

Gleanings and Clippings.

AN earnest missionary worker says that while she believes in systematic *giving*, she also believes thoroughly in systematic *getting*—a systematic getting of knowledge concerning missions.—*The Church at Home and Abroad.*

THE Nashville *Christian Advocate* laments that while "the Moravians support one foreign missionary to every sixty-six of their members at home," and while a single church in Toledo, O., supports five in the home and foreign fields, "it now takes 12,000 Southern Methodists to keep one missionary at work. They are staggering under this burden."

BEFORE there can be a sacrificing of our means to the Lord's cause, our bodies and spirits must be consecrated to His service.—*Missionary Messenger.*

THE Dowager Empress of China has accepted as a birthday gift a Bible in Chinese, and promised to read it; and since her receipt of it the Emperor has sent for a similar copy to a Bible Society's depot.—*The Christian Leader.*

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, the novelist, in the *Samoa Times*, had a fine speech to the returned Samoan chiefs that, for spirit and matter, would do credit to any missionary. Here is an extract:

"I repeat to you that thing which is sure; if you do not occupy and use your country, others will. You and your children will in that case be cast out into outer darkness, where shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For that is the law of God which passeth not away. I who speak to you have seen these things. I have seen them with my eyes, these judgments of God. I have seen them in Ireland, and I have seen them in the mountains of my own country, Scotland, and my heart was sad. . . . I do not speak of this lightly, because I love Samoa and her people. I love the land; I have chosen it to be my home while I live and my grave after I am dead; and I love the people and have chosen them to be my people to live and die with. Now is the time for the true champions of Samoa to stand forth. And who is the true champion of Samoa? It is not the man who blackens his face, and cuts down trees, and kills pigs, and wounds men. It is the man who makes roads, who plants food trees, who gathers harvests, and is a profitable servant before the Lord, using and improving that great talent that has been given him in trust. That is the brave soldier; that is the true champion; because all things in a country hang together like the links of the anchor cable, one by another; but the anchor itself is industry."

It is a pleasant thing to record among this gifted writer's latest words a message so true to humanity and God.—*Heathen Woman's Friend.*

A HINDU woman who wrote to Victoria, Empress of India, recounting the many terrible wrongs under which the women of India laboured, and pleading with her to have them righted. With the recounting, the burden of their wrongs came on her afresh, and in bitterness of soul she cried: "O God, I pray thee, let no more women be born in this land."—*The Gospel in all lands.*

LAST year over 3,000 souls were led to Christ through the efforts of the missionaries both in our home and foreign fields. Let our people pray that during the current year these figures may be doubled.—*Missionary Messenger.*

AMOS LAWRENCE adopted this motto, and squared his practice to it to the amount of \$700,000: "He is not rich who lays up much, but he who lays out much." And verily to lay out lavishly for God in this life is to lay up abundant treasure in the life to come.—*Missionary Review of the World.*

WE have not to be anxious about Foreign Missions: if we have the Holy Spirit and if we are in the power of the Spirit missions will come inevitably. Bring back Pentecost, and after Pentecost there will be a mighty movement for preaching the Gospel from Jerusalem even unto the uttermost parts of the earth.—*Dr. A. T. Pierson.*

A WRITER says: The great commission, "Go, preach the Gospel to every creature," is also a great permission.—*Missionary Messenger.*

"God's delays are swifter than man's haste." All circuitous methods of raising money for God miss the mark. Instead of promoting liberality, they burn it up. By consuming in a public blaze a vast amount of benevolent attention, they satisfy the conscience with the smallest possible margin of actual beneficence. Roundabout methods are unscriptural, degrading, and, most in point, sterilizing. They bring labored but scanty crops, and exhaust the soil without feeding it.—*Rev. L. C. Barnes.*

THE Sabbath School army of the world numbers more than eighteen millions in its ranks. What a vast, glorious army! How the thought thrills the heart of every lover of God and His race! Yet how many millions of children are there that never heard the great story of Jesus and the Cross! How these eighteen millions ought to work and pray that every child on earth might speedily learn of Jesus and His Word.

How many Christians in this land would stand as well in reference to Sabbath keeping and Christian benevolence as do the native Christians in Madura? It means a great deal when people, so poor that they can afford but one meal on days when they do not work, say to their employers, "If you should give us an armful of money, we would not work on Sunday."

ELECTED.—"Well, now, Joe," said Gov. Vance, "do you really believe in this election by God that you speak of?" "Deed I do, Massa Vance," said the negro, seriously, with a shake of the head. "Well, do you think I am elected to be saved?" "Scasly know, Massa Vance, but I nebber heerd of anyone being 'lected what wasn't a canderdate."

JOAN OF ARC was, on May 30, 1431, burned to death as a sorceress and heretic by a Romish tribunal presided over by the Bishop of Beauvais, and on Sunday, April 22nd, 1894, the Romish Church in France held a grand pageant in honor of her beatification as a saint.

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