

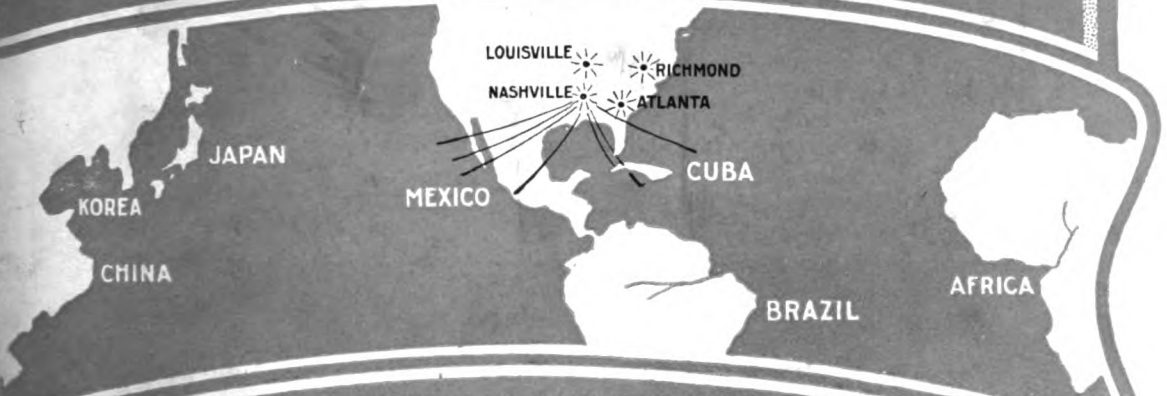
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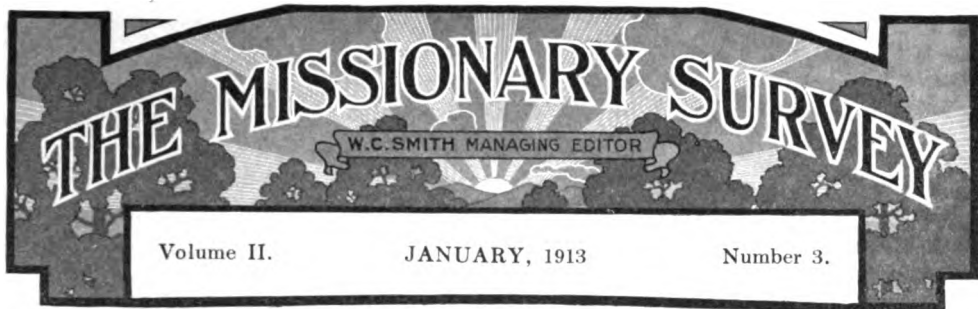


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THE MEMPHIS CONVENTION

THE General Assembly at Bristol last spring ordered the holding of a Convention in the interest of Home Missions. Two great conventions had been held by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, greatly increasing knowledge of and interest in Foreign Missions. As one result of these two big conventions, the rank and file of our Church membership—particularly the men—are far better informed upon and more interested in Missions than ever before.

The General Assembly instructed the Executive Committee of Home Missions to enlist the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the setting up of another general Convention—this time to be devoted to that great branch of the Church's work called Home Missions. The Committee not only invited the Laymen's Movement to assist in this enterprise, but recognizing their skill in organization and thorough-going methods of setting up and carrying out the program of large meetings like this, practically turned over to them the making of all arrangements and supervision of the Convention. Therefore, we have the announcement of the Third General Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to be held at Memphis, Tenn., February 18th-20th, 1913.

The program is given on the following page. It is nearly complete, there remaining only two addresses to be assigned. A glance at this program is sufficient to show what is in store for those who attend the Convention. As an educational event in the Church's home activities and opportunities it

promises to be immense. It would be difficult to estimate what this Convention will mean in the broadening of vision and inspiration to larger things and more thorough work for our Church in the South and Southwest. It will perhaps be the largest assemblage of men ever held in the South in the interest of one denomination's work. The majority of our pastors and laymen will be quick to see in the plans for the Convention a great spiritual feast and three days of practical instruction which will make for quickened interest and increased efficiency.

The aim of the Convention is to unfold to our people a vision of the unprecedented opportunity for Christian service in the garden spot of America—to sound out God's call to the men of the South to open their eyes and put forth their hand to a task lying close by—a grand work in a great land, and for the greatest of all kingdoms.

Memphis has been wisely chosen as the Convention City. It stands on middle ground between the Southwestern and Eastern Synods; it is accessible by many railway systems, and the greatest of all inland waterways; it is the home of three thousand or more Presbyterians who, through their representatives, have extended to the Convention a most enthusiastic welcome. It is the home of some of the distinguished leaders of our Church and of other denominations, as well; indeed, there seems at present nothing lacking to make the setting of the notable event in every way auspicious and complete.

After all, is it not time that we were getting back to the teaching of Christ, who said, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," and to that view of service which has less of the honor of men than necessarily attaches to equally devoted service, but that from its sphere is

so constantly in the public view? Is not secret service the very highest test of fidelity and sincerity? Do we not need to reflect on the teaching of the Master, who assures us, "Thy Father which seeth in secret, Himself shall reward thee openly."

BEHOLD, WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT

REV. JAMES A. BRYAN,
Birmingham, Ala.

FIVE years ago in the mountain section where I am now conducting special evangelistic services, there was no Sunday-school, no day school, no missionary, no church. The children were growing up in ignorance of the way of Life. Also nearly all the grown people were hopeless and without Jesus. A day and Sunday-school were started under a sycamore tree.

The next year, in answer to the prayers and as one of the rewards of Dr. Guerrant of the Soul Winner's Society, a large school house was constructed. The building consisted of an assembly hall up stairs and four recitation rooms downstairs.

A brave old Scotch-Irish mountaineer gave the beautiful campus of six acres, and then surrendered his heart and life to Jesus, and all his children and grandchildren have done the same, four generations in this time.

Five other buildings have been added to the original plant. The property will be worth \$20,000 when the hospital, which will be such a blessing to these people, shall have been completed.

Four years ago, at the kind invitation of Dr. Guerrant, the writer was permitted to work with him at Puncheon Camp, Breathitt county, Kentucky, the location now of this great school. In a week's time Christ was admitted into the hearts of many of these poor, but brave people.

West Lexington Presbytery, through a commission, organized a Presbyterian church of thirty-five members, called Highland Presbyterian church. Since that time many others from the school

have confessed Christ. They had been well trained in Bible courses by consecrated teachers, directed by Professor and Mrs. C. E. Wells, and after careful examinations were received into the full fellowship of our church. Many of these converts were from distant mountain homes. They tell others what a Saviour they have found, and through them the light of Christ is sent out into surrounding sections. The transformation is so great that words cannot describe it. You must "Come and see." They sing as they only can, "I am redeemed, oh! praise the Lord." "I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord, I'll be what You want me to be."

Truly Christ has walked about the hills and down these creeks, in these dark coves, by the mountain paths, in these mission chapels, and in these school rooms. The pupils ask for prayers for unsaved friends and loved ones, fifteen and twenty miles away—"in the regions beyond."

Oh, Brethren, let us think of how much



Getting ready for dinner at Highland.

more can be done! Something has come into these once aimless lives—the Christ. Some wish to become nurses—one is in training now,—one is going to preach, some brawny boys speak of being doctors. Scores wish to glorify God in these mountains by helping others to the better way. Domestic science is taught. There is such an improvement in the homelife.

Oh, if the Southern Presbyterian Church could awake to its open doors! It's big field in the mountains! God has given us the field. Will He send the men and women to occupy "until Christ comes?"

Pray more for this work. Ask God to lay it on your heart. Thousands of our perishing neighbors need help. They need Christ! One million in these mountains that stretch from Pennsylvania to Alabama who do not know how to be saved.

On this tour I was permitted to preach at a Mission on the Shoulder Blade, a little Sabbath-school mission. They begged for the return of a woman missionary. She had visited them, prayed with them, taught them of Christ, taught them at prayer-meeting.

How dark it seems at Jett's Creek. The Light has just begun to shine there. God raise up a teacher for that place. Souls are lost there!

There are 165 members in this Highland church, though *only four years old*.

They have a Sabbath-school *every day* except Saturday. At the meeting of the Highland church this week, we received *thirty-six members* into our church on profession. Very bright young people.

These teachers in the mountains are the flower of our womanhood. Graduates of our best colleges.

Write to Dr. E. O. Guerrant, Wilmore, Kentucky, and ask him how you can help this work that is being so blessed. Rev. William E. Hudson, Superintendent of Mountain Work, is a devoted servant of our King. Give them your prayers—your help. Christ is leading, let us follow. Oh, for more love for souls!

One of the very first pastors to respond to the request of the committee to give a certain term of service to evangelistic effort was Rev. J. A. Bryan, Superintendent of Foreign Work in the Birmingham District. Mr. Bryan's zeal in the winning of souls has been abundantly blessed by the Lord in his own field, as well as in the many places where he has held special services

When it was found that it would be impossible to publish at once this report of the meetings held in the fall in the Cumberland Mountains, it was feared that the message might lose some of its force. But, like all chronicles of apostolic labors, the story of souls won for the Master is just as thrilling now as if it were an account of yesterday's work. Will not each one of our readers take to heart his binding obligation in the sight of God to give the gospel to these wandering lost sheep of the mountains?

*Written from Highland College,
Guerrant, Ky.*

TURNING THE WILDERNESS INTO A GARDEN

J. W. SKINNER, D. D., President

THIS institution opened October 1, 1912, and forty-nine students were enrolled—forty-three boys and six girls. Because of limited accommodations, the applications of as many more were refused. Such is the report of the beginning of the latest missionary work undertaken by our Church for the Mexicans in the States.

History.—Evangelistic work among the Mexicans in Texas has brought large returns. The growing field is urgent for "more men"—preachers, teachers, church

officers, and Sunday-school workers. The poverty of material from which to draw disclosed the fact that 90 per cent. of this people in Texas are without the rudiments of education or training for any kind of service. The "why" of this condition is another story. The fact is, *the rightful fruits of evangelism among the Mexican people waits upon education*. In the judgment of the Mexican workers, the condition demanded the establishing of an Industrial School. The Synod of Texas approved. Interested friends pro-