

ragua. Old Tembso, a convert at Twappi, one of the stations, when asked just before he peacefully breathed his last, if he thought he was going to die, replied: "There is no death for me; I shall live forever!" May this mission continue to enjoy, amid all trials, the blessing of more abundant life!

### THE KINGDOM.

—That we have but little faith is not sad, but that we have but little faithfulness. By faithfulness faith is earned. —*Thoreau.*

—The Moravian missionary has a noble device—an ox between a plough and an altar, with the words underneath, "Ready for either." Ready for sacrifice, and ready for service.

—*India's Women* has a department headed "Requests for Praise;" and why not? How innumerable have been the requests for prayer, and how almost unheard of are requests to join in grateful recognition of special mercies! But Paul says: "In everything by prayer and supplication, *with thanksgiving*, let your requests be made known unto God. I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and giving of thanks*, be made for all men."

—The religious idea at the bottom of our civilization, says W. T. Harris, in the *Atlantic Monthly*, is the missionary idea. The lowest must be lifted up by the highest—lifted into self-activity and full development of individuality. Any problem relating to a lower race must be discussed in the light of this religious principle.

—The conception of mission work which confines it to evangelism, pure and simple, is very meagre. It rather includes the laying of the foundations and the erection of the superstructure of the whole kingdom of God. It not only means the saving of souls from destruction—it means their development into the image of Christ.—*New York Observer.*

—In one of the stations in China two shoemakers worked together. The one was a superior workman, the other a good exhorter. The first agreed to do the work in the shop and let the other give up half his time to missionary toil, while he helped to sustain his family. One day's work a week from every one of the church-members of America, estimating the wages at only \$1 per day, would give \$500,000,000 and support 1,000,000 missionaries, or one for every 1000 persons in foreign lands.—*Rev. A. B. Simpson.*

—A woman living near Oroomiah forded a river partly covered with ice, time after time, with her child on her back, that she might hear the missionary preaching in another village. An old evangelist has travelled thousands of miles through Turkey, Persia and the Caucasus. He is blind and very homely, and is accompanied by a friend, who is deaf, and has the use of only one eye. They travel in a humble manner, taking turns in riding their little donkey. Their only baggage is a covering for the night, and a portion of the Gospel in the raised alphabet.

—At a missionary meeting in Paris, a poor blind woman put 27 francs into the plate. "You cannot afford so much," said one. "Yes, sir, I can," she answered. On being pressed to explain, she said: "I am blind; and I said to my fellow straw-workers, 'How much money do you spend in the year for oil for your lamps when it is too dark to work nights?' They replied, 'Twenty-seven francs.' So," said the poor woman, "I found that I save so much in the year because I am blind, and do not need a lamp; and I give it to send light to the dark heathen lands."

—A striking remark was made by Dr. MacGregor in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. He read in a very respectable newspaper that the collection made for football alone in the country—taking all that was connected with it—amounted to £8,000,000