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The Missions on the West Coast of Africa have already done much to repress the cruelty of the degraded tribes who people those unhealthy shores. In Old Calabar the missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church, after twenty-five years of labor, have succeeded in uprooting the practice of heathenism. A little farther south the English Baptists are established on the banks of Cameroons River. If they have not gathered many converts, they have, at least, established an asylum for fugitives from the horrible customs which prevail in the mountains back of the coast. As soon as some person of influence dies, one or more victims are selected and, on the charge of witchcraft, are compelled to drink poison or are in the end put to death. A Baptist missionary writes that within the past seven months the little mission settlement has afforded shelter to seven persons who had been thus condemned.

#### AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

GLEANINGS FROM A LOCAL CONFERENCE. [Congregationalist.]

How can church members aid in making preaching effective? By feeling a responsibility in aiding a preacher to secure desired results. By talking with the unconverted. By diligent study of the Bible. By making the prayer-meeting a power. By writing Christian letters to the unconverted. By talking with each other about the Gospel. By not criticizing the preaching in the presence of the unconverted. By making the subject preached is greater than the preacher. By reflecting in their lives the truth taught from the pulpit. By taking the truth home to the household. Do as the pastor in the household does: take the medicine offered. Pray for your minister. Paul, naturally gifted, and supernaturally empowered, asked much for his preachers. It is a signal sanctification, if we ever hear without criticism. Bring in men to hear the truth. Be not afraid to have plain truth preached. A Christian friend was invited to church. The sermon was on sin and punishment. It was thought this would drive away the man, never to return. He liked the plain preaching, and the next week he came to church. The churches the deacons meet the pastor in the ante-room; all kneel, and prayer is offered for the minister and the preaching. It is very strengthening to the preacher.

How can members of the church be brought into active service? It must be a voluntary service. No drafted troops in Christ's army. Christ calls every disciple, and has work for each one to do. All are missionaries, and all worship. All have practical things to do, with the hands. The minister is a lawyer stating his case. Christians are the witnesses to testify, and make good his case, as stated. The pastor should know his members, and call upon each for such work as they are adapted to.

We must have such conversation as Dr. Goodell had. He said: "I have not enough to give one to each missionary station, I would gladly send out one at each." Christ says to each Christian: "The Lord has need of thee." If we demand, and we cannot do anything, we are a burden to the church; for neither as, nor its owner, held back when Christ sent him. Pastors should say "The Lord needs you, or prayer-meeting needs you," but "The Lord needs you, or the motto for a Christian is: 'All at it; always at it.'"

Golden Hours, for May, a magazine for Boys and Girls, received. Like preceding numbers it is bright and good. The Sanitarian is a valuable periodical. The May number contains many good papers. Wide Awake for May is grassy, flowery, and of mediocre generally. There is a delightful flutter of birds' wings in Miss H. Hudson's poem, "Helping the birds." Mrs. Warner's full-page poem is starred with dandelions, there are humming-birds in "Sweetest's Surprise," by Mary E. C. Wyeth, a merry song of waters in the "Mill Stream," by Miss Farnum. "Pine Spire" adds another to these fine poems. The number opens with a story by Edgar Fawcett, adorned by a fine illustration drawn by Miss A. C. Northrup. The story is an independent story, no harm to read this story. Other good stories are "The Doll Mission," by the editor; "The Angel of the House," a sentimental story, by G. H. Woodman; and "The Heart of a Bear," a true story of adventure, by Rev. I. A. Beman, with a spirited frontispiece by F. T. Merrill. There is a story of a young man's record in a number of his camping out, by A. H. H. while the initial paper of "A Child to Florence" promises to some pleasant reminiscences of that famous actress. The serial, "Young Rick," and "The Cooking Club," are worth the reading. The departments are well sustained, the pictures admirable.

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## THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

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New Brunswick.—On Friday last the body of a boy was found on the shore of floating logs in Grand Bay. The boy was about ten years old and had evidently been dead some time. Near his left temple there was a hole about an inch long, and his nose was bruised. The body could not be identified. The verdict of the jury was simply "found dead," and the general impression seems to be that the boy had got into a storm and died of hunger and cold. . . . Rolt, Robinson, M. P. P., for York, has returned from Europe. . . . The Rev. J. W. David, a colored missionary of the Southern Baptist Board to Lagos, Central Africa, finds a few converts who have remained faithful for thirteen years without a shepherd or teacher. They sent me messengers a ten days' journey to Inga. If they could send a missionary, it is not his appeal irresistible. "Can a Christian imagine a little group of heathen converts meeting thirteen years under the open sky, without shelter to read the Bible and pray for help, and not feel that they should have assistance."

India has not given up its old notions quite as much as has been supposed. A Brahmin of high caste, a member of the Bengal legislative council, Babu Juggannath Mukherjee, late, entertained the Prince of Wales at his house and introduced him to the women of his family. For this latter act he has been violently attacked by almost the entire native press, being called a traitor to his country and a disgrace to the Hindu community. Some of the papers have gone so far as to call upon him to renounce his office and to call upon all Hindus of equal rank to refuse further communication with him.

Some idea of the number of Asiatics who periodically visit Great Britain as crews of steamers chiefly through the Canal may be formed from the fact that in the past year, from October last, the missionary of Calcutta, Mr. Samuel Johnson, for Asiatics, visited or spoke to 4,624 natives of India, 711 Arabs and East