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States, which was an increase of five in ten years. Churches increased from 232,154 to 245,422, and membership from 54,500,000 to 63,500,000, which shows an increase of about 9,000,000 in ten years.

The three Negro Methodist denominations—African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Coloured Methodist Episcopal Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Church—representing over one million families, will definitely pronounce on unification in the autumn of 1940.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD

World Dominion articles, Information Service, and the Praise and Prayer notes, are alike intended to give information which may suggest topics for intercession.

### EUROPE.

One of the most expressive uses of Hebrew in the Old Testament occurs in Psalm xxvii, 13: 'I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.' Prayer can move the arm that moves the world.

'Christian' Europe is preparing for mutual slaughter and messages come to us from Moslem, Buddhist and heathen lands offering instruction in higher thinking!

Let us sustain our people by prayer: that GREAT BRITAIN may do and suffer the will of God valiantly. That our spiritual unity may be increased for our national strengthening, and that national weaknesses and besetting sins may be purged away in repentant turning unto God.

In GERMANY, religious Protestants and Roman Catholics alike are reading the Scriptures and praying as never before, while pagan ideology based on race, blood and soil spreads over the nation. Since 1938 the Russian Godless Press has recognized the developing identity of view concerning Christianity of Germany and Russia. Let us be instant and constant in prayer that Germany may be mercifully enlightened and restrained. Let us praise God for His succouring bounty ministered through His people to the suffering refugees from Germany and Austria.

In FRANCE there is a widespread seeking for the strength and comfort of religion. Both Roman Catholics and Protestants are building a number of new churches, and there is a notable demand for religious literature. Let us strengthen the soul of France by our fellowship in prayer.

Let us ask for RUSSIA that its people may find true religion as they meet Christ in His Word. Let us ask that sustaining grace may be granted to true Christians, and divine protection for those who are risking their lives to prevent the Godless Organizations capturing the 40,000,000 children in the schools.

## ASIA.

CHINA grew strong through the intellectual renaissance and national solidarity which gradually became operative after the revolution of 1911. To-day, China is incomparably stronger by reason of the spiritual awakening which has resulted from the suffering inflicted by the Japanese invasion. Let us bear up in prayer the Christian leaders in Government and Army, the Chinese Church, the millions of refugees, and the work of the Christian missionaries.

## NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST.

Let us praise God that the Moslem peoples of the NEAR and MIDDLE EAST are standing together for peace. Islam in these lands forbids alcoholic liquors, but their increasing use has become a menace in TURKEY, EGYPT, SYRIA and PALESTINE. Egypt is trying to grapple also with a dangerous increase of drug addiction. The peoples of these lands are in a state of transition from the Middle Ages to modern times and need our prayers.

Let us pray, too, that they may recognize the pure, spiritual message of Christianity, and cease to identify it with Western imperialism or with aspects of civilization which are pernicious. Let us pray that as a result of this, Christian missionaries may be granted a wider freedom for their work throughout the lands of the Near and Middle East.

## AFRICA.

Polygamy is a snare in which many African Christians are taken, weakening the Church, and preventing others from entering into it. The question is sometimes raised by these as to whether monogamy is essential to Christianity, but the missionaries are standing for the New Testament teaching of Christian marriage. Requests for prayer to deal with this difficulty come from the BELGIAN CONGO, EQUATORIAL AFRICA, the SUDAN and EAST AFRICA.

UGANDA had a remarkable revival in 1936-37, but paucity of leaders, both European and African, made adequate follow-up work impossible. Reactions of discord and backsliding have resulted. Let us uphold the Church in Uganda by our prayers.

The Sudan United Mission, by means of a hospital, plans to open the Moslem Province of Bornu to the Gospel. Let us pray that the Christian Church may endorse this brave advance in a hard field.

## LATIN AMERICA.

The future of evangelical Christianity in Latin America will be shaped in large measure by the youth of the rising generation. Unusually important, therefore, is the first Latin American Congress of Young People which will be convened in February 1940, in the city of Lima (Peru). Dr. John A. Mackay of the United States of America and Dr. Sante Uberto Barbieri of Brazil are expected to lead the devotions. Let us assure the success of the Congress by our prayers.