

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

I beg to call attention to the following resolution passed by the General Board of Missions (Provincial Synod) in 1892 :

Resolved, that the Board of Missions hereby expresses its conviction that no diocese or parish ought to make any special appropriation of the collections taken up in response to the Epiphany and Ascensiontide appeals from the Board of Management, which should in all cases be transmitted through the proper diocesan channel to the Board, to be dealt with as in its judgment seems best.

Also the following resolution passed in September, 1895 :

That, in the opinion of this General Board of Missions, the collections made throughout this Ecclesiastical Province at Epiphany and Ascensiontide in response to the appeals of the Board of Management should be sent UN-APPROPRIATED to the Treasurer of the Board.

A. SPENCER,

General Secretary.

KINGSTON, All Saints' Day, 1897.

SOME GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

Advent, and the New Year, and Good Resolutions—the thoughts come all together, and as we plan for better living and better doing in this new Christian year, let us resolve :

1. To pray for all the missions and missionaries of the Church every day, *and to get others to pray.*
2. To learn all that we can of them, *and to tell others.*
3. To *give* regularly and conscientiously for them, *and to get others to give.*
4. To devote our Lenten earnings and savings to the general missionary work of the Church, *and to persuade every one we know to do the same.*

"If I were rich, I would give a large part of my money to missions Home and Foreign. I would set an example to some of these millionaires that would make them ashamed of themselves."

"If I had the tongue of an orator, or the pen of a ready writer, or the gift of personal attraction, that some have, I would, in the pulpit or the press, or in personal labor with needy souls, do something worth doing for Christ's cause; but"—

Well, now, friends, would you? It is not hard to answer. If you now give, though but little, yet really *according to your ability*, if you say a timely word, or write a persuasive letter to an acquaintance who you can profit; if, when invited, you cheerfully, and at some inconvenience, join an earnest friend in a worthy enter-

prise languishing for lack of helpers,—then there is room to hope that the motive which leads you to do the lesser thing would move you, when able, to do the greater. But he who does *nothing*, because he cannot do much, has small warrant for saying what he would do, if—. *Selected.*

THE NEW GUINEA MISSION AND BISHOPRIC.

The S.P.G. Gospel Missionary.



WHEN the Australasian Board of Missions was founded in 1850, New Guinea was included in the islands to which it was hoped the efforts of the Board would be extended. Forty years passed, however, before the Board took up work in New Guinea, and meanwhile the field had been entered by the London Missionary Society, the Roman Catholics, and the Wesleyans. In response to appeals from the Bishops of Brisbane, North Queensland, and Sydney, the S.P.G. Society in 1884 offered £300 (which was not utilized) and in 1887 set aside £1,000 and opened a special fund to assist the Australian Church in planting a Mission in New Guinea. The pioneer of the Mission, the Rev. A. A. MacLaren, who arrived at the island in February, 1890, died of fever in December, 1891, but the work has been courageously carried on under the superintendence of the Rev. Copland King, who joined the Mission in the latter year. Easter Day 1896 witnessed the ingathering of the first native converts of the Mission—Samuela Aigeri and Pilipo Agadabi, who were baptized in a stream near Dogura. The effect and influence of the service, and the consistent conduct of the Christians subsequently, have led to fruitful results. A large number of candidates are being prepared for baptism, and a considerable extension of the Mission is contemplated. The two New Guinea youths have assisted materially in the translation of St. Luke's Gospel into the language of the Wedau, and another encouraging feature of the Mission is that several South Sea Islanders who have been converted to Christianity have come forward to assist in the evangelization of New Guinea. In this we see also another instance of the wisdom of the Society in adopting what Bishop G. A. Selwyn described as "the surer way of spreading the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth" by "building up the Colonial Churches as missionary centres."

This is what the Society has been doing in the British Colonies throughout the world, while at the same time it has not been unmindful of the heathen both within and beyond the bounds of the Empire. Since 1793, when