

intelligence from any part of the field will be especially valued, and all accepted articles will be paid for so far as the limited resources of the REVIEW allow. Manuscripts, written in a clear and legible hand, and not obscured by corrections, interlineations and other blemishes, are also more likely both to be read and accepted. We have at times been compelled to cast aside a manuscript because it was neither possible for the editor to read it, nor the printer correctly to put it in type. Special pains should be taken by writers to make *proper names* correct and plain, and statistics accurate and unmistakable. No second article should be sent, ordinarily, until it is known that the first is accepted. If the correspondents will observe these suggestions and exercise due patience, the editor will endeavor to see that there is no just cause of complaint as to his part of the work. The burden of editorial duties and responsibilities is excessively onerous, but the constant endeavor will be to deal courteously, promptly and impartially by all contributors and correspondents.

Since arriving in this country, in June last, the Editor has been making a brief tour of the churches in the great centres, mostly east of Chicago, in the interests of missions, and with results most gratifying and encouraging. Boston, Northfield, and Greenfield, Mass.; Willimantic, Conn.; Germantown, and Pittsburgh, Penn.; Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Lockport, Binghamton, and Elmira, N. Y.; Montclair, Newark and Camden, N. J.; Baltimore, Md.; Youngstown and Cleveland, O.; Lansing and Detroit, Mich.; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Geneva Lake, Wisconsin, and Chicago, Ills., have been among the places comprehended in this hurried tour. Almost without exception the audiences have been large and the interest manifested unusually intense. At Albany, Rochester, Syracuse, Elmira, the gatherings were of excep-

tional interest, and at Cleveland, Ohio, the evening meeting held in Music Hall numbered, probably, 4,000 persons. Some very beautiful examples of the power of consecrated missionary-spirited pastors to mould their congregations into missionary helpers, and to stimulate systematic and cheerful giving, have been found. As in Great Britain, there have been many gifts of jewelry, etc., showing how God is leading His people to sacrifice superfluities for Him. A gold pen with pearl handle, a seal ring, two solid gold chains, a society lodge, a pair of gold-mounted eye-glasses, etc., have been sent to me for missions. Large collections of money have, in several cases been made for the Board of Missions. And the farther the tour has reached the more abundant the calls for service became. It was a curious coincidence that the very day on which the last week-day appointment was fulfilled, was the day on which the co-editor, Dr. Sherwood, departed for the Better Country! In any case that death would have made further engagements, to any considerable extent impracticable, as it imposed double duty on the survivor. But no impression is stronger as left by these four months of contact with the churches, than this, that the *best agent a mission board can have*, is simply an unselfish missionary-spirited, well-informed pastor, who keeps the vital interests of the world-field constantly before his people. We never once struck an apathetic church where there was a man in the pulpit who was full of passion for souls.

#### Are Mission Converts a Failure?

In *The Church of Scotland Mission Journal* of May and October, 1890, Dr. Archibald Turnbull, B.D., of the Farjeeling Mission, writes on the above topic. The author is abundantly able to discuss the subject. He is one of the ablest and most accomplished missionaries in the field and his labors have