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### Editorial Notes.

THE subject of prayer for this month is a broad one, and opens up a train of most solemn questionings,—That covetous hindrances to Christianity may be removed (Prov. xxiv. 11, 12). We are so apt, in considering a question of this nature, to look at causes quite remote from us as a Church, or as individuals, and yet dare we consistently do other

than sit in judgment upon ourselves? Covetous hindrances! How often have we expended our means upon that which satisfieth not—a mere selfish gratification, an ornament for home or person, a fancy of the hour, and earth's perishing millions clamoring for Life's Bread! Dr. Pierson, in soul-agony at the attitude of the Church to foreign missions, exclaimed, "The Church of Christ is asleep. Let facts, like the fingers of God, write God's message on the walls of our temples of mammon and palaces of luxury, as in letters of fire, till selfishness and worldliness shall tremble at the manifest presence of the Lord." Ah, yes, it is not only the enemies to Christ's kingdom who are retarding its onward progress, but with shamefacedness we must confess that we, as Christians, stewards of God's bounty, are withholding from His cause rightful, obligatory dues. If Christendom but systematically and cheerfully laid on God's altar her tenth, what might not be accomplished? Individually we may not be able to influence many to see eye to eye with us, but will that free us from removing from our own lives covetous hindrances? While praying this month for their removal, let us not forget to *act* as well.

ONE of the saddest phases of this question is that beings, destined to live forever, are spending millions annually upon that which will eventually destroy soul and body, and this in the very face of dire need for the money expended to be turned into other channels. Truly, "a deified appetite outranks a crucified Christ." For liquor and tobacco—these twin evils and blights on the well-being of mankind—is spent annually two hundred and fifty-five times as much as is given to missions. As money has been freely expended, so have men. The scourge of war has left a trail across the centuries crimsoned with the life-blood of millions. In the war between the North and South, five hundred thousand lives, comprising the flower of the American nation, were sacrificed without a murmur. Yet the Church has been able to send only the meagre force of ten thousand men and women to Christianize heathendom, consisting of nearly a thousand million souls! But let all know "that no outlay of men, money and means ever brought returns so rich and rapid as the mission enterprise; that even the seeming waste of precious lives has been but the breaking of the costly flask, filling the world with the odor of unselfish and heroic piety, and prompting to its imitation."

ACCORDING to the last published Dominion Inland Revenue Report, the amount of tobacco consumed in Canada during the past year was 11,250,000 pounds, or 2.264 pounds per individual. Computing this amount, after being manufactured into cigars, cigarettes, etc., at ordinary retail prices, the Canadian tobacco consumers must be paying for this luxury something like \$12,216,114. When will the day come when Christian men, taking the high stand of St. Paul, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will