

# Missionary Campaigner.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

—John xiv. 16.

"Preach the Gospel to every creature."

—Mark xvi. 15.

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### Special Objects.

THE tendency to select some special object to which to devote missionary contributions, meets with much favor among some of our young people, and seems to be on the increase. This is to be regretted, if individual societies demand separate "special objects," not only because there is danger that a great deal of money will be frittered away in this manner, but also because "special objects" may be multiplied beyond rhyme or reason. Some half dozen "special objects" have already been announced by the General Society, as follows:

#### FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE.

A building to accommodate one hundred resident pupils has been erected at Montreal, at a cost of \$50,000 for site, building, and equipment. The Institute is under the joint control of the General Society and the W. M. S. Results already demonstrate the wisdom of the policy which led to this forward movement in educational work. Special donations, of large or small amounts, are still solicited for this special object.

#### BRANDON INDIAN INSTITUTE.

A building to accommodate one hundred pupils has been erected by the Government, and the control given to the Methodist Church. A large farm is connected with the Institute, and the boys are taught farming and some other trades. The girls are taught housework, cooking, sewing, knitting, etc. The Institute will accommodate especially the Indian bands around Lake Winnipeg, and to the north and east.

#### RED DEER INDIAN INSTITUTE

Will accommodate some fifty pupils, and will be of great advantage to the Indians of Battle River, Bear's Hill, White Fish Lake, Saddle Lake, White Whale Lake, etc. An enlargement is hoped for in the near future.

#### THE M'DOUGALL ORPHANAGE.

This institution is located at Morley, N.W.T. The General Board has assumed the control, and it now forms

a part of the regular work. Indian youths of both sexes (many orphans) are received, and, besides school instruction, are taught various useful employments.

#### THE COQUALEETZA INSTITUTE,

At Chilliwack, B.C., for Indian youths, is under the joint support of the General Society and the Woman's Missionary Society. It is an important educational undertaking from which we expect good results. There are eighty-six pupils at present on the roll, in charge of a Principal, Matron, School Teacher, Farm and Mechanical Instructor, Shoemaker, Seamstress, etc. Several trades will be taught in the near future.

#### BOYS' HOME.

At Port Simpson, the Girls' Home has been taken over by the Woman's Missionary Society, and a new building, to accommodate fifty pupils, has been erected. A similar Home for Boys is urgently needed. Help to build will be gladly received.

#### THE MISSION YACHT "GLAD TIDINGS."

This staunch little craft is doing work on the Pacific coast. The cost of running, which exceeds what she can earn when not engaged in mission work, makes voluntary contributions still in order.

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Contributions in aid of any of the foregoing objects may be sent direct to the Mission Rooms. Friends wishing to send clothes or material for same to any of the Missions, if they apply at the Mission Rooms, will be given the address of some missionary to whom the articles will be useful. If sent to the Mission Rooms, kindly pay freight or express charges, and remit sufficient money to prepay them to their destination. There is no fund from which we can draw for such charges, and it is not right that the missionary should bear the expense.

Many of our young friends think it very desirable to have some special object for which to work in order to create and maintain interest in their societies. To such we would recommend the support of a boy or girl in one of the schools, or a native student or evangelist in the foreign field.

Our young people will do well to study carefully the "Young People's Forward Movement for Missions." Write to the Mission Rooms for the "Students' Missionary Campaign" literature, which has been carefully prepared with a twofold object:

1. To enlist all our young people in united work for Missions, under the direction of our Church.
2. To establish and make that work permanent and self-propagating—bringing each member of our young people's Christian societies in such close touch with the extension of our Lord's Kingdom and the salvation of the world, that daily prayer and systematic proportionate giving will be recognized as a personal privilege and responsibility.

A well-organized District could raise enough to send out and support at least one missionary. Several Districts are already at work, and the plan meets with great favor. When enough is raised to send out a man and support him for one year, the General Board of Missions will be glad to appoint one. The discussions this work will call for at the annual *District Conventions, and the definite interest of the individual Epworth Leagues*, will tend to develop an earnest interest on the part of every member. This plan is much better than for each separate League to seek a "Special Object," as it insures the unity of the Church in its work, and yet allows scope for personal preferences.

It is often said that when the young people have a "Special Object" to which to contribute, they are more interested: but the chief question is not what plan will interest the young people most, but what plan will accomplish most, and is most in harmony with providential leadings. *We cannot too strongly emphasize the importance of contributing to our General Missionary Fund*, and if "Special Objects" are sometimes desired, let them be few, and be sure that they are within the range of work carried on by the General Board of Missions. *The demand of the hour is for united, not divided, effort*, and we confidently look to our young people to aid this desirable end with all their might.

A. SUTHERLAND.

### Information!! Information!!!

THE cry, the echo, "Information!! Information!!" has resounded from young people's societies, from church members, and even from pastors. Missionary magazines and missionary speakers have heard the cry and reiterated it. All missionary authorities agree that if Christians only knew, if they were only *informed*, they would *act*.

Information begets interest, and interest when full grown is action—whether that action be to go or send.

As yet how missionary intelligence may be conveyed cheaply, directly and systematically does not seem to be understood or acted upon.

Some say "Why don't the missionary societies publish booklets, tracts, etc. and circulate them freely without charge, like the insurance companies. Insurance companies would never prosper if they did not advertise." Others argue, "If a man is not interested enough to pay for what he gets, he will not value it and will not read it." Both classes are apt to complain of the expense of running a missionary society.

What shall we say, then? Shall we do nothing that ignorance may abound, and our condemnation increase: while the Holy Spirit grieves and our heathen brethren grope helplessly in the darkness and sin which destroys them?

What the Campaigners offer: "A happy (practical) medium" "Many hands make light work." "Knowledge" and "volunteer labor" free. "Printing and printing material at cost price."

If you will subscribe immediately, or better still, send us as large a subscription list as possible, we will, by the aid of volunteer labor, send the *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* from now until July, 1897, to each subscriber for 10 cents.

THE *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* for October will be very helpful. Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Henderson, as well as a number of our Campaigners, have contributed timely articles on our work. It will also contain information regarding Russia, Beloochistan, Afghanistan and other fields.

### Erratum.

IN the August number of the *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER*, page 5, first column, thirty-first and thirty-second lines should read, "Afterwards he will devote his life to the spread of the Gospel in South America."

### Omissions.

THE name of Mr. A. R. Delve, Little Britain, Ont., of Victoria College, does not appear in the list of Campaigners, although we are informed that it should. It may be that quite a number have been omitted. We hope that this has not kept them from working, if they could find work to do for the Master. The announcing of the names is only to assist those who want workers to find them. *Likewise we have a number of invitations which have not been published.* The publication of them is to help the workers to find those who wish help. Any Campaigner who may be able to render assistance to the following will please write to them for information as to details. Miss Fannie Mellow, Sillsville, Ont.; Mr. F. Shouldice, Mosgrove, Ont., for August 30th if possible or after; Mr. James W. Bruce, Plattsville, Ont. Any further requests for assistance, or any who are willing to help, please use our columns. All who announce themselves as willing to help in this work will please send references. A line of introduction from any Methodist minister is sufficient.

We regret that we have not been able to acknowledge all subscriptions received. We therefore enclose a receipt to each subscriber whose subscription is paid until July, 1897.

We are glad that our effort is appreciated. We are receiving hundreds of subscriptions every week. We trust that our offer to send the *MISSIONARY CAMPAIGNER* to any address from now until next July for ten cents will tempt everyone who sees a copy or hears of our offer to take advantage of this cheap way of spreading missionary information.

We ask every one into whose hand this sheet may fall to carefully read Dr. Sutherland's article on the first page. If you are a Christian you want to help extend Christ's kingdom on earth. If you want to help, help in the most helpful way. Use all the wisdom and experience you can obtain. The General Board of Missions, with Dr. Sutherland as its representative, is the safest guide for us to follow.

### Missionary Prayer-Meeting.

#### EXHIBITION WEEK.

IT is intended to hold a missionary prayer-meeting in connection with the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions in the Metropolitan Church, on Wednesday, September 9th. Many of our friends in the Province will be in the city at that time, and those interested in the work will be glad to meet, pray and counsel together regarding this grand crusade. Vice-presidents of Missionary Departments, and Presidents of Mission Circles, are especially invited, but every person, young or old, will receive a hearty welcome.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland has kindly consented to take charge of the meeting, and the Rev. Dr. Henderson will give an address. Let those interested in missions be much in prayer regarding this meeting between now and the 9th of September.

## A Chosen Cup-Bearer.

BY HENRIETTA L. MACCALLUM.

"THE missionary work of the Methodist Church in Canada having advanced beyond the power of the existing society to keep pace with it, a proposal for the organization of a woman's missionary society was presented at the General Conference held in 1878. The Conference, while favoring the suggestion, referred it to the Central Missionary Board, which in 1879 instructed the General Secretary, the Rev. Alexander Sutherland, D.D., to bring the matter before the women of the Church and endeavor to promote the organization of branch societies, as a preparatory step to the formation of a society for the whole Church." With this in view, the Rev. General Secretary convened a meeting in the parlors of the Centenary Church, Hamilton, June, 1880, when the first auxiliary was formed. Some months afterward, at the earnest entreaty of a young girl, a second auxiliary was organized at Uxbridge, under

Woman's Missionary Society stands an organization of nine Conference branches; 621 auxiliaries, with a membership of 13,925; 290 mission circles and bands, with 6,532 members; having sent out nearly fifty missionaries, thirty-four of whom are now on active duty, and with an income for the past year of \$40,379.36, which will be expended during the current year, as the society is in the enviable position of being able to allocate and pay out its funds at the same time. This income represents receipts from annual fees, life-membership fees, receipts from mission bands, Epworth Leagues, mite-boxes, the annual Easter thank-offering, donations, bequests, and government aid, and has never lessened that of the General Society.

The Woman's Society has always managed its own finances and transmitted all moneys direct.

Article VIII. of the constitution reads:

### RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Section 1: This society shall work in harmony with the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist



MRS. STRACHAN, Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. GOODERHAM, President.

the leadership of Mrs. Bascom, now well known in connection with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; but the Church was slow to catch the flame, and it soon became apparent that if anything of moment was to be accomplished a broader basis of organization was absolutely necessary; that a connexional society should be formed, through which the combined efforts and resources of the branches might be brought to bear upon the great mission field.

This conviction took practical shape at a meeting of the Hamilton society, held in April, 1881, and on the 8th of November of the same year, in the Ladies' College, Hamilton, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada unfurled its banner, and with the world for its parish went forth to do battle for the Lord.

There was much to learn in matters of administration and government, but wisdom was given in the hour of need, and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the infant society waxed strong. To-day, in its fifteenth year, the

Church, and be subject to their approval, in the employment and remuneration of missionaries or other agents, the designation of the fields of labor, and in the general plans and designs of the work.

Section 2: All missionaries or other agents supported or aided by this society shall be approved, before appointment, by the constituted authorities of the Methodist Church, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as other missionaries or agents of the said Church.

Yet, as in all households where love, in its broadest sense, reigns supreme, many of these restrictions exist only in name. The administration of the Board of Management is but seldom questioned.

The Board of Management is the legislature of the society. Its membership consists of the society's officers, the corresponding secretary of each branch, the editor of department in *The Missionary Outlook*, secretary-treasurer of the literature and publication department, and delegates from each branch in the proportion of one to every four

hundred members, who meet annually to consider "the interests and demands" of the entire work of the society.

The officers of the Board of Management, with the corresponding secretary of each branch, constitute the executive, which is convened "to transact business during the year."



MARTHA J. CARTMELL,  
First Missionary.

Branches are organized according to Conferences. This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Board of Management present at any annual meeting of the same.

A branch is composed of those auxiliaries located within its prescribed limits. Its officers are: a president, three or more vice-presidents,

recording secretary, corresponding secretary, mission band corresponding secretary, treasurer, and an auditor, who are elected at the branch annual meeting, and continue in office until others are elected. These, with the exception of the auditor, form an executive committee for the administration of the affairs of the branch.

Branch meetings review the work of auxiliaries, circles, and bands; consider methods, recommendations, and suggestions, and elect delegates to the Board of Management. Representatives to present the work to the annual conferences are also appointed. Each branch may make its own by-laws, but may not project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the Board of Management.

#### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women contributing at least one dollar each annually may form a society auxiliary to that branch of the Woman's Missionary Society within whose prescribed limits they may reside, by appointing a president, one or more vice-presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer, who together constitute a local executive committee.

Auxiliary meetings are: The regular monthly call to prayer and to study of missions; quarterly meetings, when various phases of the missionary cause are presented to the congregation; and an annual business meeting, at which reports of the secretary and treasurer are adopted and forwarded to the secretary of the branch, officers for the ensuing year and delegates to the branch meeting are elected.

Mission bands and circles are the recruiting ground where the youth of Methodism is being won to an intelligent love of missions.

With wise forethought, those who were connected with this great movement in its early days planned to provide missionary literature for the better instruction of its members. To this end a page or more of the General Society's magazine, *The Missionary Outlook*, was set aside, and remained at their disposal until 1886, when, by request of the Rev. General Secretary, an editor was elected to take

charge of the department, which now occupies eight pages of this invaluable magazine.

In the spirit of the ever-growing and enlarging work, *The Monthly Letter* was instituted as a medium of communication with the missionaries. A few years later, *Palm Branch*, which is issued at St. John, N.B., was established in the interests of the young people of the Church, and by courtesy of the editors of the connexional papers throughout the Dominion space is now accorded the society.

The many talented writers in the Church have enabled the committee on literature to publish a number of interesting and instructive leaflets, notably "Our Work Series," and a most able paper on "Systematic and Proportionate Giving," by M. B. Willmott.

Thousands of leaflets are annually sold at Room 20.

Room 20, in Wesley Buildings, The Methodist Publishing and Mission House, is an encyclopædia for the auxiliaries. On its shelves are found leaflets bearing on all phases of missionary work, sets of question books which lay bare heathendom, missionary exercises to brighten mission band meetings, the society's Cycle of Prayer, maps, etc., of which a catalogue appears in *The Monthly Letter*. There the organizer finds her outfit, which ensures auxiliaries being managed in a business-like way; subscriptions are received for American and foreign religious publications; *The Monthly Letter*, with a circulation of 12,700, is issued, and an immense correspondence, relative to the work, carried on.

This department has not grown in a day, but certainly the completeness of its system and much of its success is due to the untiring efforts of Miss Ogden, the present secretary-treasurer of the literature and publication department.

The committee on literature and publication is constituted of representatives, one for each branch. For convenience they are resident at Toronto. To them is committed the issuing of all authorized publications of the society. Their weekly meetings are held at Room 20.

The joy and delight of the Woman's Missionary Society is the supply committee. Appeals from Mrs. Briggs, the secretary, are never made in vain, and the hearts in many a home on the domestic missions, from the parsonage to the shack, and in many a tepee, have been gladdened by the remembrance of this beneficent institution.

Matters in connection with the working of Indian Homes frequently demand communication with the Government. Such correspondence belongs to the committee on Indian work.



ELIZA SPENSER-LARGE  
Principal of Jo Gakko, Azabu, Tokio.

The Deaconess House lately established at Toronto, where the missionary spends a term of testing, and may further fit herself for the field by taking a course of study, supplies a long-felt need.

The policy of this society and its practical results are manifest in the fields entered, "while fidelity, zeal and labor, consecration of the gifts of time, thought, and money, all hallowed by prayer and strengthened by faith, are producing their legitimate fruits among its members." A chosen cup-bearer, it stands between Christ and the heathen, receiving from the one, imparting to the other.

The Master has laid the foundation. "Grace, grace unto it."

## Retrospect and Prospect.

### CHINA.

THE dynamic force of Gospel leaven from within, and the lateral pressure of the great powers from without, bid fair to cause an upheaval in China, significant and wide-spread. Revivals in the churches, increased sales of books and periodicals, three reform clubs organized in three great cities, and the Emperor himself reading with avidity everything that he can get his hands on, are unerring indications of awakening life. We tremble at the responsibility that it brings upon the Church. Will she accept the responsibility of her prayers—for God has answered them—or will she remain irresolute and permit rationalism and materialism to sweep in from Germany and France, as she did in the case of Japan?—*Review of Missions.*

The foundation of Evangelical Missions in China was laid at Canton, in 1807, by Robert Morrison.

Out of this ancient land, which was a nation before Saul was anointed king of Israel, containing a population of 400,000,000, a precious fragment of 50,000 souls has been reclaimed. There are now 42 societies at work in China, with a staff of 1,500 missionaries, 3,500 native helpers, 250 of whom are ordained preachers; 522 organized churches, 61 hospitals and 50 dispensaries in which over 350,000 patients are annually treated and taught the "way of life."

The year 1895 has probably been the most trying ever experienced by the missionaries in China. The war with Japan produced a condition of affairs in some provinces not far removed from complete lawlessness, while the riots in Sz-chuen seriously hindered the outward progress of the work (no such series of wide-spread and seemingly organized disturbances had ever taken place before). These troubles were as summer clouds compared with the terrible massacre at Ku-cheng, which quickly followed. This was, indeed, much tribulation, but thus the kingdom of God must come, and already the gains to Christianity are not far to seek.

We are glad to report that the missionaries of both our Church Societies have returned to their fields of labor.

Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell says: "We found the people more respectful, more willing to trust us, more kindly and sympathetic than they ever were before. Money has been refunded sufficient to put our mission premises in good shape again. We now use the word 'buy' and 'sell' in our deeds for property purchased. This latter was strictly forbidden last winter in a big proclamation posted up all over the province. The present officials received us back in an honorable way, providing us with proper kung kwans (residences). Our West China Mission is placed in a far purer and healthier condition than it could possibly have been without the riots."

Miss Brackbill writes from Chen-tu, April 20th, 1896: "Just a card to say we arrived here last Friday, after a four days' overland journey in chairs. An escort of soldiers came out fifteen miles to meet us and, as far as we know, everything seems comparatively quiet in the city. Mr. Hart-

well's house is nearly completed. At present we are staying at the place furnished Dr. Hart by the officials on his arrival here."

The Woman's Missionary Society has urgent need of two new workers for West China—a teacher and a medical missionary.

### JAPAN.

Japan is the marvel of history. "Nowhere else in the annals of the human race have changes, political, social, intellectual and religious, ever occurred so numerous and sweeping, upon a scale so vast in so brief a time" (Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.). Quickly and well has she absorbed civilized and Christianized ideas, and by her valor and resources in war made a place for herself in the very front rank of the nations.

This "New Japan" once slaughtered the early Roman Catholic missionaries, and for centuries prevented all foreigners from setting foot on her soil under penalty of death. Even until recent years the following royal rescript, issued on the extirpation of the Jesuits, remained posted in different parts of the kingdom: "So long as the sun shall warm the earth, let no Christian be so bold as to come to Japan, and let all know that the king of Spain himself, or the Christian's God, or the great God of all, if He violate this command, shall pay for it with his head."

Now the whole of this empire is as open to the preaching of the Gospel as England or the United States. Nearly 40,000 natives have been gathered into the Protestant Church. These converts differ from almost all others made in mission fields in being eager for independence, determined to think, conclude and act for themselves, ready to sustain the institutions of the Gospel where these are already planted, and also ready to carry the Gospel into the regions beyond. From their numbers have already gone forth missionaries to peoples near by. There is indeed a crisis in the affairs of Japan, but the Christian world should improve the opportunity and meet their responsibility by sending out hundreds of missionaries into this field white unto harvest. Many Neesimas are in that land, and they are "advancing on their knees." The outlook in Japan is more than bright.

### KOREA.

There is no field in the world to-day more inviting to Christian missionaries and their supporters than Korea. Less than six years ago, the feeling against Christian teachers was very bitter, and the life of a missionary was never quite safe. Now the missionary goes and comes at will, and where he is tactful and kindly he is respected. The ex-Hermits of Korea are apparently no longer averse to his teachings. The king has recently said that he desired to see many more "teachers" in Korea—meaning missionaries.

The mission schools throughout the country are doing excellent work in the way of instructing children, who will in turn become useful teachers. In every instance, Koreans who have come in contact with Christian teachers have been bettered spiritually. Medical missions are full of bright promise. According to statistics just presented, the total number of Protestant communicants in Korea is 528, some 567 natives are carried on the rolls as "probationists." Missionaries are maintained in six of its eight provinces. The population of Korea is estimated at 16,000,000. Korea has been entered and that is all.—*New York Herald.*

The first Protestant missionary visited Korea in 1832; regular work was begun in 1884. November, 1888, James

Gale, B.A., went to Korea as representative of the University of Toronto Y.M.C.A., and in August, 1890, Dr. R. A. Hardie and his family were sent out to Korea by the same Association. Dr. O. R. Avison, a successful practitioner and one of the most popular lecturers of the Medical Faculty of the Toronto University, is now medical missionary in charge of the Government Hospital, Seoul, Korea.

#### THE REALMS OF ISLAM.

According to the best estimates the prophet of Arabia has not less than two hundred million followers. Of these upward of fifty million are found in India, as many more in northern and central Africa, thirty million in China, fifteen million in the Malay Peninsula and the Malay Archipelago, twenty-eight million in the Turkish empire, Arabia included, and nine million in Persia. One-seventh of the earth's population is Moslem.

#### INDIA.

India is the chiefest bulwark of the kingdom of Satan. It is true that in every realm is felt the beneficent influence of British dominion. Law and order exist everywhere and for all. Railways, highways, and other public works have been constructed, sanitary measures and popular education are carefully provided for. Religious worship and teaching are free, the missionary can go and abide and ply his calling where he will, while all fanaticism is kept within the proper bounds. No other field has been occupied by so many societies, with so large a force, and in no other country have so many converts been made. The mass movements are significant and prophetic of sweeping ingatherings in days to come. Every now and then entire villages and groups of villages are found ready to destroy their idols, to receive teachers, and ask for baptism.

But over against all this think of the myriads to be evangelized. One-fifth of the earth's inhabitants are crowded into the triangular space lying between the Himalayas and Cape Comorin. Of these 175,000,000 are Hindus, more than 50,000,000 are Mohammedans, and about 50,000,000 are degraded devil worshippers. And the entire number of "Christians" (nonheathen, nonidolatrous), Roman Catholics, etc., included, is but 2,275,000. Only about 250,000 found in Protestant Churches. Only some 800,000 are reckoned as connected with Protestant missions. More than 250,000,000 are unable either to read or write. Everywhere are appalling ignorance and superstition. Upon all rests the curse of caste, that most cunning and effective of all devices for ensnaring souls, ministering to pride and self-righteousness, as well as to indifference and contempt for one's fellowmen.—*Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.*

Extracts from an address given by Hon. John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of State, United States: "Hinduism or Brahmanism is the most perfectly organized system in the world." . . . "It is a stupendous task undertaken by the Protestant Churches to convert the people of India to Christianity." . . . "The prohibition of human sacrifice and torture in the religious rites of the burning of the widows, of the killing of female children, and the efforts at reform in the practice of child-marriage, are all the direct results of the exposure and condemnation by the missionaries of these practices." . . . "But aside from the efforts of missionaries there are important influences at work to undermine and break down Hinduism, not the least of these is the impartial rule of the British Government." . . . "A substantial evidence that British residents have

faith in missions is found in the fact that they contribute three hundred thousand dollars annually to their support." —*Review of Missions.*

Extracts from *Missionary Record*: "According to well attested statistics, Christianity in India is spreading four or five times as fast as the ordinary population." . . . "But no statistics can ever give a fair view of all Christian missions have done in India." . . . "I do not take a gloomy view of the position and prospects of Christianity in India, I only wish that the churches at home should realize the magnitude and the difficulty at work with which we are there confronted." . . . Sir Charles Aitchison, lately Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab, tells us that "educated Hindu society is honey-combed with unbelief, and the great question of the day is, What shall take the place of the broken gods?" . . . "If we are faithful to our trust, and wise in time, we may, through the blessing of God, be honored in turning all the currents of newly-emancipated thought and life into the channels of Christianity."

#### TURKESTAN.

Chinese Turkestan presents a wide field for Christian usefulness for the schoolmaster as well as the missionary. One may infer how little is being done in the way of education when we read that in a city of 40,000 inhabitants, the schools are attended by only 150 children. Printing is almost unknown, a book-shop is a rarity, and even the upper classes do not know how to read or write. The climate is salubrious, the atmosphere dry without inordinate heat, and there is a marked absence of fevers, cholera, and epidemics generally. Missionaries who are invalided home from the tropical regions of India, Africa and China might find in the high plateau of Turkestan a field of labor in which they might continue the work they so unfeignedly love. Looking at the various classes of workers who should go, I should mention first medical missionaries and then translators. While physicians' efforts are calling down many a blessing, the translator can be quietly preparing the way for the schoolmaster, and then might follow the evangelist. *The standing orders of our Master are not rescinded; the sleeping dust, the newly-discovered tombstones and the noble example of Nestorian and Roman martyrs alike call us to reconquer Central Asia for Christ.*—*Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D.*

#### THE OUTLOOK IN TURKEY—ARMENIA.

This is the land of the Bible. The American Churches have been engaged in an attempt to revive Christianity in its original home. The leaven of the Gospel has been introduced and it has been permeating the whole Armenian community. Superstitions have given way to definite ideas of spiritual truth. Evangelical, self-supporting churches have been organized. A thirst for education has been developed and schools have rapidly multiplied. Even female education has come to be considered essential. Christian homes, with genuine home life, have multiplied. Even above the desire for plunder the present has been distinctively a Moslem crusade, and Moslem civilization is essentially that of Arabia of the seventh century. The cross, religious books, and everything which Christians regard as sacred, has been treated with special contempt. Churches and schools have been destroyed, and teachers and ecclesiastics have been among the first victims of massacre. Those whose lives have been spared, in villages where there is a mixed population, are mostly fugitives from their homes, for their lives are still sought.

Thousands, at the edge of the sword, to save their own lives or to save their families from a fate worse than death, have made an outward confession of Mohammedanism. Few places of worship, Protestant or Gregorian, are open. In many places Christians are so closely watched by their Moslem neighbors that they are afraid to meet in private houses. Christ has a Church here, but it has crossed the Red Sea and is now in the wilderness. When will it reach the Promised Land? Moslem fanaticism is now in the ascendant. The cross, for the time, has yielded to the crescent. I have drawn a dark picture, although I am not a pessimist. I do not think anyone can draw a bright one from the human point of view. God is good. I have firm faith that in some way, how I do not know, good is to come out of all this evil.—*Rev. H. N. Barnum, D.D., of Harpool.*

The latest advices from Constantinople, June 26th, are that "there was another sanguinary outbreak at Van yesterday, and four hundred people (Armenians) were killed."

The following statement is made by Captain Vialar:—"I have witnessed hideous enormities. Armenian girls and women were publicly sold at auction. A mother threw her two daughters into a well before my eyes to save them from the Turks. Evidences of Turkish official complicity have been obtained by me."

Has the world seen a more suicidal crusade than this since the prosecution and expulsion of the Huguenots from France? It has been, and still is, the undoubted intention of the Turks, from the highest to the lowest, to crush out the Armenian spirit of independence and reduce them to their ancient condition of serfdom and to destroy them altogether.

#### PERSIA.

"Persia, with its 9,000,000, has forty churches, and is teaching about 4,000 children in the mission schools, a glorious sign of promise. The civilized world is beginning to recognize that its life and health depend upon the sanitary condition of Turkey and Persia, and in its efforts to bring this about, the cause of Christ will also be furthered." The Persians are promoting the disturbances and fomenting the revolt throughout Armenia.

#### ARABIA.

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