

of pitiless conflict, and of that warfare whose features are cries of agony and 'garments rolled in blood.'

Our friend, Rev. D. M. Stearns, recently removed from Scranton to Philadelphia (Germantown), has certainly proved what grand work a missionary-spirited pastor can accomplish in his own home church. We can only say with him, "Behold what God hath wrought!" Some years since Mr. Stearns learned that his church is not the *field* to limit his labor, but the *force* to put into a wider world-field, and now behold the results:

In January, 1889, Grace Church, Scranton, Pa., had one native Bible reader in Japan, at \$60 a year. At this date the Scranton parish and his present parish, to which he came in October, 1892, with his various Bible classes and friends who have become interested either through the church, the classes, or the "Kingdom Tidings," have *ninety-three missionaries, chiefly native workers, in China, Japan, India, and Africa*, besides contributing in other directions. Two members of the Scranton Church have gone forth in Christ's name—one has been two years in Cawnpore, India, greatly used of God, and the other recently arrived in Shanghai, China. The former was the first person who ever asked Pastor Stearns to get them a representative in the foreign field. Look at the money that has passed through his hands during the past four years: In 1889, \$553.05; in 1890, \$2443.50; in 1891, \$4814.40, and in 1892, \$6503.44, or more than \$14,300 in all, increasing from year to year. Last year this indefatigable pastor held 621 services for Bible study, and travelled safely over 17,500 miles to reach 13 Bible classes and several conferences. His present weekly appointments are 14 regular services, involving over 500 miles of travel. The classes give voluntary thank-offerings, which, after deducting travelling expenses, are wholly devoted to missions.

Pastor Stearns's unobtrusive report

shows native Bible-readers in Japan under Mrs. L. H. Pierson, of Yokohama; a native evangelist with Rev. K. Ibuka, in Tokio; children and workers in the Bridgman Home, Shanghai, China; native evangelists of the China Inland Mission; missionaries and native workers in Calcutta and Cawnpore, India; also in Congo, Garenganze, and other parts of Africa; among Jews in Palestine, Russia, London and New York; work in Moab; at Busrah, in Arabia; among soldiers at Rome, Italy; in Turkey, in Alaska, etc., and all these various forms of mission work sustained or nobly helped by *one man's* church and Bible classes! Who will go and do likewise?

Extract from a Letter of Miss Wilder's.

Cheering news has come to us from Poona. After leaving us my brother, Robert P. Wilder, had several meetings in Poona. These had been preceded by a week of prayer. At a recent prayer-meeting there was, from native Christians, testimony of a blessing received. The pastor said he had been born again when a boy at Indupore. He had known about the Holy Spirit's presence. He thought it was as Mr. Wilder had said, "The Spirit was near, but not inside." Now, through prayer and the words said, a great blessing had come to him. He did not mind before his people and before God saying that he had a joy and sense of God's presence he had not known. He gave himself again to Christ "through and through, and wanted only to live for Him."

A catechist said he believed he had six years ago received the Holy Spirit, but through carelessness he thought lost His presence. Now he thanked God He had come back to him. He wanted now just to please Christ and leave off every single thing else.

Such news as this among Christians near to us makes us so long for the Spirit's working in mighty power here. We are expecting soon to have a day of prayer for our church here.