

ern Asia, 75 more to eastern Asia, 50 to Spanish America, and 50 to Africa. I say nothing of the women, in addition to the heroic wives who would go out with these men. Our woman's society should send a force of at least half as many more—that is 125 unmarried lady missionaries. Of course, a statement of this kind will occasion more surprise than approval. It will seem to many entirely wild and impracticable, but I do not use these figures lightly. I have become somewhat familiar with the condition of things in the missionary field, and I feel quite sure if the above large reinforcement should be sent abroad, it would not at all suffice to meet the present demand."

HOW MISSIONARY MONEY IS SPENT.

Complaints have come from some quarters, says *The Missionary Review of Reviews*, which for the most part have been prompted by ignorance, because of the alleged waste of money given to missions through expensive administration. One elder in a prominent church went so far as to say that giving to missions reminded him of the farmer who tried to save labour by stretching wooden troughs from taps in maple trees to receptacles for the sap some distance away, but who found that it took so much sap to moisten the troughs that little reached the tanks. "So," said the elder, "it takes so much money to carry on the administration that very little reaches the heathen." He was silenced, however, when the facts as to the true proportions of expenditure were made known to him. These facts may be easily discovered from the annual reports issued by each of the mission boards.

The Missionary Herald, organ of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, makes the following interesting statement as to the proportionate distribution of money contributed for work under their direction:

"In any organization, properly conducted, it is easy to tell where the money goes so that contributors can judge as to the wisdom of the expenditures and the economy of administration. Were people to examine annual reports, such absurd statements as the one sometimes made, that it takes a dollar to send a dollar to the heathen, would be silent for ever. Dense ignorance rather than malice, charity must lead us to hope, prompts

to such a wild utterance as this. The exact truth is that ninety-two and a half per cent. of all the receipts of the Board go directly to the missions abroad, while the remaining seven and one-half per cent. are needed to cover all costs of collecting and transmitting funds; including agencies, correspondence, publications of all sorts, and all salaries in every department.

No life insurance company in the United States spends less than 12 per cent. of its income on management expenses, and some spend twenty per cent., and all claim great economy of management.

In our own Church less than eight per cent. of receipts is employed in administration, office expenses, rent, printing, publishing reports, etc.

DR. HALE'S TRIBUTE TO MISSIONS.

In *The Christian Register* Edward Everett Hale speaks thus of the reactive influence of foreign missions:

A careful and wise observer of New England life, in the first half of the last century, used to say that the missionary movement which began with Judson's enthusiasm should be gratefully remembered by us here, not simply for the good it did in India, but by its enlargement of our life at home. It was a good thing to have a map of India or of Asia Minor hung up in the back part of the pulpit. It was a good thing then, and it is a good thing now, to have people's eyes and ears and hearts and hands occupied by something larger than their own working machinery. The historian of the century cannot fail to see that, side by side with such interest in other lands thus excited, there came in the healthy gospel of self-forgetfulness. Boy or girl learned what the Saviour meant when he rebuked the selfishness of those who were satisfied in trying to save their own lives. It would not be dangerous to say that the A.B.C. F.M. has done more in this way to uplift the religion of America than its most successful apostles have done to uplift the followers of Buddha. Who reads thoughtfully the sad story of the victims of the witchcraft madness does not wonder that a few hundred people went mad.

GIVING BY HINDU CHRISTIANS.

A few years ago, says Rev. J. P. Jones, in *The Missionary Review*, I investigated carefully the economic conditions of the most prosperous and largest village congregation of the