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THIS WEEK'S TOPIC.

"What the Bible teaches about giving." 2 Cor. 9:6-11; 8:23-24.

MISSIONS.

(The quotations and pithy truths below are taken in toto from the column of the Christian Endeavor World. As an example of much wisdom in little space, it could scarcely be excelled.—Com.)

THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

enthusiasm, and we shall get a rousing collection." Paul did not believe in that way of giving, but in setting aside gifts from principle and from love of Christ and his cause. The first way he called "extortion," and the second he called "bounty."

The ministration of this service. . . . abounded also through many thanksgivings unto God (2 Cor. 9:12). Today the close binding together of the world through modern means of communication and organization makes it possible to do much more with our gifts than could be done in the time of Paul. A soul cannot be bought for gold, but it almose seems as if there were a divine alchemy that can turn consecrated gold into saved men and women. Send a certain amount to certain fields, and it is almost certain to lead to the winning of a new soul for Christ,

I seek not yours, but you (2 Cor. 12: 14). Paul knew that if he had the hearts of the Corinthians he would also have their purses for Christ. The students in the medical colleges in Toronto support a medical representative in Korea. This bit of personal work is doing for them what similar work is doing for hundreds of churches and Christian Endeavor Societies-it is giving them a definite interest in missions, and bringing the cause home to their own lives.

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store (1 Cor. 16:2). The Chicago Standard wants to know why a few wet Sundays should lessen the resources of missions by hundreds of thousands of dollars. Why should the greatest of all causes be dependent upon the weather of the day set for the collection? Would Great Britain have recalled its armies because there was a foggy week in London, and the taxes could not be collected? Would the United States have given up the sanitation, education and civilizing of Cuba because there had been a blizzard in the Northwest, and the people could not buy revenue stamps?

The friend said, "I will give five pounds, Andrew, seeing it is you." Fuller handed it back. "I will take nothing," he said, "seeing it is I," The man saw the point and replied, "Andrew, you are right. Here are ten pounds, seeing it is for the Lord Jesus."

Two working girls of Providence, R. I., decided to walk one way between their homes and the factory, thus saving ten cents a day, and supporting their own native preacher at \$30 a year. When they told of their plan, their faces shone as if they had just found a goldmine.

For two years two sisters in Edinburgh, one a teacher and the other a milliner, have supported a third sister, who is a missionary in South Africa. They are just as much missionaries as she is.

A missionary mother sat watching a ship as it disappeared below the horizon. On board were her children whom she was sending back to her own country for an education. When the ship had disappeared she sank on her knees, looked up to heaven, and said, "Lord Jesus, I do this for thee." That is the true motive in all kinds of missionary work.

John G. Paton's autobiography had a great sale, and in all a profit of \$70,000 was coming to the author, but he gave it to the missionary society that had sent him ot the New Hebrides, asking them to use it for missions in the South

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There was a cry in the streets. People rushed from their doors and strained their eyes on the struggling balloonist fighting for life. Even the poor, panting sufferer in the sick room was forgotten while the fam-

ily gazed breathless at this strange tragedy of the air. Then they went back to the sick room to tell of the terrible struggle for life they had just witnessed. It did not occur to them that under their very eyes a more terrible, more pathetic struggle was going on daily.

There can be nothing more pitiful than the struggle the consumptive makes against disease. The greatest help in this struggle is gained by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures obstinate coughs, weak and bleeding lungs, emaciation, and other ailments which if neglected or unskillfully treated find a fatal termination in consumption.

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SPURS FOR GIVING.

Giving money will have no value except we first give ourselves.- Andrew Murray.

Forgive us, O Lord, if at any time we have given pennies when we should have given silver; if we have given silver when we should have given gold.-Hugh Price Hughes.

When I give to the missionary cause, I feel that I belong not to the town or the state, but to the forces that are building up the world.-Mrs. Moses Smith.

"The Lord looks not so much at what we give as what we have left."

"The great charitable enterprises of the world are maintained by associated poverty."

"If we would look less at our money, and more at God, we should become more liberal."

Ye sent once and again unto my need (Phil. 4:16). That was a missionary box sent to Paul from Philippi. What do you suppose they put into it? Were, there any threadbare cloaks and mismated sandals? Suppose we had a chance to send a missionary box to Paul, what would we put into it? What do we put into our missionary boxes sent to those that are doing Paul's work to-day.

Beyond their power they gave of their own accord (2 Cor. 8:3). 'Ine churches of Macedonia gave even beyond their power, because they were so thankful for what the gospel had been to them. Now, the gospel has been even more to us. We are immensely wealthy. The prosperity and the liberty of our nation we owe to the gospel; they are the result of missionary work long ago. Notwithstanding all this, how do our missionary gifts to-day compare with those of the Macedonians?

Let each one of you lay by in store

Good measure, pressed down (Luke 6.38). Once a London pastor said that when he looked over his congregation on a Sunday morning, he asked himself, "Where are the poor?" But when he saw the offering counted in the vestry he asked himself, "Where are the rich?"

THE GIVING OF NATIVE CHRISTIANS.

The native Christians of Ceylon began with giving a tenth of their income, and will not give less. On the average, every hundred native Christians are supporting one native missionary.

To raise money for the poor, all the children in the kindergarten department of one of the American orphanages in Turkey volunteered to go without the simple relish with their meals for a day, and ate nothing but dry bread.

The Chinese belonging to the First Presbyterian Church at Canton paid \$3,000 for a new site for the church and a woman's dispensary. Many other examples of Chinese giving might be given.

During the year 1902, the gifts for religious purposes of the native Christians of the Marathi Mission of the American Board increased from 7,308 rupees to 8,685-a gain of 1,377 rupees. From seven to nine rupees is a month's salary for an educated Christian teacher, Seas.

A young Swede, a stable boy, went to Mexico and became wealthy. His partner asked him what he was going to do with his money. He answered, "I mean to do more for the world than the world ever did for me." He gave more than \$50,000 to endow a college and hospital in the far west.

Two servant girls gave ten dollars after hearing a missionary address. When their mistress told them they could not afford to give so much, they answered, "O, yes, we can; we can go without something."

A New York business man, when a young man, decided to carry on his business for the kingdom of God. His business flourished, but he and his wife and daughter still live in the same six-room cottage, while with the yearly profits from his business he is supporting forty home and foreign missionaries.

Two beautiful women were once debating what constitutes beauty in the hand, and referred the discussion to a friend. The friend said, "Ask the poor and they will tell you that the most beautiful hand is the hand that gives."

A wealthy manufacturer was converted about fifteen years ago, and since then he has been using his money for God. One day his pastor noticed the letters "M. P." on the front of a drawer in his office. The manufacturer explained that they stood for "My Partner." He had taken God into partnership with him, and his Partner's drawer was never empty.

A Protestant congregation in Lyons was trying to build a small church, and an old soldier brought all his three months' earnings. When they asked him if he could spare so much, he answered, "My Saviour spared not himself, but gave his life for me. Surely

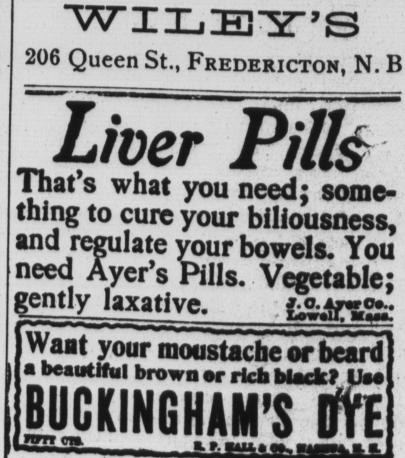


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. . . that no collections be made when I come (I Cor. 16:2). According to much of our modern practice, that was poor policy. Many persons would say: "Wait till Paul comes. -He will tell us about the work, and stir up

I can spare one-quarter of a year's inand two rupees a month is good wages come to extend his kingdom on earth." for a common laborer. 港港港

ILLUSTRATIONS OF GIVING. Andrew Fuller once asked an old friend for money for foreign missions.

There is no human life so pure and small as not to hold many a divine possibility.-James Martineau.