

One resolution of the late General Assembly which is of special interest to the RECORD, will, it is hoped, prove equally interesting to its readers. It was the resolution adopted in receiving the report of the RECORD Committee, and the part of it to which we call special attention is in substance as follows:—In order that the RECORD may the better fulfill its purpose of keeping before all our people the work of the church at home and abroad, the Assembly directs the various executives to furnish to it information regarding their several schemes, and earnestly urges upon all ministers and sessions to place so far as is possible, a copy in every family in their respective congregations. May the Assembly's directions and instructions be fully fulfilled. Few investments would pay better in any congregation than that of placing the RECORD in every family.

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On another page is given an account of the conversion of a Jewish Rabbi in Hungary. The same paper tells of a most interesting case in connection with Mr. Freshman's Hebrew Christian work in New York, where a Jewish Rabbi, Rev. Hermann Faust, Ph.D., and his wife and nine children were received into the church together; the father and mother and two eldest children were first baptized on profession of their own faith, and then the parents received baptism for the seven younger children. The large number of Hebrews present were very attentive, and evidently much impressed. In accordance with their own request each of the family was given, when baptized, a new name from the New Testament in addition to that which they had previously borne.

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The colored people of the United States observed the 31st of May as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God that He would deliver their race from persecution and injustice and grant them the free enjoyment of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." While by many the negro was kindly treated, yet too often was the long night of bondage made "lonesome" by the crack of the driver's whip and the responsive groan of the tortured slave, until, as with the slave nation of long ago, they were brought out through a sea that was "red" indeed. But the only Canaan of the negro was the land where he suffered. In many cases the oppression has but changed hands, and without the privileges and protection of slaves they suffer injustice and oppression. Well would it be for that mighty nation to pause in its onward march at the sight of seven millions of people crying to God for the rights denied to them by their fellowmen, and complete the work of freeing the freedmen? of the South, by giving them unhindered the rights of citizens and the training that will fit them for the exercise of these rights.

The life and stir of mighty London does not seem to deaden the missionary ardor of the Presbyterians. Their annual missionary meeting was held on the 13th of May, in the historic Exeter Hall, which was thronged with the gathered thousands. Mr. Barclay, of Formosa, who last year addressed our General Assembly at Kingston; Dr. Smith, of Edinburgh, and Pierson and Pentecost, of the United States, with their facts of work done, and greater work to do, kindled the enthusiasm of the audience to white heat. Dr. Pierson is not a pessimist, but, like his Great Master, he is moved with compassion as he sees the multitudes perishing, and turning from the beginnings which have been made in missionary effort, his heart yearned and his words burned as he spoke of the world's thousand millions dying without Christ. Dr. Pentecost looks at the other side, the brighter side, at what is done. He has spent the past year in India preaching to the educated English-speaking Hindus of the higher classes, and he thrilled his audience as he told in glowing words of his work there, of the progress that Christianity is making, and that "Hinduism is in despair before the cross of Christ."

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In Lahore, India, certain parties were, not long since, prosecuted and fined for the publication of obscene literature. It was found that the language was the very language of the Vedas, the Hindu Scriptures. The effect upon thoughtful Hindus, of such a judgment, pronounced by high legal authority, must be very marked. It will greatly aid the various influences that are at work undermining their faith in their old system, and the natural recoil will be to infidelity. The time is most opportune to give them the gospel when the power of the old faith has been broken and the mind has not become hardened in infidelity. The legitimate result of a false religion, when its falsity is discovered, is *no* religion. One feature of our age is the spread of knowledge and the exposure of false systems. And God is thus setting before the church a door opened more widely than ever in the past and calling upon her to enter it with the message of life to weary, wandering, spirits seeking rest.

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The senior boys class of Erskine Church, Toronto, have a scheme of publishing six large ornamental cards, 22 x 28 inches, containing the names of the Mission Fields and missionaries of our Church. One card each for the New Hebrides, Trinidad, North-West, China, Central India, while the sixth will contain simply "Africa" and "Japan," with blanks below. A charge will be made of \$1.50 for the six cards to cover expense. Anyone wishing further information will please write to John A. Patterson, Esq., 9 and 10 Masonic Hall, Toronto.