

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER COUNTRIES

The contributions which the people of the United States are making to the comforts and requirements of the daily life of those in other parts of the world are scarcely realized even by those supplying the articles so contributed. How little does the girl or woman employed in the factory realize that the cotton cloth being manufactured with her cooperation is to become a holiday dress for some other girl or woman in China, or India, or the Philippines, or South Africa, or the islands of the East or West Indies! How little does the boy or man who engages in the daily round of farm life realize that the bacon to be made from the pigs which he feeds is to go into the homes of Liberia, and Portuguese Africa, and French Oceania, and Asiatic Russia, or that the eggs which he collects may be exported to British Guiana, or Peru, or Cuba, or Central America, or the various countries of Europe! Yet these and many other curious and interesting incidents of the neighborly interchanges between our own people and those of other and distant parts of the world are shown as part of the every year, all-the-year-round routine of trade recorded by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Its annual volume, "Commerce and Navigation of the United States," which is supplied free of charge to those desiring it for study of our foreign commerce, shows many curious things about our trade with the various parts of the world. It is interesting, for example, to see that the American mule goes to Africa, Australia, the islands of Oceania, British, Dutch, and French Guiana, Ecuador, Brazil, Haiti, Costa Rica, and British Honduras for service on the roads and plantations. American candles, of which the exportations amount to from 3 to 8 million pounds a year, are lighting homes in Japan, Korea, Siberia, Tasmania, Venezuela, the Dutch West Indies, Salvador, the Philippines and French possessions in Africa. American brooms and brushes are making clean the floors and dusting the garments of dwellers in Turkey, Roumania, Malta, the Azores, Islands, Egypt, Spanish possessions in Africa, German islands in the Pacific, Honk Kong, and Santo Domingo.

American peanuts, of which the exportations range from 5 to 7 million pounds a year, go to British India, the Guianas in South America, the Danish West Indies, Guatemala, Labrador, the island of Bermuda, and the Belgian Congo in Africa. American boots and shoes, of which the exports range above 10 million dollars a year, go in increasing quantities to every part of the world—Hong Kong, Siam, Japanese territory in China, Java and Sumatra the Straits Settlements, Australia and New Zealand, German possessions in Africa, Liberia, Brazil, Paraguay, Mexico, Canada, and practically every country of Europe. American windmills, of which more than a million dollars' worth are exported every year, are seen in South Africa, the Canary Islands, Turkey in Asia, French China, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Turkey in Europe, Switzerland, Roumania, Greece, and Greenland.

And so we might go on extending the list indefinitely, enumerating products of the American farm and factory which are being sent to other parts of the world, and these articles would include sewing machines, typewriters, motor boats, organs, pianos, planolas, soap, perfumery, oranges, raisins, prunes, chewing gum, toys, and many other equally curious and interesting articles, to say nothing of the great classes making up the grand total of more than 767 million dollars' worth of manufacturers, 565 million dollars' worth of raw materials and 370 million dollars' worth of food-stuffs. Of raw cotton alone the year's exports amounted to 450 million dollars; of meat and dairy products, 130 million; of wheat and corn, partly in the grain and partly in the form of flour and meal, nearly 125 million; of iron and steel manufactures, 180 million; of petroleum and other mineral oils, 100 million; and of copper manufactures, nearly 90 million dollars, and so on down the list. The countries, colonies and other territorial divisions to which these articles go, as shown in the volume, "Commerce and Navigation of the United States," above alluded to, are over 100 in number, and it would be difficult to find in any part of the world a country in which some article or articles of American production are not being sold.

BAPTIST LAYMEN TO COLUMBIA

Will Hold Big Laymen's Meeting at the Capital City During the Month of January.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Baptist Laymen's Missionary Movement for South Carolina recently held in Greenville, a program was arranged for a Convention of laymen, which will meet in Columbia in January. At the last meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Laurens, it was decided to hold a Laymen's Convention in Columbia early in the year 1911, in order that the work may be more thoroughly organized, and steps taken, if necessary, to put in the field an active secretary, devoting all, or part of his time to the organization of the movement in the Baptist churches of the State.

The committee in Greenville decided to hold the meeting in the First Baptist church of Columbia on January the 11th. There will be two sessions of the Convention, the first meeting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the second at 7:30 in the evening. Well arranged programs for these meetings are being planned. It is expected that Dr. J. T. Henderson, secretary of the Laymen's movement in the Southern Baptist Convention, will be present, and an effort is being made to have Dr. A. J. Vining, of London, Canada, who recently stirred the hearts of the people at the Baptist State Convention in Laurens. Dr. Vining is a man of wonderful power, and every effort is being made to have him present. Dr. Wm. H. Smith, of the Foreign Missions Board, Richmond, Va., will also be present, and everything points to an enthusiastic meeting.

All those who contemplate attending should write to Dr. E. G. Quattlebaum, Columbia, S. C., in order that accommodations may be secured. As is customary with the laymen at their conventions, they will not expect entertainment, but owing to the fact that the legislature will be in session, and doubtless the hotels somewhat crowded, those who attend this convention should send in their names to Dr. E. G. Quattlebaum, Columbia, S. C., so that he may advise in reference to securing accommodations.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement

The articles which people of other countries send to the United States in return will be discussed next week.

has already become one of the strongest powers for good in the church today, and doubtless after the meeting in Columbia, great progress will be noted throughout the Baptist churches in the State.

C. E. Robinson, Chairman,
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