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From Africa, the dark continent, we learn of conversions numerous and wonderful, the baptism of a king and queen, side by side with the awful persecutions in Uganda, and of the martyrs whose blood seems like that of those of old to be the seed of the Church. "All lands are open, all peoples are ready for the Gospel;" we dare not withhold our aid, our sympathy, our prayers.

During the last ten years our own workers (i.e., of the P. E. Ch. in the U.S.) in the Foreign Field, have increased in numbers from 89 to 271, of these there are 38 native clergy and 160 laymen—natives. We have now 47 stations in Western Africa, 34 in China, 46 in Japan, 14 in Haiti, 1 in Greece. Of this whole number of laborers four are Missionary Bishops—one resigned on account of physical disability. We have 14 boarding schools, also a Divinity and Medical School with the College in China, a Medical School in Africa, and a Divinity School in Japan. The number of pupils in our boarding schools is about 561. We have 71 day schools and 2986 pupils. Our Medical Missions are doing a great work, too; in Wuchang 8,834 patients were treated during the year, by whom 27,700 visits were made to the dispensary. At Shanghai, 11,764 were treated, who made 27,186 visits to the dispensary. At Osaka 1,811 patients, made 5,850 visits; at Tokio, 2,769 patients, made 9,271 visits. Every visit made, brings the patient into contact with Christian teaching as well as the ministries of Christian healing. The whole amount appropriated by the Board of Missions to meet the expense of carrying on this work is \$138,000 for the current year, and with what is appropriated for Domestic Missions aggregates far less than one dollar annually from each communicant, shall I say it? The amount is not received and the last quarter of each fiscal year finds the Board anxious and pleading for the means to fulfil the obligations they have assumed for us. Perhaps we do not know how much our gifts are needed. Dean Llandaff says truly, "Know and you will feel, Know and you will pray, Know and you will give," and I often think that sometimes the lack of the inspiration to give is our ignorance of the pressing needs. Believe me the love for the brethren that are far away, will make us very tender to those that are near. Those who think of the heathen of foreign lands are not those who will forget them in their midst.

No man's religious life rises higher than his convictions; and there can be no real convictions where there is no grasp of doctrine. Men are not going to practice what they do not believe; and while they may have fancies and prejudices enough, they can not properly believe except as they have been intelligently taught.

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