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To the various "Movements," whose object it is to interest young people and older people in Missions, we give the heartiest possible welcome, and all the aid in our power; for the church is only beginning to realize its obligation, and to do its duty, in this world-wide, age-long work. But the foundations, after all, are to be laid in the Sunday School. This done, the least possible machinery will be subsequently required.

## "The Power of Infinitesimals"

"It is astonishing," once said Dr. Chalmers, "the power of infinitesimals. The mass of the planet Jupiter is made up of infinitesimals, and surely, after that, it is in the power of infinitesimals to make up a stipend for the minister of Ballahulish." The great church leader had been showing that, if the people in this and other Highland parishes were to give but the price of every tenth pinch of snuff, their churches would be well supported.

Not only in money matters do the littles tell, but in other spheres as well. Our Lord would not have his disciples forget this truth. And so, He singled out the giving of a cup of cold water to a disciple as an act worthy of approval and reward. It is by such small deeds of kindness, that most of us are to do our share in putting more sweetness into the lives of others and making the world a better and happier place to live in.

Often the kind deed is soonest forgotten by the doer of it. But the record of it is never lost. It is kept in the book that will be opened on the coming day of account. The great Lord and Judge will read from the pages of

that book, how again and again and again, this one and that had helped and cheered the poor and sick and hungry and thirsty and naked and captive. Then it will be seen that the smallest act of love fills its place in the building of that blissful mansion to which the King welcomes each of His true followers.

## The Grace of Receiving

By Rev. Henry Dickie, D.D.

Unless we first of all receive, we cannot give; and what we receive determines both the quantity and quality of what we give. We are always receiving. Every day, thousands of sensations throng the avenues of sense, seeking admission to the mind; and it rests with the mind itself to say which shall come in, and which shall stay out. Very diverse are the things which people living in the same country and under the same conditions of life admit to their conscious thought. There are some who lay themselves out to receive the pleasant, agreeable, uplifting things. There are others who pick on the disagreeable, who receive only that which is mean and nasty and uncharitable.

"Keep thy heart," says the wise man, "with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Moralists ring the changes on the issues of life, on what we do and say. But the outflow of our life depends upon the inflow. If we are all the time admitting what is foul and impure, how can the issue be otherwise than foul and impure? The sin of commission is the necessary consequence of a previous sin of admission.

Guard well, then, the heart, and admit to residence therein only the right sort of thoughts; for they are the things which