

conference to be held in New York next April. It is expected that from 2,000 to 3,000 representatives of Protestant missionary organizations will be present, and great expectations are entertained regarding the results of the meeting. *The Missionary Review of the World* for February contains a postal card symposium regarding the good results hoped for in connection with the conference, to which the leading secretaries of the United States and Canada have contributed.

REV. C. N. MITCHELL AND BOLIVIA.—The re-inforcement of our Bolivian mission by the appointment of Rev. C. N. Mitchell, M.A., a graduate of McMaster University who has been laboring for some time in British Columbia, is an event of no small importance. Work in Bolivia is opening up in a wonderful way, and the possibilities of early self-support on the part of the missionaries makes it practicable for an almost unlimited number of educated and zealous Christian men and women to enter this field. The excellence of the climate is also strongly in favor of the steady and large increase of our Bolivian staff.

A SUGGESTION.—In a recent letter from Mrs. Craig she proposes a plan by which the sisterhood of our churches here at home may substantially aid the Forward Movement. The suggestion is this—please take it to your heart. Let each woman who loves the cause make it known among her friends that during 1900 she would like any birthday gifts she may receive to be in money. To those gifts, when realized, she is to add something herself and offer the whole to missions as a thank-offering to the Lord. At first glance it might seem not an easy thing to make any request, in advance, about possible birthday presents that might come to us, but as the birthday festival is an essentially family affair it would not be so difficult. Mrs. Craig will forgive me for saying, as I happen to know, that this plan has been followed in her own home in India for years, and even before it was suggested from outside to the Toronto home in which she is most interested. The inmates, children included, have cheerfully entered upon it for this year. And so I feel sure when talked over in other homes sympathy and cordial co-operation will be secured. Let us see how winsomely we can present the matter, each in her own family circle. Suppose there should be but two or three in the family to share the scheme, and the gifts should average only fifteen or twenty cents each, yet if we all joined and unitedly acted upon this proposition, the sums realized when reckoned by hundreds would make a total of which Baptist women need not be ashamed, it would enable the eager hands of our missionaries to reach yet farther out with the Bread of

Life, and would be to the Master in whose dear Hand we place our gifts, an offering acceptable, well pleasing. Shall we do this thing?

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Woodstock, Jan. 22nd.

An appreciative and well-instructed article on "Dwight L. Moody, the Evangelist," opens the February number of *The Missionary Review of the World*. Dr. Pierson writes from the standpoint of a life-long friend who seeks to point some lessons from the career of the departed evangelist and some secrets of his power. Following the article comes a brisk and pointed symposium on "Good Results Hoped for from the Ecumenical Conference." Twenty missionary secretaries gave briefly their hopes and expectations from the coming great gathering. Robert E. Speer contributes a sketch of a Japanese Christian gentleman, Shosaburo Aoyama, whose character and history well merit notice. There is also an interesting illustrated article on "Chinese Turkestan and its Inhabitants," the central tableland of Asia. Other papers deserving attention are: "The Educational Problem in Japan," by Dr. Irvin H. Correll; "The Greenland Mission and Missionary Comity," by Rev. Paul de Schweinitz; "The Great Knife Sect of Shantung," by Mrs. Geo. S. Hays; "The Opium Traffic in China," by John Graham, and "What Christianity Can Do for China," by Dr. Arthur H. Smith.

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THE DARJEELING DISASTER.

A PATHETIC NARRATIVE.

[We copy from the *Madras Mail*, the following account of the death by cyclone and landslide of the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Lee, missionaries in India, and known by our own missionaries. Mrs. Lee is the author of *Chundra Lea* an account of which appeared in last LINK.]

The painful calamity which overtook the Rev. Mr. Lee's family is now so generally known that there is no reason for me (Special Correspondent of the *Englishman*) to repeat it; but as confused statements as to how the unfortunate children met their doom appeared in several papers, I have pleasure in furnishing you with a correct account. The story was related to me by the Rev. Mr. Mackay, who had the facts direct from Wilber Lee who died a few days later. I will give the narrative in Mr. Mackay's own words. The Rev. gentleman said: "Wilber Lee was so well on Thursday last that he was sitting up in bed and on Friday he felt so far recovered that he wished to take his seat in the dining room. His father and mother arrived from Calcutta on Friday morning. The boy was greatly pleased to see his parents and he gave a clear and connected account of all that had happened on the night his brothers and sisters were killed." Poor little Wilber said: "Late on Sunday night a policeman came to our house with a native servant who was out and bleeding, shrieking with pain. My eldest sister dressed the injured man's wounds. Before leaving the Policeman advised us to leave the buildings. A little later my eldest sister aroused, the younger