

mostly of very moderate means, voluntarily offered more than \$4,000! Year before last that same little conference gave \$2,500 to Hudson Taylor for the China Inland Mission, and furnished him some 13 *missionaries besides!* All from that small company of disciples met for Bible study! Last year again about the same sum was given, unsolicited, and now again this year the voluntary offerings are nearly double those of the previous years. Never have we seen in any similar assembly a like devotion to the old Bible, a like spirit of prayer, a like spirit of missions, or a like spirit of giving. And we asked ourselves as we came away, whether a revival of the *simple faith in the Word of God*, in place of modern "Progressive Theology," "Second Probation," "Higher Criticism" and "Christian Science" might not be the key to a new zeal for missions, and a new Pentecost of prayer, and a new spirit of large and abundant self-sacrifice? The more we see of Christian life the more do we feel confident that *every step away from a full faith in the plenary inspiration of the Word of God* is a step away from the Cross of Christ and from all which that Cross represents in the believer's life of devotion to the spread of the kingdom.

A. T. P.

—We note that Rev. Dr. Gulian Lansing, of the United Presbyterian Church, after forty years of missionary life in the Valley of the Nile, is now in this land for a rest. He is the father of Professor J. G. Lansing of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. The fires that burn in the father's heart have been kindled on the son's altar, as is evident from the fact that he is at the bottom of a special mission to the Arabs, and not only stimulates young men to devote themselves to this work but, we understand, proposes to lead the columns! The work of Dr. Lansing and his fellow-missionaries in Egypt will, in character and

results, compare favorably with any other in the whole field. A. T. P.

We desire to call attention to the National Missionary Conference to be held at Indianapolis on September 3d and continue till the 9th. It is expected that there will be a large attendance, particularly of the volunteers for the work of foreign missions and of those who feel especially "interested in giving the gospel to the whole world as speedily as possible." There has been a marvellous quickening and extension of the missionary spirit in Kansas and other portions of the West during the past few months. A great many missionaries have been raised up already as the fruit of this revival. One company, as we have previously chronicled, has already gone forth to plant a new mission in the Soudan, and another company, we understand, will join the pioneer band the coming autumn. Doubtless this Conference will intensify this movement, which has taken such powerful hold of the Young Men's Christian Associations of several of the Western States in particular, and will originate and give shape to new and important developments looking to the speedy evangelization of the world. May the Holy Spirit of God baptize the Conference with a special effusion and guide all its deliberations and doings!

J. M. S.

The Shanghai Conference.

"ONE THOUSAND MISSIONARIES FOR CHINA IN FIVE YEARS!"

This is a bugle-blast from the great Conference of Missionaries in China which recently closed its sessions at Shanghai. We have elsewhere given a pretty full account of its proceedings from the pens of two of its members. It was, with one exception, the largest gathering of missionaries that ever took place on the foreign field, numbering 432 members; and its whole proceedings were characterized by a spirit of harmony, enlightened wisdom, a broad and comprehensive policy, and bold and earnest