

live the Gospel. Second, to equip them, just as mercantile agents and explorers are equipped, for the new climate and conditions in which they have to live, and to furnish them as far as possible with the strongest weapons of civilization—the printing press, the school, the hospital. Third, to draw into the work as rapidly as possible an army of native workers, that the Church in every land may belong to the people of that land and embody the Christ life in their own forms of thought and speech. Fourth, to administer the enterprise on sound business principles.—*Rev. Henry Van Dyke.*

—The *Congregationalist* says that a Maine pastor recently obtained a contribution for the missionary debt from every member of his church by preaching a special sermon, and afterward calling personally on every church-member who was absent when the sermon was preached, and by emphasizing the fact that mites were welcome. But, then, those same church-members ought to be everlastingly ashamed of themselves that the pastor was obliged to spend his time and strength on such a task. It reads like the story of Dr. Jacob Chamberlain's horse who always refused to go until *he had been "wound up."*

—A woman in England has put in a striking way the good which might be accomplished if all Englishmen would deny themselves only one tenth of the alcohol which they now consume. With the money thus saved she would send out missionaries, and allowing as much as \$1500 as the salary of each, she says she would, from this saving alone, be able to send out 45,000 additional missionaries.

—'Tis the first step which costs. It is said that during eighteen years after the opening of the first mission of the American Board in Bombay, the number of missionaries who died was greater than the number of Hindus who were converted.

—Where is the schoolma'am? Miss

Crosby writes from Melanesia: "I was telling some of our new scholars of the meeting, and one asked, 'Where is the American Board?' I replied, 'In Boston;' and he went on, 'How big a city is it? Is it as big as Boston?' I explained what the American Board is, and he was much surprised. 'Why, we all thought it was a big city, and you all lived there when you were in America!' That will do to go with another question one of them asked me before: 'Are the United States in Boston, or is Boston in the United States?'"

—Tho it is five years since he died, it seems fitting that there should be some sort of obituary notice of a warm canine friend of the Church Missionary Society in Sheffield, named "Tas." He was a collie, and being able to perform a number of clever tricks, was much in request at the Sunday-school and parochial teas which are so popular in that town. At the conclusion of one of his tricks, his master, a clergyman, was accustomed to remark, "'Tas' has a C. M. S. box," and the result was usually a shower of coppers. The reports of the Society show that the sums in the box of this C. M. S. dog during the years 1885-91 amounted in all to no less than £64 17s. 4d., an average of over £9!—*Church Missionary Intelligencer.*

—In the course of a ten days' mission tour in Africa, Dr. Steele visited 19 villages, held 20 meetings, gave medicine to 320 patients, extracted 20 teeth, and preached to more than 2000 people. It took 11 men to carry his luggage, 2 men his tent, 2 his magic lantern, 2 his bed, bedstead, box of clothing, chair and table; and the cost of the entire tour was less than \$6. And yet they say that missions are expensive.

WOMAN'S WORK.

—"Reported from Africa that the 'new woman' has reached Efulen—Mrs. Johnston—and welcome she was. She walked two thirds of the way from the beach." Thus far from *Woman's*