

girls their school is a place where personal cleanliness is insisted upon; where lying and impure words are not tolerated; where music and healthful games and exercises give enjoyment and recreation; where a mental blank becomes a mind; and above all else we intend it to be a place where the needs of the spirit are emphasized and Jesus Christ set forth as the highest example and pattern of character. This work with the children must be first of all a ministry of love, and the friendships formed in the class room before prejudice and intolerance have made them suspect the messenger and the messenger, are very deep and lasting and assure the missionary of a warm welcome in the houses which the pupils represent.

"He that ploweth must plow in hope," and we have as our incentive the hope that the Lord Jesus may come into His own in these young hearts and be the inspiration and controlling power in the new homes which they go out from us to found. Thus will His Kingdom come in Arabia.

To Arabia

MISS FRANCES M. THOMS

Arabia, thou art my land, my home;
I scarce can wish but what I long for thee.
First light of day, first moon and stars I saw
Were thine. First mother's smile and fatherly
Cares I sensed in thee. My love of God
In part is love for thee, Arabia!
I knew the desert islands of Bahrein,
Where beauteous pearls are sought and found and sold
With souls of countless price, and rare. Barefoot
I ran the sandy beach to gather shells;
Of shifting sands built cities manned with bits
Of drift-wood bleached; and dipped with childish fear
Into the shallow edge of endless sea.
Gardens I saw in Maskat and Bahrein;
Saw graceful palms of Basrah stoop and bend
O'er dank canals. I loved the rugged crags
On Oman's coast; the thunderous howl and war
Of cruel waves that beat relentlessly
Upon those stalwart rocks that will not yield.
I loved thee all in all and love thee still.
Beyond thy sand-driv'n coast and barren crags
I see a land of worth—my promised land,
My choice forevermore, I long, I long
For thee, my heart's desire—Arabia.

Missionary Personalia

Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer received from Rutgers College at its Commencement in June of this year, the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity, in still further token of the esteem in which he is held in the academic community that knows him so well and in appreciation of the continuing services that he is rendering to the Church which he has so long and so ably served.

Dr. Zwemer brings his work in America to a close in early July and is expecting to sail for England late in that month. He will spend August in Great Britain and France, returning to Cairo in September. Mrs. Zwemer will remain in this country with the children, her residence being at Holland, Michigan.

Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Barny are remaining in India at present and are assisting the Arcot Mission in the time of its present special emergency. They are residing in Madanapalle cooperating in the Educational Work centering at that important Station.

Rev. G. J. Pennings, in present service with the Y. M. C. A. working among the British troops in Mesopotamia, has been stationed for some time at Baiji, a Camp at the end of the railroad running north from Baghdad towards Mosul. He has been in charge of the work among the British troops here and at the railroad in another camp not far distant. The Army is to begin Educational Work soon, of which Mr. Pennings is to be placed in charge.

Rev. and Mrs. D. Dykstra, prior to their summer vacation in India, are planning a visit to Kateef so as to link up the Evangelistic Work with that of the Medical Staff as introduced by Dr. and Mrs. Harrison who have recently been on a visit to Kateef.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry A. Bilkert and Miss Van Pelt are spending their summer vacation in India.