

have had to leave, and still there is hope. It looks as if at last Palestine would be freed from Moslem rule, and it may be will become once more the home of the Jew. Do we realize there are 550,000 Jews fighting to-day on the fields of Europe? and Jew fighting against Jew! In spite of age-long oppression, the Jews have risen to the call of their several rulers, and are fighting for the countries which have done so little for them. And not only do they fight. Sir E. Goshen is a Jew. Lord Reading is a Jew. Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Lord Chief Justice of England, is a Jew. M. Hyman, the Belgian Ambassador to England, is a Jew. Karl Marx is a Jew. Herr Liebknecht is a Jew. Henry Morgenthau, is a Jew. Surely their time for recognition is coming.

Africa.

We have not mentioned Africa—"Gods last, if not the greatest, challenge to the Christian Church." Heathen customs are changing; schools are prospering; systematic giving is being taught, and even the interned British missionaries in German East Africa are using their time in translating the Old Testament. Still the awful trade from America in rum goes on, ruining the people body and soul.

Europe.

What of Europe? Blood-soaked, war-torn, heart-ach Europe! Have they thought for missions still? British societies vote "No retrenchment," and the British and Foreign Bible Society is doing marvellous work, even keeping open its depot in Berlin. The Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish societies are suffering from lack of funds; French and German ones from lack of funds and because of their missionaries being called to the colors. Work in Spain goes on, but persecution is being felt somewhat keenly. Baptist work in Italy, especially the publication work, is meeting with much favor.

South America.

South America—the Neglected Continent—the Continent of Opportunity. In Brazil, our Baptist work is forging ahead. In Sao Paulo the preaching halls are crowded and the Bible Classes growing in interest, and the converts taking more responsibility. A new church is to be erected in Rio de Janeiro. The Evangelical Union of South America works in Argentine, Peru and Brazil. They have 36 Missionaries on the field, 20 of whom are married. All the interests of Latin American work—South American and Mexican—are looking forward to the Congress, which will be held in Panama this coming February—a Congress similar in aim and program to the Edinburgh Conference, and to be followed by sectional conferences in the different Republics. Peru is the only one of these which has not now religious toleration.

North America.

And what of North America? The Christian activities are too many to enumerate, and we know many of them; but we do not realize them, and we do not grasp the pressing urgency of pushing them, not for America's sake alone, but for the world's sake. The Northern U. S. Baptists have inaugurated their big Five-Year Programme, and are perfecting plans for it—one million additions to the churches by baptism, a net gain of 1,500 missionaries at work, and an income of \$6,000,000 for missions and benevolence. The Baptist women are now planning to use Mrs. Rockefeller's generous legacy of \$300,000. Mr. W. B. Millar's acceptance of the position of General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, in succession to J. Campbell White, is a noteworthy incident. Mormonism is not asleep, but is pushing its claims—political as well as religious—and is a growing menace. The Lake Mohonk Conference, which dealt with the Indian question, made many recommendations, urging the further recognition of the legal status of the Indian and increased attention to his education and religious need.

And so 1916 commences—a vast work to do, many agencies trying to do it; vast problems; vast discouragements; but, too, a vast army of Christians to attempt it, and limitless resources at their command.