

THE GOOD NEWS.

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MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

We have in this number of the *Good News* devoted a larger space than usual to Missionary intelligence.

In future we purpose to devote more space than we have for some time to matters of this kind, as we find that it is appreciated by a large class of our readers, and we believe it to be well calculated to stimulate them to greater activity in the Redeemer's Kingdom.

In order that men may give of their substance liberally and intelligently, and may pray earnestly for the cause of missions, they require to make themselves acquainted from time to time with the wonderful doings of the Lord in the earth. We feel that the reading of missionary intelligence stimulates ourselves, and we trust that it may have a corresponding effect on our readers.

We know of some congregations who set apart one Sabbath evening each month, for the reading of missionary intelligence, and for prayer for the success of missions and the encouragement of missionaries; and we were strongly impressed the other day with the value of such a means on the cause of missions, by reading that in one congregation in the city of Rochester where this monthly concert for prayer has been kept up for forty years, not only has the congregation prospered in the highest sense of the term, but God has honored it by sending out from among them an unusually large number of ministers and missionaries to foreign lands. In some instances there is a lack of labourers to supply our foreign mission-field, and in other instances a lack of liberality among professing christians, but if this plan were gen-

erally carried out, a greater number of men would be disposed to say, "Here am I, send me," and the coffers of the church would be more largely replenished by the offerings of the Lord's people.

THE LORD HAS HIS OWN WAY OF DOING HIS OWN WORK.

"LORD DO THY OWN WORK IN THY OWN WAY, we wont dictate to thee"—the fervent request we once heard uttered by one who was a brand plucked out of the fire, during the eventful "year of grace," in the North of Ireland—is a request well-becoming all those who are really desirous that the Father's kingdom should come, and that the Father's will should be done on earth as it is done in heaven. By a strange perversity, however, many, who would fain be regarded as seeking the establishment of God's reign on earth, are ever arrogantly saying to Him: "Not *thy* will but *mine* be done." Actuated by a self-sufficient, self-righteous spirit, they cut and carve for God. They prescribe to Him how He must do His work, before they will accredit it as divine. All their revivals and conversions must come in stereotyped, preconceived orthodox fashion. What is outside their line of experience, or deviates from the established order of God's procedure, according to their confused apprehensions thereof, must be stigmatized as heterodox, or, perhaps, as diabolical.

They seem to imagine that they can comprehend all Jehovah's plans and operations within the nutshell of their own reason. They limit the Holy One of Israel. They give the model types of conversion and Christian experience, to which all else that is genuine must in every minutest detail confirm. They know nothing of the endless and glorious variety and uniformity, which characterizes all the works of God in creation, providence, and grace.

If such people themselves become anxious about their souls, they have got the idea that they know beforehand about all the way by which they should be led. And so they propose to themselves a certain amount of knowledge, feeling, conviction, which they must consciously possess ere they proceed a step towards Christ. Their felt want of these keeps them waiting.