

Do Not Feel Responsible

Statement of the Protestant Missionaries in China Explaining Their Position.

Contention That Recent Uprising Was Anti-Foreign Rather Than Anti-Christian.

The following statement, published in Chinese papers, received by R.M.S. Express of China and drawn up by a representative committee, has been circulated throughout China and has received the assent of so large a number of missionaries of all churches and nationalities that it may be taken as representing the views of fully nine-tenths of the whole body of Protestant missionaries in China.

In view of the importance of the present crisis in the history of Christian in China, and of the fact that our position has been seriously misunderstood and our opinions and utterances subjected to adverse criticism, it has seemed to us advisable to make the following statement:

The points in the recent criticisms which most concern us are: 1. That missionaries are chiefly responsible for the recent uprising and (2) That they have manifested an un-Christian spirit in suggesting the punishment of those who were guilty of the massacre of foreigners and native Christians.

I. With reference to the first of these charges we would remark:

1. That when the facts concerning this uprising are rightly understood, it will be found that its causes are deep-rooted and manifold. The history of foreign relations with China has all along been that of hereditary prejudice on the one hand and force on the other. The government of China has never given a friendly reception to foreigners. It has resented their presence and yield grudgingly the few rights obtained from it by treaty. This old standing ill-will was deeply intensified by the political humiliation and loss of territory which followed the war with Japan.

The rise of the Boxer movement in Shantung and its rapid growth there and in the adjacent province of Chi li, will be found to have amongst its immediate causes: (a) the shortage of food, almost everywhere, as it is the surface of the body. Everything I ate hurt me so I could eat nothing but a little rice or an egg. My chest was so sore all through that when I would draw my breath it seemed like a thorn pricking me. Expectoration was almost constant. There seemed to be a large lump in my left side. It is impossible to describe all the aches and pains, as it seemed every organ of my body was more or less involved. I have taken nine dollars' worth in all of my medicine, and consider myself a well man.

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7:30 p.m.—Report of future policy committee.

4:15 p.m.—Symposium: "How to extend the mission work of our congregation." (a) By the Sunday school, Pastor J. G. Hastings, M.A.; (b) By the Lay Preacher, Wm. Marchant; (c) By the Mission Board, Pastor J. F. Vichet, M.A.; (d) By Church Edifice Work, C. S. Stevens.

7:30 p.m.—Devotional, Rev. S. C. Moore.

8:00 p.m.—Report of Sunday school committee.

8:10 p.m.—Training for S. S. Teachers, Mr. Temple.

8:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Work in S. S.

8:30 p.m.—How to Retain the Older Pupils, Pastor J. M. Smith.

9:10 p.m.—Address, Pastor J. B. Morrison, B.A.

Discussion at close of each paper.

Thursday, July 11th.

9:00 a.m.—Devotional, Mr. Sloan.

9:30 a.m.—Report of nominating committee; election of boards and standing committee.

10:30 a.m.—Report of education board. Principal A. J. Pineo, B.A.; adoption moved by A. B. McNeill; seconded by Pastor T. Bishop, B.A.

2:00 p.m.—Report of publication board; adoption moved by Pastor B. H. West, seconded by C. S. Stevens.

3:30 p.m.—Meetings of boards.

7:30 p.m.—Devotional, Rev. R. Lennie.

8:00 p.m.—Women's work, synopsis of report; address, "Duty of a Mother to the Church," Mrs. P. report; address, "Why Women Should Be Interested in Missions," Mrs. Vichet.

9:00 p.m.—Synopsis of report of Mission board, Sup. P. H. McEwen.

9:10 p.m.—Address, Pastor I. G. Matthews, M.A.

Friday, July 12th.

9:30 a.m.—Devotional, Pastor B. H. West.

9:30 a.m.—Report on state of religion. Report on obituaries. Report on time, place and preacher. Resolutions. Unfinished business.

2:00 p.m.—Outing under direction of committee.

7:00 p.m.—Devotional, Pastor Davies.

7:30 p.m.—B. P. U. report; Pastor A. W. McLeod, Symposium: "Training for Service," (a) "In the Sunday School," (b) "In the Church," Pastor M. V. Vichet; (c) "Among the Unsaved," Pastor I. Williamson.

9:00 p.m.—Address, The Baptist Position Really Misunderstood, Pastor Roland Grant, D.D.

A big oyster bed near Mobile, Ala., has been sold for \$120,000. It is estimated that there are \$100,000 worth of oysters in the bed at this time.

tian spirit in suggesting the punishment of those who were guilty of a massacre of foreigners and native Christians—we understand that criticism applies chiefly to the message sent by the public meeting held in Shanghai in September last.

1. It should, in the first place, be borne in mind that the resolutions passed at that meeting were called for by the proposal of the allies to evacuate Peking immediately after the relief of the legations. It was felt, not only by missionaries but by the whole of the foreign residents in China, that such a course would be fraught with the greatest disaster, inasmuch as it would give sanction to further lawlessness.

2. Further, it must be remembered that whilst suggesting that a satisfactory settlement "should include the adequate punishment of all who were guilty of the recent murders of foreigners and native Christians," it was left to the powers to decide what that "adequate punishment" should be. Moreover, when taking such measures as were necessary they were urged to "make every effort to avoid all needless and indiscriminate slaughter of Chinese and destruction of their property."

3. By strange misunderstanding we find that this suggestion has been interpreted as though it were animated by an un-Christian spirit of revenge. With the loss of scores of friends and colleagues still fresh upon us, and with stories of cruel massacres reaching day by day, it would not have been surprising had we been betrayed into intemperate expressions, but we entirely repudiate the idea which has been read into our words. If governments are the ministers of God's righteousness, then surely it is the duty of every Christian government not only to uphold the right but to put down the wrong, and equally the duty of all Christian subjects to support them in so doing. For China as for Western nations, anarchy is the only

alternative to law. Both justice and mercy require the judicial punishment of the wrong-doers in the recent outrages. For the good people themselves, for the upholding of that standard of righteousness which they acknowledge and respect, for the strengthening and encouragement of those officials whose sympathies have been throughout on the side of law and order, and for the protection of our own helpless women and children and the equally helpless sons and daughters of the church, we think that such violations, and such heartless and unprovoked massacres as have been carried out by official authority or sanction, should not be allowed to pass unpunished. It is not of our personal wrongs that we think, but of the maintenance of law and order, and the future safety of all foreigners residing in the interior of China, who it must be remembered, are not under the jurisdiction of Chinese law, but, according to the treaties, are immediately responsible to, and under the protection of, their respective governments.

It is unhappily the lot of missionaries to be misunderstood and spoken against, and we are aware that in any explanation we now offer we add to the risk of further misunderstanding, but we cast ourselves on the forbearance of our friends, and beg them to refrain from hasty and ill-considered judgments. If on our part there have been extreme statements, if individual missionaries have used intemperate words, or have made demands out of harmony with the spirit of our Divine Lord, is it too much to ask that the anguish and the peril through which so many of our number have gone during the last six months should be remembered, and that the whole body should not be made responsible for the hasty utterances of the few?

On the eve of the new era which is about to dawn upon this ancient Empire,

we would appeal to all who own the authority of Jesus Christ to aid us in bringing about a better understanding of the true position of affairs, and our relation to them. At the same time we would reaffirm our entire faith in the Christian Gospel as the one great agency for the mental, moral, and spiritual elevation of this people, and we would place ourselves fresh on the altar of service, praying that with greater humility and with more complete consecration we may exercise the ministry to which we are called.

WORK NOT COMPLETED. In Consequence of Strike Poltalloch's Overhaul Will Be Finished at Portland.

As a result of the strike on the Poltalloch on the Esquimalt Marine railway yesterday morning the vessel, instead of being launched to-night, will not be given the water before next week. She will then be not wholly in shape for service, for the work above the water line will be left to be completed at Portland. The management of the yard state that this would not be the case if the men had remained at work. The management also claim they pay 10 cents an hour more for the same class of work than is paid in San Francisco. The next vessel on the ways will be the Low Wood.

Steamer Trader arrived in from the Fraser to-day with a big cargo of hay. Steamer Claypotnet left for Claypotnet this afternoon with a scow in tow.

Steamer Iroquois will be here from Sidney this evening for 15 tons of freight to be loaded at Porter's wharf.

The United States lighthouse tender Manzanita arrived in from the Sound this morning.

Prize List Published

For Annual Meet of the Provincial Rifle Association, Commencing July 25th.

Splendid Array of Premiums and Trophies—Exciting Competitions Anticipated.

The prize list of the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association, which will be held this year at Clover Point range, commencing Thursday, July 25th, has just been published.

A splendid array of prizes will be offered, and some splendid competitions may therefore be anticipated. This meet always constitutes an epoch in the history of rifle shooting in this province, and should prove most interesting to participants and spectators alike.

The patron, vice-patron, representatives in council of D. R. A., and executive are as follows:

Patron—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the province. Vice-Patrons—The Premier of the province, the Mayor of Victoria, the Mayor of Vancouver, the Mayor of New Westminster, and the Mayor of Nanaimo.

Representatives on Council of D. R. A.—Hon. Sir L. H. Davies, K. C. M. G., M. P.; Lieut-Col. Hon. E. G. Prior, M. P.; Lieut-Col. J. Hood, R. O.; G.

VICTORIA LACROSSE TEAM



Photograph by Savanah.

The accompanying cut represents the Victoria Lacrosse team who have so far this year achieved a very creditable record. They have only been defeated once by the redbellied team of New Westminster a few weeks ago. They are playing the Vancouver V. M. C. A. team at Vancouver this afternoon. The above players are: S. Norman, goal; C. Oullin, point; E. Milne, cover point; T. Spain, — Dewar and home field; F. Smith, forward; W. H. Collin, referee. Among the group are: President H. D. Helmeck, M.P.P.; D. Patterson, treasurer; H. Wilson, an ardent votary; and player and trainer Densy. The little fellow in the front is one of the coming stars.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Gratifying Reports Received at Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

On Thursday evening the annual meeting of the Calvary Baptist church was held. The various reports were of a very gratifying character.

The financial report, which was received, showed an improved condition respecting the finances. It has been found unnecessary to make personal appeals to the congregation as frequently as formerly. The summary of the finances for the year showed a total of receipts and expenditure amounting to \$3,750. The missionary contribution amounted to \$620 for the year. The membership has increased 25 during the year, and the church has now a total of 235 members.

The following officers were elected for the year: Deacons, Mrs. Helen Grant, and Messrs. D. G. Walker, C. R. King, Redd, A. J. Clyde, A. B. McNeill and A. Stewart; clerk, Miss Walker; financial secretary, Mr. Reid; envelope clerk, C. R. King; treasurer, A. B. McNeill; financial committee, Messrs. Reid, O. B. King, A. B. McNeill, H. Northcott and C. L. Brown.

The report from the Sunday school showed that excellent work was being done. The attendance was good, showing an enrollment of 21 during the year. The following were elected superintendents of the Sunday school for the ensuing year: A. B. McNeill, W. Russell and J. C. Case.

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Rifles.—The rifles used in all competitions shall be Lee-Enfield or Lee-Metford, of government pattern. Pull of trigger, minimum, 6 lbs. Competitors who have made 25, 22 or 45 points, or over in a 5, 7 or 10 shot match must submit their rifles to the test in the presence of the range officer on duty before leaving the firing point, or at any time when required by the range officer.

Ammunition.—The ammunition used must be that provided by the British Columbia Rifle Association.

Tyros.—Except in this tyro match, which is restricted to militiamen, "tyro" is defined as any member of the association who has not won a prize of \$3 at any previous prize meeting of the B. C. R. A., or other provincial association, the D. R. A., or the N. R. A., exclusive of extra series or tyro prizes.

Orthoptics.—The field of vision must not be limited except by the orthoptics disc. Opacities, goggles, or side flaps will not be allowed. The eye not used in aiming must not be artificially obscured, unless with a glass which must not be darker than the other eye. It must not be known to opticians as No. 13.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Association will be held on the second day of the prize meeting, at 8 p.m., at the drill hall, Victoria. A meeting of the council for such business as may come on, will be held on the first day of the prize meeting.