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**About Missions.**

THE contributions of evangelical Christians for missions to the heathen amounted, last year, to more than eight million dollars: being thirty times as much as was raised for the same object at the beginning of this century. "A Million for Missions" is the present rallying cry of the Methodist Church in the United States; and the amount aimed at is likely to be attained. Much enthusiasm is manifested throughout the body, and a permanent impetus will be imparted to the liberality of the people. The Presbyterian Church in the United States raised, last year, for Missions, Home and Foreign, \$1,181,529—an average of \$1.84 per member. The Methodist giving for the same object was at the rate of 55½ cents per member. The average Presbyterian gives three times as much as the average Methodist. This difference is explained and accounted for by the New York *Christian Advocate* on the ground that the Presbyterians are the most prosperous body of Christians in the United States. The *Christian at Work* says that when the Methodists bring up their average to that of the Presbyterians, they will raise not "a million for missions," but three and a half millions!

A discussion is going on in religious jour-

nals in the United States as regards the ultimate fate of the heathen who never hear the Gospel. Some are disposed to be "wise above what is written." Speculation on the subject seems to us an utter waste of energy. The Judge of all the earth will do right. Our "marching orders" are to preach the Gospel to every creature. To the discharge of this duty we cannot address ourselves too earnestly. "At it, all at it, always at it," is a good motto for all our members and congregations. Only thus can we escape decay and disaster. There is no stage of progress when the Church can "rest and be thankful," as if her work were done. Of course, we should always "rest" in the Lord; we should always be thankful to Him. But in His kingdom there is no room for idlers and sluggards. The work of the Church is continually expanding, at home and abroad. There is not a Presbytery within the bounds of the General Assembly that would not hail with gratitude the power to expand its Home Mission work. In many Presbyteries the stations could easily be doubled were the men and means at our disposal. To cease growing is to commence dying. A growing, healthy Church must ever increase its demands upon the liberality of the people for work at home. With tenfold force comes the appeal for expansion in the foreign field, where Christianity is in contact and conflict with count-