

THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

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"If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples."—JESUS the Christ.

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The Disciple of Christ

Is devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ, and pleads for the union of all believers in the Lord Jesus in harmony with His own prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, and on the basis set forth by the Apostle Paul in the following terms: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."—Eph. iv. 1-6.

This paper, while not claiming to be what is styled an "organ," may be taken as fairly representing the people known as Disciples of Christ in this country.

Annual Collection for Foreign Missions, First Lord's Day in March. Send to A. McLean, Box 750, Cincinnati, O.



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"The church therefore is, and of right ought to be, a great missionary society. Her parish is the whole earth—from sea to sea, and from the Euphrates to the last domicile of man. A Christian community without missions and missionaries would, indeed, be a solecism in creation, and a gross deviation from the order, the economy and the government of the community."—

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.

On the ground of statistical data it has been calculated that the traffic originated in the commercial world by means of mission work repays ten fold the capital expended.



C. L. LOOS, President Foreign Christian Missionary Society.

March Offering; More Missionaries.

E. E. Faris, of Paris, Texas, will go out to plant a mission in Africa, 'The Midnight Continent,' just as soon as there are sufficient funds and a medical man can be found to go with him.

Miss Mary Kelly has been appointed to China, but her departure must also depend upon the receipts. These brave young lives are "the messengers of the churches and the glory of Christ."

The Dallas Convention made four exceedingly important recommendations:

1. That a company of missionaries be sent to Africa as soon as the funds will permit.
2. That a competent man be sent to Turkey.
3. That a medical missionary be sent to each mission station in India.
4. That twenty-five missionaries be sent out during the year.

We are abundantly able to carry out all these recommendations. We are stronger as a people than ever before. The March offering must be larger than ever before. The most thorough preparation must be made.

Remember the programme. 1. \$50,000 from the churches as churches.

2. At least 3,000 contributing churches. 3. And 1,000 churches paying their full apportionment.

Keep in mind the watch word: *An offering from every church; a gift from every member.*

Copies of the "Missionary Voice" will be furnished free upon application to A. McLean, Box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Facts That Tell.

In 1843 only six Christians could be found in the empire of China. Now there are 50,000 communicants.

Fifty years ago there was not a native Christian in the Friendly Islands. Now there are 30,000 church members.

In the New Hebrides fifty years ago there was not a Christian. *Now it is said there is not a heathen!*

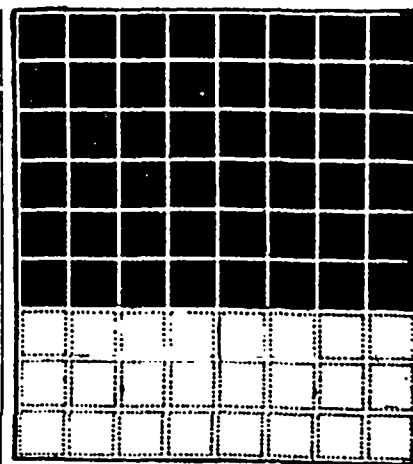
There have been three millions of



E. E. FARIS.

converts in the heathen world in the past one hundred years.

Seventy-five years ago there was not a convert in all Polynesia. Now the converts number 750,000. And they have sent a band of missionaries to other benighted tribes.



The New Crusade.

We have in round numbers 7,200 churches. Each square in this diagram represents 100 churches. There are 72 squares, representing 7,200 churches. The black squares represent the churches that did not give to Foreign Missions last year, the white squares those that did give. There are 24 white squares and 48 black ones. That is, 2,400 churches made contributions and 4,800 did not. We removed six black squares last year. That is, we gained 597 contributing churches.

We can and ought to remove the last black square this year. Only one-third of our churches gave last year. In the Congregational church 60 per cent. of the churches gave to Foreign Missions; in the United Presbyterian church, 82 per cent.; in the M. E. church (North), 93 per cent.; in the M. E. church (South), 99 per cent. We are doing better year by year, but we are not moving fast enough.

There are two things demanding special attention: 1. The churches that gave last year must not fail this. Last year about 500 churches failed to respond that gave the year before. The churches must be steadfast in their offerings. 2. Every preacher and every friend of the work must enlist at least one new church. There can be no justification for the existence of a church if it takes no part in giving the gospel to those who have it not.

Every church should have fellowship in this work, however weak or whatever its struggle for an existence may be. Let us take a pride in wiping the black squares from the diagram in the approaching March offering.

A. MCLEAN, } Secretaries.
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