

kind, and full of rich hope for the future. How needful such a work as this is, and what room there is in it for expansion is seen from a sentence in the President's address at the Annual Meeting: "There is only one Christian woman to every two hundred heathen women in the world, and while the churches have gathered three millions of converts from heathen lands, their population have increased two hundred millions." The ladies of this Society are evidently shrewd and careful in the management of the affairs of their work, and some of them, doubtless, give a large amount of time to its business. We feel certain, too, that they must be contemplating some strongly aggressive movement in the near future, for, unlike most missionary societies, they appear to have a balance at their banker's of \$17,170.

But our greatest comfort in connection with this branch of Methodist enterprise is that its educational value must be of the best, and of the farthest reaching character. If the people of Canada are to be saved from the vices and the degradation of the older European nations; if our land is to be purged from the intemperance and other evils which have been fastening themselves upon it; if our churches are to be strong, wise, and influential; and particularly if we are to take our full share in the world's evangelization, and so secure the choicest blessings of the exalted Redeemer, then our coming men and women must be fitted for this service from their very infancy. And if our wives, and sisters, and daughters accustom themselves to missionary reading, planning, praying, and giving, the husbands, brothers, and sons will be trained for the noblest possible service; then "God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him."

The Andover Review, speaking of the "Secularized Classes," says: "Secularism is not of necessity a foe to Christianity, it is simply an indifferent force working toward an unmoral and unspiritual end. Left to itself it does one thing—it secularizes. But why should it be left to itself? Many of its agencies are open to Christian uses, and all of its hours to the devotion and activity of the Church."