

half a century elapsed before parish churches began to be supplied with organs. After the restoration of the monarchy organ builders were scarce, and premiums were offered to foreigners, which brought over the two celebrated workmen, Smith and Harris, who became great rivals. Their instruments were admirable specimens, as far as they went, but were most incomplete, owing to the absence of an independent pedal department. St. Paul's, erected 1697, had two manuals and twelve stops; York, erected 1666, had great and choir manuals and thirteen stops, but in none of these instances is there any mention of a distinct pedal board; indeed it was not until the year 1829 that any serious attempt was made in this country to adopt the true principle of arrangement by which alone dignity of effect and a thorough satisfactory and well balanced instrument can be obtained.—
Musical Opinion.

BIBLE TERMS.

A day's journey was 33 and one-fifth miles. A Sabbath day's journey was about one English mile. A cubit is 22 inches, nearly. A shekel of silver was about 50 cents. A shekel of gold was \$8.09. A talent of silver was \$1518.32. A talent of gold was \$23,309. A piece of silver, or a penny, was 13 cents. A farthing was 3 cents. A gerald was 2 cents. A mite was 1½ cents. A homer contained 76 gallons and 5 pints. An ephah or bath contained 7 gallons and 4 pints. A hin was 1 gallon and 2 pints. A firkin was 7 pints. An omer was 6 pints. A cab was 3 pints. A log was one half pint.

“PLAYING AT MISSIONS.”

THERE are probably ten millions of people in Christendom, each one of whom has professedly devoted himself to the service of Jesus Christ; each one of whom has said, “I no longer live unto myself; I no longer live, but it is Christ that liveth in me; I am not my own; I am bought with a price;” each one of whom has pledged himself to obey the last command of the Lord, “Go, teach all nations.” And yet what do we see? In our own land, certainly in our own Church throughout this land, but a fraction of the 23,000 churches do aught for the cause of missions; and in the fraction that do anything, it is all done by a fraction of the Church. It would be safe to say that to withdraw from the Missionary Union the contributions of fifty churches and of a hundred contributors, would be to cripple it fatally.

We profess to have consecrated our all to Christ and his cause. And yet, as we look over a Christian congregation, how often do we see a single Christian lady wearing diamonds that would support a school and a missionary for a year? How many a professed Christian is spending more on one of his horses than he gives to the spread of the gospel over all lands. How many a Christian is spending in what is sheer luxury and ostentation an amount that would confer countless blessings on the heathen world. Surely we are “playing at missions.”

The women of Carthage were not playing at warfare, when they cut off their hair to be made bow strings of for the defenders of the city. The people of Holland were not playing, when they broke down the