

MISSIONS AS A FACTOR IN DEVELOPING WORLD'S DARK SPOTS

Among other things accentuated by the Men and Religion Forward movement now holding sway in La Grande, is the matter of missions. Argument for and against home and foreign missions is as worthy of attention and study as politics, as commercial affairs, missions is an issue of modern day efforts to enlighten the dark spots on the globe. Last Saturday J. D. Gillilan, D. D., discussed in the Observer the question of Home Missions, and today the Observer quotes from the pen of Dr. H. L. Underwood, chairman of the missions committee of the Men and Religion Forward movement, Mr. Underwood remarks:

"Every missionary is a rascal." So said an American consul resident in one of the Mediterranean ports once upon a time. "Every missionary I ever met was an honorable and scholarly man." Is the opinion of a former English ambassador to Persia.

Evidently one's point of view influences largely one's criticism of his fellow man. And it is as true of the great enterprise itself. No object is more misunderstood and befogged by prejudice and ignorance than is the great work of world-wide Christian missions. The work and the worker of a hundred years ago seemed to be so other-worldly as to attract the scorn of those who rejoiced in the reputation of being worldly wise and eminently practical.

It may be that sometimes the missionary appeared to regard human beings as so many souls afflicted with a hard-fisted employer of labor regarded them as so many bodies with not enough soul to be seriously considered.

But the missionary has learned the lesson of practicality so thoroughly that today his message is largely expressed through the object lessons of hospitals, schools, famine relief work and social improvement. Specialization has so far progressed that when one encounters a foreign missionary he may turn out to be a civil engineer like Alexander Mackay or Fred Beach, a Y. M. C. A. man like Rob Gallers whom the writer knew as the great-

est center rush of his day on the football field and who at the battle of Tien-Tsia was found walking off the field carrying a wounded man under each arm, or perchance your missionary is a farmer or a college professor, a physician, a financier (they all have to be that), or a preacher, who rarely preaches, he is so busy with executive and teaching work.

Hundreds of thousands of patients annually find relief in mission hospitals through modern scientific methods who formerly would have been doomed to suffering and death. Thousands of the young men of the Orient are being educated in missionary schools and colleges and many of them become men of influence in their respective countries.

The leader of the present revolution in China, Sun Yat Sen, is one of these. So are some of the graduates from Robert college, Constantinople, without whose training, Bulgarian independence would never have been possible. New Turkey and New China both owe much to the teaching of the missionary as frankly admitted by their own leaders.

There is no place in the world today where a dollar can accomplish as much in human uplift, mental and physical, as upon the foreign field, provided it be expended through the regular channels of the various church societies.

Another influence of foreign mission work is to strengthen the cause of international peace. Just now when Italy is attempting a most un-Christian grab of Moslem territory, the silent labors of the American missionaries through the past half century are helping to restrain the Mohammedans from violent reprisals and the proclamation of a holy war which might involve the millions of Indian and African Moslems; and the unanimous voice of the Christian workers in the Ottoman empire, today raised in sympathy with Turkey, cannot but impress the educated Turk that the better elements of Christendom stand for justice and international peace.

SLEEP AND REST.

Every Organ of the Human Body Has Its Periods of Repose.

All the organs of life rest in some way or other. The heart has an interval of rest between each combined act of contraction and expansion and the beginning of a fresh act. Between each expiration of the lungs and the succeeding inspiration there is a period of repose. Physiologists have calculated that the heart reposes during about one-fourth of the time. Certain of the other organs suspend their activity in part during sleep.

Old physiologists supposed that sleep was caused by the pressure of the blood on the brain. But modern physiology, with a tendency to regard the brain as the origin of all force and of all functions of the body, inclines to the view that sleep is caused by a withdrawal of blood from the brain.

As a rule, the larger the brain the more sleep it requires. Webster went to bed at 9 o'clock and rose at 5. General Grant used to say during his campaigns, "I can do nothing without nine hours' sleep."

A curious trait has marked men of large brain—that of sleeping at will. Bonaparte used to throw himself on the ground and go to sleep within a space of two minutes. Pitt was a sound sleeper and slept right after night in the house of commons while his colleagues watched the debate and roused him when it was necessary that he should speak.—New York Herald.

Good Business.

A famous pistol shot told a shooting story at a supper in San Francisco.

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COFFEE WITH AN ARAB.

It Protects Even Murderers Where the Cup Has Been Shared.

Describing the hospitality of an Arabian home, the "Last Journal of Bishop Hannington" says:

The great event of the visit is the coffee. The host has a kind of brazen shovel brought, in which he roasts the beans; then he takes a pestle and mortar of the oak of Bashan, and with his own hands he pounds it to powder, making the hard oak ring forth a song of welcome to the guest. Many of these pestles and mortars are heirlooms and are richly ornamented and beautifully black and polished by age and use. Such was the one in question. Having drunk coffee (for the honored guest the cup is filled three times), you are quite safe in the hands of the most murderous.

So far do they carry this superstition that a man who had murdered another fled to the dead man's father and before he knew what had happened drank coffee. Presently friends came in and as they were relating the news to the bereaved father recognized the murderer crouching beside the fire. They instantly demanded vengeance. "No," said the father, "it cannot be. He has drunk coffee and has thus become to me as my son."

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