

Texas Christian Advocate.

CHINA MISSION TOPICS.—II.

The Work to Be Done and How to Do It.

In the providence of God the southern end of the Kiangsu province and northern end of Chekiang province have been largely given to the Southern Methodist Mission to evangelize.

Taking a region of country in these two provinces bounded on the north by the Yangtze river, on the east by the Yellow sea, on the south by the Hangchow bay, and on the west by the hilly region of Ngunaiwai province, we have an area measuring about 175 miles from north to south and 125 miles from east to west, containing roughly 23,000 square miles and a population not far from 18,000,000 people.

There are in this region some thirty-five walled cities, ranging in population from 5000 to 500,000, and a great number of large towns and villages ranging in population from 1000 to 50,000.

Two years ago, when Bishop Wilson was on his second visit to China, we that is, Bishop Wilson and the members of the China mission—took a map and carefully surveyed the field and decided on a definite plan for the speedy and systematic occupation of that whole region.

This is a definite work, to be done within a definite time, and I have no doubt that the Southern Methodist Church can and ought to do it.

1. Let there be united prayers through out the whole church to the Lord of the harvest to call and send forth the men. Three years ago the China inland mission agreed together to ask the Lord to send one hundred workers to China, and before the end of the year the last one of the hundred arrived on the field, and the money was found for their support.

2. There are perhaps fifteen or twenty of the more than forty annual conferences of the Southern Methodist Church, each of which could support one or more foreign missionaries outside of its regular assignment for foreign missions.

3. Individual churches in many places could support a foreign missionary besides carrying on their regular church work, and be better and stronger for their own work by reason of the special effort made to send the gospel to those that have it not.

4. The Sunday-school in many of the conferences would gladly undertake the support of a foreign missionary if there was some one to take the lead, select the man, and receive and forward the amount collected.

5. There are many in the church who could support themselves in the foreign field. One man has gone to Brazil at his own charges. There are several missionaries in China belonging to other churches who are supporting themselves. There ought to be, and doubtless will be, many others, who can and will follow their example.

6. There are many wealthy men in the Southern Methodist Church who could support a foreign missionary, and receive that abundant blessing which is so faithfully promised to the cheer-ful giver in the Master's name.

7. Above all, let me repeat, let the whole church unitedly "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest," and as sure as God has spoken the men that are needed will be forthcoming and the means for their support will be found.

The Woman's Board ought also to send twenty-five or thirty more workers to China to occupy the stations that are to be opened by the representatives of the Parent Board.

hundred workers in that field and it could be effectually and systematically evangelized and we would in some adequate measure be doing our duty in bringing the gospel to that part of the Chinese Empire. We might also expect speedy and encouraging results, and would in a few years be able to raise up native preachers who could go as helpers to open up a new mission, which it will be our duty to establish in another destitute part of China in the near future.

The Shanghai General Missionary Conference of four hundred and thirty China missionaries sent forth a united and urgent call to the Protestant Churches of Europe and America for 1000 men for China within the next five years.

Cannot the Board of Missions and the bishops in charge of our various missions call the church to united prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers to the various mission fields, and among them at least fifty workers for China within the next five years? Ask and it shall be given you.

OBJECT.

At the risk of being called a moseback and being set down on, I will say amen to all that has been said against the present plan of entertaining the General Conference. I oppose it because it stifles the spirit of hospitality which all our people should be required to cultivate.

METHODIST HISTORY.

H. O. H.

"History of Methodism in Texas," by H. S. Thrall, A. M. D. D., printed in the best style of our Publishing House (price \$1), large type, strong paper, good binding, 304 pages, commencing with a brilliant chapter on Texas, situation, area, topography, colonization and Methodism as an evangelizing agency on the frontier.

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LETTERS TO THE SISTERS.

Dear Sisters of our Missionary Cause in the East Texas Conference: We attended our Missionary Board at St. Louis. The usual business was transacted. Several missionaries were present to give zest and interest to the occasion.

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traced our attention, and that was a mission school. I believe they had over six hundred children. We heard from good authority that in St. Louis they have from fifty-eight to sixty thousand children who do not attend Sunday-school at all.

What an appalling truth! I now see how little we are accomplishing for our Master at home. Oh, it is often said heathen are at our door; 'More truth than poetry.' It should cause our Christian people to work harder for Christ at home and among our neighbors.

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and has generously helped her toward the \$25,000, of which \$11,000 is already secured. Just here if any heart is moved to aid in this the most practical help yet given to our woman's work do not wait to be solicited; send your offering, be it much or little, to Miss Belle Bennett.

Mrs. J. J. Tigert, of Nashville, Tenn., will fill orders for D. W. C. Black's book, "Christian Womanhood," price \$1. The proceeds of such sales are donated by her to the training-school.

W. M. S. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

We are now on the last quarter before the annual meeting of our Conference Society. As officers and members it would perhaps be well to take a retrospective glance upon the labors of the year, and wherein we have erred or been remiss in duty to make amends.

We are anxious that every officer and delegate be in attendance at the annual meeting which will be at Greenville the 12th of September. Therefore, we earnestly request each auxiliary to make arrangements to provide funds for defraying the expenses of its delegates and district secretary, as this duty was enjoined upon the auxiliaries at the last annual meeting of the Conference Society.

We sincerely trust you will not consider this an unimportant matter, but begin at once and with a determination to succeed. Let our meeting at Greenville mark a new era in woman's missionary work in North Texas Conference.

Time is too short; souls too precious to longer question the propriety of woman becoming an active agent in sending the gospel to those in heathen lands. The doors of usefulness are widely opened unto us. Let the 15,000 women whose names are enrolled in the Southern Methodist Church in the North Texas Conference avail themselves of this grand opportunity for usefulness.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

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SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY. We have just received the annual registers of Southwestern University and Ladies' Annex, Georgetown, Texas, for the year 1889-90.

thinking of going from home in search of a literary education cannot do better by going out of the State. We have as competent professors as can be found elsewhere, and none do their work more conscientiously.

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—Our traveling man went to preaching last Sunday. It was quarterly meeting at Oak Lawn and Bro. Owens says he heard a good sermon by the presiding elder, Rev. T. R. Pierce.

—The Rev. J. A. Rogers, local preacher of the Garland circuit, came in to see us on his return to assist Rev. Wilson Harris, of Clifton mission, in a meeting. He says the meeting was glorious.

—The Rev. G. F. Boyd, of Wills Point, and his congregation worshiped in their new church last Sunday. He

only representatives in this world. Not yet have we comprehended the wide meaning of the wonderful word in that prayer he offered to his Father, as his disciples stood around him in that upper room when, the night before he died, he had finished the first communion in the Lord's Supper: "As my Father sent me into the world even so have I also sent you into the world."

—Wills Point Chronicle: The 11 o'clock services, by Bro. M. L. Clifton, on last Sunday, were very interesting. The pulpit was occupied on Sunday night by Rev. Adams, of the East Texas Conference. He delivered a very interesting discourse.

—Southern Advocate: Rev. W. G. Connor, D. D., of Waco, Texas, is enjoying a visit to his old home, Orangeburg, S. C., where he has been warmly greeted by many friends and relatives.

—The Montana, Columbia and East Columbia Conferences will meet on August 7, August 21 and September 4, in each case a day later than first announced.

—Southwestern Methodist: Bishop Hendrix has been holding district conferences in the Indian Territory. He gives an encouraging report of the progress of the work there.

—J. E. Squires, in St. Louis Advocate: We have about twenty-seven appointments in the Denver Conference as it now is, and room for some others on ground hitherto covered by us.

—Southwestern Methodist: Rev. D. F. Renfro tells of the most total destruction of our church at Houston, Mo., by lightning. We remember when the good ladies of Houston said, "We must have a church," and stirred up the men to cut pine logs and haul them to the mill, until they got the lumber to build. We had the pleasure of dedicating that church. Our sympathies are with the people of Houston.

—Pacific Methodist: We publish a communication from Brother Knock, in which he expresses a fear that the action of the Book Committee will defeat the consummation of our hopes with regard to the establishment of our publishing interests on a proper basis on this coast.

—Dr. M. B. Chapman, in Arkansas Methodist: Southern Methodism is in the ascendancy in Texas, numbering in its ranks 129,000 members—one tenth of the entire connection.

In this great Shanghai meeting last May, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Baptists and Methodists met together, not to debate how they might surrender their differences, but how they might cooperate in pushing to its consummation the triumph of a common cause.

That churches most nearly alike sought to get close enough together that they might not hinder, but help one another. In this spirit "the Methodists" sought means to bring about "co-operation" among Methodists. Their simple "plan" is before me as I write. I do not copy it here; it is not for us the other side of the world, to split hairs with these veterans bearing "the marks of the Lord Jesus." The plan seems wise to me; if it did not I should doubt my insight.

Two private letters are also before me; some words I quote from each for the sweet order they give forth—for the bright visions they bring. Here is one from my old college mate, Young J. Allen, who was chairman of the Conference Committee that agreed on the plan for Methodist co-operation. A few words his people in America will be glad to read. He says:

"I add a few words to call your attention to the session of our General Missionary Conference held here May 7-20, both days inclusive. It comprised nearly one-half of all the missionary workers, male and female, in China, i. e., nearly five hundred, and was every way one of the most notable conferences ever held in a mission field, as regards attendance, representation and work done.

Besides, it was characterized throughout by a spirit of harmony and union perfectly unique and wonderful. Never did grace more abound. Grace presided over us, and the result was a most delightful and profitable session, and everybody separated at its close rejoicing and happy. China will feel the impulse of this conference from center to circumference, and, if I mistake not, its peaceful lines will go out through all the earth."

My sister, Miss Laura, says: "It was a time of great refreshing to us—all from the presence of God with us. I have never seen any deliberative body upon which the power of the Holy Ghost so manifestly rested from

SHANGHAI—THE JERUSALEM OF CHINA. BISHOP A. G. HAYGOOD.

Our church papers have told us somewhat of the great missionary conference that met in Shanghai, China, May 7-20. Fuller reports will reach us in due time. Our secretaries, it is confidently hoped, will promptly reprint the official report of the proceedings of this great conference. Print and send at once to every pastor in our church. We want no meagre outline, but a full account.

The evangelization of China is the most stupendous task to which the church ever consecrated itself—if for no other reason because so large a part of the human race is Chinese. This whole nation has been belittled in the minds of unthinking people by the flippant jests of the American press and the un-Christian treatment of them by our country. Idle-minded people dismiss the strongest appeals to conscience by a laughing reference to the "heathen Chinese." Christian people cannot do this.

These hundreds of millions are our brothers; Christ died for them; on us he lays the responsibility of giving them the gospel. His people—those who believe, love and obey him—are his

