

we here and now declare anew that from the inception of this enterprise the *sole aim* of its editors has been to arouse the whole Church of Christ to breathe messages of life to the regions beyond, and we have sought constant help from the Spirit of God, in putting this matter in the most emphatic manner possible before the entire body of disciples. There is a bare possibility that our brother in Leeds, so enthusiastically in earnest about this matter, is in danger of being a little narrow, of limiting the *range of view*, and of excluding *breadth of treatment*. Some men are in danger of losing *extensivity in intensity*. But we are persuaded that in order to bring about that holy enterprise which will lead the Church to bear the tidings to every unsaved soul with the utmost possible speed, we must scatter information about every field, present every aspect of the work, appeal to every class of motive, in a word, consult every variety of temperament to be reached, and study every variety of hindrance to be removed. What will reach one believer may not reach another. What stirs one man may not arouse a more sluggish soul. Mr. Arthington is on fire with this particular enthusiasm. We rejoice in it, and pray God to multiply the Arthingtons. But were we to fill these pages with constant appeals in this one direction, while the Arthingtons would devour the *REVIEW* with delight, thousands not yet ready for such stimulating aliment would turn away from it as the utterance of an enthusiasm that lacked breadth of view and soundness of judgment. We confidently believe we are following a higher lead.

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Another Eloquent Appeal.

DR. H. N. BARNUM, the veteran of Harpoot, says in the *Missionary Herald*:

"If we were to sum up in one word the comparisons and contrasts between the ancient and the modern missionary enterprises, should we

not say that the ancient church had few facilities for aggressive work, but that they were in *dead earnest*, and hence irresistible, while the modern church has untold resources and almost unrestricted access to all lands, but it is *hampered by selfishness, by worldliness, by indifference*; that the evangelization of the world is not a business, *the business of life*, but a pastime, a something incidental? There are no difficulties or obstacles compared to those *within the church itself*; and these are a want of spirituality, of consecration, of a sense of responsibility and of devotion to the great work of soul-saving. The great need now, as it was when our Lord went up from Olivet, is a Pentecostal baptism. The sails are set, but the breeze which now flaps them so idly needs to freshen into a gale. The machinery is all ready, but it waits for the fire which shall make every band and wheel throb with life. Only the picketline of the Lord's countless hosts are on duty. The multitudes are asleep upon their arms; but when they shall awake and put on their strength, they will be irresistible. Even the 'gates of hell shall not prevail against them.'"

Coming from the source they do, these are very solemn words, and the whole Christian church should hear and heed them. To all of them the editors of this *REVIEW*, with profound sympathy and profound sorrow that such words should be true, add their emphatic approval. Were any secular enterprise started to-day, with the hope of worldly gain as its only motive and impulse, it would go round the world, penetrate into every nation, even Thibet, reach every family, and even individual, within a quarter of a century, while the Church of God, with the command of her ascended Lord as her authority, and the salvation of souls as her motive, and eternal glory as her reward, has scarce taken up the work in earnest!

WE regard such statements as the following, which are going the rounds of the press, as an example of careless use of figures and inaccurate dealing with facts:

"To-day 34 missionary societies are at work in Africa, and all its 200,000,000 souls are *practically within the reach of Christian missions*; 33 societies have begun work in China, and all its 350,000,000 souls may be visited with the message of the gospel; more than fifty societies have entered India, and the light is dawning upon its 250,000,000; Turkey and Persia and