

Conditions In Other Countries Pictured

GRAND RAPIDS (AP)—Conditions in many countries were graphically pictured in the 87th annual report of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions which was presented to the Presbyterian General Assembly in session here. Outstanding points concerning each country in which the Presbyterian board has missions are as follows:

West Africa: The mission faces an overwhelming task in French Cameroon alone, with a field of 80,000 square miles, and only 57 missionaries. The Frank James Industrial school has made great progress in vocational training. Active building operations are under way in most of the stations. Evangelists are at work in many out posts, including a leper colony. Schools for boys, girls and adults have been opened.

China: General conditions were not radically different from a year

previous, and perhaps worse rather than better, including anarchy, brigandage and financial muddle. A fundamental factor in the Presbyterian board's study of the problem of China is the new outlook of the Chinese people upon the outside world. Among the causes of the changed outlook are cited the self destructive, internecine warfare of the white race; China's repudiation of obligations to Germany and Austria; disgraceful lives of Caucasian refugees in all parts of China; the return of thousands of Chinese students from American universities, with twentieth century philosophy; and China's increased sense of her capacity to take a leading part in future world affairs, and her determination to develop her boundless resources for her own good rather than under foreign exploitation. The Presbyterian missions in China are seeking to ameliorate poverty, illiteracy, the narcotic and other evils. Progress is noted against gambling, concubinage, female slavery and footbinding. The American Presbyterian church has assumed responsibility for evangelizing 35,000,000 persons in China. For this work it has 559 missionaries in eight organized missions and 25 stations, with 2,350 trained Christian Chinese co-workers. There has been a great advance in evangelism, also in education through the work of the missions.

China, Korea: Floods, tidal waves and hurricanes devastated one-third of the country and mil-

lions and business were cooperated in extensive relief work. In the face of resulting economic difficulties the Presbyterian missions have vigorously progressed along literary, educational, medical and evangelistic lines, notwithstanding the government caused difficulty for a time by prohibiting Bible teaching and religious services in schools recognized by the government, a condition which was later relieved by the persuasion of the missionaries.

India: The political situation is still seriously disturbed. Every branch of missionary activity was affected by the social and political ferment yet the Presbyterian board reports the strongest possible testimony to the readiness of the people of India to listen to the Gospel. Non-Christians are accessible as never before to Christian teaching and the attention of churches in America is called to the need of great increase in the force of evangelistic workers. The political ferment has affected the educational branch of the work particularly. The board is firm in the conviction that the teaching of the Bible should not be abandoned despite government opposition.

The Agricultural Institute of Allahabad continues to be a great factor.

The cause of temperance has come to the front and a strong organization has been effected looking toward real prohibition. Great progress has been made with experimental farms and the teaching of horticulture, agricultural engineering, dairying and animal husbandry and agronomy. From the Punjab it is reported that a mass movement of interest in Christianity is going on in India today among high caste people.

In hospitals and dispensaries the medical missionaries have carried on a great work and have now begun to train native nurses. Japan: The board's report notes as unfortunate that renewed evidence of friendship between Japan and America were disturbed by another outbreak of anti-Japanese prejudice in the United States in connection with the immigration bill.

Missionary work in Japan continued to prosper. The significant news was received that primary schools in Tokyo were now open to Christian teaching. Never have opportunities in Japan been more inviting. Marked restlessness is noted throughout the country. Japan is recognized by the board as one of the great strategic missionary fields of the world. A spiritually regenerated Japan would mean much for the Far East and for the whole world. The Japanese tell us that they need our cooperation and we should give it to them in ample measure.

Persia: The board's missionaries in Persia report Moslems themselves as expressing dissatisfaction with Islam. Persia may prove to hold the key to the solution of the Moslem problem, one of the greatest and most difficult problems

World Fliers Disabled at Corfu



Major Stuart MacLaren (right), leader of the British round-the-world flight, shown stranded in the harbor of Corfu where engine trouble forced a landing. Blankets and food were brought to them by Colonel and Stephen E. Lowe of St. Louis, Mo., American Near East Relief workers, who are shown visiting the stranded plane.

facting the Christian church today. There is still some persecution of Christians. Splendid work is being done by the Presbyterian schools, setting high standards in education, morals and religion. The hospitals report an increasing work, which, however, is still hampered by the necessity of trying to run "one-man" hospitals.

West Persia: Missionaries are rejoicing that Urmia is at last again open for work. The Christian church has before it there an open door, though there are many hindrances. Developments in Turkey have evidently influenced the political tactics in Urmia. Advances are being made by the Presbyterian board to recover the ground lost at the time of the Urmia massacres. In Tabriz itself evangelism and education are again making progress.

The work of the Presbyterian mission in Mesopotamia advances. Much work is being done in the villages and petitions for services are coming from the mountain settlements.

Spain: The Presbyterian church in the United States is almost wholly responsible for the work of foreign missions in the strategic center of Buddhism. The Presbyterian missions are pressing Christian education from the primary grades up. The hospitals have saved many lives during epidemics through the prompt use of serum. As the report was being compiled there was startling news that the spiritual unity of the Moslem world had been dis-

28 YEARS AGO

La Grande Gazette, May 23, 1896—J. W. Scriber was a visitor to Union this week.

Attorneys Finn and Hindman were in Union Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Matheson has returned from a visit to Portland. J. W. Knowles returned from a visit to Baker county Wednesday.

Jan. Hendershott of the Cove, was a visitor in La Grande Wednesday.

John W. Hargraves has purchased R. J. Boddy's interest in the First street meat market.

The eastbound passenger train Tuesday morning had on board several Japanese who will be employed on the section on the Oregon Short Line.

T. T. Geer of Marion county will address the people of La Grande on the political issues of the day from a republican standpoint tomorrow night.

Born — To J. K. Romig and wife, Wednesday, May 28, a girl.

A bridge at Victoria, B. C., toppled over Monday carrying with it a loaded street car. Over 60 persons were drowned.

The intelligence reached here yesterday that W. Hollins has been appointed general roadmaster of the O. R. & N. line to succeed James Peters, deceased. His headquarters will be in this city. Mr. Hollins had been acting as roadmaster during the long illness of the late incumbent of the office, and his promotion is evidence that his services have been entirely satisfactory. He came to town yesterday morning on business connected with the new position, — Pendleton Tribune.

Johnny Wright, son of Morris Wright of Perry, was taken in charge by Constable Walden and will be taken to the reform school. This young man does not seem to realize that it is necessary for a man to be honest in this day of the world and it was for the reason that they hoped to change the course of the young man's life that he was taken to the reform school.

Mrs. J. H. Fowler of Island City, succumbed to the dread disease pneumonia Thursday morning, May 28, 1896, after an illness of short duration.

The funeral occurred Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being held at the Presbyterian church. A large crowd of sorrowing friends followed the remains to the last resting place.

At a regular election of the officers for Hecock Hoss Co., last Monday night the following officers were elected: D. H. Steward, president; Charles Melquist, vice president; R. L. Lincoln, secretary; J. H. Pearce, foreman; J. H. Laughlin, assistant foreman; E. E. Enloe, second assistant.

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