

MISSION FIELD.

VARIOUS MEANS OF AIDING
THE CAUSE OF FOREIGN
MISSIONS.A PAPER READ AT A CONFERENCE AT
SALISBURY.[From the S. P. G. Mission Field
for April.]

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There is one more point to be touched upon, and it is one of vast importance, as it may almost be said to underlie the whole subject now before us. It is a subject by itself, worthy indeed of most prayerful consideration, and yet one which affects all charitable objects. It is the duty, imperative upon all true Christians, of 'systematic almsgiving.'

We find two great contrary forces in the world, equally opposed to that spirit of true liberality which ought to influence the servants of the Lord.

These forces are the love of money and the love of luxury; the one is in the heart of the miser, the other in that of the spendthrift.

It does not seem needful upon an occasion like the present to enter into any lengthy discussion upon the desirability of contributing to any particular special funds, nor as to the best arrangement for Parochial Associations on behalf of Missions, or of Guilds for particular Colonial Dioceses; and it may be well to have it ever present in our minds that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts is our oldest Society for Foreign Missions, and the one which its charter and constitution is more distinctly than any other organisation the agent of our Church for that work, and it is bound to have amongst its Vice-Presidents all the Bishops of our Church who have Dioceses in this country, and to have for its President the Archbishop of Canterbury.

To such persons as have urgent calls to contribute to this or that special fund, it would be well to give a caution that it is not expedient to divert subscriptions from the general fund of S. P. G.; but that what is given to special funds should be something in addition to what has been contributed to the general fund.

The Church Missionary Society has for many years been doing a great work especially in Africa and India. Other Societies and various agencies are active in the same great cause. We may well pray for God's blessing upon all; but it seems as if, after all, the S. P. G., from its very constitution, is the Society which, being upon no party lines, ought to claim the support of every loyal member of our Church who desires to have the Gospel in all its fulness proclaimed throughout the world.

In conclusion, and by way of introduction to profitable discussion, it may be well to summarize the various means which have been alluded to. They are the following: 1. Prayer divided into private, family, public; 2. Preaching; 3. Meetings; attending them and speaking at them; 4. Garden parties and sales

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of work; 5. Publications; 6. Collecting boxes; 7. Personal service; 8. Homes and schools for children of Missionaries; 9. The duty of giving a tenth of our means to works of charity; 10. The best channel for our contributions.

Finally, let us remember that the work is God's work; at best we are but very feeble workers under Him. By His guidance, by His grace, by power given to us by Him we may do something; without Him all our efforts are in vain.

We may talk of 'various means of aiding the cause of Foreign Missions, and may be tempted sometimes to think too much of 'means' used by us, and not enough of Him for Whom we work, and on Whom all success depends. May God of His great goodness grant to us all more zeal in this great work, and at the same time an ever deepening humility, which may cause us to look out of ourselves into the depths of His love; thus may our love for Him be quickened, so that we may take delight in work which is for His glory, to Whom be all praise for ever.

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MISSION WORK AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

Canon Curtis's work at Constantinople is of various kinds. An English congregation, English strangers in hospitals and prisons, English sailors, and waifs and strays of many nationalities are benefitted by his ministrations and kindly care. The conversion of Turks in Constantinople is, we need scarcely say, extremely rare. In fact, the dangers to which a convert is exposed render it almost impossible. Yet Canon Curtis can send us news of two recent baptisms:—

'For a long time past it has been my custom to receive on the last

two days of each week Turkish students and clerks who have come to me for instruction in language and in religion respectively. I am happy to report the baptism of two on September 20th. Both had been brought to me by Noury, whom I had baptized in 1885, and who has been acting as a Missionary among his own countrymen, as well as a Mission agent among our British merchant seamen. Both of them have at my request written down their reasons for wishing to embrace Christianity.'

The following is one of these declarations, the other being in a similar strain:

'I am a native of Cyprus, and a Muselman Turk. My name is Mustapha Sidki, son of Hadji Mehmed.'

'Eight years ago, when I was at my country, Nikosia, Cyprus, I bought a Holy Bible. Although I was a religious in my faith I began to read it, and to investigate it. At last I found out that there is no other name, or any one through whom we shall be redeemed, but only by believing Jesus Christ's name, whom the Father Almighty raised up among dead, who is the first and the last, and also He is the Redeemer of the world, therefore the Holy Ghost obliges me to confess my belief to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.'

'Nothing, namely, life and death nor vain things of this world, can depart me from the love of God.'

'Therefore I present you, dear sir, my declaration and believe about the faith to the Redeemer, and I also am ready, and wish to confess these things before world and congregation, and want to be a member of His Church, and to bring among the nations to be the Redeemer and Saviour of all men.'

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