

## The Woman's Missionary Society.

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### WHY SHOULD I GIVE FOR MISSIONS.

BY THE REV. JOHN O. TOSTER, D. D.

#### First Speaker—

What reason is there for this giving  
 Of money for missions to-day?  
 Is it anything better than wasted  
 When you send it to heathen away?  
 I've heard so much pleading and begging  
 For heathen and missions and gold,  
 That I think the subject is musty  
 And rusty and crusty and old.

#### Second Speaker—

I'll answer your curious question,  
 By asking another instead,  
 What knowledge have you of the heathen  
 Who are starving and dying for bread?  
 Would you not be thankful and happy  
 If you were imploring for food,  
 To have some one give in abundance  
 Supplies that were wholesome and good?

#### Third Speaker—

'Tis charity, doubtless, to offer  
 Or give one a morsel to eat;  
 But what is the use of a mission  
 Where no one your coming will greet?  
 In China the rebels are ready  
 To mob the man who comes there;  
 So what is the use of your giving  
 Or preaching, or singing, or prayer?

#### Fourth Speaker—

I'll tell you, perhaps you don't know it,  
 That millions are ready to-day  
 To welcome the teachers of Jesus,  
 To show them the excellent way;  
 To sing them the grand old story,  
 And read them the infinite Word;  
 For this they are constantly calling,  
 And longing to know of the Lord.

### Report of Rev. J. N. Barnes for February. To the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society.

DEAR SISTER,—This month has been attended with much that hinders in our work—bad roads, cold and storms such as we have never known before. But by the blessing of God we have kept at work all the month. We spent two weeks at Beaver Harbor, and had eighteen meetings. The little church is holding on this way very well, and we trust our visit was helpful. They have a good prayer-meeting on Sabbath morning, and the young people have their meeting in the evening, when they have no minister with them; in the afternoon they have Sabbath school, and it is a good school. The Mission Band went under last fall, but we succeeded in re-organizing it with a membership of twenty-one, and with good prospects. We attended three meetings at Carleton and Portland, and had one meeting at Westfield with Bro. John Robertson. The Westfield church is doing well. We also had one meeting at Brown's Flat. We are now on our way home, and will not be able to get around much this month, as the roads are in such a bad condition. We were pleased to learn from Rev. C. T. Phillips that our sisters in St. John remember us in their prayers; hope others also do so in their meetings. With God's blessing and your prayers we hope to be of some service to his cause.

Summary of work: Meetings held, 20;

families visited, 44; prayed with, 23; miles travelled, 265; cash collected, \$26.89; for the INTELLIGENCER, \$15.00; for missions, \$11.89.

J. N. BARNES.

Fredericton, March, 4, 1904.

### MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

—There is in Constantinople a College for Women, established by American Christians. It is doing a work for women similar to what Robert College does for young men.

—The amount of money raised by Christian missionary societies in America and Europe and expended in non-Christian lands during 1903 was \$18,459,841. Of this sum Great Britain and Ireland contributed \$8,847,666; the United States, \$7,176,845, and Canada \$383,748.

—The *Indian Witness*, organ of the M. E. Church in India, reports that there is a gradual awakening on the part of the people to the social and political disadvantages entailed by caste, and a growing restlessness under its almost intolerable burdens. This is a hopeful sign, and points to the beginning of better things for the Hindu people.

—The statement is made that when the Japanese immigration into Hawaii fell off, the sugar planters imported 10,000 Koreans. Among the number were thirty Methodist converts, and they labored with such good effect during the voyage that upon arrival at Honolulu there were fifty Methodists. The fifty kept at work, and now there is a Korean Methodist church in Hawaii.

—The Moravians began a mission at Chini, in the Western Himalayas, in India, on the border of Tibet, in 1900, with two experienced missionaries. They have built a mission house and begun a school. The confidence of the people is being gained and it is believed that a good progress has been made. The language spoken is Kanaure and the people are Hindus, their favorite goddess being the bloodthirsty Kali.

—The following information, taken from the *Missionary News*, should cause some serious thought to those of us who are not very much in earnest about the work of Christian missions. The *News* says that "The British Empire contains a population of 350,000,000. Of these, 240,000,000 are heathen and 60,000,000 Mohammedan. That is to say, only one-seventh of the King's subjects are even nominally Christian."

—Mr. J. Hudson Taylor, founder and head of the China Inland Mission for many years, has felt compelled, through increased age and failing health, to retire from the directorate of the great organization. It is fifty years since Mr. Taylor first went to China, and the great society founded by him has grown in that time until its agents are outnumbered by only two other missionary organizations in the world—the Church Missionary Society and the Presbyterian Board of the United States.

—An Indian Government Blue Book gives the following striking testimony to missions: "No statistics can give a fair view of all that the missionaries have done. The moral tone of their preaching is recognized by hundreds who do not follow them as converts. The lessons which they inculcate has given to the people new ideals, not only on purely religious questions, but on the nature of evil, the obligations of law, and the motives by which human conduct should be regulated. Insensibly a higher standard of moral conduct is becoming familiar to the people."

—*Mission News* of Japan believes that Christianity has accomplished much more in Japan than the statistics indicate. "The Christian population, that is the section of the population which is measurably

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controlled by Christian sentiment, and which is in close and sympathetic relations with the various branches of the Christian church, cannot fail to be estimated lower than 300,000. Indeed, if one were to classify the population of Japan according to religion, giving the same latitude of meaning to the term Christian, which must needs be given to the terms Shinto, Buddhist and Confucianist, the figures for the Christian population might properly be placed at 500,000—that is, a little over one per cent of the total population."



### PLEASING THEIR PEOPLE.

In speaking the other day of social functions in relation to the ministry, and asked as to how he would keep people pleased if he neglected these, the Rev. Campbell Morgan said: "If a man's offended, that's not my business. I never try to keep people pleased. The great work of the ministry is the oversight of the spiritual work of the church." Mr. Morgan, says the *Baptist Commonwealth*, is right in the main at this point. It is useless for any minister to expect to please people by simply endeavoring so to do. He who is most anxious to please and makes this the rule of his life is most likely to displease rather than accomplish his purpose. He who will give himself most sedulously to the ministry without special regard to the likes and dislikes of this one or that will be most likely in the long run to succeed. No man can be long in the charge of any parish and not here and there run counter to the wishes or the tastes of some one or more of his parishioners. It is well if he know this, but it is not well if he always takes notice of it. Let him keep right on with his work, doing the very best that his judgment and circumstances dictate and will permit, and the likelihood is that those who may have been displeased for this or that will come around again with sympathy and support.



SEUL.—Some one has reckoned that the name of the capital of Korea—Seoul—is uttered at least a hundred million times a day in America alone since the war broke out. If that is so, it is well to know that the name is pronounced like the English word "soul." The authority is Archer Butler Hulbert, former editor of the *Korean Independent*, who contributes an interesting article on "Korea: the Land of the Morning Calm," to *The Youth's Companion* for March 10th.

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