

Conference were gathered 80 European and American representatives and 12 Indians. The Lutherans claim our special attention when they assert they were the first Protestant church to send missionaries to India. They say that 87 years before William Carey went to India, two Lutheran missionaries of the University of Halle, Ziegenbalg and Pleutschen by name, sailed from Copenhagen to Tranquebar, and there established a mission. They are of especial interest to us, because at present one of their centres of work is in the Telugu country, immediately beside our own mission.

Dr. Booker T. Washington's long-hoped-for plan saw its fulfillment in the First International Congress on the Negro, held at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, in April last. There were representatives from England, Asia, Africa, Jamaica, Barbadoes, Venezuela and British Guiana, including missionaries to colored races and representatives of the races themselves. There was absolutely no discrimination between "white" and "black." The whole company was entertained in the handsome college buildings at Tuskegee, and perhaps the opportunity to study the working of this great institution with its 1,000 students and its many perfectly-organized departments, and also to meet the great man who has risen to such a position of leadership from the condition of a slave boy, were appreciated as much as anything at the Conference. It was decided that the experiment should be repeated, and a triennial conference held.

As was given out some little time ago, the recent census in India shows a remarkable advance in the Christian population. In the last decade there has been 8 per cent. increase in the total population, but 100 per cent. increase in the Christian population. It is estimated that if the ratio of increase continues, there will be a Christian India in less than 100 years. It is interesting and encouraging to know that in point of numbers, our own denomination stands second, the Anglicans alone counting more. In the ten years we have increased from 217,000 to 331,000.

HE FIRST LOVED US.

By the late Mrs. J. C. (Vining) Yule.
He first loved us, O wondrous love,
That stooped from such unmeasured
height!

All stretch of loftiest thought above
To our abyss of death and night.
O love that stooped to all our loss
O love that measured all our need—
That paid our debt on Calvary's cross
And lives in heaven to intercede!

"What wilt thou have us do for thee?"
With faltering lips our spirit cry;
And lo! a voice from Calvary
Adown the ages makes reply:—
"Gather my sheaves, the harvest waits
And toil-spent reapers droop and
die—

The golden season onward hastes
And lo! my coming steps are night!

"Gather my lambs! their pleading cry
Is borne from every clime to me:
Their plaint is heard 'neath every sky
And sadly floats o'er every sea!
Go feed my hungry, scattered flock!
Go delve in every mine for me!
Go glean in every reaper's track!
Go seek my lost by land and sea!

"Take ye my love to keep you strong,
Take ye my cross to keep you low,
And love like me thro' grief and wrong,
Thro' pain and weariness and woe.
One with your Lord in all his care
With him in love and labor one,
He will with you his glory share
When care and labor all are done.

THE WOMEN THAT PUBLISH THE TIDINGS.

Pilla Blandinamma—Medical Bible
Woman.

Over fifty years ago a regimental mess butler named Anthravedi was converted to Christ through the faithful efforts of a British officer. The humble butler proved a persistent soul-winner. All through the regiments wherever he was stationed, souls were brought into the Kingdom of God, and many yet living have wrought effectually among their fellows to further the Gospel of Christ.

Among the regimental converts was a Havildar (captain) named Madhanala Veeraswamy Naidu, a Telugu Sudra, then stationed at Madras. His wife