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NOTES AND NEWS.

May and Missions!

This is the time to push Home Missions to the front.

Having remembered the unsaved abroad, let us not forget the unsaved at home.

Wherever there are lost ones we have a mission; also wherever denominationalism exists.

The person who does not believe in Foreign Missions has now a grand opportunity to show his interest in Home Missions.

Those who are enthusiastic over mission work among strange peoples can demonstrate that they are not one-sided, by taking equal interest in the salvation of people of their own blood and speech.

No race does so much for the evangelization of the world as the Anglo-Saxon. Their complete subjection to the Christ will mean a marvelous extension of his kingdom. Perhaps the quickest way to reach a man of any language is first to reach the man of English speech.

Do the Disciples of Christ occupy a position different from any denomination, and is that position more scriptural? Is it a position upon which all who love the Bible ought to stand? Yes. What then are we doing to bring the good people of all denominations to see the advantages of that position?

As the Disciples of Christ we have work to do, not only where there are no churches, but where there are churches. While these churches of different names and faiths preach Christ to the ungodly, we, if we are true to our Master, are under obligation to show the sinfulness of divisions in the body of Christ, the sinfulness of denominationalism. We make a great mistake when we fail to show the importance and present the true basis of Christian Union.

The American Christian Missionary Society have done good work in Canada. They see the importance of this field. The only reason

they are not doing more is the lack of funds. As soon as circumstances will admit, they are willing to enter new fields and maintain preachers there. Should not our Canadian churches give to the utmost of their ability, that this new work may be undertaken? A proper exhibition of our gratitude will hasten future success.

The first Lord's day in May should be made a notable day. No church in Canada should forget it, or the duty it brings. It is the time when churches which want to see some mission work prosper are asked to send a contribution to the American Christian Missionary Society. This society is the steadfast friend of the needy, struggling church.

Some good-meaning but short-sighted people do not give of their means for the spread of the gospel because they feel unable to give largely. When they get rich they intend to show their liberality. But the dollar or two which they can now give may be able to accomplish more than one hundred dollars can then. The sooner we put some of our money to work for God the better. He can multiply its value in the mission field, faster than we can in trade and commerce. What you give, give quickly.

The people should be so enthusiastic in the proclamation of the truth as the Disciples of Christ. We have the most glorious plea on earth. It should be passed upon the attention of all who have not heard it. But are we doing this? Do we act as if we understood its value? Do we give of our means that it may be spread abroad? If not, where is our zeal? What has become of our loyalty to Christ?

Patriotism is a noble characteristic. The man who does not love his home land lacks some elements of true manhood. Love of country finds its highest-expression, not in the soldier who goes forth with carnal weapons to fight against human foes, but in the missionary who takes the sword of the Spirit and tries to drive out sin which is a reproach to any people. Paul yearned for the salvation of his own countrymen, his kinsmen according to the flesh. His heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel was that they might be saved. We should be equally anxious for the salvation of our countrymen, and of our country.

A wide awake, ambitious man does not often select a town that is standing still, or going backward, as a good place in which to begin business. He seeks out the town whose population is growing. In its growth he sees his opportunity and ultimate success. Manitoba is a growing province, and a good place for a Christian man to do work for his Lord. But how short-sighted the Disciples of Christ are when they do not endeavor to push forward Home Missions there. These are the years of golden opportunities. The needs will be greater, but the prospects of rapid success much smaller, after fifty years shall have passed away. It is true in religious matters, as well as "in the affairs of men,"

that "there is a tide which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." If the churches of Christ in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces feel unable to do the work that ought now to be going on in Manitoba, let them contribute largely to the funds of the American Christian Missionary Society, and make it possible for them to do the work.

Let us not confound our provincial home mission work with the general work throughout the United States and Canada. The former of course must be sustained; but some years ago the N. B. and N. S. churches promised the general board to take up one collection annually for the general work if they would assist us in establishing churches in the Maritime Provinces. In recent years they have expended very much more down here than we have sent them. We can give convincing proof of our gratitude by making a large offering to the work on the first Lord's day in May. Send the contribution to B. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Western Canada is rapidly filling up. New towns are arising, and growing rapidly and steadily. This is particularly true of British Columbia,—a promising field for Home Missions. The Disciples of Christ should have missionaries there by the score. The country is new, and the conditions are such that success is more easily attained than in the old, conservative communities. The simplicity of the Gospel and the plea for Christian Union never win so easily as in a new country; as witness the success of the Disciples of Christ in the Western States. We should seek to make it possible for the American Christian Missionary Society to send missionaries to British Columbia. Our own members who are scattered over that vast province need Christian oversight, and others need to be won to Christ.

The provinces of our Canadian North-west are becoming more and more populous. No one knows how many millions of hardy, enterprising people will be found there at the close of another century; but we do not think Time would disprove our statement if we should say that by that date there will be more people between the Rockies and Manitoba than are now found in all Canada. The most successful churches, like the most successful people, are very often those that grow up with the country. If the Disciples of Christ want to have a powerful influence for good in that vast region, it is time they were planting churches that will grow with the country's growth. Here is a broad, inviting field for Home Missions.

Here is a sample of the work the American Christian Missionary Society are ready to do in Canada: Rat Portage is a new town of about 7,000 inhabitants, situated on the north shore of the Lake of the Woods, in Western Ontario. George Fullerton, formerly of Pictou, N. S., is now living there. He was anxious to see a church of the New Testament pattern in his new home. He presented the matter to the A. C. M. S. and they