

Conference of Missions. The sound of it has already gone out to the ends of the earth. An appetite for missionary meetings, a relish for missionary literature and information, a spirit of intelligent zeal and consecration, and many other results already hint at a very large harvest of which these are first-fruits. Delegates have gone in every direction, bearing coals from the same altar and fires, and kindling everywhere. The printed reports have been widely scattered, and will be more widely. There will be, we doubt not, a new era of giving and self-giving.

In our addresses we have sought no mere ephemeral impression by an appeal to emotion. We have felt that a true interest in missions must be built upon the basis of an intelligent conviction—that disciples need to be informed—confronted with the great facts of missionary history. We have sought, therefore, simply to mass, or rather marshal, these facts before the mind—to show how plainly the work is God's work—to indicate providential and gracious signs of His going before and with the missionary band. And everywhere we find a most absorbed and attentive audience. The turn in the tide of missions has evidently come, but it is a turn toward, not the ebb, but the flood. Both Dr. Gordon and myself regret that our great work at home does not seem to allow of an extended absence and work in this direction. There is a wide door and an effectual opened before us, and there are *not* many adversaries who show open opposition. Now is the time for some one to enter this door. A crusade of missions is called for, and where is Peter the Hermit? A reform in missionary methods is called for, and where is the Luther, the Wesley, the Owen for the crisis? A reconstruction of our habits of giving is needful, and where is the Zinzendorf to lead the way to a higher level of consecrated beneficence? Let the whole Church pray for the present epoch and the coming men for the crisis.

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DEAR BROTHER: I sent you a letter a few days ago, referring to the marvelous movement here for a missionary campaign. I now send you the letter of the Committee referred to, read and adopted in Synod Hall at the great meeting. I think this and the letter I sent you ought to be published as soon as possible, not because of personal references, of course, but as a signal token of the outcome of the World's Conference in London.

VISIT OF DELEGATES TO SCOTLAND.

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