

### A Continent of Opportunities.

ONE-FIFTEENTH of the land surface of the globe, dowered by Nature with almost unparalleled facilities for wealth; a country where freedom of thought, freedom of dress, and freedom of conscience are possible to all, and yet a country most deplorably enslaved by sin, ignorance and superstition—"the land of the Holy Cross," in the very shadow of which the Romish Church permits the vilest of immoralities to flourish unchecked; a Republic, with a population of sixteen million souls, who are practically without the Bible or Christian teaching, averaging but one Gospel worker to 137,931 people. *This is Brasil!* Has the Lord no laborers among us for this part of His Dominion?

#### COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA.

Over six million people, and only twelve or thirteen Protestant missionaries! "the ignorant and weak under the power of a corrupt priesthood; the intelligent and educated, as a rule, completely under the influence of infidelity." The handful of workers here are earnestly appealing for help. Shall we let them cry in vain?

#### PERU, ECUADOR AND BOLIVIA.

In the midst of rich mineral resources and magnificent agricultural possibilities, the eight or nine million inhabitants of this old land of the Incas are wasting with most distressing spiritual poverty. Here Rome rules supreme, the Bible is under the ban of the Church, and despite the civilization and culture of the large cities, ignorance and superstition abound.

"Peru, with its splendid railway system, 650 schools, well-equipped army and navy, and world-famed products of bark, silver and guano, has only two mission centres."

"Ecuador, probably the loveliest country of all South America, has never had a missionary!"

"Bolivia, though visited by colporteurs, has *no resident missionary!*"

#### CHILI.

In intelligence, enterprise and industry, Chili is easily first of all the South American republics, possessing many of the accessories of modern civilization. There is no religious intolerance here. The country is a beautiful one, the climate the finest in the world; and yet, in this most attractive of mission fields, there are only about sixty-one Christian workers to over three million of a population. Who will help to reclaim this choice bit of the vineyard for the great Owner!

#### ARGENTINE AND PATAGONIA.

In these States, now counted as one Republic, the great mass of the Indian and half-caste inhabitants are, as yet, unevangelized, there being only twenty-seven missionaries to reach the nearly four million non-Christian population.

#### PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY.

Paraguay, with a population of about four million, averages one foreign missionary to eighty thousand people; and Uruguay, the smallest of these republics, averages one foreign missionary to every 150,000 inhabitants.

Has South America not been well termed "the neglected continent?" Think of it, Christian farmers and mechanics, business and professional men. *You* are needed here as well as Christian ministers. There is no influence so potent for good as upright, Christ-like living! Prayerfully study the needs of this country of wonderful opportunities. Help this dark land Godward.

### Mission Sunday at Weston.

A somewhat unique idea was carried out by Rev. Mr. Ferguson in connection with the missionary services at Weston, February 14th. Advantage was taken of the presence in Victoria College of representatives of various departments of missions, and the meetings of the day were conducted by Messrs. Yooseph, of Persia; Takagi, of Japan; Black (Pashageshie), of our Indian missions; George Lawrence, representing the home mission work; and W. E. Gilroy, representing the Student Volunteer Movement. Large audiences greeted the speakers at the morning, afternoon and evening services. The representatives from Persia and Japan told of what Christianity was doing in their lands and pointed to Christ as their only hope. Mr. Lawrence related the difficulties of our work in Muskoka. His whole-souled appeal, backed up by evidence of great personal sacrifice, cannot but bear fruit. Mr. Gilroy spoke briefly and sang at each service. Mr. Black's address to the children, and his songs in Indian language, were very interesting. He is doubtless going to be, under God, a power to his own people.

The services of the day were, on the whole, quite unique, but eminently successful and enjoyable, and marked by a strongly spiritual character.

### Mimeograph.

This word comes from two Greek words, *mimesis*, imitation, and *grapho*, to write, and therefore means imitating writing. It will reproduce any handwriting exactly. We use it for duplicating letters. By the aid of this machine we have been able to send a letter to each minister who has a charge in our Church, besides sending hundreds of letters to Epworth Leagues and Epworth League officers. It is a splendid machine for duplicating programmes and printing notices. Several ministers have bought it for use in their churches. A Quarterly Board could not do better than buy one for the Sabbath School, Epworth League and Church work. A business house, which sends out circular letters cannot afford to do without the Mimeograph, it saves so much time and money. Surely church notices are as important as circular letters. We shall be glad to send full particulars as to cost, size, etc., if you will drop us a card. (We would rather you would write and enclose return postage.)



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