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### A New Year's Message.

[Miss Hilda McLean, who passed away in August, wrote this New Year Message for *News and Notes* several years ago. We reprint it here].

#### MY PRIMAL LIGHT.

THESE are those who laugh at the old-fashioned habit of pausing for a while on the night of December 31st to think over the failures of the Old Year, and make all sorts of good resolutions for the New. They say that good resolutions are like piecrust, made to be broken. Yet no one is likely to suggest that we should give up the habit of making piecrust just because we break it, then why suggest that we should give up the good habit of making good resolutions? The obvious solution of the problem is that we should remember that they are not piecrust, and not made to be broken.

Perhaps we should keep our good resolutions better if we sometimes stopped to remember them. Too often we are like Paracelsus, whose portrait Browning has painted so vividly for us.

He sets forth on his adventure with the brave words:—

“I go to prove my soul.

I see my way as birds their trackless way.

I shall arrive! what time, what circuit first

I ask not; but unless God send His hail

Or blinding fireballs, sleet or stifling snow,

In some time, His good time, I shall arrive.

He guides me and the bird. In His good time.”

Brave words indeed! Who would ever guess that, as we turned the pages and followed his story we should come upon the sorrowful confession:—

“I never glanced behind to know

If I had kept my primal light from wane,

And thus insensibly am,—what I am!

Oh, bitter! very bitter!”

Has the same confession never been wrung from our lips? Has our "primal light" never waned because we did not pause to "glance behind" and take account of it? Bitter indeed it is to fail to realise our ideal in spite of agonised striving after it; but how much more bitter to fail to reach that ideal simply because we forgot to look at it.

"I never glanced behind . . . and thus insensibly am,—what I am!" And what am I? A missionary, possibly a specialist for Moslems, in any case a leader, a teacher, and, willingly or unwillingly, an example, willingly or unwillingly a living representation of Christ to the people as He was a living representation of the Father.

Then, after all, the thing that really matters is, am I Christlike? Am I daily becoming more Christlike or less Christlike?

"Primal lights" seem to have some affinity with the moon: they either wax or wane. So with our spiritual lives.

How high were our ideals when first we set out on our adventure. Did we not see before our eyes that masterpiece of the great portrait painter, Isaiah, that portrait of the Nameless Messenger, which Christ chose from all others to present to His own townfolk:—"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel . . ."

A Messenger from God, anointed with His Spirit to preach the Gospel. From that ideal, and all that is involved, Christ never flinched. His primal light never waned. That one fact makes Him for ever worthy of the homage of all Moslem hearts, for, in the very place where their prophet fell, He stood erect and victorious.

"Anointed by the Spirit to preach the Gospel." Would that the words would ring in our ears every time we preach! For we are all preaching, whether it be by lip, or pen, or medicine bottle and surgeon's knife, or school and office routine. All are preaching. Then dare we let our primal light wane? Dare we run the risk of preaching without the anointing? The Lord Himself did not, and He told His apostles not to.

Temple Gairdner, the seer who being dead yet speaketh, has left, in his last message to the missionary world through the Jerusalem Conference, a warning which we do well to heed. Our religion as preached to the Mohammedan must be a religion of the Spirit—of the "Spirit of Jesus." The phrase is pregnant to the last degree: not the manner of Jesus, not a "spirit of service similar to His"—but "The Spirit" of God which was in Him, and which through Him is the divine means of grace to-day. We have nothing else to give the Moslem unless we give this . . . Let the Church that does not believe in the Holy Ghost save herself the trouble of attempting the conversion of Islam . . ."

Yes, and let the Missionary do the same.

"Our heavenly Father, as we look backward over the old year we crave Thy forgiveness for the times when we have allowed our primal light to wane; as we look forward we crave Thy fresh anointing,

that we may indeed be messengers "anointed by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel."

## Conference of Missionaries to Muslims.

New Delhi. 6 and 7 December, 1938.

**S**IXTY-ONE people attended the Conference. Sixteen had come from other countries—five from Iran, three from Palestine, two from Turkey; one from each of the following countries—Egypt, Syria, Chinese Turkestan, Malaya, Korea; and one young man from England who was cycling round the world. Twenty-nine had come from different parts of India—Punjab seven, United Provinces seven, Central Provinces four, North West Frontier five, Bengal three, Bihar one, Bombay one, Nizam's Dominions one, and sixteen attended from Delhi itself. A message of loving sympathy was sent from the Conference to Dr. Zwemer who was unable to be in India owing to illness.

The accommodation in the Y.W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A. was taxed to the uttermost. We are grateful to the authorities of both these establishments for making it possible for practically all the delegates to be accommodated so near at hand.

As indicated in December *News and Notes*, Dr. Titus was the Chairman of the Conference and Rev. L. Bevan Jones the Secretary. We are indebted to the latter for the work he did both before and during the Conference.

In an informal gathering of this nature the programme must necessarily be elastic. Some alterations were made in the tentative programme previously drawn up and printed in December. Rev. E. Van Kekem of Java was unable to be present. His place was taken by Rev. Gustaf Ahibert of Chinese Turkestan. The programme finally adopted was as follows:—

### Tuesday, 6th December.

- a.m. Devotions. Bishop Badley. (Delhi).  
 Methods of Approach. Rev. H. H. Riggs (Beirut).  
 The Theological Approach. Rev. Jens Christensen (Mardan).  
 The Church and the Convert. Rev. D. A. Chowdhury. (Calcutta).  
 p.m. Discussion on the above.

### Wednesday, 7th December.

- a.m. Devotions. Rev. Barakatullah (Lahore).  
 Literature for Muslims.  
 In general. Miss. C. E. Padwick (Jerusalem).  
 India. Dr. Titus.  
 Newspaper Evangelism. Rev. W. A. Zoerner (Ludhiana).  
 Discussion.

- p.m. Discussion continued.  
 Gain and Loss in Turkestan. Rev. Gustaf Ahlbert  
 (Kashgar).  
 Co-ordination of our Efforts. Rev. L. Bevan Jones.  
 Discussion led by Mr. S. A. Morrison (Cairo).  
 Closing prayer. Rev. Farid Audi (Nazareth).

We wish that more of our members could have been present. It was a great inspiration to us all. In the next issues of *News and Notes* we shall publish the chief points from the papers and the discussions. Every endeavour will be made to give a fair presentation of the views expressed, but as we are dependent on notes taken at the time, we ask pardon for any omissions or misrepresentations that may occur.

There was considerable difference of opinion as to the best methods of approach to use in our work, and it was evident that conditions varied so much in the different fields that no definite decisions on these lines were made. The following resolutions were sent to the Tambaram Conference for consideration there:—

1. This Conference of Christian workers amongst Moslems wish to place on record that while we recognise with gratitude the wide interest in our Lord Jesus Christ evident throughout the Moslem world to-day, and that many real believers in Christ may never reach the point of identifying themselves with the Christian Fellowship, yet we maintain that it is our aim and purpose as Christian missionaries to encourage and teach all to realise the vital necessity of open witness to Christ within the Fellowship of the Christian Church.

At the same time realising our failure in the past we urge the Church in each country to seek to develop the evangelistic spirit, and to eliminate those unworthy elements in itself which repel or are a stumbling block to the new convert and that we should endeavour to make it a real Fellowship where race, nation and class are lost in a new life in Christ.

2. We would ask that consideration be given to the ways and forms in which the Church can conserve and foster in its own life and in the life of its members, all that is good and of permanent value in the life and culture of the community.

3. In view of the evidence available, that in many parts of the Moslem world to-day there is a new and growing interest in and reverence for our Lord Jesus Christ, this Conference is of the opinion that the present situation calls for literature in which there will be a corresponding new emphasis on the presentation of Jesus Christ.



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New Delhi,  
Dec., 1938.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE OF MISSIONARIES  
TO MUSLIMS.*Delhi, December 6-7, 1938.*

Rev. H. H. Riggs	Beirut	Amer. Presbyterian.
Rev. F. E. Livengood	Damoh, Central India	Disciples of Christ.
Mr. Ali T. Sobail	Meshed, Iran	Elder.
The Rt. Rev. Bishop Thompson	Iran	Anglican.
Rev. B. M. Mow	Bulsar, India	Ch. of the Brethren.
Miss C. E. Padwick	Cairo and Jerusalem	Anglican.
Rev. Barakat Ullah	Lahore, India	Ch. of India, Burma and Ceylon.
Miss E. M. Mitchell	Delhi, India	Eng. Meth. Mission.
Miss I. G. West	Delhi, India	Eng. Baptist Mission.
Rev. J. Christensen	Mardan, India	Danish Lutheran.
Mrs. Christensen	" "	" "
Mrs. M. Vaugh	Allahabad, India	Amer. Presbyterian.
Miss J. E. Copeland	Delhi, India	Ch. of Scotland.
Rev. G. Stokes	Delhi, India	Ch. of India, Burma and Ceylon.
Rev. H. J. Weller	" "	Ch. of India, Burma and Ceylon.
Rev. Farid Audi	Nazareth, Palestine	Palestine Church Council, Anglican.
Rev. S. O. Khoobyar	Tabriz, Iran	Evangelical Church.
Rev. Gustaf Ahlbert	Kashgar, Turkestan	Swedish Miss. Society.
Rev. J. K. Birge	Istanbul, Turkey	Congregational (America).
Mrs. R. P. Birge	Istanbul, Turkey	Congregational (America).
Miss K. Ashworth	Delhi, India	Anglican.
Mr. S. A. Morrison	Cairo, Egypt	Ch. Missy. Society.
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Miss C. Lloyd	" "	" "
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Rev. Dr. M. T. Titus	Budaun, India	M.E. Church.
Rev. Bishop B. Badley	Delhi, India	M.E. Church.
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Mrs. V. R. Bevan Jones	" "	" "

### **Notes on Bishop Badley's Devotional Address.**

Text—Psalm 86, verse 11. "Unite my heart."

#### **1. To God.**

We are useless without that.

Illustration—Petrol is needed for a car. But petrol by itself is no use to drive the car. There must be a mixture,—the right amount of petrol plus the right amount of air. Then there is the power.

Compare ourselves. Does God work alone? He wants the mixture. Himself plus us.

#### **2. Within myself.**

Compare the demented man in whose heart was legion. Commonly the heart is divided into two—part time pure, part

time impure: part time generous, part time mean, and so on. Thus it is disunited. No one can tell what such a man is going to do. We want a heart united, with one purpose, a heart that is never turned from that purpose at any moment, under any circumstances.

### 3. To my fellow men.

Then the question hardly arises, "Who is my neighbour?" The man who asked that did not do so for information. No need to ask if united to our fellow men. Everyone is a neighbour.

Unite and untie are words spelt with the same letters, but to pass from one to the other means an operation. We cannot get unity until the tangle is untied. Therefore we come back again to the inner condition.

One day when some workmen were repairing drains under a road, the earth fell in and buried several of them. A man stood looking on while the rest of the workmen tried to rescue their comrades. Then someone said, "Bill, your brother is in there." The man was transformed and rushed in to help. It made a difference when he knew his brother was in danger.

Bishop Azariah has said, "The time has come for the world to believe in Jesus Christ." Also the time has come for us to be at unity in Christ.

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## Praise and Prayer.

Rev. J. B. Cummings writes from Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.:—Possibly Dr. D. E. Alter of Gordon College, Rawalpindi, has informed you of how God has worked in the heart of a Muslim of Rawalpindi who came to me towards the end of 1937 and was taught by Dr. Alter and me till I left in March and then by Dr. Alter till his baptism last May. He was earnest from the beginning and I believe that God has performed a real work of grace in his heart. His name was Mohammed Afzal, Mohammed First or Superior, and he has changed it to Masih Afzal, Christ First or Superior. Please put his name on the League's prayer list, if it is not there already, at Dr. Alter's request, that he may increasingly know and express Jesus Christ's dwelling in him."

**LET US THANK GOD** for bringing so many together for the Conference in New Delhi, and let us pray that the inspiration we gained there may sink deeply into our hearts and bear fruit in the coming days.

**LET US PRAY** for those who are leaving Tambaram, and going back to their own countries, that they may take with them a message of power, that the Christian Gospel and all it implies, may indeed penetrate to the uttermost parts of the earth,



## NEW MEMBERS.

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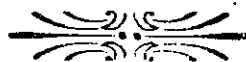
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Matters of interest to members of the League, items of news and requests for prayer should be sent (if possible, early in the month) to the Honorary Secretary:—

Miss K. Greenfield,  
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