

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

Of one thing I feel sure, nothing could be better for rousing the spiritual life of a congregation, and leading on to a higher life, than the cultivation of the spirit of missions. The progress of the Kingdom of God in the world is a study well calculated to enlarge the mind and soul, and rescue torpid congregations from their self-satisfied ease. What a power for good would be our home millions of Christians, if really alive to their privilege and duty in helping forward the work of God in all lands.

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A TRIMPH OF THE GOSPEL.

Bishop Ridley sends a striking instance of the triumph of the Gospel among the Kitkatlas, a tribe inhabiting an island called Laklan, one of a group of islands at the mouth of the Skeenay river, in British Columbia. Six years ago, some of these Indians under the lead of their unbelieving and hostile chief, Sheuksh, burnt the church, destroyed the Bibles and Prayer books, blasphemed the Saviour, persecuted the native Christians, and for a year afterward no Christian teacher was allowed to land on the island.

Recently, the chief addressed all the adult males of the tribe, whom he had invited to his house (a huge building covering 3,600 feet) in a very remarkable speech, recounting how he had formerly resisted the claims of the Gospel, and concluded: "I now give myself to God. Pray for me—pray, pray!" "Whereupon the whole company," the Bishop writes, "bowed their heads in silence until one of the earliest converts broke it in uttered words of earnest supplication." Other prayers and

hymns followed for the space of seven hours and a half, and some of the chief supporters of Sheuksh in his persecuting measures, and many others, avowed their determination to give themselves to God, and by His help, lead Christian lives. Joy and thanksgiving fill the hearts of the Bishop, the other missionaries and the native Christians at this answer to the many prayers they have offered for the conversion of this heathen chief and his followers. —*Spirit of Missions.*

The Rev. Mr. Sowerby writes that he has never seen such a sight in China as was presented at Hankow on Sunday, March 13th, when Bishop Hare, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Locke and Sowerby, held a service in our church there. More than a thousand Chinese crowded the building and remained through a service which lasted over three hours. Eighty four persons were confirmed, and about 300 received the Holy Communion. He says: "I shall go up to I-chang strengthened and encouraged, and I am sure the report I carry will gladden the hearts of our native Christians there."

Mr. Waldron a city missionary in Boston, met a prominent business man recently who said "Looking over my cash account I saw this entry: Pug terrier. \$10; and on the next line, City Missionary Society \$5. I have not felt quite easy about the matter ever since, and you may count on me for an additional \$5." There are many others who would no doubt be made uncomfortable also if they were carefully to scan their lists of expenditures for luxuries and benevolence.