

more form), who reminds the members monthly of their dues by means of small envelopes printed:

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PLEASE HAND _____ TO M _____

In this Envelope.

EXTRA-CENT-A-DAY BAND.

To _____

A few members, however, pay without any reminders. A small book is kept by the treasurer, containing the members' names, with space after each for entry of payments. We give one-half of our contributions to the foreign work, through our American Board, and one-half to the work in our own land, through the several home missionary societies. One hundred dollars—one-half of our money for the foreign work—will be applied to build a school house and to support a teacher for one year at Kumbhari, India. Rev. Chas. Hardin, of Sholapur, India, has long regarded Kumbhari as an important place to occupy, but his repeated applications for an appropriation for that purpose have not been granted, solely for lack of funds. Now, through our little band, this long-desired work is already under way. This is one specimen of what we hope to do in foreign fields, and in the homeland as well.

One extra cent a day seems insignificant, but thirteen million Protestant evangelical Christians in the United States giving at that rate, would add \$47,450,000 a year to the missionary treasuries, the total amount contributed at present being about \$6,000,000.

Since our band was formed another has started at Auburndale, and still another at Groton, Mass., and we believe that such bands may be formed in all the churches of our land. Such bands, doing but half their fullest work, would furnish means sufficient to more than quadruple the entire present missionary activities of all the Protestant evangelical churches of the United States.

Almost 1900 years have gone since the great commission fell from the Master's lips. Let the Church, followers and representatives of Him whose earthly life was a mission to a lost world, resolve that ere this century closes the story of the Saviour shall indeed be proclaimed to every creature. That will make our age sublime!

With Extra-Cent-a-Day Bands everywhere doing their fullest work, supplementing the present ordinary missionary contributions, the ways and means would be amply provided, and we may be sure that the Lord of the harvest would raise up laborers in abundance.

I have pondered the Extra-Cent-a-Day Band idea for many months, and have come to believe in it enthusiastically. It is simple and practicable, within the means of almost every one, greatly needed, and fraught with prodigious possibilities!

Let Christ's followers of every name form such bands everywhere. I hope to hear of very many, and will gladly render such help as I can to all who will address me. S. F. WILKINS.

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"Shall Islam Rule Africa?"

This is the startling title of a paper by Rev. Lemuel C. Barnes, Newton Centre, Mass., read before the Ministers' Conference of Boston, and published by a Committee of the Conference, who "express their high appreciation of the writer's earnestness, candor, and thorough diligence in investigation, and heartily commend his work to the candid consideration of Christian men everywhere."

The paper is a notable one in some respects. It is written by one who has carefully studied the problem and understands the present condition and tendency of the African situation. It is written with candor, looking fairly at all sides of the question, and duly estimating the various factors which enter into the significant question he asks. His statements as to the growth