

den vjefte blandt Konger; har De nogen Sinde læst den? Overrafsende!

Her er de store Guds Profeters Bøger, de Mand, som advarer Verden, forudsage kristi Tjæld, hundrede af Kar, før han kom, og at han skulde fødes af en Jomfru og blive en Præker for alle, som modtog ham.

En højt interessant og historisk Bog er denne af Daniel — har De aldrig hørt om ham? Det store Guldbillede, den brændende Døn, Sæfelen og den Kæbnevaagne, Præker af alle Historier, som findes i denne Bog.

En kommer den anden Del af denne Bog, alt det, der gaar forud, er streven for Kristi Tjæld. De vil her finde den mest fuldkomne Beretning om vor Prækers Liv, som findes, den indholder ogsaa alt det, som viides om Jomfru Maria og Johannes Døber. Her er Fortællingen om hans Tjæld, og her ligger, her er Historien om Johanneses Tjæld.

Naturfagets konger de Jomfru Marias Lovsang i Kirken — god, De tog den af denne Bog. Den vil læse den for Dem.

De vil finde alle vor Prækers Taler, Signaler og Underretninger fortalt her, og den sidste bedrøvelige Historie om hans Død for at frelse os fra vore Sinder, og ligesaa en værdifuld Beskedning til, hvad et Menneffe skal gøre for at arve det evige Liv.

Den næste Bog fortæller om den romerske Kirke og andre kristne kirkers Oprindelse. Derfor De ønsker at læse, hvad de troede og gjorde i gamle Dage, læs læs her.

Saa formoder, at De er katolik, Sir. I saa Tilfælde er her et Brev af den store Apostel Paulus til Menigheden i Rom i gamle Dage, indeholdende ren apostolisk lære, hvad et Menneffe skal tro og gøre, og hvad det skal afholde sig fra. Endnu som tror paa den katolske apostoliske romerske Kirke er simpelt hen nødsaget til at læse denne Bog — den var i særdeleshed freeden for dem.

Her følger hele Reften af apostoliske Skrifter, afsluttede, komplette, indbefattende to Breve af selve Soint Peter.

Den sidste store Bog taler hovedsagelig om kommende Ting og Verdens Ende, og den indeholder en Række fra Gud, som inspirerede denne Bog, for alle, som ejer og læser den.

Som sagt, Bogen er komplet, vel indbundet, godkøbt af Gud og koster kun to „Shillings“ (mindre end to Kroner).

Da og først da lægger Missionæren Bogen i sine Tilhørs Sænder. Men i Mellemtiden har de højt og saa lokkende Indtøf af dens Indhold, at naar de ser Titlen „Den hellige Skrift“, saa klutter de, at de har taaget fejl, og Reften gaar let.

Paa denne Bis loffedes det vor Missionær at sælge en Bibel til hans italienske Bøer, og de be- gyndte selv at læse i den.

Det var det første af mange Bøfer, og talrige var de Santa-ler, der blev holdt om Spørgsmaal, der steds blev fælle; men lidt efter lidt kom Sandheden frem — som den altid gør, hvor Mennefter er ærlige.

En Ting var ubehagelig — Bærelset var smavet og ufuldt. Binde-erne blev spædet adnede, fordi Senar Prando for femten eller tyve Kar siden var bleven et Offer for kronisk Bronchitis og kunde ikke, som han sagde, taale den friske Luft.

Efter en Tids Førløb begyndte Familien at lide Misionskollen, skit den gamle Mand kun turde overvære Moderne Søndag Morgen, da han paa Grund af sin Sva- dem frøgtede Afstemmerne.

Men inden en Maaned eller to var hvert Medlem af Familien omvendt til Kristus, og Midlet dertil var Bibelen.

Tit senere kom Spørgsmaalet om Daab, og alle Medlemmerne var lænsfulde efter at læse dette Sagn paa deres Tro, men den gamle Prando bar hange. Gamle natu-rligt frøgtede han, at Redning i Tæftedens kolde Bønder under de gione Omstændigheder vilde være en risikabel Ting for ham. Og til Trods for alle de Forfringer

og Opmuntringer, Missionæren gav ham, lod han Vefligheden gaa fra sig.

Men Reften af Familien modtog ved denne Vefligheden en stor Vefligheds, Senar Prando blev imidlertid meget bedrøvet og følte sig ilde tilvæs, i den Grad endogfaa, at han besluttede at adlyde Gud og at overlade Sølgerne til ham.

Noget saa Maaned senere blev han offentligt døbt i den samme Nod. Og paa samme Dag og Time var han fuldtandig helbredet for sin kroniske Sogdom.

Dette er nu over ti Kar, siden dette skete. Senar Prando lever endnu og er en af de mest ærede Vefle i S. Pauls Menighed.

Dette er et Bidnesbød om Guds Ords Magt og Tilstræffeligbed og om den Rødgøgnening, at der er in- tet at frøgte i Guldkommelsen af al Støfardighed, og at vi ikke ved, hvad vi gaar glip af, dersom vi forsømmer at gøre dette.

Det foregaaende vil gøre det ret klart, at i vor evangelisk Bæftelse er i sit Værg i det kataloffske Brasilien, og at den væsentlige Kæfter, der maa føses hen til for at fortaa den, er Guds Ord.

Dmfring ti Tusinde hellige Skrif-ter lægges hver Maaned i Føftets Sænder, og de er solgt, ikke gione bort — en betydningsfuld Om- stændighed — og solgt til forholds- vis høje Priser.

Saa den end saa nødvendigt- vis vilde den romersk-katoloffske Kirke i dens Grundduld, den Kirke — Mr. Gals kalder den antitristelige — som er bygget paa menneskelig Vedrøgn, Mennefters Overlevering, paa en Snes meget fejlbare Bøvers „Neftebarbed“ og ifte paa Kristus, og som i fire lange Karhundreder har holdt Syd-Amerika i Overtroens og Syndens Mærf.

Disse folk er imidlertid i Ford med at vaagne, og nye Forhaabnin- ger og Langsler beftæler Sindene i alle Samfundets Klæfer.

Det er derfor af største Betydning, at enhver Veftrelse rettes paa at lære de upaarte Samvittigheder ind paa en siffer Bone og lægges Nægen til en ret Dom om, hvad der er højeit og bedst i Samfundets Saaad, og det fændend Spiritismens fæfne- vaangre Snaer bøfter en ny Dødens Nøft — denne, de sidste Dager Sare, fan kun læse Rod og blomtre, hvor Væften er ufend.

Og der gaaber sig da her en ubeg- rænset og højeit lokkende Misions- øger for unge Mænd inden for vore evangeliske Kirker, for alle fadn- en, som ser sig om efter et Arbejde i Serrrens Binaard, der er rigt paa store Muligheder.

Fra Danmark.

Der er nok mange i den for Kir- kens, som mindes Pastor S. Mathie- sens og Andreftionens G. V. Sæfers Veføg og Røder onfring i Menigheden i 1895, — fkont inart 20 Kar er „fændrende i det store Saa“ siden.

Om Hr. G. V. Sæfer, der nu le- ver som Privatmand i København, skal jeg fortælle følgende efter et Brev fra ham og hans Sultre, som jeg lige har modtaget.

D. 11. Okt. i. A. H. Hr. Sæfer under noget Særarbejde en lille Skit af et rukent Søn paa sin høje Saands Tømmelfinger. Særret var fun ringe, men Zagen efter blev det værre, og han maatte gaa til en Læge, som erklærede det at være Suforgiftning. Sæfer maatte gaa til Sengs og han laa i 10 Dage hjemme med Parmvands- omflag paa Saaanden. Men Siften feredte sig op ad Armen. D. 21. Okt. blev hog indlagt paa Sopi- talet, hvor man strafs begyndte med at operere paa den. Det faa i nogle Dage ud til, at han kulde miste baade Saaad og Arm; ja endog Ribet var truet. Men Gud hjælp! Hr. Sæfer beholdt baade Ribet og sin Arm og Saaad. Armen og Saaanden er dog meget med- taaret bely ved at der er fkaaret om- ringet mange af Senerne og dele af Siffen. Det synes dog, som Føfellen er vendt tilbage i Tømmelfingeren og Veflfingeren; de andre tre Fingre fan han endnu ifte bevæge. Han er atter ude af Sopi- talet, men maa gaa der til Ve- handling fremdeles tre Gange u-

*) Saa vidt vi fkanner, er det Mr. Gfals' Ord saa langt. Det er førte- ligst at se, at han, som jo maa være Bøftift, tilligened Bildefæfkerne Oafaa forføfter den katoloffs Kirkes Daab, som jo dog er en Daab med Band i den treenige Guds Naavn. Red.

gentlig. Og det er at haabe, at Vefligheden mere og mere vil ven- de tilbage.

Hr. Sæfer og Sultre taffer Gud, at Udfaldet blev, som det blev, og fænder en venlig Hiften til Bøer med de bedste Vøfter for det nye Kar.

J. M. Hansen.

LANSING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Førbemærkning.

Mon ifte efterfølgende Indberet- ning om en arabiff Lægeniffion vil blive læst med Interese? Indbe- rettelsten, Mrs. Christine S. Bennet, er en Datter af Peter Sæferen, Markus, Zova, og hun har flere Søffende og mange Bøer i vort Samfund. Hun er, som det frem- gaar af Indberetningen, anlagt fun Lægeniffionær ved Misionshopi- talet i Bahrein ved den pæfiffe Saa- baa. Sædes Mand, Dr. Bennett, er anføft som Læge ved samme An- stalt.

Vi fan forftaa paa Rapporten, at ogsaa i den Misfon mærfer man paa mange Maader Trøftet af den aruiffude Verdenskrig.

Mr. og Mrs. Bennett forlader Misionsarbejdet til April for at holde Ferie her i Amerifa.

J. M. Hansen.

Report of Womens Medical Work.

Busrah, Arabian Nov. 1, 1915.

As I sat down to write this report for the year just finished, I cannot but recall conditions present a year ago, and thank God fervently for his love and mercy to us all. The year which had begun so very, very promif- ingly was closed in discouragement and gloom; we were cut off from all except very casual connection with the outside world, our work was all but closed, we knew not what fate was awaiting us and our Christ- ian helpers. But we stood fast in faith and hope, prepared our- selves to meet whatever emer- gency might arise as best we could, and in the meantime kept busy at whatever our hands found to do.

Looking back over the past twelve months I count it a won- derful span of time; one rich in experience, in joy of service, and certainly varied and out of the ordinary enough to please anyone given to complaining of the dull round of missionary life. This has been a year out of the ordinary in every way — we have had fighting, flood and pestence, and a hot weather re- cord unsurpassed for years. But now when all that is passed, we have a peaceful, prosperous and apparently contented Busrah, with enlarged and enlarging op- portunities for work.

When our Hospital began to care for the wounded Turks under the Red Crescent flag, it was a work of expediency as well as mercy. It gave our Christian helpers a good work to do, which at the same time helped to insure their safety during a trying season of riot and fanatical religious demon- strations. Later when the govern- ment shifted, it was but natural that we should continue to do our share in the care of the wounded; it relieved the conges- tion at the British Base Hospi- tals, and it was so much easier for us, who have the language, to care for the wounded Turks and Arabs. It prevented our doing our usual work for the people, but it brought us very near to them, identified us in their minds with their welfare and interests, and they helped us very materially with mattresses, quilts, and clothing, and even food at the times when our capacity was especially tax- ed.

But I am supposed to be re- porting the work for women, and I am glad to say that I feel distinctly encouraged and am not at all discouraged, the ac- tual figures are very low com- pared with other years, especial- ly the one just preceding. As against eleven thousand odd last year, I have treated but three thousand five hundred cases this year, and there have been but thirty in-patients as against one hundred and thirty last year. Out calls numbered ninety-eight, twelve less than the re-

cord just previous. But figures are nothing in themselves. When- ever there was any ward space available, I had applicants for admission. I have had in-patients in my office-rooms, and I shall not soon forget the mornings when Bible-talks and prayers, consultations and treatments, were all carried on within the narrow space of those rooms, for the rest of the Hospital, waiting-rooms and all was filled with beds for wounded. I thought seriously for a while of renting and equipping a room somewhere in Ashar for my clinics; but this presented several obstacles, and my extra time was always needed in the other work. The women kept coming however, the num- bers ebbing and flowing accord- ing to the more or less crowded state of our wards; they came in spite of the guard, in spite of lack of space, and they were so interested, so full of sympathy for the wounded within our walls that it was a joy to have them come.

During the spring I was able for a while to go out once a week with the Bible-woman to look up old patients, especially those who had not come to the hospital, but had been treated in their homes. We also went to the farther away parts of the town, the suburbs of Busrah, if they deserve so dignified a name, from which come a large number of my regular out-patients. I chose houses and districts not be- fore visited by the Bible-Woman, thus enlarging the circle of her acquaintance and Influence. This visiting I enjoyed very much, and found it helpful in my own life thus to go among the women in their own homes when illness was not hanging over them, and I could talk with them freely. It is a privilege I hope to enjoy further.

I think I ought to mention the women who came to us with food and clothing for the wound- ed. Most of them were women whom I had not met before; many of them of good class, but fanatical in their religious views; some also of the opposite extreme, with little religion and less respectability, but with plenty of money to spend. All black, veiled, eager figures, producing bundles of varying size from under their draperies, asking that they be distributed to such and such a one, whose wounds caused them to need frequent change of clothing. Often rather pre- ciptory in their demands, not much given to observing Hospital rules, but with good and kind intention, bringing their gifts “For the sake of God” as they usually put it. After a while stricter military regulations forbade their passing through the wards; this was a relief in some ways, but on the other hands a source of regret. It did them good to come, I think, and gave us the chance of winning their confidence, and it was in itself a pleasure to see them administering charity first hand. The convalescents did enjoy the dishes of Mahallaba, a delicacy not on our Hospital bill-of-fare, and the extra lumps of sugar for their tea, and they were all eager for tobacco. A Turk will smoke with his last breath almost, and the first thing he asks for after coming out of an anaesthetic is a cig- arette.

The Woman miss Jasamine, our Bible-woman succumbed to Plague early in April this year. Every now and again someone ask after her, and many a quiet tear is shed in her mem- ory. “On one or two occasions only have women started to beat the breast or tear the hair. They have come to understand her service, the quiet tear is the better tribute. Moallum Sadie Doshie continues to work faith- fully among the women. During the seasons when no work could be done except to attend the wounded, she turned to, and helped with her hands during the time she would ordinarily have read and talked. Her excel- lent work is reported by the evangelistic department.

Nurse Mary for so many years connected with the Busrah Medical work left us in the spring. We regret the spirit which ruled her. Nurse Ny- akum, finishing out her two years of service with several months of usual hard work, went

to India on a three months vaca- tion, and on her return brought with her another Vellore graduate who promises to fit in well in the work. Her knowledge of English and her ability to write a very good hand will be addi- tional helps. She is acquiring Arabic rapidly.

Since our return from India conditions have been more nearly normal than any time since the beginning of the war. We have been free to carry on our regul- ar Medical work, and it has grown steadily from the time of reopening the Hospital. I have had a good number of in- patients, and the clinics increas- ed week by week until on Nov. first the number reached ninty, which is high for this time of year. The women are very friend- ly and receptive in their attitudes, and there is an increasing large number whom I can count on as real friends, who more and more understand our spirit and aims, and who listen to the word glad- ly. The position of the women physician in the Busrah field is established, having been maintain- ed here for so many years, and her circle of influence will be but slightly affected by the ap- pearance of other Hospitals and Dispensaries. Many women go to the near-by places for the medicines, but when really ill or when worried about their babies they will come to her. And hers is the real privilege of knowing their hearts, of reaching down to their deepest needs.

I cannot forget how great a help Miss Holzhauser's presence with us has been to me in de- veloping and making more inde- pendent the service for women. I regret deeply that the state of her health, which suffered during the unusual strain of last year, will not permit her staying out here beyond her three years term. But we are happy to re- cord that her extended stay in India has served largely to rest- ore her to health and strenght. The women often ask about the “Mudira”, especially those who have been in-patients or who have had friends in the war. Now they are beginning to bemoan the possibility of being left without a “Makima” again next year of which they have somehow heard. I wish that such a possibility need never be considered, but with our present force of women doc- tors it is inevitable. I close with a strong plea for one more doc- tor, and one nurse to take the place of Miss Holzhauser when he goes home next spring; the doctor if necessary to come out for a term of years as has been done in the Areet Mission.

Christine J. Bennet

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