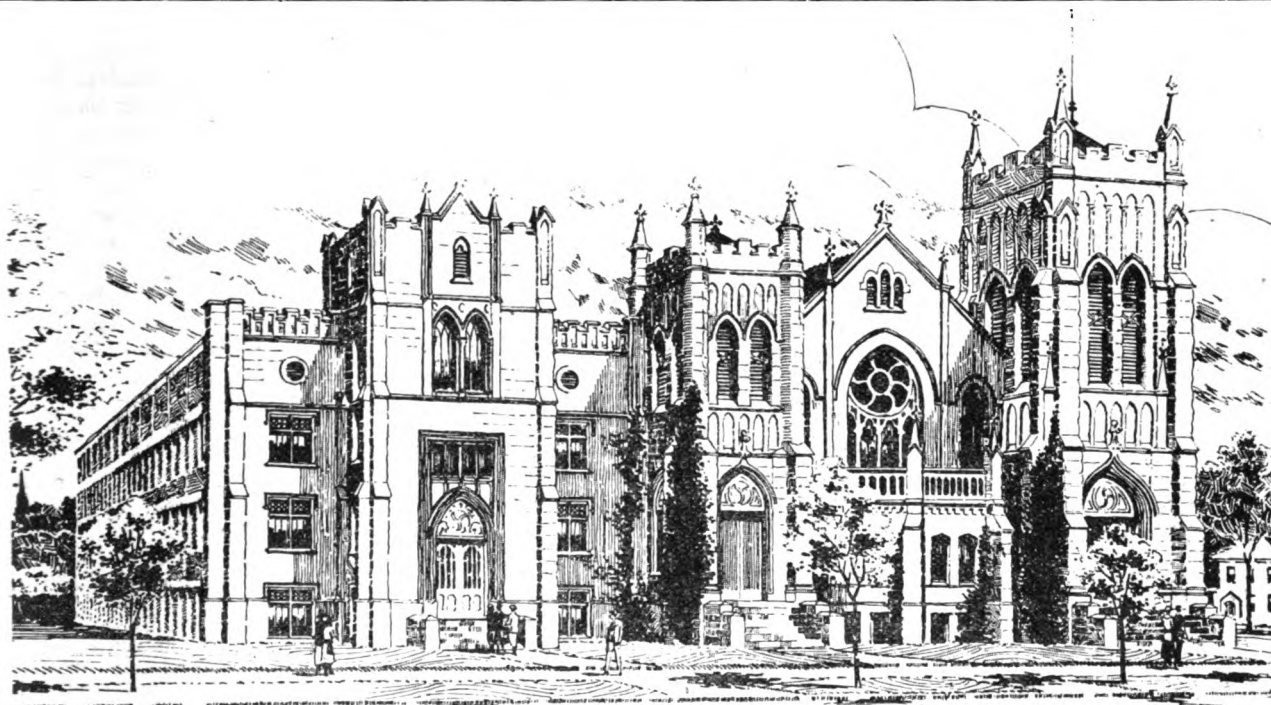


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First Church, San Antonio, Texas, where the General Assembly will convene on May 15.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTES

R. E. MAGILL

The annual meeting of our General Assembly will convene on May 15, 1924, in the First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, Texas. The Assembly has not met in Texas since 1904 and the session this year promises to be one of unusual interest. San Antonio is one of the most beautiful cities of the Lone Star State and a place that abounds in historic interest.

The Alamo with its rich associations with the early days of the Southwest will be a point of great interest for visitors.

The First Church which is to be the host of the Assembly is one of the oldest and yet one of the most vigorous of our organizations in Texas.

Dr. P. B. Hill, the pastor, and his live membership are making careful preparations to give the Assembly a royal welcome.

A number of Ad Interim Committees are to make reports which will afford opportunity for "Much Palaver" but we trust wise conclusions will be reached.

A number of amendments to the Book of Church Order will be submitted which if adopted will clarify this very much muddled document. The suggestion to churches as to a method by which they may become

legally incorporated bodies is not to be incorporated as an amendment to the Book of Church order and it is hoped no time will be wasted in discussing academic matters.

A report on a Bureau of Vacancy and Supply will be submitted and it is greatly to be desired that a plan may be worked out which will assure every church a pastor and every pastor a church. At present we have over 400 churches without pastoral oversight and about 100 ministers who do not seem to have regular work.

The committee to study conditions in our border Synods will have an interesting report and it is to be hoped that plans will be suggested which will avoid duplication of effort in this day when sixty-five per cent of America's population is still out of the evangelical churches.

The report on the problems of the country church will discuss a vital matter and should arouse us to the fact that our small town and city churches cannot grow unless we adopt intelligent and aggressive plans to reach the people in the open country. At present fifty to seventy-five per cent of the country churches are of the Baptist and Methodist persuasion with probably

I were rich, than to feel so badly myself, and to disappoint the senders. If any are returned, I hope the givers will forgive me, and understand that I fully appreciate their kindness, and thank them just as much as if circumstances had made it possible for me to keep them.

Among the packages were several articles marked for me, individually. To all who so remembered me, I am trying to write my thanks, but a few are unidentified, due to the fact that in opening the boxes several persons helped, saving the tags in bulk. If any of these have not heard from me, please drop me a card telling what you sent.

As representing about one thousand recipients, allow me again to thank you for all of these nice gifts.



The Coolie.

## THE COOLIE

L. T. NEWLAND

I can see the coolies bending  
Underneath their heavy loads,  
As they walk in files unending  
Down Korea's dusty roads.  
Earth bent faces, blank and hopeless,  
Kin by labor to the beast,  
Sternly driven they are helpless;  
'Mongst earth's toilers they are least.

Born in filth and reared in squalor,  
From their childhood they are cursed.  
On their face starvation's pallor—  
In the trials of life well versed.  
Though they drink in heaven's glory,  
No emotion stirs their mind,  
They are held by customs hoary;  
Eyes they have but they are blind.

Still their souls are daily crying  
For some light upon the way.  
Out of darkness they are trying  
For the heights where dwells the day.  
But their laggard feet are weary,  
And there are no guiding hands  
To point out the mountain eyrie,  
Where the Cross uplifted stands.

Like the Han\* this tide is bowing  
Towards the sea that bounds the West.  
Soiled and sullen it is going  
To the sea, and death and rest.  
Shall Korea sink forever  
Under waves of hopelessness?  
Shall no blow be struck to sever  
From the chains of Christlessness?

Yes! The coolies still are bending,  
Toiling 'neath their heavy loads.  
And their files are still unending  
Down the winding, dusty roads.  
But I hear sweet laughter ringing,  
And I see them glorified.  
Hark unto their gladsome singing!  
We are free through Christ who died.

*Kwang-ju, Korea.*

\*The Han is the principal river of Korea flowing west into the Yellow Sea.

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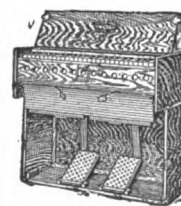
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