

Field, is suggestive: "The most striking feature may be said to be their *wit-ness-bearing*. Small companies, or bands, are formed, under the leadership of one of the older members as captain; and these, provided with musical instruments and large colored Scripture pictures, go forth to the surrounding villages on Sabbath afternoons and bear their testimony. This work is, as a rule, carried on under the direction of the lookout committee, and usually on Sundays. But as other opportunities offer, in day schools among non-Christian schoolmates, or in railway trains among fellow-passengers, the more active members carry on their work and report it to the society at its meetings."

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—The *Golden Rule* states that it takes 7862 American church-members to support 1 foreign missionary, the Christians of America giving on an average only 40 cents a year for the support of missions. If that be so, then, for shame! Why, in many a community one twentieth of that number "easily" support a saloon, and tho not possessed of one tenth of the average amount of worldly goods.

—Bishop Thoburn recently provoked criticism by saying that there are probably 1,500,000 members in the Methodist Episcopal Church that give nothing to the cause of missions. And it is by no means certain that Methodist saints are sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem.

—One person in every 10 in Chicago is more or less dependent on charity for a living. Thirty-five per cent of the annual tax levy in Cook County, or \$780,000 last year, was expended for outdoor relief and for the support of charitable institutions. In addition to this about \$1,200,000, according to a recent estimate made by Professor C. R. Henderson, of Chicago University, is contributed every year through 200 charitable organizations to the relief of

the poor and unfortunate. This makes no account of the beneficences in individual cases, which would considerably swell the total amount.

—A summer school for poor children recently closed its session in Chicago. At the opening of the term 35 boys and girls who applied for admission were asked to tell whether they had ever been in the woods; whether they had ever seen Lake Michigan (all of them lived within a mile or two of it); whether they had ever picked a flower; whether they had ever been in the parks, and several other questions. The answers brought out in a striking manner the narrow boundaries within which the children of the poor pass their years, for 30 out of 35 had never been in the woods, 19 had never seen the lake, and 8 had never picked a flower.

—As many as 46,253 women and children were carried on the Floating Hospital of the St. John's Guild, New York, during the season of 1896, and over 700 children severely ill were treated in the wards without a death taking place on board.

—The Boston Missionary Training School was born seven years ago through the divinely inspired faith and labor of Rev. A. J. Gordon, who was its president until his death, since which time his name has been given to the school that it might thus stand as a living memorial of him, and Rev. A. T. Pierson has been elected to the presidency.

—Miss Laura W. Pierson, daughter of the EDITOR of this REVIEW, writes from Tucson, Ariz.: "Tho our Indians have no words for 'thank you,' 'please,' or 'good-by,' and the word for 'love' and 'like' is just the same, yet, cold as they sometimes appear, the family tie is very strong among them and they are capable of deep affection. I have seen a stalwart, long-haired Indian come to the school wrapped in his blanket, and wait patiently for a sight