

Let the would-be dweller in any foreign land live naturally and not artificially. This I consider of the first importance. Those who affect a monastic style find themselves still compelled to far exceed the allowance of even the "well-to-do native, to say nothing of the scant living of the native mendicant. Even were it possible to imitate the native in his economy, the missionary must needs cut off all communication with his home land, for his postage and stationery bill will exceed \$25, which is assumed as his entire annuity. He must abstain from books and periodicals, or he will surely squander his whole income (\$25) upon these luxuries. He must remove carpets from his floor and stove from his kitchen, or either of these luxuries (?) will consume more than his limited salary. In China at least he must abstain from such extravagances as milk, butter, and yeast bread, or he will have nothing at the end of three months.

No absolute rule can be laid down to limit the amount one ought to expend, because people differ so radically in their capacity to subsist upon a given amount. One will live on a certain sum and have nothing left. Another will manage on the same scale of living to save half his income. This is a well-known anomaly of human life. Hence it is not fair to fix the rate of income too low, else the conscientious spendthrift may suffer! Nor may the amount be too low, lest either class of consumers may have to waste valuable time in making ends meet.

But the missionary is said to be lazy because he employs two or more servants. The frugal householder in America holds up his hands in horror and exclaims, "Several servants! Why I have but one!" "Only one?" I would say, "Who carries your letters from place to place? Who sees that your spigots flow with water at the turn of the finger? Who delivers the groceries and other supplies upon your order? Who keeps the railroads and express companies in running order that your person and goods may be transported at a moment's notice? Who patrols your street day and night to see that your premises are not invaded?"

Ay, there's the rub! In China and many other mission