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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 for. ary fields-especially China, Japan eign missions. The Convention also India and Africa. recommended that we raise this year one hundred thousand dollars, in view of the vastness of the field to which our Master calls us, and of the obligations already incurred by the Society, and which are constantly increasing. This will be some thirty five thousand dollars more than last year's receipts. This sum is a small one from a people 600,. 000 strong, and small also compared with what others are doing. It could be very easily raised if the churches and the individual members friendly to the foreign work will heartily address themselves to the task. Yet, we know, as things are, that it will take a strong effort on the part of all to accomplish the desired object.

The Executive Committee, therefore, appeals most earnestly to the churcher, with noble resolve to do their utmost largely to increase their offerings this year, that the treasury of the Foreign Society may secure the desired and much needed sum. To this end we recommend :-

1. In order that the consciences of their hearts stirred to the great duty no attempt to speak to the largest of striving for the conversion of the audience represented by the constituheathen world, that special meetings of prayer be held, asking God for light, inspiration and guidance, and above all, for the spirit of entire consecration and large sacrifice. These meetings will result in humiliation on account of past neglect of duty and in a determination to do better in the

2. That the Societies of Christian Endeavor and the Mission Boards make this an occasion for special work for Christ and His church. Meetings should be held for imparting information on the subject of Foreign Missions, and exciting one another to zeal and activity in the Lord's work. The great need of all is the need of information. There is no more effective way of helping the cause of missions than by giving a knowledge of the facte.

3. That the congregations be urged to practice self-denial in order to increase the amount of their offerings. By stinting ourselves for a month or a week we can more than double our gifts. The Salvation Army raised the author of Christian missions for the \$100,000 in self-denial work last year. whole world. Christ with all authority We will be all the better for suffering commands, and His plans sweep the a little discomfort for the sake of this whole round earth. The battle is the Calibo

4. That every preacher most carnestly, again and again, impress on the people God's command and man's great need in the world-missions of the Gospel. One announcement is not enough. Let it be published repeatedly and duly emphasized.

5. That an earnest effort be made to secure as much as one dollar from each member. If all gave seventeen conts spicco, the amount needed would be raised. But many will not respond. The friends of the work must needed will not be contributed.

work may be glorided in us.

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Missionary Notes.

Q. L. WHARTON.

After soven years and soven months residence in India, followed by seven months' happy meetings and greetings with my brethren in twelve different States of this highly-favored Republic, my heart, with a yearning and solicitude that grows stronger every day, turns still to the great foreign mission-

How can any one who knows ever 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 ! Ignorance is now no excuse. The sources of knowledge are abundant, and information easily obtained by seeking. And knowing the crying needs of many perishing millions, and having the ability and opportunity to help them, how great will be our guilt in the sight of heaven, if we fail to do what we can i "Withhold not good from them to

whom it is due, 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 thea"

The large, enthusiastic and sympathetic audiences that have welcomed me from New York to Kansas, have so entirely consumed my time and ex-God's people may be awakened, and hausted my strength, that I have made ency of our many religious journals. And now I do not feel either able or worthy: to occupy the paper's space or command the reader's attention. Nevertheless, at the kind invitation of our editors and the urgent solicitation of many good and prudent brothren, will, as much as in me is; try and speak to you also. From railways, hotels, brethren's homes, preachers atudies anywhere, overywhere-I will try and epeak to you in brief notes of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

> 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 worldwide missionary work. We are realizing, as never before, that we have no commission from our Lord to evangelize less than "the whole creation."

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

The call for devotion to world-wide missions is not from men, nor from organizations or societies of men. God is Lord's. The conflict is against Satan and his dominion. We are witnessing wonderful things in the earth to-day. Especially is this true of the great, old world of the East.

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, elderand deacons, our Sunday school super intendents and teachers, our women in all capacities, by the host, one and all give more than the apportionment, or are but echoing and re-echoing the the one hundred thousand dollars Great Commander's call, "Come up to the help of the Lord against the And, brothron, let us all fervently mighty." "Go yo into all the world pray that God may grant us the desire and preach the Gospel to the whole of our hearts, and that His name and creation." And the appeals of the missionaries from the front are but repeating the voice of the man of Macedonie,

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. We should pay to God and humanity what we owe, like men who expect to meet their accounts in a manly way, Self-respect and the respect of an honest God should prompt to this, and the constraining love of Christ will lead us out of all selfishness into the full light and blessing of perfect consecration.

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