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**Our Missions.**

OUR people cannot be too familiarly acquainted with all the missionary operations of the Church. We know some who are able to name all the missionaries that have been sent out to heathen lands by our Church since 1846 when Dr. Geddie left our shores. The muster roll is a noble one. Of one and another we have to say, "He lies dead on the field of battle." But many,—a larger number than at any previous period,—are bending to their arduous work in the high places of the field. We are sure the thoughtful reader will find much to stir his soul, to strengthen his faith and quicken his zeal, in the following pages. Our missionaries, however far away, ought to feel and know that they are dear to the hearts of all the people—that they have a special place in our sympathies and prayers—that we understand in some measure the work they are doing. It will be seen that the field is ever expanding,—that several of our choice young men and women volunteer from year to year for work among the heathen,—that in fact the willingness of candidates more than keeps pace with the increasing liberality of our congregations. Let us never forget the immense scope of our operations as a Church,—the Isles of the Pacific, the East Indian immigrants in

the West Indies, the heathen Indians and Chinese in our own Dominion, Central India, Formosa, Honan, and latest of all, the Jews. God give us grace to do cheerfully, the work He has assigned to us!

**Sabbath Schools.**

CHILDREN'S DAY.

THE General Assembly has appointed the last Sabbath of September "as a day of special prayer on behalf of the Sabbath Schools of the Church" and has recommended "that such services be held as will bring prominently before our congregations the claims of the Sabbath School upon their prayerful sympathy, pecuniary support & personal co-operation." In connection with these services it has authorized the Sabbath School Committee to invite a contribution towards the expenses of the scheme of Higher Religious Instruction. A responsive service has been prepared, which it is believed will add both interest and profit to the exercises of the day. It is entitled "Harvest Home" and is composed exclusively of scripture passages, instructively arranged, interspersed with music from the hymns of the church. It is so simple that most schools can use it at once without previous rehearsal provided they are familiar with the hymns. It is also arranged in sections so that, where the whole is thought to be too long, one or more of these may be omitted without marring the topical unity of the remainder. Copies, in any number required, will be sent gratis to those schools which, when ordering, promise to give the collection or a reasonable portion of it, towards the object