

Christian Life Column.

(EDITED BY REV. D. H. TUTTLE.)

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

IN FOREIGN LANDS

India has now about nine hundred foreign missionaries at work. The China Inland has over six hundred missionaries in the field. The Moravians give on an average \$12 00 per head yearly to foreign missions. All the inhabitants of Bethlehem, the town of the nativity, are now said to be Christians. Probably one-third of the 20,000,000 souls estimated to inhabit the Congo basin are cannibals. Great Britain contributed over six and a half million dollars last year to the cause of missions. There are four hundred Methodists in Corea. The first Christian school is in course of erection in Seoul. The missionary in charge of the English Church in Jerusalem has baptized 120 converts from Judaism. In the English Mission to British Guiana there are 3,000 Christians among the Accoowa tribe of Indians. There are 10,000 licensed opium shops in the British territories in India. The opium habit is increasing rapidly. The Congregational missionaries in Turkey have lost all their property, but they refuse to leave unless driven out. The Congo railway continues to make steady progress. Trains are now running sixty five miles inland toward Stanley Pool. It is said that in Tokio, the chief city of Japan, there are issued no less than one hundred and twenty newspapers and magazines. Native Christians in Japan, most with average wages of less than twenty five cents a day, contributed last year \$27,000 to mission work. In Brazil, the largest country in South America, with a population of 16,000,000, there is said to be only one missionary to every 138,000 souls. Dr. Antonio, of the Southern Domestic Mission Board, has established, in connection with the Spanish army, seven hospital corps, with physicians, nurses and attendants, which will administer to the sufferings of both armies in the present struggle.

AT HOME.

The official Catholic Directory claims a Catholic constituency in this country of 9,410,790. Mary E. Lease, of Kansas, states that she will enter the ministry of the Church of the Disciples of Christ. A former slave of Jefferson Davis has translated the Bible into the Sweet sa tongue, which is spoken by 260,000 Africans. Since Bishop Gilbert's elevation to the episcopate, nine years ago, 49 churches have been erected in places in Minnesota where the Episcopal Church did not exist before. A Presbyterian missionary in Montreal, Quebec, Dr. J. C. Thompson, reports that he has gathered into seventeen Sabbath Schools some 500 Chinese scholars. Dean Farrar thinks it perfectly erroneous to talk of the failure of missions, when they started with 120 despised Galileans, when now there are 120,000,000 Protestants. Ground was broken March 9th, at Washington, D. C. for the erection of the first building in the group which will be known as the American University of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There are 8,195 Indian children receiving the rudiments of an education, a knowledge of the arts of industry, and the habits of thrift in the 290 Indian schools of the Northwest and British Columbia. The Training School in Chicago for City, Home and Foreign Missions has sent out 300 missionaries in eight years; 57 of the number have gone to foreign fields, where two of them have laid down their lives.

BIBLE PEARLS.

Would I hire myself to do for another that which he is ashamed to do for himself? No sir. Where would be my self respect? Mouth management is one of the fine arts, and can only be acquired by grace after much patience and watchfulness. See Jas. 4:2. The Years of the wicked shall be shortened. If you would live long, you must live well. See Psa. 55:17; Prov. 10:27; Eccl. 7:17; Psa. 34:12,14. Whatever step a Christian takes under the divine direction brings happiness into his soul. Tested by this rule, have you been walking by the divine leading? God does not expect any denomination to build a costlier church in any

community than they are able to build out of their own means without going in debt. Debt is of the devil and comes by following pride.—Psa. 16:4, Rom. 12:17. Brother! Friend! What do you go to church for? To worship God and hear his truth, or is it to be entertained with good music. The blessing hinges on the motive. We can serve self rather than Christ by joining the church from a wrong motive. God does not do anything for us that he has given us power to do for ourselves; He does not work for us while we go out to play; He does not indulge our laziness. If He is to break down the walls which are before us we must stand by and see him do it; we must stand by and show our colors; we must stand by and praise his name; we must stand by as object lessons of faith to the world; we must stand by armed and ready to advance when the order comes to advance.—Bible Reader.

The Church of God is conducted on the mutual plan. For all who come within her pales the Church prays, "May thy people do them good, and may they prove a blessing to thy people." We have no right to enter the Church with selfish designs. We have no right to expect the Church to do us good if we are not doing our best to do the Church good. We have no right to ask the Church for hospital accommodations, however much we may be willing to pay for them.—Bible Reader.

Plain Talk From a Bishop.

At a recent session of one of the Conferences of the colored Methodist Episcopal Church in the South, Bishop Lane, who presided, said, in discussing the cause of a brother who was in debt: "You may pass his character if you wish, but I'll never give him an appointment till the debt is paid. A man has no right to wear a hat, coat or shoe till his debts are paid. If I were in debt I would go and hire myself to my creditor till I had paid it off, and then come back to Conference and ask for work, but not before. You can preach and shout all you please, but if you die with your debts unpaid, you will go to the devil."

Love Lines.

Love banishes envy from her presence. Love has a countenance full of sunshine. Love is a great believer; she "believeth all things." Love speaks in tones sweet and melodious as heaven. Love has neither time nor disposition for evil speaking. Love is a great sufferer; she "suffereth long and is kind." Love "beareth all things"; she finds a cover for human faults and frailties. Love is the most aggressive force in the universe; she is belting the globe with a golden chain of conquering agencies.—Sel.

Plain Truths.

Proselyting is church stealing; that is all. Prettiest circle on earth—the family prayer circle. Some churches are agitated and others stagnated. Take your choice. Jesus calms troubled waters. Sinner, friend; death's trap-door is just in front of you. Turn quick or your soul will be forever lost. There are such things as "sour grapes," but no such thing as sour grace. Grace is sweet always and everywhere. Did you ever try "prayer and fasting" in order to find deliverance from some bad disposition of mind or habit of life? Fasting must be done sometimes. (See Matt. 17:21.)

ALL TURNED POPS IN JOHNSTON COUNTY.

A correspondent writes a long letter from Kenly, N. C., but we can only find room for a few extracts. He says a convention of Republicans was called in O'Neal township, Johnston county, recently, by the Chairman of the Township Executive Committee, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the County Convention in Smithfield. It is a large township, so large that it was divided into two precincts by the new election law. A good crowd of citizens turned out. The Chairman called the meeting to order and explained the objects of the meeting. He waited patiently for some move, but no one said a word. Then he asked if there were no Republicans present. The response was: "We are all Populists now." The Chairman having also quietly put on that garb some time ago, was not left by any means. He had acted as Chairman of the Executive Committee two years ago, and had not resigned, and at the request of the County Chairman, we presume, called the people together with the above result.

WITH THE OLD GUARD.

Subscriptions, Renewals, Kind Words and Views of Correspondents. T. Y. Chandler, Caswell county, renewing writes: "I like your paper very much." T. E. McCaskey, Martin county, sends renewal for himself and a neighbor. Thanks. P. J. Leonard, Davidson county's excellent sheriff, has our thanks for three renewals. C. A. Guffy, Rowan county, sends five renewals and wishes us much success. Same to you Bro. Guffy. J. P. Sossaman, Mecklenburg county, sends two subscriptions. This is a way he has and he can't help it. Geo. B. Frick, Rowan county, sends one dollar, which he says is to renew for the "best family newspaper in the State."

P. P. Mull, Burke county, renews and writes: "I am taking several papers, but THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is worth them all." A. N. Wise, Lincoln county, renews and writes that he has not found any way to get along without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. J. J. Wilder, Franklin county, sends two renewals and writes: "Hurrah! for the Alliance, its demands and its organ, and all who favor them." A. A. Shuford, Catawba county, renews and writes: "Our County Alliance meeting showed that the Order is on the upgrade in this county, and we are greatly encouraged."

Seaborn Durham, Chatham county, writes: "I can't afford to let your paper stop, especially this year, as I think it is the best all around reform paper that I have ever read." L. McDaniel, Cumberland county, renews for himself and a neighbor, and writes: "Don't see how I can get along without your paper as long as you keep in the middle of the road. Give it to the goldbug organs." R. L. Brown, Rowan county, renewing, writes: "I hope every true reformer will pay up as early as they possibly can for a paper that stands for right and truth through thick and thin as THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER does. I glory in your stability for principle."

We are also indebted to the following friends for renewals, subscriptions, etc.: Geo. E. Boggs, Haywood county; H. Strickland, Cumberland; J. E. Griffin, J. B. Barnes, Edgecombe; C. B. Thompson, Robeson; W. E. Taylor, Hertford; R. B. Lineberry, Chatham; W. D. Bunch, Bertie; J. L. Bruett, Cleveland; Thos. B. Fleming, Warren; B. T. Barrett, Anson; John T. Beattie, Beattyville, P. C.; J. S. Norris, Watauga; B. Matthews, O. F. Hening, Sampson; F. M. Alcorn, Rockingham; D. B. McKeithen, Brunswick; Thomas Cheving, Anson; G. J. Joyner, Nash; E. J. Mason, Conclave P. C.; R. W. Blanchard, Northampton; J. B. Holman, J. J. Alexander, J. W. Best, Iredell; P. W. Ramsour, Lincoln; J. A. Stewart, Rowan; E. M. Gupton, Franklin; and others.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Mr. Jonas Wilson, Merry Oaks, N. C., wants to learn what regiment his father, Anderson Wilson, of Harnett county, belonged to during the late war, or, if anyone remembers Anderson Wilson, the name of the Colonel he served under will suffice. If any old soldier knows, please write a postal card to Mr. Wilson.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

Through this medium I desire to warn all good citizens against certain lightning rod agents who are traveling through the country fooling and swindling the poor farmers out of the "little" they yet have remaining. By the request of many who have been thus swindled, I have prepared a letter for publication which would have shown up those cheats in their proper light; but considering its length and knowing your space was valuable, I decided to let this notice take its place. Friends I beg you, have nothing to do with those sharpers, if you do you will be sorry for it. Their rods are not what they claim, and it will cost three or four times what they say to rod your house. The lies they tell cannot be enumerated. Brethren be on your guard. Watch! Please publish for the benefit of the public. Fraternally, C. H. BAINES, Nashville, N. C.

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY.

Teacher—"Tommy, did you find out anything about the origin of the dollar mark?" Tommy—"I asked paw, and he said the straight lines stood for the pillars of the church and society, and the crooked one for the way they got their money."

ALL IS WELL IN HALIFAX.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. LITTLETON, N. C. Inclosed please find renewal of my subscription to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. You may always count me as one of your subscribers as long as you advocate the cause of reform as you do. I am an Allianceman and a Populist too. We Pops down here endorse everything that our Senator, the Hon. Marion Butler says. We believe in keeping in the middle of the road. With best wishes to you and your valuable paper. Yours fraternally, G. L. BARNES.

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A MODEL LETTER.

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[If co-operation and trading through the Agency will not make a good Alliance, the case is hopeless.]

The chief feature of our price list this week is its brevity. We have cut and condensed it in order to occupy less space. If quotations are not full enough, write for prices. It is not possible to give a full description of the many articles we handle in the short space used. Many articles are omitted entirely. Write us for anything you want. We have catalogues, cuts and prices that will interest you. We are glad to have the Alliance Weekly restored to its former home at Hillsboro, the headquarters of the Alliance. It is the only medium we have of distributing Alliance prices. It is our intention that the paper shall be issued regularly and prices corrected weekly. We shall endeavor to make a live, readable paper at as little cost to the reader as possible. Every member of the Order wishing to keep posted in Business Agency matters should read the Alliance Weekly. Clubs of ten or more sent by June 1st, 25 cents each.

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Pursuant to said resolution your committee has secured the services of Rev. P. H. Massey, Chaplain of our State Alliance, and a lecturer of reputation, who will address the Alliance men and the public at times and places as follows:

Table with columns: PLACE, TOWNSHIP, DATE. At Brassfield, Barton Creek, May 12. Gulleys Store, Oak Grove, " 13. Houses School, Houses Creek, " 14. Morrisville, Cedar Fork, " 15. Green Level, White Oak, " 16. Apex, " " " 18. New Hill, Buck Horn, " 19. Mineral Spgs, Middle Creek, " 20. Massey, Swift Creek, " 21. Hollands, Panther Bra'h, " 22. Cary, " " " 23. O Grove Acd, St. Matthews, " 25. A. & College, Raleigh, " 26.

The speaking at each appointment will be at 11 a. m., unless otherwise arranged by local committee. The delegates who attended the County Alliance and made this order will see that all arrangements are carried out promptly. Now let every Allianceman in the county bestir himself to make the meeting in his township the very best ever held. Let nothing hinder the work. Let all turn out with baskets full and feed the multitudes after the speaking. Have a supply of application blanks on hand. Get every eligible person in. Lets make Wake the Banner Alliance county in the State. Bro. Massey will receive subscriptions and renewals for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. The Ex. Com. Wake Co. Alliance. J. J. PENNY, Chairman.

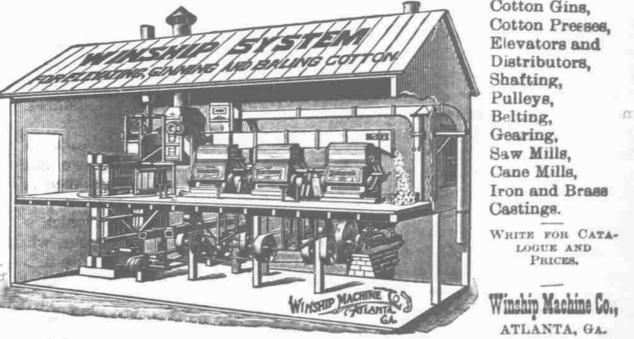
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