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## Unveiling a Memorial Tablet.

(‘China’s Millions.’)

On this page we reproduce a reduced facsimile of a memorial tablet erected in the prayer meeting room of the Mission Hall in London, in loving memory of the martyred missionaries and their children, by their fellow-workers in the Mission. This tablet is a brass plate on a rough marble slab, in

ese characters in white, hung one on either side of the platform, while, under the clock, on the wall to the left of the speaker, a white sheet covered the memorial tablet, which was to be unveiled during the meeting. The meeting was a large and very impressive one. Addresses were delivered by Rev. C. J. Moore and Mr. W. B. Sloan, after which the tablet was unveiled by Mr. F. M. Wood. A solemn season of prayer followed

There were some young theological students under my care at this time, upon whom I began experimenting in this method of Bible study with similar blessed results. Then I was led of God to introduce it in several Bible institutes and training schools, including the theological seminary of my own church. Finally the popular evening Bible classes came into being, both east and west, numbering in several cases as many as a thousand members each.

The method has come to be known as the synthetic study of the Bible, which means the study of the Bible as a whole, and each book of the Bible as a whole, and as seen in its relation to the other books.

Begin to study the Bible where God began to write it, at Genesis. The rules of procedure are as follows:—

First, read the book.

Second, read it continuously, i. e., without observing its divisions into chapters and verses.

Third, read it repeatedly, i. e., until you have the consciousness of its possession in outline.

Fourth, read it independently; i. e., without the aid at first of any commentary or other Bible help.

Fifth, read it prayerfully, in reliance upon the Holy Spirit who wrote it to enlighten its pages to your understanding.



TABLET ERECTED IN MISSION HOME, LONDON, ENG.

size just over three feet square. A similar tablet has also been placed in the hall on the Mission compound in Shanghai. The prayer meeting room presented an unusual appearance on Saturday afternoon, January 18, when the friends of the Mission gathered for prayer at the usual hour. Two large blue banners, curiously inscribed with Chin-

In making a few tender, personal references to Mr. Wm. Cooper and Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Sloan called attention to the two banners, one of which bore the name of Mr. Cooper, in Chinese, and the other that of Mr. Bagnall, also in Chinese. The banners were used at the funeral services held at Pao-ting Fu, in March, 1901.

## The Return of the Jews to Palestine.

(Israel Zangwill, in 'The Christian Endeavor World'.)

The position of the Jews, despite superficial appearances, is now worse than it has been for centuries. Their very emancipation, where it is real, has only prepared their dissolution; for it is impossible for a small majority, devoid of the dike of the Ghetto wall, to escape being battered out of all recognition, if not altogether sucked up by the great waves of western life perpetually beating upon them. The mere industrial impossibility of keeping two Sabbaths in the week destroys the Jewish Saturday, the very pivot of their religion, while all attempts at throwing the ancient sanctity over the Sunday have been miserable failures.

But this destructive emancipation touches only a minority. More than half of the eleven million Jews in the world find themselves in Russia, and for the most part congested in the Pale, severely bruised and chafed by that planing policy by which holy Russia is to be smoothed into a religious unity. In Roumania a quarter of a million of Jews are being legislated away with remorseless defiance of the treaty of Berlin.

The one million Jews of America are free, but not socially equal. The slums of the great cities of the States have reached saturation point as regards their capacity to receive the streams of migration of starving Russians and Roumanians.

London itself begins to protest, through the British Brothers' League and a Parliamentary Inquiry, against their continued inflow. Germany, Austria, and Hungary

## How to Master the English Bible.

(James M. Gray, D.D., in 'Institute Tie'.)

For the first half of my ministry I did not know my English Bible as I should, the effect of which was seen both in my own spiritual life and the character of my preaching. My heart was greatly burdened in prayer about it for more than a year, when God answered me through the lips of a Christian layman, whom I met at a Christian convention in an eastern state. His peace and joy in Christ I so much coveted as to ask him how he had obtained the blessing. He told me that it came to him through reading the epistle to the Ephesians. I asked him how he had read it.

'I was going to spend the Sabbath with my family in the country,' said the layman,

and I carried with me a pocket copy of the epistle. In the afternoon I lay down under a tree and read it through at a single reading. My interest being awakened, I read it through again in the same way, and again, and again, as many as twelve or fifteen times; and when I arose to go into the house I was not only in possession of Ephesians, but Ephesians was in possession of me.'

I at once began the application of this simple principle to the whole Bible practically, beginning at Genesis. I did not read the Bible in course merely, but kept at each book in its chronological order until it was thus mastered before I began work in the next. I cannot tell the effect upon me—strengthening my faith in the infallibility of the Bible, enlarging my mental vision, deepening my spiritual life, and lightening the burdens of my ministry.