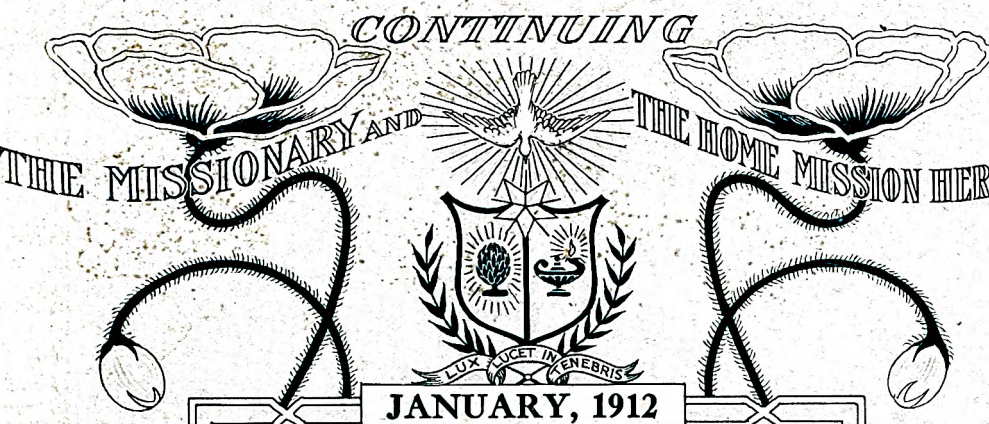


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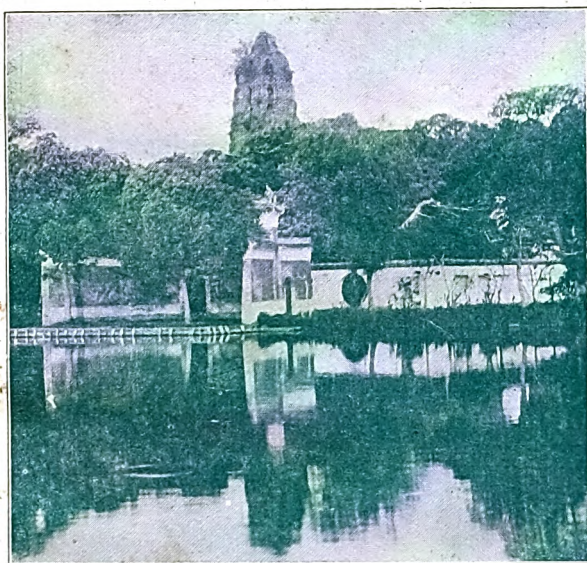


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EDITORIAL

CHATTANOOGA !

FEBRUARY will see in Chattanooga another notable gathering of Presbyterian men, devoted to the consideration of the Church's great Mission to the world.

At Birmingham three years ago, upwards of a thousand men of the Church, from the South, met in convention and for three days devoted themselves to a mighty uplift of missionary purpose and enterprise.

It was an uprising of the men.

It was a meeting of such remarkable spirit and power that it sent a thrill through our own Church and quickened the pulse of missionary activity in every other evangelical denomination of the world. The impetus given to our Foreign Mission work advanced existing forces and extended the battle line.

Now after three years, Chattanooga is selected as the place for the gathering of the forces in a second general convention, for another great rally, beginning Tuesday, 6th of February, and closing on the night of the 8th.

The provisional program for the convention, just issued from the office of Mr. Charles A. Rowland, chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, shows an admirable arrangement of topics to engage the thought of Christian workers abreast with the times. The speakers selected are men who have through wide experience and years of consecrated study gotten a grasp of the situation, and are able to present it in all phases with business-like clearness, as well as with deeply spiritual emphasis.

In this good day the earnest Christian business man deliberately projects a line of work for God, figures the cost and puts

it through. Such men realize the necessity for dependable information, bearing not only upon conditions on the field, but on methods of putting the force in the field and maintaining it there. To meet the demand for this kind of information, the program makers for the Chattanooga convention have not only engaged eminent mission thinkers and speakers of our own Church, but have drawn upon the leaders of world movements in other denominations. The program is distinctly an educational one. It is most practical—dealing with conditions as they exist to-day upon the foreign field and in the home Church. Devotional periods are provided for at stated intervals, and the outlook is for a convention of great thought, great purpose, great plans and great power.

In the Foreign Mission section of this number of THE MISSIONARY SURVEY will be found further details.

Every local congregation is allowed representation upon the floor of the convention by three or more delegates, including the pastor *ex-officio*. Every congregation should make the investment of sending its pastor and a deacon and an elder—adding another layman for each one hundred members or fraction above. Delegates will return from Chattanooga with the inspiration of this great gathering and communicate it to the home Church. It will doubtless be the means of quickening many a church into new life and greater effort to build God's Kingdom along all lines. Special help will be given on the Every Member Canvass Plan, which so many congregations are now studying to make effective.

The churches which receive the greatest uplift and inspiration from the Chattanooga convention will be those who make a full investment of delegates. See to it.



THE URGENCY AND OBLIGATION OF HOME MISSIONS

BY GENERAL BENNET H. YOUNG

JESUS CHRIST loved His own people with a deep, abiding affection. He gave the men and women of Nazareth an early chance to see and believe. His first miracle was close by the place where His boyhood was spent, and among those who had witnessed His childhood life.

There is nothing more pathetic in the Master's life than His yearning over Jerusalem. Each year after the age of twelve was reached, He had doubtless journeyed to that city and witnessed the inspiring and uplifting scenes of the Passover, and mingled with the great throngs which had come to commune with Jehovah in His temple and offer sacrifices to take away the burden of sin. The best and most religious of His race He had seen there. Many were pious enough to travel from the uttermost parts of the earth to satisfy their soul longings by visiting the scene made glorious by the immediate presence of Jehovah. With some of these He often associated.

Disappointed and almost broken hearted at the refusal of the people of Jerusalem to hear His voice, and to save themselves and the Temple by believing on His name; threatened, persecuted, misunderstood, and rejected, He yet loved that wondrous city with inextinguishable

tenderness. With the scenes of Calvary and all their anguish and horror before His eyes, only a few hours ahead, He yet cried out: "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing, and ye would not."

Christ was the greatest "Home Missionary" of all ages. He left His Foreign Mission work to be carried on by His disciples after He had gone away. All His preaching was done and his miracles performed relatively close to Jerusalem, and none outside the places where Jews in large numbers abode. He never forgot or ignored His own Nation, and one of His chiefest concerns in the presentation of His name as the Christ, was that His own should bear the Father's message to a lost world.

The duty of saving Africa, China, Mexico, Korea, and Japan, in their helplessness and need, is impressed upon God's people by the words which came from heaven; but earth and heaven both acclaim the duty to those close at hand, those bound to us by the ties of blood and country. Sentiment and Christianity both plead with us against any neglect of our

neighbors and associates. We have behind us in this glorious work the greatest power that can ever move or aid human action. We have at our command the power of God Himself!

In the army of one of the greatest generals of the world was a corps that called themselves the "Immortals," so styled because they had never suffered defeat. Let the Church enroll itself under this banner of the "Immortals," for there is no defeat if it only believes in Christ, and with a living faith trusts His promises.

The most magnificent army ever aligned under any flag, crossed the Aegean Sea to conquer Greece. This host was a month feeling its way over the pontoon bridge by which it entered the land of its foes. The general who had organized and now led this army of ten million followers, took position on an eminence from which he could view the superb pageant, and, surrounded by his generals and courtiers, broke into tears. Asked to explain this strange proceeding, he replied: "I was thinking that in a hundred years there will not be left a single survivor of this magnificent army, and only a few handfuls of dust and some moldering bones will remain."

The best Home Mission work must be done now or never. The South to-day is gaining riches more rapidly than any section of earth. Wealth is flowing into its coffers at the rate of \$3,000,000 a day. A vast tide of population is hurrying its way toward the Southland. Prosperity and population demand the highest and noblest effort to have the cause of Christ and the Presbyterian Church keep pace with this tremendous development. The strongest call from Christ is for wise and

successful service to those in our midst, and God calls upon the members of the Southern Presbyterian Church as God only can call, by opportunity and grace, to meet these wonderful conditions. Jesus will not tolerate sluggards or cowards. He is the only leader that makes no mistakes and loses no victories. Following His orders in His work, the Church becomes invincible.

The power of the Gospel is just as great as it was two thousand years ago. Time has not impaired its efficiency, or stayed its force in the glorious work of redeeming fallen men.

The world's greatest leaders abide only a brief while. Xerxes, Alexander, Caesar, Saladin, Attila, Charlemagne, Wellington, Napoleon, Washington, Grant, and Lee, have passed into the great beyond. They have to-day not a single soldier to obey their commands. They have no living force, only the memory of their deeds is left.

Christ, the Church's leader, lives to-day in the hearts of millions of His followers. He commands His legions to go forward to conquest and victory, to win the world for Him. Comforting and strengthening Peter, He said, "What is that to thee, follow thou Me." Now with the same tenderness, intensity and authority, He bids His people, "Feed My lambs, feed My sheep."

With such a leader, with all power given by Him through the Spirit, with a harvest so transcendently abundant, will the men of this hour obey the Master's call and do His bidding? If we fail, He will surely give the Kingdom to others.

Louisville, Ky.

HOME MISSION STUDY—NEW BOOKS

MANY inquiries regarding Mission Study are being received at the Atlanta office, and a letter has been prepared giving some suggestions as to the courses of study offered. There are so many that it is impossible to keep all of

them before our people all the time—books for Seniors and Juniors, some better fitted for men, others for women, and still others that will suit both. To the latter class belongs "*Conservation of National Ideals*," which has been selected by the Executive