

ON THE TRAIL OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

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This Distinguished American Journalist is Traveling Around the World for the Purpose of Investigating the American Foreign Missionary from a Purely Disinterested, Secular and Non-Sectarian Standpoint. Illustrated with Drawings and from Photographs.

ONE OF AMERICA'S LARGEST ENTERPRISES.

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Mid Pacific.—I am on the trail of the American missionary. His foot-prints are large and deep and many, and I shall certainly come up with him. Then we shall know what sort of individual he is—whether a haloed saint, as the religious papers represent, or a double-dyed knave, as many other papers and people assert, or a plain, every-day American, trying to do an extraordinary job to the best of his ability.

Rather queer, isn't it, that after having been in the business of exporting missionaries for well-nigh a hundred years, America should actually know so little about the article himself, and be so decidedly divided as to his value?

For the American missionary has been more a subject of controversy than American canned beef. Hundreds of persons who have visited foreign parts and say that they know, and thousands who declare that they have their information "straight," declare that the missionary is a sort of pious bunco-man; that he is not wanted where he works, that he is an unmitigated nuisance, and that he is keenly alert to the welfare of number one.

Contrariwise, a vastly larger number of persons, in every part of the land, firmly believe, and support their conviction by their coin, that the missionary is a saint and a hero, and the selfless servant of a thankless world's welfare. All criticism of him they sweepingly resent; and are loath to hear aught to his disparage. The apotheosis of the missionary is a characteristic of modern religious life.

On a Still Hunt for Facts.

Curiously enough, the public hears only these two opinions of the missionary, one of which represents him as a scoundrel or a fool, the other of which exalts him as a demi-god. So far as I am aware, nobody has ever set out, independently, and representing no board, society or cause, to find out, impartially, the exact facts in the case. This is the mission I have undertaken. My journalistic integrity is pledged to the duty of ascertaining, without favor or fear, exactly what sort of person the missionary is, how he works and amid what conditions, and whether the task he has imposed upon himself is worth doing at all, and if so, whether he is doing it well.

To that end I shall personally examine, on the ground, representative enterprises of all denominational and undenominational missions. I shall attempt to study the workers themselves, and hear their own side of the story. With equal diligence I shall search qualified native opinion and consult the foremost foreign critics

and have families; the former represents the salary promised to the missionaries of the China Inland Mission, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and a few other undenominational bodies.

What It Pays to Be a Missionary.
The unmarried college-bred man who goes to the foreign field gets about \$700 a year; it may be a hundred dollars more, or, more likely, a hundred dollars less, according to his denomination. A married man generally from \$1,000 to \$1,200, with \$100 extra for each child, if he belongs to one of four or five denominations. An unmarried woman gets \$500, \$600 or even \$700 a year, with no prospect of increase. The missionary's stipend is based not on the idea of compensation but of simple support. A mere living in all that it is designed to afford the missionary. All who choose this calling, say the boards, must renounce hope of earthly gains.

Every missionary contracts to stay seven years before receiving a furlough; then his expenses home will be paid, and he will receive one-half salary while off duty. He is forbidden to engage in outside money-making pursuits. As a rule, if he writes a book, its royalties must be turned back into the treasury of his board. So it strikes one that, even considering the lower cost of living in the Orient, the financial inducements to a cultivated young person to become a missionary are rather meager. Whether this fact shuts out all but second class men and women remains to be found out.

Sending That Penny to the Heather.
Everybody has heard the charge that for every penny which gets to the mission field, 99 cents is required to send it. Business men, who believe in business methods even in religious affairs are the most frequent critics of the expensiveness of the conduct of the missionary propaganda. I determined to look this matter up, with quite surprising results. Here are the official figures, in all their dryness, of the cost of collection and administration of foreign mission funds last year by leading denominations:

United Presbyterian..... 4-13
Methodist, North..... 5-2-5
Methodist, South..... 5-7-10
Baptist, South..... 6-3-10
Presbyterian, North..... 6-3-10
Presbyterian, South..... 7-3-10
Reformed Church..... 8-7-10
American Board..... 10-3-5
Protestant Episcopal..... 11-1-10
Baptist, North..... 11-1-4

On the way to these interesting figures I learned that last year the aver-

age American church member gave 54 cents to foreign missions, the record being held by the United Presbyterians, with \$1.77 per member. It seems that there has been a general increase in giving, the Southern Baptists having doubled their foreign mission gifts within a decade, and the Southern Presbyterians nearly so.

Smoothing the Investigator's Path.
I found these missionary board officials a civil lot. I could have wished in its investigation of insurance matters. The boards open wide up, and then deluge one with information upon his approach. In fact, the consideration which, more than any other, tends to predispose me, as an investigator toward the missionary people is their heartiness and frankness with which they seem to welcome an investigation. Without hesitation they have afforded me every facility for looking into their work at home and in foreign lands. They say: "Find out the worst and tell the public, including us. We want to see the thing with the eyes of a disinterested observer."

A New Side of College Life.
Picked up in the forest of facts amid which I found myself, is the news that Yale university has established a missionary lecturership, with Prof. Harlan P. Beach, an ex-missionary, as incumbent; and that Yale, Harvard, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania all now have foreign mission enterprises of their own, manned by graduates and supported by alumni and students.

On the Foreign Field—to make a big jump—there are now 400 translations of the Bible. Of native converts the American missionaries claim half a million, while the total native Christian population of so-called "heathen"

lands is a million and a half.
Hard Knocks for the Missionaries.
Quite different are the stories I hear in other quarters. One of the higher officers of the Pacific Mail Steamship company assured me, as one who knows, that "the mission aries are a lot of grafters. But," he added, with the characteristic commercial spirit of the day, "I do not want to see their graft stopped, for it pays us to carry them."

A Hong-Kong merchant aboard ship declared that "the missionaries are a pack of scoundrels. They are overbearing, lazy, pestiferous fellows, recruited only from the very lowest ranks of society in America and Great Britain." That last was a little more than I could swallow, for it went contrary to my personal knowledge in numerous instances. The missionary

gives advice and tells of simple home mixture.

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It is worth anyone's time now to get from some good prescription pharmacy the following ingredients: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after your meals and at bedtime.

This simple home-made mixture will force the kidneys to normal, healthy action, so they will filter and strain all uric acid and poisonous waste matter from the blood, and expel this in the urine, at the same time restoring the "full blood count"—that is, 95 per cent. red blood corpuscles—which is absolutely indispensable to perfect health.

Great Stunt by Geronimo.
In a single day Geronimo, when in his prime, ran 40 miles on foot, rode 500 miles on one stretch, as fast as he could change horses, and so completely wore out the column which finally captured him that three sets of officers were needed to finish the chase, and not more than one-third of the troopers who started were in at the finish, says a writer in *Outing*.

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"He rode into our camp and disappeared, a prisoner. He was one of the brightest, most resolute, determined men I ever met, with the sharpest, clearest dark eyes. Every movement showed power and energy."

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ZEAL WITHOUT COMMON SENSE.

Striking Example Related by the Late Dr. Field.

A Presbyterian clergyman was praising the late Dr. Henry Martin Field of Stockbridge, who for 44 years edited the Evangelist.

"Dr. Field did so much good," he said, "because he went about his work diplomatically, sensibly reasonably. I once heard him declare that reformers failed often because the moment they started a reform they dropped common sense. Common sense was swallowed up in zeal. He said that a nerve cura faddist once entered a shop and leading the proprietor to one side whispered mysteriously: 'Ah, my friend, you can do the race untold good if you will only take the agency for our anti-tea preparation. It is warranted to cure in a week the most confirmed and nerve-racked tea tippler. Never again.'"

"But the dealer laughed and drew away. 'You have made a mistake,' he said. 'I can't take such an agency as that. Don't you see that this is a tea-shop?'"

"'Oh, no mistake,' said the reformer eagerly. 'It is because you run a tea-shop that I have sought you out. You come into constant contact with the very people we are trying to reach.'"

BLOOD GETS SOUR.
Gives Advice and Tells of Simple Home Mixture.

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From the above mentioned yields you can readily understand that I am very well pleased with the Canadian West. Of course, I have had to work hard, but I don't mind that when I get such a good return for my labor.

To anyone thinking about coming to this country I can truthfully say that if they are prepared to work and not grumble at trifles, they are bound to get on. Some things I would like different, but take the country all round, I don't know where to go to get a better.

Yours truly,
(Signed) O. B. OLSON.
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MRS. HENRY LEE MRS. FRED CERTIA

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The American Invasion.

and ascertain their views. In a word, with no other purpose than to give the American public a fair, frank, full story of this controverted subject, I have started on this journey around the world. Whatever the conclusions I may report, they will at least be honest.

The Largest American Business Abroad.

The biggest single foreign enterprise in which America is engaged is this one of foreign missions. The rest of the world, and especially the Orient, knows the Western Continent chiefly by its missionaries. Figured in dollars, the business last year cost the American public \$5,807,165, paid in by an organization with approximately 12,000,000 shareholders of all religious denominations, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Mormon. (The foreign mission work of all countries costs \$15,000,000 yearly.) For all this enormous output the tangible returns to America were practically nothing. True, the missionary helped to create a market for the American packers' products, and for American locomotives, and sundry other forms of merchandise. But the church