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MISSIONARY NEWS.

The women of the United States are not forgetting the needs of the negro soldier. A new organization, called "The Circle of War Relief for Negro Soldiers," has been formed, both to provide soldiers' comforts and to look after their families.

The children in Mission Schools of the Philippine Islands are doing their share to help sufferers from the war. For their breakfast they were accustomed to have four pieces of bread and a cup of ginger coffee. Now they are getting along with three pieces, and sending the fourth to the hungry children of other lands.

Listen to this, and ponder thereon:—

A remarkable case of neglect here at home is reported in one of our exchanges by a Presbyterian missionary, who found in one of the lumbering districts of the North-West a town of 1,000 inhabitants where no religious services had been held for three years, unless the daily prayers of a Hindu priest could be so called. The town possessed a fine school, and many boys and girls, but no religious teaching.

The Baptist Standard of Texas reports the existence of a few theological antediluvians in that State. From their minutes it quotes this statement of hardshelled wisdom: "This Association forever disclaims all connection with any missionary society, by whatever name it may be called. No church shall hereafter be admitted into this union until she have first produced satisfactory evidence of her being opposed to all missionary schemes." After this we are not surprised that the eleven churches in the Association did not receive in the year past a single new member, and that the total contributions reported from all its churches amounted to but \$12.—Sel.

Not many of us realize that France holds to-day, on account of war conditions, thousands of natives of India. They comprise almost a dozen different races, of as many different languages; but fortunately for the missionaries, who have in some cases come from India to look after them, most of them understand Hindustani. They gather in hundreds to hear the messages of the missionary—sometimes the numbers of the audiences running into the thousands.

Proof is becoming abundant that the Moslem people of Afghanistan were originally Jews. Tablets written in Aramaic characters have been unearthed, and the Jews themselves say they believe that the Afghans are descendants of the Hebrews deported by the Assyrians from Palestine.