



A Missionary Calendar—April, 1908



- 1 **Bishop William F. McDowell, D.D., Chicago.**
Big enterprises need big men. Small men seize them and both are ruined. Holy enterprises need holy men. Unclean hands lay hold of them to their eternal hurt.
- 2 **F. Howard Taylor, Chicago.**
The Lord Jesus Christ was willing to die for you, for me! He wants these people to be saved, and He wants us to help Him.
- 3 ***Rev. E. J. Carson, B.A., Chentu, China.**
This Chinese work demands long, patient and careful preparation. Pray for us that we may have grace to prepare ourselves properly for the difficult work that lies before us in the coming years.
- 4 **John W. Wood, New York.**
To work without prayer is to be guilty of infidelity; to pray without work is to be guilty of rank disloyalty.
- 5 **Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D.**
The old Gospel is as potent and as true to its transforming record in mission fields to-day as it was in the apostolic age. The classic story of Paul's conversion on the way to Damascus can be paralleled in the history of mission conversions in many fields.
- 6 **Rev. Marian F. Beach.**
It is God who has placed upon your heart and within your power the burden for the Celestial Kingdom. Let it ever remain there until China's millions shall be millions obedient to Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
- 7 **Bishop J. W. Bashford, D.D.**
If God is the God of the universe, if Jesus Christ is really He through whom all things were made and without whom was not anything made that hath been made, then He is the Saviour of all men, and we have no justification for robbing the people of India and of China of their birthright in the name of liberality.
- 8 ***Rev. C. W. Service, B.A., M.D., Chicago.**
No doubt an occasional seed falls on good soil. One knows not which may grow, but must keep on sowing, hoping that some seeds may bring forth fruit unto life eternal.
- 9 **Rev. Arthur Judson Brown, D.D.**
To look upon myriads of human beings who are bearing life's loads unaided and meeting life's sorrows unhelped, to offer them the assistance that they need for time and for eternity, and to have the offer fall upon deaf ears—this is a grievous thing.
- 10 **Rev. Hunter Corbett, D.D., China.**
China needs above all a true and loving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. With this foundation will come strong Christian character, happy Christian homes, and the manifold blessings of the Gospel which elevates, purifies and ennobles life, and makes this earth to rejoice and blossom as the rose.
- 11 ***Rev. E. J. Carson, B.A., Chentu, China.**
We visited a couple of Mr. Hoffman's stations on the way to (Chentu) and found at each place an eager desire to hear the foreigner. The chapels each time were filled to overflowing, and the people listened attentively to the pastor's words.
- 12 **Rev. Henry W. Luce, Chicago.**
If there is one fact especially true in our lives, it is that some of us may miss the plan of God for our lives. We ought to pray and hope that we may not miss that plan.
- 13 **Rev. Thos. F. Gallor, D.D.**
To be a Christian means accepting the Christ as God—living by His power and presence, thinking His thought, willing His will, and that will is the saving of all mankind. Here is the spirit and motive of the mission work of the Church.
- 14 **Frank W. Black.**
I have heard it said, and I believe truly, that the great thing for a man is not that he should become a foreign missionary, but that he should do the will of God.
- 15 ***Mrs. W. E. Shibley, Kiating, China.**
Never in our lives were throne and the knowledge of prayers ascending to the Throne for us more inspiring than now. We want to keep in touch with you. We want to live close to your hearts. You have your share as well as we. We remember you daily in prayer to the All-Father, that He may guide you, prosper you and keep you close to Himself.
- 16 **Mr. Edward B. Sturges.**
Heroes are not on the field of battle alone. The true heroes are in the office of our Lord, and they are on the outposts, often far beyond the reach of any commerce or business.

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- 17 **Rev. F. E. Clark, D.D.**
Get this thought into your hearts: God is able, God is able! I am not able, young people's societies are not able, the church is not able, but God is able. Get that thought into your heart, and all the future will be bright and glad.
- 18 **Rev. E. J. Willingham, D.D.**
God initiated world-wide missions. He gave His Son, He gives His Spirit, He calls His people, and He wishes us to look to Him. When in our weakness we look at a lost world and hear the Macedonian cry of weakness calling for help, then we can take hold of Almighty God and go forward to bring the world to His feet.
- 19 **Rev. John F. Goucher, L.L.D.**
If the spirit of the Church at home equalled that of her missionaries abroad in self-sacrificing loyalty to the extension of Christ's Kingdom, our Lord's requirement that His Gospel shall be preached to every creature would be accomplished in this generation.
- 20 ***Rev. George E. Hartwell, B.A., D.D., Chentu, China.**
Will you not pray daily that while the work of building houses and schools and churches is going on, the Holy Spirit will erect in Fushien and the other cities a temple not made with hands, a spiritual temple in the hearts of all who call upon the name of Jesus?
- 21 **Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D.**
Let us preach Christ; let us live Christ; let us know nothing but Christ and Him crucified; let us make Christ first, last, midst and all in all.
- 22 ***Rev. A. C. Hoffman, Renshou, China.**
We have great reason to be encouraged with the success of our Bible Study classes. The first year we had some twenty in attendance last year we had forty odd, while this year we had from the chapels outside Renshou one hundred and nine, besides fifteen from the city itself.
- 23 **Rev. James L. Barton, Boston.**
The missionary has no other Gospel to preach than that which applies to every phase of human society. There are no depths to which it cannot say the soul of every living man.
- 24 **Rev. Geo. Robson, D.D.**
I consider the greatest need of the home Church at this moment, in respect to the missionary enterprise, is the awakening of a new understanding, an understanding of the power of secret, individual, and congregational prayer, deliberately prepared for, solemnly undertaken, persistent and unquenchable prayer on behalf of missions, prayer that shall be a daily, fervid pleading for workers and for the work of our Lord Jesus Christ that our Father may give to Him to see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.
- 25 **Robert E. Speer, M.A.**
Only the Spirit of God can lift the Churches out of their worldliness, out of their self-indulgence, into such a vision of life and service as was displayed by Him who, though He was on an equality with God, counted not that equality a prize to be jealously retained, but made Himself of no reputation, took on Him the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death.
- 26 ***Rev. J. H. White, D.D., New Westminster, B.C.**
The enlisting and training of forces which may push the conquest still further is an important duty of the home churches. Among the ablest missionaries of our Church in China and Japan are many who received part of their training on a home Mission.
- 27 ***Rev. Jas. Endicott, Chentu, China.**
The demand among the Chinese for a stronger type of Christian book is noticeable. There is an increasing demand for more commentaries, Bible dictionaries, lives of eminent Christian leaders, and for works of a devotional character.
- 28 **Rev. James I. Vance, D.D.**
The Church is a missionary society. Missions are not merely a department of the Church; they are the whole thing. The mission of the Church is to make Christ known.
- 29 **Rev. Chas. E. Bradt, D.D.**
The first thing I would teach the people that professed to believe in Jesus Christ would be to consecrate themselves with their all to preach the Gospel to every creature. For if we take what we have—much or little—and bring it to Jesus for the feeding of the world, there is absolutely no limit to the possibilities of what we shall be able to give. There is a great law here that has a great God of love back of it.
- 30 **Frank A. Keller, M.D., China.**
We may have culture, training, modern methods, and ideal equipments, but unless we have this spiritual power all will be useless. With it, on the strength of Christ's own words, we shall be able to move mountains, and for such an one nothing will be impossible.

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