

MISSIONARY.

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number of the audience, which prolonged the occasion for more than an hour.

Rev. Mr. Happer has been a missionary in China for the past twenty-five years, and the happy couple, after spending four weeks' honeymoon with their friends here, expect to leave for that distant field of labor. The good wishes and prayers of many hearts go with them.

Children's Meeting.

The children's meeting which according to the programme was held in the First Presbyterian Church, yesterday afternoon, was attended by an immense audience of those interested in the Sunday School work, and proved as interesting and profitable as any of the series. The spacious auditorium of the church was crowded to overflowing, when at four o'clock the meeting was called to order, with Rev. J. B. Wilcox, of New London, Connecticut, presiding.

The opening exercise was the singing of the hymn commencing

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,"

which was followed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Critchlow, of New Brighton.

The chairman then introduced Rev. Albert Bushnell, of Galesburg, Iowa, who proceeded to address the children.

The speaker remarked that it always gave him great pleasure to meet the children. He hoped to have their attention while he talked for a few moments. More than fifty years ago he had been brought into the Sunday School, and for more than twenty-five years he had been engaged as a missionary to Africa. The speaker then gave a brief but very interesting description of the country and the people dwelling particularly on their idolatry and misery, and their great need of the gospel. The work of the missionaries in Africa was briefly reviewed, from which it appeared that schools are organized, where the children are taught, and many of them have learned to read, and some have advanced into the higher mathematics. They are being instructed in the principles of Christianity, and numbers of them are already earnest Christians.

The speaker hoped that the work would prosper still more rapidly—that God would raise up laborers to prosecute that among some of the children were going to him there might be at least one who would grow up to be an earnest missionary and give his life to the leading of the heathen to the cross.

At the close of these remarks, the audience joined in singing

"From Greenland's icy mountains,"

Rev. W. C. Dickinson, of Asia, was next introduced. The speaker was dressed in Asiatic costume. He gave a short account of the manners and customs of the Asiatics and a very encouraging account of the work of Missions in that country. He made an earnest appeal to the children to do all they could to support the missionaries in their good work, and closed his interesting address by repeating the Lord's Prayer in Syriac.

The audience then united in singing:

"Shall we whose souls are lighted,"

The next speaker was Rev. B. W. Childs, of Cincinnati. It was not necessary, he said, to address these children as those who had never heard the Gospel. They had the Bible—the light of the world—to light them on the way to Heaven. This Bible was like a torch to a benighted traveler—all should accept its light—to fit them for happiness in this life, fit and prepare them for leading others to Christ, and finally leading them into Heaven. He hoped his hearers would accept the Bible as their guide, commit its precepts to memory and profit by its truths. In this way they would be enabled to love Christ, here labor for Him, and finally be with Him in glory.

The children and audience now sang with great spirit and enthusiasm the Hymn

"The morning light is breaking."

After which the exercises were concluded by prayer by the Rev. Alexander Clark.

Meeting at the First Church.

The meeting at the First Presbyterian church, on Wood street, last evening, was well attended, the spacious interior being filled. The exercises were commenced by singing the nineteenth hymn, commencing

"We Christian here, O God, proclaim."

Senator Wm. A. Buckingham, of Connecticut, who had been selected to preside over the meeting, on taking the chair made an eloquent address on the subject of religion and the missionary work.

Rev. B. W. Childs, of Cincinnati, Ohio, then delivered an impressive and feeling prayer.

The congregation then united in singing two verses of the thirty-seventh hymn, commencing

"There is a fountain filled with blood."

The chairman requested the Speakers not to occupy over fifteen or twenty minutes each.

Rev. H. A. Wilder, Missionary to the Zulus in South Africa, was then called upon.

Mr. Wilder said he came from the dark corner of the earth, where there was a small band of missionaries. He had heard a great deal about the dying out of the monthly concert, which he attributed to a system of skepticism which led a great many people to think the heathen better off without the Scriptures. He came from a country where unknown centuries of heathenism had rested upon the people, and where they, the people, were so ignorant and degraded that they have not even a system of idol worship. Notwithstanding their ignorance, however, they had a very clear knowledge of right and wrong, and though they knew nothing of the Scriptures or of God. He found a great many people in his travels through this land of Christianity who believed that the heathen, who bowed down to gods of wood and stone, or had no gods to worship, were well enough off for eternity without the Scriptures. He returned to this country after a few years' absence and found a people who were worshipping in school houses now meeting in palaces. The country prospered, and a fair share of the prosperity was in the church, yet the contribution for missionary work have not kept pace with the prosperity of the country. He feared this state of affairs was appalling to the church, and that it was to be done. Notwithstanding the subject poverty of the people of his mission, in addition to meeting their home missions, they contributed twenty-five cents to each member. This was an honor to God and the last command of our Saviour, and the people should wake up to the importance of the work that was to be done. Notwithstanding the subject poverty of the people of his mission, they contributed twenty-five cents to each member. This was an honor to God and the last command of our Saviour, and the people should wake up to the importance of the work that was to be done.

Rev. O. P. Allen, Missionary from Eastern Turkey, was next introduced by the chairman.

Mr. Allen said that the Christians in Turkey were gratefully thankful to

Christians in this country for their kind remembrance of them. The great object of the mission to which he was attached, was to sustain the native mission and send out native preachers. The time of the speaker was consumed in giving statistics connected with the missionary work in his particular field of labor. That six churches had been formed, and 14,000 copies of the Bible and 23,000 copies of other religious books had been sold to the natives. Schools and Seminaries had also been established. Six of the churches are under the immediate care of the speaker or were already self sustaining, and five others were nearly so, while none paid less than half the expenses of sustaining the churches and schools.

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Stearns of Newark, N. J., was next introduced, and addressed the meeting.

Mr. Stearns regretted that the missionaries had not been permitted to go on, as there was no subject of more interest to him than that which he was to discuss. He said that the missionaries had not been permitted to go on, as there was no subject of more interest to him than that which he was to discuss.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stearns' address, the long metre hymn, "The world is full of sinners," was sung, and Rev. Dr. Stearns pronounced the benediction, and the congregation were dismissed.

Evening Session.

Another very large audience assembled at the Third Church last evening, to participate in the exercises.

The programme was opened with a voluntary, rendered in fine style by the choir, after which the Rev. Dr. Jacobus led the audience in prayer.

THE ADDRESSES.

Rev. Dr. Goodwin, of Chicago, was then introduced and delivered an address of some length, in which he said that the cause of Missions was settled, and the work must go on, cost what it might of money, time or talent.

The present time, he said, was a man, woman and child was interested, individually and collectively, in the work. The two thousand missionaries which had been sent out by the church to the call of these benighted people for light, were only as skimmers, and many more were needed to reach the land.

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