

World of Missions.

Islam In The Philippines.

A force other than heathenism or Romanism will have to be reckoned with in missionary operations in these islands, and that is Mohammedanism. It dominates the Sulu archipelago, and is seeking to extend its propaganda among the northern islands, and has already begun operations in Manila. Several conditions seem to favor some success in such endeavor. The fact that under a spurious form of Christianity such abuses arose as to force the people to arms against the friars, makes it difficult to overcome the prejudice they have conceived against Christianity. At such a juncture Islam steps in with a monotheism that is vastly superior to the surrounding heathenism, and presents an unbroken front, while the Filipinos conceive Christians to be divided among themselves. —Catholics and non-Catholics.

The Deluge in China.

After the devastations of Boxers and foreigners, China has now to suffer from a flood of appalling severity. The Yangtze River has overflowed its banks and laid waste the valley. Ten million persons are reported to be without homes and without provisions for the coming winter, and the floods have not yet subsided. Immediately on hearing of the floods, two Chinese banks advanced a sum of 20,000 taels, and a special delegate was sent up the river to distribute relief. Foreign houses of commerce also contributed. The floods have proved destructive beyond all expectation. It is certain that there will be intense suffering during the coming winter, and it is feared that the distress will lead to civil disorder. A committee of foreigners has been formed to receive subscriptions and conduct relief work in conjunction with a native committee.

Italian Evangelical Church.

Statistics published in July show that the Italian Evangelical Church consists of 35 congregations, with 5 others in process of formation. The communicants number 1,815 and the catechumens 502, with 20 pastors, 10 evangelists, 1 Bible-woman, 3 workers on trial, 35 elders, 75 deacons, and 25 teachers. In the 24 Sunday-schools 1,302 boys and girls are under the instruction of 63 teachers. A special effort is made to secure the placing of the Scriptures in the hands of the people, and in twelve months 868 Bibles and 2,588 New Testaments were sold or given away.

An Abyssinian Christian teacher, named Tajelenj, has accomplished the task of making the first corrections in the Swedish Society's edition of the Ethiopic New Testament, printed in 1830. This teacher's return to his old home in the heart of Abyssinia, at Ifag, near Gondar, the former royal capital, with copies of the New Testament prepared by his consecrated toil, has been hopefully regarded by the friends at the mission. In spite of much persecution, the tributary king, Ras Mengascha, has recently accepted a copy of the Scriptures from this native evangelical teacher, and even the Emperor Menelik has shown him favor.

The Word of God preached under the Holy Ghost will produce results that will be seen at once. Under it men will be saved.

Health and Home Hints.

How To Cook Pumpkin.

"What moistens the lip and what brightens the eye?
What calls back the past, like the rich pumpkin pie?" —Whittier.

To secure the toothsome Thanksgiving viand the notion is prevalent that an abundance of cream and eggs is indispensable. The fact is, a good pumpkin properly cooked requires neither. Sweet milk is quite sufficient to complement the richness of the fruit. But see to it that a goodly portion at least of this richness is not lost in the preparation. I once heard of an excellent cook in most things—and a Yankee, too—who drained and mashed her pumpkin as she did potato. Truly she must needs make amends for the lost sweetness by substituting richness from her dairy and poultry yard!

If an ordinary field pumpkin is used—and the old-fashioned Connecticut Field is one of the best—select one of rather more than medium size and rich hue; those having an orange skin slightly mottled with green usually yield thick, solid flesh. The modern pie pumpkins, though smaller, are sweeter; they have as a rule, however, a slight y squash-like taste not pleasing to every palate.

Put a little water in the kettle to prevent scorching before the juices are extracted, and add the pumpkin, cut in small pieces. Cook slowly to avoid possibility of scorching—just maintaining the boiling point. As it becomes soft, stir occasionally to prevent adherence to sides of kettle. Later it will need almost constant stirring to keep it from sticking, but should not be removed until quite dry. Just before taking from the fire, season with sugar, salt and ginger.

If the stirring process is too laborious, as soon as soft it may be transferred to a buttered spider or pan and allowed to finish slowly in the oven. By this means the rich flavor is preserved but it is not as free from lumps as when stirred.

For pies, moisten the pumpkin with sweet milk. This may be done a half hour or so before needed, as if cooked dry it does not soak up at once. Sweeten further if necessary, and add nutmeg and other spices to taste, allowing also a tablespoonful of flour to each pie. Use enough milk to reduce it to such consistency that it will just level itself when placed in the crust. Bake slowly. This method is pronounced by those who have tested it as one of the very best ways to prepare pumpkin for pies.—Table Talk.

Of vegetables those accounted standards for the real Thanksgiving dinner are squash and onions, such others being added as fancy may dictate.

The London "Daily Telegraph's" New York correspondent writes: President Roosevelt's first Message to Congress is nearly finished and I have been able to obtain some information as to its tenor. The document is one of the shortest prepared by a President. It will make a general statement as to the necessity for reciprocity, will favour legislation on the subject of trusts, emphasize the need of augmentation of the merchant marine, and earnestly advocate the adoption of a formidable shipbuilding programme for the navy. This will be the strong feature of the Message, which will further urge action with regard to the Isthmian Canal treaty with Great Britain such as shall remove all obstacles in the way of American construction of the canal.

A TEAMSTER'S STORY.

SUFFERED GREATLY FROM ASTHMA AND KIDNEY TROUBLE.

SPENT SOME TIME IN A HOSPITAL AND ALMOST IMPOVERISHED HIMSELF BUYING MEDICINES WITHOUT BENEFIT—AGAIN DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS CURE AFTER OTHER MEDICINES FAIL.

From the Recorder, Halifax, N.S.

Mr. William Cochrane, a well known teamster, who lives near the Halifax Polo Grounds, is one of those who willingly bear testimony to the curative powers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. A reporter of the Acadian Recorder who had heard of Mr. Cochrane's sufferings and subsequent cure, called at his home, when he gave an account of his experience substantially as follows:— "He had for many years been a constant sufferer from asthma, accompanied by an aggravated form of kidney trouble. The latter trouble caused severe pains in the back and loins, and at times his sufferings were very acute. He said he had almost impoverished himself in buying medicines of all kinds, but to no purpose; the trouble continued and seemed to grow worse as the years passed. Mrs. Cochrane said that she had frequently seen her husband choke up and fall to the floor as though dead, and he would have to be worked with and rolled around before he would revive. A few years ago he spent ten days in the Victoria General Hospital. The doctors then thought that the pains in the back were due to over exertion in his business as a teamster, but gave him no material help. After leaving the hospital, he used bottles of medicine, but failed to find a cure. A neighbor of his, Mr. Lowe, whose wife had been made a well woman after years of sickness, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, advised him to try them. He used a couple of boxes without apparent result, and felt somewhat discouraged, but Mr. Lowe advised him to continue the use of the pills, and before the third box was finished, he began to improve. 'Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been a God-send to me,' said Mr. Cochrane, 'they are the only medicine I have taken which seemed to do me any good. I had one prescription from a doctor which cost me \$1.75 a bottle, which like many other medicines I took, was just so much money wasted. I have used eight or ten boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and can say that before I began their use life was an intolerable burden. I have reason to be thankful that I followed the friendly advice that urged me to use this medicine.'

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