

As to divisions of the mission fields between the American churches and those of Great Britain, the example has been set before us of paying little regard to the question of national boundaries. The missionary societies of Britain have not confined their efforts to their own vast colonial possessions,

but have sent representatives to all lands where the darkness and the need were greatest. They have virtually challenged us to forget all other bounds than those of Christ's universal kingdom, and to go forth, side by side and hand in hand, with them till the world shall be won to His sceptre.

## VI.—EDITORIAL NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

### Dr. Pierson's Work Abroad.

Our foreign exchanges make very favorable mention of the great interest everywhere manifested in his mission. He is doing a great and successful work in stimulating interest in missions among the Scotch and English churches. He has been laboring thus far chiefly in the west of Scotland, and in London and vicinity. During the months of February and March he was to devote himself mainly to the middle and southern counties of Scotland. In a letter just received, under date Feb. 22, 1890, he says: "As far as now appears, I am likely to take a trip to France and Italy and Vaudois Valleys in April, and to sail for New York June 1. The work here rather grows than diminishes in magnitude. I have now made 116 addresses to an aggregate audience of over 100,000 souls."

*The Christian*, of London, noticing the work already done, says: "Dr. Pierson's addresses were everywhere characterized by most intimate knowledge of the missionary work of the world, heart-moving appeals for increased devotion to the service of the Lord, and remarkable spiritual freshness and power. The attendance exceeded the most sanguine anticipations of the promoters. In several places, though the largest available churches and halls had been secured, hundreds were unable to get admittance. The cordiality of the co-operation of the churches and missionary societies was a striking feature of the movement." J. M. S.

The thought of evangelizing the

world in this generation is taking hold of various persons, and various plans are forming to carry out the project. Dr. Pentecost proposes to go out to India with from 25 to 50 men and women, who shall go at their own cost, and settle down for a time in certain districts, to give up their time to a united work of evangelization, in addition to existing agencies already at work. This duty and privilege of reaching the whole world with the gospel during the present *generation*, and even century, has been often urged on the readers of this REVIEW. We rejoice to see that thought working in many other minds throughout the church, and cropping out in so many directions. Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, in his paper in this REVIEW, February number, page 106, says: "In 1877 the Conference of Missionaries, assembled in Shanghai, appealed to the Christian Church to evangelize China in the present generation, and many hoped it would be accomplished within the present century. More than half the time before the close of the century has passed, and not one-hundredth part of the people have been reached, yet this generation is the last of sixty since our Saviour gave the command, which, as Dr. Pierson has well pointed out, has laid the responsibility on the church of each successive generation to give the Gospel to each individual living in its own period." A. T. P.

Apropos of the suggestion in the opening pages of this year's volume, of the direct support of missionaries by individual congregations, we have