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THE Christian church and the Christian religion do not have for their foundation either wealth or learning, but Christ himself, the solid rock. We should not forget, however, that a right use of money has been closely connected with the advancement of religion, ever since the Jewish Church was established, and that education and religion have been mutual helpers.

KANSAS.

The extra meetings in the Pardee Church will close on Wednesday evening of this week. The interest has been very encouraging, and Bro. Wheeler expects to baptize a few next Sabbath. We earnestly recommend that brethren and sisters of other churches, now living in Eastern Kansas, for their own sake and for the strengthening of the cause there, make the Pardee Church their religious home by becoming members of it.

EXCUSES FOR NEGLECTING MISSIONS.

Most, yes, all, of the orthodox denominations have adopted, as a part of their work, that of missions; and yet there are many and strong opposers. We purpose to consider a few objections. I once heard a minister of high standing with his own people say that God did not need any help to do his work; when the time comes for the heathen to be converted, he would see that it was done.

people had done for missions. Nothing, nothing, he said; they do not pay me my salary. That minister and church that does nothing for the cause beyond their own homes, ought to suffer leanness and poverty; and that minister who works only for his own interest, will beg in harvest, and have nothing. There are those who reverse in missionary work, is evident. As in other things, we may make mistakes; but no well-meant effort was ever put forth in vain. God will be glorified, and humanity blessed.

The objector also says we have heathens at home. But they are those who have been within the reach of religion and religious privileges all their days. They are, therefore, heathen from choice, and not from necessity. And must the world, with its millions, remain in ignorance, because a few thousand in Christian lands choose idolatry? The apostles were not retained in Jerusalem until the people were all converted, but they were sent out among the wandering sheep of the house of Israel.

Another objection is that we lack the means, both money and men. When the pocket is the text, we generally plead poverty. I know that we are few, and our means are limited; but we have not, either ministers or people, learned the lesson of self-denial. When we become as wise as the gold and silver-seekers, and the oil speculators are in their generation, then we may begin to show a becoming zeal for God.

HOW CAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN AID IN MISSIONS?

A Paper read before the Missionary Society at Farina, Ill., September, 1831.

Such, in brief, is the beginning, and the result so far, of our desire to do something for missions. Our methods have been crude and rough, perhaps, and much of our effort misapplied, but we find that the embers which smoldered on our hearts' altars have been, and still may be, fanned into flame to warm and brighten other lives, while it quickens ours.

been written along with those of the holy men who have served in unfolding the gospel message, to this great day of almost universal evangelization; and we believe that without this mingling of labor in church matters, there would be wanting much of that dignity in power, and tenderness in strength, which makes the present status of religious attainment and prosperity possible.

We have not time to recall, even in outline, what history has made its own in these matters. The question of to-day, in its immediate bearing, extends little beyond the memory of some present, and the work already grown from almost nothing to vast proportions in three-quarters of a century, is too vital and too pressing to admit of much wandering.

As a denomination, we have a missionary history of our own. We remember when the mission idea was first suggested, and when our first missionaries were secured, and sent on their long and perilous voyage by sea, to their not less perilous settlement in a heathen land. And we remember how the pastors at home prayed for their safety and the success of the cause, while the whole sisterhood, and even the children, held those missionary-wives in their hearts, and have ever since held them—one already gone to her reward; the other, by the grace of God, a missionary still.

It is well to bring this question close home, and ask ourselves, How can we, Christian women, aid in missions? We say emphatically, Desire to do, and then, seeking to know its needs and our place among the workers, engage earnestly and actively in the endeavor to advance the cause of missions. A little more than seven years ago, the desire to do something for missions, as other Christian women were doing, arose in the hearts of a few sisters in one of our churches.

BY MRS. M. E. RICH.

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ests demand general action; neither should interests be too local. In such case, it comes to be nothing more than individual. But local bands, joining, in state or district or associational societies; and these again in a denominational; these holding monthly, quarterly, and annual sessions; together with such correspondence and exchange of delegates as might be practicable, would not only add much to the interest in the cause, and increase the chances for success, but would go far toward solving the problem under discussion.

And now a few thoughts on the individual question of how to aid. Cultivate the Christian's desire for the conversion of sinners generally. Express the desire by word and deed. Be interested in the measures employed by the denomination for prosecuting the work, taking pains to keep well informed of these things. Encourage the workers, and persuade others to take active part in the work. Read sketches and reports from laborers on foreign fields, and compare the beliefs, ceremonies, of heathen nations, with the faith and practice of Christians.

Still some may aid much more directly. Indeed, we have already very great interest in labor of this kind on a foreign field, praying for and expecting excellent results. But to do this at her best, women must have place. Are not all Mission Boards seeking women to go as missionaries, and even as physicians, to India or Burmah or China or Japan?

would take kindly to the thought of having a woman placed in charge? We take no personal issue with these questions. Public opinion weighs heavily in these as in other matters, and it is only when the great questions of the times become familiar to the minds of the masses, that they are favorably received or safely applied.

But we can not do justice to our question, because its positive side is practically indefinite. We are standing on the border-land between a past to which we would long hesitate to return, and a future that is big with mighty possibilities, where the mountain of prejudice, which has so long hindered the way, is being removed, as it were, into the sea, and the upland pastures of God's spiritual realm invite us to share in the labor and the joy of feeding his flocks.

PROGRESS THE LAW OF THE KINGDOM.

"The law of the kingdom is that of growth and progress. Whether it be in the soul of an individual man, or in the body of a collective church, if we try to arrest its growth and outspreading, or, in other words, if we try to keep the good we have acquired to ourselves, we shall find that if there be truth in the Bible, and faithfulness in the God of heaven, that church and that individual will begin to droop and wither and decay, and finally lose what has been attained to, for they are then manifestly fighting against an eternal law of God.

"But to me, who have had sore traveling and wandering through many lands, it has been a matter utterly overwhelming to the spirit, when I often saw such redundancy of means in the possession of professing Christians, and when I have been told in reply to earnest pleadings in behalf of a perishing world, 'Oh, we have nothing to spare.' How depressing has it been to hear this said, and then to look at the stately mansions, the gorgeous lawns, the splendid equipages, the extravagant furniture, and the costly entertainments, besides the thousands which are spent upon nameless, idle, and useless luxuries.

THE CHINESE have some admirable qualities, and they need nothing but true religion to make them a noble race. Let the love and fear of God take possession of their souls, bless them with a Christian conscience, awaken within their souls longings after the spiritual, the heavenly, and the divine—let this be done, and their progress in the path of true greatness will be rapid and signal.

CHINA IS MOVING.—The mighty forces which are acting upon her are gradually overcoming her inertness and carrying her along. Ere long she will catch the spirit of the age, and astonish the world with the rapidity of her onward march. The resources of the country are simply inexhaustible, and the Chinese are capable of the highest development.

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Conducted by Rev. J. Allen, Secretary of the Seventh-day Baptist Board of Education.

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