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EDITORIALS

A GREAT MISSIONARY CONVENTION

To-day I write of one of the deeply enriching experiences of my life. Last Monday evening (Oct. 14th.) I boarded a train at Fredericton, N. B., for Marion, Indiana, and the National Convention of the World Gospel Mission. The Convention opened Wednesday evening in the First Methodist Church and continued over Sunday.

Thirty-nine missionaries Mexico, Honduras, Bolivia, India, Japan, Africa and the Middle East were present, as well as hundreds of people from United States and Canada. What a joy it was to meet and mingle with such a throng of people of many nationalities and from many lands and to share in that "fellowship of kindred mind" which only the children of God know about! Natives of Japan, India, Lebanon, Mexico, and Honduras, gave glowing testimonies to the saving and sanctifying grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. The universal appeal and power of the Gospel was manifest as we heard all these bear witness of the wonderful works of God.

Main speaker for the Convention, delivering the opening and closing addresses, was Rev. Samuel Doctorian, of Beirut, Lebanon. The "Billy Graam of the Middle East." Small of stature, humble of spirit, this man speaks as one mightily endued with the Holy Ghost, and events related to his ministry remind one of the history recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. As one who has "walked where Jesus walked", both literally and figuratively, Samuel Doctorian radiates the spirit of the Master whom he loves fervently and serves faithfully, and calls on the people of God to wage aggressive warfare against evil, anti-Christian forces, and to move forward in faith claiming victories for the Kingdom of God. And what he preaches as a standard for Christian life and service, he has proven in many remarkable experiences. It was thrilling to hear of the mighty movings of the Spirit in the Middle East and elsewhere.

At a Fellowship Dinner for men, Mr. Stanley Tam, Christian Industrialist of Lima, Ohio, delivered a most impressive address to about 175 ministers and laymen, Mr. Tam operates the States Smelting and Refining Company, of Lima, Ohio, and says that God is his "senior partner". At the point of failure and bankruptcy in 1936, Mr. Tam, a Christian, was praying about his disappoint-

ment. Suddenly the Spirit of God spoke to his heart, saying: "It doesn't need to be a disappointment. You don't need to go broke. Turn your business over to me and I will make it succeed." Borrowing \$100.00, Tam tried again, determined to work in partnership with God. In 1940, he felt as he prayed, that he should make God his "senior partner". After talking the matter over with his wife, Tam went to a lawyer and papers were drawn up which called for 51% of the business profits being turned over for the spread of the Gospel. Very shortly his business took a decided upturn and last year it went well over \$200,000. On a trip to some mission fields of the world in 1952 and 1955, Mr. Tam was so moved by the spiritual needs of the world, that he turned over his entire business to a foundation which he and his wife established to assist various evangelical and missionary groups throughout the world. Now he serves as an employee of the business he established, and God is his employer!

Space will not permit a complete description of all the moving scenes and experiences of this great Convention. I wish that all my readers could have been there. My travelling companion, Rev. C. E. Stairs, will also write of his personal impressions.

Dr. George Warner, president of W. G. M., and his consecrated co-workers at home and around the world, (185 missionaries now in active service), are doing a great work for God. They request, and are worthy of, our prayerful support, in their high ambition to carry the message of salvation through Jesus Christ "To the Ends of the Earth, Before the End of the Age."

WHAT HAVE I DONE TO MAKE MY CHURCH SUCCESSFUL

By W. C. Lovin in "Wesleyan Methodist"

Have I been as spiritual as I should have been?

Have I attended every service that I possibly could?

Have I done my part in song, prayer and testimony to make every service a success?

Have I prayed as much in secret for the church as I should have prayed?

Have I been a faithful tither that my church might succeed financially?

Have I lived in such unity and harmony with every member of the church that it would help it to succeed?

Have I so joined the whole church that I really feel that the local church and the general cause are mine and that I must faithfully support them?

Have I spoken so well of my church to the outside public that what I said would be a contribution to the growth and success of the church?

Have I, as a parent, endeavored by precept and example to keep my children in the Sunday School and the church?

Have I refrained from repeating things that I have heard when and where it would be detrimental to the peace of the church?

Have I kept my soul so sweetened with the grace of God that my life brings conviction to sinners?

Have I kept my own soul blessed at all times?

Have I prayed earnestly for myself, the other members of the church and the pastor that we may be so filled with divine love and Christian graces that while we may not see everything just alike, we still live at all times in a spirit of unity and co-operation as brothers and sisters in the Lord?

I am convinced that nothing in Christianity is so rarely attained as a praying heart.—Charles G. Finney.