

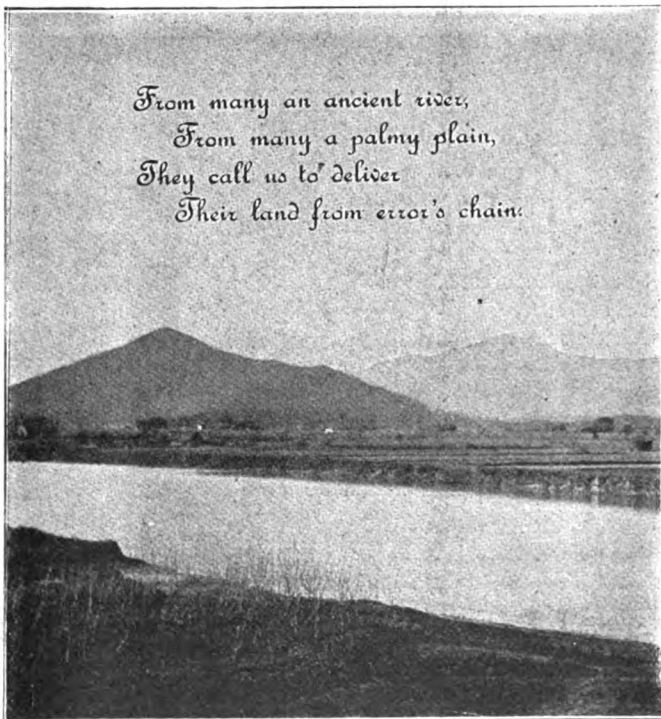
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*From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.*



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EDITORIAL

Money Enough and to Spare.

THE phenomenal success of the recent Liberty Loan was a matter of universal comment: three billions of dollars subscribed by the American people within a few days on a call for two billion—an average of thirty dol-

lars apiece for every man, woman, and child in the country. Even more remarkable was the popular British loan of last spring, to which the people of England subscribed more than five billions of dollars, fifteen hundred million more than the government had any hope of securing. That a people already feeling severely the pinch of war and loaded with taxes, after pouring out for two years men, money, and munitions at a terrific rate, should voluntarily bring forward such an enormous sum of money

and offer it to the nation to continue the war was a marvelous exhibition of devotion and sacrifice.

During the period of floating this loan the papers carried advertisements addressed to the British public, urging every man and woman to calculate how much they could spare out of available cash; then to figure on what they could save by further econo-

mies in clothes, traveling, amusements, food; and to borrow this amount from the banks, which would accept the war loan as security. It was by the general response of the British people to this appeal, foregoing

extravagances, digging deeper into modest purses, and cutting down necessary expenditures still further, that this huge sum of money was raised. Nobody supposed there was so much money to be had; but there was, and the spirit of sacrifice found it and brought it forth.

The lesson is clear. There is money enough if we care to give it; money enough to meet the needs of God's kingdom at home and abroad if the heart of the Church can be reached and stirred. Sacrifices infinitely less than those that warring na-

tions cheerfully make would swell to overflowing the treasury of every enterprise that is extending Christ's reign of peace. The untouched resources of self-centered and complacent Christian people, if once set flowing, would sweep forward the Christian movement in the world with amazing rapidity, bringing infinite blessing to all. We can if we will.

Every soldier dying for his country on a European battle field, every home giving up its blood and tears is a summons and a reproach to us men and women who have accepted the Christ of the cross and not the cross of Christ. If they have counted their cause above their lives and their every possession, why not we? What they freely yield to their lords of war and death, shall not Christians give with joy to their Lord of love and peace?—*Robert E. Speer.*

OUR OWN LAND

The Problem of the Alien in America.

REV. JAMES I. VANCE, D.D.

THE problem of the alien in America can be solved only by the gospel of Christ. We are not afraid of any shipload of foreigners who come to us loyal to the cross of Christ. They cannot come too soon nor too often. We welcome them. If they are Christians, we are willing to trust them with our institutions as freely as we trust ourselves. But what if they are not Christians? What if they are only nominal Christians? Is it not evident that our salvation as a nation depends upon

disciples about ripe harvest fields and said, "Go ye into all the earth," seems now to be saying: "I have waited long, but my people are slow to go. After nineteen hundred years, two-thirds of the world are without the gospel. I will bring the nations to my people." They are here at our doors. It is a glorious missionary opportunity. Shame on us if we back down at such a crisis and run to cover under the mask of playing patriotic to America!



ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS IN A PRESBYTERIAN MEETING IN NEW YORK.

our making them Christians? There is a stronger bond than love of country. It is love of Christ. And when men find Christ, they are one, though they come from the ends of the earth.

A MISSIONARY PROBLEM.

Therefore this question is a great missionary problem. It rises up before us. It is imperative. In what is no doubt a providence, God has brought the ends of the earth to us. We were slow in taking the gospel to them. The Saviour who talked to his

The success or failure of foreign missions is going to be settled here at home. If we cannot Christianize the heathen in a Christian country, we will never do it in a heathen country. God has driven us into a corner and is saying to the Church: "Now do your duty or die!" There never was a greater opportunity than that which now confronts Protestant Christianity in America. Every motive of home missionary zeal and foreign missionary enthusiasm, as well as love of country, is packed into the call to evangelize the alien.

THE ALIEN CONVERTIBLE.

And the alien is convertible. He can be Christianized. Christ is "the power of God unto salvation" to the Italian in the ditch, to the Hungarian in the coal mine, to the Pole in the packing house, to the Jew from the steppes of Russia, to the Hindu from the filth of India. The tide of immigration rolls in, carrying on its crest a matchless opportunity to the Christian Church.

Are we meeting it? What does the immigrant think of our Christianity? Does it impress him? Does he believe that we believe it? Do we give him Christian treatment? Not always. A Ruthenian priest says: "My people do not live in America. They live underneath America. America goes on over their heads. My people do not love America. Why should they, from what they see of it?" The wretchedness of many of these aliens in a strange land is enough to move to pity the sternest of that guild whose shibboleth is: "America for the Americans!" "Talk of Dante's hell," said General Booth, "and all the horrors and cruelties of the lost! The man who walks with

open eyes and bleeding heart through the shambles of our civilization needs no such fantastic images of the poet to teach him horror."

Instead of meeting it, we are frequently running away from it. What is the meaning of the flight of churches uptown? Is it a strategic advance or a cowardly retreat? Are there no people downtown? There are nowhere so many people, but they are not our sort of people. Shame on us! We have thought more of preserving a respectable congregation of rich pew holders than of serving the alien. Despite all our high-flown rhetoric about loving America, we are more concerned with protecting ourselves.

CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY SOLUTION.

Only Christianity can solve the problem, but it will take a new brand of Christianity—not this formal, faint-hearted, self-indulgent, dress-parade Christianity, but one that can stand bad smells and foul sights and go down to the gates of hell to save a lost soul; that has enough of Christ in it to love iniquity into goodness and hostility into brotherhood.



Laws That Make for Human Welfare.

A DIGEST OF RECENT LABOR LEGISLATION.

NEW YORK CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

PERHAPS the most striking legislation reproduced in the annual volume of labor laws of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the

of Congress establishing eight hours as a standard work day for employees operating trains on steam railroads in interstate commerce. Next to this may be placed the Federal statute excluding from interstate traffic the products of the labor of children employed in mines or quarries under the age of sixteen, or in mills, canneries, factories, etc., under the age of fourteen years. The hours of labor of children under sixteen years of age must not exceed eight per day, nor may such children work between 7 P.M. and 6 A.M.



SHALL IT BE THE FACTORY OR THE SCHOOL FOR THESE?

United States Department of Labor, which has just been issued as Bulletin 213, covering the labor legislation of 1916, is the act

the fourteen-year limit is extended to practically all industries except canning and packing. Laws regulating the employment