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Political Unrest and Wrecking of Public School System Suggest Extension of Missions and Mission Schools-Intellectual Emancipation of Mighty China's Womanhood-Paris and the Problems or the Strange Young Woman Within Her Gates-Distributing subles in Armenia on the "Gideon Plan"-Largest Missionary Province in the World-Chinese Building Their Own Churches-Little Facts of Large Interest.

BY SOUTHERN MISSIONARY NEWS BUREAU-

Ida Clyde Clarke, Editor

"The prevailing political unrest, in spite of its disastrous effects on the economic condition of Mexico, is destined to fall out to the furtherance of the gospel. The struggle is but a continuance of Mexico's long drawn out effort to shake nerself free of tyrannies, political, industrial, religious. It is profoundly stirring the intellectual heart of the people. They are taking lessons as never before in the art of thinking for themselves. They need education and they need moral stiffening. These are precisely the things for

which Protestantism stands. "The temporary disabling of much of the public school system makes at once a demand and an opportunity for missionary institutions. That great republic, destined by its very exertion and resources to set the type and hold the leadership of all Latin-America, is sure to be a field worthy the life devotion of our best and brightest young people."-Dr. G. B. Winton, in "Mexico To-Day."

The womanhood of China, one of the mightiest nations on the glope, is well on the road to intellectual emancipation, although 75 years ago it was hard to find a woman there who could read.

Dr. Martin, for many years prestdent of the Imperial University in Peking, said in 1877 that there were not one in 10,000. At the missionary conference in 1890 Mrs. Artnur Smith said that "among the thousands of women .we have met, not more than ten could read." As a matter of fact, the Chinese were not simply indifferent, but often strenuously opposed to the education of their daughters, and many held to the belief that they were incapable of being taught letters.

It is interesting to note that this wonderful awakening of China to a sense of her duty to her women comes while the first pupil of the first school for Chinese women is yet alive. It was in 1844 that a delicate woman put her hand to a task that seemed then as impossible as dipping up the Pacific ocean with a teaspoon. The story is one that is, full of inspiration.

In 1834 a little group of English women organized themselves into a society which they named "The Society for Promoting Female Education in the East." and three years later sent out Miss Aldersey as their first missionary. As China was at that time not open to Christian workers, she landed at Sourabaya, on the island of Java, and, among the Chinese settled there, opened a chool for Chinese girls. But her heart was set on China; and when the five ports were opened to foreign residence by the treaty of 1842. she at once transferred her work to that country, and in 1844 opened in the city of Nimgpo the first school for girls in China. After a time, other missionaries, encouraged by her success, followed her example. The output of these schools that gradually grew up around the mission schools was an argument impossible to resist. To Shanghai belongs the honor of having the first modern school for girls founded and carried on by the Chinese, but it was not long before many other cities followed the exam-Chinese ladies of wealth and became greatly interested. rank a sensation was produced Quite when the Empress Dowager issued an edict commending female education, and another thrill was felt when she ordered a Lama convent transformed into a school for giris

in the so-called hotels of their country. Hotels there are very unlike our hotels, as they contain no furniture and the guests sleep on bedding which they bring themselves. These empty rooms in the caravansaries are to be supplied with Bibles, either in the Armenian or in the Turkish language. It is said that the owners do not object to the plan except that the

Mohammedan owners insist that the Bibles must be hung on the wall, since it is a sacred book and it would be a desecration if it were placed on the floor.

LARGEST MISSIONARY PROV-INCE.

The largest missionary province in the world is that of Sinklang or Chinese Turkeystan which reaches right into the heart of Asia. It has an area of 550,340 square miles which makes it approximately equal to the German empire plus France and Spain. Its population numbers ,200,000 and consists of Chinese, Turks, Kirghiz, Mongols and some Vanchu settlers.

The first China inland missionary entered it in 1888, and the present missionary, Dr. Hunter, commenced his definite work for this long neglected region in 1905. The number of communicants reported from

the province in 1911 was two. CHINESE BUILDING CHURCHES. "Since writing you last, I have made a visit to one of the out-stations on the work. There I saw my first real country church. It was erected largely by the few members and adherents in that community and it did one good to see it even though its floors were of dirt and its benches backless. It was in keeping with the homes and that is more than we can say to the credit of some of our communities in the States.

"In the town not far away and in this country community Mrs. Hawk and I were both struck with the contrast between those who had come in touch with the gospel and those who had not. This is of course true everywhere, but here it seems to stand out so plainly that it was even more noticeable than is ordinarily the case. Oh, friends, if you could only see some of these marvelous changes that take place in the looks and in the lives of these people then you could see that your money and your prayers are not misplaced but are being used of our Father to bring to pass His kingdom here on earth, yes, here in old. no not old. but new China .- John C. Hawk,



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and contributed one hundred thousand taels (about sixty-five thousand gold dollars) for the cause of woman's education in Peking.

In 1906 an imperial commission was sent out to study woman's education in other countries. In 1909 her highness the Princess Consort, proposed that a national educational association should be founded, of which she would be the president. Schools were started all over the country. In Shanghai the number was increased to 12. In Peking there are 20; in Tletsin, 20; and even in the distant Szchwen province, three thousand miles from the coast, there are 49 girls' schools opened either by the officials or the wealthy gentry, and 300 primary schools, attended by both boys and girls.

PARIS AND YOUNG WOMEN.

According to the Paris correspondent of the Living Church, there are few cities which make so good a provision for the protection and care of young women coming there for work or study. He says: "Strangers who come to Paris find a large number of institutions with open. hospitable doors. For the Frenchspeaking people there is 'L'Ami de la Junene Fille,' in particular, where Catholics and Protestants unite in a great work. Lists of houses, pensions, of restaurants, respectable and inexpensive, under the surveillance of this society, are posted up at many church doors, at some rallway stations and elsewhere throughout the city.

"L'Union Chretienne des Jeune Gens" is a work along somewhat similar lines for young men. For English-speaking girls there is the Girls' Friendly Society, Miss Leigh's home, the Christian Association and several admirable American homes and clubs.

None of these would ever let a girl take a situation without due inquiry; all are glad to be appealed to. THE GIDEON PLAN IN ARMENIA. The work of placing Bibles in the hotels of America by the Gideons has attracted the attention of Armenian Christians in Harput, Asiat-Ic Turkey, who have decided to imitate the example and place the Bible

Changchow, China. TALKING IN A STRING.

The new telephones, the gift of friends in America, are a constant source of amusement to the native, who can never overcome his astonishment at the white man being able to "talk in a string."-The Kaise Herald, published at a mission station in the Congo. LITTLE FACTS OF LARGE INTER-EST.

Fifty years ago there were only 30 medical missionaries and now there are, in all parts of the world. 11,000.

In a report submitted to the German government it is shown that China has the finest coal fields in the world. Coal was found in fifteen of the eighteen provinces examined by the expert. In one province atone the report said that there is enough coal to supply the human race for several thousand years. Side by side with these supplies of coal vast

supplies of iron were found. The Bible has already been translated into all the principal tongues of the world and portions of it into more than four hundred languages and dialects employed by nearly 1,-200,000,000 people, or seven-tenths of the human race. Mongolia is a part of the empire

of China and comprises about 1,-367,600 square miles and a population of 2,500,000. Of this population at least 2,000,000 are wholly unreached by missionary effort. There are more than 77,000,000

persons in the United States who do not attend any Sunday school. Out of the total of 83,638 Christians on the church records in Ja-

pan, 30,666 are non-resident, or about 37 per cent of the whole. Miss Annie Stockwell, a missionary in Persia, estimates that there are now at least 1,000 Moslem girls and boys attending the 13 Christian

mission schools in Persia. This, sne says, is twice as many as were attending these schools five years ago. Of the number given 700 are paying tuition.

Sixty years ago there were only a handful of Christians in the whole of the Telugu country. Now there are 300,000.

In Talyuanfu, China, where in the Boxer days 45 Christian workers were beheaded by order of the governor of the province, a number of the leading men have sent out a call for the establishment of a free Christian church. Among the signers of the call are the chief military officer, the chief civil officer, the president and vice-president of the provincial assembly and the chief of police.

The latest news is that Peru has thrown itself open to the gospel as preached by Protestantism. Hitherto Protestantism has been practically ruled out of the ountry. A new call comes to every Protestant denomination. The pity of it is that so many gates are being opened through which we are not prepared to enter.

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tition and with due regard to fitness of prospective members for the secrets of Odd Fellowship, Grand Master Shipman is impressing the greatest care in the soliciting of new members and strict investigation by the lodge before accepting as members those proposed by the canvassing teams.

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