

Feb 17/91

Suggestions only

Dear Belden: - I have scribbled on the prog.

1st I think it decidedly better that all missionaries report to me; that is to only one person. I got badly mixed last year - and Bedwell got bothered.

2 - The Y. M. & A. Secy will get a list of Boarding Houses - I assume ~~and~~

He can get them printed, and will answer letters - about boarding - Let it go so anyhow and if he wont I will arrange it all in April when I go down to arrange many things with Mr Foster at his request

3. The time should not be 8 days. Foster was surprised to find it meant 8 days Entertainment and the ~~rough~~ edges of 10 days for some. Then we get perfected - stuffed. I wish we had said 10 to 16 inclusive and commenced at night - But we must give them an opening time, hour.

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Yuhanna

I have been working day and night ever since I was sick. I am well enough up with current work, but laws o' Goshen! did you ever agree to deliver a dozen lectures on Comparative Religions to 400 College Students, and take them through examinations, and then have to get your lectures ready with 40000 other things clamoring to be done all at once.

There now! it has been a relief to unload that much of a ~~great~~ grant, and now I must go to work, for I must do a lot of Editorial work tonight, and I go straight

from Cleveland to Delaware Ohio for those agonizing lectures. Thine

Junior

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as many sheets, to get these?
You patient persecuted fellow!
These 200 sheets will do me
for some full days correspondence
when I get to work. Quoth
the Raven only that
And nothing more.

Have you any idea what my correspondence
is. You would ^{not} think it much
if I get time to scribble such
lots of lines to you. But my
mail is — well not less than it
has ever been. — It would swamp
me only I won't let it, and it is
not conducted as it ought to be
not one letter in ten is decent
and there ought to be ten times as
many written

The International Missionary Union.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,

CLIFTON-SPRINGS, N. Y., JUNE 10-17, 1891.

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY UNION will hold its Eighth Annual Meeting at Clifton-Springs, New York, on invitation of Dr. Henry Foster, June 10 to 17, inclusive, 1891.

The purposes in view are, the mutual acquaintance and conference of Missionaries, and the promotion of Foreign Missions both in the hearts of Christians in the home churches, and in the wide field abroad.

All persons of either sex who are or have been Foreign Missionaries in any field or of any Evangelical society, constitute the only membership of the Union, and will be entertained without cost during the week. Provision cannot be made for the children of Missionaries. Missionary candidates under actual appointment will, so far as practicable, be hospitably entertained. Very moderate rates for board in private houses can be obtained by persons attending.

The sessions of the Union are open to the public; the rights of vote, debate being reserved to the members. The mornings are usually occupied by conferences on technical subjects of Missionary policy and experience; the afternoons by prepared papers and addresses; the evenings by the more popular exhibit of fields.

The programme for 1891 cannot yet be furnished, being dependent to some extent upon late arrivals and conditions of health. The number of well-known Missionaries arriving in America this summer, however, gives promise of an unusually interesting Meeting. Drs. Happer, Martin, and Nevins, from China, promise papers of presence. A representative of the Baptist work on the Congo is looked for. The Student Volunteers Movement, which began delegated relations with the Union last year, will be heard from, particularly its Cleveland Convention. Important future plans for the usefulness of the Union are to come up this year in connection with the generous invitation of Dr. Foster to Clifton-Springs, and of others.

Each year presents some novel features; societies and countries not previously represented, making their appearance. Last year it was the Moravians, United-Presbyterians, Methodist-Protestant Missionaries, Alaska, Australia; in 1889 the Hindoo work in the West Indies, and the Friends' Mission work, were the new-comers.

The Union has been unique in its assemblage, not only of Missionaries from every great field known to American societies, but of these from the diverse connections of more than half the ecclesiastical bodies in the States and from all those of Canada. An example may be taken from the Meeting at Thousand-Islands in 1886. A conference on the Opium traffic was shared by Dr. S. L. Baldwin, Methodist, Rev. Arthur H. Smith and wife A. B. C. F. M., and Dr. A. P. Haffer, Presbyterian, all from China; Rev. C. W. Park, A. B. C. F. M., Dr. J. T. Gracey, Methodist, and Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, Reformed (Dutch), all of India. *and many others.*

*Notes
1891*

*Notes put in
Mudge's collection*

*Commencement in
the evening of June 10
and closing on the
evening of the 16th.*

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The roll of the Union has received 225 signatures, and includes representatives of a number of English societies as well as those from Canada and the States. Missionaries find the Union a most helpful and stimulating aid to their work abroad, and its influence upon the Missionary spirit of the home-churches has been shown to be of much value. The central location of the Meeting for 1891 affords a valuable opportunity to Missionaries to promote such an influence.

Missionaries are requested to communicate further with the president or secretary, or for Canada with the executive chairman, S. W. Kellogg, D. D., Toronto. Mention of papers or topics proposed, or late arriving Missionaries from abroad, will be gladly received.

Should reduced railroad rates be given (inquiry may be made at any principal station), all persons attending, from however near points, are requested to obtain certificates of their trip from the ticket-agent at starting-point, as railroad-certificates brought to the secretary must reach a certain number to make any of them available.

Missionaries and others expecting to attend, will please notify the president or secretary, and also the Rev. Lewis Bodwell at Clifton Springs. Any inquiries will be answered by either of the undersigned.

J. T. GRACEY, D. D., PRESIDENT,
Rochester, New York.
WILLIAM H. BELDEN, SECRETARY,
Bristol, Connecticut.

Spet

of the hour from 5 to 6 o'clock on each Sunday evening
is requested to be made the occasion of prayer for his and other neighboring interests

giving their full names, their Society, their field, ^{and} ~~and some~~ years of Service; and are specially urged to name to him topics which they consider it desirable to have presented; and also to state what themes they would be willing to write or speak on ~~of~~ themselves; also ^{special objects of prayer.}

Other persons can learn of the possibilities of local entertainment by addressing the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Clifton Springs, N. Y.
Special prayer for this session is asked, and the observance

J. J. Gracy
Rochester
N.Y.



Rev. W. H. Belden
Bristol
Conn.

