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IT will not be questioned that the present revival of missionary work has been due to an earnest study of the Scriptures. God's plan was seen and apprehended, at first by a few; but now the whole Church may be said to be inhaling the spirit of missions. Many men and women are ready to go into the high places at home and abroad. But one thing is lacking—money to send them. And yet the congregations of our Church were never so active in devising ways and means "to bring up" the mission fund. Indeed, many congregations are made up of societies whose sole object is to raise money. The Mission Band, the Young People's Society, the Ladies Aid, etc., are so many little firms for making and gathering church moneys. Concerts, garden parties, socials, are on the *tapis*, from one end of the year to the other. The whole Church is shaken by this spirit.

Now, surely with so much ingenious activity in all our congregations, our mission treasury should be full and overflowing. Such, however, is not the case. Our Mission Boards have had to report deficits and threaten retrenchment. True, our claims are greater year by year; but it is equally true that the wealth of our Church members, and the pressure of systematic and ingenious means of getting this wealth is also greater.