

World of Missions.

Some Facts About South America.

South America has well been called "The Neglected Continent." The religion of the country being Roman Catholicism, the people are nominally Christian; yet even Romanists in the United States recognize in the Catholicism of South America a form of heathenism. Many of the more intelligent natives we are told, "have become alienated from their ancestral faith, and are now the advocates of liberalism in some form." The Bible is unknown. Ignorance, intemperance and immorality are found everywhere.

This is a continent of republics. Yet not one of the fourteen countries of South America can boast great stability of government. The entire continent, which covers one-seventh of the land area of the globe, has a population of 37,500,000 persons, equal to half the population of the United States. Of these about 6,000,000 are Indians. Except among these Indians and in Brazil, where Portuguese is spoken, Spanish is the language of South America.

Because of its magnificent mountain ranges and great plains, South America has vast stored up wealth in mine, forest and field, still practically undeveloped. While its remarkable river systems, reaching everywhere, increase its accessibility from a missionary as well as from a commercial point of view. South America, it has been stated, "has given to the world during the past four centuries more plants useful for alimentary purposes than any other division of the globe." Brazil alone furnishes more than half of the world's coffee supply.

Brazil, where our own church is at work, is the largest of the South American republics, occupying nearly half the area of the continent. Out of the co-operative work of the Presbyterian churches, North and South has grown the Presbyterian Church in Brazil. The theological seminary of the Synod of Brazil is located at San Paulo. Here, too, is Mackenzie College, the leading Protestant institution of South America.

There are now thirty-six societies at work in South America; and with the exception of French Guiana, every state has been entered by Protestant missionaries. In spite of this nearly 34,000,000 of people still remain unevangelized. The social conditions of the country, however, are improving. Mr. Beach writes, "A study of the history of the continent for the past seventy years reveals great progress, not only in wealth and population, but in education and general advancement."

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ADDITIONAL FACTS.

A voice from South America says: "You call our land 'The Neglected Continent.' And it is rightly named, because for centuries the lowest, vilest, blackest shadows of Romanism have rested upon us, destroying our home life so that forty per cent of our births are illegitimate. Of our 38,000,000 of people only 4,000,000 have been evangelized. You have given us 400 missionaries, but what are they in such a vast country among so many people? Men have been burned at the stake for daring to think. In some of our countries we have sought to embody republican principles in our government with success; now we want your religion, your free institutions of learning. No, ours is not a cry of heathenism, but it is just as intense as from those lands shrouded in darkness. Come quickly and help South America."

One has said that five great difficulties must be overcome in the evangelization of South America. First, the vastness of the continent, 7,000,000 square miles, with more undiscovered territory than any other continent on the globe. Second, the religion, an admixture of the most degrading forms of Romanism and heathenism. The Bible is withheld from the people everywhere that it is possible. Third, the ignorance of the vast majority of the inhabitants, four fifths of them unable to read or write. Fourth, the great indifference and unbelief among the educated classes. All the theories of unbelief broached in Europe or North America are speedily reflected here. Fifth, the expensiveness of living, Christian workers being obliged to rely largely upon the outside world for the necessities of life.

The area of South America is about seven million square miles. There are three great river systems—the Orinoco, Amazon and the Rio de la Plata. There are unreachably multitudes living in all these great river valleys. There are great deserts also in Patagonia, Chili and Peru, and great marshes like that of Xaraya, which, in the rainy season, is a lagoon as large as the state of Maine.—The Missionary.

Life's Luxury.

Poverty or luxury,—which do we choose? There is a hard problem is facing you to-day. There is a difficulty in your way, and you do not see how you are going to meet it. Will you limit yourself to the poverty of your own unaided powers, or will you let Omnipotence choose for you, and act for you, and achieve for you? What a luxury to rest confidently on the all-knowing, all-powerful Father in meeting to-day's difficulty! What poverty to try to worry through without him! Which is your choice?

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Potato Puff.—One cupful of mashed potato, one egg, one teaspoonful of butter, one half cupful of milk. Beat the egg, add the melted butter, mashed potato and milk. Season, beat until very light; "fill greased pop-over pans one half full of the mixture, and brown in a quick oven. Take out carefully with a knife and serve at once."

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