

# POINTS *for* PASTORS

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I N R E T H E  
MONTHLY CONCERT  
OF PRAYER FOR  
MISSIONS, YEAR 1906

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Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.  
156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

## MONTHLY CONCERT AXIOMS.

(1) A spiritual Monthly Concert always means a wide-awake missionary church.

(2) A model Monthly Concert begins and closes on time.

(3) Specific prayer is the vital breath of the Monthly Concert. Specific prayer includes (a) the use of the Year Book of Prayer, (b) at least one prayer for the field under consideration for the evening, and (c) for all other definite requests.

(4) To insure a good Monthly Concert prepare program at least a month in advance and cultivate the grace of variety.

(5) All available talent should be utilized, individuals, societies, furloughed missionaries, the pastor and *neighboring pastors*.

(6) A "Prelude on Current Events and Missions" will keep the meetings in touch with the life of the day. We advise the pastor to read "Holding the Ropes," by Miss Brain, Revell & Co., and "The Pastor and Modern Missions," by John R. Mott, Student Volunteer Movement.

## Topics 1906.

### JANUARY.

I. Enlisting the Home Church.

II. Strategic Points in the Missionary Conquest.

#### I.

(a) What is our individual church doing for foreign missions? Brief talk from representatives of all the missionary agencies in the church (Women's Society, Sunday School Missionary Society, Forward Movement Committee, Bands, Study Classes, etc.).

(b) Foreign Missions in the Presbyterian Church. (See leaflets, "A World Force" and "Our Share in the World's Conquest."\*)

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(c) What other churches are doing. (See article A. H.,\* January, 1905, "Organizing the Missionary Interest of the Local Church.")

(d) What more can we do? (See article, "What Business Has a Business Man With Foreign Missions?"†)

(e) What foreign missionaries have gone out from our Presbytery and where do they work?

### II.

A fifteen minute talk by the pastor. (See A. H., January, 1906, and article "The Opened Word," A. M. R. R.,‡ October, 1904.)

## FEBRUARY.

### NEW FORCES IN OLD CHINA.

(1) A twenty minute review of "New Forces in Old China" (Brown, Revell & Co.) by the pastor.

(2) The Present Crisis in China. (See article "Hykes," M. R. W.§ February, 1905.) Select a good lay-man or *lay-woman* to present the gist of this article. The Japanese intellectual invasion of China. See "All the World," July, 1905, page 89.

(3) The Pentecostal Blessing in the Canton Mission. (See Annual Report, 1905, article A. H., February, 1906.) Give the facts and pray for the native evangelists and converts.

(4) The effect of the boycott of American goods. Note articles in daily and weekly press; watch proceedings in Congress. Note massacre of missionaries, Lien-chow—see leaflet. ||

\* The *Assembly Herald*.

† Leaflet published by Board of Foreign Missions of Reformed Church in America, 25 East Twenty-second Street, New York.

‡ *American Monthly Review of Reviews*.

§ *Missionary Review of the World*.

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(5) Note visit of Chinese commissioners to the United States and reception tendered them by the leading Missionary Boards located in New York having missions in China.

N. B. Nos. 4 and 5 should be very brief.

## MARCH.

### THE MISSION CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA.

(1) Distribution of Forces. (See M. R. W., August, 1905.)

(2) An African's Appeal for Africa. (See M. R. W., June, 1905.)

(3) What have we learned in our Mission Study Class about Africa?

(a) Give short resume of books studied. By the leader of the class. Give twenty minute review of Christus Liberator—Miss Ellen C. Parsons. Revell & Co.

(b) Five two minute talks on "What benefit have I derived from the study class?" By members of the class.

(4) The Slave Trade. (See articles in *Harper's Magazine* for August, September, October, November and December, 1905, and M. R. W., September, 1904.)

(5) Presbyterian Opportunity in Africa. See report "A Visit to the West Africa Mission" (Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.)

## APRIL.

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN INDIA.

(1) The Signs. (See article Bowman, M. R. W., August, 1905.)

(2) The First General Assembly in India. (See *Presbyterian Banner*, January 19, 1905, and M. R. W., August, 1905.)

(3) India and Christian Opportunity (Beach). Have review by pastor.

(4) India in the United States. Note lectures by Hindus; visit to the United States by prominent Hindus; the growth of Theosophy.

(5) Has British rule been advantageous to India? (See *Missions and Modern History*. Vol. II. Speer, Revell & Co.)

## MAY.

### SIAM AND LAOS—AN OBLIGATION RESTING ON THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(1) A view of the field. (See leaflets\* "Siam and Laos" and "Siam and Foreign Missions" and volume "The Laos of North Siam," Mrs. Lillian J. Curtis. Revell & Co.)

(2) What one Siamese youth did—Boon Boon Itt. (See articles M. R. W., May, 1904, and *Christian Endeavor World*, Nov. 16, 1905.)

(3) The advance into Keng Tung. (See article A. H., May, 1905.)

(4) The abolition of gambling and what the missionary had to do with it. Annual Report, 1905, P. B. F. M.

## JUNE.

### OUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS.

(1) Spend fifteen minutes in prayer for God's blessing to follow the sessions of the General Assembly just closed. Appoint some one to cull reports from newspapers regarding foreign missions at the Assembly.

(2) A five minute talk on the Panama Canal and its missionary significance.

(3) Fresh facts from

(a) Guatemala.

(b) Mexico.

(c) Chile.

(d) Colombia.

(e) Brazil

(See A. H., June, 1906. See leaflet "Do Roman Catholic Countries Need Missionaries?"\*)

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(4) A bird's-eye view of Latin America. (See Missions and Modern History, Speer, Vol. I., Chapter II.)

## JULY.

### FIVE YEARS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(1) Review of leaflets. (Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.) Address by pastor, thirty minutes. See "Missions and Modern History," Speer, Vol. II., Chapter 10, "The Going of the Spaniard."

(2) The Filipino To-day—is he capable of self-government? (See "An Observer in the Philippines," Devins, Revell & Co.)

(3) Bible distribution in the Philippines. Write to American Bible Society, Bible House, New York.

(4) Obstacles to Christianity in the Philippines. (See M. R. W., March, 1904.) Use American flag for decoration. If a good lawyer is in the congregation assign No. 2 to him. Select speakers with care; procure articles for them at least two months ahead; make a patriotic meeting. *Note the month of July.*

N. B. Note report on opium question. Write to your United States Senator for Senate document on subject, or to Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Reformed Bureau, Washington.

## AUGUST.

Many pastors away. Place meeting in charge of Young People's Society. If any member of the church or congregation has attended a Summer Conference at Winona, Geneva, Silver Bay or Northfield, let him report at this meeting.

Send to 156 Fifth Avenue in June for list of six best missionary books of the year. Purchase some of these books and have brief reviews—just enough to whet the mission appetite.

Secure latest leaflets on "Chinese and Japanese

in the United States." (Literature Department, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.) Note,

(a) Rescue work in San Francisco.

(b) Special mission for Chinese in New York and other cities. (See Annual Report, 1905.)

(c) The Chinese Exclusion Law. The present agitation and its probable results. Three short papers.

(d) Spend five minutes at close discussing "How can the young people of this church aid in the Monthly Concert?"

Pray and plan at this meeting for the fall campaign.

## SEPTEMBER.

### JAPAN—AFTER THE WAR WHAT?

Discuss the following questions (let the pastor open the discussion in a twenty minute address and then permit any to take part. Secure beforehand at least one person for each question):

(1) Do the Japanese need Christianity? (See M. R. W., March, 1905.)

(2) Will the results of the war be interpreted by the Japanese as a triumph of heathenism over Christianity? (See M. R. W., February, 1905, and leaflets "The Holy Spirit at Work in Japan" and "Cheering Facts About Missions in Japan," Literature Department, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.)

(3) Has the war increased the difficulties of mission work in Japan? Note riots in Tokyo and "A Christian View of Modern Japan," M.R. W., May, 1905.

(4) Does the cry "Japan for the Japanese" threaten the Church of Christ in Japan? (See Sixty-eighth Annual Report Board Foreign Missions Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., pp. 197, 235.)

(5) Is the moral supremacy of Christendom threatened by the Japanese success?



## OCTOBER.

A great missionary month. October 6, 1806, the memorable Haystack Prayer Meeting. On the Sunday preceding let the pastor preach on "The beginning of organized foreign mission work in the U. S. A." (Send for leaflets. American Board, Congregational Building, Boston.)

Review the Sixty-ninth Annual Report Presbyterian Board Foreign Missions. It will be found full of good things. (a) Give fifteen minutes to Persia. (See leaflets "The Beloved Physician" and "Cholera in Persia."\* Also Bab movement, "Missions and Modern History," Vol. I., page 119.)

(a) Ask a business man (preferably a bank man) to give a summary of the Treasurer's Report. Show how carefully the monies contributed are safeguarded—the business sense shown, amounts given and how expended.

(b) Ask the President of the Women's Society to present what the women have done during the year for foreign missions.

(c) A brief statement from the Sunday School superintendent of "The part the Sunday Schools of the whole Church have had in the work." Note per capita gifts, number of schools not contributing.

(d) Let the pastor select the "Pentecostal Fields of the Year" and show the garnered sheaves. Pray especially for these new converts.

(e) Then just mention the barren field where conversions have been few and hardships many.

Close with prayer for those who "have toiled all night and taken nothing."

## NOVEMBER.

KOREA—TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF MISSIONS—EBENEZER.

(1) An epoch-making conference. M. R. W., September, 1905.

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(2) Woman's work for Korean women. M. R. W., July, 1905.

(3) Twenty-one years in Korea. (See M. R. W., May, 1905, A. H., November, 1905.)

(4) What is the secret of success in Korea? (See A. H., November, 1905, article by C. E. Kearns.)

Look out for articles in religious papers during the year, on Korea, e.g., "The Union Movement in Korea," Vinton, New York *Observer*, September 28, 1905. Give latest and most suggestive facts to close the meeting. Note the Japanizing of Korea. The need of special prayer at this crisis in Korean history.

## DECEMBER.

In this meeting

(1) Gather up the best things left over from previous meetings. Echoes of the Haystack celebration; the tour of the Chinese commissioners; the appeal to the British Government on the opium traffic in China.

(2) Give twenty minutes to Syria. Note especially articles in A. H., December, 1905, by H. H. Jessup, D.D.

(3) The Christmas season. Note rescue work for children in many lands and the educational work of the Board. (See Sixty-eighth Annual Report. Note especially Africa, India, China, Syria, Korea, Persia, Chile, Rescue Home, San Francisco.)

(4) Show by use of the map the lands where Christ is not known in 1906. Pray for the people who still sit in darkness.

End with the Lord's Prayer—"Thy kingdom come."

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