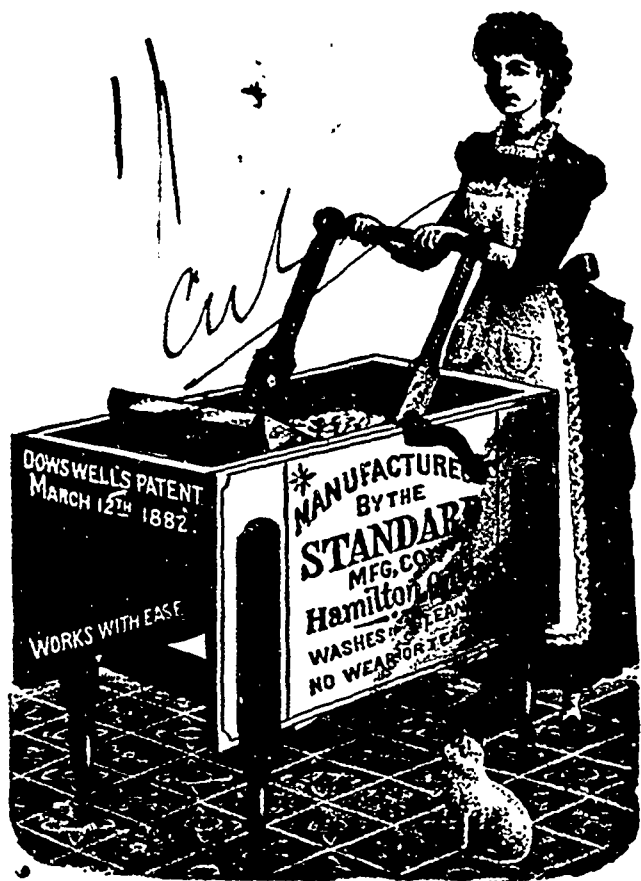


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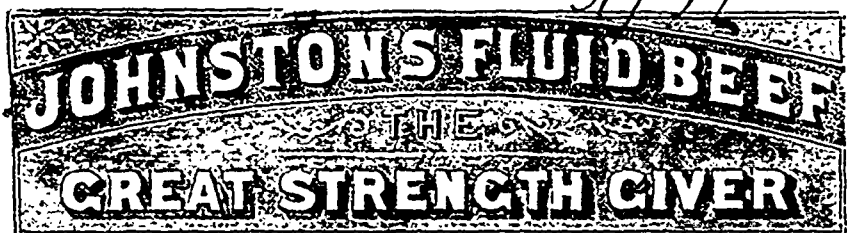


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THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

THE REVIVAL AT AINTAB.

(Concluded.)

July 28, Sabbath.—Morning, attended First Church Sunday school; found twenty-six children had decided for Christ; their tearful confessions and simple faith was such that I went to the adults, related the fact, while Pastor Mardaros earnestly spoke on "Where art thou?" The meeting was very solemn and blessed; many hard hearts were melted. Afternoon, Mr. Christie and I preached; at the close nearly 500 remained for a testimony meeting; twenty-eight took part, giving interesting accounts of their conversion. All hearts are grateful for such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

July 28.—By invitation, went to an Armenian meeting; was permitted to speak some words of truth, to which all listened attentively; five priests expressed interest. Afternoon, twenty-two children and fourteen young men came to inquire the way of salvation. Missionaries and native pastors are working heartily and in full sympathy.

July 30 to Aug 3.—These days have been especially devoted to church examination. Preached only once; in the three churches 267 came forward. So many interesting facts and testimonies, I cannot begin to write them. Enemies are reconciled, notorious criminals converted, drunkards reclaimed, parents rejoicing over wandering children, whole families coming together to unite with the visible church. Said Pastor Mardaros: "I have been here thirteen years, and can it be possible that this great blessing has come to this city, even on Aintab?" "Yea, this is the Lord's doing, and is wonderful in our own eyes."

August 4, Sabbath.—This is the crowning day of the revival. At morning, by invitation, went to Episcopal Church; small congregation; large building; unfinished for lack of money. I preached, "Fear not, little flock." Union services at noon; large attendance. I preached to those who will to-day join the church, "Lovest thou Me?" (We all felt the Holy Spirit's personal presence.) The reply of hundreds of faces was, "Thou knowest that I love Thee." After the sermon those who will unite with the Church arose—248—a large band ready to serve Christ. They all repeated together after me the three verses beginning, "Who can separate us from the love of Christ?" Any who were seeking Christ were invited to remain after service; 140 responded—twenty-two by words and eighty-three by rising expressed their new decision; among them were twenty children, whose deep conviction was very manifest. Evening, there was communion in the three churches—new members accepted; former members more humble and grateful. It was a day of holy consecration for us all.

August 5 to 11.—The work is so interesting, the plea so urgent, we have decided to remain two weeks longer. This week I preached five times to full congregations; many new converts—one a noted gambler, another an infidel, whose public confession was touching to many. I visited twenty houses with Pastor Garabed. The pastors have decided to have another communion soon. This gives me hope that Vartina Bajis's (a good mother in Israel, ninety years old) expectation will be fulfilled. One day in church she said: "I am praying for 500 new converts." A good brother said: "You are expecting too many, mother." "I have prayed for them, and they are sure to come. I quoted, 'According to thy faith be it unto thee.'"

August 12 to 17.—Examination for church admission; a new children's society (Zion's Messengers) organized; their work is to visit houses each morning and hold half-hour prayer meetings with the children; they also collect money to purchase Bibles for needy Sunday school classes. This week I preached four times and gave a Bible reading; thirty-five newly decided for Christ. Now I am preaching on the various duties of church members. The evening of the 13th the theme was, "Seek the peace of Jerusalem." At the close, asked all who would vow anew to fulfil their church duties, to rise. All members solemnly responded, a sight that gladdened our hearts. We hope after this the weekly meetings, which, before the revival, were attended by from ten to twenty, will be crowded, and instead of a few, scores will take part

in the blessed prayer meeting as they do now. A deacon said: "I have complaints to make against you preachers; before this I could pray ten minutes, and speak as long as I wanted in prayer meeting, not taking any one's time, but now so many are ready and waiting to take part, I cannot find even one minute to thank God for all He has done."

August 18, Sabbath.—Two more new Sunday school classes organized in the Third Church. Our teacher of St. Paul's Institute has been much blessed in his efforts to work among young people. He preached weekly in a Gregorian Society of 200 young men; his visits and conversation brought many into these new Sunday school classes and the church. Union services at noon. I preached to a full house. The following day after the sermon, "Now is the day of salvation," 250 remained for inquiry, most of whom found salvation. Among the new converts are several who lately mocked at religious things.

August 21.—Temperance day; I preached from "We will not drink wine." Reading a few passages at the close, asked those who like the Rechabites, would promise thus, to express it publicly. Over 1,000 arose. What an encouraging sight! Next day, in the women's meeting, Mr. Christie preached; forty-five remained for inquiry; many blessed prayers and confessions. During these two weeks 365 came for church admission; far more than we, in our weak faith, expected. The Lord is working mightily.

August 25, Sabbath.—Union service at noon for missionary cause. After preaching I asked the people, as a slight token of gratitude to God, to organize a missionary society and support some preachers in needy cities. Mr. Christie also spoke encouraging words. All responded well; a committee was organized, a collection taken amounting to 2,400 piastres (\$95); during this week the gift of 600 piastres to Third Church poor pastor, 1,400 piastres debt to First Church pastor; and this contribution is, for these poor people, about the same as \$5,000 in America. Can we ask a better proof of revival work?

Evening, communion to each church; 286 new members accepted, hearts glad, families happy, and the day blessed, to be long, long remembered.

During this revival 534 new members were added to the three churches on confession of faith, while many are secret followers, not quite ready to come out now. Such an addition to the awakened churches will no doubt prove a great power and advance Christ's kingdom in Aintab and vicinity. "So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth increase." The two following days I preached to many hundreds.

The sermon, August 27, "Go forward," was my last charge. I did not tell the people of our departure that we might leave quietly. Next day we left Aintab for a season of rest among the mountains near Marash. I am glad Mr. Christie could remain and carry on the good work. The pastors are working earnestly, and we hope and pray that a greater blessing is still in store for Aintab. "O Lord, carry on Thy work; visit the needy, hungry churches, and glorify Thy almighty name."

JUBILEE OF NEW HE BRIDES MISSION.

The Rev. Dr. Steel of Sydney, N. S. W., contributes a very interesting paper to the *Missionary Review* on the progress of the Gospel in the New Hebrides during the last half century, from which the following is taken:

The first resident missionary on the New Hebrides was a Presbyterian—the Rev. John Geddie. He was a native of Banff, in Scotland, but had been taken in his infancy to Nova Scotia where he became, in course of time, a student for the ministry. He was licensed to preach when he was only twenty-two years of age, and was ordained as a pastor at Cavendish, in Prince Edward Island, within a year thereafter. He was connected with a church comparatively small and poor, and unable to afford more than a scanty income, often much in arrears, to its ministers, yet he had the courage to propose that a Foreign mission should be adopted. It is recorded that when he made known his views "there was not a man in the church who thought it practicable. Many looked upon it as utterly chimerical, and were ready to pour contempt upon it as folly, while even his friends received