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SOME EXTRACTS.

There was celebrated on Sunday, September 10th, 1911, at Mount Hermon, Massachusetts, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Student Volunteer Movement for Missions. The influence of that movement has been and is still, such a mighty and far-reaching one,—the occasion was so memorable and the addresses given so inspiring, that we are printing here a few extracts in an attempt to give a glimpse into the task we have before us, what has been accomplished in that task, what there is yet to do, and what are our resources for the doing of it.

“What were the conditions at the Mount Hermon Conference, which made possible the generating of a great spiritual movement like the Student Volunteer Movement? One was the fact that the body of student delegates here assembled had presented to them a colossal task and an heroic appeal. You see from the reading of this watchword, “The evangelization of the world in this generation” that it presents a colossal task.

The atmosphere and the activities of intercession, which characterized the Conference, constituted another favoring condition. We had leaders who believed in God, who had unshakable conviction about the objective fact of transformation wrought by prayer apart from the man who prays. These leaders not only believed; they practiced what they preached.

Another cause—the presence of a group of men with triumphant faith and courage. It does not need to be a great company.

Now, to my mind,—far greater responsibility rests upon us than we have ever realized. In the first place, we face an absolutely unprecedented world situation, a situation unprecedented, in opportunity, in danger, and in urgency. The situation twenty-years ago,—why, if that could move students, should not you and I be moved to the very depths of our souls by a time when simultaneous-

ly in the Far East and Near East, in Southern Asia and Central Asia, in every section of the African Continent—yes, in Latin America and the Greek lands of Europe, the cause of Christ is confronted by such a crisis.

A second reason why there is more responsibility resting on us than we may have realized, is because we have larger resources than they had. The wealth of the United States and Canada has more than doubled since the Mt. Hermon meeting. The population of the universities and colleges has nearly doubled in twenty-five years.”

—John R. Mott.

“The Student Volunteer Movement has summoned the Christian young men and women of our colleges to heroic service.

“A medical missionary in Persia refuses a palace and a princely income as personal physician to the Shah, saying: ‘I came to Persia to relieve the distresses of the poor in the name of Jesus.’ An educator in China declines the high salaried presidency of an imperial university, giving as his reason: ‘I want to translate the Bible and to preach the gospel, and to train up Christian ministers.’ An old man in Syria rides horseback eight hours in a wintry storm to administer the communion in a mountain village. Another in Siam pushes his little boat up lonely rivers swarming with crocodiles, and tramps through snake and tiger-infested jungles that he may preach Christ to people whom no one else seeks. A refined woman in China makes regular visits to a leper colony, and lovingly ministers to repulsive sufferers with sightless eyes and rotting limbs, seeing the glory of the human soul even in them. Alfred Marling, seventy miles from a physician, dies in the furnace of African fever, singing, “How Sweet the Name of Jesus sounds!” Mrs. William Jessup, in a Syrian shed, lines a rude box, places in it the still form of her child, sends it away for distant burial, and then goes back to her sick husband and tries to keep up a brave face and not let him know that her heart is breaking.