

"For about a year it has been my conviction that the Gospel in this locality ought to be self-supporting. At last the spirit has got the victory, and I humbly beg to decline any grant from the Society this year. Through force of circumstances I drew twenty-five dollars in July, of which I now refund fifteen dollars, and intend in due time to send the balance. I hope you will not think that I have not appreciated the kindness shown by the Board to the Home Missionaries; nor do not think I am robbing myself, for the windows of heaven are already opening, and, with half of the mission I had last year, I have already received more than thirty dollars in advance of what the two missions had given me a year ago."

A LADY, in sending \$25 for the support of a boy in the Chentu school, West China writes:

"God has asked me to do this, and has given me that hungering and thirsting after His will which enabled me to respond gladly, 'Yes, Father, thanks be unto thee for the desire and willingness to do it.' I was about to send it to Dr. J. H. Wooley, Foo-chow, without taking it into thought we have a mission of our own, but God directed this way. May it be the means of helping one precious soul to come to Jesus and learn of him; and through that one may many more find the priceless pearl."

A GENTLEMAN of this city has sent to the Mission Rooms a Thank-offering of \$48. Could not many more such offerings find their way into the treasury of the Missionary Society?

THE issues of the *Onward* of November 24th and December 1st are splendid missionary numbers, Japan and our missions in that country receiving special attention. The information is valuable and timely, as much of it can be utilized in preparing programmes for young people's meetings.

DURING thanksgiving week the Epworth Leaguers of the United States have been making a grand rally to aid the Missionary Society to meet its financial responsibilities, which are causing much thought and anxiety at the present time. The Secretaries at the Mission Rooms, New York, have received word that reports already received indicate that the coming Thank-offering for missions will not amount to less than \$50,000. We congratulate our cousin Epworthians!

WE would again call attention to the tracts that have been issued for this year. The brethren will find them helpful in arousing interest in mission work. The following are the titles:

"Information for the People," "Heathen Claims and Christian Duty," "An Appeal from the Student Volunteers of the Methodist Church in Canada to the Members of the Church on behalf of Foreign Missions," "Coming To-Morrow." We have also a supply on hand of those published last year.

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\$250,000 FOR MISSIONS

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**Collections, Subscriptions and
Juvenile Offerings.**

Editorial Notes.

"A LONG pull, and a strong pull, and a pull together," is what is required to raise the \$250,000 asked this year for missions. Many of our brethren have gone to work with a hearty determination that they will be faithful to this grand cause. But a spasmodic effort will not avail. Let the "long," "strong," "pull together" extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

WE have come to the last leaf on our calendar, and it does seem fitting that Christmas, with all the good cheer that attends this festive season, should brighten the last month of the year. During December almost daily there are events occurring which seem to compel us to look back over the record of the past eleven months. Perhaps, at times, with not a very brave spirit, but rather of regret that we have not always thought on "Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, and whatsoever things are of good report;" and with the consciousness of many unrealized hopes, comes a shrinking from taking up the duties that the New Year will surely present; fearing to take up the chisel, so rough has been the hewing of the past. But, amid all these hopes and fears there comes ringing through the soul the heavenly anthem, "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." "Peace, good will toward men," and as the music swells and rolls through our soul, we are filled with stronger, brighter, and more loving confidence in a Father's wise care; and with our spiritual strength renewed we say,

"O Lord, fulfil thy word,
And make me truly blest;
Lead where thou wilt on life's uneven way,
If only I can hear thee say,
'My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest.'"

OUR young friends will, no doubt, greet with pleasure the photo-engraving we publish this month of the Rev. R. N. Burns, B.A., president of the Methodist Young People's Association of Ontario. Mr. Burns has always taken a keen interest in young people and their work; and to him, during his pas-