

The way to increase the income of the Foreign Mission Fund is to increase the interest of the people in Missions, and the way to increase the interest in missions is to increase knowledge with regard to missions, and one way to increase that knowledge is to circulate missionary literature. One sometimes hears the statement, "we are taking a missionary periodical now, there is no room for any more." It will be a long time before there is room for no more. Missionary literature has yet to find its way in far greater abundance to the Christian homes of our country before the church awakens to a true ideal of the importance of Mission work. When the Church comes to regard herself as indeed *militant*, and news of the conflict with the kingdom of darkness is looked for as eagerly as news from the seat of war in a time of National strife, when men and women realize that the great work of the Christian in this world is that work for which Christ came, to save the world, then will the Church indeed have on her beautiful garments, then will the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant, then will there be in the Lord's Treasury enough and to spare.

Missionary Societies, Women's Societies, &c. are sometimes puzzled as to what they shall devote their Funds, after they have them collected. To which missionary shall they send them, to which field devote them? Very often their acquaintance with a missionary or their special knowledge of a field decides the question, and the money is sent and a letter of thanks received and the givers are satisfied. Now with very few exceptions the question "What shall we do" is, in such circumstances, not an open one. Our church has undertaken a certain amount of Mission work. It has missionaries and teachers in the field and has to support them there. Every member of the church is responsible, according to means and influence for the support of that work, and until the Foreign Mission Fund of our Church is in a position to meet the demands of that work, members and societies within our church, have no moral right to do their missionary work by

voting their money to special objects of their own choice in the mission field, no matter how worthy these objects may be.

The intolerant spirit of Romanism, where it has the power, is continually receiving fresh illustrations. On Sabbath Sept. 19th, in Madrid, Spain, the mayor with a number of policemen knocked at the door of the British chapel, and summoned the clergyman, on pain of imprisonment, to leave the pulpit, and the congregation to disperse. When the latter protested the mayor answered evasively and pretended that the singing of the congregation disturbed the neighborhood. The same mayor refused to allow the re-opening of the Protestant schools, which were closed a year ago, under another regime.

The Presbyterian Church is taking a new departure in the New England States. Eight new churches have been recently organized. For years the efforts of the great Presbyterian Church in the United States have been directed to the carrying of the Gospel to the wide Home Mission Fields of the West, while Presbyterianism has to a large extent died out in the Eastern States and Congregationalism has taken its place. In the mean time thousands of the young people from Presbyterian homes in the Dominion have gone to New England, and finding in many places no Presbyterian Church with which to unite have joined with others, and Presbyterianism has in this way alone, lost enough to make up a large number of churches. Now that their attention is turned to the necessity of looking after this Eastern Field we may hope that it will be the beginning of a better day. When the congregationalism of the United States has so strong a tendency in many cases to Universalism it will be a comfort to many a Christian parent as the young people leave home for the United States to feel that they are likely to have church homes in the land of their adoption that will teach them the same old truths on which they have been fed from childhood.

At one of their great heathen feasts held recently in China, the nation spent for several days an average of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) a day in burning paper clothing, houses, horses, and opium pipes, for the benefit of the souls now in distress in the invisible world. And this is only one of the many feasts.