

Send for a supply of thank-offering envelopes at once if you have not already done so, and send at the same time for enough copies of the new thank-offering story to place this little reminder in the hands of every woman in your congregation in good time before the thank-offering meeting.

"Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God, and whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things which are pleasing in His sight."

INTEREST IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is thought by many Christians that all that is needed is to inform the Lord's people of the work, its needs, difficulties, and successes, and men and money will be volunteered. It is, no doubt, most important to make known the facts about Missions and their work, but to suppose that doing so will, to any considerable extent, create zeal for the glory of God when it does not already exist is a vain hope. Bishop Tugwell, of the Niger, lately remarked to the effect that he felt less and less inclined to tell of missionary work; it roused a temporary interest, it kindled a temporary enthusiasm, it stirred a temporary generosity; but what was wanted to ensure permanent results was that Christ should be revealed to the soul.

This is, indeed, what is needed. Consider how God has prepared His choicest workers and His most generous givers in the past. Has it not been by revealing Himself to them? The God of Glory Himself appeared to Abraham before he gave up home and kindred and started forth on his wonderful life of obedience and faith. God manifested Himself in the bush to Moses before he undertook to bring Israel out of Egypt. God revealed Himself to Joshua, as captain of the host of the Lord, before He conquered Canaan. The Lord revealed Himself to Samuel before he entered upon his prophetic and judicial work. David had many wonderful revelations of God's mind and heart before he prepared with all his might, and gave his millions towards the building of the temple. Isaiah saw the Lord, and was thus prepared to prophesy. All the apostles had a revelation of God in Jesus their Lord, and were thus, through the Spirit, prepared for their work. In post-apostolic times also, it is the men to whom God has revealed Himself who have moved the world.

If, then, we are to have increased interest in foreign missions, or home missions either, there is only one way to obtain it: that is, by getting His people to be more and more personally acquainted with, and interested in, God, His plans, His purposes, His Gospel, His Church, His kingdom.

Visions of these must become the inspiring visions of their lives. For the receiving of such visions two things are necessary: First, a