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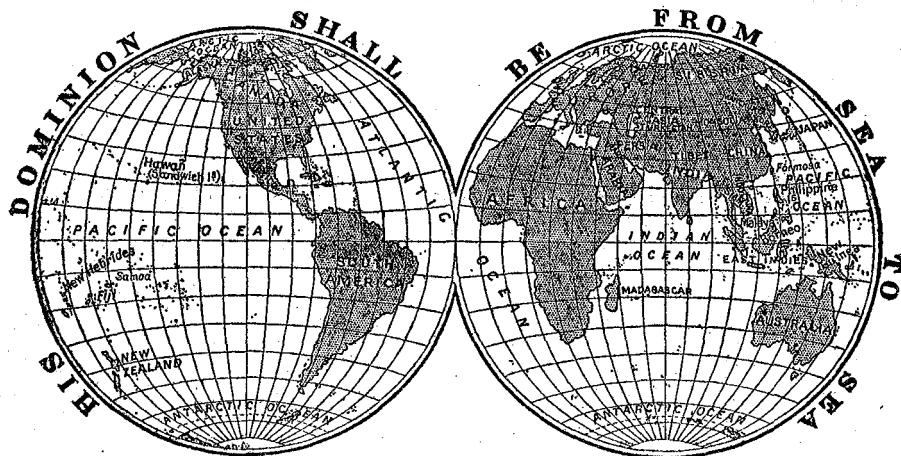
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Of World Importance

REGULAR readers of WORLD DOMINION will not need to be told that every issue of the magazine deals with three things: (1) The ever-changing world situation viewed from the standpoint of the Kingdom of God; (2) God's plan for the world, namely, world evangelization in our generation; (3) the following factors which would make world evangelization an accomplished task: (i) Continuous survey in order that effort may be intelligently directed and co-ordinated; (ii) world-wide witness to the regenerating power of the Gospel. In this connexion we repeatedly call attention to the necessity for, and value of, what we call non-professional missionary work; (iii) the practice of New Testament principles in the planting of indigenous Churches in the Pauline way, and the spontaneous expansion of these Churches.

The steady advocacy of these fundamental things has inaugurated a new era in the missionary enterprise. 'To-day the words, "Indigenous Church," "Paul's Methods," "World Dominion Policies," are heard on all sides and

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have come to stand for an attitude toward world evangelism.*

The principles for which the World Dominion Movement stands are of universal application. It is, therefore, glad to be associated, at the Mildmay Conference Centre as headquarters, with the Movement for World Evangelization, a movement which has adopted World Dominion principles and seeks to put them into practice. Deeply concerned at the needs which world survey has revealed, the Movement for World Evangelization is seeking to meet them by campaigns, in the British Isles and elsewhere, for evangelism, Bible study and missionary education. Thousands are being won for Christ and world-wide witness, and material help is being given to meet outstanding needs. The two co-operating Movements are, for convenience, called 'The Mildmay Movement.'

Survey has shown that London and Greater London, if attendance at places of worship be adopted as the criterion, is one of England's neediest fields† and plans are being made for a great London campaign in the coming autumn, winter and spring, the inaugural meeting to be held in the Royal Albert Hall on 30th September. We earnestly beg our readers, especially in and around London, to help by prayer and gifts to make this campaign one of world importance.

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We have been interested in reading the reviews of the 'progress made in 1934.' The beginning of a year sees a spate of these, and most of the space is devoted to material progress. Any notice of 'religion' is confined to things which may not indicate any real spiritual progress; a gift of £200,000 towards the erection of a central tower in a cathedral; the erection of a great new Central Hall (where possibly crowds may mask the process of decline in church attendance). These, and similar pieces of news, are

* See p. 102 *Ambassadors for Christ*, by Mildred Cable and Francesca French. Hodder & Stoughton. Price 2/6 and 1/-.

† See *Disquieting Figures About London*, WORLD DOMINION, October, 1934.

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brought to our notice under the subject of 'religion.' A big contribution was made by WORLD DOMINION towards awakening the Church to the serious situation revealed by falling church attendance when it published a result of some of its surveys. The state of affairs thereby indicated gave rise to questions regarding the spiritual condition of the nation and directly contributed to an important meeting of Christian leaders to consider the situation. The Great London Campaign which is being inaugurated at and from Mildmay was and is another factor in awakening interest in the realm of the spiritual.

A thoughtful article which departed from the conventional summing up of the 'year's progress' appeared in the January number of the *American Magazine*. In this article, Dr. Millikan, scientist and Nobel Prize winner, challengingly says, 'If we are to take stock of the world's advance in 1934, let us first take stock of ourselves.' He indicates that there is a human balance sheet which is the real and fundamental criterion of progress. He asks whether we are merely road-hogs, eating space, or whether we care sometimes to drive alone to a hilltop to read and meditate and to hunger for betterment. The thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians, when read in Moffat's version, is startlingly fresh. It takes exactly one minute to read this chapter. It is a golden rule by which we may, if we will, daily measure true progress.

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As the keynote for coming London Campaigns *Life with a Purpose* will probably be adopted. Many lives lack 'direction,' which is the first step towards achievement. The supreme purpose of the Christian life is to experience, and become a witness to, the power of God. *The Times*, remarking on the stupendous undertaking in Iraq, where the 1,200 mile pipe-line to Syria and Palestine has been completed, says that 'this great achievement stands as a moral stimulus to all who are facing tasks of gigantic difficulty and apparent impossibility.' Life with a purpose —the evangelization of the world.