

put one million workers in the field by giving to the Lord's special work one out of thirty church members, and could put at their disposal \$1,000,000,000 yearly by laying aside systematically one-tenth of the average income of those members! Are we not justified in saying that there is something radically wrong about the methods in which our missionary enterprises are prosecuted, or rather are *not* prosecuted? The church is but just half awake, rubbing her eyes from her long sleep; they need to be washed with the milk of the word and get fully open to the duty, the privilege, the opportunity of modern missions. Never was such a business, never such an opening, never such returns, never such a divine partnership possible to the children of God! Let the church wake up and gird herself for the work and win, and seeing her white-plumed leader in the van of the fight, press on to get by his side and bear the flag of the cross to the summits of the citadels of the enemy!

I. But as yet we have not touched, save in passing, the other grand factor in this problem of missions, namely, their *systematic and generous support*! This is even more shameful than the lack of vigor and enterprise in pushing the work itself. To think of crippling foreign missions and home missions too by withholding adequate support from self-denying servants of God already on the field; obliging them to *retrench* when every voice of God sounds the word, "*expand*," compelling them to hesitate and halt in the very face of such magnificent opportunities; begrudging them the pittance which keeps them from starvation, and belittling their heroism by showing a lack of appreciation! This is the crown of our dishonor.

We take up the latest printed appeal of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, as an example. The brethren that are in charge of this work we know—know intimately—and we dare affirm that there is not a more capable, conscientious, careful body of administrators of such a trust anywhere to be found than the four men who as secretaries conduct this work in behalf of a church of nearly 800,000 members, and representing more wealth than any other like number of Christians in this country, with perhaps one doubtful exception. At the last general assembly in Omaha it was determined in view of the loud calls of the foreign work that at least one million dollars should be raised this year, which is only about one and one-third dollars per member, or a little over one-third of a cent. daily! The secretaries, notwithstanding this enthusiastic vote and the imperative needs of the work, did not venture to lay out the expenditures upon any such scale in advance; and yet, with but two months left to finish the fiscal year, again they trumpet forth their note of alarm, that unless the church they represent redoubles its fidelity and increases its gifts, this year cannot close without repeating the disaster of debt! In this appeal these brethren will say: "This Board is not a producing capitalist. It can assume no obligations of its own. It is only a board of trust for