

## The Woman's Missionary Society.

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### DO YOU BELIEVE IN MISSIONS?

The Christian who does not believe in foreign missions does not believe in the great commission "Go ye and make disciples of all nations." Repeat it and see.

The Christian who does not believe in foreign missions does not believe in the Apostles' Creed. Repeat it and see.

The Christian who does not believe in foreign missions does not believe in the Lord's Prayer. Repeat it and see.

The Christian who does not believe in foreign missions does not believe in the doxology in long meter. Repeat it and see.

The Christian who does not believe in foreign missions believes that two-thirds of the earth's population should perish without hope.

How many more millions must die before the church of God moves forward? "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

### INFLUENCE OF ONE YOUNG WOMAN.

The *Knights of Fidelity News* (liquor organ) in a recent issue contained the following item:

"The law was enforced to the letter yesterday in Kokomo. Not a saloon was open, and the gamblers did no business. For the first time in months the police made no arrests for a Sunday drunk, and last night the station house was empty."

And herein hangs a tale. In Kokomo a young woman by name Clara A. Styer, the daughter of an old soldier, was employed by one of the merchants of the city as bookkeeper, and was well liked because of her ability and skill. But she was opposed to saloons, and on a certain Sunday, some weeks ago, made the rounds of the place, and, finding the saloons open, began agitation intended to secure obedience to the Sunday law.

As a result, the thirty-one saloon keepers of Kokomo arose as one man and demanded that she be dismissed from her position in the clothing house where she was employed. The merchant suggested that she "resign until the thing blew over," but Miss Styer refused, and the merchant finally discharged her.

Miss Styer then selected ten women to go through the third ward and get signers to a remonstrance against granting license to retail liquor in that ward. The ward was divided into five districts, two women to a district, and so the crusade, headed by this new Joan of Arc, went on. The good people sided with her. The saloon interests shortly began to perceive that they had made a mistake in securing her discharge. A wave of indignation swept over the city. At the March sitting of the commissioners' court she knocked out thirteen saloons in the business part of the town by blanket remonstrance under the Nicholson law. A despatch of March 30 says:

"She is now hot after the eighteen remaining with every prospect of success,

making Kokomo for once in its existence a dry town. The plucky little woman is determined to drive every saloon, gambling house and other disreputable resort out of town. Only legal methods are employed."

### From Heathen Warrior to Christian Teacher.

More wonderful than the change from African wilderness to a town with modern conveniences is the change wrought in the hearts of the people. Miss Knight, of the Scottish Mission, describes her native teacher who daily instructs her in the language. Not long before her entering the mission she says "he was one of the fiercest and most savage of wild Ngoni warriors. He had the reputation of having killed more men and stolen more cattle than any man in his tribe. But the Gospel has wrought a wondrous change in him, and now with lamb-like quietness the once fierce warrior daily assists his gentle friend in acquiring the language of his people, is dressed in clean white clothes, and in a hundred ways shows the change that has taken place within. Such evidences of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are more than enough to compensate the missionaries for all their exile and toil."

CONSCIENCE.—A poor Indian was asked one time what his conscience was. Putting his hand over his heart, he said: "It is a little three-cornered thing in here. When I do wrong it turns around and hurts very much. If I keep on doing wrong, it will turn until it wears the edges all of and then it will not hurt any more."

That Indian knew what he was talking about. The saddest and most perilous result of continuing in sin is the deadening of the power of conscience.

### Mission Notes and News

—Under French rule and influence the progress of missions in Madagascar is not so encouraging as under the native rule. Temptations are greater than formerly; whole tribes are still ignorant of the Gospel.

—Of the Methodist Church, one-quarter of its members are found in heathen lands and among the natives of these countries including the Philippines, Korea and India, and it is said that the increase in the last mentioned country is fully twenty-five souls daily.

—Bishop Foster once visited a beautiful temple in India. He asked the attendant how long it would all last. "Not long," he said. "Why," asked the bishop. And the attendant, lifting his eyes to the southwest, and scanning the whole horizon, uttered the one word, "Jesus." May God hasten the prophetic day.

—The Livingstone memorial in Central Africa is now completed, and in a fitting way marks permanently the spot formerly occupied by the tree under whose shadow the great missionary explorer expired, and beneath whose branches his heart lies buried.

—Brazil has a territory as vast as the United States. With a population of 18,000,000 with only 50 missionaries, with about the same number of native helpers, 8,000 Brazilian converts, the 2,000,000 of aborigines of the interior are yet unreached.

—The Quakers of the First Friends' Church in Cleveland, O., have sent 43 missionaries to foreign lands, and the Friends' Bible Institute, an organization closely connected with the church, has

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sent 200 to foreign fields. What church in our own denomination can show a better record in the missionary field?

—It is a beautiful custom of the Moravian Church in Germany, to charge itself with the care of the children of its foreign missionaries. These children are gathered for their education in a large boarding school, but when the vacations occur each young person is received into some family and is treated as one of themselves.

—A peculiar feature of the work in Korea is that it is self-supporting. The natives carry on the work, and the foreign missionaries have to superintend and direct these natives and to train at the same time those who are to be leaders. The missionary in Korea has a single pastorate; the majority have from 15 to 30 churches under their care. The mission asks for 25 new missionaries and feels that they are absolutely needed to carry on the work the church has in hand.

—A heathen in Burma happened to obtain a copy of the Psalms, left behind by a traveller who stopped at his house. For 20 years the man worshipped the God revealed in the Psalms, using the fifty-first Psalm as his daily prayer. Then a missionary appeared on the scene and gave him a copy of the New Testament. The story of salvation through Jesus Christ brought great joy to his heart, and he said: "For 20 years I walked by starlight; now I see the sun." This is but another illustration of the old Pauline idea that the law, or the Old Testament generally, is a schoolmaster to lead men to Christ.

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Received from 6th District, \$248.47. with \$57.14 received in April, making a total of \$305.61. From 1st District, per Mrs. Currie, \$54.48. From 5th District, per Miss Carpenter, \$89.11.

M. A. VINCE,  
Treasurer W. M. S.  
Woodstock, Aug. 26th, 1903.

### NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Third District Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the Free Baptist church at Middle Southampton, Saturday, September 5th, 1903, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before it.

GRACE R. HARTLEY,  
Rec. Sec.

### NOTICE.

All the superintendents of the Mission Bands will please send me, by postal card, the membership at the present time, and the amount raised this year for all purposes. Address: Rev. J. N. Barnes, Fredericton, care Rev. Dr. McLeod. I will need the notice by the 15th of September,

J. N. BARNES.

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It is understood that the government has decided that Thanksgiving Day will be held this year on October 15. This is about the same time as last year.