



A BACKWOODS MISSION.

through the quiet influence of the Christian missionary. And yet the work of evangelizing the heathen has only been begun. For if to evangelize these masses is to clothe them with the hope of a blessed immortality, it is also to teach them to be kind and gentle in their life, and to change their lands from places of suffering and horror to the delightful scenes of Christian joy and peace.

Here is material enough, surely, for us to use in order to arouse the enthusiasm of our people for missionary work.

And when we get people imbued with enthusiasm, their gifts and their offerings will follow. This is the right end to begin at. Create the enthusiasm and you will get the support.

And if people are built up in this way as to their responsibility to the heathen, there will be inculcated an *unselfish* spirit which will react upon all other branches of Church work. An interest will be aroused in parish work, in diocesan missions, in domestic missions, which will tell for good upon the congregation. In the matter of Christian giving, let us begin at the right end. This will inculcate a true principle, and will place Christian liberality upon firm and proper grounds.

A great thinker is a man who dreams the same kind of dreams most people do, but isn't ashamed to tell his dreams before some one else has set the fashion.

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(Contributed.)

IN the Parry Sound District is the little village of Magnetawan, on the River Magnetawan, eighteen miles from a railway, with a mail three times a week during the winter, brought by stage from Burk's Falls, which is 170 miles from Toronto on the Grand Trunk. It is about twenty-eight miles from Burk's Falls. As you drive into the village it at once takes your fancy, being prettily arranged. The river runs through it, and is crossed by a swing bridge; locks forming a basin and the landing wharf are close to the swing bridge. Here the steamers unload their freight and passengers. The English Church of St. George the Martyr is on top of a hill, the parsonage being next, and the parish hall or Sunday school lying behind. The first object you see in driving in is the tin-covered bell tower. The bell is a good one, and can be heard six or seven miles away. The congregation is much scattered, living long distances—from a mile to nine miles—away. Some of the farms are on the banks of the Magnetawan, another is reached by the Little Distress, a tributary of the Magnetawan, an hour's ride by boat. There is also another place on the borders of Little Doe Lake. The ice in winter being usually eighteen inches thick, one can drive on it. By doing so a sort of bay is