

Finances

What we had to say last month about the state of the Treasury holds exactly good this month. Money is coming in a bit better, but not sufficiently yet to banish anxiety. If it weren't for that exchange bill we would be just about paying our way as we went along. Some Circles are remembering to add that ten per cent. to remittances to cover the exchange in India. Some Circles have not as yet responded to this call.

Life Memberships During February

Circles—Mrs. Fred P. Hames, Cheltenham; Mrs. G. G. Byers, Delhi; Mrs. Thomas Patterson, Claremont; Mrs. William Meeker, Whitby.

Bands—Rev. John McNeill; Rev. John Craig; Mrs. John Craig, of Walmer Road "King's Band", and Miss Evelyn Ada Winter, Mt. Brydges.

Freelton "Willing Workers" made Miss Eba B. Haines a Life Member of Circles.

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HOW GOD IS WORKING IN LATIN-AMERICA

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Latin-America is in the limelight. There was a time when we thought of it as a continent of revolutions. Today Latin-America is progressing as the United States of North America did in the last century. It is rapidly becoming the dumping ground for the over-plus population of many European and Asiatic countries. A distinguished Japanese diplomat on being asked where their over-plus population was going, replied: "To Latin-America."

Many American tourists are surprised at what they see in the Southern Continent. They find themselves in large modern cities and among cultured and highly civilized people. They naturally ask: "Why send missionaries here?"

On one occasion a friend said to me:

"Buenos Aires is like New York, these people are a great commercial and cultured folk, why send missionaries to them?"

"Did you expect to find savages here?" I asked.

"No," he replied, "but I did not think the Latin-Americans were so civilized and as cultured as I find them to be. They are in many respects more cultured than we."

"Quite true," I replied, "but did civilization save you?"

"No, Jesus saved me," he replied.

The world's war proved that civilization and culture do not change the human heart.

While in the interior of many Latin-American republics the majority of the people are illiterate; yet in the big centres like Buenos Aires and Santiago we find people as cultured, as civilized, and as well educated as we find anywhere. And yet, they need the Gospel because of their **spiritual ignorance**. Roman Catholicism is their religion. We must distinguish between Roman Catholicism and Roman Catholics. We may love Roman Catholics and yet hate Roman Catholicism. If we loved the people more we would win more for Christ.

Roman Catholicism has two conceptions of Jesus Christ. First, that of a babe in his mother's arms. The famous madonnas are the marvel of all who visit the old galleries of Europe and the despair of the artists who try to copy them. As objects of art, they are wonderful, but as objects of worship, they only hide the true Christ from the worshiper. Thank God Jesus did come to Bethlehem as a babe, but thank God He is not there now. I shall never forget the impression on me as I read in big letters this inscription: "The church of the baby God." No wonder there is no dynamic in Romanism, when their God is a baby. The other conception Roman Catholicism has of Christ, is that of a dead Christ. There is no salvation in a dead Christ. Paul says, "If Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain and your faith is also vain."

In the city of Santa Fe, Argentina, a little girl about fourteen years of age, a member of the church where I was to preach, worked