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How Adoniram Judson Chose between Heathen and the Stage

How Adoniram Judson missed being an actor or a playwright, and became a Baptist missionary instead, is told by Adoniram B. Judson, M.D., in Service for March 13. Judson had just left college, and, being undecided whether to attempt acting or authorship, made an extended trip through a number of the northern states and returned home in a still uncertain frame of mind. After his arrival home certain influences led him to enter the newly opened theological school at Andover. This was in 1807. Shortly thereafter, while on a walk back of the seminary, the call to preach to the heathen came to him, and from that time forward he never hesitated in pursuing the course that led him to the foreign field.

The Moravian Himalaya Mission to the Tibetans announces the completion by its missionaries of the translation of the entire Bible into the classical Tibetan language.

There has been an increase of over 70 per cent in the number of Protestant church members in Japan in the last ten years, according to the Missionary Review of the World.

There are 4,000 Christian Endeavorers in the Micronesian Islands, says Rev. C. F. Rife, an American Board Missionary. From the Christian Endeavor Society most of them later enter the church.

A year ago (1911) the total missionary benevolence of the churches in the United States and Canada was computed to amount to $12,290,000. In the year just closed (1912) an increase of 18 per cent has been made over 1911. This means that the 1912 contributions were $15,590,000, of which $14,940,000 came from the United States.

The Problem of the Eurasian

If Eurasians are to be born, better that they should be born in wedlock than out of it, is the position taken by the Bishop of Singapore on the question of “Interrmarriage between Europeans and Natives” in The East and the West for January, 1913. The author says the problem is more and more forcing itself upon the minds of thoughtful people in the East, and that its solution depends upon the consideration of two points, the happiness of the parties concerned, and the status of the offspring. The first, under ordinary conditions, as in any land, depends upon the individuals themselves; the second upon whether they are married or not. The number of children born to unmarried English fathers and native women is said to be on the increase. If this is to continue, it is better that the parties should marry.

Missions to the Navajo Indians

Men and Missions recently gave the following figures regarding mission work among the Navajo Indians: the tribe numbers about 27,000; work among them was begun fourteen years ago; there are ten mission stations and one hospital; these facilities are able to reach only 5,000, leaving 22,000 unprovided for. There are four denominations represented on the field and to each has been assigned a portion of the territory to be covered, in the hope that a dozen new stations soon may be opened.