

MISSIONARY FACTS.

"It is a fundamental principle of Christianity that every man ought to be a Christian, every Christian a Missionary, and every Church a Mission Station."—Dr. S. Macpherson.

WHEN all Christians believe in this fundamental principle, and act in accordance with it, the world will soon be evangelized. The missionary enterprise has done valuable work in urging it on the attention of ministers and people. If the missionary cause is to obtain that measure of support which its importance entitles it to, there are certain great truths which must be emphasized.

Christians must realize their individual responsibility in God's sight.—The prayer of each child of God should be, "Lord, *what wilt Thou have me to do?*" Ministers must teach individual responsibility. In many cases their neglect of this great truth accounts for the apathy of the people. The evangelization of the world is a work in which *all Christians should take part*. Each redeemed soul is able to do something in advancing this work. Much more might be done by individuals than has been done. Eighty-five persons, each giving 25 cents a week, could support a foreign missionary: 135 giving 10 cents could do so likewise. Might not "Missionary Clubs" be formed in many congregations throughout this Dominion? The Presbyterian Church in Canada gave last year for foreign missions \$86,000. That means an average of about one-seventh of a cent a day per communicant. An elder of this same church died lately worth several million dollars. There are many persons in Canada who could support a foreign missionary. Less than 50 cents yearly is given by each communicant in Christendom for the evangelization of 850,000,000 heathen. Converts from heathenism shame us in this matter of giving. A wealthy Chinaman near Amoy supports several churches by his own contributions. Lo-Kwan receives \$5 per month, and gives one-fifth to the Lord. A Christian Chinaman in Hawaii supports a school and chapel in his native town in Canton province. A-Fat in Tahiti receives \$25 per month, and spends \$20 of it in mission work. Have such instances of generous giving as these no lesson for us in Christian lands?

Ministers of Christ, what are you doing to make your people