

tendom into line with God's purposes that eleven millions of dollars are annually poured into the mission treasury. The Church's laborers in the mission field are now counted by thousands, her converts by millions, and the field of the world is being mapped out for speedy conquest by the advancing host. A hundred years ago the Missionary Idea seemed to be the feeblest and most obscure force of the age; to-day it stands foremost of all the great schemes of Christian benevolence, and challenges the respectful attention of the world. And if the utilitarian spirit of the age demands a justification of these vast appliances and this large expenditure, we point first to the royal law which stands unrepealed upon the Statute Book,—“Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,” and then we point to the *results* of missions and say, “These are a sufficient justification even if the expenditure were tenfold what it is.”

A CHINESE CONVERT.

THE Rev. Alfred Andrews, Chairman of the Regina District, writes as follows, under date of September 2nd:—For a year past we have had a Chinaman attending our services in Qu'Appelle. About two months ago he removed to Regina. He has just sent us a couple of letters, from which I extract the following, without any alteration of mine, save punctuation:—

“August 20th, 1887.

“MR. AND MRS. ANDREWS:

“Dear Friend,—It seems a long time since I have seen you; I hope that you are very well. I do not forget all your kindness to me; you were very kind to teach me about the Gospel of Jesus; I used to worship idols; now I know God and love to worship Him. My heart trusts in Jesus as my Saviour; He died for my sins. I want to do right, and pray to God every day to help me; please pray for me. I shall be very glad to get a letter from you; God bless you. If we do not meet again on earth, may we meet in heaven.

“Your affectionate friend,

“CHAN IN.”

In reply to my answer he writes:—

“August 29th.

“I feel very lonely, but the people where I be are very kind to me. There is no school here for the Chinese. My friend, I loved the school very much, and Chinese church too. I hope the brethren are all well; give my kind regards to all of them and to teachers who were so kind to teach me English, and also about the Gospel of Jesus. May God bless you all. Write again soon will.

“Yours very sincerely,

“CHAN IN.”

During part of the time he was here he attended school during the day, and did his work at night. The teachers were very attentive to him, and he learned well. I hope he may be helpful to some of his countrymen—if not in this territory perhaps elsewhere—as

he seems to have a very fine mind and is well educated in his own language; at least it seems so to me.

IN VERY BAD TASTE.

WE clip the following paragraph from the *Kingston Daily News*, to which it was sent by a correspondent. We are confident that thousands of American Christians will repudiate the statement and regret that it was uttered; but we are sorry that the unreasoning Anglophobia which afflicts a certain class of people across the lines should have shown itself in the “applause” with which Dr. Hamlin's untruthful statement was greeted. If the Doctor is a man of honor he will at once submit the proof of his allegation or withdraw it. The paragraph referred to is as follows:

“The feelings of the Canadian residents on Thousand Island Park were outraged yesterday (Friday) afternoon, during a Missionary Meeting at which Dr. Hamlin, a returned American missionary from Turkey, stated that the Slavs in Turkey were desirous of embracing the Christian religion, but were not permitted by England, because she feared her millions of Mohammedan subjects in India more than she did God or Christ. The statement was received with applause by the Americans on the platform and audience, whilst the Canadians rose and left the building. How does that statement of Dr. Hamlin agree with the fact that Christian missionaries of all churches (American included) are fully protected by England in the heart of India, and wherever the British flag flies full protection is afforded to her subjects, and any wrong speedily avenged. The simple statement of one man would not have been so very noticeable but for the manifest endorsement of the platform.”

WORLD'S DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

WE publish by request, but none the less gladly, the following call for a World's Day of Prayer. It would seem as if the devil had mustered all his battalions on the line of the saloon, and intended to make his last stand there. In overcoming evil there is no mightier instrumentality than prayer, and we earnestly hope the call will be responded to:—

“From the first, the woman's temperance work has been a work of prayer and faith. The little praying bands in the United States and Canada have many times appointed special days of prayer. And now, when this heaven-born movement has expanded into the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, the same spirit leads to the same methods, and from many hearts comes the cry for a world-embracing prayer-day, wide as the circuit of the sun. It will unify the thoughts of the white-ribbon women all around the globe, strengthen their purpose, and make their hand-clasp firmer, as together they bear onward the white flag, inscribed “For God and Home and Every Land.” It will claim the blessed promise made to Christ's disciples when they are agreed as touching anything, and from Heaven bring such a blessing upon our sacred cause as is not otherwise to be secured.