

obtain from them reports of their work in good season for the meetings of the Board.

The Board of Management in relation to the Foreign Field :—

1. The members of the Board residing in the Province of Ontario shall form a committee for the examination and engagement of applicants for the Foreign Field who may reside in Ontario. The members of the Board residing in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be a committee for the examination and engagement of applicants residing in any of these Provinces.—Shall form a quorum at any meeting of either of these committees.

2. The Board shall first read over together and study the papers filled up by the candidate.

3. The Board shall have an interview collectively with every applicant.

4. The Board having decided by resolution to engage an applicant shall forward his name and the requisite papers to the S. P. G. or other Church of England Society on whose list of missionaries he is to be placed in accordance with the mutual agreement between the Society and the Board, and he shall thenceforth act in accordance with the regulations of the particular society, and receive his stipend and privileges as a missionary through the society.

5. In forwarding names to be placed on the list of any Society the Board shall send a statement showing that the funds to be forwarded by it will meet the usual payments.

6. The travelling expenses of persons accepted by the Board may be paid to the place in which they are to labor, out of the funds at the disposal of the Board.

THE TRUE IDEA OF MISSIONS.

A paper called the *Chinese Churchman*, published in Wuchang, in connection with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the United States has the following :—

“A brief but very excellent statement of the Holy Catholic Church's Mission and purpose is taken from one of the recent home papers under the heading, ‘Two ideas of the Church,—the popular and the true,’ and runs as follows :—

THE POPULAR IDEA.

1. Is a human institution with a Divine Mission.
2. Is an organization for the attainment of Christianity.
3. Is a company of believers.
4. Is a society on earth seeking the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE TRUE IDEA.

1. Is a Divine Institution with a human Mission.
2. Is an organization for dispensing Christianity.
3. Is a corporation of believers.
4. Is the Kingdom of Heaven seeking men on earth.

We have rarely if ever met with anything that gave the *kernel* of the whole matter in a shorter or more satisfactory form. It cannot be too

widely circulated and we are glad to see that some of the home clergy have already incorporated it into their parish tracts.

We think it would be an excellent thing for the cause of the Church's Missions if something of a similar nature could be prepared to correct the very popular but false ideas of Foreign Missions which are so prominent in the American Church.

It might run somewhat as follows, though, of course, more condensed :—

‘Two ideas of the Church's Foreign Missions—the popular and the true.’

THE POPULAR IDEA.

1. That the heathen world of to-day is a very different thing from the heathen world of the early centuries.

2. That Christianity differs from the religions of the Orient only in degree and is to be used only as the capstone to complete the structure which heathen religions have erected.

3. That the use of creeds of the Church and dogmatic teaching of any kind is to be avoided as worse than useless.

4. That while the Church appears as a complete and harmonious divine system at home—she can and must lay all this aside in the Foreign field.

THE TRUE IDEA.

1. That the heathen world is always the same in its essential characteristics—whether in the first century or in the nineteenth.

2. That Christianity differs radically from every other religion on earth, not only in degree but in kind and must by its very nature completely demolish and undermine the structures of heathenism.

3. That clear-cut dogmatic teaching is the very first essential to successful Missions, and the Athanasian Creed the most helpful weapon of the Church.

4. That the Church succeeds in her Foreign Missions first in proportion as she is faithful to her great commission and fearlessly loyal to her divine institution.

If the parish clergy will take these four points and try to grasp them fully themselves and then make them clear to their congregations they will have ample material for missionary addresses at all times.

Our Holy Church has no time or inclination to try experiments in heathen lands. While others may find it profitable to discuss the thousand and one questions which arise as to the most desirable methods of preaching the Gospel, the form and constitution and Ministry and Sacraments which are to be given to the infant Asiatic Churches, she goes right on in her divine way as she has done for eighteen centuries. She knows no other Ministry or Sacraments than those appointed and ordained by Christ himself. She is in honor bound to deliver to these Asiatic Christians no other Faith than that which was once and forever delivered to the Saints.