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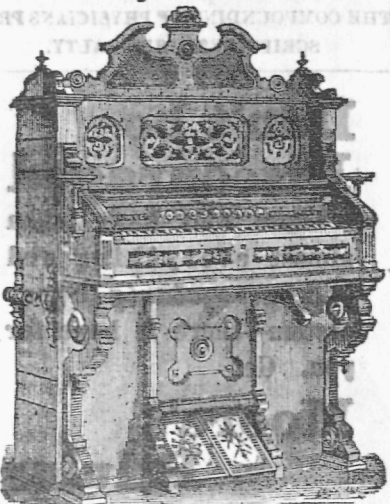
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## A Missionary Field Day.

FINE WEATHER CONTINUE—LARGE ATTENDANCE—INTERESTING SERVICES.

The warm, brilliant sun, rose over Mount Tabor yesterday morning and the dew bathed tree tops fairly reveled in it, while its reflection upon the meadows below made them appear as if covered with a white frost. All the early trains were thronged with people, and the grounds early assumed a lively appearance. The chilling air left by the storm had also disappeared and the atmosphere was permeated with warmth and geniality.

The early morning prayer meeting, at 6 o'clock, under the lead of Rev. W. C. Nelson, brought out many people and the clear morning air fairly rang with the notes of the service. The meeting at Mrs. Fitzgerald's cottage, at 8 o'clock, was also another season of profit, and well attended.

The meeting for family worship before the stand at half-past eight o'clock was very largely attended, and conducted by Rev. J. B. Heward.

For a quarter of an hour before the regular service the choir entertained all who had the pleasure of hearing them with a service of song.

When the general services began there was an immense throng of people in front of the stand, and the exercises were opened with the singing of the 93rd hymn:

"Go ye messenger of God  
Like the beams of morning light."

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. I. Morrow, the 72d Psalm read by Rev. Dr. Whitney, and a stirring appeal for the collection was made by Dr. Dashiell, followed by the singing of the old missionary hymn:

"From Greenland's icy mountains."

Dr. Dashiell opened the missionary exercises of the day with a strong address. There is a class of people, he said in every church whose calling seems to be to discount God's work. They do not see the amount of progress which the kingdom of God makes, as sharply and as quickly as they see any temporary embarrassment or decline of that work. The consequence is, you will find in almost every congregation a few people who meet the pastor and the missionary and the officers of the Sunday School and missionary society, with discouraging words in connection with this great cause. They are accustomed to ask what evidence have we that the world is advancing in the direction of evangelization? What proof have we that the kingdom of God is gaining upon the kingdom of darkness? I want to say in the first place that such people leave out of the question in their calculations this great fact—that the early years of a Christian mission are years of preparation. We do not expect immediate results. A Christian missionary and his wife drops down in the midst of ten millions of people, the sole representative of the Lord Jesus Christ in that province. Everything is to be done. It is a primeval forest. Difficulties have to be cleared away, obstacles removed, before the great work of preparation can go on, the language mastered, the Bible translated, grammars and dictionaries prepared. Everything that belongs to the work of preparation must be done before the first convert can be made. Hence these individuals to whom I refer will take a mission as a brother did in a recent letter to our office, saying, "Why is it that in North China, where you want me to go, during all these years there have been so few converts?" That brother forgets that when we went out from Foo Chow, in the great province in the midst of which the capital of the Chinese empire is located, in which is the great seaport of Tiet Tsing, that we had everything to do. The brother that went down from Foo Chow to North China could not speak the language, could not talk to the people of North China, as every province in China has a different dialect. The same trouble arose in the movements of some of our other brethren in the Chinese mission, and I am not speaking vainly this morning, nor do I wish to be changed with denominational vanity, when I say that it is the grandest mission upon the face of the earth. And yet for eleven years we toiled in the province without a single convert. When once we had a convert he became a representative man, and converts always become representative men and will reproduce themselves by their influence very rapidly. We have now seventy-five native preachers; we have a membership of nearly 2,000, and yet it has all been done within four years. God is laying his parallel lines for the salvation of this world, and I think we are hastening to the moment when we shall almost realize the ancient vision of the prophet—"A nation born in a day." Now I know we are accustomed to find fault with the church and say

that the church is not doing what she might do, and it is a fact when you look at it from one point of view. Yet the church has come up in the last twenty-five years very wonderfully on this great subject of Christian missions.

I here shall be liable to the charge of sectarian bigotry and pride when I say that I do not believe that any other church in the United States is better organized than the Methodist Episcopal Church on the line of Christian missions, with all the fault-finding that has been heard in reference to this matter. In the first place there is not a church in the United States—I doubt whether there is a church in the world—that has the record the Methodist church has with reference to our Sunday Schools and the Missionary cause.

The Doctor spoke enthusiastically of the work of the Presbyterian Church in foreign lands, but in the line of Sunday Schools the contributions to missions amounted to only \$25,000. The Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church contribute to this cause \$150,000 annually, or six times as much. Not to disparage a sister denomination the Doctor quoted from a tract published by a Presbyterian brother, who told him that his cheek burned when he wrote this sentence: "It is my sorrowful duty to say to you that only women and old people give to the missionary cause. Our young people fail to contribute." 1,250,000 Sunday school children of the Methodist church are every month brought into contact with this great cause of missions. They make contributions to it through classes. Let us remember that fact, and when croakers talk about the lack of interest in the Methodist church give them that fact. Let me give you another fact to show you that in the Sunday school we are organized. Take the whole fifteen hundred thousand Sunday school children, and the average for every child is ten cents to the missionary society. Of course we are not perfect yet. We have 20,000 Sunday schools; fifteen thousand of them contributed last year, and gave \$150,000. If the other 5,000 had contributed we should have had one-third more. The second fact that God is getting ready to advance his work, is shown in that obstacles which have been in our way for the salvation of the world are being fast removed.

When I addressed you upon this subject a few years ago I had to make an exception when I told you of this removal of obstacles—the Ottoman empire, Mohammedanism, Islamism, stood in our way. But I could not foresee the Eastern war. God foresaw it. How much God had to do with that war we are not permitted to know. That last and greatest difficulty among the nations has been removed. The Eastern war has settled that question, and the Berlin treaty has confirmed all the possible anticipations of God's people as to the results of that struggle. Now that great empire is open to the gospel as it has never been open before. Christians are in a position to work for God and to retain their Christian status; for not only did that treaty establish religious freedom, but that the Christian people of the Ottoman empire shall be under the protection of Protestant England.

Another view—I wish we had more money in the treasury. If I should go before the general committee and ask for a new mission I would ask to have one established in France. There is to-day as perfect religious toleration in France as in the United States. A majority of the cabinet and the President of the Republic are Protestants.

Let us for a single moment look at what the churches have done, and what has been accomplished in missionary work. Forty years ago the American and British Bible Societies thought they were doing an almost presumptuous thing when in view of the openings in foreign lands they printed 4,000,000 copies of the Scriptures. They thought such an act was a presumption upon the advents of divine Providence. Now the two great Protestant Bible Societies, in view of God's throwing wide open the doors of this world, print to-day 130,000,000 copies of the word of God. This shows that we are beginning to realize the vision that swept across the soul of the exile of Patmos, when he saw another angel flying across the heavens with the everlasting gospel. In 296 different dialects the word of life is spoken and read to-day.

We are accustomed to say that the church is mean and does not do what it ought to do. The church could do better. I want to give you facts that you can think about. The church needs a little encouraging as well as a little blaming. Last year the Christian churches of this country gave \$6,000,000 to the foreign work for the salvation of the heathen. Let us look again:

Forty years ago India was closed; forty years ago China was closed; Japan was closed; Africa was a land that had to be explored, and the mighty interior population opened to the world; forty years ago it cost a man his life to circulate the Bible in Mexico; South America with all its new republics was as a sealed book to the entrance of the word of life. How is it today? China is open, India is open and Mexico, South America, Africa, Japan and the great Ottoman empire. Let us go back a little. I said the church in general was in a better state of preparation to work for God; second, the Sunday schools are organized; thirdly, the world is open; fourthly, the next great factor, woman, in all her peerless power, before the mercy seat, and before the heart of the children of men, is organized on the line of personal effort for this great work of Christian missions.

We have six districts organized in Japan. We have six Presiding Elders. I may be in heaven ten years from now, and looking down from the skies upon the work of my younger brethren. I stand here to tell you that within ten years from now in the Empire of Japan there will be many more districts, each with its Presiding Elder, and crowded with native men preaching the word of life. People are all the time asking whether these missions are being formed on the line of self-support as we are at home. In the first place I want to say to you that every mission we have in the world makes a contribution to the treasury of the missionary society. We appertain to them a certain sum of money to be raised, just as we do with our missions at home. We call upon Japan, South America and Africa to furnish certain amounts, and they come up to that apportionment nearer than we do at home. The other fact is this: In all these missions the very first thing that we look at in their organization is to teach them the fact that they must become self-supporting. He referred to encouraging reports from a brother missionary in China who said: "We have two circuits which are self-supporting; two others are allowed one more year in which to become self-supporting; two more in three years. In China they must be self-supporting in four years. We say in one year we will give you three-fourths of the first appropriation—in two years one-half—in three years one-fourth—in a fourth year you will get no support. In the Foo Chow mission there is not a single appointment that is one year old that does not do something for its own support, and soon they will all cease to become beneficiaries, and will contribute to the great cause. These people start in their Christian life with the doctrine of giving, and they think it is a great privilege to give. The speaker related an incident to show how the people in the Mexican missions were thoroughly imbued with the giving spirit. He wished the Protestant churches would emulate the spirit of the Church of Rome and teach their members the necessity of giving.

Now you say what is the outlook of this year. I give you first this fact. We commenced this quadrennium with a debt of \$262,000.

You know how we got in debt. We have paid off \$150,000 of it in two years, and yet we have not curtailed our work nor withdrawn a man from the field, nor lowered the salary of any missionary in foreign lands. In the report of the secretary of a sister missionary society, he says. We have fallen off in our contributions \$27,000 which added to the debt of last year makes \$62,000, but this does not mortify us so much as the fact that we have been curtailing our expenses and work and withdrawing our missionaries. But we not only have withdrawn none from the field but have sent many men into new districts.

Two of our young men have gone to Japan within the last two weeks, one to take charge of a training school for ministers in Japan and one to assist one of the missionaries already stationed there.

We have sent one missionary into Mexico, and another will start so soon as the yellow fever abates.

At the commencement of this quadrennium we owed \$262,000, where has that money gone. In the first place we have real estate that we have bought for our missions during the past 8 years, that if sold to-day would pay the debt off if we owed still that amount.

We have \$80,000 of real estate in the republic of Mexico. We had to buy everything in Japan and build everything. This is with reference to the increase of our facilities for work in North China and Central China, in Italy and Bulgaria.

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Now when people say to you how did you get in debt \$250,000 you can tell them this, we made it in opening in 1872, four new nations and in buying the property that was necessary and sending men there, and if we were to close up our affairs to-day and have a settlement with the church we could sell our real estate in these four new nations for as much as our debt was for the first four years. Thank God we do not intend to sell it. The preacher stated his ignorance of any case of Methodist church property being put under the hammer. We are going to keep this property in foreign lands, we are going enlarge it, we are going to put up a training school in Japan. In Yokahama, it is already paid for. We are going to pay off every dollar of that debt. We are working to send more men into the field and the church will be able to meet these responsibilities.

I want to tell you something about the collections. Sometime has been spent in investigating this matter, we were anxious to know how we were likely to come out. This panic that came upon us did not begin to lift in time, for eastern conferences. I doubt whether a single charge in Newark conference had really received any benefit from the improved condition of things when you took up your collections. I thought we should fall off \$25,000 against last year. I would have been willing to have settled the matter on that basis. We commenced to go over the figures, we brought them up to the first of August, the West make their contributions the first of September, and with the hard times still upon the East we are just where we were a year ago and did not fall behind any in our collections. What is the outlook from the West? Never was better.

The speaker next referred to a circular that had been sent to the ministers and gave extracts from responses which had been received showing how much good they were doing in quickening the hearts of the clergy to more active work in the direction of missions.

We cannot trust the great collections to simple subscriptions or on the Sabbath to the baskets. We are settling down to this conviction and God intends that it shall root into every heart. Do you know that we as Methodists have made a great mistake in this matter. I can give you a suggestion about your churches that will be of some service to you. Do you know that you have been training the Methodist churches on a line that cuts off the sympathy of the youth. You appoint a Sabbath when you are going to take a subscription for the pastor's salary, John Smith puts down fifty dollars for his support, but where is Mrs. Smith and all the little Smith's. Ought there not to be some ties of sympathy binding the pastor to these children and wives of the Methodist church? What is the result of this? You will find that the boys and girls grow up feeling that they have no especial interest in the minister because they have not helped in his support.

In all these collections you ought to give something for yourself your wife should contribute, let Johnny and Willie and Mary have a contribution, and if beneath the cypress where the shadows hang low God has reached down his mighty arm and folded a little one to his bosom and Lily has gone to the Lamb of God, make a contribution in memory of the departed one. When we educate our children in sympathy with the activity and work of the church we won't hear so much about the difficulty in raising money.

Two cents a month from every Sunday School child in the Methodist Church will give to the Missionary Society enough money to manage all its foreign missions and give us a hundred thousand dollars to spare at home. You can support all your foreign missions without the church giving a cent and have a hundred thousand dollars for home work. The little colored children in the schools of the South are doing it, and yet the New England Conference with all its culture, has 18,000 Sunday School children never give a penny to the missionary society. Michigan has 18,000. I say it for your encouragement though I have not got the table quite made out. Thank God! the Newark Conference have a less number of children separated from the work of the Society than any other Conference in the United States, only about 8,000 are thus separated. You have borne a great deal from me, let me ask one thing more, that this 8,000 may be wiped out and we can say we have no Sunday School children who do not contribute to this great cause.

THE AFTERNOON SERVICE.

At half-past one a most interesting service, in the way of a missionary love feast, was held, and conducted by Rev. Dr. Dashiell, in the course of which Elder Vanhome gave a report of the missionary work in the Newark District and Elder Arndt of that in the Elizabeth District. A number of the pastors also gave reports from their churches and their views upon the subject.

When the choir opened the afternoon service with a voluntary a vast congregation—numbering probable 2,000—was gathered before the stand. The first hymn sung was the 982d:

"The morning light is breaking,  
The darkness disappears."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Whitney. Presiding Elder Arndt read for the Scripture lesson a part of the 61st chapter of Isaiah.

Mrs. Skidmore introduced Mrs. Chandler, of Baltimore, as the speaker of the afternoon. In the brief space which we have for notice of this address we can give no idea of its eloquence, or vividness of description. She said that as she came up the steps to the stand she felt as if she must turn away when she thought what was she that she should stand and speak. But while she felt as if she could run away from the people, she knew that she could not do so from God. It was only by the guiding of the Holy Spirit that any weak woman could come before this audience to-day.

She showed how it was God's own word that has called women to the missionary work, and how God could take the weak things of the world and accomplish much with them, as Christ took up the little child and showed it to be a type of man's purity. So the Women's Society has become a factor in the great work of missions. Ten years have passed by and it is well to cast up accounts.

Mrs. Chandler alluded first to the work in China and the difficulty that there existed in reaching the hearts of the women. One Missionary said that for twenty years he had not looked upon one virtuous woman. The wives of the missionaries were nearly discouraged in their efforts to reach them. But God at last spoke, and the words are falling into the hearts of the woman of to-day. Christianity through the hands of women walked into those homes. The wives of our missionaries then found that they needed single women to do the work there—that their time was so taken up with the care of their households that they could not fully do it. But the cry that came back to them from across the ocean was, "There is no money in the treasury." It was then that the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church became an organized fact.

Briefly she told the history of the organization of the Society and said that our women now in China are going down into these homes. But what are we doing on this side? Dr. Dashiell spoke this morning of the increase of missions and of the \$150,000 of the debt that has been wiped away. During the last ten years our women have been asked to give two cents each per week for the cause of missions, and these contributions have aggregated the total sum of \$450,000, and this year will bring the total to half a million—a divine sum in addition in God's arithmetic. With these pennies have also come the prayers, and she believed that much of success that has crowned the work has been due to these. But what if the influence of women here were destroyed.

What if women were blotted out of our churches, and schools, and society. Yet she had come to talk of a place where women were blotted out of all these—where men have put out her eye of reason, have made her abide a prison house, and deprived her of everything bright and beautiful. In illustration of her condition she told how she once went through a palace in India, and after a time turned into a long, damp passage way, lined with cells, with little slits in their sombre walls, which was the only place that women had for recreation. Heathenism could only express its true meaning when heathenism is seen at its home as she had seen it. At length she gave her experience of the degraded condition of women there and how she had consecrated herself to the work of its amelioration on the banks of the Ganges. There a Nautch girl may learn to read—a high caste woman never. She told of how the husband there is the god—his wife his servant who stands to serve him at his meals and eats what he leaves. A touching incident was given of an interview between her and a high-caste heathen mother, how she told her of Christ, and how when she had finished the daughter said to the interpreter, "Ask her if this religion she tells her of will help me to bear my pains and sorrows." Even the birth of a girl in a heathen family is deemed a curse—she is only a girl, kill her; and she had known of more than one instance where the life of the mother had expiated the offence of giving birth to a girl. Their creeds often teach that woman has no soul.

She related a custom in vogue in the olden days, before christianity interfered, of sacrificing each year in each village a young girl to appease the wrath of their God. She spoke of having met in one of the mission schools a girl who was once destined for this sacrifice. She already stood at the stake, and the chiefs stood by with drawn knives to obtain a piece of the live flesh, the burying of which in their places they believed would bring them good crops and prosperity. But just as a chief had cut a piece from her arm the bayonets of British soldiers appeared, and her life was spared. Yet al-

though she bore on her arm the marks of Vishnu, she bore also in her heart the crucifixion of her Saviour.

How our women are working over there. I was in a Presbyterian school in Benares—a magnificent school—in addition to the Mission Home. At present the lady who has charge of the school has six lady assistants, each of whom had been educated by our women to this work, and the whole was superintended by lady teachers. I saw in this school womanhood—from the old, and the wrinkled and the feeble, down to the young and the blooming, and even tender childhood. There were two hundred little children. They went through the familiar exercises, and sang to me in Hindoo the familiar songs of my childhood; they repeated for me with reverence, and folded hands, and upturned faces, "Now I lay me down to sleep." That is a better prayer than they

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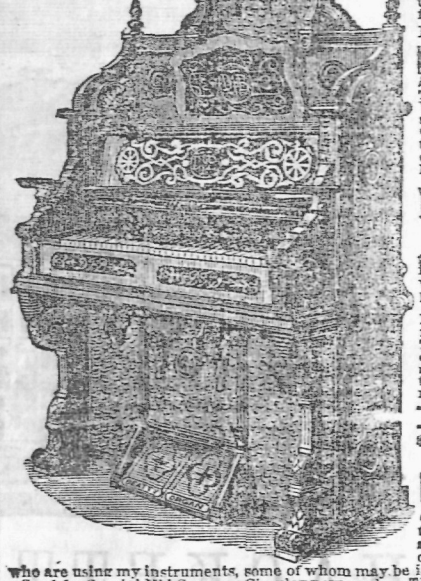
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ever prayed to any of their idols. The girls' rooms were filled with maps, and they were quick to point out to me my native America, and its capital, Washington, the points of the compass, and the names of the seas lying between.

I know that we as women are doing and have done a grand work. We come to offer our services to the cause, and our prayers. There has always been a place for women. Paul recognized this fact when he said, "I recommend unto you Phoebe, that you receive her in the Lord." Our Women's Foreign Missionary Society has indeed been a success to many. This has been our Phoebe, and we may send through our women the precious gospel to the heathen.

Mrs. Skidmore was the next speaker. She adverted to the vivid pictures contained in the preceding address of the needs of the women of the world. Dear sisters, I hope this afternoon on this Mount Tabor that there may come to you what came upon the Mount of old—that you may see Jesus only; what came to Peter and James and John that day is the want of the world—Jesus only. No civilization, no English government, no science has ever been able to search these women. A few years of preaching from our precious missionary society opened up the highway, but did not reach the women. They needed some woman to show them Jesus only, and this is the work of the Women's Missionary Society. She spoke of the Methodist Church as being pre-eminently a missionary church, and thought the prospect before us was encouraging. She announced her purpose in coming here to be the obtaining of recruits for the missionary work and exhorted her sisters by the terrible condition of heathen women to enroll themselves in the ranks of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

At the conclusion of the roll of the society was passed and received many signatures. The afternoon prayer meeting and the Children's meeting were held and largely attended.

THE EVENING SERVICES.

The young people's prayer meeting and the one at Mrs. Fitzgerald's cottage was filled to overflowing with people, and attended with the usual high degree of interest.

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Rev. Lewis R. Dunn, D. D., the preacher of the evening, took as his text the 12th verse of the 11th chapter of Matthew:

"And from the days of John the Baptist the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."  
We deeply regret, as doubtless all our readers will, that this was an evening sermon, for which we have room for but a passing notice. He showed first that the words, "the kingdom of heaven" have different significances in the scriptures. They refer to the Christian dispensation; also to spiritual religion—the religion of the Holy Ghost—in the heart by the power of Christ. They are thought by some to refer to the personal kingdom of Christ in the world. He would not say whether this opinion be certainly true, although some portions of the Scriptures certainly indicate it.

He would apply these words to the spiritual religion as enjoyed in the Christian dispensation—under the dispensation of the Holy Ghost. The words taken by violence may be rendered that the kingdom of heaven is gotten by earnest personal effort. He showed how that when John came and when the Saviour came the people rushed to them, and how the Saviour put the broad seal of his approval upon it. The religion of light—the religion of the Holy Ghost is to be obtained only by earnest personal effort. He next showed how God has commanded us to make efforts of this character. These efforts thus required of us are not only necessary to secure the divine influence, but to break away from sin, and to break through the antagonisms that rise against us when we make such an effort. But these efforts are in no sense meritorious after all—you cannot rest your efforts for pardon upon any of them. There must be divine help and light. The successfulness of these efforts was next shown and the sophistries of the world that decay them refuted. Next he demonstrated that these efforts are the most reasonable and valuable of any of the efforts of man, and their importance was more fully brought out by comparison with the objects usually sought by men. In conclusion he showed that no one who has made these efforts has ever regretted the making of them.

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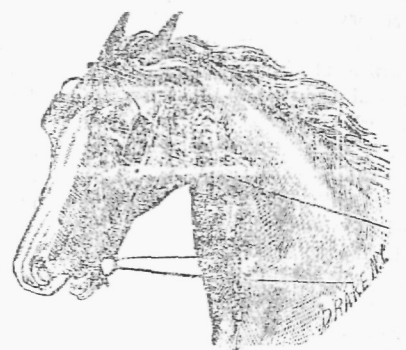
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