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French If any of our congregations have **Evangelization** not taken up their collection for French Evangelization on the Sabbath appointed by the Assembly, let it not be forgotten. Patriotism, humanity, Christ, bid us give to our French fellow countrymen the best thing we have,—an open Bible, a free Gospel.

Home The fourth Sabbath of Aug. (26th), **Miss. Col.** is appointed by the Assembly as the day on which it asks congregations, that have not arranged otherwise, to take up the collection for Home Missions. "No cessation in these calls," some one cries. No, thank God that it is so. We only have a very few years in which to do anything practical to show our thanks to Christ for having given Himself for us; only a few years to help in that great work for which He died; only a few years to help in giving our children a better country to live in when we pass away; only a few years to do anything toward making the world better, towards uplifting it from sin and misery to hope and heaven. Only a little time; let us be thankful that He gives us so often the opportunity of helping, that He counts us worthy of it.

To Those Who Tithe. Will any who have adopted this plan kindly give their experience for the benefit of the RECORD's readers. There is no argument more potent in leading others to adopt the tithe than the experience of those who have already done so. Tell how you were led to it, how you like it; its effects upon your life and work in other directions, etc.; in short, anything that occurs to you. Send your names to the RECORD in confidence, and if you do not wish them published, say so.

This is not merely a favor asked of you. It is a duty for which you are responsible. If you have tried and proved the tithing a more excellent way, you are as responsible for recommending it to others as you are for making known any part of the Gospel message. It is a way in which you can do a great deal of good. Were those who have tasted and seen the good of the system simply to make known to others what they themselves feel and know regarding it, many more would be led to follow their example.

'94—CLEVELAND—'94.

Two years planning for four days meeting! The long preparation of the Cleveland Committee has ended, and the great convention of 19,000 delegates, outside of Ohio, (40,000 registered in all,) representing the 2,023,800 active and associate members of the C. E. Societies of the world, has met and parted. To that gathering they have brought their varied tributes; at it they have received knowledge and inspiration; while from it springs of thought and work have taken rise, and will flow out in streams of blessing to the world.

Only thirteen years of history has the Society behind it, but never has movement grown so rapidly. Better still, it has the elements of permanency, first, because it is Christian, and second, because it is not an independent organization, but a mode of the life and work of the Church of Christ, which "ever shall remain."

A secretary's official statement, bristling with figures, does not usually fire enthusiasm. Far different was it with the thrilling report of Secretary Baer as he reviewed the work and progress of the year, calling in fancy the encamped posts into line, nation by nation, province by province, state by state; tramp, tramp, tramp, until the army of more than two million Christian enthusiasts, banded in 33,679 companies or local C. E. Societies, was on the march.

Into three grand divisions was the army divided, the first consisting of the 2,740 companies or societies in foreign and missionary lands; the second, the Canadian division of 2,243 societies, and the third, the great division, the 23,696 companies of the American Union.

In the first division, Britain is represented by 1,453 societies, with 75,000 members: Australia, by 834 societies; India, by 72; Japan, 59; the West Indies, 44; Turkey, 38; China, 23; South Africa, 25; Madagascar, 30; and so on, from islands of the sea, from France, Spain and Mexico, from Brazil and Chili. In the second division, Ontario, with 1281 companies, leads by far; then comes Nova Scotia, with 391; Quebec, with 215; Manitoba, 127; New Brunswick, 115; P. E. Island, 46; E. Columbia, 31; Assiniboia,