

# HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLEMENT.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., OCTOBER, 1896.

## YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN.

O, NOT my own these verdant hills  
And fruits and flowers and stream and wood,  
But His who all with glory fills,  
Who bought me with his precious blood.

O, not my own this wondrous frame;  
Its curious work, its living soul,—  
But His, who for my ransom came,  
Slain for my sake, he claims the whole.

O, not my own the grace that keeps  
My feet from fierce temptations free;  
O, not my own the thought that leaps,  
Adoring, blessed Lord, to thee.

O, "not my own," I'll soar and sing,  
When life with all its toils is o'er,  
And thou thy trembling lamb shalt bring  
Safe home to wander nevermore.

— S. F. Smith.

## THEY USED HELPS.

THE Bible is a remarkable book. It fits all sorts and conditions of life, especially those engaged in the work of God. We find that there is an expression there which is a very familiar one to the canvasser engaged in the work of the third angel's message. Here it is: "They used helps." Acts 27:17. What a familiar term that is with those who are circulating broadcast those sharp, little arrows of truth which find their way into so many homes!

See what follows: "They used helps, undergirding the ship; and fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands." Yes, how many a canvasser's frail bark has been driven into the quicksands of despair and stopped seemingly altogether through his inability to meet the vicissitudes and storms during his earthly career! If he had only "used helps," a different tale might have been told. On the other hand, how many through using them, and so undergirding their poor strained vessel, have sailed along on the voyage of life in the Master's cause, triumphantly! They have prevented many a canvasser's frail bark from falling into treacherous places. Though they are of such benefit to him, that is not the chief end to be kept

in view. Let us think of what life-giving power and encouragement these "helps" may bring to many a hungry and discouraged soul; and what beams of light they shed about them in the darkness of this world.

P. L. HILL.

*Gunnedah, New South Wales.*

## THE SERVICE OF CONSECRATION.

GOD bestows no gift, power, or blessing upon us for ourselves alone,—take money, for instance. The mistake of the rich man in our Lord's parable was not that he was rich. He made his wealth honestly. God gave it to him in abundant harvests. But his sin began when he asked, "What shall I do with all this wealth? Where shall I bestow all my fast-increasing goods?" His decision showed that he was living only for himself. He thought not of his relation to God above or to men about him. "I will build larger barns, and there bestow my goods." Instead of using his wealth to bless others, he would hoard it and keep it all in his own hands. The man who fulfils his mission, and illustrates his consecration when money is given to him, is he who says, "This is not mine. I have received it through God's blessing. He has greatly honored me in making me his agent to use it for him. It is a sacred trust, granted to be employed in his name for the blessing of men; I must do with it just what Christ himself would do if he were here in my place.

Or take knowledge. Culture, in a consecrated life, is not to be sought for its own sake, but that we may thereby be made capable of doing more for the good or the joy of others. Each new lesson in life, each new accession to our knowledge, each new experience, is legitimately employed only when it is turned at once into some channel of personal helpfulness.

Take the blessings of spiritual experience. There is a wonderful sentence in one of Paul's letters. He is thanking God for the comfort which he had given to him in some sorrow, and he says, "Blessed be the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are

in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God;" that is, he praised God, not merely because he himself had been comforted, but because the comfort which had been given to him in his sorrow gave him added power wherewith to comfort others.

It was a great thing to feel the warmth of God's love breaking into his heart, the light of his face streaming upon his soul, and his blessed peace stealing into his bosom. But his personal experience of joy in being thus comforted was entirely buried away in the gladness of the other thought, "Ah! now I can be a better preacher to the troubled. I can bring more consolation to the sorrowing. I have gotten a new power of helpfulness with which to serve my fellows. I can do more hereafter to wipe away tears and to put songs into the hearts of others." It was for this that he thanked God—not that the comfort of God had been imparted to him, although that was a great joy; but that he had something now which he never had before with which to do good and scatter benedictions. His greatest gladness was not that God had lighted a new lamp in his soul, to pour its heavenly beams upon his own sorrow, although that was cause for deep praise, but that he had now a new lamp to carry into other darkened homes. What a sublimity of usefulness! Yet that is the true Christian way of receiving comfort and every spiritual gift and blessing. That is the true idea of consecration.—*J. R. Miller.*

THERE is a whole world of promise and of power to be taken possession of in the matter of consecrated means. The church of God is doing nothing to-day in comparison to what she might do and ought to do. I am ashamed, however, to speak of giving as a duty, because it grows on me more and more that we ought to lose sight of it as a duty, and only think of it as a transcendent privilege. There is something in love that takes off the asperities of duty. "I delight to do thy will, O my God." That is the atmosphere of service—not the law atmosphere, "I ought to do this thing," but the love atmosphere, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."—*A. T. Pierson, D. D.*

A REST-STONE.—A native Christian in India said to an English traveler, "Ah, Sahib, Christ is all my hope; Christ is my rest-stone." At first the traveler did not feel the force of the words. Soon he learned that in that land, burdens were not borne on carts or

wagons, but on human heads or backs, along the dusty roads or streets; and under the blazing sky the burden-bearers bend under their loads. Resting places are provided for them. Stones are set up along the dusty highway, just high enough, on which the weary man can rest his burden.—*Gospel in all Lands.*

## GENERAL REPORT OF FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS.

(FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1896.)

NAME OF CONFERENCE.	Whole Amount for Quarter.	Mem. of Conference.	Amount per Member per Quarter.
<b>DISTRICT NO. 1.—ATLANTIC.</b>			
Atlantic .....	\$419 65	914	.460
Maine .....	76 54	450	.170
Maritime Provinces .....	2 39	126	.019
New England .....	1,278 61	951	1.344
New York .....	47 75	1,247	.038
Pennsylvania .....	309 72	1,265	.245
Quebec .....	25 22	168	.233
Vermont .....	102 70	505	.239
Virginia .....		224	
West Virginia .....		228	
Totals .....	\$2,262 58	6,078	.372
<b>DISTRICT NO. 2.—SOUTHERN.</b>			
Florida .....	\$ 7 50	188	.039
Southern Mission .....	109 23	568	.192
Tennessee River .....	37 34	316	.118
Totals .....	\$154 07	1,072	.143
<b>DISTRICT NO. 3.—LAKE.</b>			
Illinois .....	\$ 37 21	1,200	.031
Indiana .....	189 69	1,635	.116
Michigan .....	291 36	6,402	.045
Ohio .....	507 22	1,632	.310
Totals .....	\$1,025 48	10,869	.094
<b>DISTRICT NO. 4.—NORTHWEST.</b>			
Dakota .....	\$278 17	1,570	.177
Iowa .....	968 68	2,959	.327
Manitoba .....	5 00	90	.055
Minnesota .....	474 13	2,320	.204
Nebraska .....	225 06	1,778	.121
Wisconsin .....	620 81	2,631	.236
Totals .....	\$2,571 85	11,288	.227
<b>DISTRICT NO. 5.—SOUTHWEST.</b>			
Arizona and N. Mexico .....	\$	39	
Arkansas .....	8 21	482	.017
Colorado .....	103 50	1,070	.096
Kansas .....	431 81	2,500	.172
Missouri .....	55 79	1,296	.043
Oklahoma .....	13 79	545	.025
Texas .....	115 09	674	.170
Wyoming .....	5 85		
Totals .....	\$734 04	6,606	.111
<b>DISTRICT NO. 6.—PACIFIC.</b>			
California and Nevada .....	\$ 21 85	3,188	.007
Montana .....	50	130	.003
North Pacific .....	7 00	1,450	.005
Utah .....		70	
Upper Columbia .....	113 89	1,200	.094
Totals .....	\$143 24	6,038	.023

OTHER DISTRICTS.

Central America.....	\$28 00	91	.308
Germany.....	22 10	616	.036
Honolulu.....	2 28	20	.114
Matabeleland.....	5 00		
New South Wales.....	3 23	321	.010
New Zealand.....	11 64	386	.030
Trinidad (W. I.).....	78	44	.018
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$73 03</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>.049</b>
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>\$6,964 29</b>	<b>43,429</b>	<b>.160</b>

MATABELE MISSION.

Dakota.....	\$ 10 00
Iowa.....	25 00
Michigan.....	79 50
Minnesota.....	49 00
North Carolina.....	10 00
North Pacific.....	35 00
Ontario.....	1 00
New Zealand.....	189 92
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$849 42</b>

SCANDINAVIAN MISSION.

Dakota.....	\$21 00
Iowa.....	2 29
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$23 29</b>
TRINIDAD (W. I.) CHURCH.	
New England.....	\$10 00
WEST AFRICA.	
Michigan.....	\$12 00
WEST INDIA MISSION.	
Texas.....	\$10 00
<b>Grand Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,366 37</b>

POLYNESIAN MISSION.

Minnesota.....	\$100 00
Washington.....	150 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$250 00</b>

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 1896.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN MISSION.

Atlantic.....	\$500 00
California.....	52 90
Central America.....	483 71
Central Australia.....	106 74
China.....	50 00
Dakota.....	10 00
England.....	3 65
Honolulu.....	19 00
Indiana.....	30 00
Iowa.....	29 25
Kansas.....	1 75
Maritime Provinces.....	1 52
Michigan.....	810 35
Minnesota.....	150 00
Missouri.....	179 19
Nebraska.....	116 97
New York.....	246 44
Pennsylvania.....	27 50
Russia.....	7 28
South America.....	375 31
Tahiti.....	25 50
West Indies.....	1 00
Wisconsin.....	847 67
Wyoming.....	5 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,550 73</b>

Dakota.....	\$21 00
Iowa.....	5 71
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$26 71</b>

CHINA.

Iowa.....	\$17 00
Pennsylvania.....	4 64
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$21 64</b>

GREAT BRITAIN.

Colorado.....	\$12 50
Iowa.....	3 43
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$15 93</b>

HAMBURG MISSION.

California.....	\$2 25
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INDIA.

Michigan.....	\$10 00
Ohio (school).....	10 67
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$20 67</b>

JAMAICA (W. I.) CHURCH.

Michigan.....	\$10 00
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JAPAN.

Colorado.....	\$1 00
Michigan.....	1 50
Wisconsin.....	1 10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3 60</b>

AUSTRALIA.

Tahiti (school).....	\$25 00
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CARRIBEAN SEA BOAT.

Florida.....	\$2 00
Michigan.....	2 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4 00</b>

CHILE.

Wyoming.....	\$1 13
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ANNUAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL 1, 1896.

Argentine.....	\$ 14 88	New York.....	\$336 06
Arkansas.....	25 35	New Zealand.....	114 47
Atlantic.....	8 50	North Pacific.....	571 71
Australia.....	142 49	Ohio.....	103 04
California.....	2,745 10	Oklahoma.....	2 25
Cent. European Mission.....	746 01	Pennsylvania.....	54 67
China.....	50 00	Polynesia.....	156 05
Dakota.....	11 10	Quebec.....	44 77
Florida.....	29 92	Russia.....	105 33
Germany.....	402 53	Scandinavian Mission.....	655 84
Iowa.....	61 15	Southern Mission.....	82 93
Indiana.....	248 25	Tennessee River.....	11 95
Manitoba.....	48 50	Upper Columbia.....	5 60
Michigan.....	122 71	Virginia.....	6 00
Missouri.....	4 97	Vermont.....	14 00
Minnesota.....	1,381 58	West African Mission.....	24 09
Montana.....	5 00	West Indies (Trin.).....	12 04
Nebraska.....	140 74	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,495 58</b>
New Mexico.....	6 00		

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS FROM ALL SOURCES.

(FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1896.)

First-day Offerings.....	\$6,964 29
Miscellaneous Offerings.....	4,366 37
Sabbath-school Offerings.....	5,795 72
Annual Offerings.....	8,495 58
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$25,621 96</b>

ITEMIZED REPORT OF FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS.

FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1896.

MAINE.

Auburn.....	\$ 25
Augusta.....	8 00
Blaine.....	8 00
Brunswick.....	9 13
Canaan.....	2 00
Cliff Island.....	3 78
Cornville.....	3 00
Deering.....	10 82
Hartland.....	9 75
New Sweden.....	1 50

Portland.....	\$9 83
Somerset Mills.....	6 70
So. Norridgewock.....	2 78
Individuals.....	1 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$76 54</b>

IOWA.

Adel.....	\$1 13
Afton.....	3 70
Algona.....	1 20

Atalissa.....	\$1 10
Atlantic.....	1 28
Boone.....	76
Beaman.....	3 49
Blencoe.....	70
Bonaparte.....	1 40
Bidensburg.....	2 37
Brighton.....	1 30
Council Bluffs.....	5 19
Castana.....	26
Cedar Rapids.....	2 00
Centerville.....	1 30
Croton.....	60
Coon Rapids.....	52
Des Moines.....	18 16
Des Moines (Scand.).....	85
Davenport.....	4 20
Dakota City.....	75
Exira.....	2 50
Elk Horn.....	4 45
Eddyville.....	3 53
Eureka.....	2 28

Fontanelle.....	\$1 55
Fostoria.....	4 08
Fairfield.....	1 19
Gilman.....	18
Graettinger.....	9 00
Grinnell.....	1 55
Hartley.....	4 75
Harlan.....	2 80
Iowa City.....	2 95
Knoxville.....	6 43
Kelley.....	7 41
Kellerton.....	50
Lisbon.....	2 00
Ladoga.....	75
Milford.....	1 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	4 54
Massena.....	1 50
Muscatine.....	7 22
Modale.....	50
Moravia.....	1 75
Monroe.....	2 03
Nevada.....	1 80

Nanson.....	\$1 65
Olin.....	10 90
Osceola.....	1 01
Pilot Mound.....	4 00
Parkersburg.....	3 00
Riverton.....	1 90
Ruthven.....	7 32
Sigourney.....	6 65
Smithland.....	50
Sioux City.....	85
Sandyville.....	1 25
Sharpsburg.....	75
Urbana.....	09
Village Creek.....	3 70
Woodburn.....	2 85
Waukon.....	1 75
West Union.....	40
West Grove.....	65
Winthrop.....	2 50
Miscellaneous.....	785 96
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$968 58</b>

