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The Spanish-speaking peoples of Central America are still very much left in the darkness of ignorance. In one city alone there are 30,000 Spanish-speaking people, and only one small Bible class held among them as a means of evangelization.

The Baptists of the Southern States are very strong numerically. One explanation of this is that so large a proportion of the negro population belongs to us. In all the States, it has been estimated that there are 161,113 more negro Baptists than members of all other denominations combined.

Speaking of the negroes, the following is worth noticing: "Conditions among negroes in America are not ideal, and there is much concerning them for which as a nation we are ashamed. But let us not forget that the gulf which separates the most destitute and ignorant negro among us and his brother in the wilds from which he came is an impassable one. The negro race owes to contact with the civilization of the white man a debt which it can never repay. A speaker once making this point, however, was interrupted by an astute colored brother. 'Yassir, boss, dat's true; but you didn't go to do it!'

Mission work in Africa is not yet very old in years. It is still within the memory of one man, Dr. Eugene Stock, of the Church Missionary Society, that all the great men whose names we know have done their work—Krapf, Livingstone, Mackay, and Tucker.

One of the great opportunities of the Christian Church in America lies in the presence of so many of the Eastern nations, who are here seeking Western learning. At the present time there are 1,500 Chinese alone, in American colleges. Large work is being planned and carried out for them, and surely nothing could be more worth while.

The Protestant Christians of Mexico are trying to plan for forward movements, even in the midst of the turmoil of their unsettled condition. They have recently held a Protestant National Convention in Mexico City, in which they arranged for union effort, and for native leaders to carry on as much of the work as possible.

The Methodist Episcopal Mission in India reported last year that 100,000 people came to them for admission into the church. Because of the lack of workers due to lack of funds, only 40,000 of these could be examined and received. What will become of those 60,000 inquirers?

Not only are the poor and humble hearing and studying the Scriptures in China. C. T. Wang, the Yale graduate who has resigned as General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in China to become Vice-President of the Senate, conducts a weekly Bible class in Peking, composed of government officials.

In spite of the confusion in Russia, surely a new day has dawned. The Jews, who have never been free to meet or discuss any questions, have