

BISHOP TAYLOR, who has been known as "California Taylor," and who might very appropriately be rechristened "Africa Taylor," is now visiting in the United States in the interest of his work. The Bishop was seventy-four on the 2nd of May, and if we are to judge of his physical health by his labors abundant, his prospects are bright for pushing the battle against the powers of darkness for years to come.

WE copy the following extract from a letter from the Rev. C. M. Tate: "I have recently visited both East and West Coasts of Vancouver Island. Spent a week with great profit on Bro. Stone's mission. Already the work of the missionary is being appreciated by the people. The whiskey fiend is losing his power, the Sabbath is being observed, the people attend the services, and some souls have been saved. Is it not possible to put two more men on that coast this year? The door is now open, but may not always be."

TEN dollars accompanied the following brief note: "DEAR SIR,—Please take this, and use it where you think it is most needed in the missionary cause.—FROM ONE WHO HAS NOT GIVEN HIS TENTH."

REV. R. WHITTINGTON, B.A., who was missionary in Japan for several years, has been in the city during the past two weeks in the interests of Columbian College, B.C., of which he is the principal. A college in British Columbia, with its comparatively sparse population, is a difficult undertaking, and we trust Mr. Whittington will receive practical encouragement.

A BROTHER in British Columbia writes: "I am sorry that nearly all the circuits in this province have abandoned the juvenile card system. I am sure our Conference could raise a thousand dollars more by every school appointing juvenile missionary collectors. The forty dollars raised here by the enclosed names on this mission is a clear gain on the regular missionary givings."

"MONTREAL SOUTH" is coming to the front, judging from the following: "This small mission is doing grandly for the Missionary Society, although in 1893 only \$3.50 was reported; last year we raised \$40 (not bad for nine members only). This year we hope to jump to about \$60 or more, and things so far seem to show that we shall do it."

THE Brandon Institute is now ready for occupation, and the Principal, Rev. John Semmens, will proceed shortly to the North, in company with a Government agent, to select children. Bro. Semmens has been to the Indian people a most loyal and faithful friend, and we congratulate him on the wider field of usefulness that has opened up to him.

SOME people regard the Indians of this country as a hopeless lot, hardly worth the trouble of civilizing; but a true missionary, who knows the power of the Gospel, sees the possibilities underlying the oft-times

degraded condition of the heathen, and casts over them the glow of a Gospel optimism. Rev. C. M. Tate, writing of some of the Indians on Vancouver Island, says: "On the East Coast, Cowichan presents itself with an ever-increasing demand for the Gospel. A fine lot of people, a beautiful piece of land, swarms of nice children, and everything to make a good mission. Surely the Lord will open the way for the work to be taken up in earnest this year. I find occasional visits accomplish little."

Editorial and Contributed

Missionary Motive.

LINE upon line; precept upon precept; here a little and there a little:—What else *can* be done in trying to educate the Church to a sense of its responsibility? The foundation truths are few and simple, and there is no new truth along this line. Christ died for all. The Good News is for the whole world. Upon the Church is laid the responsibility of telling the story to "every creature." Every question as to possibilities is answered by the "Lo, I am with you alway." Here we have the whole thing in a nutshell, and there seems to be no way but to iterate and reiterate these simple but far-reaching truths until their full meaning is burned in upon the heart of the Church, arousing it to intense and sustained effort for the evangelization of the whole world.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments," said the Master; and Paul puts another aspect of the same truth in the words, "For the love of Christ constraineth us." Love is the essence of true discipleship, and obedience is the test of love. It is in vain that we say, "Lord, Lord," if we do not the things He has commanded, and the command to "preach the Gospel to every creature" is as plain and as universal as any other precept in the New Testament. How strange it is that Christians spend so much time and money and effort in doing things that Christ has *not* commanded, and so little in doing what he has so plainly enjoined. "Who hath required this at your hands?" might be justly said in regard to many forms of Christian activity, so called; but it never can be said of earnest efforts to evangelize the world.

Perhaps one reason why so little has been done is that we do not look at the question from the right point of view. If our highest incentive to duty is romantic sentiment, or denominational zeal, or to be seen of men, or even compassion for the destitute (although *that* motive is not to be despised), no wonder that efforts are feeble and results small. There is a stronger incentive that any of these or than all of them put together, and it is to be found in the words already quoted, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Without that no other motive will avail, but with it no other motive will be needed. Let us go up to Calvary. Let us look at the whole question in the light of atonement. Let us wait at the Cross till we understand all that it means, and we shall need no