

whose sympathies move in different lines. We feel that it would be a mistake for the W.F.M.S. to abandon the position first taken, namely to confine themselves to the giving of the Gospel to women and children in foreign lands. We join with all friends of the movement in the hope that this meeting will be the most helpful and hopeful in the Society's history.

Foreign Missions Funds.

Will you allow me to draw the attention of the Church to the fact that the estimates adopted by the General Assembly for this year are \$76,300.00 from congregations and \$41,654.00 from the W.F.M.S. That is simply for the maintenance of the work already undertaken and does not provide for the sending out of any of the eight or ten approved candidates, who are eager to go. Of the \$76,300 expected from congregations only \$53,000 have yet come to hand. We are so far \$23,000 behind the present requirements of the work. It is hoped that this will not be forgotten in the presence of other urgent appeals. Shall we take the responsibility of saying "No" to the men who are asking to be sent and to the pleadings of our missionaries in behalf of the millions perishing before their eyes?
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Self-denial for Missions.

The General Assembly of the American Church, recommended at its last meeting a *Week of Prayer*, for missions, to be associated with a *Week of Self-denial*. Their resolution is in the following terms: "That God's people be more instant and earnest in prayer for missions, and that the week beginning April 7th 1895, be designated as a special season of prayer for Foreign Missions, to be observed in the closet, in the family and in the usual public and social religious services of our churches and missionary societies, and that it be also affectionately urged upon our people to mingle Self-denial with their prayers, and if it be convenient to present the fruits of this special Self-denial as an offering to the Lord on Sabbath, April 14th 1895."

The "Week of Self-denial" is a recent development, which has already resulted in such offerings, as show the latent possibilities of the church. In some cases many thousands of dollars have been realized by the Self-denial of one week on the part of not the wealthy, but the comparatively poor; and moreover, this Self-denial is exercised, chiefly, if not altogether in matters that are not absolutely necessary to the happiness of life. If so much can be done in one week, in this way, what might not be done in the whole year if the effort were continuous?

Unquestionably the effort would be continuous if Christian people were awake to their responsibilities. Could we but see the hopeless condition of the millions, who are seeking help from gods of their own making, Self-denial would be not the exception but the rule. There would not then be any hesitation as to the appointment of young men who are offering to go and tell these suffering, perishing millions of the God who loves them and the Saviour who died to redeem them. Nay, more, if we but know our own opportunity, the promise made to such as give a cup of cold water in His name the disappointments and vain regrets of the Day of retribution, we would need no call to a week of Self-denial. The sole ambition, the united effort of the

church would then be the publication of the Gospel, throughout the world with the least possible delay.

The week of Self-denial, is a good thing, as is also the week of prayer. It will help to lead up to the standard of living taught by Him, who said "He that loseth his life for my sake and the Gospels shall save it." Would it not be well for our own General Assembly to move in the same direction? In the meantime let each adopt the principle and both Home and Foreign Missions will be amply provided for.

A Correction. In our last issue among the items of church news it was stated that the Rev. Wm. Burns had received \$50 for the Jewish Missions. It should have been stated that this amount was received by the Rev. Dr. Reid and not by Mr. Burns.

Home Mission Committee. Rev. Dr. Cochrane has received in aid of Home Mission Fund:—Sherwood Free Church, Paisley Scotland, £100; McCheyne Memorial Church, Dundee, £36; New College Missionary Society, Edinburgh, £50; Keloinside Free Church, Glasgow, £10. 17. 8.

On Behalf of Children. The Children's Aid Society of Toronto, of which Mr. J. K. Macdonald, is the president, has through the Secretary, made an appeal to Christian readers, for homes for little boys from two to seven years of age. The appeal will be found in the correspondence column, and ought to be perused by all interested in good work among the neglected young.

Mr. Gladstone and the Psalter. It is announced that Mr. Gladstone has issued a Psalter and Concordance, and it is said to be an admirable book. The Prayer-book version has been adopted and the psalms have been arranged according to subject matter. There are notes and comments and the arrangement keeps in view the devotional uses of the psalms, especially to aged persons and invalids. The Concordance was prepared fifty years ago so that the expremiers study of the Psalter has been a long one.

A Little Pious Fun The *Presbyterian*, Philadelphia, thus at the "Moderns," makes merry over the Higher Critics: "We are to have a 'Summer School of Theology.' It has been proposed by President Thwing, of Western Reserve University, and he is arranging the programme, and we suppose that he is selecting the teachers and lecturers, and it is already announced that Pricipal Fairbairn, of Oxford, will be the chief lecturer. A few of the names of those who will deliver lectures on special subjects are given. Judging from the past outgivings of these gentlemen, one may be expected to suggest that monism is the truest philosophy of the universe; another that the Ritschlien theology is the highest form of theology; and a third that the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch is a 'Rabinnic' tradition. The character of the teaching will be distinctly 'modern.'"

The most effective appeal for Christian gifts is the love of Christ. In giving, as in work, when the love of Christ constrains us we do great things. This may not, in a given case, secure as large gifts as some other appeals, but it roots itself in the heart, and grows up through the conscience into a life of greater liberality.
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