

writer "since the commencement of modern missionary effort. And now there are in the world about two thousand missionaries, seven thousand five hundred assistants, four thousand churches, two hundred and fifty thousand converts, three thousand missionary schools, and over two hundred and fifty thousand children and adults belonging to them; two hundred dialects into which the bible is translated, thirty-two millions of Bibles scattered over the earth, in languages spoken by six hundred millions." At the inauguration of this good work the world was not only girt in darkness, but almost every door of access was closed and barred against christianity, but the devoted few in the name of Jesus, passing through fiery trials made an entrance which has since been widening, till we may now almost say, the door of idol temples are thrown wide open for the God of missions.

At present, the foreign field has a special claim on the sympathy, prayers, and generous support of our churches. One of our own beloved brethren, now in Henthada, Burmah, is laboring with great zeal and success under the direction of the American Baptist Missionary Union. This Union is now greatly embarrassed from want of material aid. It has under appointment thoroughly educated, faithful, and devotedly pious young men, anxiously longing to leave their native land, friends, and kindred, to live and die in making known Christ among the heathen,—they wait the liberality of the Churches.

Our American brethren were also soliciting the missionary services of two of our provincial brethren, when overtaken and embarrassed by civil war. Our own Secretary has also been corresponding with the same brethren with the hope of sending them out under our own supervision.

In consideration of God's goodness to us as a people, we earnestly urge upon the churches the propriety of sending, supporting, and directing at least one Missionary as our own peculiar property. It is said our home field is already greater than we can possess, and so let all our efforts be concentrated here. The objection is fallacious, and is proved such by the entire history of missions. When there is interest for the heathen there will be increased interest at home, awakened by reflex blessings. "The liberal soul shall be made fat."—"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Among the instrumentalities which may be used for awaken-