

trying vigorously to lay hold of the people. How can it be true that her hold is relaxed? We have sent out a few distributors of Bibles and tracts to people, many of whom cannot read. There have been a few visits by missionaries and Bible readers, along the alleys of our great cities; services have been held often in places so unfit that to go is to forfeit respectability. Churches and chapels have been built for the poor, and invidiously known as 'mission churches.' When we build elegant structures for ourselves, and those cheap chapels for the poor, the very contrast seems to say to the lower classes, 'We hold you at arm's length.' It is hard to understand the Christian philanthropy that forms Sabbath-schools for the children of poverty and calls them 'ragged schools,' as though to taunt poverty with its 'rags.' "

That is a pregnant saying, the light shines farthest that burns brightest at home. After the meeting of the Inter-seminary Missionary Alliance in Montreal, last session, more than one member went away remarking on the apathy shown by the church-going people towards the cause of missions, as indicated by slim attendances at those meetings which were thrown open to the public. If our light were burning brighter at home it would shine farther.