

Mission Field.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

Of one thing I feel sure, nothing could be better for rousing the spiritual life of a congregation, and leading it 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 hands.

A. M. MACKAY of Uganda.

NOTES.

In the Doshisha, the Christian University at Kyoto, Japan, seven languages are taught: Japanese, Chinese, English, German, French, Greek and Hebrew.

Seven of the directors of the British East Africa Company have instituted a new mission in eastern Equatorial Africa, and have personally subscribed \$50,000 for this purpose.

Mrs. J. L. Newton, referring to the progress in the Punjab, India, says: "We have \$7,000 invested in our church and hospital at Ferozepore, every cent of which was given by native converts."

The Oxford University Missionary Union, which labors in connection with the Church Missionary Society, has issued an appeal for \$20,000 with which to purchase a site and erect a hall, with library, reading-room, etc., to form the head-quarters on the union and to be a memorial of Bishop Hannington. About \$4,000 has already been received.

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."

Offering are asked by the Board of Missions of the P. E. Church in the U. S., to sustain missions in thirty-four dioceses, also among the Indians and among the Colored People in our land, as well as missions in China, Japan, Africa, Haiti and Greece—to pay the salaries of sixteen Bishops and stipends to 1,000 missionary workers, and to support schools, hospitals and orphanages. \$500,00 are asked for this year.

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.

The late Gould Rockwell, of Ridgefield, Connecticut, bequeathed \$5,000 to Domestic Missions.

A TRIUMPH 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, Skeuksh, 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 Skeuksh in his persecuting measures, and many others, avowed their determination to give themselves to God, and by His help, lead a Christian life. 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 Mission.*

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