#### MISSION FIELD.

#### EVERY CHRISTIAN A MIS-SIONARY.

The Wyoming and Idaho Mission. Bishop Talbot's official paper, in the course of an Epiphany appeal gave the following clear utterance.

The Church of God is essentially missionary in her character; and every individual member of her mystical body, so far as he is spiritually slive at all, will not be content with any narrow view of Christian duty or obligation. No sooner is a man really converted. in his own soul touched with the fire of God's consuming love, than straightway be asks himself, 'What can I do to help carry the good tidings to those who sit in darkness?" Like St. Andrew of old, having found the Messiah, he will go at once to his brother and tell him the joyful news. Not to be a missionary in heart and spirit is not to be a Christian. Indifference to the main work of the Church, which is the conversion of souls, the ag gressive, enthusiastic, nover ceasing proclamation of a Saviour's lovesuch indifference implies spiritual paralysis, if it does not imply spiritual death.

This is the Epiphany appeal that each one of us should become an earnest missionary. This does not imply that we go in person to Africa, or China, or Japan. It is quite possible that we can do more by remaining at home. But it dees imply that we are to use all the means that God puts at our disposal to carry on this work. It we do not go ourselves in person, we may at least help to send others, and may really go in spirit. By our prayers, by our consistent lives, by the generous consceration of our means to the service of God, we may effectually preach the Gospel, and do our part in making the Epiphany—the shewing forth of God's love-a reality throughout the world.

PERSECUTING A JAPANESE CONVERT.

A few years ago a man at Taira Japan, who was quiet when sober and cruel when drunk, came under the influence of the Gospel. He gave up drinking and began to attend the religious meetings. His wife was so enraged at his going to Christ an meetings that she would fasten the door when he had gone, and not let him in all night. he took so patiently that she determined upon everer measures, and taking a knife, declared the would kill him if he persisted. But he did persist and was finally baptized. The earnest prayer to which those days drove him, and God's conse with the Church also. This exagperated his parents living near, who had supported the wife in her former poncy, and they and other relatives determined vengeance. They summoned him before them all, and demanded that he should ceived Him.



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-100:-THE CHARGE AND THE PROMISE.

Bishop Westcott presided at the recent annual meeting of the Durham branch of the Church Missionary Society. In his address he said: 'I can never be wearied in saying that my hope in a large measure lies there, far away. I believe it is from the mission field that we shall gain that assurance of the victorious po er of the Gospel which we often sorely need, and I believe it is from the mission field that God will give us that great blessing for which we all earnestly pray, of a sense of spiritual union in Christ. The difficulties about us are great; the storms rage cease lessly, but I always think that the familiar story of the Galilean lake quent blessing, produced such a is a parable of our work. The storm change in him that the wife soon rages, we are alone, the Lird has followed his example and united not yet come. We think He has torgotten His promise, and then we suddenly see when our eyes are open that by His presence He is stilling the waves, and that He bears us to the haven where we would be as soon as we have re-

'Yes, the trial and the help are simultaneous, just as you will remember that the great charge and the great promise were given to-gether when the Lord said, 'Go and make disciples of all the nations. He said, too, 'Lo! I am with you all the days to the end of the world.' The charge would have been impossible without the promise; and just in proportion as we realize that promise as a living truth, we shall be enabled to fulfil that charge.'— The Spirit of Missions, N.Y.

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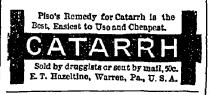
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