

Mission Field.

Church of England Zenana Missionary Society.

The Society was established upon its present basis in 1880. Its object is to make known the Gospel of Christ to the women of India and other heathen and Mohammedan countries. Its teaching is in accordance with the Protestant and Evangelical principles of the Articles and formularies of the Church of England. Though an independent organization, it works in co-operation with the Church Missionary Society. The means employed are Normal Schools, Zenana Visitation, Hindoo and Mohammedan Female Schools, and Bible women. At the present time the Society has 142 missionaries in home connection, 75 assistant missionaries in local connection, and 503 native Christian Bible women and teachers. There are hospitals at Amritsar, Peshawar and Srinagar, besides dispensaries, in some cases with small in-patient departments in several towns and village centres. Of the whole number of missionaries the greater number are employed in India; fourteen are at work in the Fuh-Kien Province of China, two are in charge of a girls' boarding school at Kandy in Ceylon, and two are in Japan. The income of the Society has grown steadily from £13,000 in 1880 to £31,709 in 1891, but the advance of the receipts has not kept pace with the development of the work and the multiplication of labourers. The capital fund is exhausted, and the committee are owing a considerable amount to the bank. Meantime nineteen candidates are under probation and training at the Willows, and urgent representations are being made to the Society of the necessity for strengthening several stations in North and South India and the Punjab, while pressing invitations come from the Church Missionary Society at home, and from missionaries and corresponding committees abroad, to take advantage of new openings. To quote the words of Mr. Phillips, now single-handed in a district of the Fuh-Kien Province, "God says, Forward; shall His Church say, Stand still or Backward? There is room for all kinds of labourers who put Jesus Christ first."

Children's Lenten Offering.

At the end of eight weeks after Easter the amount received by the Treasurer of the Board of Mission of the P. L. Church in the United States for the Lenten Offering this year is \$41,242.73. At the corresponding time last year the amount received was \$40,607.07. There are yet many boxes to be heard from, and we are waiting for them to complete the account for this year.

The Sunday-schools of the Diocese of Pennsylvania have done better than ever before. The whole amount contributed by them is \$19,698, of which \$7,039 came to our treasury and is counted in the above total, the remainder being paid by them direct. The Diocese of Missouri a

year ago comprised the whole State of Missouri, and gave \$1,100. The Diocese of West Missouri having been set off within the year, the Diocese of Missouri, with only half the state, has given this year \$1,147.60, or more than the whole state a year ago! The new Diocese of Oregon has this year given \$923.

These results are simply grand, and show the advantage of organization, enthusiasm and leadership. The Sunday-school of St. Peter's parish, Helena, Montana, has given \$197.16. This single example of a Sunday-school is worthy to be mentioned here, because their splendid response is from a missionary jurisdiction.

Some who in other years have united in the Lenten Offering have, we regret to say, this year directed their offerings to other objects, and not a few have sent their money directly to special purposes, and we are not able to count them in the result. If all these had been sent to swell the offering the total would surely exceed \$50,000.

If we could reach the ears of all who have contributed to the offering this year we should try to make them feel that they are real helpers of our joy in the general missionary work. We congratulate them, and trust that their example may inspire the Sunday-schools everywhere to join in a larger effort in time to come.

Is it too much to ask that the efforts of all the children in all the dioceses may be directed during every Lent to this offering for General Missions to the exclusion of everything else? With the spirit which is shown in some quarters we are confident that if in all parts of the Church the children can be united during the six weeks of Lent only, the result will be an offering not of \$50,000, but of \$100,000.—*Spirit of Missions.*

Supporting General Missions.

Bishop Whitaker made an eloquent appeal in a part of his address to the recent annual convention of the Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania for a greater consecration to the work of evangelizing the world both at home and abroad. The *Churchman*, in reporting the address, thus summarizes that portion of it:

"The point upon which he laid the greatest stress was the work of General Missions. He said that neither in this diocese nor any other does it get the hearing or receive the encouragement it deserves. It is largely evangelistic. It carries the Gospel to neglected portions of our own lands, and to heathen countries, where the tidings of a crucified and risen Saviour have not been proclaimed. It appeals to principles, to the obligations which rest upon us by virtue of the command of our Lord, and which is as binding upon us as it was upon the Apostles to whom it was spoken, to go and make disciples of all nations. The awakening of the missionary spirit has increased the numbers of those willing to go forth into foreign lands, but it has not yet stirred the hearts of the people to give abundantly of their silver and gold. The Church has

added a petition in the Litany that God will send forth laborers into His harvest. That prayer has been answered. But, he asked, must there be another, that God would be pleased to convince His people of their individual responsibility? We need to raise the whole body of the Church to the high level of consecration of talents and money corresponding to the ability which God has given them. We need to put the general missionary work first in our consideration. The only sure way to reach this end is for each and every clergyman to make it a personal matter. It is only by bringing it home as an individual obligation, that we can be faithful to our trust.

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