

N. S. M. - A Word to Our Elders.

One word on this enterprise, on which a great deal of earnest prayer + work has already been expended. "Simultaneous Meetings" are a new thing from which the friends of Foreign Missions are hoping a great deal; but all depends on how the first users of it [we] prove what it can do. If every person - say even every Presbyterian person in the State is reached by it so as to go to a meeting where the subject is Our Lord's Last Command; then whatever good there is in that subject may be fairly expected to move every such person, + the public generally. What holier work can we engage in for one week, than to meet + talk about one of the commands of our blessed Savior, + to get other people to do the same?

Synod's Committee feel greatly dependent in this matter, upon the Ruling Elders. We shall have ready about Nov. 8 a tract ("N.S. N. No. 4") containing fresh missionary incidents gathered expressly for this + not familiar, which will be furnished exclusively to Elders + S.S. superintendents, until after our Simultaneous Week, that you may have material from which you may speak; so that even if every other speaker fails you may assure the success of the day. The tract will go to all Elders + Superintendents, only. We shall also send to some one in each place, a copy of our Report to Synod this Fall, which may be read (part or whole) at the beginning of the day, to explain the whole scheme to the public.

May we hope that you will personally see to it that in your town the "N.S. N." goes? That there shall be some Meeting, even if only one of

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our various ones proposed; that every person in your town shall be at least invited to think talk & pray on this subject for at least one day in our Week, and be supplied with something to think & pray about? & that children & others, when they shall hear of the grand Meetings elsewhere, may have it to say: We had a Simultaneous Meeting!

Our countrymen far away from home & friends in Heathendom, are very deeply interested in N.S.M. - Miss Mary L. Cort of Siam wrote me Sept. 12": "When I read of the 'F.S.M.' in Great-Britain I began to pray that the idea might cross the Atlantic & be taken up by all the awakening churches in my native land; & as soon as I read

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your article in 'The Church At Home & Abroad' [April '87, p. 300], I felt like writing you a letter of encouragement. I trust N. J. will find many States to join her" - For other expressions from missionaries, see Report to Synod ("N.S.M. No 5")

Please preserve circulars "N.S.M. No 1" & "No 2" for future reference.

Detailed information concerning the Meeting, will be asked from each town (printed blank) after the Week is over.

May our Lord add His blessing to what we are doing in His Name.

I am Yours cordially

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