

have to do. Settle this question at once and then having found Christ by blessed experience and realizing all He has done for you Go forth in His strength, beat down the enemy and with heart, life, substance, consecrated to His service, defeat will be impossible and a glorious scene will be witnessed of missions multiplying and flourishing, missionaries increased in number and better paid, encouraged by the prayers and systematic generosity of those who believe in and repeat, "Thy kingdom come." Home missions will then be a success for all Christians will do their utmost and the work while employing special labourers, will be partaken in by all. Gather the outcast, the fallen and lost. Remember Christ did not turn from the woman who was a sinner, though His pure spotless soul must have shrank from the contract. Yet—no, He hated the sin, but loved the sinner. Freely ye have received, freely give. Bring your offerings, support His cause, deal fairly and honestly with your responsibilities, study the working of the different societies having for their object the benefit of mankind and the spread of the Gospel, weigh their different claims, read the yearly reports and then distribute your means as you feel will be most to God's glory and your own satisfaction in that great day, when before the great white throne all must stand and give an account of their stewardship, to Him that sits upon the throne, and before an assembled world. No excuse will be made or received there. no claim of property or possessions thought of or allowed, no inability or poverty pleaded or listened to. No! naked and trembling, stripped of its own plausibility, the *covetous*, the idolator loving His gold (when on earth) more than he loved God or his fellow man will listen to his doom. "Inasmuch as ye did it not," etc. Fearful thought, all mankind will be ranged on either side of the Judge. Christian reader where will you be. The giving of our means to any object or society, certainly enhances our interest in that object and we instinctively pay greater attention when anything affects it than those in which we have no financial stake. Hence giving to missions both home and foreign increases our anxiety about their well-being and future success. The missionaries whom our money helped to fit out and send to their distant field of labour appear nearer and closer to our hearts, and while we pray for the success of missionaries in general, there is a greater warmth, a more earnest tone as we specially remember (our missionary) before the Throne of Grace. And so it is in every work. What we deny ourselves for : what we give our means to assist : what we see strengthened and growing to larger dimensions through con-