

MISSION FIELD.

SUFFICIENT MISSIONARY
MOTIVE.

The Rev. Dr. William Chauncey Langdon, speaking of religious motives, says:

"The only motive from which a truly missionary spirit can spring is the love of Christ and for His sake the love of our fellow-men. In the power of this love not only are mere denominational ambition and sectarian rivalry impossible, but, it might almost be added, even thought for one's own salvation is merged in the eager, grateful love of Him who first came a Foreign Missionary from Heaven to earth to seek and save us. In the power of this love, to give becomes a holy privilege, and he is most privileged who is enabled to give the most. In the power of this love of Christ, all who are really His disciples are concerned for this great object and purposes of His coming, and in grateful realization of this are themselves glad, in person or by deputy, to be doing what they can, as His followers, to extend the work and to make efficacious the mission of Him who has accepted them to be His co-laborers. It is because so small a proportion of those who 'profess and call themselves Christians' can honestly say, with the Apostle, 'the love of Christ constraineth us,' that there is such need of insistence upon the missionary duties and responsibilities of Christian men."

WHAT THREE SISTERS HAVE
DONE.

At the recent centenary conference of missions held in London, the Rev. J. McMurtrie, of Scotland, said: "I knew in Edinburgh three sisters who had a great desire to go to Africa, but they knew we were in difficulties with regard to money, and they would not ask a penny from the church. They were not rich. One of them was teaching at a school in the old town of Edinburgh; another was in a millinery establishment, and the other was doing something else; and they said, 'We will make a bargain that two of us will stay at home and help, and keep the third, who shall be a missionary in Africa.' The sister sent and supported by the two sisters who stayed at home is to-day joyfully and successfully toiling as missionary in Africa."

ORIENTAL MAXIMS.

The less wit a man has, the more vanity. Of all the vices vanity and the love of law-suits are the most difficult to correct. It is the mark of a bad cause when men of the same party speak ill of each other. The speech of the wise man is behind his heart, and the heart of a fool behind his speech. Life is a sleep, and death is the time of awakening, and man works like a phantom between them. The crow will sooner become white than the man who seeks for knowledge without application will become learned. Guard yourself against your enemy,

but guard yourself doubly against your friend. The seeker of pearls dives into the sea, and the lover of fame must pass his nights in vigils. What is remembered decays, what is written lives. Monarch and subject are alike unfortunate when men of merit are neglected and fools occupy the highest stations under the government.

ENDURING TREASURE.

Miss Lathrop, a missionary in India, writes: "There is much hard work done in India, but there is also much compensation. I was struck with the remark a traveller made. He said: 'The missionaries are the happiest people I have seen in India, the only Europeans who did not complain of hardships and poor pay, etc. I think this is true. It is not those who have the most of this world who are the contented ones, but those who work for the treasure that endureth.'"

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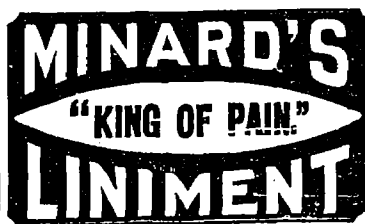
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