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An Appeal to the Churches.

The first Lord's day in March is the day recommended to the churches by the Des Moines Convention, on which to make their annual offerings for foreign missions.

The Executive Committee, therefore, appeals most earnestly to the churches, with noble resolve to do their utmost largely to increase their offerings this year.

1. In order that the consciences of God's people may be awakened, and their hearts stirred to the great duty of striving for the conversion of the heathen world.

2. That the Societies of Christian Endeavor and the Mission Boards make this an occasion for special work for Christ and His church.

3. That the congregations be urged to practice self-denial in order to increase the amount of their offerings.

4. That every preacher most earnestly, again and again, impress on the people God's command and man's great need in the world-missions of the Gospel.

5. That an earnest effort be made to secure as much as one dollar from each member.

And, brethren, let us all fervently pray that God may grant us the desire of our hearts, and that His name and work may be glorified in us.

CHAS. LOUIS LOSS, Pres. A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.

Missionary Notes.

G. L. WHARTON.

After seven years and seven months residence in India, followed by seven months' happy meetings and greetings with my brethren in twelve different States of this highly-favored Republic.

How can any one who knows even but a little of the deplorable condition of these great continents ever forget them? And with a love, I trust, that will hide a multitude of sins, I ask, how can we be ignorant of the world's needs to-day and not at the same time be guilty of a great transgression?

When it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbor, 'Go, and come again, And to-morrow I will give,' When thou hast it by thee."

The large, enthusiastic and sympathetic audiences that have welcomed me from New York to Kansas, have so entirely consumed my time and exhausted my strength, that I have made no attempt to speak to the largest audience represented by the constituency of our many religious journals.

The "wish" may be father to the "thought," but if my impressions are correct, the churches of Christ in this country are ripe, or fast becoming so, for a great forward movement in world-wide missionary work.

Wide as the world is Thy command, Vast as eternity Thy love.

The call for devotion to world-wide missions is not from men, nor from organizations or societies of men. God is the author of Christian missions for the whole world.

Each breeze that sweeps the ocean, Brings tidings from afar, Of nations in commotion Prepared for Zion's war.

Our Executive Committee, societies, and secretaries, our preachers, elders and deacons, our Sunday school superintendents and teachers, our women in all capacities, by the host, one and all are but echoing and re-echoing the Great Commander's call.

has surely come for us to answer with a shout, as the voice of many waters, even as all the people answered Moses with one voice, "All the words which the Lord hath spoken will we do."

My brethren, it is not the Executive Committee or societies that need, any more than the rest of us; but God needs, Christ needs, and many perishing millions need the help you can give.

Literary Notes.

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