

The second part of the tract is devoted to "Methods for Congregations." Several methods are presented and discussed. Congregations will profit by studying and comparing these systems and all will find something to profit in the suggestion given.

On the whole this short tract is one of the fullest, simplest, clearest, and best discussions of the subject of Systematic Benevolence that we have ever seen. The thanks of the church are specially due to the Convener of the Committee, Rev. M. G. Henry of Shubenacadie who has had the chief part in its preparation.

It is now ready for *gratis* distribution.

It is desirable that a copy be placed in every family in our church. Ministers are requested to inform the Convener as soon as possible how many copies they will require. Sessions that are disposed to do so will oblige the Committee by forwarding to the Convener contributions to help pay the expense of printing it. We trust that so far as possible it will be studied by all.

Many thanks good friends for the kind and cheering words that have been sent to the MARITIME in connection with the subscription list for the New Year. Your words cost you little, but they did much good, they were very helpful. We can only hope that in the future as in the eight years that are gone the MARITIME will to some extent both please and profit. Parcels will be sent free to any who may wish them for distribution.

If any of our readers wish to distribute books or papers in any destitute settlements and families that have but little good reading matter we will be glad to send parcels of the MARITIME, FREE, for that purpose. Do not think you are expected to get up a club when you send for a parcel. We will gladly send a parcel where they will help to do some good.

The missionary spirit is growing very rapidly in the West. Several congregations have undertaken to support a missionary each and now generous individuals are undertaking the same thing.

Mr. David Yuill of Montreal has offered to support a missionary in China for five years. His offer has been gratefully accepted and it is probable that Mr. Mc-

Kenzie, a student of Montreal Presbyterian College, will be appointed.

Miss Blackadder's return to Trinidad has been delayed, sorely against her own desire on account of her health. She has the warmest sympathy of her many friends. One cause of her indisposition is no doubt, overwork. In her zeal to advance the interests of the mission, her untiring energy, and the many calls to address meetings, led her to work hard during the summer when rest was so much needed. To protect her against such calls the Foreign Mission Committee in extending her furlough have enjoined that she do not speak in public but take complete rest. We trust that friends will take note and not ask her to do so.

We are glad to state that Rev. Dr. Fraser who was for some years in the Formosa Mission has been appointed by the Western Division of the Foreign Mission Committee to take charge of the Mission recently undertaken by our church among the eight thousand Chinese of British Columbia. Mr. Fraser's acquaintance with the Chinese language and character, in addition to his amiable disposition and zeal in the work make him eminently fitted for the position, and our church is very fortunate in securing his services. Dr. Fraser is a son of Rev. Dr. Fraser, one of the venerable clerks of the General Assembly.

In addition to the importance of this field considered by itself, it is one means of leavening China. Many of these who come as immigrants to our shores return to their native land, and in so far as they are leavened by the gospel here, in so far they will carry the influence of that gospel with them when they return. The return of immigrants to India is one of the things that makes Trinidad such an important field.

A MISSION.

I walked along a forest-side
Where light the shadow chases,
And flowers my footsteps to beguile
Grew thick in truant spaces.

"Oh, tell me why your loveliness
These lonely by-ways graces?"
They nodded back, "We grow to bless
And fill up empty places!"