

have them draw on our Agent for support, and to find their drafts dishonored.

The Lord's Treasury for the sending of the Gospel to the heathen is empty, but the money of God's people is being lavishly expended on shows and trinkets, and feathers and finery; on toys and glitter, on travel and pleasure, and a thousand and one gratifications and whimsical indulgences. There is a constant flowing of silver from every congregation in the body for *tobacco*, amply sufficient of itself to maintain our foreign missionaries. And though three fourths of our people probably use no strong drink, yet the remaining one-fourth expend more on their favourite beverage than the whole church gives for the strengthening of the weaker congregations by brotherly aid.

Our ship owners have received in increased freights during the past two years, a sum the one-tenth of which would have floated our Foreign Missions for ten years. Our farmers have been receiving large prices in cash for their abundant produce, and a congregation of them are content to give fifteen or twenty dollars, about what one well doing farmer should give for this great object. Three little boys saving and selling the eggs of their mission hen pay \$12.00, as much as some whole congregations have given. Half a dozen little girls, sympathizing with with the deaf and the dumb, unite their energies for a few weeks, and hand over above \$70 for their benefit. The hindrance then is not the want of money, but of interest and of system; of hearty interest in the Lord's work, and of a systematic consecration of a proper proportion of their receipts to the Lord. Were the many throughout our body to act in the spirit and to follow the example of the "cheerful givers," and were all or even half of our congregations to come up to the standard of "the thirty," not to speak of the "first three," we would have all and abound. We would find when the want was announced, such a steady and full flow of Christian liberality, that ere long we should have to give notice that there was enough, and to request that the stream should flow in some other direction.

In conclusion we ask our readers to note that the most urgent demand for the present time is, and for some time to come will be, the *replenishing* of the *Foreign Mission exchequer*, and next to that, making provision to meet honorably the just and acknowledged claims of the weaker charges to cordial help. Let Foreign Missions have a full benefit first, through October and November. Let the other be the great effort for December.

The Synod collection of course is not to be overlooked, but comparatively it is a small matter. It demands no special effort, being in the present instance an affair of travelling expenses. The other funds are affairs of magnitude, and should draw dollars from many who usually give quarters, and tens and twenties from some who have been giving only dollars.

A PRESBYTERIAN

Is first of all a Christian. Unless he is a Christian he does not deserve the name of a Presbyterian; he is no strength to the Church. He may be rich, liberal, intelligent, public spirited; yet there is something lacking, and that something is the *main* thing. To strengthen any Church is to add to the number of Christians it contains, and to "edify" those who are already members of Christ's body.

A good Presbyterian is careful of his conduct. He has regard to all the Lord's commandments. He will neither swear, steal, backbite, lie, nor covet, any more than he would commit murder. He will not indulge hatred in his heart towards any man—least of all towards members of the body to which he belongs. He will govern with care that unruly member, the tongue.

A good Presbyterian will support liberally the congregation to which he belongs. He will give at least a tenth part to the Lord,—perhaps an eighth or a fifth. He will lay by as the Lord hath prospered him, and give cheerfully, just as he will read God's Word, and join in praise with a joyful loving breast. He will regard *giving* as much as act of worship as praying or