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HOPELESS LEPERS WEEPING FOR HELP

India's Human Derelicts Deny Themselves Comforts to Spread Word of God.

ONLY A FEW IN MISSION

Dr. Higginbotham Tells Women How They Can Aid in Great Laymen's Movement.

"Sahib, catch my child!" screamed the leper mother to a missionary in India, when her little girl, whom she might never in this world touch again, ran toward her, and the spirit of that cry was echoed yesterday afternoon by that same missionary, Dr. D. N. Higginbotham, as he told the beautiful and touching story of the lepers of Allahabad, the women of Richmond at the Second Baptist Church, unfolding a narrative of the Christian faith and pathetic sacrifice of those upon whom the White Death has set its horrible seal forever.

Over those who listened fell the pall of the hopelessness of these human wrecks who crumble slowly to death, and few were the eyes that did not well up with tears at the thought of the patient, heroic hope of these exiles, shut off from the world in the miserable surroundings of the Indian jungle.

"The leper is very human," said Dr. Higginbotham, "and in every one there is a spirit like yours and mine. They, too, have ambitions and hopes. Cut off as they are from the comforts of civilization, living on the barest necessities of life, with the slow torture of death staring always at them, they are possessed with a spirit of self-sacrifice that seeks anything in the history of the world."

Dr. Higginbotham began by pointing out that America was grossly lagged in assisting in the mission work among the lepers. Eight thousand lepers are cared for out of 1,000,000 in Asia, and of the \$150,000 annually expended in this cause Great Britain alone pays \$140,000.

He told of conditions as he had first found them. "We cannot send the leper away. One came not long ago to the asylum, stoned away from his home by his father and brothers, because he begged them for a cup of water. In India the natives think leprosy is the mark of the special vengeance of God, and there is no friendly shelter for the one so accursed. In a city of 50,000 people a poor leper, with a pest in the streets crying for water, and none of the Indian people would go near him. Finally the police told us of him and we took him away to the hospital, where in an hour he died. In our asylum we ought not to accommodate more than 150, but in it to-day are a hundred more than that."

Dr. Higginbotham said that better buildings were going up, made of brick and enforced with iron girders, because these materials the white ants cannot destroy as they do wood. In the thatched roof of one of the women's buildings five monster cobras and centipedes and scorpions, innumerable in number, were found. There have been many cases where the rats have eaten large holes in the bodies of the helpless lepers.

"I tried to introduce into their lives an interest in life," he said, "so I gave them a little money and wheat, and got a shopkeeper to come out to the jungle and establish himself with such wares as delight the Indian heart. I gave them a woman for church society, and a church society, and also one for the children. There were five Christians at the beginning, now there are 150."

"The widow in the Bible gave her mite, while the rats are a pest dependent on their 1 cent a day, give freely," said the speaker. "In the collection plate there never has been



DR. S. HIGGINBOTHAM.

found the smallest coin of the colony, the one-sixth piece. They even contribute to the native missionary society.

"At one time the church needed a Bible. The lepers would not let the missionary buy it, but put their mites together and bought the finest one in all India. On another occasion Dr. Higginbotham wanted to send the pastor of the colony to a convention of the Christian Endeavor Society at the expense of the mission, but the lepers came to him and said: 'He is our pastor and we want to pay his way,' and they did it with their savings from their income of 1 cent a day."

"I call that sacrifice," said Dr. Higginbotham, "for days and weeks these men and women gave in all they had, denying themselves their only pleasure, that of buying salt or little trinkets at their shop. It helps me to think that back out there on the cringing sands of India 150 of such people are praying for me to-day."

He told a touching story of a converted Brahmin leper who wished to be baptized, but deferred it until the building of the new church. In the meantime, cholera smote him and he died. When the missionary himself was stricken, asked about this man, the attendant said, "Sahib, there never before died a man so happy."

Another was a beautiful young girl, brought up in refinement, who was brought by her brother, just ordained into the Christian ministry, to the colony. As the curious lepers gathered about her, reeking with the disease, she cried out: "My God, have I got to resign to her fate, but becoming fully helpful life out there in the city of death, declaring at last that he was grateful to God for the opportunity to render service.

OLD CATHEDRAL TO CELEBRATE ITS GREAT DIAMOND JUBILEE

Impressive Ceremony at St. Peter's Begins Sunday With Thanksgiving Mass.

MANY TO ASSIST BISHOP

Father O'Hara, Former Altar Boy, Will Preach Jubilee and Historical Sermon.

Beginning on Sunday, October 31, St. Peter's Church, the old cathedral, around which is woven so much of the history of the Catholic Church in the Richmond Diocese, will inaugurate its diamond jubilee celebration, the most important occasion in all its history. The celebration will consist of three days' religious services, including a festival carnival of seven days, to take place in the hall and rooms of St. Peter's School, located on the street floor, at Ninth and Marshall Streets. The program of the celebration has just been given out, and is as follows: Sunday, at 7 A. M., communion mass of thanksgiving; 9 A. M., children's mass of thanksgiving, with special singing by all the children; 11 A. M., grand solemn pontifical mass of thanksgiving, celebrated by St. Rev. Bishop Van de Vyver, with sermon by the bishop, who will be assisted in the mass by various priests of the city and diocese; 8 P. M., Sunday solemn vespers and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with jubilee cantata by the choir, William A. O'Hara, of Harper's Ferry, and unveiling of memorial tablet to Father O'Brien.



BISHOP VAN DE VYVER.

MOTHER CAME HERE TO FIND SUPPORT FOR HER CHILD

Relatives Seek to Prevent Transfer of Infant, Though Effort Failed--Charity Problem as it Relates to Non-Residents.

Aside from being called upon to supply the unusual needs of the poverty-stricken in Richmond, Dr. Buchanan and his corps of workers at the Associated Charities building now have another problem to solve--that of fulfilling the demands of persons from other sections, who have been attracted to this city by reports of ever-increasing prosperity. This fall, as never before, many cases have been received in which the complaint is that a man or woman has come to Richmond to seek public help, and necessity has forced them to seek public help.

The woman and man told a straight story of their home-life, and Dr. Buchanan, after assuring himself of facts in the case, agreed to assist them in seeking work. This he did, and within a remarkable short time every cent spent in caring for them has been repaid. The methods of the charity workers are to have all applicants prove their worth, and this done the cases are judged accordingly.

SPORTING FOLK NOT BETTING MUCH GREET TAFT WITH GLAD CLOTHES ON

No Election Wagers in Virginia, and Few Place Coin Against Tammany.

Sporting men are beginning to place a few bets on the mayoralty election in New York principally because there is nothing in Virginia that looks like a bet. With everything Democratic there is no hope of coining a few dollars by taking the long or the short end; indeed, there is no short end, for the wise ones see no possibility of a Republican victory, and they pass up the race with the old, but expressive remark, that there's nothing doing.

Thomas Will Recover. Lester Thomas, of 501 North Eighteenth Street, whose left leg was crushed off under the wheels of a street car, at Belvidere and Main Streets, Saturday evening, is reported to having undergone a successful operation, and it is believed that he will recover. Thomas does not remember how the accident happened, and his only explanation is that he had been drinking. He is at the Retreat for the Sick.

Your Boys' Clothes

Will probably engage your attention to-day. We don't know of a more opportune time for the little fellows between the ages of 9 and 17. 38 Bloomer Suits, that sold up to \$5.50; to-day, \$3.95. 21 Bloomer Suits, that sold up to \$8.00; to-day, \$5.95. Boys' Underwear, 29c for the 50c grades. Boys' Knee Pants, 79c for the \$1.00 grades.

JACOBS & LEVY

Reefers, Topcoats and Raincoats are included in our to-day's specials.

RED CROSS STAMPS TO FIGHT PLAGUE LINK TO CHICAGO SUDDENLY SOLD

Every One Sold Is Bullet in Warfare Against Tuberculosis. VIRGINIA TAKES BIG SHARE NAMES ARE KEPT SECRET

Department of Health Preparing to Boost Sale for Christmas. "Every stamp sold is a bullet in the warfare against tuberculosis," is the motto of the Virginia Anti-Tuberculosis League, which will have charge of the sale in this State of the Christmas stamps issued by the American Red Cross Society. An order for the printing of 30,000,000 stamps has been placed by the national body, and Virginia is expected to sell and use her full share.

The stamps will be put on sale about Thanksgiving in every community where parties can be induced to take up the work. The sale will continue until Christmas Day. The Virginia Department of Health has already been in correspondence with the Lynchburg Health League with regard to handling a consignment there. Last year Petersburg and Norfolk were practically the only places in Virginia where this branch of the campaign against tuberculosis was prosecuted, but it is expected that during the coming season there will be hardly a village where business houses and individuals will not buy and use liberal supplies.

Red and green on a white ground are the colors of the new heraldry against disease. In the center, the red cross, the emblem of the society, flanked on either side by a bunch of Holly. At the top are the words "American Red Cross" and below, "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year." The design is handsome and attractive. The stamps are to sell for 1 cent each.

The sale is to be conducted in a business-like way, and will be much stress in publicity methods. Posters are to be freely used in advertising the stamps. The National Convention of Bill Posters a year or two ago voted to assist the anti-tuberculosis campaign in a practical manner, and it is expected that most bill posters will place the Red Cross designs on their boards free of charge.

Under date of October 12, the Secretary of the Treasury granted to the American Red Cross Society the sole privilege of selling Christmas stamps in the corridors of post-office buildings. It is hoped to make this one of the largest sources of sale. Girls in the costumes of Red Cross nurses will be placed in the post-offices to sell the stamps. These girls are required to explain to all customers that the stamp is not good for postage, but only as a stocker.

Commercial houses, industrial concerns, insurance companies and agencies, firms of lawyers, public officers, municipal and State offices, will be induced as far as possible to buy stamps in quantities to be attached to all their correspondence. Lodges of fraternal societies, men's clubs, labor unions and other organizations of a popular character are to be solicited to buy stamps to be placed on their mail and returned to advise their members to use the stamps.

Philadelphia on Sight-Seeing Trip to Virginia. Nearly 100 Philadelphians, on a sight-seeing and pleasure trip, arrived in Richmond at 8 o'clock last night in a special train over the Chesapeake and Ohio. And are quartered at Murphy's Hotel. The party is composed of members of the Quaker City Association and Railroad Men and their families. They came to this city from Natural Bridge, which they visited Saturday. This afternoon at 3:50 they will leave for Staunton via Washington. They will be spent in viewing Richmond's points of interest.

STREET COMMITTEE TO TAKE UP FRANCHISE MATTER. On complaint of several Councilmen, that the terms of its agreement, the Committee on Streets will meet Thursday night to look into the franchise rights of the Richmond and Henric Railway. On this occasion it is possible that there will be discussions of the reported offer of the Virginia Railway and Power Company to build a free viaduct over Broad Street Church Hill, and that it will have a little bearing on the committee's recommendation as to the other railway.