

Canadian Missionary Link

Published in the interests of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Societies of Canada.

VOL. XXXI.

TORONTO, MARCH, 1916

No. 7

MISSIONARY NEWS.

Some of us have been thinking that South America was one of the countries not so vitally affected by the war, but one of the Methodist Episcopal Bishops of Buenos Aires is authority for the statement that they are feeling it very keenly. A large proportion of the church members are immigrants from European countries, and they have answered the call of country by the thousand, and so stripped the churches. Not only so, but the absence of these large numbers has weakened the financial strength terribly. Opinions are divided—the majority of the non-Germans eager for the Allies, but the German population strong enough to make itself felt.

Yuan Shi Kai, China's new Emperor, is devoting some time daily to the study of the classics, and among these he is reading the "Save the World Classic," our Bible. As he reads only selections from the different books—selections chosen by his Chief of Ceremony—there have been set before him the Bible statements on certain subjects of interest to him, such as "Ancient Kings Received God's Message," "The Cause of the World's War," "God Is King of All the Earth," "Former Kings Asked God," and "God Is Able to Give Wisdom to a Great Ruler."

A meeting of representatives of the Protestant churches of North America was held recently, at which plans were laid for a conference to consider a world union of all Protestant churches.

The Armenians in Chicago are raising a fund of \$15,000 to help their starving and refugee countrymen in Armenia and Russia. The fund is to be administered through Ambassador Morgenthau, of Constantinople, and the head of the Armenian Church in Russia.

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer says that a crisis is now on in the Moslem world through the failure of Pan-Islamism to stir up a holy war. In India and Egypt, and even in Morocco, the Mohammedans have proved loyal to their temporal rulers, so proving Pan-Islamism dead, and a consequent open door for other teaching to come in.

Coronation gifts were the order of the day for the Japanese Emperor on the occasion of his coronation in November last. One gift he received was from 4,000 Japanese members of Christian churches in America, and was a Bible printed in English and bound in white leather. Another, presented by the Sunday School children of Japan, was a Hymnal for both the Emperor and Empress. Commemorative exercises were very popular, too—the Salvation Army establishing two slum posts in Tokio and an Ex-convict home in Osaka, and, strange to think of, a large Buddhist sect has started an extensive movement towards the establishment of Sunday Schools of its own—a leaf out of the Christian book.

Last fall the South India United Church had a week of evangelism, during which they gave themselves to a determined effort to influence many to