

the current expenses and the enlargement and improvement of the church property of the congregation with which they are connected, who will do little or nothing for the work of the church outside of and beyond their own congregational limits. Their willingness and liberality in this respect both begin and end at home. That others have not the Gospel, and, as a consequence, are perishing in their sins and helplessness, would seem to be a matter of small concern to these members with this narrow, limited view of the work of the church."

—The American Board Almanac quotes the following: "A man who does not give definitely, and who does not set down in his account-book exactly what he does give, is apt to think that he is always giving. There is no falsehood larger and deeper than this in practical life. If you will put down just what you give to charitable purposes, you will be surprised at the end of the year how little you have given; yet you may have the feeling that you have been always parting with your money in response to benevolent appeals." In other words, stop not short of the "cold facts" in the case. Figures do not lie; wherefore, be not deceived, brethren.

—General Horace Porter, speaking of the way in which he raised the \$400,000 needed to complete the monument to General Grant, said: "It is a great mistake to suppose that, on such an occasion, people are crowding around, trying to force their money into your hands. The money is there, but you have to go for it. I found there were 128 trades in New York, represented each by its separate board. I worked through these boards, and went from one board to another, organizing committees in each one, in all more than 3000 committees. Then I instructed the committee in regard to getting money. I said to them, 'If you *write* to a man you will not get anything.

If you go alone to a man, you will get something. If you take another person with you, you will get more. If you take three with you, you will get the whole amount you ask for.' " Such is human nature, and only similar methods will do the work of raising money for missions.

—How persistent are the heresy and superstition that Christendom is being seriously robbed by silly enthusiasts for the sake of evangelizing the far-off and good-for-nothing Hindus, Chinese, Japanese, etc. The *Church Missionary Intelligencer* devotes fourteen precious pages to an article on "The Alleged Drain of Men to the Foreign Field," and easily shows that no such "drain" exists. The amount of toil bestowed upon heathen lands is inexcusably small as compared with work at home, and especially when we consider that fully three fourths of the earth's population is yet wholly unevangelized. Let this single specimen fact suffice: While 17 of the neediest wards of New York City have a population of about 443,000 and 111 churches and chapels, there are 8 provinces in China whose 75,000,000 have only 57 missionaries.

—How solemn are these words penned by Rev. Dr. De Forest for the *Independent*, and in explanation of the recent falling off of conversions in Japan: "The unwise and, in some cases, unjust criticism of missionaries; the discovery of gross immoralities and the social and political corruption that exists in all the great centres of Christendom; the seeming political injustice of the West toward the weaker nations of the East; the knowledge slowly gained that Christ's Church is almost hopelessly divided, and that Japan has been used as a kind of dumping ground for missionaries of every sect; the consequent incompetence, mistakes, and waste of forces in the missionary body—these are, in the main, the causes that stand across the path of the past and future success of missions."