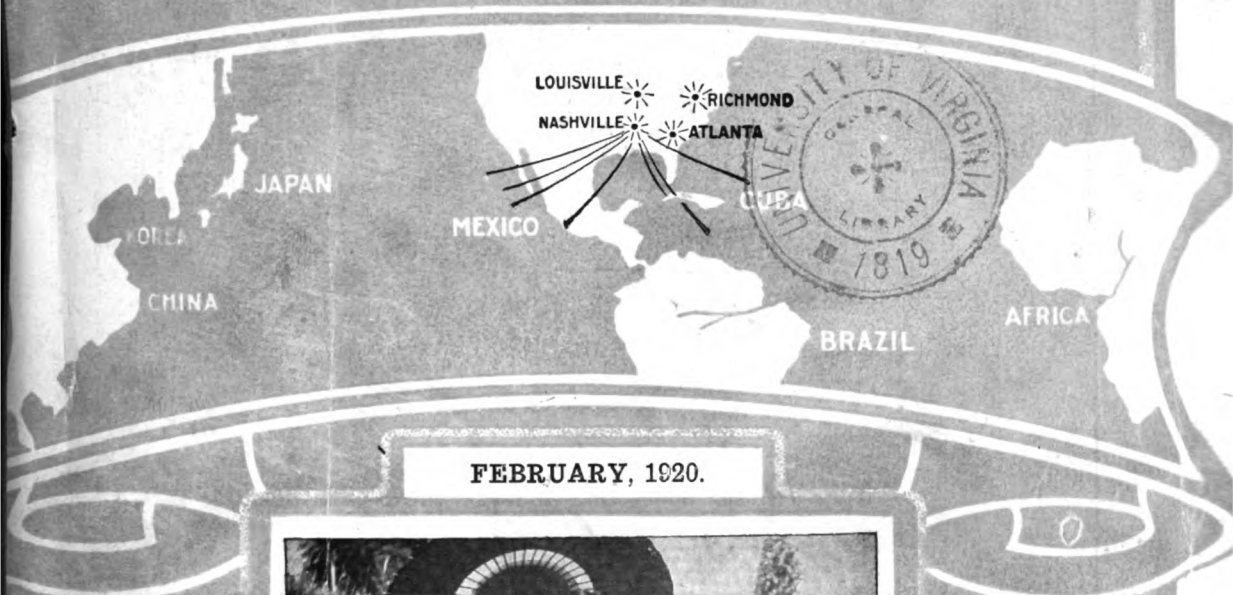


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Our February Topic: Synodical, Presbyterian, Congregational Home Missions.

PRESBYTERIAN PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM.

By REV. S. W. MCGILL, Campaign Manager.

IF our Church had continued to give only \$2,000,000.00 a year to beneficences while other organizations were giving hundreds of millions for religion and charity, and the government was spending billions in war, we would have been left a pitiful and unworthy spectacle. The Progressive Program has saved us from reproach.

"It has also saved our causes from disaster. We planned the program for aggressive work, God needed it for conservation.

"Think also how hurtful our immense wealth would have been, had there been no influence of religion to sanctify it!

"The program was providential. Let us rally to it with thankfulness and enthusiasm."

The above is a statement from Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., Moderator of the General Assembly.

OBJECTIVES.

The definite objectives of the Progressive Program are:

1. **Woman's Auxiliary:** The organization and promotion of Home and Foreign Mission Study Classes in October and November, and in January and February, respectively; the promotion and observance of February as a special month of intercession; responsibility for the special campaign in March to put THE MISSIONARY SURVEY and a Church paper in every home.

2. **Laymen's Missionary Movement:** The holding of conventions in Synods to promote the objectives of the Progressive Cam-

paign, co-operating with the Synodical Managers.

3. **Sunday Schools:** The adoption of the following goals: 40,000 new scholars and 15,000 new church members from the Sunday schools by March 31st; a definite pledge for benevolence and gifts to all the causes.

4. **Young People's Societies:** Adopting the following goals: 10,000 new members by March 31st; a definite pledge for benevolences and gifts to all causes.

5. **The Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion:** Definite promotion of the movement to secure a family altar in every home.

6. **Brotherhood and Men's Bible Classes:** The study of stewardship and the assuming of responsibility for securing adequate increase in pastors' salaries.

7. **The Assembly's Home Mission Committee:** New emphasis on evangelism with definite plans to secure at least 50,000 new members by March 31st; the promotion and observance of Home Mission week in November; the organization and promotion of study classes; general campaign of education in February and March, covering the needs of the committee.

8. **Foreign Mission Committee:** Organization and promotion of Foreign Mission Study Classes; general campaign of education in February and March, covering the needs of the committee.

9. **Committee of Publication and Sabbath-School Work:** General promotion of the work assigned to Sunday schools and

cleaning up the house, or sewing, to help defray their expenses. We are so crowded now, but we have great hopes of getting a new building within a few years.

We have a wonderful opportunity here, in this big city of 125,000 people, with its densely populated country districts. We have the only Christian school for girls. There is a government school here, but it is just beginning, is not well established yet and of course it has no religious training. If we could get one hundred girls and train them for Christ, just think what that would mean in this city. When I think of this wonderful opportunity I wonder why God gave it to me, and not to one who was better prepared for it.

I am living with Mrs. Grier. Those of you who know her will realize what a privilege I have. She is very busy with the Woman's Hospital, has had so many cholera cases this fall. It has been quite bad in the country districts. We have heard of entire families dying with it. The poor people know so little about caring for their health, it is surprising how many of them live rather than how many die. We are trusting the cold weather to come soon and all it out.

May the New Year be one of great joy in the Master's service.

Hsuehoufu, China, October 7, 1919.

"SPEAK TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY GO FORWARD."

EGBERT W. SMITH.

AT yesterday's meeting of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions there was presented, and, after full discussion, adopted, with enthusiastic unanimity, the following resolution:

"That this committee recommend to the Assembly's Beneficence and Stewardship Committee that it lay before the next General Assembly a carefully worked out plan for just such a great drive with a great objective as has recently been made with such conspicuous and invariable success by the Northern Methodists, the Southern Methodists, the Southern Baptists, and other leading denominations."

It is clear today, even to the wayfaring man, that the churches, under providential guidance, have found the most amazingly successful way of raising the needed funds for the Saviour's work and at the same time permeating their whole constituency with a fresh spiritual zeal, that has ever been known in the history of the Church.

The Baptists have just gone over the top with \$82,000,000 already pledged and the total rising with each hour. I was at a Kentucky town last Sunday morning where the Baptist congregation, which had been accustomed to give about \$10,000 in five years for benevolences, accepted their apportionment of \$40,000 and have actually gone over \$50,000. I asked our Presbyterian pastor there, who knows the people, whether

the subscriptions would be paid. He felt sure they would.

What Dr. Pinson, the Southern Methodist Secretary, has told me of the ease with which the Southern Methodists reached their fifty-three odd millions, and the astonishing spiritual revival accompanying and following the effort throughout the whole Church, sounds like the day of Pentecost come again.

The success of these efforts seems mainly due to the appointment of so great an objective as forces believers back on their supernatural resources, and of a definite seven-or-eight-day period on which are focused the combined efforts and prayers of the entire Church. It is profoundly significant that every denomination that has tried this method has been blessed of God with an astounding success, as if to rebuke the smallness of their former aims. It is an evidence of what we have often read, that it is easier to do a gigantic thing than a little one.

The three other leading denominations of the South have shown us the way. God's blessing upon their efforts has been unprecedented. Shall not our Church follow in the footsteps of their faith, and claim and obtain from God the greatest blessing we have ever known? We are at the parting of the ways. Unless we decide quickly that we shall seek a similar blessing for ourselves, the time for it may soon go by.