

every year for drink and tobacco, an average of \$25 a year, or 7 cents a day, for every man, woman, and child; just 100 times as much voluntarily given to pander to these two vices, as to send the Gospel of the grace of God to the perishing heathen. Of the total contributions of christians for the cause of Christ, 98 cents of every dollar are spent at home, while only 2 cents are spent abroad, where the need is about 600 times greater. If these facts and figures were prayerfully pondered by every true child of God who reads them, much more might be done. Let us each pray earnestly, give cheerfully and seek to stir others up to the same zeal, and the result will be increased self-denial and earnestness in every department of church work.

As we appreciate the benefits and blessings of the Gospel ourselves, let us do all in our power to make it known to others, knowing it is the only lever that can elevate and ennoble humanity; as Lord Lawrence so well said, "where it does not convert it checks, where it does not renew it refines, where it does not sanctify it subdues. Everywhere it imparts dignity to labor, sanctity to marriage, and brotherhood to man." The work is great but so is our God, the time is short but opportunities abound; "knowledge is increased and many run to and fro," and with steam and electricity, time and space are almost annihilated. Let us then in God's name, do with our might what our hands find to do; let us till with diligence our own corner of the great field, yet not forgetting to look abroad on the whitening harvest. Let us cry continually to the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust forth more laborers, and hasten the time when both sower and reaper shall rejoice together in bringing in the sheaves, and "heaven cry harvest home."