

able to accomplish much in turning the heathen from darkness to light?

Says one of our missionaries in writing from India, "The day will come when this whole land will be given to Christ, and some of us who are now on the field may live to see it, but if we do, the church must give more freely of its life and treasure than it has yet done."

How shall we get this increase of life and treasure? is the question which presents itself to each of us to-day.

I have been impressed with the thought of how great a responsibility rests with the collectors to aid in promoting this growth.

The duty of the collector, in my estimation, is not as the name of the office would suggest, to collect money for the society, to go to a woman and say, "Will you let me put your name on my book for \$1 or such an amount a year?" and when she has collected this dollar consider that her duty is done and well done.

To get the money is a very important matter in itself, but more important still is it that we shall have the heart of the giver along with the gift.

Let the collector consider that her work is only just begun when she has secured a new subscriber.

The important thing is to get her thoroughly interested in the work, converted to missions.

Says one, "It is a special stage in the growth of grace to catch the spirit of missions."

We will succeed in our missionary enterprise in proportion as our sisters become understandingly interested.

It is a joy to give when one's heart is in the work. How much easier and more pleasant the work of the collector would be if every woman she had to collect from had her heart in missions. The money would come in freely and much more abundantly. The collector would not go with such reluctance on her errands of collecting, feeling sometimes as if she were an unwelcome visitor, that the money is given to get rid of her. Besides, we don't want money that has to be given in this way. Giving on principle is the giving that tells.

Let the collector get the new subscriber to come to the meetings, tell her the great need of the mission field, what our work is, etc. Of course to do this the collector must keep herself informed, which is of the utmost importance. Let her make it a point to ask the new subscriber, not long before the meeting, so that it may not be forgotten.

Many of us had our minds first aroused to missions by reading some good missionary memoir. It would be a good plan to get this sister to read some soul-stirring book on missions, of which there are many. I think the highest aim of such memoir is not to immortalize the missionaries of whom they treat, but to convert others to the work. There are also numerous very useful missionary tracts and tracts, some of which should be given to the collector to distribute.

Our own little paper, the MISSIONARY LINK, is a great help in keeping oneself informed concerning missions, and especially our own field, as it contains the most interesting and important parts of all letters from our missionaries. Every Baptist family should have it. Here again the collector should have a duty, to get every family from whom she collects to take this valuable little paper; the subscription price is so small that no one need be without it, besides it is one way of giving to missions, the proceeds of the paper above expenses of printing going into the treasury.

Some one may suggest that I have made the duty of collectors too heavy. May I ask of such an one, then, Who is to perform this very important duty? Of course

it is a work in which we can all help; but who can do so effectively as a collector, who has opportunities in her call of becoming personally acquainted with the subscriber, to know her sentiments, and what would interest her. Those who acquaint themselves with the facts will become interested. When they become interested they will not only give and love to give themselves, but will try to get others to join in the work also.

Doing draws out the mind and heart toward what is done, it is constantly in the thoughts, it is dreamed about, pondered over and watched for opportunities of doing more, and for the results. How much more interested we will become in the report of progress and success from the missionaries, when we find that we have helped to accomplish this.

Giving carries the feeling along with the gift. The heart follows after it, and prayers overshadow, encircle and hallow it, making it doubly blessed to the receiver. And who can estimate the spiritual benefits of the Christian giver but He who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Hear an appeal of a missionary from India, who calls upon us to grow in our work:

"If we would insure victory in the great missionary enterprise, fresh and larger levies of men, women and treasure must be made. God could, with a very few, overthrow Hinduism and every other false system; but we know that so far He has given success to the Church commensurate with the efforts she has put forth, and we have no reason to suppose He will ever change His plan. Oh then, that we may have more men, more women, more Bibles, more tracts and more money, for Christ's sake, and the souls of men!"

### A Mission Band at Work.

The following sketch of a Mission Band at work was sent to the Secretary of the N. S. Central Board.

Having recently had the pleasure of visiting one of the largest Mission Bands connected with our W. M. A. Societies, it seemed to me that a simple account of their way of working might be of assistance to others in forming such Bands, and prompt to larger efforts than those already established.

When I entered the vestry where the children were assembled, I found the opening exercises already past, and the work was being distributed by the Committee in charge. I was informed that their meetings were always begun by the reading of a portion of God's Word and prayer; then followed the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary, and the collection of the fees by the Treasurer. Then a number of young ladies, forming the Working Committee, brought to the children paste board boxes of various sizes, each with the name of the owner written plainly on the cover. These contained the work on which each child was engaged, whether crocheted or knitted edging, wool work of every description, sewing of various kinds, including patchwork done by the wee ones, which is designed to form a quilt to be presented to one of our lady missionaries.

When the hour for closing arrived the children all put up their work and took their boxes to the Working Committee in the adjoining room, who placed them in a trunk set apart for the purpose, until they were required again. Then some pretty hymns were sung by the children before dispersing. It was delightful to notice the systematic orderliness of every arrangement.

This Mission Band rejoices in the alliterative but euphonious title of "Willing Workers of Windsor."