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TRUE GIFTS.

The imperial Child to whom the wise men brought

Their gifts, and worshipped in His lowly nest,
Gave no gift back. It was Himself they sought,
And finding Him, were sated in their quest.

Their gifts, not expectation, but their joy expressed,

Now was the world's long yearning satisfied !
Now was the prize long waited for possessed !
Their gifts meant love, unmarred by lust or pride,
Be it so with ours ; our aim, not debts to pay,
Nor any recompense save love to win,
Nor any grosser feeling to convey
Than brought the wise men's gifts to Bethlehem's inn.

Those rate we best that no return afford
Save the pure sense of having found our Lord.

—E. S. Marin, *Mission Studies*.

MISSIONARY UNBELIEF.

THE Christian who does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the great commission : "Go ye and make disciples of all nations." Repeat it, and see.

The Christian who does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the Apostles' Creed. Repeat it, and see.

The Christian who does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the Lord's Prayer. Repeat it, and see.

The Christian who does not believe in Foreign Missions believes that two-thirds of the earth's population should perish without hope.

How many more millions must die before the church of God moves forward ? If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."—*Selected*.

THE number of new subscribers to the LINK this year has been very encouraging. It shows that Solicitors have been busy, and that their efforts have not been fruitless. That such should be the case is the more important, as the Maritime Provinces are having their own paper,

and, of course, largely drop off subscribing to the LINK.

But if each Circle that has not done so, would appoint an interested Solicitor to secure new subscribers (and tardy subscriptions from the old), we would soon have as many subscribers as ever, if not more, and so more widely extend missionary intelligence and interest in Missions through our paper.

The great doors of opportunity are open. No, not doors, not measured openings, but the very sides of the world are taken off, so that anybody coming from anywhere can go to the centre, and in the uncovered, exposed hundreds of millions are our opportunities. Opportunity is power. What we ought to do we can do. When God opens a door before His people, that is His command to them to enter, and His promise to back them to the extent of His resources. Whenever a people sees God's beckoning hand and hears His call, and are obedient to the Heavenly vision, then they rise to higher levels, take up heavier burdens, achieve greater results and reap wider harvests for God.—*Bishop C. H. Fowler*.

WHAT WAS the proof that Christ's disciples believed that without the power of the Holy Spirit they could not witness for Him either at Jerusalem or to the uttermost parts of the earth ? They tarried at Jerusalem, and continued with one accord in prayer and supplication until they were filled with the Spirit ! As indispensable to power and success in Christ's service as the Spirit from heaven, is prayer from earth. Our prayer is the exact measure of our faith in the power of the Spirit. If we believe the Spirit to be the one thing needful, we shall above everything give ourselves to prayer. And as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in mission work, we shall pray, as never before, for that power at home in our own life and church. Let us learn from the disciples to pray as they prayed.—*Andrew Murray*.