

PLAN NOVEL MISSION

Group of Yale Graduates to Labor in North China.

Will Carry On Evangelical, Medical and Especially Educational Work Independent of Any Existing Society.

One of the most important announcements of the Yale commencement season was the reference by President Hadley, in his address, to the plan of a group of Yale men to establish a mission in the far east. This mission, which is the first of its kind to be established by graduates of any American college, is to be conducted along the broadest lines, carrying on evangelic, medical and especially educational work in a large student center in north China. It is to be un denominational and independent of any existing society, but will work in harmony with them, and in specially close sympathy with the American board. This last-named society has promised its moral support and its cooperation in certain practical matters, such as the purchase and distribution of supplies.

The mission is to be under the leadership of Rev. Harlan P. Beach, of the class of 1878, at present educational secretary of the student volunteer movement, and from 1883 to 1890 a missionary in China.

The mission is an entirely voluntary association of Yale men and will hold no official connection with the university, but many of the officials of the latter, including the president, are among its strongest supporters. It is to be controlled by a council of 40 men, who have consented to serve in this capacity, with the following officers:

President, Rev. Timothy Dwight, D. D., LL. D.; vice president, Rev. Edwin S. Lines, D. D., of New Haven; corresponding secretary, William Sloane, of New York; treasurer, Pierce N. Welch, of New Haven.

The Congregational, Episcopalian, Presbyterian and Baptist churches are thus represented among the officers of the council. All details of administration will be left to an executive committee consisting, at present, of the following Yale men, who have developed the plans for the mission and raised an installation fund of about \$20,000:

Deans Sanders and Wright, F. Wells Williams, professor of oriental history at Yale; James W. Cooper, D. D., Yale corporation; Rev. H. T. Beach, secretary of the student volunteer movement; Arthur C. Williams, of the class of 1894; Prof. Edward B. Reed and Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., secretary of the university.

Prof. Reed will act as executive secretary. The medical examiner is to be Dr. Walter James, of New York.

Rev. L. P. Thurston, of the class of 1898, with another recent graduate, will go to China this fall, spending a year studying the language. It is expected that in due season Yale will send out a score of men to this mission, who will work for Christian education in China.

TEARS OFF GIRL'S DRESS.

Train Strips Clothes from Body But Inflicts No Physical Injuries Save a Few Scratches.

Miss Mary Lewis, aged 15 years, daughter of Deacon George Lewis, was stripped of her clothing, yet scarcely injured, by an express train of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad in Milford, Conn. the other day.

Four tracks run past the station, the two center ones for through trains being fenced in. Miss Lewis was caught between the two fences by a New York express, which was late and running at increased speed. She tried to climb over the high pickets, but could not manage it. As the express thundered by she clung fast to the fence. The train grazed her back, stripping off dress and underclothing and tearing her hat, which had been pinned firmly to her hair.

The engineer stopped his train, thinking he had killed her. As the passengers poured out she was seen running across the fields to her home. A physician found a few scratches on her back, but no other injury, and she is suffering only from shock.

BUYS RARE BOOKS.

J. Pierpont Morgan Secures in England Collection Setting Fourth the Art of Printing.

J. Pierpont Morgan has acquired by recent purchase in England a collection of about 700 volumes of the art of printing from its inception to the year 1500, comprising many works of exceeding rarity. The purchase was effected in April last, the owner of the collection, which is of recent formation, being a Mr. Bennett. It is said to be Mr. Morgan's intention to add the collection to his private library, which is already one of the finest in this country. In the collection are about 20 Caxtons, many of the finer ones from the library of Lord Ashburnham, "The Boko of Saint Albans," and "Fysshynge with an Angle," by Dame Juliana Berners; three books from the press of Thomas Rood, the first Oxford printer; fine examples of Machlinio, Letton and Wilcox, the first London printers, and many illuminated manuscripts, both English and continental.

Tissue Paper for a Wound.
To make a compress for a wound in an emergency, if there is nothing better at hand, use clean tissue paper. It is quite as efficacious and much less liable to convey injurious impurities than any other material.

TWAIN'S VOW OF SILENCE.

The Humorist Says He Will Make No More Speeches from the Public Platform.

Mark Twain has retired from the public platform for ever. His appearance at Missouri university, where he received his degree of LL. D., was his last as a public speaker. On this occasion he talked for nearly an hour. He was in a brilliant mood. There was a flash in every word he uttered, and he proved the truth of the assertion of Julian Hawthorne, that no man in the world can handle a joke for all it is worth and bring it out so forcibly and so clearly as Mark Twain.

The audience laughed and laughed again, but some of them cried when the speaker said in tones that shook with suppressed emotion that he was bidding Missouri and old friends farewell forever.

"Please announce in the papers," said Twain, "that I have retired forever from the public platform." When interviewed concerning the recent dispatches to the effect that the German translations of his works have been excluded by the Russian authorities, Mark Twain was not a bit worried. "I am not in the least surprised," said the humorist. "The books of hundreds of other authors are excluded every year from Russia, and the fact that my works are barred gives me little concern. I am but one of a vast number whose books have been excluded and are being shut out every day by the Russian authorities and I take it as no special compliment that I am among so many."

"Russia has a great many Germans in its population and is gradually Russifying them, and naturally it does not wish any literature circulated that would influence any of the people in favor of a monarchy."

"In some of my works I may have said something that could have been colored into a pronounced expression of views against the Russian government, and it is probable that this accounts for the fact that my books have been barred, and I think that the political east of some of my stories is alone responsible."

TELLS OF FLOATING ISLANDS.

Steamer Returns to New York and Reports Remarkable Experience in Caribbean Sea.

The Norwegian steamer Donald, from Banas, with fruit, has arrived at Philadelphia, and Capt. Warnecke tells this remarkable tale:

"We were two days out from Banas, and about 30 miles from Watlin's island, in the Caribbean sea, when we came upon a floating island. I, with the mate and several of the crew, rowed toward it. Thousands of little monkeys scampered all about the shore, and when we were in range they began a bombardment by shying coconuts at us. We captured two monkeys."

"The following day we discovered another floating island. This time we were greeted by a covey of parrots of most brilliant plumage."

Capt. Warnecke declared that the eruption in Martinique had shaken up the entire district, and the small pieces of land had become separated from some inhabited island.

TWENTY-STORY HOTEL.

Magnificent Structure to Be Erected at New York at a Cost of Ten Million Dollars.

Through the sale of the Plaza hotel property at Fifth avenue, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, New York city, to the George A. Fuller company and allied interests, there is to be erected on the site a new 20-story hotel which those interested in the enterprise say is to be the finest structure of its kind in the world. The price paid to the New York Life Insurance company for the property is \$3,000,000, and among transactions involving no element of trade it is believed that the purchase rank's as the largest in the city's real estate annals. Including the cost of the new hotel building the enterprise will involve nearly \$10,000,000. Associated with the George A. Fuller company in the purchase are the Central Realty, Bond and Trust company and Hallgarten & Co. Through the bankers, it is understood, considerable foreign capital will be interested in the project.

MARCONI HAS NEW RIVAL.

Wireless System of Telegraphy is Reported to Have Been Much Improved.

A new system of wireless telegraphy, which it is asserted is far superior to the Marconi system, will soon enable the public to send the messages as quickly as by wire telegraph. Initial station in New York city is in the Chesbrough building, and on the top of the building the apparatus for sending and receiving messages have been installed. The system is of American invention, the work of E. H. Smythe, of Chicago, and Lee De Forest, a graduate of Yale university.

The system differs radically from that of Marconi, as messages can be sent and received as rapidly as the operator can work, the speed of 40 words a minute having already been attained. Distinct messages have been received over a distance of 75 miles.

Punishment or Reward.
England wants Kruger to go back to South Africa and settle on a farm. Whether this is to be a sort of punishment, says the Chicago Record-Herald, or not, must depend upon the way one looks at farming.

Missouri Mule a Super-Daily Now.
Missouri mule raisers, remarks the Chicago Record-Herald, will now have to hunt another market for their surplus.

DANGEROUS DISEASE.

Tuberculosis Declared to be Acute and Infectious Malady.

American Congress on Tuberculosis Takes Important Action—Makes Strong Recommendations of Preventive Measures.

The American congress on tuberculosis, which has just adjourned its session at New York city, adopted strong resolutions that "tuberculosis is an acute, infectious disease" and urging precautionary measures. The resolutions follow:

"Whereas, Tuberculosis is an infectious disease, ordinarily communicated from person to person by means of the dried sputum of a consumptive patient; and

"Whereas, The spread of tuberculosis could be largely controlled by proper care of such sputum and the enforcement of comparatively simple measures; therefore be it

"Resolved, By the American congress on tuberculosis, that the health authorities be urged to disseminate to the widest extent possible, through the public press and otherwise, correct information as to the manner in which this disease is produced and the means to be employed for its prevention.

"Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty of the national, state and municipal governments to enact rational methods for the prevention of tuberculosis, and we recommend the establishment of institutions for the care of indigent consumptives.

"Resolved, That there should be state and municipal supervision of all public conveyances for the transportation of passengers, and in view of the fact that spitting on the floors of public conveyances favors the spread of tuberculosis and is injurious to the public health, it is recommended that transportation companies be induced to pass and to enforce rules against this act.

"Resolved, That appropriations should be requested from state and municipal governments for the publication and distribution of literature as a means of education in the prevention of the spread of tuberculosis.

"Resolved, That all cases of tuberculosis should be reported by the attending physician to the health boards for the purpose of disinfection of houses occupied by consumptives."

LOOK OUT FOR OPHTHALMIA.

New York Physicians Place the Disease on List of the Contagious Maladies.

Because of the discovery that ophthalmia, a disease of the eyes, is prevalent among a large proportion of the pupils in the public schools of New York city, the board of health has placed it on the list of contagious diseases, and physicians hereafter will be compelled to make reports of each case found in their private practice.

Through investigations made in two of the public schools, where the eyes of about 2,000 children were examined, it was found that at least 18 per cent. had the disease. In one of the schools 20 per cent. of the children were afflicted, and in the other 15 per cent.

According to the physician who made the investigation, the disease may be contracted through using a handkerchief or towel that has been previously used by an afflicted person.

TOO MANY WEDDING GIFTS.

Express Agent at Greenwich, Conn., Resigns Because He Cannot Handle Them All.

So many car loads of wedding presents have come to Greenwich, Conn., by express to be delivered to the May and June brides that the local agent, Charles D. Nowrey, and his assistants, Harry Burnett and George Jermain, have thrown up their positions. There have been numerous weddings among society folks this season among which were the Lauder-Rowland and Rowland-Hubbell nuptials, and the agent found that delivering the hundreds of presents along with the usual run of business was too much for him. He found it impossible to deliver the gifts and other merchandise on time, although he and his force of four men worked 15 hours a day, and more weddings were coming, so finally in disgust he threw up the position.

FIND VEINS OF FREE GOLD.

Miners Rush to Newly-Discovered Region in Arizona That Promises Rich Returns.

Particulars reached Phoenix, Ariz., the other day of sensational gold strikes in Picocho, Blanco county, north of Castle creek. The main find was in Exposition group, where at 40 feet in depth a great body of ore filled with nuggets and flake gold was struck. Some of the ore assayed here showed \$125,000 to the ton, while none of the samples showed less than \$1,000. On the Joe Danly claims in the Trilby group another find of lesser richness was made. Scores of smaller finds have been made in the last few days and a tremendous rush into the district followed.

What Made Mark Twain Weep.
Mark Twain wept when he visited the scenes of his boyhood the other day, says the Chicago Record-Herald. He was probably thinking of the digestion he had when he left those dear old haunts.

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