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THE CHURCH ALL THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEEDED.

MR. EDITOR,—Not being a member of the General Conference, and in no official position that will call for the administration of higher matters, there are a good many details of the connexion machinery now being set up, to which I have paid but little attention; and one of these is our so-called Missionary Society, with its ample funds and treasury boards, officials and doings, but I have observed that there is a world of discussion, perplexity and worry about how matters shall be finally adjusted. Now, I believe a great part of this trouble arises from our having overlooked a fundamental truth at the outset; and that is, that the church of God commissioned to evangelize all nations, is essentially missionary, and that she ought to have within herself an organization adapted to carry out this commission, irrespective of any society, appended to the church, and this, our revival, aggressive connexional church possesses in its very structure. Let this principle be affirmed, that every circuit and station must raise general missionary funds. Let the leaders' meeting and Quarterly Official Meetings look after this matter just as any other church matter, only as the first and most important of all. Let the funds raised pass on through all the superior courts in the order of ascent, district meetings, and Annual Conferences, till they finally report to a Central board of laymen and ministers to be appointed, by the General Conference, in such a way as to represent the Annual Conferences, to act for it in the intervals of its own sessions, and to report to it, once in four years. This Central Board to apportion to each Conference the sums necessary to carry on the Missions within their own bounds, of which each Conference shall have the management, while the aforesaid Central Board takes the direct oversight of all Foreign Missions which may be agreed on till that Foreign Mission may be better comprehended within an Annual Conference, and managed by it. Now, if the laity are represented in all our Connexional Courts, and they ought to be, what further need have we of committees than the aforesaid Church Courts?

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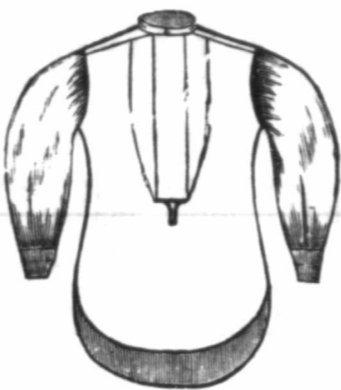
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