

MEETING.

To my dear People.—Our lectures on our Foreign Mission work are over. I have made them as interesting and instructive as facts and talents would allow. I have given as full a statement as time and opportunity permitted. Judging from the unusually favorable comments I have heard, they have been very acceptable. We are now, where I have for some time longed that we should be, in possession of a good deal of solid (and I believe trustworthy) information regarding (1) the world field; (2) those particular fields in which we are most interested; (3) what efforts have been put forth by ourselves and by others; (4) results; (5) requirements. We now know where our money is going; what it is accomplishing; how much of it is spent in keeping up pampered idleness at home; how much is required of us for the future. I feel, however, that much of the knowledge we have gained, many of the facts and figures gained, will be lost if we have them not in a more substantial form.

Therefore, after consultation with many of you, I have decided to publish the addresses in pamphlet form, and to distribute a copy to each and every member of the congregation. The sermons as printed, you will find to be a pretty good representation of the sermons as delivered. The outline maps which I used, will be reproduced as far as possible in the pamphlet. Many of the long extracts which I read to you must necessarily be omitted. You will have, however, a ready hand-book of reference as to the past and present condition of the field. The lectures have already entailed considerable expense upon me; the publication of them will cost about \$35 more. The pamphlet will be distributed gratis, but if, after having read the book, you consider the lectures preserved in that form are worth something to you, and that you owe something for the information thus acquired, I shall be pleased to allow you to assist in defraying this cost of publication to any extent that you may choose.

Further, I have had a few hundred extra copies printed for free distribution among friends outside the congregation. If any of you wish an extra copy or two for this purpose, please apply within two weeks after issue.

May the Lord of the vineyard cause these addresses to be the means of stirring us up to greater faithfulness in the use of the means he has placed at our disposal for the conversion of the world to him.

Yours in Christ,

R. H. MYERS.

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