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"DO NOT SAY." This is the title of a most effective booklet by J. Heywood Horsburg, M. A., Church Mission Society Missionary in Mid China, and published by the F. H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago. The alternative title is "The Church's Excuses for Neglecting the Heathen." Every imaginable excuse, we would be ready to believe, is here set forth and answered in a very telling way. We have read few books that are at the same time more interesting and more likely to intensify the missionary spirit. Although it is a large handsomely printed pamphlet of 98 pages, the price is only ten cents a copy, or for a dozen it should be widely circulated throughout our churches. Elsewhere we give some extracts.

THE Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America will be held in Detroit, July 14th to 17th, beginning in the evening of the 14th. The programme promises a rich treat. We hope that many of our Canadian young people will take advantage of the opportunity of attending what is expected to be the largest and best young people's meeting ever held in America.

## EXTRACTS FROM "DO NOT SAY."

"GO YE into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." More than half the people in the world have never heard the Gospel yet. A command has been given. It has not been obeyed. What are we to say to this? Surely it concerns us Christians very seriously. For we are the people who are responsible. . . . What, then, can we say if our Master returns to day, and finds after nineteen centuries more than half the world is utterly unevangelized? The Gospel to every creature—a plain command. Millions who have never heard it, a simple fact. What are we going to say? Can we say WE DO NOT KNOW THE COMMAND? Not know it? Why, it is the old threadbare text we are tired of hearing.

"DO NOT SAY." The Heathen are acting up to their light; why should we trouble them to change their religion? They have very good religions of their own. The Heathen are not acting up to their light. They have very bad religions of their own. But as for troubling them to change—do you suppose we go to heathen lands to get people to change their religion? I for one would not go a yard to get a man to change his religion. I am not unselfish enough. But I would go to China, if it were twice the distance it is, to get a man to receive the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour and Friend—which is a very different thing. Religion cannot save; not even the Christian

religion. But Jesus Christ can, and does. And, oh, how they need a Saviour!

DO NOT SAY "But God is very merciful. He will not be hard upon the Heathen. 'The Lord He is God.' He will see that it comes all right in the end."

God is just as well as merciful. The Heathen are sinning wilfully every day. And "The wages of sin is not 'all right in the end,' but—'death.'"

True, if we neglect our part, God can find some other way of carrying out His purposes. But that will not lessen our guilt; nor can it do away with our loss.

DO NOT SAY "For one who receives the Gospel there will be a hundred who reject it. If you go to the Heathen you will only increase their condemnation. It is kinder to stay away and leave them as they are."

Then we had better pull down our Churches and Sunday Schools, burn our Bibles, import a few idols from India (for the people will want something), and bring up our own people by heathen for by giving them the Gospel we only increase the responsibility and condemnation of those who reject it!

How can we be so unkind, too, as to tell our children it is right to speak the truth, seeing that their guilt will be the greater the next time they tell a lie! All opportunity of knowledge adds to the responsibility of those who neglect or misuse it and many do there fore, let us try to keep everybody ignorant of every thing!

Oh, foolish wisecracks! Surely God knows as much about it as we do, and cares as much for the welfare of the Heathen as we do. Would He tell us to go to them and preach the Gospel if it were "kinder to stay away?"

DO NOT SAY "What a stirring address that was!" It was just what our people needed. I hope it will lead some of them to support a Missionary, or to go themselves.

That is all very well. But what is it going to lead you to do? Why do you support a Missionary or have your share? Why do not you go?

We talk of the light, and consecration and enthusiasm and interest in Missions of the present day. But with it all Satan is able to lull the consciences of God's men, and God's women, with specious and beautiful excuses, and keep vast districts, perfectly accessible to us, and full of our perishing fellow men, free, still free, from the molestations of any ambassador of Christ—ali undisturbed in his own power!

But how can he say "Well done?" Imagine our Lord turning to His Church to-day, and saying, "Well done, good and faithful servants." Why, there would be millions of sad, neglected Heathen standing by who, with one accord, would testify against us. "Well done" to know of a Saviour themselves, and never to give us a chance? "Well done" to stay at home and feast themselves and their children to the full, and not bring us and our little ones even a crumb? "Well