

"N. S. M." - An Effort to Promote a Good Cause.
To the Editor of the
Dear Sir:-

Allow me through your valuable paper to call attention to an enterprise from which it is hoped much good may result. In February 1886 there were held in 173 towns of England and Wales nearly 900 public meetings in the interest of Foreign Missions. These meetings were under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, one of the two great missionary organizations of the English Established Church, and were known as "F. S. M." - "February Simultaneous Meetings". It was thought that by means of simultaneous meetings at so many widely separated points public attention would be called in an unusual degree to the work of evangelizing the heathen world. In the vast majority of instances no collection was taken nor any effort made to secure money. The object was simply to direct attention to the cause of Foreign Missions, - its principles, methods, and results. The outcome was most encouraging. Tangible evidences of increased interest appeared in an advance in the income of the Society over that of the previous year of more than £ 3000, and in an unusual number of ~~of~~ volunteers for

missionary service. I trust these facts will be of interest because a similar experiment is soon to be tried in our own state under the auspices of the Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey. The time chosen for the meetings is the week Nov. 13-19, hence "N.S.M." - ^{the} "November Simultaneous Meetings". During that week it is proposed to hold all-day meetings in behalf of Foreign Missions in 219 cities, towns, and communities of our state. As in the meetings held in England, it is not intended that collections shall be taken, but the aim will be "to put the last word of our risen Lord to his disciples urgently before the church as the one motive to the work of evangelizing the heathen and Mohammedan world; in other words, to present the Bible doctrine of foreign missions."

As this, Mr. Editor, is a matter in which all denominations of Christians are interested, I hope you will not deem this notice inappropriate to the columns of a paper which finds its way into so many Christian homes.

I am, Sir,

Very truly yours —
C. M.

(Rev. Chalmers Martin)