

In the *Missionary Herald*, Mr. Knapp, of Bitlis, Eastern Turkey, describes Havadoric as a "changed village." Ten years ago it was with the greatest difficulty that a catechist was allowed to remain. Now, in this village of fifty houses, seventeen houses, or one hundred and fifty souls, are Protestants; and the whole village, five persons excepted, are persuaded of the truth. Of the Protestants, sixteen have promised to give tithes to the Lord. All the male members of the church but one give tithes. This church was formed the last of April—eleven out of twenty-two applicants being received. The simple piety of the converts much impressed Mr. Knapp. Several confessed thefts of which they had been guilty years before, and made restitution.

The report of the Harpoot station Western Turkey, shows that during the past year ninety-six were added by profession to the churches, increasing the membership by 21 per cent. The average congregations increased from 2,847 to 3,395,—a growth more than equal to that of the two previous years. The contributions for religious purposes, church building, and education, were \$4,446.50, against \$3,105 last year. This is an average of \$8.25 gold, or forty-one days' labor, from each church member. During the year three churches were organized, and twenty-two students graduated from the theological seminary.

Missionary Enthusiasm.

The right principle in regard to giving for Missionary purposes was well presented in the thrilling address of Mr. Garrett, at the last Anniversary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society:—

I believe that our luxuries must give place to others' necessities, and that our necessities must give place to others' extremities. It must come to that; and when it does there will be no more need of pumping; the money will bubble up of itself. I am tired of pumping: it makes one's arm ache so. We shall then take the world by storm. But we must make sacrifices.—Where is the one among us who is prepared to make a sacrifice this year? Who is there among the ladies who will do without a new bonnet? Indeed, if they were to do without altogether, they would scarcely be missed. Where is there anyone who will be prepared to make a sacrifice,—that is my point,—a sacrifice for Christ? O, if instead of spasmodic giving, the whole case would be met. Let us say, Here is a pound a year for Jesus Christ. If all our members and friends were to do that, and some of our friends give more than our members, we should soon have a million of pounds.

Gentlemen, shall we do this? In the

sight of a perishing world shall we resolve to do it? It seems to me that what we want in every circuit is an enthusiastic lover of missions. There is no doing anything without enthusiasm. Let us then have men who think, pray, and never cease tormenting everybody about missions—who, in short, are always at it. The next year we shall have an income that our secretaries never contemplated in their fondest dreams. Having achieved that, we must then look up. At the battle of Alma, we are told, when one of our regiments was beaten back by the hordes of Russia, the ensign in front stood his ground as the troops retreated. The captain shouted to him to bring back the colors; but the reply of the ensign was, "Bring up the men to the colors."

Family Reading.

God or Mammon?

The Sin of the Age.

The giant sin of the Church of Christ at this time is covetousness. While God is breaking down the most ancient and stubborn barriers to the spread of the truth, while the light of civilization is increasing and spreading over the world with a rapidity never before known, while the most distant nations are welcoming, and even inviting the gospel, the Church is refusing to give the money necessary to raise up, send forth, and properly equip the heralds of salvation to the perishing. The missionary cause is now mainly narrowed down to a question of money;—simply, whether professing "Christians" will give their money for the fulfilment of the last command of Christ?

Its Effects on Religious Enterprises.

It is a sin which affects all departments of effort for the honour of Christ, and for the welfare of man. It doubly affects Education: first, by preventing the complete and liberal training of those who offer themselves to be preachers of the gospel; second, by deterring others who behold the trials to which the ministry are subjected, and who witness the reluctance of the Church to employ the means which are needed to fill the world with the blessings of the gospel.

Examples; Instructions, and Warnings of Christ.

How seriously should the Church consider at this time the example, the instructions, and the warnings of its Divine Lord