



Memorial on Reinforcements.

The Board of Trustees of the Arabian Mission through the Board of Foreign Missions has made known to the church the "larger vision" with reference to "new responsibilities now opening in the Eastern world" and has submitted estimates for a proposed policy to be carried out during the coming years if the Church will assume its share in meeting these responsibilities. The Synod of the past year recommended the endorsement of this policy and passed a resolution "that the results of the inquiry instituted by a Committee of the Conference of Officers of the Foreign Mission Boards of the United States as to the forces and funds needed for the speedy evangelization of our Mission Fields" be adopted as the working basis for the forward movement of the churches.

The Arabian Mission rejoices to know that the Church at home is so heartily supporting the policy adopted, and we take courage and believe that our requests and hopes for larger support and more workers will now speedily be realized. The "larger vision" of this Mission has always been the evangelization of Arabia, with the aim to occupy the interior of Arabia from the coast as a base.

In order to accomplish this aim our efforts have been and must still be to become firmly established on the coast. This work has grown steadily during the past years, but at the present needs more attention than ever, if we shall hold what we have gained and embrace the opportunities now before us.

The work in the several stations has grown to such an extent that the missionaries find it most difficult to break away for necessary visits to outstations and touring in surrounding districts. The educational work needs the attention of special workers who shall devote all their time to this alone. The medical work in the stations has grown so large that it is not practicable for the physicians to leave the hospitals unattended while away on tours. But our work in the out-districts cannot be neglected. All the work of past years has opened new opportunities for outstations and the people are asking for doctors and teachers.

This year the Mission has assigned a physician to the Oman field to begin the medical work there which had been planned for years past. The Oman coast, called "The Pirate Coast," has for several years asked for a doctor, and the outstations in the Busrah field ought to have a physician.

Missionaries for evangelistic work are very much needed, for already, by reason of necessary furloughs, we have been obliged to take a man from outstation work to assign him to other station work.

Medical work for women has long asked for lady physicians. At present educational work for girls is waiting for special workers. The Mission on the field is ready to provide accommodations for new workers as soon as they are sent, for houses can be rented in almost all of our stations until such a time as permission is given to build. At Busrah we have land which is the property of the Mission and we can build immediately if the Trustees agree.

At Bahrein we have asked to build for Arab work, which building will house a missionary, and thus afford more room in the present Mission house. We can buy property immediately at Nasariyeh and Amara at very reasonable prices. Teachers to teach new missionaries the language are already at hand. And workers to assist them as soon as they are ready to take charge of work will, we trust, be available. Four new helpers have just joined the mission.

Eager to begin this Forward Movement on the field, to perfect the work now in hand, and to take up the work now waiting for our immediate attention, we beg to submit to the Board of Trustees a request for missionaries needed in the immediate future and trust that they will give ear to our request and send us these reinforcements at the earliest possible opportunity.

Our needs for the immediate future are:

1. Three clergymen for outstations and touring.
2. Four male physicians for outstations and touring.
3. One lady physician.
4. One trained nurse.
5. One man for educational work.
6. One single lady with kindergarten training.

NOTE.—Of these, one clergyman, one male and one lady physician have already been appointed.

The Arabian Mission Trustees' Meeting.

The Trustees of the Arabian Mission met on March 24, 1909, in regular session in the rooms of the Board of Foreign Missions. Beside the Trustees, Drs. Cantine, Zwemer and Worrall were present.

Satisfactory medical certificates having been received in regard to Dr. and Mrs. Cantine, the Board gave its approval to their return to Arabia next fall.

Dr. Zwemer gave notice that it had been concluded to delay the proposed tour of exploration to Moslem lands till a later date.

In view of correspondence with the Secretary of the Reformed Church in the United States (German) with reference to the occupation of a field in or section of Arabia, the Board extended a very cordial