

ning. Ten go to the Telooongs of India, eight to Assam, and the remainder are scattered in China, Japan, and Africa.

**Missions and Commerce.**—At one time it was thought that the money given to the cause of missions was wasted. No intelligent man thinks so now. England gives more for missions than all the rest of the world combined, but English commerce has gained ten pounds for every pound England has invested in missions. Christianity and commerce go hand in hand. The Gospel is God's power to save from sin, and from all the imbruting and degrading consequences of sin. The Gospel underlies our commerce and our civilization as a root underlies a plant.—*A. McLean, D.D.*

There are, so it is said, five hundred millionaires in New York, some of them worth from one hundred to three hundred millions of dollars. We suppose these men are—*Buddhists!*

During the last four years seventy-nine English university men have become missionaries.

"You wish to teach our women to read, do you?" scornfully said an official of the Hindus to a missionary from America, and added, "Next you will seek permission to teach our cows!" But what good has come to the Hindu by his supreme selfishness toward mother and sister, daughter and wife? He has not progressed one inch in thousands of years except as men who look upon women as their equals have placed in his unskilled hands the inventions of Occidental civilization and taught him our ideas of literature and law, of art and commerce. He has not risen one hair in the scale of being except as our missionaries have brought to him that Gospel which says, "There shall be no more curse, for the former things are passed away," and which restores the joint headship set forth in the Divine words: "Let us make man in our image after our likeness, and let them have dominion."

"It is with missionary work as with everything else. Those who know little, care little and give little. Those who know most are most interested, and give liberally."

At a recent missionary meeting of the Reformed Church at Sangerties, Mr. Scoville said: "We hear the complaint of draining a country or community of needed funds. Listen to the telephone of the ages, 'Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?' Would it have been? The blessing of missions is that it is the work of the Church. Why was it not completed before this age? Because this age needs to do it. Missions now are a test of Christian character. The Church needs a touch of heroism in it. Is the cross an ornament or the declaration of a principle?"

A Japanese converted to Christ seems at once to bethake himself to the labor of teaching the truth to his friends at home and at a distance, and thus is the way prepared for the minister of Christ. No wonder that with such preparatory service the truth is running in that land, and being glorified.

There are those who wish to be Christians in secret, and those even in lands where it is deemed no reproach to follow Christ. But we hear of a Japanese workman, who was necessarily away from his shop most of the day, who put the following notice on the door: "I am a Christian; and if any one likes to go in and read my Good Book while I am out, he may. Buddhist priests need not come here. I do not want them any more."

There is but one lake on the surface of the globe from which there is no outlet, and that is the Dead Sea, which receives much, but gives nothing. Such a lake is a perfect illustration of a church all whose efforts terminate upon itself. Around it there will be desolation, and in it there will be no life.—*William M. Taylor, D.D.*