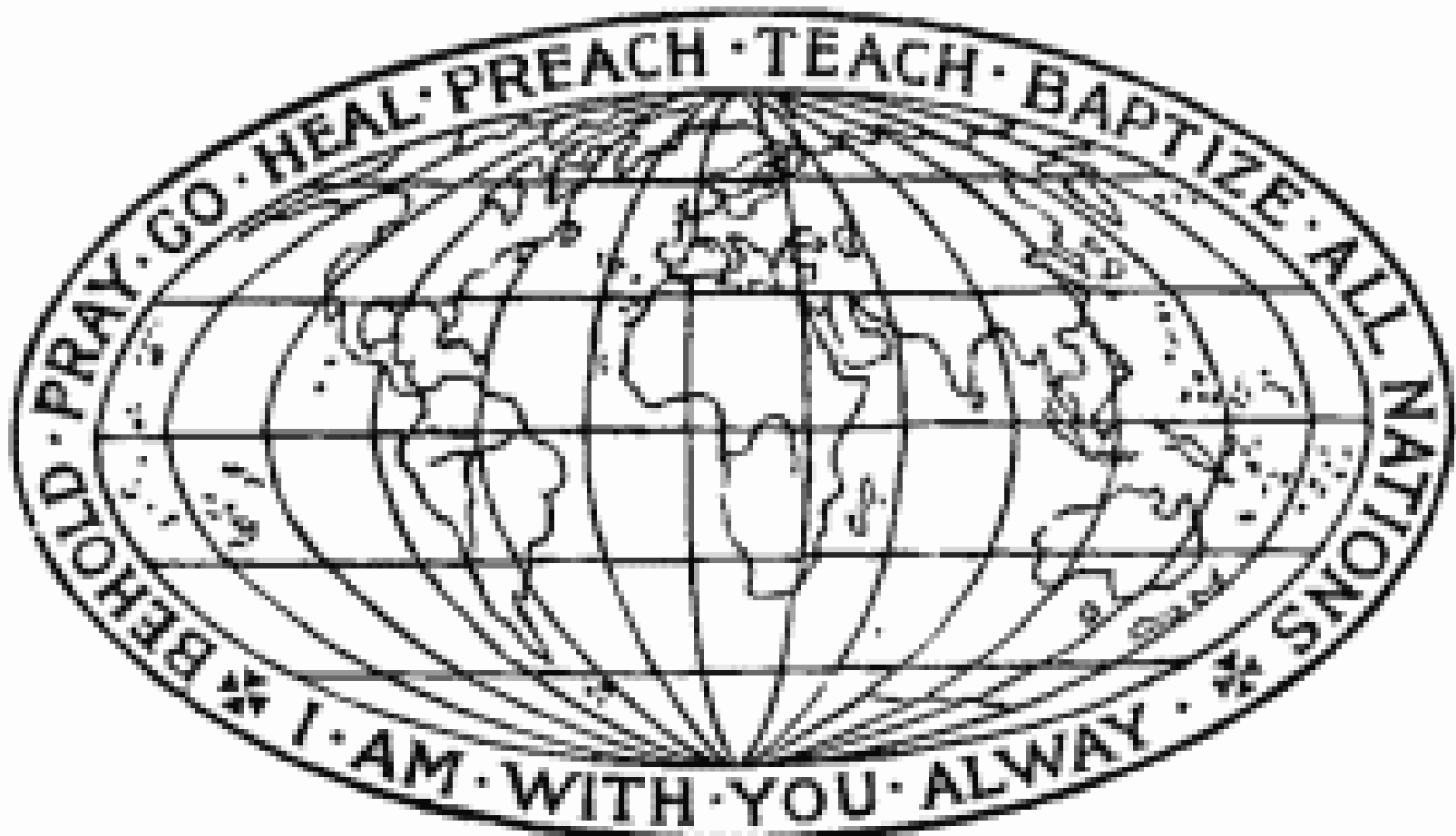


The Student Volunteer Movement

1886-1924

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’
And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” (Isa6:8)



YMCAs



Mid-19th Century London



1st YMCA in London



Growth of U.S. Colleges

- 1870
- 23,000 undergrads
- 350 colleges
- 1900
- 100,000 undergrads
- 500 colleges

Intercollegiate YMCAs



THE COLLEGE “Y”

student religion in the era
of secularization

Luther Wishard



“I am willing to go anywhere, at any time, to do anything for Jesus.” (Luther Wishard)

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OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

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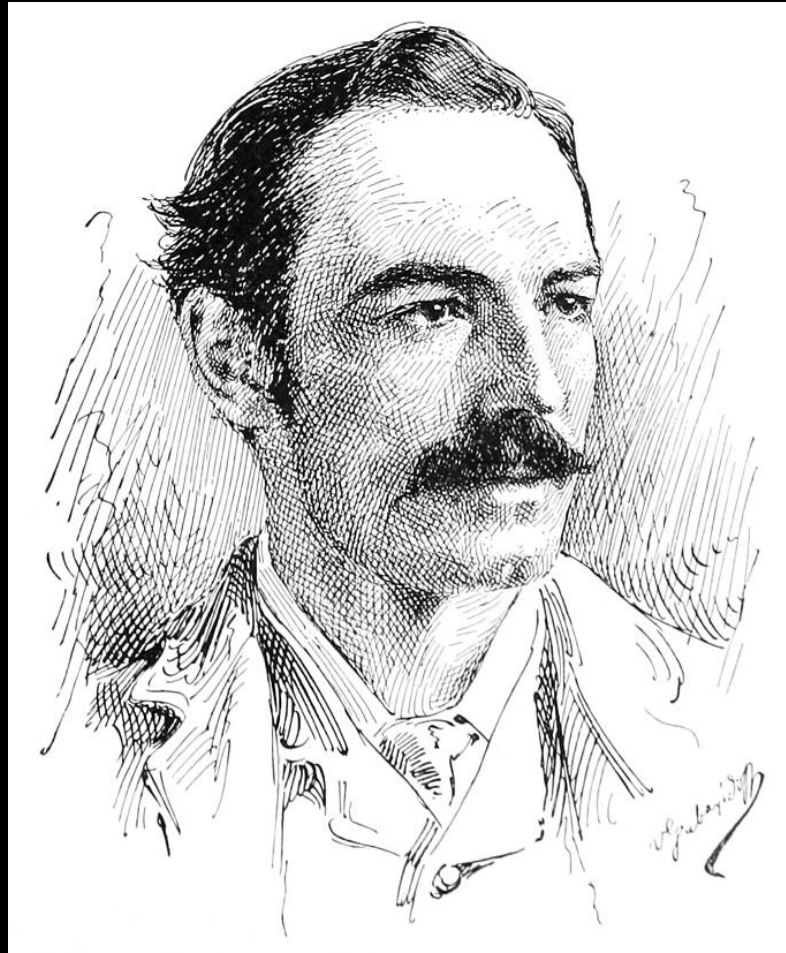
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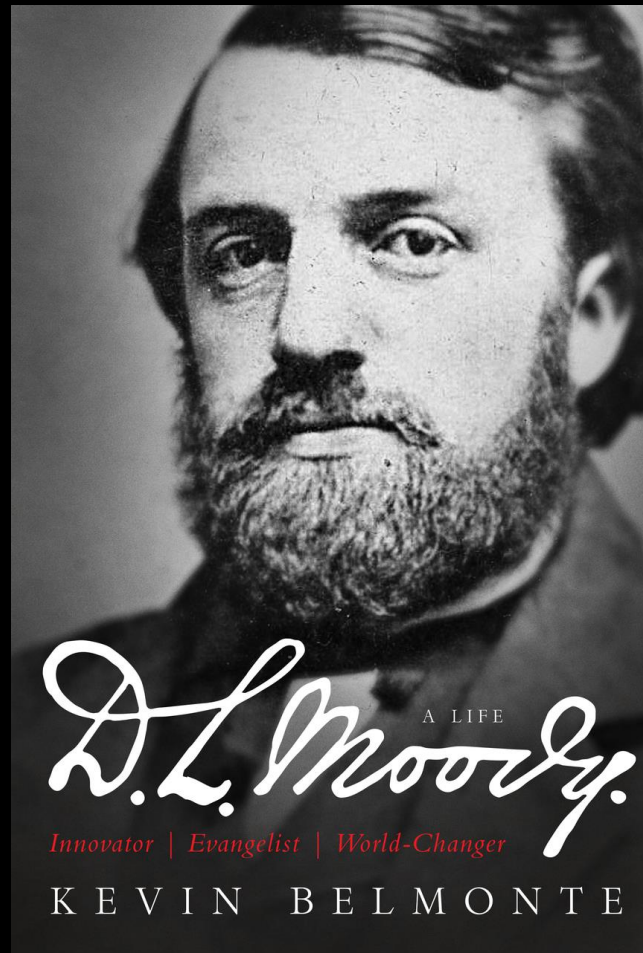
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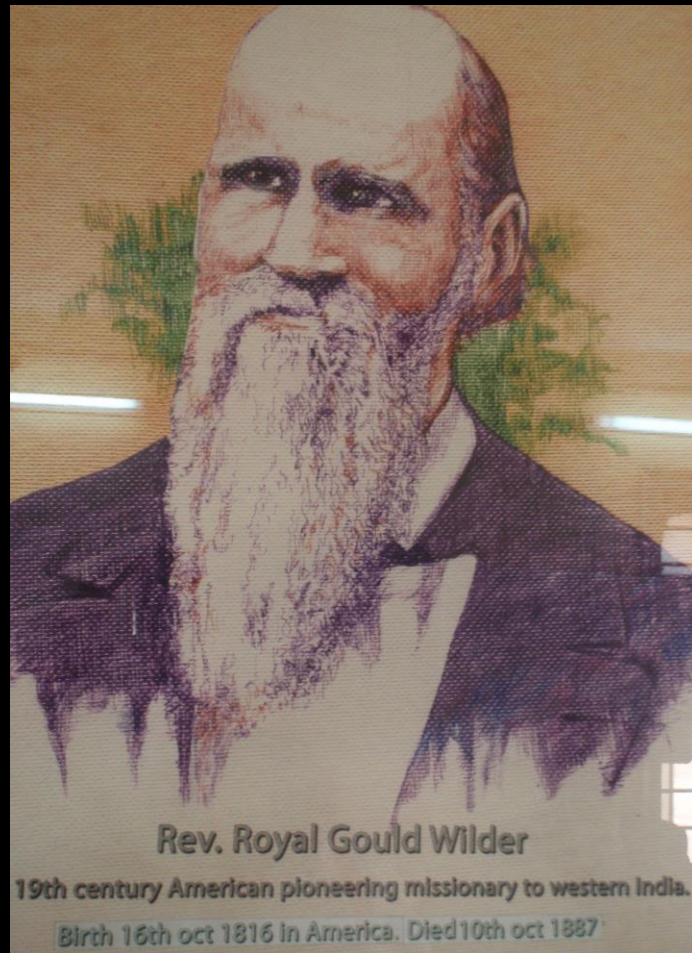
D.L. Moody



Mount Hermon School for Boys



Royal Wilder



Rev. Royal Gould Wilder

19th century American pioneering missionary to western India.

Birth 16th oct 1816 in America. Died 10th oct 1887

Robert Wilder



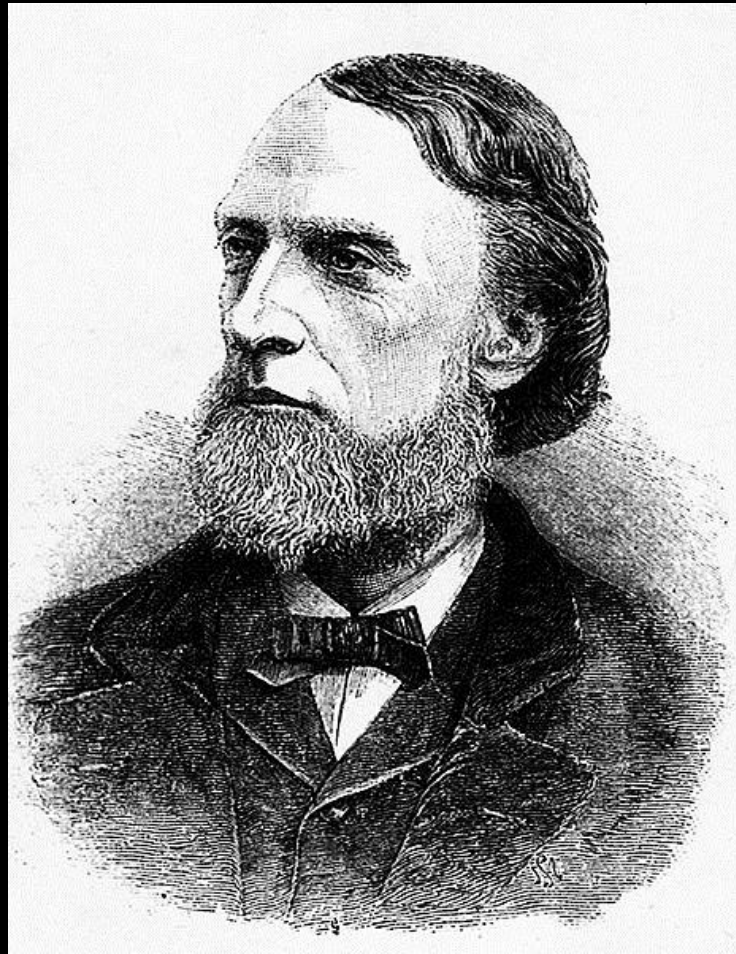
Princeton Foreign Missionary Society

Pledge: “We the undersigned declare ourselves willing and desirous, God permitting, to go to the unevangelized portions of the world.” (1883)

Mount Hermon Summer Bible Conference 1886



Arthur Tappan Pierson, Detroit pastor



Pierson:

“All should go, and go to *all!*”

Meeting of Ten Nations, July 23, 1886



William Ashmore, missionary to China





The Mt. HERMON 100

Robert Wilder



Summer Conference at Northfield, MA



STUDENT MISSION POWER

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Student Volunteer Movement Foreign Missions,
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March 1, 1891



WILLIAM WALKER

SVM Quadrennial Conventions: Locations & Attendance

- 1891: Cleveland, 558 students
- 1894: Detroit, 1,082 students
- 1898: Cleveland, 2,221
- 1902: Toronto, 2,597
- 1906: Nashville, 4,188 students
- 1910: Rochester, 3,747 students
- 1914: Kansas City, 5,031 students

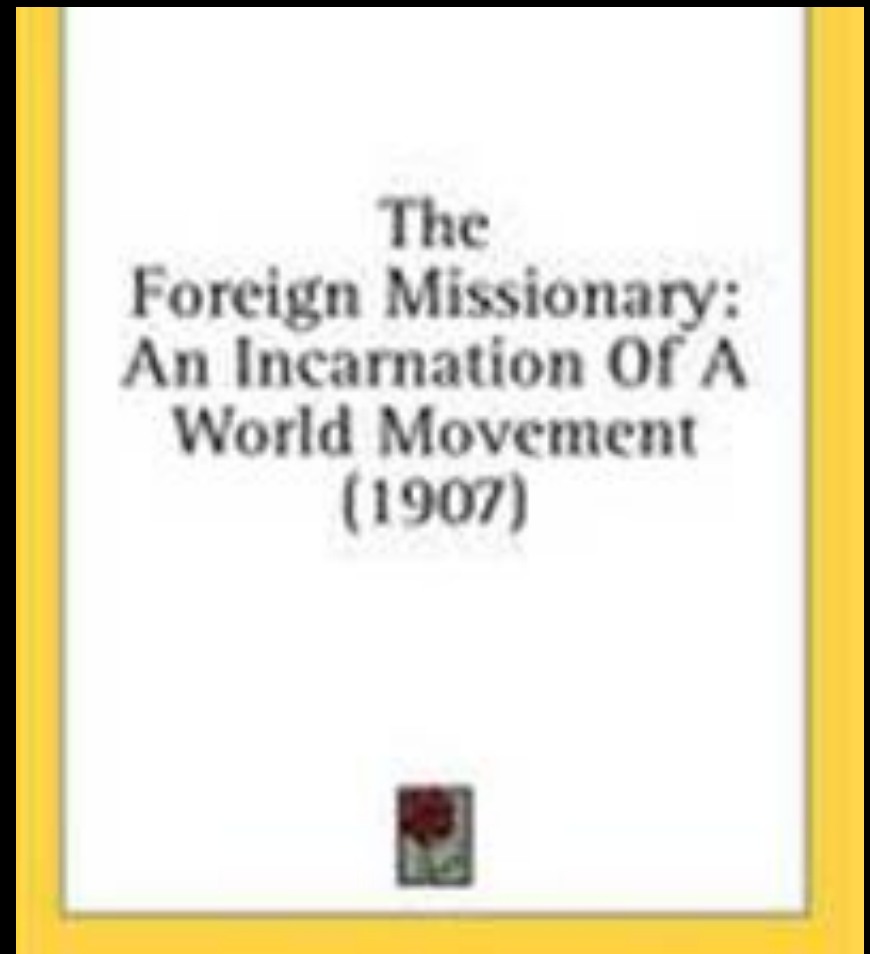
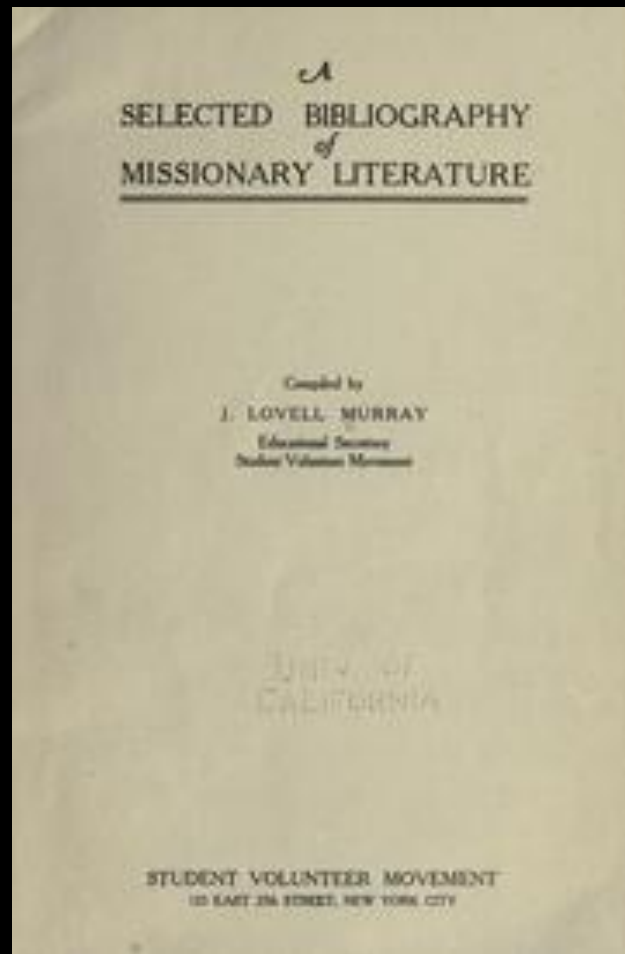
SVM Quadrennial Convention, 1920



Student pledges

- 1891: \$3,000/year
- 1894: \$6,000/year
- 1898: \$16,000/year
- 1906: \$21,000/year

Education at SVM Conventions



John Mott





The Morning Watch

COMPILATION

**The Evangelization
Of The World In This
Generation (1900)**

John Raleigh Mott



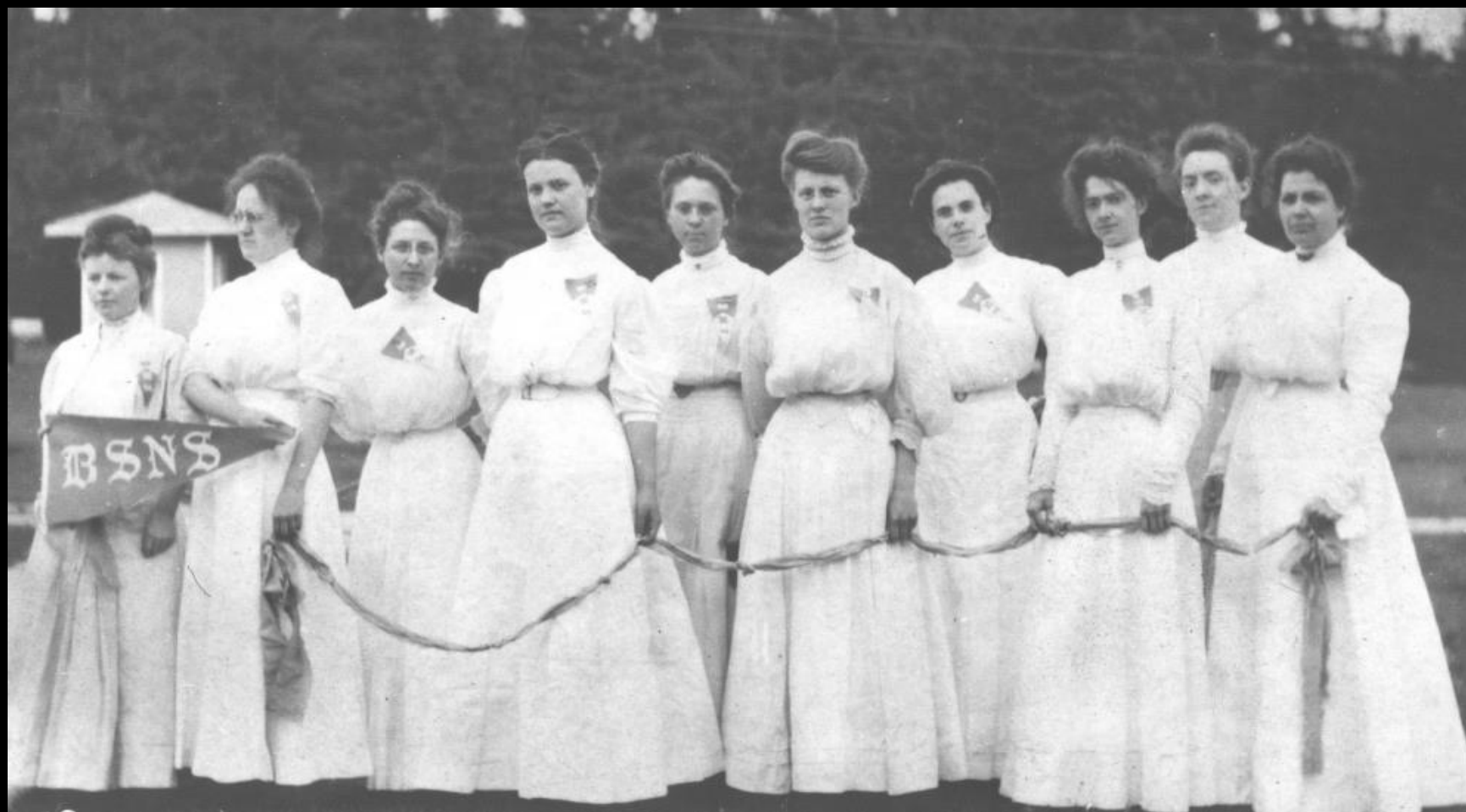
John Mott, missionary statesman



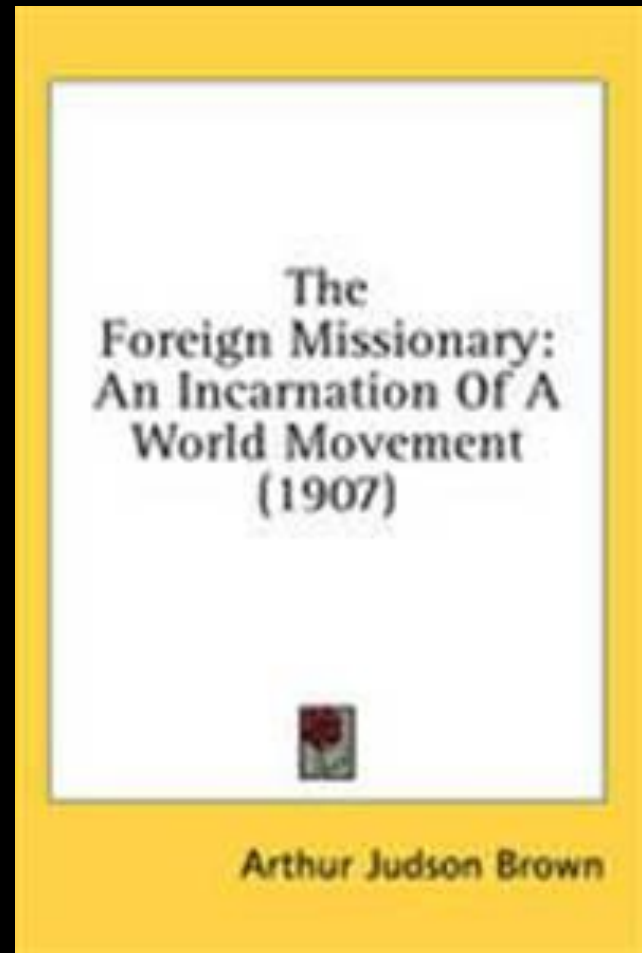
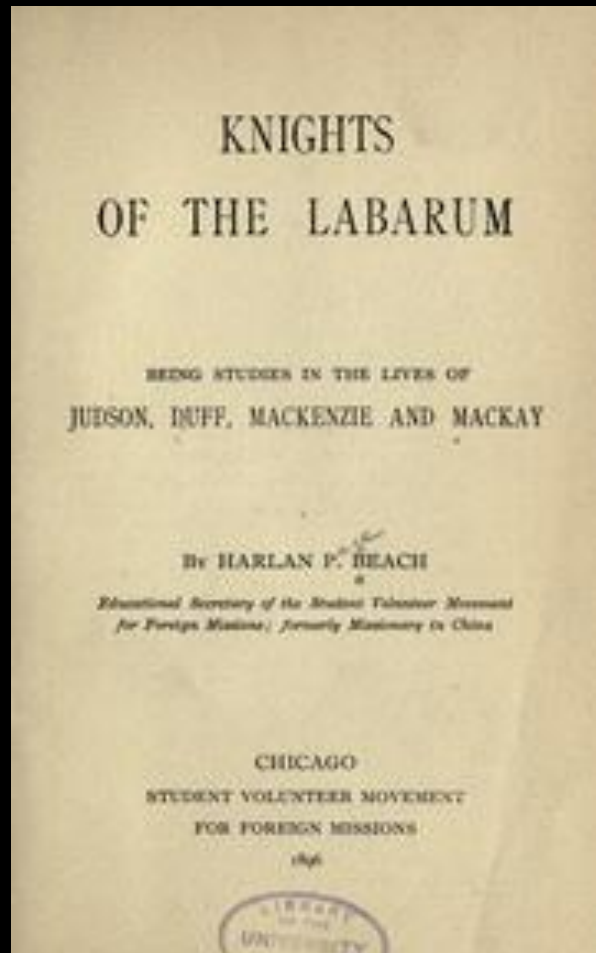
YMCA local campus missionary “band” (group)



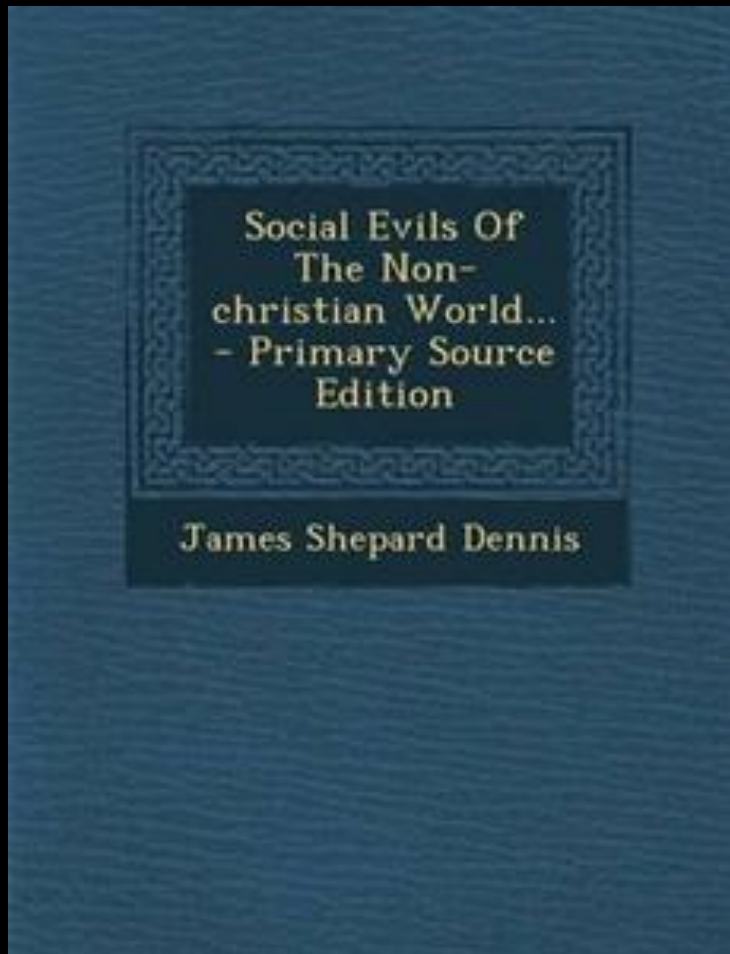
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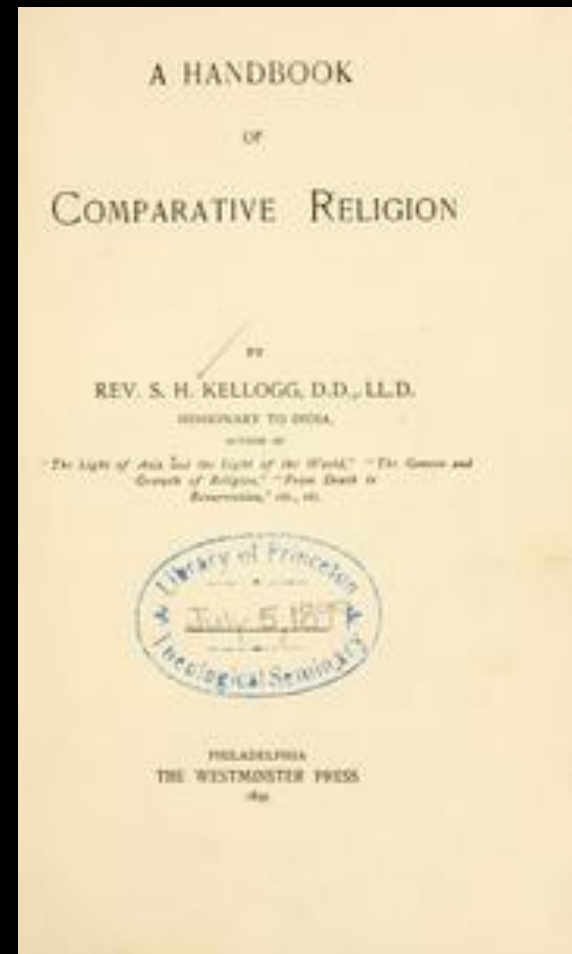
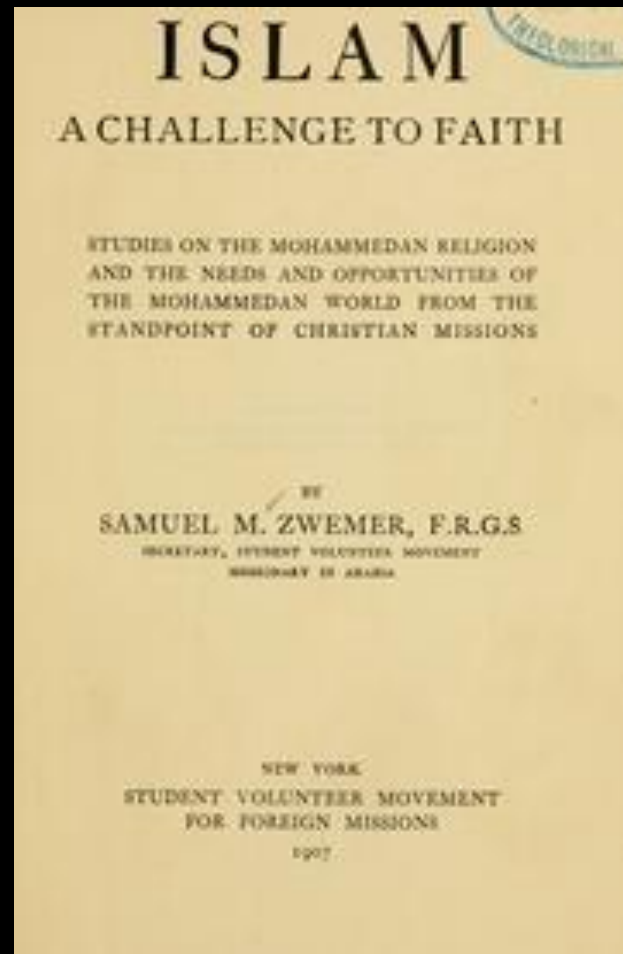
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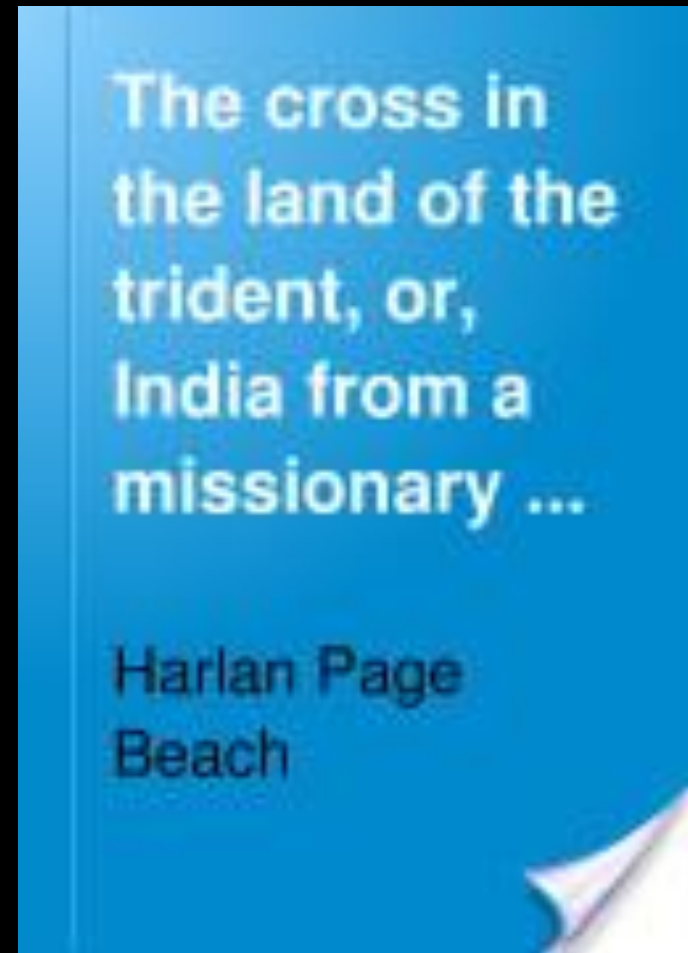
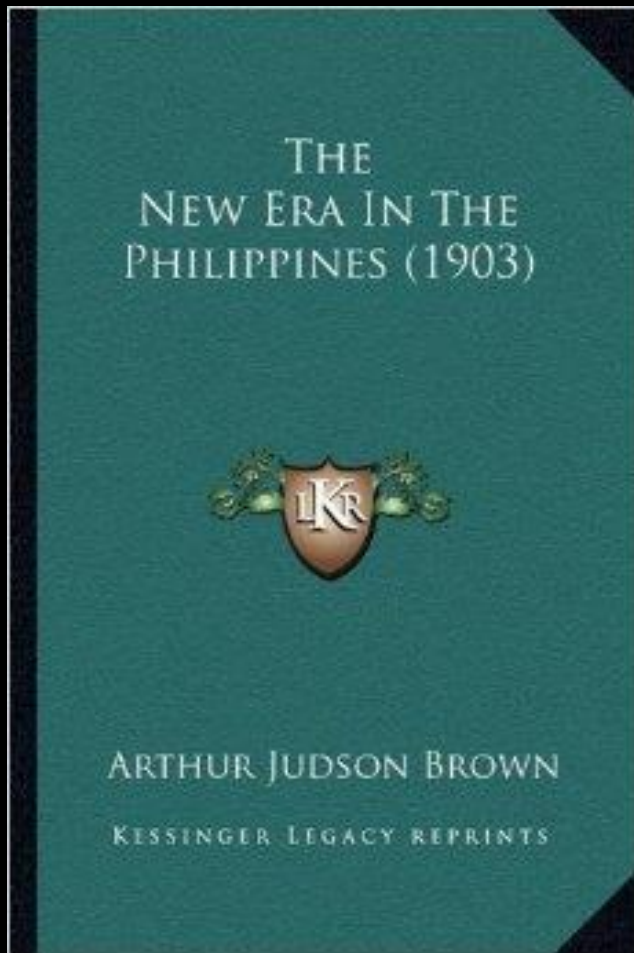
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SVM Application

1920

Please do not fill in this blank. If you cannot at this time answer all the questions, fill out as accurately as possible and return by the next mail; additional information may be sent later.

CORRESPONDENCE NUMBER 57083

STUDENT VOLUNTEER PLANK
STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
25 Madison Avenue, New York

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Date April 22, 1920

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Before writing any answers, please read all the questions on both sides of the blank.

1. Name in full (no initials only) Bliss Mitchell Wiant

2. (A) If engaged to be married, the full name of the person to whom engaged Mildred Kathryn Artz

(B) If a married man, the maiden name of your wife; or, if a married woman, your maiden name and your husband's name

(C) If you have children, please give age of each.

3. Year of birth: 1895 4. Present address: 241 N. Main St. Delaware Ohio

5. Home or permanent address (i. e., an address, if possible, which will regularly reach you) 505 So. Wittenberg Ave., Springfield Ohio

6. Of what branch of the Church are you a member? (Please give full title, e. g., Southern Baptist Convention, Presbyterian Church in U. S. A., etc.) The Methodist Episcopal Church

7. Have any members of your family been foreign missionaries? (Give facts) My brother Paul P. Wiant is now a civil engineer in Foochow China under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

8. Is it your purpose to become a foreign missionary, if God permit? Yes

9. In what institution are you a student? (If not now a student give name of institution you last attended) Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware Ohio

10. In what year will you graduate? 1920 11. What degree will you receive? Bachelor of Arts

12. Name the other institutions in which you have been a student, giving department, degrees and year of graduation 1916 at Wittenberg College, Springfield Ohio - my first year in College.

13. Present intention as to further course of study Intend to spend two years in the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston Mass.

14. What experience in Christian work have you had? (Preaching or pastor's assistant, Sunday school, settlement, city or country church work, etc.) My father is the District Superintendent of the Springfield District, West Ohio Conference and I have always been active in Christian Work of the church where he has been pastor.

15. Mention experience you may have had in such work as is listed below:
For men as follows: Civil, mechanical, electrical, and sanitary engineers; teachers of English, French, German, music, mathematics, agriculture, chemistry, biology, physics, philosophy, accounting, and commerce, manual training, serigraphy; structural studies; physical directors; architects; builders; physicians, surgeons, medical specialists; dentists; business managers, stenographers, printers; ordained preachers, teachers of theology.
For women: Nurses, physicians, nurses, medical specialists; teachers of primary and intermediate subjects; as well as specialists in biology, mathematics, music, kindergarten, normal, superintendents of schools; physical directors; stenographers; superintendents of philanthropic institutions, Bible teachers and evangelists.

16. When, and under what influences, did you first seriously consider becoming a foreign missionary? Convention of Methodist Men in Columbus A. March 1918

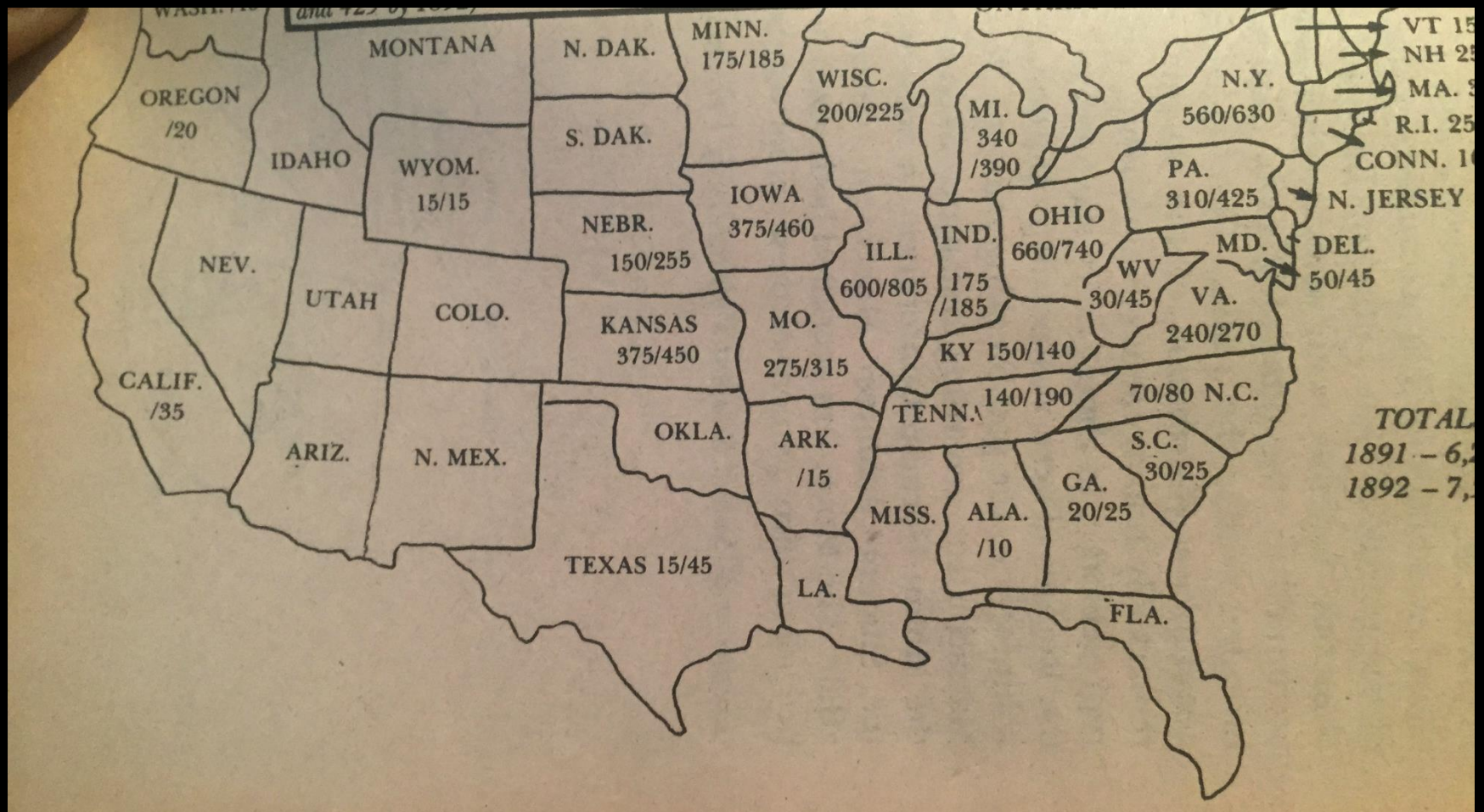
17. When, and under what influences, did you finally form the purpose to become a foreign missionary? After being in the navy for eight months during the war on a sea-going vessel I decided on life work. My brother in China influenced me also together with Edwin Chester Jones - Pres. of Helen Christian University, Foochow China.

(OVER)

Volunteers' denominational affiliations

- One-fourth Methodist
- One-fourth Presbyterian
- One-fourth Congregational
- One-fourth Baptist
- A few Episcopal, Lutheran & Friends
- No Catholics

SVM Volunteers 1891-92



1st 20 years: Countries where SVM missionaries were sent

- 43% went to China, Japan, Korea, SE Asia
- 21% went to India, Burma, Sri Lanka (Ceylon)
- 11% went to Africa
- 5% went to Iran, Arabia, Turkish Empire
- 11% went to miscellaneous places

SVM's Watchword

- “The Evangelization of the World in This Generation”
- Utilize modern means of communication & transportation
- Use new American wealth to financially support missionary work
- Gave students a living hope & concrete goal

SVM Declaration Card

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DECLARATION CARD
Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions

L. U. and Alexandra

IT IS MY PURPOSE, IF GOD PERMIT, TO BECOME A FOREIGN MISSIONARY

Signature Ester Kristensen

Institution St. Olaf College

Location of Institution Northfield, Minnesota

Permanent Address Northfield, Minnesota

Sy
10-18-23

Date Oct. 15 1923

IF SIGNED RETURN TO
STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT, 25 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

Growth of North American Protestant Missionary Movement

- 1890: 934 missionaries on the mission field
- 1900: 5,000
- 1915: 9,000
- End of 1920s: 14,000
- Half of them had been recruited through the SVM & signed the declaration card

The influence of liberal theology on the SVM

The Student Volunteer Movement



- Thousands recruited, but allowed liberalism in the movement
 - In 1890 - all seminaries but Harvard were evangelical
 - In 1920 - virtually all denominational seminaries were liberal
 - The same year was the peak of the SVM, which slowly died after that; they had not separated from liberal influences

Prayer

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PREVAILING PRAYER TO SEND FORTH LABORERS


The Holy Spirit

Equipping for Global Harvest Series

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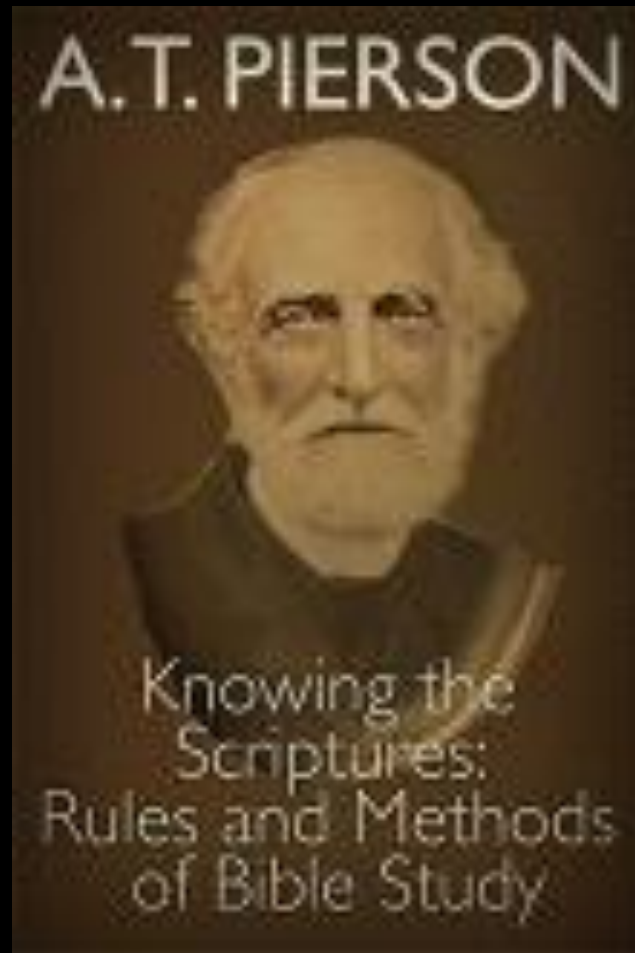
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Holy Spirit's role in exalting Jesus
to all the nations."
- Paul Borthwick

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