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PRAISE AND PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD

EUROPE.

Christendom approached Whitsuntide in warlike mood. Men of goodwill will therefore be quick to respond to the call to prayer sent forth by the Primate and other Church leaders. Europe is mentally and spiritually sick, let us humbly pray for its peoples, and especially for GREAT BRITAIN that her spiritual resources may be increased and her trust in God unshaken. There is a turning to religion for strength and guidance in various parts of Europe, notably in FRANCE (see article in WORLD DOMINION). Let us pray that liberty in SPAIN for evangelical work and worship may soon be enjoyed more generally, and that the closed churches in Barcelona, Salamanca, Valladolid and other cities may be reopened ; for the faithful evangelical remnant and the devoted theological students in GERMANY, and for suffering Israel in that and other European countries.

The most Catholic island of MALTA enjoys, under its New Constitution, full religious liberty ; let us pray that this may mean freedom for evangelical witness.

The evangelical Missions and Churches in the BALKANS are facing difficult situations and need our prayers. Proselytism is disapproved by GREECE, RUMANIA, ALBANIA and TURKEY, and, in general, evangelical work can only be carried on by exercising Christian wisdom and patience.

RUMANIA has recently shown a more tolerant spirit and the closed Baptist churches have been reopened. The encouraging circulation of the Scriptures throughout the Balkans is a reason for praise to God.

The scattered Christians in RUSSIA are in peril wherever they are active. A special effort is being made by the Godless Associations to secure a membership of 3,000,000 during this year ; hence a campaign now in progress to capture Russian children for the Associations (see Information Service). Let us make this a matter for prayer.

The Reformed Church in POLISH UKRAINE, working along the Soviet border, is preaching the Gospel over a wide area, and has the immediate objective of evangelizing 7,000,000 Ukrainians. Eventually it is hoped that a way may be found of passing on evangelical truth to the 35,000,000 Ukrainians in the Soviet Union. Let us pray for the Reformed Church and its work.

NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST.

The White Paper (Cmd. 6019) issued on 17th May, which sets forth the proposals of the British Government for PALESTINE, gives to the Jews the one thing they dreaded, the status of a permanent minority. Let us pray that God will so overrule that

His will for Israel alone may be done. The Palestine paper *Falastin*, in a recent issue, calls attention to the enjoyment of equal rights and the consequent happy condition of Jews in Moslem countries, while in Europe they are persecuted and despoiled. Let us confess the failure of 'Christian' Europe, and seek the compassion of God for the masses of homeless and hopeless Jewish and non-Aryan refugees.

REPUBLIC OF HATAY (ALEXANDRETTA, SYRIA).

The missionary situation here is a call to prayer (see Information Service). The Irish and Scotch Presbyterian Mission has stations at Antioch, Alexandretta, Idlib and Suadea, with 178 Church members and 1,480 Sunday school scholars. Day school pupils number 696. The American Board has twelve churches in Hatay, but with diminished congregations. Let us pray that the work of these missions, and other lesser groups, may be permitted to continue.

FAR EAST.

CHINA has taken Christ to her heart as never before. The fellowship of the missionaries and Christian Chinese with the suffering nation will never be forgotten. Let us remember in humble prayer some sixty millions of destitute and wounded refugees. Everywhere there is a desire for Christian teaching and to possess the Word of God. Numbers are seeking baptism. The Baptist Missionary Society recorded more baptisms last year than at any time during its sixty years in China. Let us give thanks while praying for peace.

There is a seeking in JAPAN for the strength found in religion, whereby to face the uncertain issue of the conflict with China. Not only State Shintoism, but Buddhism and Christianity are being asked to render spiritual aid to the State. Let us pray that Japan may be made submissive to God's will.

Let us pray for a revival of the Church in INDIA, so that the great unfinished task of India's evangelization may be set forward. Let us pray that India herself may not miss the blessing of the great conference recently held at Tambaram (Madras).

Let us pray for MANCHUKUO, MONGOLIA, BURMA and SIAM. (See Information Service.)

AFRICA.

The religious reaction to the dangerous uncertainty of the European situation, noticeable in some European countries, is touching in some degree TUNISIA which also lies within the possible war zone. Let us pray that the missionaries and pastors of the French Reformed Churches may stimulate the people to read the Bibles which they possess.

Let us give thanks for new stations opened in Sokoto and Kano Provinces in NORTHERN NIGERIA, following blessing upon the work in the Moslem emirates. The care and medical attention given to

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Published for the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America this Handbook is indispensable to all who have an active interest in evangelical missions and the development of the National Churches in Latin America.

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THE CHRISTIAN HANDBOOK OF SOUTH AFRICA 1938

Compiled by Mr. Kenneth G. Grubb and published on behalf of the Christian Council of South Africa, this Handbook gives the personnel and distribution of the Christian forces working in South Africa.

It presents in compact form a mass of information about some 1,300 Christian organizations in the Union and Protectorates.

THE DIRECTORY OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND CHURCHES IN INDIA, BURMA AND CEYLON, 1938-1939

Published by the India National Christian Council, this volume gives complete facts descriptive of the missionary occupation.

An introductory article by the Rev. Alexander McLeish serves as an illuminating general survey of the progress of the Christian Movement during the last decade.

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the lepers at various settlements appeal strongly to the people and dispose them to listen to Gospel teaching. The British Resident and the Moslem authorities recently visited the lepers at Maiduguri in Bornu Province and thanked the missionaries.

In the ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN the native Christians and evangelists are bold in market preaching and itinerate over a wide area. Temptations to return to fetishism, to polygamy, and to beer carousals, on the occasion of native feasts and ceremonies, hinder the growth of the Church in some places. Let us remember Nigeria in prayer.

In ETHIOPIA Christian groups of Ethiopians and Falasha Jews, left without missionary guidance, call forth our praise to God for their faithfulness.

Let us pray for Christian solutions of the Natives' difficulties in SOUTH AFRICA. Let us pray for an increased sense of trusteeship on the part of the White populations, so that malnutrition, irksome pass laws, inadequate remuneration, insufficient provision for the education of children and similar disabilities may be removed in a spirit of Christian brotherhood.

LATIN AMERICA AND WEST INDIES.

Franco's victory in Spain has apparently encouraged Roman Catholic opposition to liberal administrations and to Protestants in some of the small republics of CENTRAL AMERICA. In the CANAL ZONE, however, there is ground for praise. The four Union Churches now have regular pastors for the first time in many years, and their twenty-fifth anniversary, celebrated on 25th January, demonstrated their successful Church union. The progress of VENEZUELA is shown in improved social conditions, better schools, and in greater religious liberty. The Government recently granted free importation of the Scriptures.

The island of CUBA, by its proximity to North America, has enjoyed certain privileges of Christian contact. About one half of its 4,011,088 people live in cities and towns where there are good opportunities to hear the Gospel. The second half of the population live in scattered country districts where the Gospel is not commonly heard. Let us remember in prayer the needy areas of rural Cuba. HAITI is in a like condition. Its population of 3,000,000 are mainly descendants of the slaves imported from Africa in the 17th century. So little spiritual light has been shed on them by the Roman Catholic Church that in some of the rural areas pagan Africa Voodooism (serpent worship) still persists. Let us pray for Haiti and also for the neighbouring DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, where Roman Catholicism has wholly failed to reach the large proportion of its 1,544,549 people who occupy the rural areas and who know practically nothing of the Gospel. Let us praise God for the helpful action of the authorities on the Dutch island of ARUBA in the Curaçao group. Considerable numbers of Methodists from the Leeward Islands entered Aruba, and they have been given a site for a church and are promised an annual grant-in-aid.