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Editorial Notes and Comments

DR. CALDWELL was unavoidably prevented from furnishing his article on the Millennium, as soon as he expected to do so, and for that reason we have been delayed in giving it to our readers. We give the first part of it this week. It has been necessary to divide it into four parts. The remaining parts will appear in the next three issues of this paper. It will be well for those who are interested in this important subject to keep the various parts, after reading them, so as to be able to read them over again all together. This is a very interesting and important subject, and Dr. Caldwell treats it in a very able manner. The reading of his discussion will not only be interesting, but it will be profitable. Few subjects are occupying the thoughts of Christians more than the Second Coming of our Lord.

CHINESE CHRISTIANS are greatly in need of a Bible Dictionary that is orthodox in its teaching. It seems that the only one they have was prepared by men imbued with the ideas of higher criticism, and it is really doing much harm in undermining the faith of the Chinese in the fundamentals of the Christian religion. Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Henry M. Woods, of our mission to China, a Bible Dictionary of great value and sound in the faith has been prepared. Its publication is delayed because there is no money available to pay the cost. The Synod of Virginia appointed a committee, with Rev. Dr. E. W. McCorkle, of Rockbridge Baths, Va., as chairman, to make an effort to raise the \$20,000 needed. At last accounts only a small part of this had been secured. We suggest that the Church make the publication of this book of several volumes a memorial to Mrs. H. M. Woods, who for thirty-seven years labored with her husband in China, and who recently died in this country, while Dr. Woods was at his post of duty on the other side of the world. We know of no better way to perpetuate the influence of her life and work among the people for whom she labored so long. We shall be glad to have the views of others on this subject.

POLYGAMY is still taught by the Church of the Latter Day Saints, as the Mormons call themselves, and their missionaries that are found all over this country are teaching it more openly than ever. Rev. R. B. Cheney, of Superior, Wis., writing to the Baptist, says: "Twice recently I have been called into homes that have been greatly distressed because of the teachings of Mormon missionaries. In each case I charged the Mormons with being as firmly polygamists as they have ever been, and both times polygamy was championed and defended. One missionary said, 'Polygamy was right until the United States legislated against it.' The other missionary said, 'Sure we are polygamists; God commanded it and Jesus Christ taught it.' One of these young men volunteered the information that he 'was not a polygamist'—he 'was not pure enough.'

'Then,' I replied, 'the purer a man is, the more wives he should have—is that your philosophy?' 'Yes,' he answered. This brazen championship of the outlawed curse of plural wives was too much for the happy couples in these homes, and they will not be troubled further by these scoundrels masquerading in the garb of sainthood. But the surprising thing to me is that polygamy should be thus openly and boldly championed at this late day and by young men—the possible future leaders of this powerful and unscrupulous organization." It should be remembered that the Mormons have 2,000 missionaries at work in this country preaching their doctrines, though usually they conceal their belief in and practice of polygamy. The only way to meet their propaganda is to turn the light on and let the people see the blackness of this blot upon our nation, which now covers several States and will cover others, if its advance is not checked.

It Has Come at Last

During all the war period and since that we have kept the subscription price of The Presbyterian of the South down. Notwithstanding the greatly increased cost of production, we have kept the price at what it has been for the last fifty years.

The cost of paper on which to print began to rise at the beginning of the war and it has continued to rise. We tried to meet the rise by using a cheaper grade of paper. This was not satisfactory to us or to our readers. We have gone back to the better grade of paper, though it is now costing us exactly three times as much as it did five years ago, and we fear that it is going to cost us more in the future. There have been heavy advances in other items of cost.

The result is that we have been publishing the paper at an actual loss. We hoped that prices would come down, so that we would have no further losses, but they continue to rise.

We believe that our readers do not want us to furnish them the paper for less than it costs to produce it, and so we feel that they will agree that we are justified in raising the subscription price a little. We do not propose to increase it to the extent that most prices have increased.

After the first of May the subscription price will be \$2.50 a year, if paid in advance, instead of \$2.00; and \$3.00 if payment is delayed three months.

Any subscription not more than three months due paid before May 1st will be credited for a year for \$2.00.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS are being most loyally supported by the Northern Presbyterian Church, according to a statement issued a few days ago by Dr. Robert E. Speer, who is one of their secretaries in charge of this work. He reported that the receipts up to that time from the churches had been 91 per cent. in advance of last year. That is certainly making a very good showing. It is to be hoped that in the year upon which we have just entered our Church may do as well. We have the money. It belongs to God. The question is, Will we use it for God?

MINISTERIAL RELIEF has a wonderful offer made it by Mr. C. E. Graham, so well known for his liberality to all the causes of the Church. He secured a very valuable office building in Jacksonville, Fla., at what was practically a forced sale. It is said by those who know it and are capable of estimating its value to be worth at least \$1,000,000. It is now paying 6 per cent. on that amount. It cost Mr. Graham \$700,000. He will sell it to the Committee on Ministerial Relief for \$500,000, thereby making a gift to the committee of \$200,000. The committee has \$100,000 which it can invest in this building; but in order to accept this very liberal offer it must have \$400,000 more. A business man of large experience told us that he knew this building well, that it is located in the best business section of Jacksonville, and that he considered it well worth its estimated value of \$1,000,000. The income from this investment would aid very greatly in taking care of infirm ministers and the widows and orphans of ministers, many of whom are having very hard times in these days of the high cost of living. Any liberal-hearted people who want to aid in making this offer available can write to Rev. Dr. H. H. Sweets, Louisville, Ky.

FOURTEEN years ago the union was formed between the Northern and a part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches, and during all these years there have been contentions and law suits over the possession of church property. The last case decided by the courts was that of the Mt. Zion church in Kansas City, Mo. This decision was rendered just a few days ago. It seems that the church was built many years ago, and it has always been a Cumberland church. In its membership there were forty-six who opposed the union of the two Churches and three who favored it. These three brought suit to have the church property all turned over to the Northern Presbyterian Church, and the Federal court decreed that this should be done. The forty-six members are turned out of their church home, and the three, who it is said had not been in the habit of attending the church, are given possession of all the property. This may be in accordance with the law of the land, but it is not according to the law of love.

JEWES are more numerous in New York than they are or ever have been in any other city in the world. There are 2,000,000 of them. That means that every third person in that great city is a Jew. The Committee on Evangelization of the Northern Presbyterian Church has just appropriated \$50,000 to erect a building for work among these descendants of God's Chosen People, and \$5,000 for conducting it for a year. We are glad to see this work started. We are told the Jews are responding to the appeal of the gospel since the war, as they have never done before. It seems strange that Christians have done so little to give these people the gospel. We realize that it is difficult work, and yet it is not so difficult as work among heathen peoples.