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Church Missionary Society.

THE CLAIMS OF THE HEATHEN AND MOHAMMEDAN WORLD UPON THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

SPECIAL SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS,

Feb. 8—12, 1886.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY has arranged to hold Special Meetings in more than one hundred and fifty cities and towns in all parts of England in the second week of February, 1886.

These Meetings are not intended to be ordinary missionary meetings, when annual reports and accounts are presented, and detailed information given regarding the work of the Society. They are not intended for the direct purpose of appealing for funds. It is earnestly desired that they shall everywhere be stamped with a special character.

Their purpose is to set forth, plainly and solemnly, the claims of the uncivilized Heathen and Mohammedan World upon the Church of Christ; to emphasize the Risen Saviour's one great last command—the only one recorded, in various forms, in all the Four Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles; to describe the world's need of the Gospel; to illustrate the blessings which God has already given to the hitherto poor and inadequate efforts put forth by His Church; and to press home the obligation lying upon all Christians to take a share in the work, some by personal service, some by large and liberal gifts, some by systematic work in making the cause known to others, and all by prayer and influence.

Meetings will be held in the following principal places, among many others:—Barrow-in-Furness, Bath, Bedford, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Cheltenham, Chester, Colchester, Derby, Doncaster, Dorchester, Dover, Durham, Eastbourne, Exeter, Falmouth, Folkestone, Gloucester, Harrogate, Hereford, Hertford, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Lichfield, Lincoln, Liverpool, Macclesfield, Manchester, Margate, Middlesborough, Newcastle, Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldham, Oxford, Peterborough, Plymouth, Preston, Ramsgate, Salisbury, Scarborough, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Southampton, Southport, Southsea, Stafford, Stockton, Sunderland, Swansea, Taunton, Torquay, Truro, Tunbridge Wells, Weymouth, Wolverhampton, Yarmouth, York.

More than one hundred and fifty clerical and lay members of the Church Missionary Society have responded to the Committee's invitation to act as special deputations to these meetings; and a much larger number are actively engaged in arranging for the meetings in their various localities.

In many places a Missionary Day has been arranged, with meetings of various kinds at various hours. In some, the gatherings will be continued over two or three days.

Although the Meetings are arranged in connection with the Church Missionary Society, and it is earnestly hoped that the result may be to awaken such an interest as shall bring to it largely increased resources both in men and means for its ever-growing and yet much-crippled work, yet the desire and purpose of the Society is to advocate the great Missionary Cause in its length and breadth, and to put forward the command and the claim of Christ rather than the special interests of the Society. If it please God so to bless the effort that the spirit aroused shall tend to benefit other Missions as well as those of the C.M.S., there will be the greater reason for thankfulness. The one object is the Exaltation of Christ and the Extension of His Kingdom.

All friends of the Church Missionary Society are earnestly requested to help this effort—

(a) By constant and fervent prayer for a rich blessing upon all the proceedings.

(b) By circulating the numerous papers issued in connection with the Meetings. (See below.)

(c) By promoting the success of the Meetings by personal attendance and by inducing others to attend.

CHURCH MISSIONARY HOUSE,
SALISBURY SQUARE, E.C.
Jan. 1st, 1886.

F. E. WIGRAM,
Hon. Sec.

PAPERS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

A Leaflet for Letters, Pews, and distribution everywhere.

"F.S.M., No. 1." *Why are the Meetings to be held?* (For General Distribution.)

"The Lord Working with them." A Letter from the Bishop of EXETER. (For General Distribution.)

"Wherefore should the Heathen say, Where is now their God?" By the Bishop of SODOR and MAN.

The Urgent Cry of Heathendom. By the Rev. CANON BELL.

"Come over and Help us." The Cry of the Heathen.

The Claims of India. By GENERAL HAIG.

A Cry for Missions and a Missionary Spirit. By R. N. CUST.

Independent Testimonies to Missionary Work.

The Original Prospectus of the Church Missionary Society. A Facsimile of the First Edition of 1799.

Four small Leaflets.—The Voice of Scripture on Missionary Work. ("B 5.")
Objections to Missionary Work. ("B 2.") A Question worth Considering. ("B 4.") A Parable from Nature. ("B 6.") (For the Young.)