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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 32.

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GREAT FOREIGN MISSIONS CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Coolidge, addressing between 8,000 and 7,000 persons attending the Foreign Missions Convention of the United States and Canada, in the new Washington Auditorium to-day, asserted tolerance is needed to promote faith and brotherhood at home as the true background for foreign mission work.

Mr. Coolidge warned the delegates that they and their churches have "no greater responsibility than to make sure that the best, and not the worst of which Christian society is capable, shall be given to the other peoples."

"Not everything that the men of Christian countries have carried to the other peoples of the world has been good and helpful to those who have received it," he said. "We know that the missionary movements have repeatedly been hampered and, at times, frustrated because some, calling themselves Christians, and assuming to represent Christian civilization, have been actuated by un-Christian motives."

"Our missionary efforts will be more effective just in proportion as we shall render in the same spirit of brotherhood and charity which marked the earliest Christian missions."

The Missions Convention is one of the greatest of the kind ever held in this country. It has attracted much attention here.

Mr. Coolidge emphasized that the Christian nations had become in a practical as well as a spiritual sense charged with a great trust for civilization. In the discharge of this trust, particularly in its spiritual phases, true service, he asserted, could be rendered only under the inspiration of a broad and genuine liberalism.

"It must rest on toleration," he asserted. "It must realize the spirit of brotherhood. And the foundation of all missionary work will be that which seeks to impress itself rather through the teaching of precept and creed. The works of charity and benevolence, of education and enlightenment, will best lay the foundation on which to rear the permanent structure of a spiritual life."

"Our liberalism needs to be generous enough to recognize that missionary effort will often build better on foundations already laid than by attempting to substitute a complete new structure of morality, of life and ethics. Indeed, those who shall go out from among us carrying the missionary message into the twilight places of the world will there find much that is worthy to be brought back to enrich our ideals and improve our life."

"They will learn many lessons of industry, of humility, of reverence for parents, of respect for constituted authority, which may quite conceivably become adornments to our own social fabric."

"Beyond that they will be able to bring back much that will serve us well. We have not all the wisdom that has been diffused among the sons of men. But we have been greatly favored and have much wherewith to aid those less richly endowed."

"A becoming modesty, a discriminating sense of our real opportunity and responsibilities, are altogether to be desired as helps in the great work we wish to do. The missionary effort of the Nation cannot rise higher than its source. If we expect it to be successful in this field we must provide the correct influences for it at home."

Washington, Jan. 30.—The power of Christian educational institutions in the mission field was stressed by speakers at today's session of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Dr. James H. Henry, president of Canton Christian College, of Canton, China, told the conference that a "new world is emerging in the Orient."

transformation is taking place than the emergence of Europe from the dark ages," he said. "The part played by Christian trained leaders in this process cannot be estimated."

"Never in the whole history of the Church has such an opportunity been presented as lies before it today for the training under Christian auspices of the coming leadership of the new world that is being born."

Miss Helen K. Hunt, dean of Women of Judson College, Burmah, India, declared "Christian college women of Asia had a large part of the future of the Far East in their hands."

"The Christian women of the West," she said, "have done more than can be measured. What may we not hope for when the women of the Orient have equal training and vision?"

Figures showing the expansion of Christian missionary work throughout the world were presented by Dr. Arthur J. Brown, of New York, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

"There are now 28,000 Protestant foreign missionaries in non-Christian lands," he said, "and 2,408,909 adult communicants with an enrolled Christian community of 5,145,236 persons. There are 26,610 Sunday schools with 2,000,000 pupils, 703 hospitals and 1,234 dispensaries treating more than three million patients a year, and 245 orphanages."

THE MEANING OF MISSIONS.

The great foreign missions meeting in this city will be an event of genuine significance from more than one point of view. It will be impressive in numbers, and in variety. We are told that it will be the largest gathering of the kind ever held, and will include representatives of more different church organizations than any other. That so many people come together for such a purpose, and that so many different faiths find agreement on it, must be regarded as indicative of the vitality of the missionary spirit.

There will also be a noteworthy exposition of the changed, or at least the greatly expanded, character of that spirit. Taking its rise from the Divine injunction, "Go ye and teach all nations, teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you," missionary endeavor has become an agency for teaching not only religious truth but also all the useful arts of civilization, and for the ministering unto the health of the body as well as of the soul. Some of the most splendid names in the annals of human progress, in exploration and discovery, in the development and practice of the sciences, and in the extension of all the blessings of civilization, have been those of religious missionaries. Formerly such were exceptional. Now they are the rule. That is to say, the average missionary enterprise today concerns itself with service to all the interests of man.

Mission work has thus been, and indeed is today, a material aid to statesmanship and to commerce. And on the other hand, it has often been greatly indebted to statesmen for its protection and promotion. Perhaps this thought will be pertinent for at least a moment's consideration at the present time. Spokesmen of some of the churches interested in missions have lately been inveighing against the government for "militarism" and demanding the immediate abolition of army and navy. But we can recall many occasions when their foreign missionaries have been glad of the protection afforded to them by the militant arm of the government, and indeed when the government has been clamorously importuned to send ships and troops to their rescue. It was a satirist who said that civilization does get forward, sometimes, on a powder cart, though in fact there was seri-

ous truth in his biting words; and we judge that thoughtful workers in the foreign mission field will testify that the teaching of the nations has more than once or twice been made possible only through the strong arm of the government.—The Washington Post.

CALLS FOR PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT.

Report of the Resolutions Committee Presented to the Anti-Saloon League Convention and Unanimously Adopted by the Convention.

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to submit the following:

1. After a careful review of the Supreme Court decision of this State under the Turlington Act, during the two years of its existence, we are of the opinion that the present laws will destroy the illegal liquor traffic in North Carolina, if the laws are properly enforced on the part of public officials and properly supported by the citizens of this commonwealth as they should be.

2. Your committee is strongly of the opinion that the real need of the hour is a revival of a campaign of education for the enforcement of the prohibition laws of this State.

3. With this end in view the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina, in convention assembled, appeals to the press of the State which has done so much to outlaw the liquor traffic. We appeal to them to start anew, open their columns, and to lead as editors in awakening the public conscience upon this subject for respect for our liquor laws, as well as all other laws.

4. We appeal to the pulpits of this State of every name and order to start again a campaign of education in their respective churches for respect for and the enforcement of our laws. These men who, in the past, have been the leaders in all those matters that pertain to the uplift of our homes and the betterment of society must join hands and hearts to go over again the good work that was done five or ten years ago.

5. We appeal to our institutions of learning—both public and private, as they are the centers of the thought for the future of society to join in this renewed effort of creating a wholesome public sentiment for respect for all the laws of this State and Nation.

6. We appeal to the public school authorities of this State, to the fathers and mothers and all of our people to join in this educational campaign—for what will our schools, our churches and our homes come to if we sit idly by and allow this illegal liquor traffic to undermine the very foundation upon which all government must rest—namely, the respect for the laws of the government.

(Signed) C. H. Mebane, Chairman; Chas. S. Wallace, Z. V. Turlington.

LAURA STREET CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

It has been quite a long while since we have been heard from, nevertheless things are going well at Laura Street church. A few Sundays ago we closed a very successful rally at which time over \$500 was realized.

Each auxiliary is working faithfully to help promote the welfare of the church. The Sunday school is increasing in the number of scholars as well as in finance, because of the hearty cooperation of the officers, teachers and scholars. On last Sunday, Jan. 25th, we were highly honored with the presence of Rev. H. M. Scott, Sabbath school missionary, with headquarters at Cordele, Ga. Rev. Scott made some very interesting remarks to the Sunday school.

At 6 o'clock, P. M., the young people of the Christian Endeavor rendered a splendid program, which consisted of a candlelight service, rendered by 12 girls representing the months of the year. Each girl dressed in white held a lighted candle and recited

her part well. The Glee Club, of the Boylan Home School, was present and rendered a beautiful musical selection. A group of small girls sang sweetly an appropriate selection. The service closed with a candlelight procession, while all sang effectively, "Lead, Kindly Light."

At 7:30 P. M., Rev. Scott preached a soul-stirring sermon. The services throughout the day were very impressive.

In the midst of life there is death. A few weeks ago our pastor, Dr. E. J. Gregg, was called to Sumter, S. C., on account of the death of his mother.

The enemy death has visited our congregation twice within the last two weeks, and has taken two of our most faithful workers—Mrs. Lillie Jones and Mr. Robert Coleman.

"There is no death. What seems so is transition. What seems so is transition."

MRS. MAGGIE C. WILLIAMS.

A PLEA FOR MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26.—

Last Monday morning Rev. S. J. Johnson, formerly of Texas, now Church Extension Secretary of the A. M. E. Church, addressed the Philadelphia Preachers' Meeting. "I find, coming Texas to the North, that the difference is not so much in the climate as in the temper of the people. People up here are not so cordial as they are down home. We new comers get the cold shoulder when we want a pleasant smile or a hand shake. Many people are lost to the Church because they get the cold shoulder. Many a young man and woman who have come here from the South go out into vice and crime often because they are looking for companionship. And so I say, in urging you to help extend the Church, to give your money. But I also urge you to give sympathy, give your friendship. And that is what the Christian Church should stand for—Fellowship. Remember we colored people have many reasons for getting together and staying together. We need friendship and fellowship more than anybody else. And let us cultivate this. Many of the Northern people may not realize how cold they are; but ask any Southerner just come up here and he will tell you."

EBENEZER CHURCH, NEW BERN.

Sunday morning, Jan. 25th, we listened to a helpful and interesting sermon by our pastor from the subject, "Getting Things Done."

The Christmas tree and program given on Friday evening, Dec. 26th was very good and well attended. This was the first service held in the basement of the new church, which was three months after the first brick was laid. The auditorium is nearing completion and we expect to hold service in it soon.

The second Sunday in February has been set aside by the pastor as Decision Day, and a special sermon will be preached to the young people of the church.

The members and friends have been asked to donate chairs for the church.

A membership drive has been launched in the church and Sun. school, and Mr. H. F. Sutton has promised to give a new chair for each new member taken into the church by the meeting of Presbytery. The following visitors worshipped with us last Sunday morning: Messrs. C. H. Smallwood, John Corden, C. Whitfield and Miss L. Glover.

Mrs. Lulu Dusenbury and Miss Martin, of Asheville, spent some time here recently with relatives.

Mrs. Susie Pearson and Miss Clifton Richardson are home after spending several months in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Josie Mae Ratley, of Williamsport, Pa., spent part of the holidays with her sister, Mrs. O. E. Sanders, 100 New Street.

SOME FAMOUS LONGFELLOW QUOTATIONS.

How well do you know your Longfellow? How well do you think he is known among foreigners? As well as our other American poets? A Russian lady in 1879 on board a French vessel sailing from Constantinople claimed that he was better known among foreigners than any one except their own poets.

There were six nationalities present, Scotch, Greek, French, Russian, English and American.

"I stood on the bridge at midnight As the clock was striking the hour,"

began the Russian. The Englishman, just returning from the Zulu war, suddenly began:

"Tell me not in mournful numbers Life is but an empty dream."

The French captain recited "Excelsior" and the Greek sang:

"Stars of the summer night! Fair in your azure deeps, Hide, hide your golden light! She sleeps! My lady sleeps!"

The Scotchman, gray-haired and rugged, commenced:

"There is no flock, however watched and tended, But one dead lamb is there."

Then the American recited "My Lost Youth."

There are many Longfellow quotations with which we are familiar and which inspire us, but we do not always know they are from Longfellow.

The following are a few beautiful ones. Do we know from which poems they come?

The name of friendship is sacred; What you demand in that name, I have not the power to deny you!

Nothing useless is, or low, Each thing in its place is best; And what seems but idle show Strengthens and supports the rest.

Never idle a moment But thrifty and thoughtful of others.

Thou, too, shalt be old. Be wise in season.

—Onward.

FROM BARBER COLLEGE.

By Mary Lee Coleman.

The Frances E. Willard Society gave a programme Saturday night, Jan. 24. The society opened with music by the F. E. W. Society.

Other numbers on the programme were:

Reading, Estelle Chum. Recitation, "The Gray Swan," Lucile Brooks.

Doll Drill, by six girls. Recitation, "The Wonderful Doctor," Cleotha Jenkins.

Duet, "No, Sir"—Ethel L. Young and Anna Johnson. Piano Solo, Verdille Williams. Advertisements.

The programme was very good and enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning, Jan. 25th, we had our usual form of service. Dr. J. M. Gaston was with us. The S. L. P. D. Q. sang a selection: "You Must Have True Religion." After that Dr. Gaston read the 22nd chapter of Revelation, then the trio sang an anthem. Doctor Gaston delivered an excellent sermon from Rev. 22:13: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

We are proud to see the Workers' Conference moving on so nicely despite the rainy weather.

Anniston, Ala.

Harry E. Davis, member of the Ohio State Legislature, has been made chairman of the State Legislative Code Committee. A local newspaper reports that every bill sponsored by Mr. Davis at the last session of the Ohio Legislature was enacted into law.

HOLBROOK STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DANVILLE, VA.

After a very gloomy week, Sunday dawned upon us with beautiful sunshine and inexpressible splendor. The Sunday School was well attended. The teachers were in their places and much interest seemed to be manifest.

The 11 o'clock church service was largely attended. The pastor, Dr. W. E. Carr, preached a strong sermon, subject: "Work and Prayer." The text was taken from Nehemiah 11:9. He developed the following points with telling effect:

I. Nehemiah was a man who refused to be hindered in the Lord's work.

II. He was inspired by a noble purpose. That purpose was born in prayer.

III. Nehemiah seized the opportunity which had come to him and turned it into use, and grand results followed. We all have opportunities, and if we are faithful and make the best out of what we are and the opportunities we have, God will crown our efforts with success.

IV. In the face of great opposition, he went forward and triumphed. This we can do. Cost what it may, let us do God's bidding. Let us contrast our lives with those of our heathen brethren. Let us pray earnestly to God to broaden our vision as to world condition. We can and we must do our part in helping to send the gospel to those who are enveloped in heathen darkness. By the grace of God we must measure up to our full quota. The music by the choir was inspirational.

The service at 3:30 P. M. was under the auspices of the Home Department led by Elder P. H. Doswell. The following program was rendered:

Music, congregation. Prayer by the pastor. Recitation, Mrs. Maria Robinson.

Duet, Mesdames Slaughter and Flood.

Address by Prof. J. T. Page, subject, "The Influence of the Sunday School." The subject was ably discussed.

Whenever Elder Doswell undertakes anything he usually makes it a success. It was one of the best programs we have had for a long time. The music was classic and sweet beyond expression. A collection of nearly \$50 was taken up.

The night service was given over to the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. We are far behind in our benevolent affairs, but like Nehemiah we intend to work and pray until the goal is reached.

—Onward.

THREE EYES BETWEEN THEM.

Some one said that there would like to write a book entitled, "Handicapped Lives." They would tell of the blind people, the lame people, the helplessly people who have surmounted their deformities and have made the best of their lives.

The following incident told by a prominent railroad man, should have a place in it: "We were opening a new branch road," he stated, "and each of the general offices were asked to send a fine, reliable man to take over the work. That is, a superintendent, a notice manager, a station agent. These men came from three different sections of the country and yet, when they arrived, it was found that in each case the man had but one eye. That is, there were only three eyes between them. It was only a coincidence. I venture to say it has never happened before and that it will never happen again. In my case, I sent the men that would be best on the job and whom I could spare best. I imagine that other officials did the same."

In spite of their handicaps these men so persevered that they were chosen over their companions to representative positions.

We people with both eyes, and all our faculties, are we thankful enough for them, and are we using them to the best advantage?—Onward.