

admitted the herald of the Cross, till every people is now accessible, and in the most hopeless field the harvest waves," ready for the hand of the reaper.

With this has come a correspondent awakening of missionary zeal within the Church. This revival has been neither sectional nor denominational, but, extending to all sects and through all countries, it has been an infusing into the Church as a whole of a new spirit of missionary enterprise and devotion. Most remarkable among the manifestations of this awakening is that movement among the students of the colleges and universities of America, of which the Intercollegiate Alliance is an outcome. (Originating in the formation of a mission band, consisting of one hundred members, at Mr. Moody's summer school in 1886, it spread with phenomenal growth throughout the American universities, till, at the close of two years from its inception, over 2,000 young men and women stood pledged to go as the way might open and proclaim the Gospel in foreign lands. Yet another two years passed and to-day above 5,000 are waiting the call to go as the Master may direct. This movement is but a type of the more universal revival of missionary zeal within the Church. And not within the home churches alone, but tribes which a short two score years ago were sunk in almost hopeless idol worship, are now becoming centres from which light is shining out out to other peoples who still lie in darkness, and convert nations are putting the mother churches to the blush by their devotion.

But how shall they hear unless the preachers be sent? The world will never be evangelized until the Church awakes to the conviction that it must not only pray with and talk about missions, but also work for them. The cause urgently requires funds. Increase in the number of laborers implies a greater drain on the resources of the Church and a consequent necessity for increased support from its members. There is now given to missions an annual sum amounting to one-sixteenth per cent. of the value of the Church's possessions. The doors are opened forward into the heart of heathen nations; they need to be opened backward into the hearts of Christians at home, that they may give more fully to the work. The command rests equally on every disciple of Christ. if some are ready to give their lives for its fulfilment, cannot those who remain contribute more than one dollar in every sixteen hundred of their property?