

fallen into superstitious idol worship, or no worship. The time would fail me to count up all the places where Satan rules after all these eighteen hundred years of Christianity. And no wonder! No wonder! No wonder!" cried the preacher, in an agony of shame and remorse, while the congregation thrilled and wept before him. "Jesus Christ gave his life for the world, and we, in our fine houses, our rich attire, spending hundreds of dollars on self and luxury—we give six and two-thirds cents!"

Dr. Marsh gave out the concluding hymn:

"Show pity, Lord, O Lord forgive."

The congregation joined in, and with broken voices confessed their sin and shame.

The sermon to the children followed, as a soft brightness sometimes comes after a thunder storm. The preacher spoke of the little lad by the shores of the blue Galilean lake, of his scanty store of bread and fish, of his willing offering, of the wonderful results. And as his store fed more than five thousand hungry people," he said, "so my little children, with just as much ease, can He bless your little efforts, your few pennies, and make them the means of bringing the whole world to the knowledge and love of Jesus.

Seeds planted near the surface naturally come up first, and so it was the little leaves-and-fishes sermon that brought the quickest returns. All the young hearts in Dr. Marsh's congregation took fire at the example of the Galilean lad, when it was shown them in this light. But because boys and girls must necessarily have such different methods of work, and in some ways such different management from their elders, the bands which were organized divided, though both called themselves "The Leaves and Fishes."

A little more slowly, but with intense earnestness, the ladies formed their plans, not for the usual sewing society, to hold fairs and bazars, but for a contributing association, with collectors, to gather, each in her own district, whatever these Christian women could make or save for the cause.

Lastly (and why in the name of Christian manhood should this be so rare a thing), lastly the men pledged themselves to a certain sum each month, also to be gathered up by appointed collectors.

For Dr. Marsh resolved that Foreign Missions should never again be a subject to which the people were to be awakened once a year, from which stirring to relapse at once into ignorant indifference. "The collections may seem small," he urged, "but let them be gathered up and counted, and sent in and reported every month in the year."

On the last Sunday of May, Dr. Marsh received four packages, and lo! out of the mouths of the babes came the superscription for them all. In the business hand of the gentleman collector, in the delicate slanting letters that ladies love, in a boy's fierce penmanship, and the irregular lettering of the little school girls, the four packages bore the same mark, "Leaves and Fishes." And as "Leaves and Fishes for May, from the church in Contreville," the whole \$150 went into the church's treasury, an earnest of what each succeeding month should do.

"O husband!" said the preacher's wife, with a glow on her face, "what a glorious reward for one sermon!"

"Hush, hush," said the servant of God, recoiling as from a blow. "I am thinking how many years all this was waiting to be done; waiting only for my leading, while I, dumb, careless, negligent shepherd, was to them only a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice."

—N. Y. Churchman.

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