

ly make for spiritual health to all concerned.

—Dr. Dale, recently addressing a missionary meeting in Birmingham, made the pertinent suggestion that though the Gospel has wrought such marvels of transformation within the realm of Anglo-Saxon character and life, it would not be safe to assume that yet greater wonders will not appear when its work has been fully achieved upon the Chinaman, the Hindu, the African, the modern Hebrew, etc. Since some of these races possess elements of religiousness different from and far surpassing those of the Anglo-Saxon, he thinks we would be justified in expecting that Christianity will take firmer root in such soil, and perhaps produce a better crop than has yet been seen.

—Dr. Duff once told an Edinburgh audience that if the ladies of that city would give him the cost only of that portion of their silk dresses which swept the streets as they walked, he would support all his mission schools in India.

—Piety also *begins* at home. We are to beware of a zeal which belongs to the Borrioboola-Gha type. "Many people pray so foolish. Why, I prayed for twelve years, O Father, make me a foreign mishener; I want to go to foreign lands and preach. One day I prayed that, and Father says, Sophie, stop! Where were you borned? In Germany, Father. Where are you now? In America, Father. Well, ain't you a foreign mishener already? When I see that, Father says to me, Who lives on the floor above you? A family of Swedes. Und who on the floor above them? Why, some Switzers. Und in the rear house? Italians, und a block away some Chinese. Now, you never said a word to these people about My Son. Do you think I will send you thousands of miles away to the foreigner und heathen when you got them all around, und you never care enough about them to speak with them about their soul?"—*From Sophie's Sermon.*

—According to Rev. J. Hudson Tay-

lor: "We need persons who will consecrate their lives to foreign mission service at home. It is for some to consecrate their lives, their thoughts, their prayers to just this service. I believe that some of the best missionary work that is done to-day is done by invalids who never leave their bedrooms, or by old people, or by those who are very poor and have not much to give; but they give the Lord what is most precious—a true, yearning heart, a constant remembrance, a constant prayer."

—Yes, there are still alive genuine saints and heroes. And they are of every complexion. For example, when, the other day, Rev. Mr. Sheppard was about to return to his work on the Upper Congo, a colored woman, Maria Fairing, of Alabama, put in an urgent request to be also sent to the Dark Continent, saying that all her life it had been her ambition to carry the Gospel to her people. And when informed that the Presbyterian Board lacked the money required to pay her passage (\$100), she sold her little home in Talladega and went at her own cost.

—Bishop Thoburn tells of a Methodist church in Montclair, N. J., "whose membership is not large, and contains no wealthy men, which yet during the year ending April 1st contributed \$4200 for the home and foreign work; while, including the amount collected by the Woman's Missionary Society, the total sum exceeded \$5000. This church has adopted the policy of supporting a man and wife in Burma; the Sunday-school supports three pastor-teachers in India; one of the members supports a native presiding elder in India, while another brother has just pledged the support of a second presiding elder."

—The *Eynworth League* names a man in old Massachusetts who has just about attained unto perfection in the art of Christian giving. For when he gave \$10,000 to build a deaconess's home, and a cordial resolution of thanks was passed, this was his response: "Thank me! Why, I ought to thank you. I