

Oh, that each one of us may be imbued with that spirit of eager longing for the salvation of all for whom the gospel has been given. To this end, may we drink deeply at the fountain of divine love, that we may cease forever to be as the "sounding brass or the tinkling cymbal"—cease to "savor the things that be of men," but, cleave unto those "which are of God." That we may labor for the fulfilment of the song of the angel choir: "Glory to God in the highest, and, on earth peace, goodwill toward men." O. B. E.

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THE GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This society was organized for the purpose of sending missionaries into the foreign as well as into the home field; but since the organization of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society it has limited its operations to America—indeed almost entirely to the United States and Canada. And here it surely has a broad field in which to work. The population of both countries is almost, if not quite, 70,000,000. Many of these are as truly without God and without hope as they would be in a heathen country. Go into any of the large cities and if you do not see the importance of making great efforts to reach the masses there, you must be blind. The need is apparent. Souls are going by the thousand to eternal perdition. The society sees the needs of the cities and is planning to carry on a great work in them. Then there are cities springing up like magic. The society wants, if possible, to have a church there before a jail is needed. It wants to have a preacher there before the saloon keeper arrives. If righteousness can get the start of iniquity, it will be more liable to hold the lead than if it starts behind. The western states are filling up rapidly, and if churches are not established promptly and plentifully, Satan will be in a fair way to rule the country. The same is true of the Canadian northwest. We should desire to see a church of Christ in every rising town and city and community. If the United States and Canada, with a composite population made up of people from almost every nation, can be won and kept for Christ, they can soon take the lead in the evangelization of the world. But if the inflowing tide of population brings with it the sins and the vices, the anarchical ideas and the infidelity predilections of the old world, and no effort is made to counteract them, then instead of these countries being won for Christ, they will become the camping ground of Satan's forces. The General Home Mission Board wants to do what it can to turn the tide of influence into the proper channels; and, that it may be able to do so, it asks the support not only of every church, but of every Disciple in these provinces. It does not seek to take the work out of the hands of the churches, but it wants to enable the churches to work in concert and consequently with the best prospects of success. It is hoped that the May collection this year will be so liberal that there can be a great enlargement in the work. Many places are calling loudly for help, but it cannot be rendered owing to the present lack of funds. Here is mission work at our doors. Bro. Hardin says: "We need a score more of general evangelists in the field. We need fully one hundred more missionary pastors. We need a multitude of consecrated men and women to rescue the perishing in our great cities. We need preachers to send among the Indians. We need competent men among the foreign population now in our country, and those still coming. We need money to sustain these and to pay those already at work. We need the prayerful sympathy and the burning enthusiasm of all our people in order that we may get these things. We need you as a steadfast friend to enlist others in this great work of saving souls." W.

JOTTINGS.

We left home the 5th of February on our way to Westport. The weather was extremely cold, 12 degrees below zero. Monday night we remained in Bridgewater. Tuesday night we lodged at Bro. Eldridge's, Sandy Cove. It had been a number of years since we had met Bro. and Sister Eldridge. We found them quite well in body, and in good spiritual health. They still continue steadfast in the faith although deprived of the fellowship and the association of their brethren. We reached Tiverton Wednesday morning, nine o'clock. We remained here a few moments, just long enough to want to remain longer, but our appointment was out for preaching, Wednesday evening in Westport, so we hastened on, reaching there in good time and in good trim for dinner. We found the church engaged in a series of meetings of four weeks continuance, without any apparent success; but, although somewhat wearied and discouraged, yet determined to push the work along until success was attained. Bro. Cooke, although somewhat worn out, with anxiety of a four weeks' meeting, renewed his spirits and his energies, and we entered into a continued effort. Bro. Cooke was on hand every day to show us the homes we wanted to visit, and from day to day we walked and talked and sang and prayed. It seemed for the next two weeks that the elements and the many obstacles would be too much for us. But Bro. Cooke and the brethren said "keep on" and so we did, until the results were reached, that others will probably record. Many things we would like to say of these brethren and of their work, and also of the labors of Bro. Cooke, but time would fail us. Many times we have visited this church, and it seemed to us like going home, to visit them again. The church has had much to contend against, but, notwithstanding her trials she is still holding on and moving on. The Sunday-school is large enough, and in fact too large for the house. If the school keeps on growing, which no doubt it will, they will have to enlarge the house. Bro. Hicks is their superintendent and is proving himself well suited for the position. Everything now looks encouraging for growth and prosperity. Look for good reports in the future from Westport. We found the same true friends in the homes of Bro. Ruggles, McDearmond, Bowers, Powells, Peters, Hicks, More, Morehouse, Titus, Collins, Howards, Baileys and Paysons and others. We made our home in Bro. Edward Payson's family, where we received the best of care, which we shall always remember with pleasure. Bro. Cooke stood the work wonderfully well, having eight weeks steady pull, but his reward in seeing the salvation of those he loved, mitigated all his weariness of body. Sister Cooke was compelled to succumb to a cold, which we very much regretted, as she was a help to the meetings, both in singing and talking. Sister Carrie Payson, who is well known, by our brotherhood, for her interest and zeal in the mission work, added interest to the meeting by her anxiety and activity. Our meetings were made very interesting by the activity of the brethren. There were as many as twenty who would take an active part, in a thirty minutes meeting, after preaching.

On our return home we remained one night at Tiverton. Here we found Bro. DeVoe prostrate with the grippe. He labored very hard in his meeting, the result of which has been reported. He did not spare his own health in seeking the spiritual health of his friends. The meeting in the evening was well attended, and good attention to the rambling broken remarks of the occasion. The house looks fine. It is well finished and furnished and has a fine bell and clock. We were not there long enough to see whether the spiritual improvement of the church was equal to the im-

provement made on the house. We can say, however, that we enjoyed this short visit very much with these brethren, with whom we had such pleasant and profitable visits in the years that have passed. We noticed here, as also in Westport, the absence of some who were very dear and profitable to the church. Their work on earth is done, and well done. They were true and faithful to duty and to God. How sad the partings here, but oh, how sweet will be the meetings beyond the river. But how sad indeed it is to know that some are left here on earth that may never meet the loved ones again. How wonderfully strange that the heart will become so depraved as to cling to the dust and dross and husks of this fleeting life, when God is so graciously holding out the crown of immortality and the golden keys of the rich treasures of heaven. How important the work of the church, to "Throw out the life line across the dark waves."

We find on our return home the most sickness in our town we ever saw at one time. There are no less than fifty families that have more or less sickness at the present time. But we are very thankful that, so far, the sickness is not unto death.

We hope by the next issue of THE CHRISTIAN to have a good report to send from Milton.

The church in Sumnerville is still alive and active. They have organized an Endeavour Society of twenty or more, and are having splendid meetings. We are seeing the fruit of our last series of meetings there, in earnest aggressive work. How much better it is to be able to say like the Apostle Paul, "This one thing I do," than to satisfy ourselves over the many things we BELIEVE. One good deed is a step towards God.

H. M.

A GOOD WORK DONE.

No man wants to invest his money in a business where it shall be buried and lost. If we give to the cause of Christ even, we like to see some results. Can the General Christian Missionary Society show a good work done by means of the money contributed in the years gone by? Altogether it has received during the past eleven years \$432,401.74, distributed thus: Tract Fund, \$871.90; Ministerial Relief Fund, \$2,712.25; Negro Educational Fund, \$11,387.94; Special Building Funds, \$31,286.41; Church Extension Fund, \$109,456.94; Evangelizing Fund, \$276,694.80. By means of the money contributed to the Evangelizing Fund 478 laborers have been employed for 4,267 months. There have been 7,848 baptisms and 9,707 other accessions. Not less than 210 churches have been organized. It is to this fund that our provincial churches are asked to give.

During the past year the total amount raised by the society was \$74,041.43. Of this \$45,945.79 was given for evangelizing. More than fifty preachers have labored under the direction of the board in 1893—some of them all their time, and others but portions of theirs. They preached 4,400 sermons, baptized 1,197 persons on the confession of their faith in Jesus, received by letter 565, and 600 otherwise. They visited thirty-six new places and organized fourteen churches.

This work has been done, not in one or two states or territories, but spreads out until it embraces thirty-eight states and territories. It takes in Maine on the east and sweeps to California on the west. It begins to sow the seeds of truth in Florida in the south, and never ceases till it reaches Michigan in the north. But that is not all. Perhaps if it were we would not be disposed to give to the society as freely and as unselfishly as we should. The board does not forget Canada. They know that here there is an immense and fruitful field, and they want to cultivate it to the full extent of their power. They have assisted in the work in