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F.C. STEPHENSON FAMILY FONDS. --1884-[195-?]. --3.6 m of textual records. --58 maps : 30 x 42 cm or smaller graphic material. --40 glass slides. --26 photographs. --23 posters. --1035 stereographs.

Frederick Clark Stephenson (1864-1941) was the secretary of young people's foreign missions' groups in the Methodist and United Church. He was born near Bowmanston, Ontario. After studying at Albert College, Belleville and Trinity Medical College, Toronto, he applied to work in foreign missions. He began his work as organizer of the Student Missionary Campaign in 1894 and then became the first and only Secretary of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, 1906 to 1925, and of the Young People's Missionary Education Committee from 1925 to 1936. Annie Devina Watson (1862-1939) worked in missions as editor, writer, teacher, and speaker. She married F.C. Stephenson in 1896 and worked in for the above mission organizations as well as the Woman's Missionary Society and the General Board of Missions until her death.

Fonds consists of nine series: 1) Records relating to the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, 1894-1926, 2) Records relating to Methodist Missionary Education, [18--]-1949, 3) Records relating to Methodist Printing and Publishing, 1901-1936, 4) Records relating to the Methodist Church of Canada, 1898-1925, 5) Records relating to the United Church of Canada's Young People's Missionary Education Department, 1925-1941, 6) Records relating to National and International Bodies of Youth and Missionary Education, 1884-1937, 7) Stephenson Family Records, 1906-1940, 8) Cartographic Material, 1917-1933, 9) Graphic Material, [18--?]-[195-?].

See also Appendix A for a Historical Sketch on the Stephenson family and work with young people.

SERIES 1: RECORDS RELATING TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MISSIONS. - 1894-1926.

The Young People's Forward Movement for Missions (YPFMM) grew out of the Students' Missionary Campaign for a Forward Movement for Missions around the turn of the twentieth century. While the Young People's Forward Movement was a Methodist Church (Canada) movement, it was never a department of that church. Instead, the General Conference of 1906 appointed F.C. Stephenson secretary of the body, the purpose of which was to promote the cause of missions among young people through the provision of literature, and the holding of conventions and summer schools for the study of the Bible and missions. This work was to be carried forward by making use of the Church's young people's societies (Epworth Leagues, Mission Bands, etc), and the Secretary was to report to the General Board of Missions.

Series consists of eight subseries: 1) Minutes, 1896-1925, 2) Reports and Financial Accounts, 1897-1925, 3) Secretary's Correspondence, 1895-1926, 4) Promotional Material, 1900-1925, 5) Records relating to Volunteer Campaigns, 1894-1914, 6) Records relating to Summer Schools, 1901-1925, 7) Records relating to Mission Work, 1909-1925, 8) Historical Sketches of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, 1900-[1906?].

SERIES 1\Subseries 1: Minutes. --1896-1925.

Subseries contains extracts of Minutes of the Methodist Church General Board of Missions relating to the YPFMM, 1896-1925.

Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	1-5	Methodist Church Canada. General Board of Missions. Minutes [extracts] re: YPFMM	1896-1903
	1-6	---	1904-1911
	1-7	---	1912-1917

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Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
	1-8	---	1918-1923
	1-12	YPFMM. Minutes	1924-1925
	2-2	Secretarial Conference, minutes	1906

SERIES 1\Subseries 2: Reports and Financial Accounts. –1897-1925.

Subseries contains reports of the Secretary and financial records, 1897-1925.

Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	2-1	Annual Report	1910-1915
	2-6	---	1916-1919
	2-7	---, 'Victory Year,'	1919-1920
	2-8	---	1922-1925
	1-9	Methodist Church Canada. General Board of Missions. Report of Committee on Young People's Forward Movement for Missions. April,	1923
	1-10	---. August-September,	1923
	1-11	---. October,	1923
	2-5	MCC. Reports of Conference committees on missions	1918-1922
	2-3	Committee on YPFMM and Literature. Report	[1916]
	2-10	Financial documents	1905-1912
	2-11	---	1913
	2-12	---	1914-1919
	2-13	---	1919
	2-15	---	1920-1922
	2-16	---	1923
	3-1	---	1924
	3-2	---	1924
	3-3	---	1925
	2-14	Inventory report	1919
	19-12	Secretary's report, financial documents, publishing lists	1904-1925
	19-16	Reports on mission study; annual report	1912-1919
	20-1	Young people's pages from the <u>Missionary Outlook</u>	1908
	20-2	---	1909
	20-3	---	1910
	20-4	Pamphlets	1918-1925
	20-25	Newsclippings	1897-1920

SERIES 1\Subseries 3: Secretary's Correspondence. –1895-1926.

Subseries contains correspondence of the Secretary, including correspondence with district representatives of the YPFMM and related groups, 1895-1926 .

Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	5-4	Correspondence	1895-1901
	5-5	---	1902-1905
	5-6	---	1906-1912
	15-1	---	1912-1913
	15-2	---	1912-1913
	5-7	---	1913
	5-8	---	1914-1919

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Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
	27-10S	Letter Book index	1915-1916
	28-10S	---	1918-1921
	25-1	General file: correspondence, statistics, programmes	1915-1916
	25-2	Circular letters	1915-1916
	5-9	Correspondence	1920-1925
	5-13	--- re: Woman's Missionary Society	1898-1902
	7-1	--- re: Belleville District	1898-1900
	7-2	---	1901-1902
	7-3	--- re: Brockville District	1897-1900
1978.091C	7-4	---	1901-1902
	7-5	--- re: Exeter District	1899-1902
	7-6	--- re: Kingston District	1898-1902
	7-7	--- re: Montreal District	1895-1899
	7-8	---	1900-1901
	7-9	---	1902
	7-10	--- re: Mount Forest District	1899-1900
	7-12	--- re: Palmerston District	1899-1902
	8-1	--- re: Ridgetown District	1899-1902
	8-2	--- re: Simcoe District	1899-1900
	8-3	---	1899
	8-4	---	1901-1902
	8-5	--- re: Uxbridge District	1904
	8-6	--- re: Welland District	1899-1901
	8-7	---	1902
	8-8	--- re: Wingham District	1898-1902
	11-1	--- re: Manitoba and Northwest	1901-1902
	12-1	--- re: Canadian Collegiate Missionary Movement	1915
	8-15	Applications from potential missionaries	1906-1907
	5-1	Addresses	1909-1920
	5-2	Notebook	[1925?]
	5-3	Tributes	1926
	13-2	Fong Dickman, Chinese Church worker, Nanaimo, British Columbia, profile	
	13-4	Journal of China/Japan trip	1920-1921
	13-5	Journal of Japan trip	1921
	13-6	Japan trip, correspondence	1921
	13-7	China/Japan trip, receipts	1921
	13-8	Notes on Central India	1919

SERIES 1\Subseries 4: Promotional Material. –1900-1925.

Subseries contains promotional material concerning the YPFMM, including handbills, advertisements and postcards, 1900-1925.

Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	19-13	Wartime appeals	1918
	19-17	'How to make the Young People's League monthly missionary meeting a success,'	
	19-24	Prayer circle suggestions	[1922]
	19-15	Juvenile collectors: samples, correspondence	1922
	21-3	---. handbills, advertisements, publishing figures	1911-1917
	21-4	---	1919-1925
	21-1	Handbills, advertisements, postcards	1912-1918
	21-2	---	1919-1921

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Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
	21-5	Leaflets	1904
	26-18	'An open letter to the Epworth Leagues...'; organizational chart of Methodist Missionary Society	1900-1901

SERIES 1\Subseries 5: Records relating to Volunteer Campaigns. –1894-1914.

Subseries contains material relating to volunteer campaigns in the several conferences, including campaigns under the Students' Missionary Campaign, 1894-1914.

Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	6-1	Student Missionary Campaign, leaflets	1896
	6-2	---, circular letters and leaflets	1894-1896
	6-3	YPFMM campaign literature	1897
	6-4	---	1897
	6-5	Campaign reports, Montreal Conference	1897
	6-6	---, Bay of Quinte Conference	1897
	6-7	---, Toronto Conference	1897
	6-8	---, Hamilton Conference	1897
	6-9	---, London Conference	1897
	6-10	---, Manitoba and Northwest Conference	1897
	7-11	---, New Brunswick	1906
	8-17	---, city work	1909
	8-18	---	1912
	8-19	---	1914
	8-11	Campaign flyers and circular letters	1898
	8-9	List of campaigners	1898-1899
	8-10	Campaigners' applications	1898
	8-13	---	1899
	8-16	---	1908
	6-11	'The Missionary campaigner,' [serial], September,	1898
	8-12	Declaration cards	[1903?]

SERIES 1\Subseries 6: Records relating to Summer Schools. –1901-1925.

Subseries contains programmes, course outlines and promotional material for Summer Schools, 1901-1925.

Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	9-1	Executive committee minutes	1902
	9-2	Victoria College, correspondence	1901
	9-3	---, correspondence and forms	1902
	9-4	---, correspondence, forms, course outline	1903
	26-7	---, programmes	1901-1904
	26-19	Victoria College, promotional material	1901-1904
	9-5	Whitby (Ont.), appreciation	1902
	9-6	Correspondence	1913
	9-7	Mission study classes, correspondence	1914
	9-8	---	1914
	9-9	Correspondence	1915
	9-10	---	1915
	20-5	'Aim of the summer school for the study of the Bible and missions,'	1902-1904
	26-8	Summer School for the Study of the Bible and missions. Montreal Conference, Point Iroquois	1905-1908

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Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
		(Que.), Lumsden Beach (Sask.), Centenary Church, programmes	
	26-9	---. Bay of Quinte Conference, programmes	1903-1919
	26-10	---. Ridgetown District, Wingham District, Kawartha Lakes, Grimsby Park, programmes	1903-1907
	26-11	---. Syllabus, hymn sheet	1904, 1906
	11-3	Correspondence	1905-1925

SERIES 1\Subseries 7: Records relating to Mission Work. –1909-1925.

Subseries contains material relating to the Indigenous and Foreign Missions supported by the YPFMM, 1909-1925.

Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
		Indigenous Missions	
1978.091C	11-4	List of members of Grand River Methodist Society [copy]	
	11-5	List of Methodist missionaries and founding of Indian missions	
	11-6	Chronology of work in British Columbia	
	11-8	Report & inventory of Residential Schools and hospitals	1925
	11-10	Correspondence re: work in British Columbia	1909-1923
	11-11	Correspondence and sketches re: work in British Columbia	1924-1925
	11-15	Correspondence re: transfer of work from Foreign to Home Mission Board	1920-1921
		Foreign Missions	
1978.091C	13-10	Notes on a talk by Samuel Higginbottom re: Central India	

SERIES 1\Subseries 8: Historical Sketches of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions. –1900-[1906?].

Subseries contains historical sketches of the Movement and its forerunners, 1900-[1906?].

Acc. No.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	1-1	Historical sketches	
	1-2	F.C. Stephenson, 'Young People's Forward Movement for Missions,'; C.W. Service, 'The history of the Forward Movement for Missions,'	1900;1903
	1-3	Historical sketches of voluntary associations in the Methodist Church Canada	
	8-14	Historical sketch of the work	[1906?]

SERIES 2: RECORDS RELATING TO METHODIST MISSIONARY EDUCATION. –[18--]-1949.

Series consists of three subseries: 1) Promotional Material, 1916-1935, 2) Educational Material, [18--]-1949, 3) Correspondence and Reports, 1909-1932.

SERIES 2\Subseries 1: Promotional Material. –1916-1935.

Subseries contains promotions material for missionary education including, circulars, lantern slide inventories, clippings, etc, 1916-1935. Also included are transcripts of conversations of the promoters.

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	12-2	Transcript of conversations with missionary education promoters	1916-1917
	12-4	Promotional material for mission education programmes	1924
	12-5	Circular letters	1924-1926
	12-6	Promotional circulars	1920
	12-7	---	1921-1931
	12-10	Lantern slide inventory and letters of appreciation	1916-1935
	12-12	Lantern slide appreciations	1916-1923
	20-11	Mission study material, stories, newsclippings, articles	1916
	26-2	Collection box for missions	

SERIES 2\Subseries 2: Educational Material. --[18--]-1949.

Subseries contains educational material, including programmes for Epworth League study, scripts for pageants, bibliographies of study materials, and covers the period from Stephenson's work with both the Methodist and United churches, [18--]-1949. Of special interest is the material for a 'Missionary Trip around the World,' with stops in China, Japan, India and other places where the Methodist Church had missions: these materials include lesson plans, guidebooks and stories. In addition, there are circular letters from overseas missionaries in China, Japan, Korea, and other places where the United Church had missions.

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	12-3	Programmes for Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies	1923
	12-8	'Spirit of prayer,' circular	
	12-9	Lantern slide and portrait narratives	
	15-8	Senior and Intermediate lessons on stewardship	1932
	16-1	Clippings from young people's religious publications	1911-1925
	19-1	Missionary educational proposals for church groups	1906-1914
	19-3	Programme for missionary education in Epworth Leagues	1914
	19-4	Articles on the modern mission movement	
	19-19	Christmas pageant for Church of All Nations [script]	
	19-27	Sunday School missionary programme, 'Missionary pioneers of the United Church,'	
	19-28	Missionary topics for Sunday School: stories, pamphlets, schedules	1923-1930
	19-29	Lessons with missionary application on the Graded Lessons of the United Church	1933
	19-30	'A bird's eye view of the Home Missions of the United Church of Canada,' [script]	[1930]
	20-16	'The world outlook for religion,' [sermon outlines]	[1929]
	20-21	'Youth problems about life and religion,'[address]	1936
	20-23	<u>The illustrated history of Methodism</u> , extracts from publication	[18--]
	20-24	'A short history of "the people called Methodists",' pages from <u>The Christian Advocate</u> , 10 January,	1918
1992.100C	3-1	Correspondence and book lists	1928-1930
	3-2	Draft bibliography of study materials	

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Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
	3-3	Bibliographies of missionary education titles	[1939]
	3-4	Bibliographies	1921-1938
		Foreign Missions	
1978.091C	13-1	'Missionary trip around the world,' programme, correspondence	1907-1910
	19-5	---: programme for Sunday School and Epworth League	
	9-6	'Missionary trip around the world: Mission trip across Canada,' for Sunday School and Epworth League, lessons, guidebook, stories	[1908?]
	19-7	---: 'Junior League missionary trip to Japan,' lessons, guidebook, stories	[1905-1907]
	19-8	---: 'Junior League missionary trip to China,' lessons, guidebook, stories	[1914]
	19-9	---: 'Junior League missionary trip to India,' lessons, guidebook, stories	
	19-10	---: 'Junior League missionary trip to Arabia and Africa,' lessons, guidebook, stories	
	19-11	---: 'Missionary trip, Halifax to Toronto,' lessons, guidebook, stories	
	13-3	Notes on China and Japan for exhibit	
	13-13	Trinidad Mission material	1927
	13-6	list of photographs for slides of China and Japan	1921
	14-1	Circular correspondence on Chinese Missions	1924-1929
	14-2	---	1930-1933
	14-3	---	1934-1937
	14-4	---	1938
	14-5	---	1938
	14-6	---	1939-1941
1992.100C	1-4	---	1924
	1-5	---	1930-1943
	1-6	---, Honan	1936-1938
	1-7	---, North Honan	1938-1940
	1-8	---, Tsinan Station	1930-1935
	1-9	---, West China	[1932-1939]
	2-5	---, Cheeloo University, Honan	1929-1939
	1-1	Circular correspondence re: Japan	1928-1929
	1-2	---	1930-1931
	1-11	---	1928-1931
	1-12	---	1920-1949
	1-13	---	1933-1934
	2-1	---	1935-1937
	2-2	Circular correspondence re: Korea	1930-1931
	2-3	---	1931-1936
1992.100C	2-4	---	1929-1938
	1-3	Circular correspondence re: Angola	
	1-10	Circular correspondence re: India	1929-1934
	19-26	Facts on foreign missions	1926
1978.091C	20-14	'The young priest's choice,' [story]	

SERIES 2\Subseries 3: Correspondence and Reports. –1909-1932.

Subseries contains correspondence and reports re missionary education, 1909-1932.

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	12-11	Report of lantern slides used in campaign work	1919-1924
	16-1	Accounts for freight, cartage and expenses	1912-1915
	17-1	Reports	1909-1924
	17-2	---	[1925-1932]
	17-4	---	1927-1932
	20-15	Notes for conferences on modern missions	[1931]
1992.100C	2-6	'Co-operative Plan,' [shared distribution of lantern slides, curios], report, testimonials	1926-1927
	2-8	Correspondence re missionaries' tours, publicity	1932

SERIES 3: RECORDS RELATING TO METHODIST PRINTING AND PUBLISHING. –1901-1936.

Series contains subseries: 1) Publishing Correspondence, 1901-1936, 2) Manuscripts, 1905-1934, 3) Promotional Material, 1910-1928.

SERIES 3\Subseries 1: Publishing Correspondence. –1901-1936.

Subseries contains business correspondence related to printing costs, contracts, and related activity.

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	11-13	Correspondence re: W.H. Pierce autobiography	1919-1936
	16-2	Business correspondence	1901-1904
	16-3	---	1905
	16-4	---	1906
	16-5	---	1907
	16-6	---	1908-1910
	22-1	Correspondence with Thomas Crosby re: <u>Up and down the North Pacific Coast by canoe and mission ship</u>	1912

SERIES 3\Subseries 2: Manuscripts. –1905-1934.

Subseries consists of manuscripts, usually in typescript (and often carbon copy) form, 1905-1934. Included among the manuscripts are Thomas Crosby's corrected typescript for 'Up and down the North Pacific Coast by canoe and mission ship,' Annie Stephenson's, 'One hundred years of Canadian Methodist missions,' and several stories directed at young people on the mission theme.

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	11-14	Articles on Indian Missions, [typescript]	1905-1926
	11-17	"Captain John" Shwalis: Chief of the Chillwayuks,' [typescript]	
	11-18	'The Missionary Society organized,' [typescript]	
	11-20	'The Indian in his home,' Charles Clay [typescript]	
	20-13	'Kagawa, the source of his power and the Kingdom of God Movement,' by Joseph B. Francis	
	22-2	'Life of Thomas Crosby' table of contents,	

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
		dedication, introduction, holograph, [proper title: <u>Up and down the North Pacific Coast by canoe and mission ship</u>]	
	22-3	---, chapters XI-XIX, [typescript and holograph (corrected)]	
	22-4	---, chapters XX-XXVIII, [typescript and holograph (corrected)]	
	22-5	---, [editorial corrections to typescript]	
	22-6	---, [typescript (incomplete)]	
	22-7	---, chapters I-X, [typescript (corrected)]	
	22-8	---, [typescript (carbon copy, corrected)]	
	23-1	'The way of peace,' [holograph]	
	23-2	'The gospel advertised,' [typescript (carbon copy)]	
	23-3	'Ye gods of wealth and war,' [corrected typescript (incomplete)]	
	23-4	'The Sunday School teacher and the homeland,' chapter 3; 'The Sunday School teacher and the Nations,' chapter 4, [typescript (carbon copy)]	
	23-5	'Canada and the crisis,' by E.I. Hart, [typescript (carbon copy)]	[1917?]
	23-6	'One hundred years of Canadian Methodist missions,' by Mrs. F.C. [Annie] Stephenson, notes	[1925]
	23-7	'One hundred years of Canadian Methodist missions, 1824-1924,' by Mrs. F.C. [Annie] Stephenson chapters I-V, [typescript draft]	[1925]
	23-8	'The first one hundred years of Canadian Methodist missions, 1824-1924,' pp. 1-80, by Mrs. F.C. [Annie] Stephenson, [typescript]	[1925]
	23-9	'The first hundred years of Methodist missions,' [typescript for slide presentation]	[1924]
	23-10	'School days, or The land of four rivers,' [corrected typescript (carbon copy)]	
1978.091C	23-11	'The true story of Kezia Henry,' by Ella W. MacMurray, [holograph]	1926
	23-12	---, [typescript and carbon copy]	1926
	24-1	'Boys and girls from far away,' by Louise McDougall Keith, [typescript (copy)]	[1928]
	24-2	'The star of India,' by Isabel Brown Rose, [typescript (copy)]	1930
	24-3	'The Church and the world's farmers,' by Mary Jenness, [typescript (copy)]	[1931]
	24-4	'Manuscript for the adult study work on Christian missions among the American Indians,' by Lewis Meriam and George W. Hinman, [typescript (copy)]	1932
	24-5	'[Indian work of the United Church of Canada],' by Arthur Barner, [corrected typescript (incomplete)]	[1933]
	24-6	'The story of our Church,' by E.G.D. Freeman, [typescript (copy)]	1934
	24-7	'A young people's course on Christianity and the rural life of the world,' by Roy E. Burt, [typescript (copy)]	

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
	24-8	'Financing for God,' [script]	
	24-9	'In account with the silent partner,' [typescript (mimeograph)]	

SERIES 3\Subseries 3: Promotional Material. –1910-1928.

Subseries contains promotional material, including testimonials from Canadian ministers for various books published by the Methodist and United churches under Stephenson's imprimatur, 1910-1928.

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	14-7	<u>Missionary Bulletin</u> , testimonials	1911-1914
	14-8	---	1915-1923
	14-9	---	
	14-10	Testimonials on 'God's fellow workers,' by Hugh Keenleyside	1910-1913
	14-11	Testimonials on 'Just before the dawn,' and 'Studies in Japanese thought,' by R.C. Armstrong	1911-1915
	14-12	Testimonials on 'Drums in the Darkness,' by John Tucker	1927
	19-2	'Mission study textbooks and accessories,' catalogue	1914
	20-26	Testimonials on book offer	1924-1925
	20-27	Reviews of publications	1928

SERIES 4: RECORDS RELATING TO THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA. - 1898-1925.

As an official in the Methodist Church (Canada), Stephenson participated in the General Board of Missions, and the various young people's societies (Epworth League, etc.), as well as fundraising.

Series consists of three subseries: 1) Minutes and Reports, 1906-1925, 2) Records relating to the Epworth League, 1898-1914, 3) Records relating to the Methodist Association of Christian Stewards, 1914-1919.

SERIES 4\Subseries 1: Minutes and Reports. –1906-1925.

Subseries contains minutes of the General Board of Missions and reports from committees on numerous subjects, 1906-1925.

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	3-4	General Board of Missions. Executive. Minutes	1906
	3-13	---. Meeting synopsis, 16 October,	1914
	3-5	---. Joint meeting with Woman's Missionary Society. Minutes, Statement on literature	1916
	3-6	---. Minutes	1911-1922
	17-7	General Board of Missions. Report on cultivation of the Home Base; statistics on services to ethnic communities in Ontario	1913-1923
	3-11	Woman's Missionary Society. Waterloo District (Que.). Convention. Report	1910
	3-14	Committee on Christian Stewardship. Minutes and report	1918-1924
	3-17	Stewardship Committee. Report	1924-1925

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Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
	11-16	Review of Indian Missions	1924
	19-18	'Memorandum showing why the Methodist Church of Canada should advertise,'	1917
	19-21	Notes on the mission work of the church	[1912?]
	19-22	'A week of missions,' [statement on mission activity]	[1923]
	19-23	'General outline of the unified plan of education and giving,'	
	20-6	'The French Canadian problem,' [essay]	
	20-7	Articles, addresses re: urban work with recent immigrants in Toronto	
	20-8	Proposal for a School of Missions	[1917]
	20-9	Sunday School and Young People's War Memorial [brochure]	1919
	20-10	Review of 'Wesley, the Anglican,' by William Harrison in <u>Christian Guardian</u> , 18 February,	1920
	20-22	'The Layman's Missionary Movement,' [essay drafts]	[1918?]
1986.200C	1-11	'Report of Committee on co-operation between men and women in missionary administration at home and abroad,' printed and typescript (copy)	1912
	1-7	Methodist Women's missionary organizations: reports, minutes	1911-1914
	1-12	---	1911-1914

SERIES 4\Subseries 2: Records relating to the Epworth League. –1898-1914.

Subseries contains records relating to the Epworth League, including pamphlets on training schools, activities in local congregations, and Conference convention programmes, 1898-1914.

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	26-1	Epworth League. Prayer meeting topics, pamphlet	1900
	26-3	---. London Conference. First missionary normal training school, July 9-16, pamphlet	1908
	26-4	---. Programmes for activities in local churches	1898-1905
	26-5	---. Institute programmes	[1903]
	26-16	---. Annual convention programmes	1898-1914

SERIES 4\Subseries 3: Records relating to the Methodist Association of Christian Stewards. – 1914-1919.

Subseries contains material on the Methodist Association of Christian Stewards, including reports, correspondence and articles, 1914-1919.

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	15-3	Reports and memorials	1914-1919
	15-4	Correspondence	1917-1919
	15-5	Articles on stewardship for 'The Christian Steward,' newsletter	
	15-6	Articles and promotional material [typescript]	
	15-7	--- [typescript]	

SERIES 5: RECORDS RELATING TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. –1925-1941.

F.C. Stephenson left his position with the Methodist Young People's Forward Movement for Missions in 1926, immediately being appointed Secretary of the United Church of Canada's Young People's Missionary Education department within the General Council's Committee on Literature, General Publicity, and Mission Education. Stephenson had no greater official position in the United Church than he had in the Methodist Church, but he continued to promote missions among church youth and to publish mission tracts.

Series consists of three subseries: 1) Minutes and Reports, 1925-1941, 2) Records relating to the General Council Commission on Missionary Education, 1933-1936, 3) Correspondence and Publications, 1925-1939.

SERIES 5\Subseries 1: Minutes and Reports. –1925-1941.

Subseries contains minutes and reports relating to United Church of Canada work on missionary education, 1925-1941.

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	3-8	Minutes of union committee re: religious education	1925
	3-9	Board of Religious Education. Minutes	1926
	3-10	Committee on Missionary Education. Minutes	1925-1936
	3-18	Congregational Missionary and Maintenance Committee. Report	
	3-22	Board of Foreign Missions; Board of Home Missions. Financial statements	1939-1940
	3-23	Board of Foreign Missions. Agenda	1940
	17-9	Proposed material for mission study in Sunday Schools	
1978.091C	17-10	Proposal re: mission education in young people's societies and programme of study	
	17-11	Interviews with church officials re: missionary education	
	18-5	Addresses, lectures re: missionary education	1931-1936
	24-10	Contested will and estate of Sarah Margaret West. Supreme Court of Canada	1941
1992.100C	2-10	Reports	1927-1937

SERIES 5\Subseries 2: General Council Commission on Missionary Education. –1933-1936.

Subseries contains records relating to the General Council Commission on Missionary Education, including correspondence and reports, and Stephenson's statements and proposals for YPME work, 1933-1936.

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	17-12	Statement by F.C. Stephenson	1933
	17-13	Correspondence and reports	1933-1936
	18-1	Statements to the Commission	1933-1934
	18-2	Statements, background material	1933
	18-3	Proposals from Young People's Missionary Education Secretary	1934-1936
	18-4	Completed questionnaire on missionary education,	1935

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
		Methodist Episcopal Church, USA	

SERIES 5\Subseries 3: Correspondence and Publications. –1925-1939.

Subseries contains F.C. Stephenson's correspondence files as Secretary of YPME, including material on Sunday school publications, the Summer Schools (largely confined to Ontario Conferences), as well as correspondence and articles re Home, Indigenous and Foreign Missions of the United Church, 1925-1939.

Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	5-10	Secretary's correspondence	1925-1930
	5-11	---	1931-1937
1992.100C	2-9	---	1933-1934
1978.091C	5-16	--- re: Sunday School publications	1931-1933
	13-9	--- re: Central India Missions	1930-1939
	17-8	Financial records	1928-1934
	19-14	Nodus Tonus Group, study guide	
	19-31	<u>Young People's League</u> , Bulletin # 2	
		Summer Schools	
	10-1	Applications for schools	1927
	10-2	Whitby. Correspondence, attendance, course outline	1928
	10-3	---. Minutes, reports	1928-1929
	10-4	---. Correspondence	1930
	10-5	---	1931
	10-6	---. and applications	1932
1978.091C	10-16	Alma College (Whitby). Correspondence	1931
	10-7	Ryerson Beach (Ont.). Correspondence	1931
	10-8	Northern Ontario. Correspondence, course outline	1931
	10-9	Camp Macaulay (L'Orignal, Ont.). Correspondence	1931
	10-10	Manitoulin Islands. Correspondence	1931
	10-11	Oak Lake (Bay of Quinte). Correspondence	1931
	10-12	Point Iroquois (Ont.). Correspondence	1931
	10-13	Algoma (Ont.). Correspondence	1931
1978.091C	10-14	Elgin House (Muskoka, Ont.). Correspondence	1931
	10-15	Kingsville (Ont.). Correspondence	1931
	10-17	Couchiching (Ont.). Correspondence	1931
1992.100C	2-7	Correspondence, pamphlets	1929-1931
		Indigenous Missions	
1978.091C	11-3	Correspondence	1926-1939
	11-9	--- re: Indian Missions in West	1914-1931
	11-12	--- re: work in British Columbia	1926-1939
	11-21	--- re: Congregational Church (Canada) Indian Missions	1934
	11-22	'The present situation,' [notes on Indian Missions]	[1931?]
	11-23	'The Blackfeet,' <u>Macleans Magazine</u> , 15 March,	1931
	11-24	News clippings re" Indian Missions	1924-1934
		Foreign Missions	

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Acc.	Box-file	Title	Date(s)
	13-11	Remarks by Bishop J.R. Chitambar, Central India, to Canadian audiences	1932
	13-12	'Songs of Cathay,' Carol Winnifred Quentin [typescript]	[1928]
	19-20	Memo re: text book on Korea for 1930-1931 mission study	[1929]
1986.199C	1-3	---	1931

SERIES 6: RECORDS RELATING TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES OF YOUTH AND MISSION EDUCATION. -1884-1937.

Series consists of reports and correspondence from several Canadian and American bodies in the fields of youth and mission education, including the International Council of religious Education, the Ontario Sunday School Association, the United Stewardship Council and others, 1884-1937.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	26-17	Canadian Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. Niagara Assembly. programmes	1890-1891
	26-14	<u>Chautauqua Quarterly</u>	1904-1908
	3-12	Committee on the Home Base. Correspondence	1911
	26-15	Grimsby Park. Souvenir programmes	1884-1907
	20-20	Institute of Social and Religious Research. Correspondence and advertisements	1933
	20-12	International Council of Religious Education. Proposals on Near East Relief	1924
	3-21	International Missionary Council. Report of meeting	1928
	3-24	International Young People's Conference. Findings Committee. Report	
	19-25	London Missionary Society [U.K.]. 'Khama celebration,' [script]	
	20-18	Methodist Union [U.K.]: report on union celebration	1931
	20-19	Methodist Church [U.K.]: 'Strangely warmed,' by R. Newman Wycherley [song service]	
	17-6	Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada. Reports and correspondence	1912-1924
	17-3	. ---	1925-1926
	17-5	. ---	1933-1937
	3-25	'Notes on overchurching and underchurching and on the practise of comity,'	[192-]
1992.100C	2-11	Ontario Provincial Advisory Committee for Co-operation in Boy's Work. Reports, correspondence, minutes	1918-1926
1978.091C	26-6	Ontario Sunday School Association. Syllabus, programme for summer schools	[1906]
	20-28	Religious Book Week Committee [U.S.]: Reviews and articles	
	3-7	Religious Education Council of Canada. Minutes	1925-1926

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Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
	3-19	Report on Leadership training and promotion	1928
	26-13	Summer Schools in the United States, programmes	1903-1909
	3-16	United Stewardship Council. Minutes and correspondence	1921-1926
	3-20	---	1927
	26-17	Wesley Park, Niagara Falls, programmes	1887, 1890
	13-15	World Sunday School Association. Secretary's report	1919
	26-12	Young Men's Christian Association. Summer Schools at Niagara, pamphlets	1907-1909

SERIES 7: STEPHENSON FAMILY RECORDS. –1906-1940.

Series consists of Stephenson family records, 1906-1940. Series includes Annie Stephenson's daily journal (1926-1937, missing 1934), her correspondence from a trip to Japan and China in 1920-1921, and her general correspondence. There is also a corrected typescript of F.C. Stephenson's memoirs, and his personal correspondence with R.C. Armstrong, W.G. Smith and others.

Acc. No.	Box File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	4-1	Daily journal of Annie Stephenson	1926
	4-2	---	1927
	4-3	---	1928
	4-4	---	1929
	4-5	---	1930
	4-6	---	1931
	4-7	---	1932
1986.200C	1-1	---	1933
	1-2	---	1935-1936
	1-3	---	1937
	1-4	---	1938-1939
	1-5	Annie Stephenson letterbook from Japan	1920-1921
	1-6	Annie Stephenson correspondence	1913-1936
1978.091C	4-8	Notes on the death of Annie Stephenson	1939
1986.199C	1-4	Tributes to Mr and Mrs Stephenson	1933-1939
1986.200C	1-8	Memoir of F. C. Stephenson	
	1-9	---	
	1-10	Stephenson family genealogical information	1936-1940
1978.091C	5-12	F.C. Stephenson correspondence	1938-1940
	5-14	---. with R.C. Armstrong	1927-1929
1986.199C	1-1	---	1927-1929
1978.091C	5-15	---. with H.F. & Mrs. Kemp	1930-1932
	5-16	---. re: care of family members and estate	1932-1935
	5-17	---. with W.G. Smith	1934-1936
1986.199C	1-2	F.C. Stephenson correspondence	1931-1932
	1-5	Stephenson mortgage	1906
1978.091C	5-18	letters received	1937-1939
	13-14	letters from Angola [index]	1938-1939

SERIES 8: CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL. – 1917-1933.

Series consists of cartographic material including fifty-two annotated maps of cities and counties in

Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime provinces, as well as maps generated by the Methodist and United churches detailing missions in Canada and overseas, 1917-1933.

See Archives Catalogue for item level descriptions of maps.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091	MC-10	Annotated Maps	
		<u>Alberta</u>	
		Banff	1925
		Vermillion	1928
		Blackfoot	1921
		Calgary	1925
		Rosebud	1922
		Edmonton	1927
		Calgary	1926
		Red Deer	1922
		St. Ann	1917
		Peace Hills	1921
		Calgary	1931
		Wainwright	1924
		<u>Ontario</u>	
		Chatham	1931
		Owen Sound	
		London	1931
		Cornwall	1930
		Stratford	1930
		Dundas/Stormont/Glengarry counties	1928
		Welland&Lincoln counties	1928
		Prince Edward County	1928
		Lincoln&Welland counties	1920
		Grey County	1923
		Ontario/Quebec (Cornwall sheet)	1929
		Ontario (Gowganda sheet)	1929
		Hastings County	
		Ontario (Hamilton sheet)	1928
		Ontario (Windsor sheet)	1927
		Ontario (Parry Sound sheet)	1929
		St. Thomas	
		Waterloo&Wellington counties	1928
		Rainy River	1930
		Brockville	[1919]
		Ontario/Quebec (Ottawa sheet)	1929
		London	1928
		St. Catherines	
		Ontario (Toronto sheet)	1928
		Niagara Falls	1930
		Sudbury	1931
		Ottawa	1929
		Galt	
		Sault Ste. Marie	1931
		North Bay	1931
		Belleville	1931
		<u>Quebec</u>	

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Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1978.091C	MC-10	Quebec (Sherbrooke/Eastern Townships)	[1931]
		Quebec (Blanc Sablon sheet)	1921
		Quebec (Sherbrooke sheet)	1929
		Ontario/Quebec (Harricanaw sheet)	1927
		Montreal	1921
	MC-10	Quebec (Gatineau sheet)	1929
		Montreal	1933
		<u>Maritimes</u>	
		Prince Edward Island	1927
		St. John, N.B.	
	MC-10	Nova Scotia (Cape Breton sheet)	1927
		Mission Maps	
		Methodist Church Canada. Missionary Soccity.	[1921]
		'Mission map,'	
		Young People's Forward Movement for Missions.	1924
		'Methodist missions in Canada and Newfoundland,'	
		United Church of Canada. Young People's	1928
		Missionary Education. Map of Summer Schools	
		---. Map of mission fields	
		---. 'The Japan mission of the United Church of Canada,'	

SERIES 9: GRAPHIC MATERIAL. --[18--?]-[195-?]. --26 photographs; --25 negatives; --40 glass slides; --23 posters; --1035 stereographs.

Series consists of two disassembled scrapbooks containing pictures taken from publications, [18--?]-[195-?]. Subjects of images include Home and Foreign Missions, and Indigenous Canadian Missions. In addition, there are some posters and an extensive stereograph collection.

See Archives Catalogue for item level descriptions of photographs.

APPENDIX A: HISTORICAL SKETCH

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"I desire to call your attention to a missionary movement among the young people of our Church which is destined...to accomplish great good in promoting a missionary spirit in the Churches, and in developing true Christian liberality on the lines of systematic giving. It is becoming known as the 'Students' Missionary Campaign.'"

- Dr. A. Sutherland, Secretary of the General Board of Missions, 1896.

Dr. Sutherland's prophecy proved correct: the Students' Missionary Campaign for a Forward Movement for Missions, beginning among college students and Epworth Leaguers, grew into an organization of international importance among the churches. By 1899 the Movement had become known as the Methodist Young People's Forward Movement for Missions (hereinafter called, the YPFM), and had inspired the development of Campaign work and organizations in the United States, England, Ireland and Scotland. In 1901 leaders of these movements held a convention in New York out of which developed the Young Peoples' Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada which promoted the sale and widespread use of inexpensive missionary literature as well as promoting missionary aims in the several young peoples' conventions in the United States and Canada.

The YPFM had its roots in the Student Volunteer Movement which had spread in the late 1880's from Princeton campus to several universities and colleges in the United States and Canada. The SVM was interdenominational and simply promoted the dedication of college students to a missionary career. The YPFM owes its origin and vitality essentially to one of those early Volunteers: Frederick Clarke Stephenson. F. C. Stephenson, born in 1864, was a late-comer to college; he had worked several years as a clerk before entering Albert College in preparation for medical school, and he continued to earn his own way until the Church finally gave recognition to the YPFM by appointing him Secretary with a minimal salary. In Albert College he organized a prayer group with the specific object being "that God would open the way for Student Volunteers to be sent to the mission field." In 1894 while working his way through Trinity Medical College he applied to the General Board of Missions for placement as a missionary but was refused because of the Board's serious lack of funds. He tried another evangelical missionary organization, was tentatively accepted, but while he filled out the application he realized his place was with his own denominational missionary society, even if it was then a 'sinking ship'. In his home District of Cobourg he began a campaign to enlist Methodist young people's support by prayer and givings. This marked the first stage in the growth of the YPFM. With all his support for the year assured by a successful campaign, he again applied for a field and was again refused; this time the Board felt hesitant about sending a missionary supported by the ever-changing young people's organizations. Stephenson was not deterred. He and his fellow students organized an assault of 70 Campaigners who addressed over 35,000 people in 48 Districts and in 6 of the 10 Conferences. Cobourg District chose Dr. Stephenson as their missionary representative and 6 other Districts applied for mis-

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sionaries: Brantford, Toronto East, Toronto West, Toronto Central, Bowmanville and Bradford. In the fall of 1896 the General Board approved the appointment of F. C. Stephenson as Corresponding Member for the Movement for the year, and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith who had already been under appointment from the Board were sent out as the first YPFM-supported missionaries. With the organizing zeal of Dr. Stephenson the Movement began to spread steadily until district after district became organized under the YPFM motto: Pray, Study, Give. By 1903 53 Districts had been organized for the support of 38 missionaries in the field and 2 under appointment; of these, 13 were new men not having been under the General Board before the coming of the YPFM. By 1910 107 missionaries had been assigned under YPFM auspices; over 90 Districts had been organized and several individual church groups and private persons had taken on the responsibility of supporting a missionary.

Although the YPFM supported its missionaries all appointments and all matters of discipline were the authority of the General Board of Missions. From the beginning it was clearly understood that the Movement was to be strictly loyal and connexional; that is, under the direct discipline of the Board. There were no local YPFM groups: the Movement worked through existing Church organizations; chiefly, the Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor groups, Sunday Schools and Junior Epworth Leagues. Methodist university students volunteered some or all of their holidays for campaign work; that is, for a systematic visitation of every possible circuit where interest might be raised. The Campaigner had the way prepared by the minister whose assent was necessary before beginning work and whose assistance was needed to consolidate and extend support and organization for the Movement. Campaigners were required to fill out detailed report forms (Files 97-133) which were used as the basis of the YPFM's annual report to the General Board.

The first YPFM Committee was composed of:

C. W. Service, B. A., M.D., C.M. (Vic '95)

H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D. (Vic '95)

F. C. Stephenson, M.D. (Trinity Medical College '97).

Within a few years Service was appointed to China; Warren was settled on a local circuit where he promoted the missionary aims of the YPFM; and Stephenson began his long career as Secretary (at first, Corresponding Member) of the YPFM. Recognition was slow in coming for the YPFM. The General Board made a pro tem decision to sponsor the Movement until the General Conference met in 1898. At the latter date Conference authorized the engagement of Stephenson as Corresponding Member for the Movement. By 1903 General Conference made provision for Dr. Stephenson to sit on the General Board of Missions as an ex officio member; only in 1906 was the recognition complete with the membership of Stephenson made permanent as a full member. The first report of the YPFM to be published in the Annual Report of the Missionary Society was in 1907 (the 12th Annual Report of the YPFM): the earlier Reports are missing from the Collection and appear to be lost.

The headquarters for the YPFM shifted as the Movement grew: from a friend's business address in Cobourg Stephenson moved to 568 Parliament Street in Toronto (where also in 1896 he took his bride); within a few years the headquarters were moved to 81 Czar [Charles] Street and eventually to the Mission Rooms in the Wesley Building on Queen Street. During all these years Dr. Stephenson continued as Secretary of the Movement; in 1925 the YPFM was phased out and a Committee on Missionary Education took its place. Dr. Stephenson acted as Secretary of the Young People's Missionary Education Committee of the United Church of Canada until his retirement in 1936 when he was succeeded by Kenneth J. Beaton. In retirement Dr. Stephenson was as active as ever, but in 1939

with the death of his wife and long-time partner in the missionary enterprise his correspondence falls off rapidly. He continued his life-long habit of organization, however, and in 1940 set up a cooperative student residence in his own house on Charles Street. He was on his way to a planning meeting for the second year of operation when he was struck down in the street; he survived only a few hours into the morning of September 26, 1941, ending a highly dedicated and productive ministry. (For details on his life and work see the obituary notices, tributes and life sketch in The United Church Observer, October 15, 1941, pp. 6, 7, 30.)

The YPFM was built on the three-pronged motto: Pray, Study, Give. Each received equal emphasis as it was dependent on the growth of the others. Prayer played a central role in the Movement: in the triangle used to depict the YPFM motto prayer formed the base. From the beginning the Movement focused on prayer: prayer preceded action just as prayer groups had preceded the Movement. A continuing feature of the Movement was the publication of prayer themes on specific areas of the missionary work. The backbone of the Movement was its mission Study groups where missionary literature of all kinds and descriptions was eagerly devoured. Dr. Stephenson was always anxious to add that prayer, to be meaningful and purposeful, had to be informed by knowledge through serious study. In recognition of this aim the Campaigners began with a small circulating library and made strong appeals for each Epworth League and Sunday School to have its own lending library of missionary information: they even took orders for such literature as a prime part of their work. The small library at their headquarters grew into a huge publishing operation. At first only a 4-page monthly periodical appeared under the YPFM name: The Missionary Leaguer (begun December, 1895). But by May of the following year the publication was expanded for a national constituency and renamed The Missionary Campaigner [for the only copy in the Collection, see File 103a]. Subscriptions were immediately raised at a minimal rate and by 1898 the periodical reached 10,000 subscribers; the Campaigner did so well that in 1899 the General Board of Missions decided it was time to amalgamate it with their own organ, The Missionary Outlook. In the same month (January, 1899) The Epworth Era began publication with two pages constantly available for the use of the YPFM. In March, 1903, the first issue of The Missionary Bulletin made its appearance: the Bulletin was the official publication of the YPFM from 1903 - 1922. It was a highly specialized periodical containing letters and photographs from missionaries supported in whole or in part by the YPFM - in many ways it resembled its predecessors, the Missionary Notices, in its use of the personal, direct contact between the missionary and his supporters at home. Among the early contributors appeared many notable men: Crosby, Endicott, Hart, Kilborn, Large, McDougall, McKenzie, Norman, Osterhout, Pierce, the Steinhauers and Wrinch. The first denominational missionary text book published by the YPFM appeared in 1903, The Heart of Szechwan, by E. W. Wallace. By 1924 the YPFM had published 102,374 such text books on missions. Slides depicting missionary life and work had been introduced in 1902 and were in such demand that by 1910 a department had to be set up to deal with orders on a rental basis. Missionary pictures and swarms of leaflets, booklets and information sheets flowed steadily from the YPFM presses. Mission study took on a new angle with the introduction of Summer Schools for the study of the Bible and of Missions: the first school was held on the campus of Victoria College in Toronto in 1901. The experiment proved eminently successful and summer schools became a recognized part of the mission study scheme in all the Conferences - even after the Union of 1925. [See Files 134-160, also see articles

on summer schools and their locations in occasional issues of The Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, File 287]. The third step of the plan was giving: two cents a week per member per year was recommended. From the beginning the YPFM was warned not to cut into Missionary sources of revenue: pledges through the YPFM were to be over and above regular missionary givings. The new plan worked so well that not only did the YPFM treasury reap substantial yearly increases, but the missionary societies also benefited from the example of systematic giving by the young people. As each successive District was organized under the plan the income of the Movement increased. A graphic and compact picture of the finances (income only) for the years 1897 - 1921 can be gained by consulting the back page of an autumn number (1921?) of The Young People's Forward Movement entitled, "Plans for the New Year in the Sunday School 1922 - 23" (File 287). From the earliest collections to 1925 the total income amounted to over \$3,000,000; at the time of union over 100 missionaries received their financial support from the YPFM.

Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson began their work in a creative period of the Church's life and work. For the Methodist Church and very far beyond its borders they became at once the inspiration and the organizing centre of missionary vision, missionary education and missionary activity during that creative period.

The Epworth League, the Christian Endeavor Society and the Student Volunteer Movement were all organized during the middle and late eighties. These movements awakened and organized young people at a time when financial depression and a lagging spirit in the church seemed to present insuperable obstacles to missionary advance. Those two factors combined to produce the opportunity so boldly seized by the Y.P.F.M. for Missions at home and abroad.

In 1894 F. C. Stephenson, already a student volunteer for Foreign Missions was working his way through Trinity Medical College in Toronto. Applying to the Methodist Missionary Society for appointment he was met with the reply so well-known in our time - "no funds." In the same circumstances other students had turned to the Boards of the United States. Within a few years no less than twenty-seven Canadians had received foreign missionary appointment under American Boards. Mr. Stephenson, however, met the Board's refusal with a direct challenge, as follows: "If I go out and raise my own support will you send me to the field?" Receiving an affirmative reply he went during the Christmas vacation to his home district of Cobourg, visiting every Epworth League and came back with the full amount of his salary pledged by the young people, mostly on the basis of two cents per week.

But this young medical student had done much more than secure subscriptions for a few hundred dollars from young people as poor as himself. He had begun by pledging them to pray for missions and especially for himself as their prospective missionary. They had further promised to study missions and to keep in touch with him after he went to the field. That campaign represents the first organized activity of the Y.P.F.M.

It was decided to appeal to the young people throughout the Church according to the same general plan, using Christian students as campaigners. The summer of 1895 was spent mostly in and about Toronto but by 1896 seventy students (out of over two hundred who volunteered) were engaged in the campaign over a wide area. More than 600 missionary meetings were held. The Y.P.F.M. was under way. N.B. Then called the Students' Missionary Campaign.

In the earliest records of this movement one can trace the following principles, which seem to have persisted throughout its changing history:

1. The imperative of God's ^{would} purpose as expressed in the Great Commission.
2. The reality of prayer and its power for both objective and subjective results.
3. The belief that conviction must be based upon knowledge and expressed in activity.

4. The indispensable place of personal interest based upon personal contact; use of the missionary as a "Living Link."

5. The necessity of systematic giving among people of limited means.

6. The value of co-operation in producing massed results.

During the summer of 1897 the International Epworth League Convention was held in Toronto. Although the privilege of a public address on the new movement was not granted, effective measures were taken by Dr. Stephenson to bring the delegates into touch with the activities and methods of the student campaign for missions. As a result, the movement was introduced into the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. After a visit to Toronto in the following autumn Mr. Fletcher Brockman, then a travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, recommended the Canadian method of student missionary campaigns to all the American universities and the new movement spread rapidly throughout the United States. In the following year it was further advertised and promoted by Dr. Stephenson at the quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement. Finally, in 1900, at the Ecumenical Missionary Conference held in New York City there was organized the Young People's Missionary Movement to serve all denominations. This organization still carries on under the name Missionary Education Movement. Three years earlier Mr. James Woodsworth and Mr. (now Dr.) Perry Dobson, both students at Oxford, had introduced the movement into Great Britain.

In the meantime several missionaries had been assigned for support by district organizations of the Epworth League and the practice was adopted of sending letters from the missionary to his supporting constituency. This created a living link between the young people and the mission field and later developed into the Missionary Bulletin which for many years held a unique place among missionary publications.

Another method of education which came into use as a normal development was the Summer School for the study of the Bible and Missions. The first of those was held at Victoria College in 1901. In 1902 the Presbyterians conducted a Summer School in Toronto at the same time and in the evenings union meetings were held. In that year too, the first interdenominational Summer School was carried on by the Y.P.M.M. Movement of the United States and Canada, at Silver Bay, N.Y. Soon after Rev. F. W. Anderson was appointed Canadian Secretary of that Movement. The Y.P.F.M. had become general.

The Movement in the Methodist Church under Dr. Stephenson's personal direction continued to grow. Dr. Stephenson was persuaded by the Secretary of Missions to allow another man to go to the field as representative of the Cobourg district, giving the doctor opportunity for organizing other districts. The Secretary also rather cleverly insisted that before additional missionaries were sent out the young people should first assume the support of these already on the field. Permanence of the work and the need of more money for home missions were the arguments to support this decree. This direction was followed but withal by 1902 eleven new foreign missionaries had been sent forward. By 1908 conditions had so far improved that there sailed from Vancouver the largest contingent of new missionaries ever to leave a Canadian port.

Other financial enterprises were now undertaken. The cost of a new hospital in Chengtu was underwritten. Assistance was given in providing a new building for the mission press. The young people had a part in providing a college building for what has now become the West China Union University. Many smaller objects were taken up for their special support.

At the time of Union more than 100 missionaries were under support, partial or complete, by the Y.P.F.M. and the contributions made under its auspices through the years had reached a total of \$3,000,000.

In the meantime, building of a different sort was going on at home, the building up of an interested and informed constituency. From the first the motto of the Movement had been, "Pray, Study, Give." When the student campaigners began their work the only missionary literature available consisted of two small leaflets. A monthly, called the Missionary Outlook, was published in co-operation with the W.M.S. Space in this and other church periodicals not being available to the student leaders, they began publishing a little monthly of their own called the Missionary Campaigner. This attained a circulation of 10,000 before it was merged with the Missionary Outlook several years later.

Reference has been made to the Missionary Bulletin which developed out of the demand for wider circulation of letters from missionaries on the field to their friends of the home constituency. Groups were organized for the study of missions and for these something more comprehensive was needed. At first use was made of John R. Mott's "Evangelization of the world in this Generation," but some thirty years ago the Movement published its first textbook. This was "The Heart of Szechwan" and it was written by E. W. Wallace, then a student at Victoria College, of which later he was Chancellor. Lack of space prevents me from enumerating the long list which followed. This work of meeting demand with supply has continued until the Y.P. Missionary Education Department of today can supply as complete a list of graded missionary literature for all purposes as can be found on the American continent and probably anywhere in the world.

Lantern slides and other accessories followed in the normal course of development.

In this connection it ought to be pointed out that the demand for missionary literature was not built up by advertising and display of the literature primarily. This always received attention but the real source of growth in the demand for literature lay in the promotion of the Movement itself. By student campaigns, missionary addresses in individual young people's societies, District and Conference Epworth Leagues, attendance at Annual Conferences, the organization of mission study groups, the promotion of regular missionary instruction in Sunday Schools and the use of a monthly missionary program in the Epworth League - by these and many other means the Movement was built up throughout the Church.

Among all methods of the Movement, however, its most characteristic feature was the practice of making the personality of the Missionary the central factor in missionary cultivation. Student missionary campaigners organized and enlisted the young people in the first instance. Every missionary under appointment before sailing was expected to make a thorough visit of the district to which he had been assigned for support. During his term of service letters were frequently exchanged between him and the young people's organization of his constituency. Returning on furlough he again renewed personal acquaintances

throughout his supporting district. The young people knew their missionary, loved him and prayed for him by name. His letters were in the nature not of impersonal information but came as friendly personal messages concerning an enterprise with which they were identified. Thus by personal interest in a living person, young people in the church were led out into interest and participation in the enterprise as a whole.

I have omitted most of the early and all the later history of the Movement - its struggles for recognition by the Board, its loyalty to the Church, the fellowship created among those at home and abroad who had been workers together in its prolonged campaign. Its value cannot be measured in dollars contributed nor by the number of missionaries supported. Its contribution has been made principally in the realm of the spirit - in ideals and ideas set in operation, in personalities enkindled with a passion for the Kingdom of God. One missionary secretary of the United States said to the writer - "The foreign missionary enterprise owes more to your Dr. Stephenson than to any other living man." Confining our survey to our own Canadian territory I believe the estimate to be correct.

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