

FROM an interesting account published in the *Methodist Monthly Greetings*, of a missionary meeting held at Newman's Cove, Nfld., we take the following extract: "Before the meeting commenced a list of eleven names was put into the minister's hand, each name a promise for a dollar. But why not give the dollar, and not the promise? you ask. Well, for the best of all reasons, they have not got a dollar to give; but wanting to give their dollar and get the report, they give their note of hand, and will soon set about working it out. This is how they will do it. As soon as the roads are fit for "slide hauling," they will be off before day with their dogs and slide to cut a load of wood. They will have to travel four or five miles and taste the bark to distinguish between spruce and fur until the sun rises. When the load is cut they will start for home, get a cup of tea, if they have any in the house, and then start off for B., seven miles distant, where their hard day's work will bring them in thirty-five or forty cents. This is their only way to earn food for the winter, and they intend saving their dollar and redeeming their promises out of what they may be able to earn in this hard, hard manner. Beside these eleven promises, the sum of five dollars is put on the plate, which makes a royal collection for the little cove in these very hard times."

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The *Missionary Review of the World* for August is one of great interest. Dr. Bradford, of Montclair, opens with a graceful and graphic sketch of a "A Missionary Heroine," the first wife of the heroic Judson, and worthy of him. Dr. Pierson reviews and sums up his marvellous missionary tour abroad. He also has an article on the "Lack of Consecration and Prayer." Prof. Schodde gives a translation of a paper by the late Dr. Franz Delitzsch on the "Conversion of the Jews." Dr. Storrow concludes his series of valuable historical papers on "Missions of the 17th and 18th Centuries." There is a short and able paper on "Prayers and Missions." The "Jubilee of the New Hebrides Mission" will thrill the reader. And so the "Story of Eliza Agnew in Ceylon," showing what one woman can do. "A Chinese Secret Society, and its Workings," by the editor of the *Chinese Evangelist*, will be a surprise to most readers. Dr. Ellinwood discusses "Missions in Pagan Lands" with his usual intelligence and force. The other seven departments contain a vast amount of missionary intelligence, choice correspondence, a full account of the proceedings of the late International Missionary Union, Monthly Concert matter, editorial notes, some of them long and of marked ability, tables of statistics, and reports of many missionary societies, the usual Monthly Bulletin of latest news. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2.00 per year; in clubs of ten, \$1.50. Specimen numbers, 20 cents.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

DURING the past six months there has been a wide-spread and blessed revival among the western churches. The preceding year was a time of discouragement. "Coldness within our Churches and opposition without," was the significant comment of Dr. S. Jessup. But during this very period of seeming declension, a band of young men "whose hearts the Lord had touched," were preparing "in the desert a highway for our God." They met frequently to pray for a revival of true piety; they called their fellow believers to a higher standard of Christian living. At a summer gathering the spirit of prayer was poured out; at the autumn Synod a similar spirit prevailed, and a general expectation prevailed that times of refreshing were at hand. The week of prayer went by, the greater part of January followed, and yet the showers had not fallen. But when least expected the blessing came, and as usual, it came in connection with faithful effort. Two young men, with much love but little learning, together with one or two college teachers, went to a large village and began services. The Church was revived; sinners were converted; the fire spread, and in a short time all the available missionary force was taxed to the utmost in meeting the demand for extra services. At last reports upwards of four hundred had expressed their desire to lead a new life.

AFRICA continues to attract a large share of attention, both from the commercial and the missionary point of view. The entire annual trade of Africa, exports and imports, is estimated at from eighty-five to ninety millions sterling. In South Africa, especially, trade is increasing at a marvellous rate, Cape Colony alone showing an increase in her exports of more than three millions of dollars over those of the previous year. In East Africa a good work is in progress. Mr. Mackenzie, of the East African Company, and Major Wissman, representing Germany, have agreed upon a plan of action to prevent the sale of arms, and thus to check slave raids into the interior. Arrangements have also been made by Mr. Mackenzie for the redemption of several thousand runaway slaves; and he is now framing a law to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquor in British territory. This is indeed "good news from a far country." While the liquor traffic continues there is no hope for the uplifting of the people, or the full development of the country's resources. It is stated that two German vessels at Zanzibar recently discharged more than seven thousand cases of gin. In the Congo Valley missionary