

Foreign Missions.

For Foreign Missions.

The following offerings have been received from Jan. 13 to Jan. 20, 1892: Canada—Duncan Currie and family, Belwood, Ont., \$10.

Whole amount since October Convention in Allegheny, \$5,024.29. This is more than was raised for the corresponding period last year, but it is much less than the expenditures. The three monthly payments made since the Annual Convention aggregate \$16,187.69. Last year the Society expended \$71,004.68—nearly \$6,000 a month. This year the outlay will be considerably greater, inasmuch as the missionary forces have been increased. The treasury is empty. The Executive Committee has been obliged to borrow to make the last payment. Money will come in during the year. There can be no doubt of this. But money is needed now. The Committee has no funds upon which it can draw for the support of the work until the returns from the March Collection are in hand. The members of the Society and its friends will greatly oblige and greatly relieve the Executive Committee by sending several thousand dollars to the treasury at once.

THE MARCH COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

The day named for an offering in the churches of Christ for Foreign Missions is not far distant. It is high time that every minister and every congregation were making preparation for this day. There ought to be full instruction on the subject of the world's evangelization. Due emphasis ought to be given to the last command of our risen Lord. Christian people should be given to understand that their great concern ought to be to save a lost world. They are to make their own calling and election sure, but they can best do this by giving the more earnest heed to the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation." There ought to be much earnest prayer to God for guidance and blessing, for great enlargement of soul. Money ought to be laid by in store for this day.

Every Christian should give as the Lord has prospered him. If we abound in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in love, let us see to it that we abound in this grace also. The Convention recommended that an earnest effort be made to raise \$100,000 this year for Foreign Missions. If all or even half will give according to their ability, this amount and more will be raised. It can and ought to be done; it must be done. Else the new work projected in Allegheny cannot be performed.

The offerings in March for Foreign Missions ought to be worthy of the greatest of all causes, namely, the evangelization of the world.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN SOCIETY.

Four thousand copies were sent out in December. If any contributor has not received a copy and wishes one, he will please to let his wish be known.

THE "MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER"

The Missionary Intelligencer is sent each month to every preacher in the brotherhood free of any charge. If any preacher does not receive it, he will please send his name and address to the Mission Room. When a preacher changes his field of labor, he would confer a favor upon the Secretaries if he would send a postal to the Mission Room and inform them of the change.

A. McLAN, Cor. Sec. P. O. Box 750. Cincinnati, O.

Temperance.

Catechism.

What makes drunkards? Strong drink. Who sells the drink? The saloon keeper. What created the saloon? The law. Who makes the law? The legislator. Who makes the legislator? The people. Who are the people? We are the people.

Drunkenness and Work.

There was a time when a man addicted to the use of strong drink, could indulge his appetite without very materially affecting the interests of those around him. He could get drunk and go to bed. His business was neglected, his farm ran down, his job was unfinished, he perhaps was discharged and became a vagabond, instead of a diligent worker; but his intemperance and failure produced no very marked effect upon the business or prosperity of others. But in those days of interlocking and interblending industries, where modern inventions divide the labor and multiply the power of the individual, it is far otherwise.

To-day the laboring man has for his auxiliaries steam and electricity. He works in harness with the mightiest forces that are known in the universe, and if he is not prompt and reliable, then there will be breakage and shipwreck. One moment's inattention caused by a fuddled brain, may break a limb or destroy a life, may break machinery which has cost thousands of dollars; may wreck a train, and cause hundreds of thousands of dollars damage; may derange and impede the business of hundreds of faithful workers; may cause more loss in an hour than a man would be able to repair in his life-time, and may hinder the work or crush the life out of other workers who stand in their places, but who must suffer through the negligence and misdeeds, the inefficiency and incompetence of some poor, besotted victim of strong drink.

Hence it is impossible as business is conducted at the present time, to allow every man the privilege of making himself an imbecile drunken fool on his own responsibility and at his own pleasure. It is to be a man among men—a worker among workers—he must be prepared to take a worker's place, and with promptness, diligence, and fidelity must meet the responsibilities of the hour, and stand in his lot like a man among men. And unless he can do this he must get out of the way and make room for someone who will do it. It is impossible to allow business to be cumbered and deranged, and men to be hindered, injured, and slaughtered, simply because one foolish and misguided man thinks he has a right to make himself a lunatic, an idiot, or an imbecile wretch at his own pleasure. If he claims the privilege of doing this let him go away, live in the woods, hide himself from his fellows, and let him do work which involves no connection or association with his fellow men. Then, if he wishes to be a fool, he can do so. If he wishes to be drunk and ruin his business or destroy his life he can do it. But he cannot be allowed to do this where his presence is a disturbing element, which is likely to interrupt business, ruin machinery, wreck property and destroy life.

Hence, from the circles of active business, the drunkard must go, and the young man entering upon life must choose for himself whether he will be a man among men, or whether he will sink down a beastly groveling sot and drop out of the paths in which others are so nobly running.—The Safeguard.

Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Lediard, Supt., Owen Sound, Ont., to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

God Wants The Boys.

God wants the boys, all kinds of boys, To love Him, serve Him, do His will; He wants those boys that make a noise, And those who keep so very still.

God calls the boys, yes, every one, Those that are in and out of school; Though jumping, shouting full of fun, He leaves none out—that is His rule.

God loves the boys of every kind, The rich and poor, the short and tall; Even for wicked ones you'll find His grace is given to one and all.

DEAR SISTER LEDIARD.—The Cecil Street Willing Workers met the third Wednesday of the month, and are working steadily along the study of missions. We follow the lessons given in the "Little Builders at Work;" we take a Scripture text as the motto for each month. Some fifteen months ago we started with the letter A. Since Sept. we have met twice a month for our sewing class. We have been able to sell four quilts and three pieced tops, for which we have given to the church treasury \$10.00 and the Christian Endeavor \$3.00. Others are ready for sale. At our first meeting in Dec., the election of officers for the next six months took place. A board of managers was also elected. Wishing all a prosperous and happy year for the Master. ANNIE LEARY, Hon. Pres. ROSE STENNETT, Cor. Sec. Toronto, Jan. 4, 1892.

DEAR MRS LEDIARD.—You have not heard from us for some time owing to holiday season and sickness in the city, but we have every reason to be thankful, for although the terrible disease has visited the homes of many of us, yet all of our number have been spared. We are busy at work again. We held an entertainment at which there was a collection amounting to \$2.77; the night was very wet and disagreeable. We have organized a sewing class. Our first meeting is to be held next Saturday afternoon. The treasurer has on hand now \$6. She will forward it to Miss Fleming at once. From the Buds of Promise, Guelph, wishing all our sister bands success, Yours truly, BESSIE MILLER, Guelph, Jan. 5, 1892.

"Golden Links" Mission Band has been marked during the last six months by special interest and enthusiasm in the missionary work. Besides the regular meeting, a "Sewing Circle" was commenced, which meets every second Saturday, having for its object the making of useful and fancy articles to be sold about Christmas time.

The little fingers sewed and crocheted very diligently indeed, learning, it is hoped, besides the song of "stitch, stitch, stitch," the sweet lesson of working lovingly for the Master. During the warm summer days the "Golden Links" had an occasional fête, when the capacious work-box (which the boys made) was carried underneath the shady trees at the homes of interested friends, and the work progressed merrily, with the prospects of "Ring around Roy," and (let us whisper) cake and lemonade, as a reward, when the work was folded up.

The sale, which was held at the honse of Mrs. W. A. Stophous, was quite a success, the clear proceeds being over \$14.00. Besides the children's work there were donations of articles from older members.

Our regular fortnightly meetings were well attended, and the collections very fair.

The children had the pleasure of listening frequently to very interesting and profitable talks from our esteemed superintendent, Mrs. Lediard, and often added to the interest of the meeting by their own songs, recitations, etc.

While pleased with our past record we are desirous of making greater efforts and attaining more success in the future, doing everything willingly and making any sacrifice, gladly knowing that God loves cheerful giving, whether the gift be money, patience, or time. M. M. L.

I think all our bands have been heard from now, with the exception of Walkerton and Everton. Miss Fleming sent me a receipt for \$4.20 from the latter place some little time ago, but reports from them at their earliest convenience will be very welcome. It would be encouraging to hear that a few new bands were being organized. The children's Mission Band is a very important feature of our church work at present, and will well repay all the effort put forth in that direction. I would again call the attention of those churches where there is not one to the subject, and ask them to organize at once.

Poor Girls.

The poorest girls in the world are those not taught to work. There are thousands of them. Rich parents have potted them, and they have been taught to despise labor and depend upon others for a living, and are perfectly helpless.

The most forlorn women belong to this class. It is the duty of parents to protect their daughters from this deplorable condition. They do them a great wrong if they neglect it. Every daughter should be taught to earn her own living. The rich as well as the poor require this training. The wheel of fortune rolls swiftly round—the rich are likely to become poor, and the poor rich. Skill added to labor is no disadvantage to the rich and is indispensable to the poor. Well-to-do parents must educate their daughters to work; no reform is more imperative than this.—Selected.

A Boy's Religion.

If a boy is a lover of the Lord Jesus Christ, though he can't lead a prayer-meeting, or be a church officer, or preacher, he can be a godly boy, in a boy's place. He ought not to be too solemn or quiet a boy. He need not cease to be a boy because he is a Christian. He ought to run, jump, play, climb, and yell like a real boy. But in it all he ought to be free from vulgarity and profanity. He ought to eschew tobacco in every form and have a horror of intoxicating drinks. He ought to be peaceable, gentle, merciful, generous. He ought to take the part of small boys against large ones. He ought to refuse to be a party to mischief, to persecution, to deceit. And, above all things, he ought now and then to show his colors. He need not always be interrupting a game to say that he is a Christian, but he ought not to be ashamed to say that he refuses to do something because he fears God, or is a Christian. He ought to take no part in the ridicule of sacred things, but meet the ridicule of others with a bold statement that for the things of God he feels the deepest reverence.—Selected.

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