

This part of the country is open to European travelers from one end to the other, and should be occupied at once in the name of Christ by a number of men and women with the love of God in their hearts, and a burning desire to make known that love to the perishing heathen. I say at once, for the Romanists, who are already on the borders, may enter and occupy it at any time. The fact that I could find no Roman Catholics throughout the plain is one reason for considering it a more promising field than otherwise.

Dr. Pierson says that "in America and England, a band of probably no less than 3,000 young men and women stand ready to go to the foreign field if the door shall open before them." May 30 or 40 of this number or of some other number respond to this call? If the Lord has laid it upon our hearts to go to these needy people, let us go in any way that He may open up, whether through missionary society or not. There are independent workers to-day who are not connected with any of these organizations; one I know in particular who is doing a most self-denying work in China in preaching the gospel to the heathen. Are we to let these people all perish for lack of the Bread of Life? Would their blood not cry to us from the ground that we had stood by unconcerned while these heathens were going down to perdition? May not a few lay themselves upon God's altar and say "HERE AM I, SEND ME!"

I believe the Lord will provide the means, not only to send out every one who is willing to go for Christ's sake, but will also support them there. Who fed his ancient people in the wilderness with manna from heaven? Who taught us to pray "Give us this day our daily bread?" Who cares for Mr. Geo. Müller and his numerous family of orphans? Who cares for Mr. Hudson Taylor and his army of missionaries? Who feeds the sparrows? Shall he not also care for you, oh ye of little faith? Let us have child-like faith in our Heavenly Father who is faithful that has promised "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. iv: 19. To doubt God's faithfulness is the same as doubting His fatherly care for His children. Only let us be fully persuaded that we are following the command of Jesus out of real love to Him and a desire to serve Him, to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and we need not fear the consequences, for we have His gracious promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

I am purposing (D. V.) to return to China with my wife and family early in February to work in this hitherto neglected field, above described.

One word to help strengthen your faith. In our gospel work we may always fall back upon this sure and certain promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." God promised His servant Joshua, chap. 1: 5, that He would not fail him nor forsake him. Did the Lord fail Joshua? Will He fail any one

of His servants to-day? He is "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever."

Yours in the service of Christ in China,
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Africa.

FROM our editorial correspondent in Tangier, Morocco:

We have had great encouragement in the work here. For some two months we have had nightly meetings for inquirers and young converts, attended by from ten to twenty. Many have received Christ as their personal Saviour and have been at once baptized. For some weeks most of my time was occupied from morning until night talking with interested ones who visited me, and daily there would be natives in my room much of the time. At times conversions occurred daily. All of them are brought out of Mohammedan darkness. They all renounce that false religion formally at their baptism. Almost all are young men, some of good position, but most of them from among the poor. There is not one who has not prayed and spoken in our meetings from the day of his conversion.

Two of the earliest converts are in the mountains traveling on foot without purse, scrip or pay, preaching in both Arabic and Shillah. They have been away now several weeks. Others, whose faces we have never seen, have been converted in distant places through one from here, and write us of many others believing through their word. We have reason to believe the gospel has taken root in several places in southern Morocco within these few weeks. Two others of our number are arranging to start at once to preach in another direction. Mr. Martin and I are also leaving as soon as we can get away, and will travel also as Christ commanded, on foot and without purse or scrip.

Within a few days Satan has come in like a flood and some of the converts have been summoned before the kaid or governor, some beaten, almost all threatened, and all notified that the governor had sent a list of their names to the Sultan with a letter inquiring what is to be done to them. They are the derision of the whole town and are mocked and literally spit upon. They believe the Sultan will require them to be sent to him. Some have left the town to escape. Others are leaving. Many fear to attend the nightly services. So it is a time of sorrow and perplexity. Some few of the converts have given us anxiety and even sorrow, but most of them are brave and true. What they have learned they well understand and several of them are faithful in speaking of Christ to others. We feel the need of much prayer.

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