

MISSIONARY WORK IN INDIA

Spreading the Gospel of Christ Among Down-trodden Millions.

SAMPLE EXPERIENCE OF THE TEACHERS

Mohammedans Undertake to Drive Them from a Village, but the Mob is Finally Suppressed and Work Goes On.

FATIGARH, U. P., India, April 1.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—It was an Indian village. The people themselves called it a backwoods town—some said it is worse than a backwoods—it is entirely a jungle town. Ten or twelve years ago an Indian Methodist preacher had visited the place and baptized a handful of people. Either because of persecution or lack of men and means to continue the work, the place was abandoned. All teaching and even yearly visits were given up. The inhabitants of the village were mostly Mohammedans, ignorant and bigoted, a scattering of Hindus and about 100 sweepers or out-castes. The latter lived in three parts of the long, narrow village, at the eastern and western ends and in the center.

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The missionary said he had begun to tell them why he had come. They protested that he was spreading plague. If not, why had he wandered through one village, then another. He told them it was his first visit to the town and he had lost his way. The mob only sneered and said, "Plague spreader."

Ran Jit, seeing danger, walked in front of the missionary and dropped his club for him. The mob became urgent. The missionary said, "I will go. I mean to go, but you must not hurry me," and kept a steady eye on the leaders. He told them how the government and the missions were spending thousands to stamp out the plague.

"That may be true," said a fierce Mohammedan, "but—and coming closer—"you had better get out of here quickly, for now the mob is excited and I do not know how long I can control it."

And so, amidst shouts and jeers and lusty yelling, he led his bicycle out. Again the leader of the mob ran close to him, and the men and boys hooted he said under his breath, "Mount quickly and go! I cannot control them longer." The Christian's last plea was, "Come again, sir, and send us a teacher, for now these Mohammedans will persecute us."

This is truly worse than a backwoods town, for they had not learned that the motto of the British rule in India is "Live and let live." The missionary visited the magistrate and asked if any help could be given to save the Christians from persecutions and told him that as soon as a teacher was ready he meant to open a school.

Driven from the Village. Last week the missionary pitched his camp in a mango grove, near the central street. The first day he and his Indian pastor went into the village they found every man, woman and child from the three out-cast settlements wanting to become Christians, and that day forty-two received baptism. Next day the missionary's wife with a Bible went into the central mohalla. The Christian women were delighted, invited them into the court yard and gathered around to visit and be taught. The missionary and his helpers went on to the western mohalla. When they were well out of sight the Mohammedans began to crowd into the Christian court yard when they saw that a rude thing to do is to say the least, for men of another house never go into the women's court yard. A strong, young, mean-looking Mohammedan, with club raised, ordered the teaching to stop and the women to leave the village—to get straight out and driven back to tents. A Christian woman said: "This is our own house. We want to learn. We want the lady to stay and teach us." No, with mob authority only, they were driven out and followed to the place where the missionary was. He said: "This will never do. We will go straight back to tents. A bit crowded, but this point will do." And, as we went back we met the crowd. The missionary, with teeth set and muscles, too, stepped up into the club of the leader and said: "What do you mean? You mind your business and we will go."

"Enough," said the Mohammedan with a sneer, "I mean that every one of you shall leave this village at once."

"And we mean to stay in that Christian's house, where we are wanted. And what is your name? I shall report you."

"My name? My name is anything."

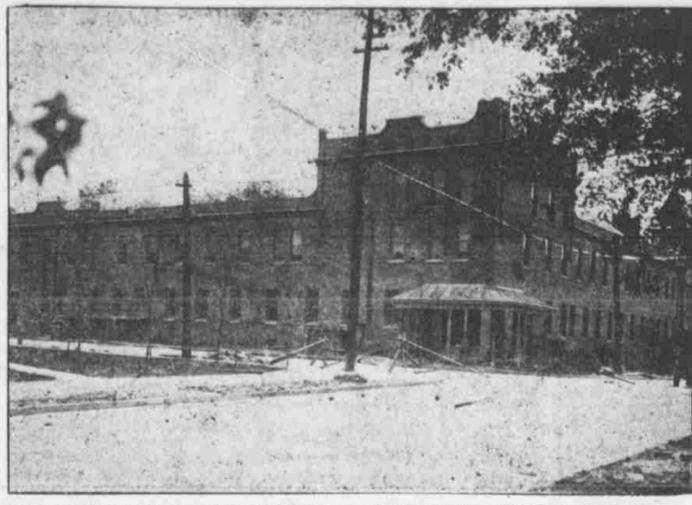
Out Castes Are Disheartened. After the mob was driven back to tents an hour. When we went back to camp we found our cook looking for us. Our man, who had gone to cut grass for the horse, had been beaten. The cook had been refused water at the well from which the fields were being watered. A crowd was around, threatening to burn the tent. A note was sent to the police officer, ten miles away. We waited till evening, then went back to the mohalla. We found the Christians all discouraged and sad. The women go out every day to sweep and clean and do the menial work for the Mohammedans and then they get for it, occasionally old cloths, and every Friday, which is the Mohammedan Sunday, they get bread enough for their whole family one meal. Work a week for the sake of a Sunday dinner! This was Friday. They had been refused their bread and had scolded and driven off for having joined the plague spreaders. And there sat, hungry and dejected.

When we entered the Mohammedans began to gather. We called the Christians all into a group and said: "Now, we will not stir or teach you this evening. We will just pray and try to pray to straighten this thing out for you."

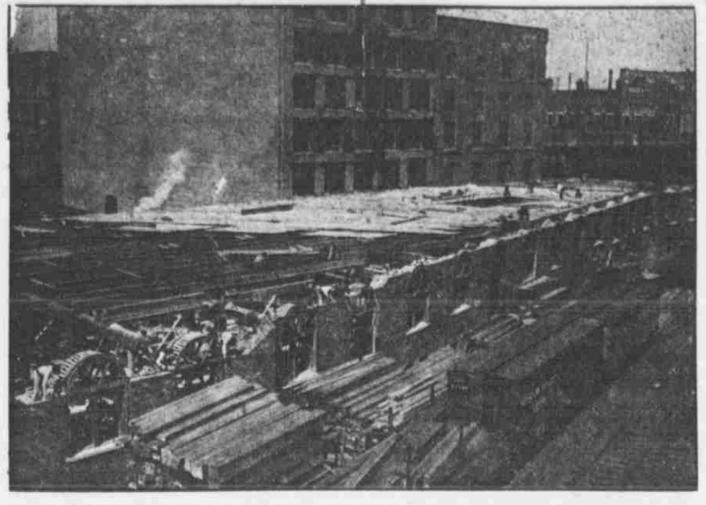
"Well," they said, "pray or not pray, whatever we do or don't do, our lives are more miserable than ever; they will find hundreds of ways to persecute us."

We bowed in prayer and every Moham-

Scope of Building Campaign in Omaha Covers Wide Range of Activity



NEW CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY DOMITORY AT TWENTY-FIFTH AND CALIFORNIA STREETS.



NEW PARLIN, ORENDORF & MARTIN WAREHOUSE ON JONES STREET, BETWEEN TENTH AND ELEVENTH.

HOSPITAL TO BE FINISHED

Methodists Let Contract for Completion of the New Building.

UNIQUE GIFT FROM PILGER CITIZEN

Man Whose Wife Was Patient Gives Eleven Hundred Dollars He Received as Verdict Against Railroad.

The contract for the erection of the main building for the new Methodist hospital at Thirty-sixth and Cumby streets has been let to F. P. Gould & Son, Rocheford & Gould had the contract two years ago, when work was discontinued on the hospital, and since then they have dissolved partnership. The bid of Gould & Son is larger than that of Rocheford & Gould, for the reason that building material has increased in price in the last two years. The main building will be 33x53 feet, four stories and basement. In addition there will be built at the east end of the main building a service pavilion, hexagonal in form, and 50x50 feet at the widest points, four stories and basement. Both main building and service pavilion have been built up to the water table and the heating plant and operating pavilion have been completed.

Position of the Out Castes.

This, of course, will not satisfy them. For neither can a Hindu or Mohammedan touch an out-caste without being defiled. If a sweeper is to hand anything to another he must first lay on the ground, and when buying anything in the bazaar the thing bought is thrown at him like a dog, and he is to be seen in the bazaar. They have wandered clear away. They tend the swine, they eat the husks and, like the prodigal, all over India, they have come to themselves and are saying, "Let us arise and go to our Father." And the Father, as of yore, is saying, "I call you not servants, but sons." They are receiving education and are strengthening up morally. They are literally being picked up from the dungheap. They are foolish, they are weak, they are base; they are despised, they are not out-caste, yet God hath chosen them and can use them to set at naught the things that are. They who have been without a caste are fast becoming an influential Christian brotherhood. They who have been lepers and leprosy in the land are becoming first. "And no flesh should glory in His presence."

MARY E. BANDY.

CARS RUN TO FOREST LAWN

New Line to Florence Said to Be Run at Loss at First.

Street car service has been inaugurated to Forest Lawn cemetery by the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company. A half hour service was put on for a start, half the cars to Florence being diverted to the cemetery. These cars are run at considerable loss to the company, as on several days not more than seven fares were collected. The service, however, will be maintained. The activity in Florence land is making the other Florence line a hummer and the company is planning to put on larger cars to handle the business. Besides the large number of new residents moving to Florence because of the cheapness of land, the new cannery factory is drawing many. This popular suburb, with its own electric lights and water works system, is forging to the front.

BEMIS CASE STILL HANGS ON

Four Jurors File Affidavit in Response to City's Motion for New Trial.

An affidavit of four of the members of the jury which gave George P. Bemis a verdict for \$10,000 against the city of Omaha was filed Saturday in opposition to the motion by the city for a new trial. In the motion City Attorney Brennan charged that Juror Liddell was favorably disposed toward Mr. Bemis and was actuated by sympathy for him. The affidavit of the jurors states that Jurors Liddell and Pickard both held out for a low verdict and only consented to the large amount after they found the attitude of a majority of the jurors. It asserts that at no time did Mr. Liddell indicate undue sympathy for the defendant. The motion for a new trial will be taken up before Judge Estelle within a few days.

MEMORIAL TO JUDGE REDICK

Services Held by Old Associates in Honor of Late Pioneer Jurist.

Memorial services for the late Judge John I. Redick were held in district court room No. 1 Saturday morning. Resolutions, prepared by a committee of the bar, were read by Judge Wakeley, who also delivered an eulogy on Judge Redick, commending him as a lawyer, business man, citizen, husband and father. Judge Wakeley was followed by W. J. Connell and Judge Doane of the committee and Charles J. Greene and G. W. Shields. Their remarks consisted of reminiscences indicative of Judge Redick's character. In behalf of the district judges, Judge Lee Estelle, who had known Judge Redick since early in the '70s, responded. He recalled a prediction of Judge Redick's that Omaha would become the most important city between Chicago and the coast and did it as an instance of Judge Redick's faith in the city. There was a large attendance of members of the bar.

STRAWBERRIES FROM SOUTH

Product for Omaha Comes from Arkansas First and is Late This Year.

Arkansas strawberries are now on the market and large numbers of nice ones are arriving daily. The strawberries at present are coming from Van Buren. This strawberry business from the south has all been worked up in the last three years. The first berries to reach Omaha are from Texas, then Arkansas, then Missouri, and then the home product. The berry season is short, generally from May 1 to June 1. This year it was about ten days late. The Burlington handled over 90 cars of strawberries through Omaha last season; the home consumption being about 150 cars.

OMAHA MAKES BIG GROWTH

City Shows Substantial Increase in Population from the New Directory.

The Omaha directory is in the hands of the printers and will soon be out. The directory this year will have a vast number of names that any previous directory, due in large part to the increase in population in Omaha. The manager of this year's directory has included in the directory list many names which were omitted by previous managers, and this will also increase the list. While the increase is not an estimate of the increase in population, which this directory would show, he said a substantial increase was certain.

THOUSAND MEN ARE AT WORK

Large Force Busy on Burlington's World Branch to Complete It June 1.

George M. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington, has returned from a trip to the Big Horn country. "Every effort is being made to push the World extension," said Mr. Holdrege, "and we hope to have the line completed to World by July 1. We have 1,000 men at work and the grading is completed, except in Rock canyon. Track laying and bridge building is the work in hand now. The whole country looks fine and people who go there this spring to the opening of the Shoshone reservation will see a country which will open their eyes. The fields, the crops and the cattle and sheep are in splendid condition and the whole country is prosperous. Work on the irrigation ditches is progressing nicely and many acres will be added this summer to that already in use. Water is working wonders in the western country and I understand some of the companies guarantee the price paid for land will be made the first year if sugar beets are grown. The best sugar factory at Billings has arranged with the farmers under the Hanover canal to have 1,500 acres of beets raised this season and a promise has been made for a factory at World which will handle the 1907 crop."

WORKMAN GETS LEG BROKEN

Mechanic in Lowering Structural Iron Sustains Several Injuries that Are Serious.

Patrick Lynch, 114 South Twelfth street, sustained severe injuries Saturday morning while working on the iron construction of the new Kennard building. Fourteenth and Douglas streets. Both bones of the man's right leg were broken below the knee and his ankle joint was dislocated. Dr. Elmer R. Porter attended Lynch, who was taken to his home. Lynch was engaged in lowering some structural iron when a rope broke and caught him around the leg, so it was reported.

KOUNTZE PAYS CHURCH DEBT

Will Give Enough Money to Relieve Memorial Lutheran Church of Obligation.

Herman Kountze has offered to give the Kountze Memorial Lutheran church enough money to pay all debts, between \$5,000 and \$20,000, so that the new building may be dedicated free of debt May 27. Mr. Kountze said Saturday in response to an inquiry concerning a rumor of the gift that he had offered to give the money to the church under certain conditions. These conditions are that the church's entire debt, which is the exact amount he proposes to give, will not exceed \$20,000, and that the church make an agreement not to incur any more debt. A congregational meeting of the church for Monday evening, May 14, was announced from the pulpit last Sunday. At this meeting the exact amount of the debt, supposed to be in the neighborhood of \$25,000, will be made known and Mr. Kountze's kindness announced. All arrangements preliminary to dedication will be completed. Previous to the time Mr. Kountze made his offer it was proposed to sell the lots and two houses just west of the church in order to get money to pay the debt. Now the ground can be retained for a parsonage, and it is proposed to build one of stone, to conform with the church, when spaces will permit.

MANAWA OPENS IN TWO WEEKS

Iowa Resort Will Be in Operation Sunday Before Formal Opening Decoration Day.

Manawa will be opened to the public May 27, the Sunday before Decoration day, and Manager Byrne will have everything in readiness by that time. The formal opening had been planned for Decoration day, but Mr. Byrne decided it better to throw the park open for the Sunday before to

OMAHA SHOWS UP WELL FOR APRIL

Building in Twenty-Seven Cities Shows Increase for Month of Twelve Per Cent, the Omaha Figures Being Nineteen.

Building continues active all over the country. Permits were taken out in twenty-seven of the principal cities in April, according to official reports to Construction News, for the construction of 12,386 buildings, involving \$64,707,402, against 9,688 buildings, aggregating in cost \$40,009,672, for the corresponding month a year ago, an increase of 2,699 buildings and \$24,697,730, or 17 per cent. The figures in detail are as follows:

Table with columns: CITY, 1906 (No., Cost), 1905 (No., Cost), Gain, Loss. Cities listed include New York, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Washington, Detroit, Buffalo, Seattle, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Portland, Denver, Memphis, Columbus, Toledo, Omaha, Louisville, Duluth, Tacoma, Savannah, Davenport, Chicago, and Total.

LEAGUE OF HOME MAKERS

Coming Convention of Local Building and Loan Association Men in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, May 12.—(Special.)—"The American Home the Safeguard of American Liberties." This motto, the watchword of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations, will be emblazoned everywhere in the city of Cincinnati, with banners of welcome fluttering from all sides, when the fourteenth annual convention of the league is called to order here on July 24. Besides the United States league convention there will also be a state convention in Cincinnati on the same dates, for the Ohio Building Association league will also meet for its eighteenth annual convention. Every possible preparation is being made for the big double convention. Members of the Cincinnati Association and the Hamilton County League of Building and Loan Associations are vying with one another in their efforts to figure the success of the meeting and of the successful entertainment of the delegates and visitors. When it is said that two members of the United States league executive committee are Cincinnatians—League Secretary Herman P. Collins and Executive Committee Chairman Fred Bader—the delegates from other states and those who have attended previous conventions will need no further assurance that nothing will be left undone in the preparation for the big double convention in July. Although the meeting last year in New York City was a most successful one, it is the expectation that this year's meeting will eclipse all former years, both in point of attendance and with respect to important and encouraging reports that will be received. The fact is incontrovertible that building and loan associations over the entire country for a banner year over its reports will show remarkable increase from every side. Thousands upon thousands of new members have been added to the lists of the various associations throughout the country, which means increases of tens of millions of dollars in the receipts and disbursements for the current year over its predecessor. Such flattering reports have made certain by the partial reports which have already reached League Secretary Cellarius, besides being based upon approximate estimates compiled from data collected during the year. Present indications point to an increase of more than 20,000 in the membership of 1,621,066, the total for last year, while an increase of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 in the total assets of \$60,342,586 is also promised. At the last annual meeting the increased membership for the year ended April 30, 1905, while the increase in the assets was \$22,633,064. The thirteenth annual report of the United States League showed decreases in assets in six states, all other states showing increases, while but seven states out of the twenty-one represented showed a decrease in membership. Indications this year point to an increase of 1,154,219 in assets and increases in these various states, and it is expected that increases will be shown in all. Of the states that lost membership last year all but one—Illinois—showed decreases in assets as well. However, Illinois, though showing a decreased membership of 1,425, rolled up an increase of \$1,543,219 in assets for its building associations, with a membership of 80,375 in the state. Notwithstanding the decrease of \$1,706,300 in the building association assets of these six states, the net increase in assets for the twenty-one states represented for the current year 1904-1905 was \$20,736,474. Nebraska will show a gain of 4,000 members and \$1,000,000 assets. With an added membership of 200,000 for the present year and an increase of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 in assets the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations will show total assets of some \$60,000,000 and a total membership of over 1,800,000 to attest to the merit of its motto, "The American Home the Safeguard of American Liberties."

KANSAS MUST SERVE TIME

TOPEKA, Kan., May 12.—The state supreme court today affirmed the decision of the district court in the case of Frank M. Campbell, former Nebraska school board member, convicted of accepting a bribe in 1901 and sentenced to a term of from one to seven years in the penitentiary.

Cuba Steamer Afloat

BALTIMORE, May 12.—A wireless report from Cape Lookout lighthouse No. 7 says the steamer Vigilant from New York for Havana, was afloat at 6 o'clock this morning off Cape Lookout. At 1:30 the steamer was under way.

TIMELY REAL ESTATE TALK

New Exchange Building Company is Now Making Headway.

HEALTHY CALL FOR RESIDENCE PROPERTY

Real Estate Men Find that Deals Do Not Linger Long on Their Hands These Days.

The newly organized Real Estate Exchange Building company met Saturday noon at the Commercial club and looked over the abstracts and other papers preparatory to the transfer to the company from the Woodmen circle of the lot at the southwest corner of Eighteenth and Farnam streets. At the close of the board's deliberations the executive committee was authorized to complete the purchase. It is expected the deed will be signed Monday morning. Stockholders who have signed since the organization of the company are S. S. Curtis, Fred R. Dufrene, Charles McMenemy, George B. Riker, C. R. Glover, W. D. Reed, the Russell & McKittrick company and Reed Bros. The canvass has been stopped, as there is room but for eight more stockholders. There are at present twenty-five real estate men considered as probable subscribers. The president of the board of directors has been authorized to sign a petition to the council asking for sewer repairs and paving in the alley in the rear of the property. Twelve business men outside the real estate fraternity applied for space in the proposed building. Two have asked for two floors each and one for one floor. It has not yet been decided whether or not the building will be erected for real estate men alone. At the stockholders' meetings last Tuesday a committee, consisting of W. L. Shaver, W. H. Home and Ernest Sweet, was appointed to receive the propositions of prospective tenants with a view to settling on the character of construction of the building. An adjourned meeting of the stockholders will be held Wednesday noon after the regular meeting of the Real Estate exchange, and meetings probably will be held each Wednesday thereafter.

The largest single transaction in many months, with the exception of the sale of Frank Parsons' property on North Twenty-third street to Herman Gohn, was the transfer of the Davidge block by G. Gifford Davidge and others to Dr. Harold Gifford of Omaha. Including agents' commissions, the property brought \$103,000. Dr. Gifford has always invested in farm property, but now he has decided that Omaha property is the place to put his money. He sold a big ranch at North Platte at a big advance over the price he paid several years ago and used that money in the recent purchase. Dr. Gifford has been a successful real estate farmer. Six years ago he bought the Kaufman ranch, a few miles north of Florence, for \$30,000, and now it is said to be worth double that figure. "There is a growing healthy demand for good property, particularly residence property," said real estate broker John L. McCague. "It is nothing startling, not a boom at all, but a natural, quiet, legitimate growth. For a good many years we real estate men waited several months for an offer when we advertised property, and it is only recently that the situation has become so encouraging. About a month ago I advertised for sale a house and lot at \$3,000, but I didn't push it until within the last week. Two or three prospective purchasers came in a few days ago, but today they came in a team of four. One of them bought the property. Of course they couldn't all have it. This merely shows the need of more dwellings in the city."

It seems evident that President W. E. Green of the Real Estate exchange has planned to have all the prospective republican candidates for the Nebraska senatorship address the exchange. In the course of addresses which he has arranged, John L. Webster and Charles J. Greene have already appeared before the realty men. Now, Mr. Green has written to Norris Brown asking him to be the guest of the exchange next Wednesday and exploit his ideas on any subject he may see fit to select. It is said that Gordon W. Watters will come next, and that E. Roosevelt will be asked to contribute the last of the series of addresses when he returns from Iowa. However, Mr. Green's plan seems to be entirely inoperative. One of those who J. Greene touched lightly on politics in its relation to business, while John L. Webster confined his remarks to the subject of commercial and industrial prosperity.

Bids are to be returned May 20 on the new building of the First Reformed church, which will be located at Twenty-third and Boulevard. It will be of brick and its dimensions will be 48x76 feet. An old frame church now stands on the site, which is but a block distant from the South Omaha line. H. F. Curtis will build a brick double dwelling, 42x34 feet, on the site of the old Beth-Eden Baptist church, on Leavenworth street, just south of Park avenue.

Thomas Tomb of Kansas City has let to John H. Brown the contract for a two-story and basement brick building, 20x26 feet, at 1230 Harney street. It will be the home of the Omaha Plating company.

A syndicate consisting of Henry F. Wyman, Mrs. Wyman and Myron F. Leonard has bought a piece of building ground at Eighteenth and Nicholas streets from the Omaha National bank for \$5,000. It is an L-shaped tract, having a frontage of sixty-six feet on Nicholas street, a frontage of thirty-two feet on alley, and an extreme length of 132 feet.

The following sales are reported by the Byron Reed company: From the Byron Reed company to Joseph Tritz, a row of three cottages at 2511-15 South Thirteenth street, for \$4,500; from James Cameron to Jules Nieto, house and lot at 2741-12 Parker street, for investment, \$2,300; A. Wolfe to Mrs. Wilde, house and lot at 2615 St. Mary's avenue; to Miss Wilde, house at 1259 South Twenty-sixth street.

A single apartment because a fine residence is to be built on the ground involved, was that made by E. M. Gibson of a lot on Thirty-third street, near Dewey avenue, immediately adjoining that recently bought by Dr. Gifford. Mr. Gibson will build on the lot a residence costing between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Mrs. Dora Harney has bought from H. G. Straigt, the residence at 1258 South-twenty-eighth street, as an investment. She

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