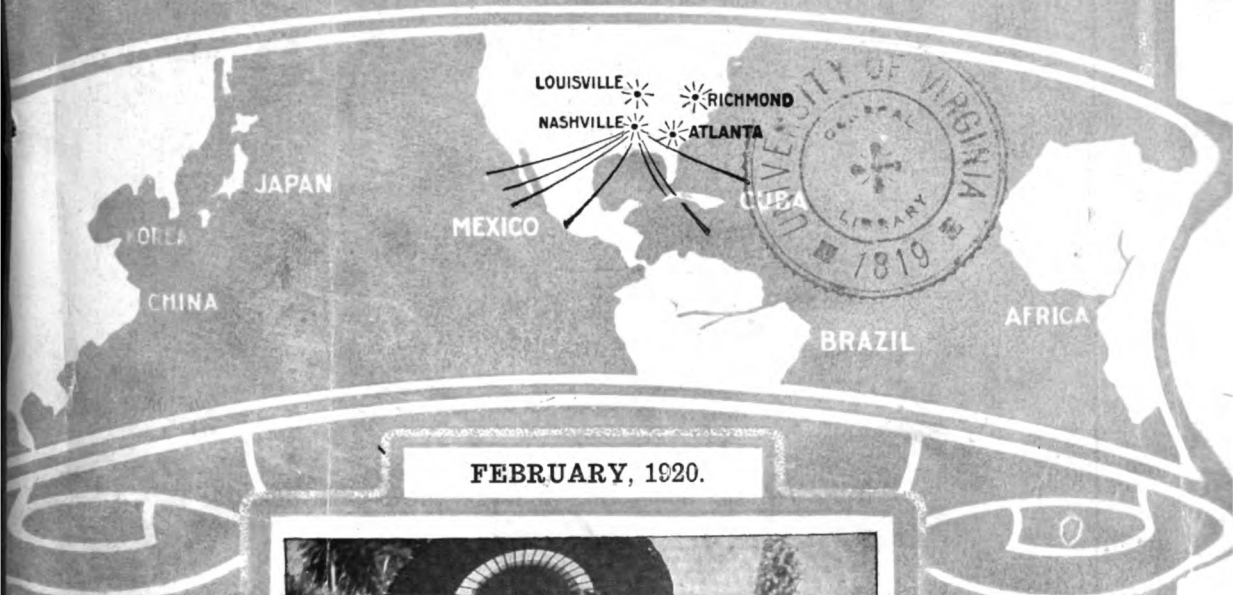


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Our February Topic: Synodical, Presbyterial, Congregational Home Missions.

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

WHAT THINK YOU?

EGBERT W. SMITH.

OUR Foreign Mission fields are in immediate need of eight or ten doctors, an equal number of nurses, a much larger number of men and women evangelists, several teachers of both sexes, four industrial short term men, and a competent business man to be treasurer and business manager of our Congo Mission.

We earnestly request all our pastors to read the above statement from their pulpits.

We cannot but believe that God is calling Christian men and women in our congregations to enter these fields and they are turning a deaf ear to His call.

How will some of our young ministers, who are providentially free to go abroad, explain to Christ when they meet him why they chose that field where comparatively the number of workers is greatest and the need least, and refused to go where the supply of workers was least and the need greatest?

When criticised for working among publicans and sinners our Lord justified his course by the question of need. "They that are whole need not a physician but they that are sick." In other words, "It is the superior need that determines my field." The great majority of people are unable to go as foreign missionaries on account of age, or family responsibilities, or deficiency of health, capacity, education, or other rea-

sons. If the few that are able to go should determine their field as their Lord determined his, would they be laboring among the people here that have already one Protestant Church to every 319 of the population, or among those over yonder, for whom Christ died as truly as for us, where, in the territory assigned to our Church, are thousand of villages filled with friendly-faced adults and innocent-faced little children not one of whom has ever in all their lives even once heard the name of Christ? What think you?

The Southern Baptist leaders met this last summer in Nashville and appointed the first week in December as the time for their great drive, thus compressing their preparations into a few months. We could not undertake anything commensurate with what the other churches have aimed at without the approval of our General Assembly. If our Systematic Benevolence and Stewardship Committee should confer with the leaders of the Southern Baptists and the Southern Methodists, and with all the light that their successful experience can furnish, should work out a complete plan for submission to the next General Assembly, I am sure it will develop in the Assembly such a spirit of prayer and enthusiasm as was never before manifested in that body.

Nashville, Tennessee, December 10, 1919.

THE MEETING OF THE MID-CHINA MISSION.

REV. H. MAXEY SMITH.

THE attendance was smaller than it has been for several years. This was due to the fact that a large proportion of our number are at home on furlough, several others were detained by sickness and still others—Mother Stuart, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Stuart, Dr. and Mrs. Shields and Dr. and Mrs. Venable—are now laboring beyond our bounds.

At the request of the retiring chairman, Mr. Wilson, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. Y. McGinnis. As I was not expecting the request which you, Mr. Editor, sent me three weeks later to write this article, I did not take notes at the time, and I have forgotten whether Mr. McGinnis took a text or not. But I have not forgotten his sermon. It was a good one, carefully prepared, and was listened to with closest attention by all present, which included numerous visitors from other missions. Mr. McGinnis said he wished to direct attention to a truth complementary to the Great Com-

mission. The Great Commission is our command to go to the heathen, but the Head of the Church by his Spirit is commanding the heathen, unconsciously to them to come to hear the gospel. It was this thought that he developed and impressed.

The chairman elect, Dr. Hutcheson, being absent, the vice-chairman elect, Mr. McGinnis, took the chair. He did the work so well that every one was glad that he had not carried out his threat to resign, made before the meeting convened.

The report of the Ad-Interim Committee was long—just one hundred items of business having been transacted during the year. It was approved by the mission with the exception of one item, reconsidered. A few years ago when this committee was first given plenary power to transact ad-interim business, there were many misgivings; now it is doubtful if a proposition to return to the circular letter plan would receive a single vote. Indeed we begin to wonder