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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF CO-OPERATION WITH THE BRETHREN OF THE GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Resolved, 1. That we assure the General Christian Missionary Convention, through its Assistant Corresponding Secretary, J. H. Hardin, of our desire to co-operate with the brethren of the United States in the prosecution of Home Mission work.

2. That we earnestly request the General Missionary Board to consider favorably the matter of assisting us in the support of evangelistic effort in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

3. As an evidence of the genuineness of our purpose, we hereby recommend to the churches that they take up the annual collection for General Home Missions in common with the churches of the United States.

E. C. FORD,
Chairman.

T. H. Capp, H. Murray,
George F. Barnes, J. E. Barnes,
C. H. Leonard, Henry W. Stewart,
J. S. Flaglor.

It was unanimously resolved that the Annual Missionary Collection in accordance with this report be made by our churches in these provinces the first Lord's day in June, 1893, and sent direct to

J. H. HARDIN,
Y. M. C. A. Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

J. E. BARNES,
Sec'y Annual Meeting.

A MESSAGE FOR THE BRETHREN.

Circulars have been mailed to all our preachers, setting forth the condition and needs of our general Home Mission work. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have been apportioned, and each church in the provinces has been requested to send a definite sum. It has taken an immense amount of work to prepare and send an apportionment to our thousands of churches in the United States and Canada. It is hoped this labor will not be in vain.

Each pastor, so far as I have been able, has been supplied with personal canvass cards, the purpose of which is to reach every individual member of the church with a personal request to contribute. I most earnestly request the brethren to use those cards as intended. It will cost you a little effort, but it will enlarge our work ten-fold. I am sending out 100,000 small collection envelopes, intended for use in gathering the cash on the first Sunday in June. See that they are used to good purpose. If the bundle sent to you does not reach you, drop me a line and I will send you the required number.

If indications are worth anything, we are to have a large offering. But no man must relax a nerve, for it will succeed only as every man does his duty to the last.

Next Sunday every man in our pulpits should preach a rousing sermon on the importance of preaching the gospel in our own country, and then put his canvassers to work to canvass for the offering.

The eyes of God are upon us. Destitution appeals to us. Our work waits to be enlarged. Shall it wait in vain? Your efforts in the next two or three weeks will answer.

J. H. HARDIN,
Y. M. C. A. Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

No one seems called upon to prove the authenticity and genuineness of the Koran or other sacred books of the false religions of the world. Scholars seem to be willing to assume and concede that the books are what they profess to be; that at any rate it does not matter much.

There seems to be no disposition to question the hereditary belief that Virgil and Homer and Horace wrote the books assigned to them. How differently the matter stands when we come to the Bible. It has met opposition in every age and from almost every quarter. The vile man has assailed it, because it uncovers his wickedness; the scientist often is tempted to discard it, because its statements of fact do not correspond with his hypotheses; the philosopher is constantly coming upon things which he is unable to explain, and he concludes that mistakes are profusely scattered through the book; the theologian, too, being at times somewhat puffed up, and fearing that he will not be able to rise as high as his compeers in investigation, is not unfrequently drawn into admissions which the truth does not demand, but emphatically forbids. What shall be the end of these assaults? The more complete establishment of the fact that the Bible is indeed the Impregnable Rock. It is the anvil upon which the sledges of unbelief have been falling for centuries. All around are broken hammers, but "God's anvil stands." Newly constructed hammers have been produced; their manufacturers have gone forth in confidence, they smote the anvil, it suffered none from the blow, its flawlessness became more apparent; but the hammers have all been shivered. The Christian need not fear the result of present assaults. Let him rather say:

"Come on, come on, ye hostile bands;
Your hammers break, God's anvil stands."

It is hard for those in the valley to see beyond the mountain tops. It may require a long and tiresome journey to reach the summit. But once attained, what a view stretches out before the weary toiler! How much farther he can see! How glad he is that he made the ascent! The result more than pays him. He would not be willing to descend. So it often is with the Christian. There are roses on the other side of the thorn hedge. We know they are there, although we may not understand why we should sometimes have to suffer pain in order to get them. God's ways are not as our ways; but they are better. His thoughts are not as ours; but they are wiser.

If we could see as He does we would be more willing to say: "Thy will, not mine, be done." And when our vision is clarified we will be ready to say: "He doeth all things well." We are but children here. Our knowledge is bound by many limitations. We see through a glass darkly. What seem now to be so many tangles in the web of life will yet be developed into the most beautiful forms. We have need of patience. Then these afflictions will be transferred into glory. The lightness of one will be in striking contrast with the greatness of the other. We endure one for a moment. We enjoy the other throughout eternity. If we did not know better we would say that he is a very foolish man who in the spring time scatters good wheat over the ground and then covers it up. To his starving children he would seem to be cruel. They don't understand. He does. In the fall when they see the abundant harvest they will be willing to say that the mysterious conduct of their father was marked by wisdom, whereas their opinions were crude, and to have followed them would have been folly. So we often mistake our blessings. We sometimes murmur when we ought to rejoice. Let us be willing to have the cloud come that the rainbow may appear.

New York City was struck with amazement last July when it was invaded by an army of 40,000 young people who professed to love

A great Jesus and were seeking to follow Him. The great city has not yet recovered from the shock; and it is

to be hoped it never will. No religious convention on record approaches that gathering of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. This year Montreal is to be the place of meeting. July 5th to 9th will be the time. The provisional programme will soon be issued. On it will be found the names of many of the most prominent Christian workers in this country. Extensive preparations are being made for the accommodation of all young people who desire to attend and catch the spirit of earnestness and devotion that is sure to be found in the convention. Many who are prejudiced against the society would do well to go and find out if their objections are well grounded or not. We are too frequently led to form conclusions without the necessary data. The Disciples of Christ should be the first to welcome whatever in God's providence happens to arise, the tendency of which is toward the consummation of our avowed aim—the restoration of the unity which is needed before the gospel shall triumph, and all the ends of the earth shall praise our God. When the young people of the various denominations, "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, promise Him that they will strive to do whatsoever He would like to have them do, that they will make it the rule of their lives to pray and to read the Bible every day, and that just so far as they know how throughout their whole life they will endeavor to lead Christian lives," something good is sure to come. The union which Jesus desires will be brought about only as the rising generation is willing to give constant and prayerful study to the word of God, only as they seek constantly that guidance which He has promised and are willing to do whatsoever He has commanded. It will probably be many years before the International Convention shall again be gathered on Canadian soil. In 1894 it is to be held in Cleveland, and San Francisco claims it for 1895. The Maritime Endeavor Convention will meet in Halifax, August 1st to 3rd. Arrangements are being made to insure its success. This would be a good time for many of our brethren to make the acquaintance of the church in that city, to see their new building, and to encourage them in their work.