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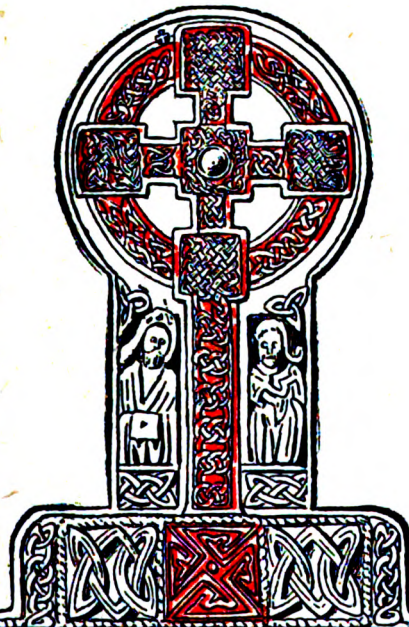
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in the dark places of the earth. Their commission and their objective is twofold, the conservation of life in two worlds, to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. *Only a battalion*, numbering a little over one thousand human souls, for the one billion of the non-Christian world! We may add to this between two and three hundred native Christian physicians. Who does not thrill with the thought of Dr. Mary Stone, Dr. Hu-King-Eng, Dr. Li-Bu-Cu, all of China; Dr. Esther Kim Pak of Chosen, Dr. Ma Sau Sa of Burma and scores of others who have been won, trained for Christ, and are now serving their country-women? Don't we almost envy these women their opportunities?

The closing chapter of the book tells of *The Battalion of Life at Work*, an interesting survey of the assets of medical missions, in missionaries, hospitals and

dispensaries, pointing out the great need for a trained medical native force. "Human experience has produced no challenge more poignant, no service more gloriously rewarded, than that of medical missions. The ministry of healing for the women of Asia and Africa today sounds a summons which the women of America must meet—will meet—no less nobly than they have met the call to the war zone of Europe." "A medical missionary is a missionary and a half."

Those who study this book will catch a vision of a world need greater than they before have realized—a vision of a need which must be met if God's will is done. "God had an only Son and He was a Missionary and a Physician."—Livingstone.

As we study this book may we think His thoughts and follow His example and be "little Christs."

Crossing the Continent In the Interest of the New Era

MARGARET E. HODGE

OUR JOURNEY during January and February was unique in many ways. The Woman's Boards had an unusual opportunity to present their work to the whole Church. In each of the twenty cities visited, their representative spoke in a joint meeting of selected ministers, elders, leading laymen and women. Frequently, the men expressed surprise at the scope of woman's organized missionary work. One minister said, "I have always believed in woman's work, but I never realized that there is missionary work that only women can do, and even should there be only one Board of both men and women, there would still be need of a Woman's Committee to administer the work in this country, and of women to carry it on in the field." If one man has learned this, probably hundreds more of them from Boston to San Francisco have had the same experience. The women members of the team were: two from the Home Board; two from the Foreign Boards; and, for the last part of the trip,

one representing the Freedmen's Board. The home and foreign representatives took turns in making the presentation at the joint meeting, and the Woman's Conferences were conducted in the same co-operative way, yet the individuality of each Board was emphasized. There was a strong Home Mission speech and a strong Jubilee speech, and the differences of administration as well as the points of similarity were brought out. It was Miss Voss, of the Home Board, who first used the phrase, "The Jubilee is a big birthday celebration of the Foreign Boards, and as such is of unique importance, and therefore demands one woman, known as the Jubilee Key-woman or Secretary, who shall devote herself to promoting it."

It was a rare privilege to travel with the men and women who were on this team representing the various Boards of the Church, and we shall not soon forget the social intercourse we had on the train and over the lunch-basket.

On each Sunday but the first, we either

had conferences, or spoke in churches or Sunday-schools. After your Secretary had spoken one morning on Foreign Missions, a little five-year-old girl came up, and looking sweetly into her face, said: "I thought you wasn't never going to stop!" Surely no one else of the party received an equally frank comment.

We were proud of the attitude of our constituency in the conferences—attentive during the business sessions in the morning, responsive to the inspirational addresses in the afternoon, ready with intelligent questions, eager to have the broad outlook, and never complaining of the increased apportionments as a burden. They welcomed the phrase "Budget of Opportunity," and their whole idea was "How can we meet it?" Enlistment campaigns for new members have been successfully carried on in some places, and are planned for others. One woman asked, "What shall we do with these *hordes* of women who are joining our missionary society?" This led everywhere to the discussion of how to bring the world outlook before every society, and how to reach the "hand-minded" women who have been so busy for the Red Cross, etc. Definite plans were projected along both these lines. Already lists of needs, such as surgical dressings and garments for hospitals and orphan-

ages are in the hands of the Woman's Boards. They will be glad to give details.

Los Angeles had a woman's luncheon and Chicago a supper, where one or more of the women members of the team spoke. In Portland and San Francisco delightful luncheons were given by the Boards for the visiting Secretaries. These cities were also distinguished by the fact that they provided masks for the visitors, and we shall not soon forget the appearance of the congregation in Portland, where everyone, including the pastor, appeared with these decorations, though they were omitted at our meetings the next day. In San Francisco too they were not required during the meetings. We were thankful that the epidemic was on the wane.

One of the first summons after our return to New York called us to consider the even larger plans of the Inter-Church World Movement which will, if carried through, unite all the Protestant churches in a great coöperative plan of education and finance for their world-wide work. Just as the Jubilee becomes a vital part of the New Era Movement, so the New Era Movement itself will be a part of this united Protestant plan, and by it all we are hoping for—greater unity of Christian work and the accomplishment of our whole task more quickly than any one of our churches could do it alone.

REST FOR MISSIONARIES

THE Presbyterian Association, Chautauqua, N. Y., has the finest equipment on the Chautauqua grounds, and includes a Presbyterian Home for the free occupancy of home and foreign missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. Chautauqua season offers unequalled advantages for health, rest and classes. Missionaries find here the opportunity needed for repair of wasted mental and physical energy. The Missionary Home is open from June tenth to September twentieth. The management is in the hands of the Woman's Auxiliary, and applicants for rooms should write early to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Travis, 1008 East Capitol St., Washington, D. C., stating their services as missionaries of our Church, the date on which they wish to arrive and the desired length of stay, and forwarding a certificate from the Secretary of the Board under which they are working.

APPEAL FOR PRAYER

We stand in the presence of critical decisions. Issues of incalculable importance are

at stake in the negotiations of the Paris Peace Conference. These decisions fix the future policies of Christian nations. They likewise affect the welfare of millions of people in non-Christian lands. They involve the major portion of the human race in agreements whose binding force reaches far into the future and affects every sphere and relationship of life. The decisions of the Peace Conference bear an intimate and determining relation especially to the future of vast populations which have been the object of our foreign missionary effort. Shall political conditions within these areas be marked by Christian principles of justice and service, or shall they subserve selfish and unworthy ends?

Unquestionably the difficulties are great. In spite of high intent and unselfish motives, how difficult to define the right pathway! Those who at this critical moment have come into most intimate touch with the actual situation, declare that our supreme confidence must lie in the mighty power of the Spirit of God.

Let our appeal, therefore, be unto Him in these days of crisis and far-reaching decisions.