

Editorial and Contributed.

THIS IS THE TIME FOR RENEWING and getting new subscribers for the OUTLOOK. We are gratified and thankful for the liberal support it has had during the past year; but we are anxious that the circulation should be greatly increased. The kind words of appreciation we receive from time to time are very encouraging. The following is from London:

"Enclosed please find \$2, being money for eight subscriptions for the OUTLOOK. There will be 'more to follow,' as we all like your paper, finding it not only interesting but edifying, and wish you every success this incoming year."

From Stanstead:—"Enclosed you will find forty cents, for which please continue the OUTLOOK, to me for 1889. I like the paper, wish it was taken universally in this quarter."

From Digby, N.S.—"Enclosed please find P. O. Order for two dollars. I greatly enjoy the OUTLOOK; will you kindly send the December number?"

From Murray Harbor South, P.E.I.:—"I have succeeded in procuring seventeen new subscribers for the OUTLOOK. Enclosed please find \$4.25."

A GENEROUS BEQUEST.

A FEW days ago, the Rev. A. M. Phillips, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, called at the Mission Rooms, and left a cheque for \$1,000, being the amount of a bequest to the Missionary Society, by the late E. W. Gill, of St. Mary's. A little over a year ago Brother Gill went to California for the benefit of his health; but, before leaving home he prepared a memorandum of bequests, which he desired should be paid in case he should not return to settle his own affairs. His death occurred a few months after, and his friends are conscientiously carrying out his wishes as rapidly as the estate can be settled. We understand that, besides the \$1,000 to the Missionary Society, Brother Gill left \$100 to the Woman's Missionary Society, \$200 for new Sunday-school buildings at St. Mary's, \$50 to the Federation Fund, \$100 to each of six orphan cousins (girls), in England, and considerable sums to his surviving brothers and sisters, and to his father and mother. He regularly contributed \$50 per annum to the Missionary Society, and desired that the fund should not suffer by his death. Our departed brother's life was useful, though unobtrusive, and its influence for good will live on.

ALL acts performed under a false guise are paths leading to death.—*Hindu.*

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

WE received the following letter from Prof. A. H. Reynar, Cobourg, dated Dec. 16th, 1888. The suggestion is wise and timely, and we trust it will be acted upon:—

"Will you kindly send me the names of some two or three or more of our missionaries, domestic or foreign, to whom I might send regularly week by week some of the papers and magazines that are commonly thrown aside, but that would perhaps bring sweetness, and light, and strength to the homes of some of our brethren, whose scanty stipends compel a stinting of intellectual cheer. Indeed, I think it would be noble work for some of your young ladies in Toronto to form a society to do this thing on a large scale, and in a systematic way. There are cartloads of the best current literature of the age, that could be sent out, doing good to ministers, and ministers' wives and children in this way. It wants only a little ingenuity and energy, joined to love, to do much kindness to the workers for God, and much service to the work along these lines."

A VOICE FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

DURING the sessions of the Mission Board at Winnipeg, surprise was expressed by the Appropriations Committee, at Bonavista, Newfoundland, coming on the fund as a mission. Do they do what they can there? is the question; let the young missionary on the station answer. He writes, 5th November:—

"I visited Newman's Cove yesterday, for the first time, and was very much pleased with the church and people. The church has a little tower and spire, the inside is ceiled overhead and painted white, the pews, rostrum and communion-rail are stained; it will seat, say, ninety or one hundred. The people are very poor. The past two years they have done little or nothing with the fish, as they are forced to barter it away as it is dried, for flour, tea and molasses, and yet, in spite of this they keep the church running in winter by finding oil, fuel, etc. The man who is foremost in the financial work told me that they made a collection of three pounds of fish per man, and some gave their three pounds, even though they had only six pounds left, and no flour, etc., in the house; seeing the people thus willing, one feels like doing his best for them. We only go up there every third Sunday, and are now commencing to go every Tuesday.

"They will have hard times of it again this winter, as the best of them had only ten quintals of fish for his summer's catch, and many had not more than six, and, but for their little gardens, it is hard to tell how they could live at all."

HOW MUCH?

DR. H. A. ROWLAND, in Johns-Hopkins' University, has a new machine for cutting lines upon glass for his work in spectroscopy. The machine will draw 40,000 lines to the inch, which is four times as