

for a shilling's worth of anything, he makes himself responsible for the shilling ; and shall it be thought for a moment that God will not pay for all the work He acknowledges as His ?" If, then, we are assured that the Head of the Church has committed a certain piece of evangelizing to us, is it presumption for us to draw on Him at sight for the funds to accomplish it ?

We are not dealing here with a sentimental theory, but with a most practical question. Is a missionary board justified in enlarging its work to the extent of many thousands of dollars when it has not the money, either in hand or in sight, for meeting the added expense ? Sound commercial prudence would answer most emphatically, " No ! determine the extent of your business by the amount of your capital." But desiring the opinion of experts on the question, we consult a few eminent spiritual financiers to get their opinion :

Pastor Pliedner, of Kaiserwerth, gives us an inventory of his vast work— orphanage, seminary, deaconess' house, asylum, etc.—and when we ask how he manages to support it all, his answer is, " We live by grace ; and the gracious Lord of the heavenly treasury knows how to furnish us every year with so many under-treasurers of every rank and age that to the question, ' Have you ever wanted ? ' we must joyfully answer, ' Never.' "

Pastor Gossner single-handed sent into the field 144 missionaries ; including the wives of those married, 200. Besides providing outfit and passage, he had never less than twenty missionaries depending directly on him for support. How did he raise the necessary funds ? Read his life and learn. The answer can be best given in a sentence from the funeral address spoken over his open grave : " He prayed up the walls of an hospital and the hearts of the nurses ; he prayed mission stations into being, and missionaries into faith ; *he prayed open the hearts of the rich and gold from the most distant lands.* "

Pastor Harms and his single church of poor peasants at Hermannsburg did a foreign missionary work almost equal to that of any of our largest societies, sending out and supporting 357 missionaries in thirty years. We read the story with astonishment, and ask again, " And how did you get the money for all this ? " His reply tells us only that the Divine draft, " My God shall supply all your needs, according to His riches in glory," was promptly cashed whenever presented. It is so artless, the way in which he jots down his business transactions with the Lord. " Last year," he writes in 1858, " I needed for the mission 15,000 crowns, and the Lord gave me that and 60 over. This year I needed double, and the Lord has given me double and 140 over." " *I needed,*" and " *my God shall supply all your need !*" No mention of what he *had* as a basis for his enlarged undertaking, but only of what he *must have*, making that the schedule of his expectation from God.

These noble lives constitute a kind of latter-day exposition of those memorable words, " When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything ? And they said, Nothing" (Luke 22 : 35).