

Society is pre-eminent in its contribution of \$1,200,000. The Tract Society follows closely with its gifts of \$1,000,000. Upward of \$7,000,000 in all have been laid upon the altar of the church. There is however, no occasion for boasting when \$600,000,000 have been placed on the altar of Bacchus as a sacrifice to strong drink.

In Portland city they have a notorious rum-hole of which they are justly proud. A city official recently took an English editor to the basement of the City Hall, in the rear of which is the orifice in the pavement into which the liquors are poured, the liquors of all sorts which are seized and condemned under our prohibitory law. 'This,' said he 'is Portland's most noted rum-hole, which probably has to do with more drink of various kinds than any other establishment in New England.' We also pointed him to the rows of barrels standing near, awaiting their turn to receive attention, and to the official posters on the boards of office, over one hundred in number stating and describing the seizures which had been made, and which were waiting judicial disposition; while the sheriff's precincts, in another part of the basement was a vast assortment of barrels, jugs, bottles, pail, tin cans, and nondescript vessels of every imaginable kind, all held in custody and soon to be sent the aforesaid all-receiving hole.

Paul lays down a grand Temperance Principle. "It is good neither to eat bread nor to drink wine nor anything by which thy brother stumbleth, or is made weak." By personal influence, united action, and dependence upon God, the work of sobering the nation must be done—by the M. P. in Parliament, by the clergyman in his parish, by the doctor among his patients, by the working-man among his fellows, by the woman in her home, by the children gathered in Bands of Hope. Some do not believe in making a display when they do any good thing. We therefore leave a blank line for such; you can quietly in the name and fear of God, sign the pledge right here and now: I will away with and abstain from all intoxicating drinks.

SIGNED,

At the Congregational Club of New York Dr. Clapp said, among other evils of the present, one was the building of too costly churches. "Better build fifty churches for the poor than one \$500,000 temple. I do not believe the Lord cares whether a church costs \$10,000 or \$500,000, but I do believe he cares whether there is one church or fifty churches.

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John iii. 16.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—England and Wales have 593,436 teachers, and 5,200,776 scholars; Scotland, 53,113 teachers and 561,262 scholars. In all the world there are 1,883,431 Sunday School teachers and 15,775,093 scholars. To this estimate should be added the 100,000 Sunday School pupils in India.

The English Baptist Hand-book for the current year reports that while during the last ten years there has been a decrease in the number of Baptist churches in England, the number of Baptist Sunday schools has increased by about 100,000. Its total number of scholars now is 437,187 against 303,802 church members.

The Regions Beyond—Mission Tidings.

This month we have received, and it gives great pleasure to publish, a short article from our brother Craig, returned missionary. We think we can say, still there will be more to follow.

We know that the gospel of God's well beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, shall not only gird the globe, but from the rivers even unto the ends of the earth, that glorious saving name shall be known and honored. The gospel is the heritage of the world and not the monopoly of any person, people or denomination. The gospel cannot, must not be localized. Go ye unto all the world, preach the gospel unto every creature. When ye pray, say, "Our Father. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Let your purpose, planning and working in life be in harmony with your praying. He that soweth sparingly shall so reap. God loveth a cheerful giver. With what measure ye mete it shall be meted to you again. We shall always be glad to acknowledge and appropriate as the donor may wish any monies sent for our own or other mission work. During the month Rev. Armstrong and his wife sailed from Halifax to resume their work in India. They will be stationed in Maulmain under the U. S. Board. Let us pray for them, and all who travel and work for Jesus, that they may be cheered by the Divine Presence, and kept and guided by God's own hand of love and power.

BAPTIST MISSIONS AMONG THE TELUGUS OF INDIA.

Every one who longs for the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth must be cheered by the news of His triumphs among the Telugus of India. Other societies are at work among these people, but it is my purpose at present to mention a few facts connected with the work of American and Canadian Baptists. Missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union labored years without seeing much fruit, but during the past fifteen years multitudes have believed and been baptized, and year by year thousands are being gathered in. Canadian Baptists have been in the field only ten years, during which time much pioneer work has been done by the missionaries. Stations have been opened at six important centres, and a theological school has been begun at Samulcotta. And yet God has given us some hundreds of converts, among whom are found men and women full of zeal for the salvation of their fellow-beings. On almost every field one or two devoted workers have been raised up. In some regions the gospel has been preached faithfully again and again, so that it is not unreasonable to look for the coming of hundreds.

Most of our people there have come from the lowest classes of the nation, it is true, and yet God has not failed to show his power over high-caste people also. A few Brahmins and Shudras have been baptized, and very many are studying the Bible and almost persuaded to become Christians. The obstacles in their way are very great. Open confession of their faith in Christ would mean to many men the loss of all relatives and friends, including wife and children. We should constantly remember these secret disciples at the throne of grace.