

Word to a great extent has ceased. It only remains for us "to go in and possess the land." The millions of India, under the sway of Christian England, are now ready to lend a willing ear to the words of the Gospel, and many cruel and unnatural customs are already things of the past. The darkest remnant of their heathenism is the unhappy condition of their women, and this is being gradually ameliorated through the efforts of Zenana Societies. China has at length opened up intercourse with the west and has thus thrown wide the open door for the words of Gospel truth. Japan already welcomes the Christian missionary as the necessary companion to that European civilization she is endeavoring to establish in her midst. The hour is ripe for missionary work all over the world. Where are the men, brethren? Where are the means?

One at least of the great English Missionary Societies has expressed a willingness to accept young men from Canada and to assign them posts of evangelistic work among the heathen. Are there not boys and young men who will qualify themselves for this work and go forth in the name of the Lord to do it? Are the world of commerce, the heaping together of riches, with no knowledge as to who shall gather them, the secular professions and walks of life,—are these to engross the energies of all young men whose foreheads have been marked with the mark of the crucified Lord and who have been trained in the ways of His Church? Where are the mothers who, like Hannah of old, have lent their boys to the Lord for this noble work?

Young men of Canada, we call upon you to take upon yourselves this all important duty. How many will respond and say, "Here am I, send me?"

And where are the means? This appeal is designed to reach all the congregations in this Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. If every congregation that it reaches and every individual who hears it would extend to it the living and enthusiastic interest that its importance demands the response would be many times larger than the seven thousand two hundred and eight dollars (a sum far too small) that was received in answer to the appeal of last year. How can a man who spends all his energies upon the amassing of wealth, the acquisition of luxuries, the administering to his own ease and comfort, without laying aside a regular and substantial proportion of his means towards the great work of evangelizing the world and rescuing it from heathen darkness,—how can such a man lay claim to be a true disciple of Christ?

We can only pray that the hearts of people calling themselves Christians may yet be touched to such an extent as to lead to some actual self-denial on their part, that the work of their Lord may be supported and extended.

And we would not conclude this appeal without expressing our gratitude to Almighty God for the one hundred and thirty-four parochial branches of

the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions that have been established in our midst. We recognize this as what is destined to be a powerful agency in carrying on the missionary operations of our Canadian Church. Already it has borne fruit in the sending forth by the Woman's Auxiliary of Toronto, the first woman missionary of the Church of England in Canada, who is now working as a teacher to the Blackfoot Indians of the North-West. May we soon learn of others being sent even to more distant places!

All Christian bodies are becoming more and more alive to the great work of missions. We ask the sons and daughters of our Apostolic Church to work with a good heart and will that she may take her true place in the van of this great and noble work.

JOHN FREDERICTON, Metropolitan,
Chairman.

God's Treasury Department.

HOW RICH MAY A CHRISTIAN BECOME?

How rich is it right for a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ to become? What amount of wealth is it consistent for him to accumulate? Doubtless it would be difficult to prescribe any definite limits. What might be right and proper for one person might not be so for another. A Christian in business may be allowed to accumulate and to retain so much as may be needful to carry on his business to the best advantage, always making it his supreme aim to acquire means for doing a greater amount of good. But beyond this, accumulation is questionable. It is questionable whether in these days it is right and proper for a Christian to accumulate millions of unused money. The demands for that money are great and urgent. The calls for it are many and loud. The treasury of the Lord is but scantily filled, whilst it should be full to overflowing. Millions are needed where but thousands and hundreds are supplied. During all the years that those millions, to which we have alluded, have been treasured up, they might have been going about doing good. The loss that has thus been sustained can never be known in this world. Had they been cast into the treasury of the Lord how many missionaries, both Home and Foreign, might have been sent forth into the broad and needy fields of the world, and how many benevolent causes might have been aided!—*Selected.*

WHO GIVE MOST TO HOME MISSIONS?

In the work of Home Missions the largest contributors are the missionaries themselves, who, with small and uncertain pay, are giving their lives to the battle on the frontier.

Addressing his students not long ago, Mr. Spurgeon told a good story to illustrate the fact of