

is a time of grand opportunities. The customs of the day give us the means by which elevating influences may be exerted. Why should not our souvenirs and complimentary letters be used to this end. And then in distributing our favors among our well-to-do friends let us not forget the needy and desolate, that so the blessing of Him that was ready to perish may come upon us. We hope that Christmass may bring many blessings to our readers and that they may be able to make it a means of blessing to many others.

THE COLLEGE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

IT is not altogether a matter for regret when a marked movement at the outset meets, even where only sympathy was to be looked for, with misconception instead. Good men are jealous for the good. If even opposition arise from this source, the cause opposed or misconceived has but to approve itself as worthy and in such antagonists it may find its firmest friends.

We trust it may be because of such a noble jealousy for that which is best that the College Missionary Movement is often spoken of slightly by parts of the religious Press. Still, to those who have closely watched its progress, there seems little ground for misconception. And yet we remember reading, and seeing the words quoted in the pages of our own *Presbyterian Review*, that the supposed fact of so many in college halls having given themselves to the work of foreign missions turns out not to be a fact at all. It is hinted that enthusiasts found the flame and brought questionable means to bear on their audiences in order that the list of names might be swelled. We are told that one missionary secretary, during an extensive canvass, was able to obtain but a handful of volunteers for India. Statements such as these have been widely spread.

But the movement is genuine. The men who visited the colleges were not fanatics. Dr. McCosh says of them, "For years I have known the two young men. I can testify that they were able and excellent students, and are consistent Christians. They are doing their work modestly, with no flourish of trumpets, trusting only in power from above." And if they be enthusiasts, would that we had more of *such* enthusiasm! Mr. Forman has been sent to India by the Princeton men. While in England money was forwarded for his passage. He booked as an intermediate passenger, and returned