

Mission Field.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—A WITH- ERING REBUKE.

The *Daily Telegraph* on Monday says the *Church Times*, contained a leading article which calls for some notice. Speaking of the S. P. G. meeting and of the sum of money annually expended by the society on Foreign Missions, that journal asks with Judas Iscariot "to what purpose is this waste?" for this money might have been given to the poor at home. It instances a poor boy lately brought before a police magistrate and unable to say what religion he belonged, and then triumphantly proves that the clergy are more interested in black heathens than in white ones, the former being more picturesque. We should like to ask the writer two questions: Is it a fact, or is it not, that the very people who give of their substance to foreign missions are those who have all along been struggling with heathenism at home, long before philanthropy became a fashionable amusement? And secondly, who is really responsible for this heathenism at home? The writer of the article cannot shirk the responsibility of his own share in the sins of society. We are all to blame. But we venture to think that the Church has less to answer for than secular journals. They chronicle with unflinching regularity, and without a word of protest, the extravagancies of social life. They trade upon the revelations of the divorce court and social scandals. They give the fullest accounts of the amusements of society, horse-racing, theatres, betting, and public games, on which vast sums of money are annually expended, enough to convert the submerged tenth to ways of decency and morality. And yet the *Daily Telegraph* has the assurance to tell us that those who are trying to obey the Divine command, "Go, teach all nations," are diverting public charity from hospitals and other philanthropic enterprises. Let the daily journals first fill the columns which now are occupied with absolutely worthless, if not injurious, information with stirring appeals in the name of God to all that heedless crowd of their readers who daily squander on silly or pernicious objects the money given them for nobler purposes. We shall then find that the work of evangelizing heathens can go on *puri passu* with home missions.—*St. John Globe*.

THE G. F. S.

At the annual gathering of the 'Girls' Friendly Society, Boston, May 10, about 100 members were present. Tea was served in Pierce Hall at 5.30, and at 7.15 the procession, under the direction of the Rev. C. H. Brent and the Rev. A. Jeffering-well, carrying banners, marched to Trinity church, where the service was held. The Rev. Dr. Donald preached from Luke i. 46-47. He said: The gathering of the Girls'

Friendly Society in a church instead of some other place showed that it was under the government and influence of the Church, and filled with the spirit of the Master, and, being an offspring of the Church, looks to it for guidance. The Girls' Friendly Society is like a great tide flowing from a bay to the river. Inspired by the Church it goes back to homes, bringing its spirit, and making home full of a new current of life. Try to keep Church and home together. At the close of the sermon the announcement was made that the offerings of the society would be given for the summer playrooms for poor children under the charge of the city missionary. Among the clergy in the chancel were Rev. Geo. S. Converse, D.D., Rev. A. St. John Chambre and Father Torbett.

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