

attached. Also the usual attractive illustrations are found in this number. Two new features, especially, have been added. First, a page sketch of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions; and, to match this sketch, a frontispiece has been prepared, which, in nine neat medallions, gives, with their terms of service, the nine officers of the executive committee since its formation, a little more than forty years ago. To many this frontispiece will be of special value. Some of the faces, like those of Drs. Wilson, Woodrow, McIlwaine, and Houston, are familiar; others will be new to some of our readers. A second feature, to which we wish to call special attention, is found in the new maps, which have been recently made especially for our work by perhaps the best artist in this line in the South, Mr. Edwin M. Gardner, of Nashville. Again let us express the earnest hope that pastors (to whom the committee sends the Calendar *gratis*) will show their appreciation of this helpful annual, not only by hanging it, for reference, in their studies, but by cordially commending it from their pulpits.

Judge Lapsley's Death.

Already our readers have been apprised, through the church papers, of the death of Hon. James W. Lapsley, of Anniston, Ala., which sad event occurred the latter part of November. Judge Lapsley was widely known as a jurist of high character in his native State, and also throughout all our Assembly as the first ruling elder of our communion to hold the high office of Moderator of the General Assembly, which position he ably filled at the Assembly of 1893, sitting at Macon, Ga. But, perhaps, Judge Lapsley was best known as the father of the young

Henry Martyn of our church, the lamented Samuel N. Lapsley, who laid down his life for his Master on the banks of the Congo, March 26, 1892. He was also widely and favorably known as the biographer of his gifted son. The cause of foreign missions has suffered a sore loss in the death of Judge Lapsley.

The Death of Rev. D. G. Armstrong.

Unintentional failure was made during the autumn to record here our sense of loss and bereavement in the death of this beloved brother, who, for a few years, was a member of our Southern Brazil Mission, and gave remarkable promise of great usefulness. Gifted, and with unusual natural ability, Mr. Armstrong had been from childhood a diligent student, and was admirably equipped for his great work. But the complete failure in health of his beloved wife compelled his return to his native land, and for a while thereafter he served the church in Americus, Ga. But for some years previous to his death he had been the beloved pastor of the Inman Park Church in Atlanta, where he had taken rank as amongst the ablest of our ministers. He died during the latter part of the summer of typhoid fever, at the old home in Salem, Va. His heart remained true to his first work, and in his death, as in that of Judge Lapsley, the cause of foreign missions has suffered sore bereavement.

Dr. Snyder's Return.

It is with a sense of real pain that we here note the fact that soon Dr. Snyder will permanently leave the mission field. His resignation has been tendered to and reluctantly accepted by the Executive Committee in Nashville. It is upon the double ground of

the impossibility of his wife's return, because of the condition of her health, and also the broken condition of Dr. Snyder's health. He has been connected with our Congo mission nearly ten years, and through all those years has been a most devoted and untiring worker. Possibly even of more striking value than his devotion has been his admirable spirit. John-like in character, loving and beloved, he has been a great spiritual blessing to the mission and to the church. His enforced return is a matter of profoundest regret to all. The sympathies of a host of friends will go out to him and his beloved wife in the sore disappointment which has come to them.

Growth at Luebo.

On September 27, Dr. Snyder wrote that on the Sabbath previous he had baptized forty native adults into the church at Luebo. He added, "God is wonderfully blessing this work."

The Congo Mission.

Recent letters from our brethren on the Congo contain moving appeals for help and reinforcements. As already mentioned, Dr. Snyder has been compelled to leave the field, and soon after these pages appear, will be on his way home. Mr. Morrison has already overstayed his time and seriously needs his furlough, which should have begun this spring. The same is true of Mr. Hawkins and other members of the mission. When Mr. Morrison returns, Mr. Vass will be the only white member of the mission left, and the entire force will then be reduced to seven members. This is, indeed, a distressing state of things, especially when it is remembered that on no one of our missions have there been more signal marks of divine favor. There are

already more than 700 communicants in our two churches at Luebo and Ibanj. The printing and brick presses are both at work, the schools are prosperous, the church grows by leaps and bounds, large numbers are seeking the way of life, and the mission has the favor of all surrounding tribes. It seems pitiful and distressing beyond measure that it should thus be dwindling in its working force, until now scarcely more than half the staff remains on the field. Two highly accredited colored recruits are under appointment to be sent next summer; but no suitable white ones have yet offered, although repeated calls have been made. Especially is there the very sorest need, now that Dr. Snyder returns, of the medical missionary, so long called for. When volunteers were called for by our government to go to Cuba and the Philippines, in the latter case to a climate quite as trying as that of the Congo, hundreds and thousands of our young men, many of them earnest Christians, at once responded. Not a few of these have laid down their lives for their country on those remote islands, either on the field of battle or victims to an inhospitable climate. And yet no one demurs or speaks of the "useless sacrifice;" surely the call of our Lord Jesus Christ cannot be less imperative than that of the chief magistrate of our nation; surely the extension of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ cannot be less important than the honor of our own country; surely the destiny of millions of immortal souls for all eternity should outweigh all patriotic considerations that move our young people in going forth at their country's call. Once more, will not the church heed this pathetic plea that comes from that wondrous mission on the far-off Congo, where our gifted young Lapsley laid

down his life for his Master, and where God has already permitted him to see see a wonderful harvest of souls?

The Kassai Herald.

The second number of this interesting little quarterly has reached us from the Mission press at Luebo. As mentioned before, it is edited by Dr. Snyder (we presume the editorial work will hereafter fall to the hands of Mr. Morrison), and should appear regularly every quarter. But it seems that the ink rollers had not been made of materials suitable for such a climate. We presume, from intimations in the little magazine, that proper rollers have now been obtained, and we trust that nothing will hereafter interfere with the visits of this extremely interesting messenger. The present number, which bears the date of July 1, 1901, contains the following interesting articles: "A Little Life for Africa," by the editor; "Progress at Ibanj," by Mrs. Shepard; "A Day at Luebo," by Mr. Morrison; "The Sewing Class," by Miss Thomas; "Steamer Notes," by Mr. Vass, and other matters. Subscriptions, at \$1 a year, should be forwarded to Mrs. M. A. Morrison (mother of the missionary), Box 95, Lexington, Va., or to Mr. M. H. Wood, 305 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Congo Free State.

The daily papers, for the first week in January, gave painful accounts of continued Belgian atrocities in the Congo Free State. Unfortunately, the Christian world knows from the past what these outrages mean. And they have a more distressing significance just now, from the fact that the arrangement hitherto existing between the Powers for the government of the Free State has terminated, and only

moral influence may be brought to bear upon Belgium for the righting of these wrongs. Last June the ten-year limit for international control of the Congo Free State expired. By the terms of the Berlin Conference the State might then become Belgian territory. A strong party in Belgium favored immediate annexation, and a bill to this effect was introduced. Meanwhile, however, King Leopold strongly opposed the scheme of immediate annexation. The bill was, therefore, withdrawn, but the government continued to assert its right to annexation. So great is the greed for African territory, Belgium will, in all probability, soon take up the administration of the Congo Free State as a part of her own territory. When she shall do this, it is very much to be feared that the treatment of the natives will be such as seriously to imperil missionary work amongst them.

Student Volunteer Convention.

The fourth International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement will be held in Toronto, Canada, from February 26 to March 2, 1902. The first of these conventions was held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1891, when 680 delegates, representing 151 institutions of learning, were represented. The second convention, held in Detroit, in 1894, was composed of 1,300 delegates, from 294 colleges and seminaries. The third convention was held in Cleveland again in 1898, with an attendance of 2,200, coming from 461 institutions. Probably the coming convention will be the largest and most important yet held. The number of delegates is to be limited to 2,500. It is to be held in Massey Hall, and the ablest missionary speakers of all the churches will be present to render service to this great gathering of

the young people of North America. At the same time and in the same city the annual meeting of officers of the Protestant Missionary Boards of America will also be held. These officers' conferences have hitherto been held in the Presbyterian Mission Rooms in New York City in January. But it was deemed advisable to postpone the meeting, and also transfer its place of meeting for this year to Toronto, since many of the officers of our mission boards regularly attend the students' meetings.



Extravagant Misconceptions.

Recently the writer of these lines met on the streets a warm friend, who is an officer in the Southern Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, also located in our city. This friend remarked: "A Presbyterian lady said to me yesterday that she understood that out of every dollar contributed to foreign missions by Southern Methodists and Southern Presbyterians, ninety-nine cents were consumed in home administration and only one cent went abroad for the conversion of the heathen." Our friend related this incident to us for its illustrative value. Alas! that here, in the very home of two of the leading missionary boards of the South, such an extravagant misconception should find intelligent persons to give heed to it and give it currency. If these things come up in a center like ours, what must they be in many communities? As a matter of fact, the great enemy of the kingdom never gave currency to a more baseless slander. The truth is nearly the entire reverse of the statement. Out of every dollar contributed by Southern Presbyterians and Southern Methodists, nearly ninety-five cents go for the conversion of the heathen,

and only between five and six cents are consumed in home administration.



The Missionary Hymnal.

Hitherto mention has been made in THE MISSIONARY of a missionary hymn book provided expressly for missionary meetings. This book has been issued by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in New York, and our impression is that the complete work, with music, is issued at 50 cents a copy. At the present writing, however, we are unable to lay hand upon the exact facts as to cost. We think, however, that the amount just stated is the correct one. A smaller edition of this book, with words only, is issued at 10 cents a copy, and will doubtless be quite full enough for use in most of our ladies' missionary societies. It should be ordered from the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, 56 Fifth Avenue, New York. A similar and larger book is issued by the Church Missionary Society in England.



Mr. Mott's Tour.

We regret that want of space forbids more than a mere allusion to the remarkable tour Mr. John R. Mott has recently made amongst the students of the Far East. He sailed on the Empress of China from Vancouver on September 9, to be absent five months, that he may return, we presume, in time to give a report to the Fourth Student Volunteer Convention, which meets in Toronto on February 26. A privilege, rare indeed, it will be to hear that report from Mr. Mott's own lips. Of all the wonderful work God has privileged this gifted young servant of his to accomplish for him, no doubt this last tour will register the high-