a few who attended. A member of the committee was appointed to be a representative for all sections. These members can be called representatives of the city or any member of the committee during the winter. These are representative of the city for any member of the committee. They are representatives of the city for any member of the committee and in a small portion near the home, they make their services available for a period of time.

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In the following months, men were able to attend the office and the schedule for meetings was published.
The Results.

Now that the Men and Religion Forward movement is over, the question is "What are the results? What did it accomplish? Are the results from it worth all it cost? This was the one question I had in mind from the beginning of this study and have made many inquiries as to this point, but from all have come practically the same answer; It is too soon yet to estimate the value and worth of this movement. In fact it will never be possible to estimate the full worth of such a movement. It was a great educational movement begun with the hope and expectation that the Christian men thus trained for work will produce results worthy of such an undertaking. Some immediate results, however, may be mentioned.

One of the important results of this movement was to give the church and the Labor organizations a much better understanding of each other. It brought before the churches many of the actual facts of the social conditions of their own community. The central committee sent out to the various sub-committees blanks with a set of six hundred questions which there were expected to make the investigation and collect the desired information. This great array of facts showed the churches how little was actually being done for the general welfare of the community. But greater than the mere collecting the facts, it gave each community a program for religious work. This, as we have said, was the greatest work of the Men and Religion Forward movement. We have seen how many of the communities after the Eight day campaigns took up the program outlined by the Team and have done much valuable work.

This program had a six-fold message. We will now indicate some of the results along these six lines.

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The Reader:

How shall the new and rising powers of the movement be charmed and educated to the service of what are the lessons which it can teach? This is what I mean to bring to the attention of this paper. From my own experience I have made many inquiries as to the point, but from all I have come practically the same answer: it is too soon yet to estimate the

nature and worth of this movement. In fact, it will never be possible to estimate the full worth of such a movement. It was a great mistake to suppose that the Christians men and women with the hope and eager attention that the Christians men and women had for the work will bring about a lasting and effective partnership. Some immediate lessons, however, may be mentioned.

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(1) The Jewish has been greatly interested in every city. A study of

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Schools and churches have been greatly increased. Besides this there have been organized many normal institutes for the training of Bible class teachers.

(2) Boys' Work has been greatly increased throughout the country. Boys' Work departments have been organized in hundreds of churches and new and enlarged work has been aroused in Brotherhoods and Y.M.C.A.'s.

(3) Community Extension has been wonderfully aroused. Not one city but has some form of strong gospel work in shops and factories which has been organized and placed in the hands of good communities.

(4) Evangelism has its frutage in the establishing a quickened desire on the part of pastors and laymen for personal winning of men to Christ. During the Campaigns a total attendance of all was over a million and half peoples, and seven thousand five hundred and eighty men and boys confessed and accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour.

(5) Social Service was wonderfully stimulated. Many churches caught a new vision of the practical application of religion, and have enlisted many people in this work who before had no use for the churches.

(6) Missionary enterprises everywhere received a new impetus. Many churches have increased their missionary collections and a large number of Mission Study classes have been formed as the result of this movement.

(7) Cooperative Work among the various churches and the other agencies in the communities has been one of the most encouraging results of this great movement.

(8) Christian Publicity. This was one of the strongly emphasized points of the Movement. The public was made acquainted with the work of the churches as never before, and the churches are now making use of the Public Press as never before, and the Press
Schools and colleges have seen a great increase in the number of students completing their education. (2) Community centers have seen a great increase in the number of members participating in community activities. (3) Workshops and seminars have been organized and attended by a large number of people.

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