

The Mission Field.

THE TRUE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

A MODERN writer—we think it is Canon Farrar—has the true spirit in regard to the foreign missionary work when he says: "No true work since the world began was ever wasted; no true life since the world began has ever failed. Oh, understand those two perverted words, failure and success, and measure them by the eternal, not by the earthly standard. What the world has regarded as the bitterest failure has often been in the sight of heaven the most magnificent success. When the cap, painted with devils, was placed on the brow of John Huss, and he sank dying amid the embers of the flame—was that a failure? When Francis Xavier died cold and lonely, on the bleak and desolate shore of a heathen land—was that a failure? When the frail, worn body of the apostle of the Gentiles was dragged by a hook from the arena, and the white sand scattered over the crimson life blood of the victim whom the dense amphitheatre despised as some obscure and nameless Jew—was that a failure? And when, after thirty obscure toilsome, unrecorded years in the shop of the village carpenter, One came forth to be pre-eminently the man of sorrows, to wander from city to city in homeless labors, and to expire in lonely agony upon the shameful cross—was that a failure? Nay, my brethren! It was the death of Him who lived that we might follow His footsteps—it was the life, it was the death of the Son of God."

CHINA.

FIFTY years ago not a Protestant missionary was living within the bounds of the Chinese Empire, though a few were training themselves and gaining experience in its outlying colonies, waiting for the opportunity of entering it, which they were convinced must come. Since then, by various steps, nine provinces of the Empire have been occupied by settled missionary stations; and at most important points—the twelve treaty ports—some forty societies have placed bands of missionaries, by whose constant efforts their populations have been brought under careful instruction. As the Chinese themselves maintain schools and desire the education of their children, the direct preaching of the Gospel in the vernacular tongues is the most prominent feature in these evangelistic labors. Under this plan, systematically carried out in fixed places by many workers, English and native, some seventy thousand sermons are preached in the course of the year.

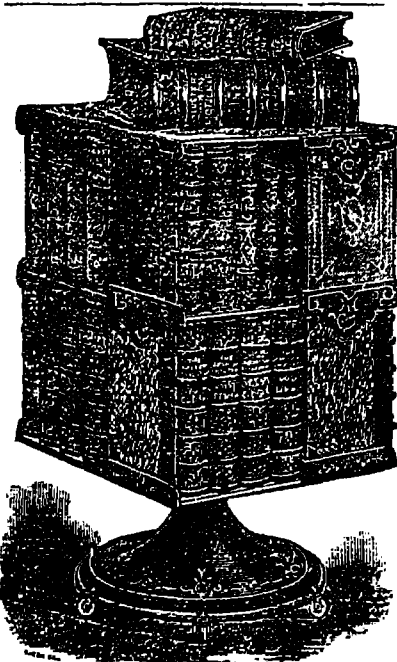
At the last monthly meeting of the Gospel Propagation Society, held on July 20th, fourteen missionaries were added to the society's list, all except one of them being men who are going out from England. These, with those approved during the previous six months, make a total of thirty-two since the beginning of the year.

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The relative values of these subjects shall be as follows: Classics, 250; Mathematics, 200; English, 150.

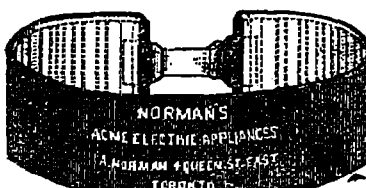
*These Text Books are mentioned to indicate in a general way the extent of knowledge required.
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MISSIONS.

THE Nova Scotia Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions asks for contributions towards the work in Algoma and the North-West, and the Foreign Field. Funds are urgently needed. From returns presented to the Provincial Synod, Nova Scotia is far behind the other Dioceses in the amount of its contributions to these objects. Address the Secretary.

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Also for the construction of a lock, together with the enlargement and deepening of the upper entrance of the Rapide Plat Canal, or middle division of the Williamsburg Canals, and the deepening, &c., of the channel at the upper entrance of the Galops Canal.

A map of the head or upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal and the upper entrance of the Rapide Plat Canal, together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen at the Resident Engineers Office, Mackenzie's Landing; and for the works at the head of the Galops Canal, at the Lock Keeper's House near the place, and in each case plans, &c., can be seen at this office on and after Tuesday, the 25th day of January inst., where printed Forms of Tender can be obtained.

Contractors are hereby informed that trial pits have been sunk on the CORNWALL and RAPIDE PLAT sections of the works, and they are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms and be accompanied by a letter stating that the person or persons tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits, &c.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures, the name of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$4,000 must accompany the tender for the Cornwall Canal Works. The tender for the Rapide Plat Works must be accompanied by a bank deposit for the sum of \$3,000. The tenders for the deepening, &c., at the head of the Galops Canal must be also accompanied by a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$3,000. The respective deposit receipts (cheques will not be accepted) must be endorsed over to the Hon. the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipts thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 21st January, 1884.