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Anti-Mission—Anti-Christian.

How true the aphorism! God, who sent his Son, his only Son, on a mission of love knows that Christ, who came to die for man, who went about to seek and to save the lost, who sent out the twelve and the seventy, who commissioned his apostles to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," who gave the promise of the Father, "Lo, I am with you always," he knows that. The Holy Spirit that gave these early preachers words to speak to the world, that revealed things to come, that completed through these chosen ambassadors, this matchless, this wonderful plan of salvation attest the fact in every utterance. The Spirit of Christ, which still abides in the Christian temple, is ever the spirit of missions. From the resurrection morn, when the women could say, "The Lord is risen indeed," through the persecutions, when the disciples, though scattered abroad, went everywhere preaching the Gospel, to the best words of the beloved John, "Let him that heareth say come," we have a continual missionary enterprise. Jesus is ever sending. First he calls, "Come unto me all ye that are weary," and when peace and quiet takes possession, when we have drunk at the fountain to thirst not again, then it is with haste we go to the neighboring villages and say, "Come see a man * * * is not this the Christ?"

To the world in want, in misery, in sin, in wretchedness and woe, he says, "Come." To the Christian, full of joy, full of life and hope, to him "clothed and in his right mind," he says, "Go." Go to the brother who trespass against thee. Go to him who has erred from the true way. Go to those who have wandered far from God. Go to all who know not God. Go to those who have never realized the power of Christ to save from sin. The church is a grand missionary society; it is the missionary society ordained of God for the salvation of the world. He who denies the right of the church, yes, even the duty of the church to devote its life to missions, denies the divine authority of Christ's mission to earth.

Our Missionary Work.

PORTLAND, OR. NOV. 20, 1882.

Brother Stanley:

The Executive Board of the Christian Missionary Convention met in this city Thursday, Nov. 16, 1882, and adopted a plan of work for the current year.

It is proposed to invite preaching brethren living contiguous to what we have deemed suitable territory to labor in fields assigned them respectively, from this time to January 1, 1883, making an especial effort to raise funds for the Missionary work of 1883.

In the mean time the Board will take steps to put a live evangelist in the field of western and southern Oregon by the beginning of the year 1883. In fact correspondence has already been opened with several brethren of experience in the work of evangelizing, and we hope to have one in the field within the next month and a half who will stir up the Christian brotherhood of this State to their duty and do noble work in saving souls. Will the brethren assist in this important work?

We believe that they will, and have taken the initiative in this matter with the greatest confidence that the Missionary spirit is still alive among the congregations of this valley, and that they will cheerfully respond to the call made upon them for the necessary funds to carry on the much needed work.

If we procure an evangelist of experience and power to come among us we must sacrifice something of the means God has given us to attain the end.

All will admit the urgent demand for the evangelistic work and we trust the response will be in every way commensurate with the demand. Contributions, however small they may be, will be most thankfully received. Send to I. G. Davidson, treasurer, Portland. It is hoped and believed that the preaching brethren who will be notified by Bro. Bruce Wolverton Corresponding Secretary, will lend such assistance as they can from this on to the close of the year. Fraternally,

W. H. ADAMS,
Pres. of the Board.

"God is an ocean," said a minister, "never to be exhausted; but we fear to launch out upon the ocean, for we lack faith."

A Correction.

Editor CHRISTIAN HERALD:

In the published minutes of the Coöperation at Eugene, occurs an item I think is calculated to make a wrong impression with those who were not present.

There were nine questions taken from the "question drawer," discussed briefly, without the meeting taking any action on any of the questions. The minutes would indicate that the meeting did take action on the 9th which was not the case, as there were just three short speeches in favor, none against, and no vote taken on the question.

ONE PRESENT.

[This correction was sent in and should have appeared the week following the publication of the minutes but was overlooked.—ED.]

Special Call for G. C. M. C.

The last General Convention directed its Acting Board to call upon the churches for two special collections during the year, at such times as they may select.

The Board has directed the Secretary to request all the churches to take up a collection for missionary purposes the second Lord's day in December.

We issue this call specially to such churches as have not hitherto contributed to our funds. There are many other churches also, which have not contributed liberally to the general work, that should answer this call. The generous churches will doubtless increase their liberal offerings.

We believe there are one thousand churches in the United States which can each send us ten dollars, the amount necessary to entitle a church to representation in the General Convention.

We need ten thousand dollars immediately. We have missionaries in Louisiana, Alabama, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, to whom payments must be made early in January.

The Board has directed the Secretary to open correspondence with reference to missions in Florida, Mississippi, Montana, Dakota, Kansas, and New England. It is their purpose to establish several new missions. Very much will depend on the answer that the brethren give to our calls for funds.

Brethren who have taken life memberships will do well to remit the annual installment as early as practicable.

Remit to R. Moffett, 715 Logan Ave., Cleveland, or to 180 Elm St., Cincinnati, by money order, draft or registered letter. In behalf of the Board.

R. MOFFETT,

Cor. Sec'y. G. C. M. C.

From Seattle.

SEATTLE, W. T., Nov. 7, 1882

Bro. Stanley:

Bro. Esby preached for us on last Sunday and three were added to the church, two by relation and one making the good confession. We are all encouraged in the good work, and we think we will be able to erect a house of worship by next spring. Our Sunday school is in good working order and I think by spring that we will have as good a school as there is in Seattle. This is one of the Christian duties that our brethren in western Washington have neglected, and is not this an important one? Does the fruit grower neglect the little weakly trees that are in his orchard? If he does he can not expect to gather fruit, but by careful training for a short time you will see the branches extend out and we are permitted to gather fruit therefrom, and can not this rule be applied to our church and Sunday school? Will we neglect this important work, or do we consider it important, or are we living only for ourselves? We have heard that there were only two Christian Sunday-schools in western Washington. How long will we permit this? It is not on account of our weakness or inability, but it is fear; they are afraid to undertake the work, yet at the same time they are laboring in other churches and the result is that their labor is thrown away. Have not we learned the importance of improving the time that the all-wise Creator has allotted us and is this improving? we think not, for it is not establishing the doctrine of Jesus Christ but the doctrine of men. We do not believe in their confession of faith nor their discipline, but take the Bible as our rule of faith and practice, and the sooner we sever all connection with them and go to work for the Master the more time we will have to gather in the golden sheaves.

J. W. OSBORN.

If our eye be ever towards God in duty his eye will be ever towards us in mercy.