

W. M. S. Notes.

The annual meeting of the Newfoundland branch of the Women's Missionary Society will open at Government Street Church tomorrow, Wednesday, at 8 o'clock, continuing throughout Thursday and Friday. A large number of delegates have arrived to attend the lessons, which will be full of interesting items. On Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, the anniversary service will be held, at which facts and figures concerning the work of the past year will be presented, and special music rendered by the choir and city talent. The address will be delivered by Mrs. H. A. Jarvis of Kingston, Ont., President of the Board of Managers. All sessions are open to those interested in missionary work.

At the Nickel Theatre to-night each person will be presented with a complimentary package of Life Savers. You are sure to like Life Savers. They are delightful.—June 5.

No Commerce and No Money.

MOST LONELY ISLAND OF THE SEVEN.

MONTEVIDEO. (Associated Press).—The British island of Tristan da Cunha, in the middle of the South Atlantic, with its 120 odd souls, mostly descendants of Napoleon's St. Helena guards, who hardly hear from civilization more than once in two years, is at last to have a missionary and radio communication. For more than 18 months an English clergyman named Rogers and his wife have been trying to reach the island from Cape Town and finally induced the captain of the Japanese steamship, Tacoma Maru, which left Cape Town on March 26 for the River Plate, to deviate from his regular course and land them at Tristan da Cunha. W. Dennis Myers, a passenger on the Tacoma Maru and a lawyer of Cape Town, who has just arrived here, tells of the vessel's call at the island with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and thinks the population is truly in need of a missionary.

A HOPELESS TANGLE OF REDS.

"The student of evolution, the psychologist as well as the missionary, would find much to interest him in this curious, forgotten community," says Mr. Myers. "The settlement originated, it is said, when a detachment of soldiers who were guarding Napoleon at St. Helena, to the north, were despatched to Tristan da Cunha to forestall the remote possibility that Napoleon might attempt to escape thither. Two of the soldiers remained and, importing wives from St. Helena, laid the foundation of one of the strangest settlements in the world. From time to time shipwrecked mariners have added to the inhabitants on the island, who have married and intermarried till relationship after a century has become a hopeless tangle. Nearly all the present population were born on the island and have a colored strain in their blood. They speak English with a peculiar drawl, resembling West of England speech. There is one old Italian among them, shipwrecked from a sailing vessel, who appears to have forgotten his own name and in fact his mother tongue.

A DECADENT POPULATION.

"Continued intermarriage has in this generation produced some pitiful children. Some of them are idiots, some lack limbs, some are deaf and dumb. The population does nothing agriculturally except to cultivate potatoes. On this food, together with fish and penguin eggs, they chiefly exist. There are few wild cattle and a few sheep and out of the wool of the latter the women knit rough woollen stockings. That is their only manufacture. They wear old clothes, mostly seamen's, bagged from the ships, usually wandering windjammers, that visit the island at rare intervals. There being no commerce there is no need for money. The islanders' attitude toward visitors is curious. As he stands before one, his head droops, his arms fall listlessly to his side and he answers simply and uninterestedly questions as to his life and mode of existence. He seems to have no other interest than to trade a penguin, an albatross skin or a seal's flapper for an old shirt, a little tobacco, or anything from civilization that would be useful. He articulates slowly and with difficulty as if he had almost forgotten speech. 'I did not see one smile, MISSENIARIES HAVE BIG ORDER.

Tristan da Cunha is a mountainous island high rising out of the ocean waves like an inverted piddling bowl, and as we saw it, it was wreathed in swirling mists. The little country is a mere huddle on a green strip of land at the foot of the mountain range, having no commerce and no money. These people certainly come from the outside world. The few plucky missionaries who have settled themselves among them, for at least two years will try to teach them. They bring large quantities of supplies, including comforts and, by radio, they have heretofore been in communication with the outside world."

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Teaching Ships to Speak.

It is part of a British warship's duty to teach merchant vessels of her own nationality to "speak" correctly in the many-tongued language of the sea.

She does this by rehearsing them in different methods of intership "talking," much after the fashion in which a teacher of foreign languages gives oral instructions to a pupil.

"I wish to exercise you in signals," says the warship to the mercantile vessel as they meet.

The latter intimates that she is ready, and the lesson begins forthwith.

As to the subject matter of it there is no fixed rule. It may be merely a "hull mechanic exercise," or the phrases repeated may be as seemingly innocuous as the "Have you seen the pen of my aunt" of the French primer.

What a ship talks about during her "school hours" matters little. The essential point is that she should have a sound knowledge of the language she is being coached in and be able to "speak" it fluently and correctly.

Upon her ability to do this important matter may at times depend. During war periods fighting ships look to trading ships for useful information, while trading ships have to "take in" warnings, directions and the like from fighting ships and from shore stations.

In times of peace merchant craft use "signals"—the common tongue of the ocean highways—to call for help when they are in trouble or to tell each other news as they pass.

For their own benefit, therefore, it is necessary that they should be as well up in "signals" as possible, and this explains why the warship takes every opportunity of coaching them in a form of "speech" of which she has an erudite and professional knowledge.

The international code, being a sort of universal language of the sea, is generally used for the lessons. These are of a varied character as ships "speak" to each other in different ways, and wireless has not edged out the older methods of communication.

Long distance apart two big flags and a "drum" beneath them hoisted at the masthead will enable two vessels to indulge in quite a lengthy and vivacious gossip. The "drum" may be a barrel or anything else that is round in shape.

"Flag wagging," semaphoring and operating flash lamps are other systems of visual signalling in which a warship tests the skill of the "pupils" whom she picks up trudging along the sea lanes.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Toy Capital of Europe.

WHERE MODERN IMPROVEMENTS ARE UNKNOWN.

TIRANA, ALBANIA. (Associated Press)—The distinction of being the "toy capital of Europe" so long enjoyed by Cetinje, the old site of the palace and court of King Nicholas, of Montenegro, falls now to Tirana, the capital of Albania, where regents, chiefs, boys, ministers and diplomats are beginning to congregate to set up the governmental magnificence of the new state, the last to be admitted into the League of Nations. Tirana still burns oil for light. She has no communication with the outside world except a wagon-road leading to "her seaport," Durazzo. She boasts a market place and five mosques and has lately adapted an old building into a hotel called "The International Hotel." The government palaces are scattered throughout her winding, narrow streets, which are lined with merchants displaying their wares sitting with crossed legs in the Arab fashion.

In Sofema and Honorable State, The stores and houses, roofed with a red tile, are all of one story. Distinction is given the government buildings adapted to the use of government by the introduction of a few chairs and desks. Each building has no more than six or eight rooms. The ministers enter their offices with great solemnity and ceremony. Orderlies and ushers stand at attention while the heads pass. Inside his office, the minister calls his ushers by an old-fashioned table-bell, well electric bells being wholly unknown in this primitive land. With stern severity, every one addresses the minister as "Your excellency." Diplomats have only a legal residence in Tirana. Minister Ayera, the British plenipotentiary, who has the unique dignity of being it. Italy also maintains a diplomat the representative of the only country to recognize Albania formally, lives in Durazzo making the trip to Tirana when state functions demand residence in Durazzo.

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