

The Regions Beyond.

Some of our friends are very fond of singing,

Must I go and empty handed,
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?
Nor one day of service give Him,
Lay no trophy at his feet.

To us the answer seems to come again and again,
there is no necessity to go empty handed.

"Oh, ye saints, arouse, be earnest,
Up and work while yet 'tis day,
Ere the night of death o'ertakes thee,
Strive for souls while still you may."

The field is the world, and ample scope is here given for the energies and faith of souls most inspired to go forth bearing precious seed. To-day the dark Continent of Africa is opening up as a New World for missionary enterprise. West Africa is now connected with Europe by ocean cable which is to be extended to the Cape. The plans of the present would make the veteran, and now glorified missionaries, Moffat and Livingstone glad, could they see whereunto their seeding has tended to the harvesting. If there be joy among the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth, surely the glad tidings must be known to those who are for ever with the Lord. The mighty continent, at one time considered a dreary desert, is proven to have some of the grandest water ways of the world, and already steamers are darting hither and thither on their gospel errands. The Henry Wright is in use at Zanzibar and Mombas, the Illala is navigating the Nyanza; the Eleanor is engaged on the Victoria Nyanza, the Good News is raising steam on the Taganyika, and the Henry Reed and Peace have made their first trip on the Congo, above Stanley Falls. The Charles Jansen is under construction for the Nyanza, and the Henry Venn has been completed at a cost of \$30,000 for voyaging on the Niger.

CHINA.—The Church Missionary Society in its last report speaks of having 2,318 communicants, English Presbyterian missions has nearly 3,000 members; American Methodist and Methodist Episcopal missions have between them 3,000; the China Inland missions, according to this year's report over 1,000 converts. The English Baptist report sixty churches and over 1,400 members.

The Chinese Christians connected with the various Protestant churches and missionary enterprises shows a grand growth. In 1845 there were only 6 communicants. In 1853, 350. In 1863, 2,000. 1873, 8,000. 1883, the total was 20,000. Many of these are gathered as in Christ's days and ministry, from the poor. Nevertheless some of the rulers have believed, and in the Emperor's palace at Pekin twelve or fifteen ladies have their Christian Sabbath day.

INDIA.—The fiftieth anniversary of the American Baptist Telugu mission was celebrated by jubilee exercises at Nellore, India, from the 5th to the 10th of last month. The success of this mission during the past few years has been phenomenal. Nearly ten thousand converts were baptized during the last six months of 1878, and there is now a Baptist church at Angole, with 14,632 members, and a Baptist

theological seminary at Ramapatam, with two hundred students preparing for the ministry. There are more than 26,000 church members throughout the mission field.

Is it not time for Christians to pray, work and give? The signs of times are surely pointing to the day when by millions men will be born unto the Kingdom of Christ and spread as well as welcome the gospel of Christ.

Our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, gave a very pleasant and profitable talk about the manners and customs of the natives among whom they have made their home, and whose conversion and instruction they have made their life work in far off India. The address being practically illustrated by a large collection of things and articles such as are made and used by the people of the East. They moreover showed their sympathy in our work by requesting that the collection \$10.60, less paid expenses, be given to the Tabernacle funds.

A minister writes: "I wish you ever increasing success. I prize B. & B. very highly, and think every boy and girl—in fact every person young and old should read its pages." A friend writes from England: "They are all in love with it. I do not know when ever a magazine so took hold of my feelings and affections. Five persons to whom I have shown it express their intention to take it." A lady writes from Kazabazua. "A friend sent me a copy of your beautiful magazine. I read it with both pleasure and profit. Should like to see them in every home, especially where there are children." One friend sends: "The very covers are good. Every page is calculated to bring one closer to the Lord." These and other kind words we put on record to show our appreciation, and for the encouragement we think they will give our readers to go actively to work and canvas for the magazine. It is not what we say, but what others say.

"About fifteen of us younger students have resolved ourselves into a band of Sunday workers for the purpose of telling the Old Old Story to some of our poor in this vicinity. We go in twos or threes on Sunday afternoons and visit houses, hold prayer meetings and teach Sunday Schools. We are in need of tracts and papers to use in the work, especially Sunday School papers. I thought perhaps you could give us some back numbers of BUDS AND BLOSSOMS. Could the Sunday School send some of their old paper? I am sure they would be gladly received by the poor people. We visit six stations and about 30 or 35 houses on Sunday afternoons."

MEN AND WOMEN OF ISRAEL HELP!—If you love the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley you can prove it by aiding the circulation of B. and B. The first aim of the Editor is to preach Jesus and to scatter good seed. Brethren, we ask your sympathy and prayers.

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