

## Foreign Missions.

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Comparing the receipts of the first six days in September with the corresponding time, 1894, we have the following for Foreign Missions:

	1894	1895	Gain
Number of contributing S. Schools..	12	14	2
Number of contributing churches....	7	8	1
Number of contributing Endeavor societies.....	3	2	loss 1
Individual offerings	21	14	loss 7
Amount, 1894, \$511.15; 1895, \$541.95; gain, \$230.80.			

This is a better showing than we were able to make last week.

Let it be remembered that the books close for the current missionary year, Oct. 1st. THE TIME IS AT HAND. Many churches and Sunday-schools have not sent their offerings. May we not go to Dallas with a large gain over last year? We ought to gain at least \$1000 in September over the corresponding month last year. See that your remittance reaches the office not later than the morning of Oct. 1.

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### A Circuit of the Globe.

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*Number 11:—A plea for missions in America.*

Years ago, so the story runs, a band of skeptics crossed the Mississippi near where St. Louis now stands; they sang unclean songs; they drank wine and beer, and vowed that Jesus Christ should never cross that river. If one will start from St. Louis and go west till he reaches the Golden Gate, he will see and know that Jesus Christ has crossed the Mississippi. Or if he will go south through Arkansas and Texas and Arizona and New Mexico, or north through Iowa, Minnesota, Idaho, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Montana, Washington and Oregon, he will see indubitable evidences all the way that our Lord is trusted and served in all this western country. On the crest of the Rockies and the Sierras, and in the fertile valleys between, wherever two or three are gathered together there He is in the midst. Christian people are going everywhere; churches, schools and Christian institutions of all kinds follow. No power can exclude Christ and the gospel. Japan and China and India tried to do that, and failed. As well

try to keep out the sunshine and the dew; as well try to keep out the sweet influences of spring and summer. Skeptics may join hearts and hands in such an attempt: He that sits in the heaven shall laugh. The west no less than the east belongs to Christ, and He shall have it.

Let no one think that everything has been done. The fact is, there remaineth much land yet to be possessed. Here and there forts have been established, but the victory is far from being complete. The saloon is omnipresent. Beer cars are seen in every train. Gambling runs riot. Many who were active in the churches at home have lost their faith, and are in haste to get rich. What then? Those who have the truth must carry it everywhere, and fill all hearts and homes and institutions with its spirit. Every thing opposed to Christ must give place, as the wolf and the bear must give place to civilization. In order to do this, the churches must arouse themselves and put forth such efforts as have never been witnessed. For be it known that the powers of darkness are mustering and marshalling themselves for the combat they are entrenching themselves in the great West. The strong man armed keeps his house and his goods. One stronger than he must come and bind the strong man, and take away the armor wherein he trusted, and spoil his goods. This is a critical period in the history of the west, for it is a formative period.

Great populations are pouring in. The nation gains more from immigration than from all her mines of gold and silver. Capable, energetic and ambitious men come here to better their condition. In 1835 there was not 3,000 white inhabitants in all the vast region between Lake Michigan and the Pacific. Now, there are in this territory Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Minneapolis. In 1840, Chicago had a population of 4,500; now, it has 1,438,000. In 1834, there were two log houses where Milwaukee now stands; the present population numbers 204,000. In 1842, a trading house was built on the site of St. Paul. A small community of whites and half-breeds engaged in barter with the Indians and trappers. In 1850, St. Paul was in the wilderness; wild animals and Indians haunted the grounds about it. St. Paul has now 133,000 people within her borders, and Minneapolis has 164,000. In 1870, Duluth was laid out on speculation in the woods. Duluth is now "the zenith city of the unsalted seas," and has a population of 33,000. San Francisco, in 1844, had a population of

fifty souls; now, she has 300,000. Kansas City, Denver, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland have grown in the same way. The time to reach these immigrants is on their arrival. They are then free to listen to the plea we make. In ten years it will be tenfold more difficult to reach and win them.

We hear of the "Wild and Woolly West." In a ride of two thousand miles I did not see one prairie dog, or one jackrabbit, or one coyote, and only a score or two of Indians. The west is neither wild or woolly. The people are as intelligent and enterprising as in the east. Some one said to Knowles Shaw that the people of the west were "the scum." He said they were like the scum that rises on milk: The papers of San Francisco, Salt Lake and Denver contain all the news found in the great dailies of Chicago and New York. San Francisco in many respects reminds one of Boston. The streets are wider and are not suffering from curvature of the spine. But the schools, and churches, and shops, and homes, and sidewalks and street cars are not so much, if any, behind those of "the Hub of the Universe." There is poverty and there is vice on the Pacific Coast, but these things are found on the Atlantic seaboard as well. Preachers say it is harder to build up churches in the west than in the east. The spirit of the men who crossed the plains in 1849 is still there. The people want wealth, and they want it at once. Solomon said: "If the axe is dull, one must put forth more strength." So, if it is harder to make converts and build up self-supporting churches, we must work the harder. At Reno, Nevada, we saw a few Indians. They were dressed and acted like white folks. Some were smoking cigars and cigarettes, thus showing that they are bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. Of the 300,000 Indians of the west, 66,000 pay taxes. The noble savage, so-called, is cultivating the arts of peace. He has been created anew in Christ Jesus.

One who has not traveled over this country has only a faint conception of its extent and resources. Texas alone is considerably larger than the German Empire, California is larger than Turkey, Oregon is larger than England and Scotland and Wales. I have traveled from ocean to ocean, and from the lakes to the gulf. The more I travel the vaster the country appears. There is room in this magnificent domain for a thousand millions of people. Then our population will not be as dense as that of Britain. The gospel must be carried into every city and hamlet of this broad land. Wherever the beer keg can go,

the Bible must go. If the Bible could go in advance and keep out the accursed thing forever, it would be better. Wherever men go to mine gold or silver or copper, or to raise corn or wheat or fruit, or to engage in any form of work, there the ministers of the gospel must go and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. It will avail nothing that we have three-fourths of all the coal in the world within our borders, that we have wide and fertile fields, that we raise more hogs and cattle than any other nation, that in manufactures and mechanical appliances we lead the world, that we are the richest of nations, if we are not a righteous people, and if our God is not the Lord. Let us know and remember that it is righteousness that exalteth a nation.

We are well able to do the work which the Lord requires of us. We must plan the work on a larger scale than in former years. We must spend hundreds of thousands of dollars where we have been spending tens and fifties. There are mines in the Rocky Mountains with machinery that cost a million dollars. See what vast sums have been invested in railroads! Capitalists pour out money like water. They spend any amount in the sure and certain hope of profits in the years to come. We must go at this work as men go into great business ventures. We must capture the great cities. What has been done in Kansas City, in Des Moines, in St. Louis, can be done anywhere. It can be done in Chicago, in New York, in New Orleans, in Boston, in Cincinnati, in Indianapolis. Greater triumphs can be won, if we will do our whole duty. God says of each of these great centers of population as he did of Corinth, "I have much people in this city." We can not do the Lord's work without a very much larger expenditure of money and a much larger evangelistic staff than we have thus far dared to even dream about. In Salt Lake City our people were offered a lot in a most desirable section, if they would erect a building upon it. They could not accept the offer. There are hundreds of such opportunities in the new and growing West. We ought to be ready to seize every one. We are playing at this work; we are trifling with a great trust. We need to hear the voice of God like a fire-bell at midnight, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

There is not only room for the Disciples of Christ, but there is urgent need of them. Our growth in Missouri shows this. The fact that we have increased in fifty years from almost