

The eagerness to spread the good news of salvation of those who come out of great darkness, is a constant reproach to those of us who have always enjoyed the knowledge. Here is a story of a Porto Rican, who is doing his part in telling the story:

"On the following day, after a long, hard ride over the mountain, we dropped down to the home of a country school teacher who has given himself to the Lord, and is anxious to be useful in bringing others to a knowledge of the truth. I noticed on reaching the home that there was a large white flag flying at the top of a long pole set up at the corner of his yard with an inscription, which at first I had not been able to read. On asking what this meant, the Christian teacher replied that as he had no bell to call his neighbors to service, he had devised this plan of advising them of the day of service. The writing on the flag proved to be the word "Culto" (Service). As service was to be held in his house that evening he was signalling this fact to his neighbors. At the quiet evening hour a large crowd gathered in the humble home of this Christian man, to hear the preaching of the Word. The zealous teacher is an intelligent, attractive young man, and I am hoping that the Lord will call him some day to give his life to the preaching of the gospel."

The American Baptist Home Mission Society started new work last July in the Republic of San Salvador, Central America. They are meeting with good success. The first station was El Salvador, the capital, and now there is a station in the eastern part of the Republic and another at San Vicente, a town at the foot of the volcano of the same name. At this place, a colporteur, who is now the missionary, was mobbed eight years ago. But there were some impressed, and one man has had for a long time his house prepared so that when a missionary should come, there would be a place for him to preach. He had the room ready to seat 200 people within a few hours after our Baptist missionary reached there, and the people came, and still the work is going on.

Sun Yat Sen, the first President of China, has had for a number of years the distinction of having offered for his capture dead or alive, the largest sum

ever stated for that purpose. He has had to assume disguises for years, and they are so successful that even his friends were deceived. "No one ever suspected in Eastern seas that the quiet, silent, commercial traveller wearing blue spectacles, with his heavy baggage of trade samples, labelled 'Tadeshi Okamura and Company, general merchants, Yokohama,' was no less a personage than the Doctor on tour." But what means most of all, is that he is a sincere and earnest Christian, always ready to witness for his faith. He received his education in a mission school in Hongkong, and was baptized there. This ought to be a great cause for gratitude among all Christian people.

And not only is Sun Yat Sen a Christian, but the Vice-President, General Li Yuan Hung, is also an earnest Christian. The Attorney-General, Wu Ting Fang, was educated and baptized in a mission school, and is a nominal Christian. Yuan Shi Kai is himself a Confucianist, but his children, four sons, are attending the London Missionary Society College at Tientsin.

"The World in Boston," is to have a successor in the "World in Cincinnati," the dates being March 9th to April 6th, and the preparations are on the same grand scale as before. It is intended to serve the Central States, as the Boston Exposition did the Eastern States.

Last June the "Gentleman from Pennsylvania," gave a large sum to start an endowment for superannuated ministers in the Northern Baptist Convention. Later on he offered \$50,000 additional if \$200,000 could be raised in the denomination by Christmas.

Strenuous and exciting days followed, when every nerve was stretched to meet the conditions. Dr. Morehouse, for many years Superintendent of Home Missions, gave \$10,000, the savings of a lifetime. By noon on Christmas Day the amount was pledged with something to spare. Dr. Morehouse says: "Such a Merry Christmas as this the Baptist denomination has never before enjoyed."

The largest Presbyterian congregation in the world is at Elat, West Africa, and is under the American Board. It has 6,000 members, and the church holds 5,000 people.