

With Our Readers

I.—Correspondence

A Summer School

To the Editors of *The Outlook*:

The school at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, under the auspices of the International Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association, closed its twelve day session on July 17. In a spot selected for its unusual beauty, a hundred and fifty delegates assembled, and twenty-five or thirty friends and visitors. This was the third summer school held at this place under these auspices, and for the first time delegates were sent from Texas, Colorado, and California.

There were representatives from the following colleges and universities: Smith, Wellesley, Cornell, Leland Stanford, Jr., North Western, and the State universities of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas. The daily morning conference upon missions, under the leadership of Miss Elisabeth Wilson, one of the International secretaries, resulted in seven of the delegates signing the Student Volunteer Pledge. The missionary life was made very real by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Wishard, who have recently made a tour of the mission fields around the world in the interests of Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Each morning, under the leadership of Miss E. K. Price, the general secretary of the associations, the delegates were given practical suggestions for work among young women, and also ideals of womanhood were presented which awakened desires for braver and holier living. The afternoons were devoted to recreation or study, and the evenings to addresses from specially invited speakers. G.

A Correction

To the Editors of *The Outlook*:

A paragraph in your paper of last week was a surprise to me, and I read it several times to be sure I had understood it correctly. You quote Bishop Newman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as saying that that denomination is the only one among Protestants to sustain missions in the South American countries. I have no disposition to underestimate the work of the Methodists, but we Presbyterians feel that if Bishop Newman had kept his eyes very wide open he might have seen some representatives from our regiment of the Protestant army down there. Speaking for the Woman's Board alone, I may say in brief that we have missions in over a dozen places in Brazil, Chile and Columbia, with about twenty-five women missionaries. With such men, too, as Dr. Chamberlain in Brazil, and Dr. Allis in Chile, the Presbyterians cannot be accused of neglecting our next-door neighbors in South America.

ELIZABETH ELLIOT,
President Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the Presbytery of New York.

II.—Notes and Queries

I noticed some time ago in *The Outlook* reference to Dr. Paton's appeal on the subject of the rum traffic in South Sea Islands. (1) In a Government like ours what is the authority to deal with this matter? In a Government like that of England one can see where the authority lies. We believe there must be a way to meet all such cases in our system of government, but do not see where it lies. (2) Will there be any likelihood of an appeal from the churches doing any good? E. A. H.

1. Our Government cannot deal with it, except by urging an international treaty prohibiting such traffic and refusing to permit its own subjects to engage in it. 2. In the far distant future, yes.

Will you give me the name of one or more books which will give a sketch of the life and environments of the Old Testament prophets. I want to live in the times that they lived in, and find the secrets of their life and message. W. G.

"The Book of Isaiah," by Professor George Adam Smith, is the best that there is concern-

ing Isaiah. Professor W. Robertson Smith's "Prophets of Israel," new edition, covers the whole ground more succinctly. Canon Rawlinson's "Lives and Times of the Kings of Israel and Judah" is a condensed sketch, but graphic.

Will you kindly refer to some good book against the Anglican doctrine of apostolical succession. Not anything very deep, if possible, but rather something readable. Was there not a sermon of Dr. Abbott's published within a year or so on this subject in *The Outlook*? A. E. H.

By far the best thing on this subject is the brief course of lectures by the late Dr. Hatch, of Oxford, on "The Organization of the Early Christian Churches." The Scribners have published in a pamphlet Professor G. P. Fisher's "Duddeian Lecture," which deals with modern bearings of the dogma.

Can you either give me information on the following points, or direct me to such information: 1. The number of the paragraphs in the Old Testament and the number in the New. 2. The number of words and sentences in the Old Testament and the number in the New. The King James version is meant.

We have seen the facts inquired for, but have forgotten where. We cannot commend the disposition which devoted time and effort to the acquisition of such utterly useless information.

Please name some books from which a correct understanding of the much-discussed coinage and tariff questions may be had. S.

Taussig's "Silver Situation in the United States;" Representative Bryan's speech on silver, August 16, 1893; Taussig's "Tariff History of the United States."

Several correspondents send us the rhymes which a correspondent lately asked us to reprint. No one seems to know the author's name. The rhymes are as follows:

THE TIRED OLD WOMAN

There was an old woman who always was tired,
She lived in a house where no help was hired,
Her last words on earth were, "Dear friends, I am going
Where sweeping ain't done, nor churning nor sewing;
And everything there will be just to my wishes;
For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes,
And though there the anthems are constantly ringing,
I, having no voice, will get rid of the singing.
Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never,
For I'm going to do nothing, forever and ever."

1. Can any one tell me where I can find a poem which speaks of a monk who wanders from his convent on a summer's day into the heart of a great wood? There he hears the wonderful singing of a bird, and listens in ecstasy for, he supposes, a single moment. But when he goes back to his convent all is changed and strange, and he sees no familiar faces; for in that one moment of joy forty years have passed. I should like to know of any writing, either in prose or verse, which dwells upon this idea of the unnoticed passing of what we call time while the soul is rapt in joy. 2. Where can I find the verses of which I give one stanza below? I have seen but three stanzas, but of course there may be more. Who is the author?

"Like as a father, when his children weary
In the dim path he knows so straight and plain,
Pities their sorrows, knows how sad and dreary
Life seems to them, yet leads them on again."

M. N. P.

I should be glad to find the author of the following lines:

"We still believe, for still we hope
That in some world of larger scope
What here is faithfully begun
Will be accomplished, not undone."

G. W. C.

In answer to A. B. M., the author of the poem is Robert Browning, an American, and not the Robert Browning. Who the former is is not generally known. A. E. S.

—The smallest tree in Great Britain grows on the summit of Ben Lomond. It is the dwarf willow, which is mature when it attains the height of two inches.

—The exhibit of the Palestine Exploration Fund at the Exposition includes the new raised map on which Secretary George Armstrong has labored so long. With the issue of this map the Fund completes its survey and its cartographical task, and will hereafter devote itself especially to excavation. The exhibit is in the southwest gallery of the Manufactures Building, at B 40. Many excavated objects are shown in cases.

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October 8, A.M., Sunday, 10:30 o'clock.—Church services, the Rev. Robert R. Booth, D.D., '49, New York City, presiding. Sermon on "The Connection of Religion and Education" by the Rev. Henry Hopkins, D.D., '58, Kansas City, Mo.

October 8, P.M., Sunday, 3 o'clock.—A conference on "The Relation of the Modern College to Applied Christianity," the Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., '72, Brooklyn, N.Y., presiding. Addresses by the Rev. John Bascom, D.D., LL.D., '49, Williamstown; the Rev. Henry M. Field, D.D., '38, New York City; the Rev. William M. Grosvenor, M.A., '85, Lenox; the Rev. Adolphus F. Schaffler, D.D., '67, New York City; the Rev. Charles A. Stoddard, D.D., '54, New York City; the Rev. George A. Ford, '72, Sidon, Syria.

October 9, A.M., Monday, 10 o'clock.—An educational conference, President G. Stanley Hall, LL.D., '67, Clark University, presiding. Addresses by Dean Henry P. Judson, LL.D., '70, Chicago University; Principal James C. Greenough, M.A., '60, Massachusetts Normal School; Dean Edward H. Griffin, D.D., LL.D., '62, Johns Hopkins University; Chancellor Francis H. Snow, LL.D., '62, University of Kansas; Professor Charles Gross, Ph.D., '78, Harvard University; Professor Truman Henry Safford, Ph.D., Williams College.

October 9, P.M., Monday, 2:30 o'clock.—Field sports by the students of the College on Weston Field. 4:30 o'clock.—Afternoon teas in Hopkins Hall, the Library, and the Thompson Laboratories. Music on the Campus by the Germania Band. Evening.—Reception of the President and Trustees at Lasell Gymnasium.

October 10, A.M., Tuesday, 10:30 o'clock.—Hon. Martin I. Townsend, LL.D., '33, Troy, N.Y., presiding. The Historical Address by Chancellor James H. Canfield, M.A., '68, University of Nebraska. 12 o'clock.—Banquet, President Franklin Carter, LL.D., '62, presiding. Responses by invited guests. Music by the Germania Band and the Troy Vocal Society.

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