

patience under discouragements and the enduring of hardness as good soldiers, and even peril of health and life, let him (as the missionaries would have him) dwell chiefly on the success which always has in due time resulted from faithful and patient seed sowing, and the ever enlarging work and the unfailing and increasing annual increase of converts. Every year's report from the broad mission field shows conclusively that the missionary enterprise is above everything else a growing success, an investment that pays according to the Scripture rule: "Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

2. When and where and how often should this be done? At such time and place as will secure the largest number of Christians present, and as frequently as the greatness of the work of missions justly demands. The work of missions, instead of being something incidental to the great business of the Church, is the chief, it may even be said the sole, business of the Church. The Church is the organization appointed by Christ for the carrying out of the commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. A part of that work lies at the very door of the local Church, and of each member, and for this work the local Church and the individual Christian are first of all responsible. But the immense majority of the "creatures" to whom the Gospel must be preached are not only outside the bounds of the local Church, but outside of our own country. Is the pastor who grudges the time necessary to inform the people of his charge of the needs of these millions and of the ways by which they are to be reached, and of what God is doing for them through missionaries—is he executing the commission given him by his Master? Is one service out of eight or ten in each month too much to be given for the benefit of these perishing millions? Instead of crowding the missionary service of the Church into an obscure corner—as if only a little handful were expected to attend—let it be placed fully on a par with any other service of the Church. Then, having given it an honorable place, let no effort be spared to make it fully worthy of the place given it. As every pastor is bound to give all diligence in the preparation of each sermon, so that on every occasion he shall do his level best, so let him do in preparation for each missionary service. There is no excuse for slipshod work here. The missionary literature is abundant and varied and cheap, and from this rich abundance the pastor can cull material which is capable of instructing and interesting an audience. Not that the pastor is to do all or even most of the talking. His part is to select the material. Let him call to his assistance his brethren and sisters, as Christ did when He broke the bread to the hungry multitude, and let him not leave out his young members. Not every one can read well a selection, however excellent. It is better usually to master what is to be given to the audience, so that it can be presented independently of the printed page. The pastor can utilize the variety of talent found in every church, and thus educate his members, especially the young, to be helpers in many ways.

Of course variety must be cultivated, and it will be easy to do this because the material is abundant and varied. The field from which to gather it is the world, including our own country, and "each breeze that sweeps the ocean" brings new tidings of the progress of the work. A pastor has no excuse for falling into ruts in carrying on missionary meetings.

One will not be long in finding that of the vast amount of missionary intelligence furnished him by miss onary

literature and periodicals, only a fraction can be given to the people at missionary meetings, though they be ever so frequent, and he will therefore seek to conduct these meetings so as to make them whet the appetite of the people for more information. He will tell them where this can be obtained, and thus induce them to take and read the missionary periodicals. He will avoid satiating the appetite of the people, giving them only tastes and samples of the good things which these periodicals furnish in abundance.

When this appetite has been created and is regularly gratified, the intelligence which will gradually follow will beget and nourish in every Christian breast a desire to share in this grandest enterprise of the age. Very little will then need to be said about the duty of giving, for the people will have learned by experience its blessedness. There will be little work for soliciting committees to do, for the brethren will do as the brethren of Macedonia did who prayed Paul with much entreaty that he would receive their gifts and distribute them to the needy saints.

The present writer speaks from experience. What the membership of our churches need is not exhortations to the duty of giving nor thrilling appeals nor teasing or cornering to extort money from them to give the bread of life to the starving nations, but information, information, information. — *Bap. Miss. Magazine.*

WHAT SHALL THE MISSIONARIES IN TURKEY DO?

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Ought the missionaries in the most seriously disturbed parts of Turkey to leave their stations? The missionaries, in many places in the Turkish empire, have known for years that they were in danger of fearful suffering from mob violence. Three years ago the writer felt that he was living over a powder magazine. The explosions, though long delayed, have at length come, and they have proved to be far worse than our fears. The future is ominous. Ought the missionaries to seek for places of greater safety?

Those who look at them merely as American citizens, with no reference to their work and their responsibilities, as it is natural for government officials to do, can very easily say, "Let them flee as people flee from a burning building." But those who are acquainted with their work and know the serious consequences involved will find it much more difficult to answer the question. It becomes doubly perplexing where the lives of children are to be considered.

My daughter with five of my grandchildren has, for weeks, been living in constant fear of an attack from a murderous horde of freebooters. Ought she with those dear children to seek safety by going where she and they can be protected by the "Stars and Stripes"? I am glad that she does not ask me that question. She asks it only of the Master who has placed her there. No doubt He will enable her to answer it aright. Neither she nor any other one in all these smitten regions has, so far as I know, seriously doubted what the duty of the hour is.

Has there ever been a time when the missionaries in Turkey could do so much for the good of the people for whom they are there as they can at just this time? Not to mention the great relief work that they are doing at Trebizond, at Van, at Harpoot, and at every station indeed where the massacres have occurred, their very