

—simply in a partisan spirit. He believes a missionary should be loyal to the society with which he is engaged, and not take up arms against the agency which placed him in the field, and suggests as our motto "*audi alteram partem*." He deprecates extravagant praise and undue epithets, and even thinks Bishop Hannington cannot in any proper sense be called a martyr as he did not die for the Faith, but like any other indiscreet traveler. In this we disagree with our friend, while giving place to his friendly strictures. The word *martyr* is one of wide scope. Hannington certainly was a witness for the Faith, and willingly surrendered life that he might purchase the way to the heart of Africa with his blood, which is not true of any mere traveler.

Our correspondent thinks errors of a most serious sort are springing up and should be unsparingly exposed in such a Review. He asks, What could justify the appeal of Mackye and Ashe for help from England to rescue them and their native converts? What could justify the American missionaries in the Caroline Islands making their converts, who were subjects of Spain, keep the 4th of July? or the President of France giving the Legion of Honor to the French missionaries in Basuto Land, within a British colony, "for advancing the interests of France? What can justify the French Government expelling the American missionaries from the Gaboon? The Germans have expelled the English Baptists from the Cameroons, and the Basle missionaries have occupied their place. Missionaries are beginning to ill-use the natives of Africa; they habitually beat them, and some men have died under their hands. In Madagascar all the missionaries—S. P. G., Norwegian, L. M. S., Friend—use slave labor in their houses; all the native pastors, once slaves, buy and sell them and are *not ashamed*."

With regard to such things our correspondent says the REVIEW "should

speak out with unflinching voice when a thing is done which is wrong, and point out faults unsparingly, yet in Christian love." To all of which we have only to add that whenever authenticated facts are brought to our notice demanding faithful reproof, we mean that there shall be found in our pages no cover or cloak to evil-doing. We believe that the law of "truthing it in love" is one of the foremost laws of Christ's kingdom, and that nothing is gained by the concealment of wrong or the veiling of it in apology.

NOTHING is needed more in these days than an *entire reconstruction*, not of our *systems of giving* only, but our very *ideas of giving*. The most princely sums given to the Lord's work are miserably and shamefully inadequate to the demands of that work on the one hand and wretchedly disproportionate to our average ability and personal expenditures on the other hand. One great church of 700,000 members raises a dollar a year for foreign missions—less than one-third of a cent a day for each member!—and calls that generous. Another church, far more numerous, raises a million and sets all its church bells ringing for a jubilee!

We find ourselves lacking \$50,000 at the end of a fiscal year, and word goes out to the various missionary stations that all expenses must be *retrenched*; and accordingly schools are closed, mission stations abandoned and all aggressive work ceases. The "Salvation Army," at whose vagaries we laugh, at whose extravagances we sneer, finds need of \$50,000 for an onward movement and they raise it *in one week* by simple self-denial. They impose it on themselves to limit their supply of food so as to realize the needed sum.

We have just passed the holiday season. We have not one word to say in discouragement of exchanges of friendship and family love-tokens, although we feel confident that this