

MISSIONS—WORK DONE AND DUTY DEMANDED.

BY THE REV. E. M. SAUNDERS, D. D. A Glance at the Past.

Since the giving of the great commission, the altar fire in Christ's spiritual temple has never been extinguished. At times it has burned low and dimly; but still it has burned and flamed up to the sky. At this day, the entire Christian world holds in memory that 1892 is the centennial of the revival of modern missions. There was then an outbreak of zeal to obey Christ's command. It has increased in strength and intensity. The tide still rises, and will not stay till it has flowed around and over the whole world. The missionary work of this century has become history. After the state churches had failed to give the gospel of Christ to the pagans, William Carey was called from his humble sphere to become the pioneer and apostle of a great missionary enterprise to the heathen continents of the East. The Lord passed upon the learned, cultured dignitaries of the great ecclesiastical bodies, and inspired a backslider, who preached and made slaves as Paul before him had preached and made slaves. People of rank believed and opposed. They did not believe that a great missionary movement could be inaugurated by an agent of such humble origin, and called by an undistinguished name. A great and effectual door was opened, and Mr. Carey entered it. Immediately preceding him, Schwartz, Blandin and others had contained the apostolic succession of men zealous and successful in preaching the gospel in the regions beyond.

At the close of the century, it is important to review the history of the work accomplished and examine the lessons it contains. It is the nineteenth chapter of the book of the Revelation of missions. It contains lessons for the entire church of Christ. Baptists should read and study it with great care. Much has been done since Carey began work in India. The chief obstructions to foreign missions have been removed. Both Carey and Judson were forbidden by England to give the message of peace to the people of the East. England has been converted; and is now the patron and friend of missionaries. Her flag, more than that of any other nation, inspires confidence and guarantees protection to the heralds of the Cross.

The Spirit who touched the heart of Cyrus and made him a friend of ancient Israel, has inclined the hearts of many heathen rulers to tolerate and favor the Christian religion. The kings who have set themselves and the rulers who have taken counsel together against the Lord and against His anointed have been thwarted in their plans, and the Lord has had them in derision. At times this has been so marked as to attract the attention of the whole world.

The treaties with China and Japan, and the revolutions in Italy and Mexico in 1858, by which these countries were opened to the gospel, are events which mark the good providence of God in casting up the highways for the army of Christian missionaries. As the years of the century have passed away, obstruction after obstruction has been removed. Now there is ready access to almost every part of the world.

The service of the missionaries to art and science, has been in part rewarded by the greatly improved means of travel and intercourse between the distant parts of the earth. The swift ships on all seas, the swifter trains that career along their sounding tracks of steel, the telegraph and telephone, are helpful in carrying the tidings of great joy to all who sit in the region and shadow of death.

The results of missionary work in the last hundred years appear partly on earth, and partly in heaven. The list of the names of the noble men and women, the lineal, spirited descendants of Schwartz, Branard, Carey, Martin, Judson and Duff, is a long one. In their faith, patience and labor, both in prosperity and adversity, they have honored Christ, their living head. Many of them are now before the throne, some of them wearing the martyr's crown. Converts to the Christian religion, both of earth and in heaven, increase as the years pass by. Jeremiah's question, "Hath a nation changed its gods?" has been answered in the affirmative. Some of them have already done so. In others, the process of change is going forward. Islands of the sea, once given to idols, are now for Christ. Japan, a little ago a hermit and a pagan nation, dwelling alone in self-imposed seclusion, has come out of her retreat into fraternal fellowship with the kingdoms of the earth.

In Africa, China and India the work of transformation is advancing. The beginning of the end is visible. "The morning light is breaking." Wherever the gospel is preached, the work of unsetting and overturning old systems and of establishing and building the new one goes on.

Lack of modern missions and missionaries, are the workers and the work of apostolic days. The most distinguished among them is the great Apostle of the Gentiles. The influence of this grand character will never grow less. Humble and courageous, gentle but irresistible, he goes forward undismayed, opposed by Jews and Gentiles, the leader of the lowly followers of Christ waging an uncompromising warfare against the idolaters of Rome and the traditions of his own countrymen. His message to the proud Roman and the haughty Jew

is Jesus and the resurrection. He is ever calm and certain. His speech is plain and temperate. He sees results which were pledged to him by his great faith. Without complaint he accepts and endures persecutions, stripes, imprisonments, perils by sea, by land, and by false brethren. The more he labors and loves, the less he is loved. He lives and suffers for the Gentiles who persecute him, and for the Jews who seek his life. In a ceaseless storm of persecution he works and weeps, writing letters hurried with his tears to instruct and comfort the churches he had founded. In him the world sees that "God is love," and from him they hear the echo of prayer from the dying Christ, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

The foundation of the faith of all missionaries is the cross of Christ. His commission is their authority. He Himself is their example, model and strength. On a mountain top against the dark background of a gloomy past, they seem to see their risen Saviour standing, surrounded by His disciples, asserting for Himself all power in heaven and on earth, and commanding His disciples and their successors to go into all the world preaching the gospel of peace. The power of these words, and the thrilling magnanimity of His divine personality, have inflamed with zeal the hearts of every generation of preachers.

How grand is that picture, so vivid in the apostles and early missionaries! It was subsequent to the resurrection, Christ and His disciples, according to an appointment made before He laid down His life, have come together under the dome of the deep blue heavens. The Lelans, crowned with cold white snow, look down upon them. Around them on every side are the mountains, the dark valleys, the seas and rivers of the land He loved so well. How fitting the place thus environed for the deliverance of the great commission.

Through the retrospect of Christian missions terminating in this grand scene, a retrospect fraught with the prophecy of final victory, comes the sublime, unrepented command of Christ with added force, accumulated along the centuries. From the time it first rang out upon the resonant air of old Canaan till the present, it has ever fallen upon some hearts obedient to its divine dictates.

A View of the Future. As is the retrospect so is the prospect. The abundance of the sea is to be converted to God. The Father is to give the heathen to His Son for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. They of the wilderness are to bow before Him. His enemies are to lick the dust.

The vision of the future seen through general prophecy through the book of the Revelation, and through the end predicted by the beginnings of the kingdom in heathen lands, is one of universal victory—the earth purged and a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. The Vedas, the Shastras and the Koran will become curious literature, classed with legends of Homer and Virgil. The great nations now consulting their religious guides will have the Bible, a light to their feet and a lamp to their paths. Over all these lands where now are heard the gongs and horrid music of idol worship, will be heard the glad sound of church-bells summing their millions to the worship of the living God, revealed to the world through Christ His Son.

Whatever theory of eschatology may be the true one, no doubt exists as to the glory of the final issue. All false religions are doomed. The vision tarries, but we wait for it, it will come, it will not tarry. This earth, delivered from the curse of sin will be allied to the heavenly paradise. It will be, so to speak, a colony of Christ's Kingdom.

A Call to Action. When Napoleon was about to fight a battle under the shadow of the Pyramids, he inspired his men by telling them that forty centuries looked down upon them. Upon the church and the missionaries of to-day, nineteen centuries look down. In the remote background, Christ, the great commander, is seen. "Go ye into all the world," is His command. "Lo, I am with you alway," is His promise.

The lives of great men of mission fame, from Paul to Carey, remind believers that victory and rewards are the sequence of consecrated service. Both the past and the future combine to say that earth's transient honors, pleasures, and possessions, are more deceptive shadows when compared with the substantial things of the Messianic Kingdom.

Is the work in hand? Are these the certain results? Doubt here has no place. Hath God said it, and will He not do it?

With this grand past and grander future full in view, and every believer commended by the great head of the church to take part in the work yet to be done, should not every one, washed in the blood of Christ, hasten to give his time, prayers, money and influence, to secure the full realization of the travail of the Redeemer's soul? How patiently Christ has waited. For nineteen hundred years, Jesus has walked among the churches, and His pleading inquiry has been, Who will go for us? whom shall I send? Few comparatively have said, "Here am I, send me." How small the amount of consecrated gold and silver.

Around us now is a great cloud of witnesses. They cheer us on in this great work. Each saved man, woman

and child should hear the appeal of this year, the centennial of the revival of modern missions; and say, what can I do to help make the kingdoms of this world the kingdoms of Christ? Consecration is the demand of the day. The call is loud and urgent.

The thousands now before the throne who have heard and obeyed the great command, together with all who are now engaged in the work, are of an order with us. We are come to "the spirits of the just made perfect." Our work is their work continued. Their lives touch our lives. Their influence, inspiration, is upon us. Shall we be a solid wall to arrest it and turn it back, or through our lives shall it have free course and flow on to future generations, increased in volume, and force by the tributaries of our zeal and devotion.

Overstepping all these considerations, in the realm of thought and imagery, is the risen Christ on the Galilean mountain, issuing the great commission. There He seems ever standing. With words unburied with spirit and life, He bids His followers go into all the world; "with the life, and of soul taken from the altar of His sacrifice. He touches the lips and hearts of the willing and obedient everywhere. Wherever these divine words find entrance, souls awake to their true dignity, see their great mission and its final results. Earth's enterprises, both commercial and intellectual, are mere subsidiary helps to the work of founding Christ's Kingdom.

The doomed systems of heathenism are dissolving. Christ's kingdom is coming. His will is being done. He must reign, till all enemies are put under His feet.

Who would not have a part in riding the world of its base idolatries to make room for Christ, in substituting for the death through which sin has ever reigned, the new life, the eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord?

Some people have been querying as to what I said in my article in this paper the 10th of February, about drug medicines doing more harm than good; and are asking, "how do you know?" I thought I gave pretty good authority for the statement in the quotations I made from a number of high-standing M. D.'s. I will now say that I have more than a score of others of the medical fraternity, occupying high positions, who affirm the same things concerning the use of drugs. But I have, for the last three years I lived in Massachusetts, taken lessons from Dr. C. A. Green, of Boston, on most every thing pertaining to sickness and cures, and have become pretty well posted in physiology and therapeutics. Dr. Green treats all kinds of diseases without any medicines, and is making more cures and losing less patients than any fifty of the eleven hundred other doctors in Boston and vicinity. The largest part of his patients are those who have tried specialists and hospitals with no beneficial results, and then come to him with their systems filled with poisonous drugs. And his first efforts are used to eradicate the poisons from them; that the other doctors have filled them with. He believes in working in harmony with nature; and in this respect he and Dr. Hall are alike in their theory of treatment for the sick. But their mode and manner are somewhat different, and yet the two treatments work in perfect harmony; and I would advise any one who is very low with a long-standing illness to get both of these new treatments and use them at the same time. But for most of cases I am persuaded that Dr. Hall's is sufficient, and it is by far the cheapest and easiest to use. No one need be without it who needs medical help. Dr. Hall's Health Pamphlet costs but four dollars, and will do for a life-time; and if the treatment is used, say once a week, the subject is kept clear of disease. I have yet to find the person who has been using this treatment for any length of time and has taken the "grippe," and I can refer you to one who says he had the "grippe" broken up in one night by this treatment. Mr. Isaac Landry, of St. John, is the man, and Mr. Walter J. Flewelling, of Hampton, says this treatment broke up the typhoid fever with him inside of a week. If any one is afraid to venture four dollars to test the treatment, then he can join with one, or three others, and put a dollar or two dollars in and get one between them; one Pamphlet will do for several families, and they will all find that it will cost much better than to run a doctor's bill for five or ten dollars. I am getting letters most every day from people who are using the treatment saying that they are highly pleased with the results. Some say, "It works like a charm." But I do not urge nor coax any one to buy the Pamphlet, but I do say this, that any one who refuses to get the Pamphlet, after reading the testimonies given in the treatise I send free to any one sending me their address, does not know what a boon they are rejecting. I believe those testimonies to be true statements voluntarily made by the writers. Nobody should venture to try the treatment upon mere hearsay, but should have the genuine Pamphlet written by Dr. Hall, the discoverer of the treatment, so as to know the why and the wherefore of it, together with the mode and manner of the treatment. Pay no attention to bogus affairs; they only set you to groping in the dark. I could fill columns with testimonies, but I will only give one, as space in this paper is precious. But I will refer the reader to several who have used the treatment, such as B. C. Morrell, of Hampton; L. L. Sharpe, Revs. W. J. Stewart and H. G. Mellick, also Messrs. Beaubien, Cottle, W. H. Belding and H. S. Cosman, all of St. John. J. H. HUGHES, 55 Charlotte Street, St. John, N. B. Butterfield Ridge, Kings Co., N. B. February 20th, 1902.

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MR. AND MRS. J. C. desire that until further respondents will address THE MESSENGER AND VISITOR, S...

We have pleasure in ing the receipt of eight d Stundists of Russia—the collection taken in the Baptist church, P. E. L. alars from the church at Ha which will be promptly f...

We are sorry to learn H. Rand, of Toronto; that health and that of Mrs. R what impaired through a se of la grippe. Dr. Rand ho this way and to breathe the while during the summer. need to assure him that he a most hearty welcome when come.

JANVIS STREET church, noted for the generous di its annual collections for hon On a recent Sunday the co that object amounted to over Baptist says: "It would be a suppose that the Jarvis stre can raise such a sum as feeding it, or that the sum made up of large donations wealthy. On the contrary it assured, the result of orga work on the part of the few, giving on the part of the ma sums and larger according to ability."

The Presbyterian Witn ing a volume "beautifully p neatly bound, containing the pels and the Acts in the Erron gauge," tells very briefly th John Williams and the Go martyr missionaries to whose courage and Christi have made so great an impres Christian world. Greatly Presbyterian brethren in the been honored of God in bea to rear and send forth sionaries. Their names are tion to brave deeds for Chri humanity; not only within th nation to which they belong, ever the story of their lives a has been told. We hope, in issue, to find room for the art red to.

We are pleased to learn J. W. Manning now finds his position to comply with the F. M. Board, and it is ex he will accordingly enter int relations about the first of Ma Mr. Manning's resignation was sent to his church, resolut adopted expressive of the chur preciation of his most faithfu ceptable ministry for a perio ten years; at the same time against the policy of taking a the pastoral work, to the appa reparable loss of the church, a able and so highly esteemed b ple, and expressing the opinio secretaryship of the F. M. B be satisfactorily filled by a lay this ground the church, thoug in sympathy with the F. M. c itself unable, under the circun to accept the resignation of i Subsequently an urgent app from the Board requesting th in consideration of the great n need of Bro. Manning in the leadership by the first of May, quest has been complied with.

The celebration by the Main st church of this city of its ju Friday evening last was an c importance to the church, and o interest to the large congrega occupied all the pews and ma seats in the aisles of the churc sary. The church was tasteful ted with flags and the progr services was well arranged. Th lent music was a very enjoyab the services? Rev. A. E. Ingram Tabernacle church, offered a prayer. The pastor, Rev. S. read a necessarily brief but v esting sketch, reviewing the c dling for a little on the main the life of the late Rev. Samuel su, whose work was so influ connection with the early histo Portland church as well as othe Baptist churches of this city. R Martell, of Fairville, gave a sh excellent address on "The id Christian church." S. McC. B the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, sp "The church's opportunity," an G. O. Gates, of Germain St, ch a vigorous address on "The so of the church." A jubilee than ing was made, the amount of wh did not learn, and the services