

IN GENERAL.

—To him who, month by month, from the whole wide world diligently endeavors to gather *facts* relating to missions and to exclude all fictions, there is solid comfort in the saying that "the man who never makes any mistakes never makes anything." But all the same, the struggle for accuracy in every statement goes courageously on.

—"Blessed are they who see the day of glory, but more blessed are they who contribute to its approach."—*Bishop Secker*.

—Dr. S. J. McPherson, *apropos* of the recent decease of a certain millionaire, used these words so painfully and terribly true: "A selfish man is a Dead Sea, and wants all things to be inlets without any outlets; but a fine character, like a sweet-water lake, must have outlets as well as inlets. His life is an interesting study for likeness to the Dead Sea."

—In less than 80 years 30,000 missionary Baptists in the United States have grown to over 3,000,000; while 40,000 anti-mission Baptists have grown to only 45,000. "I do not know," says Rev. William Brock, "what there would have been in the Baptist denomination if there had been no Baptist mission. It was the real source of inspiration to the churches." Insert any other denominational name and the statement is equally true.

—The great commission of the Master who bids His followers "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," is often understood as if it read, "Stay ye in this part of the world, and preach the Gospel to the few people who have already heard it." Whereas the command is to all, and equally to all. And the many who are not called to go themselves are bound to send substitutes for the service—sons, daughters, offerings—and to pray without ceasing to the Lord of the harvest. Yes, go or send substitutes.

—This is the scientific view of it, and science speaks with authority: "The foreign travellers and residents in the South Sea Islands who write with such hostility of missions there are men who find the missionary to be an obstacle to the accomplishment of their evil purposes."—*Charles Darwin*.

—There is a story of a minister who plead so earnestly for foreign missions that, when he asked for those who would volunteer to enter upon the work, his own daughter came forward promptly and offered herself. Taken by surprise, the father said: "Oh, daughter, I did not mean you." How easy to talk with fervor without meaning much!

—The tithe as a standard for giving to the Lord will not answer for all. He who gives \$1 out of \$100,000 gives far less than he who gives the same out of \$10,000 or \$1000. Dr. Joseph Brown, of Glasgow, quaintly says that no man can overlook this principle of proportionate giving if he understands his arithmetic, and that the practical neglect of it can be accounted for only on the ground that such people, when they came to *simple proportion*, bolted over it into *vulgar fractions*."

—A Brahman said to a missionary: "We are finding you out. You are not so good as your Book. If you were as good as your Book, you would conquer India for Christ in five years."

—Jel Chandler Harris, of "Uncle Remus" fame, is the son of a missionary, and is about to revisit his birth-place on the African coast, where his parents were once settled.

—A building that at one time belonged to the Inquisition has been purchased by the Baptists of Bahia, Brazil, for mission purposes. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee."

—Whoso would conjure wisely with figures, first of all must be sure that behind his figures are solid facts to match. Of the bulk of the world no census has ever been taken, and so whenever the