

# ITEMS OF INTEREST ON MISSIONS. (By Mrs. H. C. Sanders.)

## THE HEATHEN'S SHARE.

Don't eat the crumbs that belong to the heathen.

Only a penny spent for gum;  
That seems a mite, but many of them  
Make up a dollar, and that's a big crumb.

Don't eat the crumbs that belong to the heathen,

Only a penny spent here and there,  
Would make up a sum before you think of it,  
To answer many an orphan's prayer.

Don't wear the crumbs that belong to the heathen,

Leave off costly apparel and gold;  
So shall you feed the starving ones,  
And lay up treasures a hundred fold.—*Sel.*

## THE GROWTH OF MISSIONS.

If the adverse critics of foreign missions will take the time to study the very instructive series of statistical tables compiled by the Missionary Review of the world, we do not see how they can escape the conviction that missionary work is constantly growing, is progressive, and is, besides, one of the very greatest agencies for the world's enlightenment. Far from languishing, the missionary army marches steadily ahead, occupying new fields and bringing in new converts every year. That 1912 gave a decided impetus to mission work throughout the world these figures show:

	1911	1912
Home income of foreign missionary societies .	\$25,287,074	\$30,404,401
Income from foreign fields .....	5,519,174	7,902,256
Protestant missionaries in the field .....	22,058	24,092
Native workers.....	88,309	111,982
Communicants .....	2,304,318	2,644,170
Total adherents, including communicants .	4,875,454	6,055,425
Added last year, adults and children (incomplete) .....	152,216	212,635
We have reason for thankfulness that in missionary enterprise our own land leads all others, both in gifts and in the number of workers. Here are the figures:		
Home income in U. S. for foreign missions .....	\$14,942,523	
Income from the field .....	3,641,585	
Foreign missionaries .....	8,037	
Native helpers .....	37,951	
Total American missionary forces	45,988	
Communicants .....	781,454	
Added last year .....	74,568	

—*Christian Herald.*

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest" (Matt. ix. 38).

According to authorities the next ten years will be the most fruitful in our missionary work, and if we do not take advantage of our opportunities, mistakes will be made that it will take years to rectify. Let Canada, England and America, and all the branches of Christ's church arouse themselves or they will lose the years of opportunity and have written over them the words, "Too late."—*Bishop Sweeney.*

Until recently most officials in China openly or secretly were opposed to Christianity; but

now there is no such opposition and many officials actively help the cause.—*Sel.*

The Chinese Government reports more than 40,000 schools under its control,—with a total of 1,500,000 students. The mission schools are said to be the best in quality of teaching and 75 per cent. of the text books used in the Government schools were prepared by Christians or under Christina supervision.—*Sel.*

## GOD CARES! DO WE?

"Forget not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the Gospel to those who have it not. *He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian* when the great day comes of bestowing the rewards of service. Therefore, ask yourselves daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. Search carefully whether He would have you go yourself to the heathen, if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or, if you cannot go in person, inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is upon your property in the interest of foreign missions, how much you owe to the heathen because of what you owe to Christ for redeeming you with his precious blood. I warn you that it will go hard with you, when your Lord comes to reckon with you, if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being devoted to giving the Gospel to the lost."—*Dr. A. J. Gordon.*

In November the British Government, trying to make gold coins current in India, shipped £64,000,000 gold to India. In March most of it had been used in offerings to idols. India spends 30 per cent. of her income thus.—*Men's Record*

Dr. Goucher, of Baltimore, has invested \$100,000 in the children of India. These investments, it is said, have resulted in 50,000 souls being gathered into the church.—*Men's Record.*

There are churches in Korea which have regular attendants of 2,000 persons at Sunday morning worship and 1,500 to weekly prayer meeting.—*Sel.*

The industrial work of the Salvation Army in India is very extensive and they are said to have 559 social and educational institutions there.—*Sel.*

The Methodists are doing a very successful work in the City of Rome, Italy.—*Sel.*

The church which is not a missionary church will be a missing church—its candle of consecration put out, or perhaps its candle stick removed entirely from its place. As ministers and churches of Jesus Christ, our self-preservation is conditioned by our obedience to the great commission "Go Ye." So it is preach or perish, evangelize or fossilize! Be a saving church with girded loins and burning lamps carrying a lost world on the heart day and night; or be a secularized church lying on the heart of this present evil world, and allowing it to gird you and carry you whithersoever it will. Which shall it be?—*Gordon.*

Recently the British and Foreign Bible Society received a touching gift from a poor crippled woman which amounted to eight farthings (four cents). It came about in this way: A lady who is interested in the Bible Society, one day, when calling upon the poor woman, asked her to pray for the society, but to ask her to give money out of her extreme poverty did not seem right. The next time the lady called the crippled woman gave her the eight farthings which she had saved for the

Bible Society. That was just enough to keep the society going for one second. She insisted in having a collecting box, and when the lady called again the crippled woman had enough to keep the society going for twelve seconds (two shillings, or forty-eight cents).—*Christian Herald.*

There is less excuse today than ever before in the Church's history to fail in a world-wide campaign of aggressive evangelism for Christ. Everything invites us!—*Sel.*

## Ministers and Churches.

Rev. J. H. Coy preached at Woodstock morning and evening on the 3rd inst.

Rev. P. J. Trafton preached at Clearview, Carleton Co., on the evening of the 7th inst.

Rev. W. W. Howe baptized two persons at Gray's Mills on the 3rd inst.

The church at Holdenville have secured a nice lot for a new church.

Rev. C. S. Hilyard will accept the invitation to become our home missionary this year and will enter upon his duties in the near future. Several invitations have been already received for his help from our circuits.

Rev. H. C. Mullen has begun his labors as pastor of the Royalton circuit.

Brother Mullen and his bride attended Riverside Camp Meeting and assisted in the services.

The editor expects to visit Grand Manan for a few days soon after the close of Riverside Camp Meeting. He will be glad to receive renewals and new subscriptions for The Highway.

Rev. Henry Smith preached at Fredericton on Sunday evening the 10th inst.

The ministers present at the Riverside Camp Meeting up to Tuesday the 12th inst., were Revs. J. H. Coy, M. S. Trafton, P. J. Trafton, C. S. Hilyard, S. A. Baker, H. C. Mullen, L. T. Sabine, W. W. Howe. Revs. W. B. Wiggins, H. C. Archer, A. H. Trafton and E. W. Lester are expected to arrive by Wednesday, to remain until the close.

Rev. H. S. Dow, who is in charge of the services at Beulah Camp Ground, spent two days at Riverside Camp Meeting. Brother Dow will probably assist Rev. L. T. Sabine in special services on the Meductic circuit about September 1st.

Brother Fred T. Wright will sail for South Africa within this year. In the meantime he will engage in work among the churches. He has already arranged to assist Rev. P. J. Trafton on his circuit, and in the near future he will conduct a series of meetings at Geary.

Rev. C. S. Hilyard will assist Rev. S. H. Clark in a camp meeting at Brazil Lake, N. S., in September.

Rev. S. H. Clark will move to Port Maitland, N. S.

A series of holiness conventions are being planned by a committee who were appointed by the Alliance. The following places and workers have been suggested: Bristol, Carleton county, workers, Revs. M. S. Trafton, P. J. Trafton and H. S. Dow; Amherst, N. S., workers, Revs. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., and Rev. G. B. Trafton; Jonesport, Me., workers, Revs. M. S. Trafton, P. J. Trafton and S. A. Baker; and New Tusket, N. S., workers, Revs. S. H. Clark, H. S. Dow and S. A. Baker. Time of conventions to be arranged.

People get out of a meeting according to what they put into it. This is a case of "He that Soweth Sparingly Shall Reap Sparingly."