

## LESSONS FROM HOLY WEEK.



HY night is dark—behold the shade was deeper  
In the old garden of Gethsemane,  
When that calm voice awoke the weary sleeper,  
Could'st thou not watch one hour along with me?

O, thou so weary of thy self-denials,  
And so impatient of thy little cross,  
Is it so hard to bear thy daily trials,  
To count all earthly things a gainful loss?

What if thou *always* suffer tribulation,  
And if thy Christian warfare *never* cease;  
The gaining of the quiet habitation,  
Shall gather thee to everlasting peace.

But here we all must suffer, walking lonely  
The path that Jesus once himself hath gone;  
Watch thou in patience through this hour only,  
This one dark hour before the eternal dawn.

—Selected.

THE Jerusalem bishopric has at length been revived on a new basis. It was formerly half Anglican and half German, an arrangement which proved in every way unsatisfactory. It will now be entirely Anglican, the deficiency in stipend caused by the withdrawal of the Prussian Fund being made up by grants from the Church Missionary Society and the Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews. The Ven. Geo. E. P. Blyth, late Archdeacon of Rangoon, has been appointed bishop. Some seem to deplore this step, but in a missionary point of view it is better to continue work begun, than to allow any foreign bishopric to lapse. This view has probably been taken by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who has sanctioned the step. The late bishop Bloomfield, in preaching before the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews, in 1843, spoke as follows:—"The consecration of an Israelite to the highest order of the Christian ministry, must effectually remove from the minds of the Jewish nation an impression, which has hitherto greatly impeded the work of their conversion, that they are regarded by Christians, if not with aversion, with contempt. I entirely concur with a learned and eloquent member and ornament of our Society (Rev. Dr. McCaul), in the opinion that the establishment of a Hebrew Bishop at Jerusalem is more important, and more efficient for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews, than all other means employed, not only by the Society, but by all the Gentile Churches since the dispersion. Nor do I hesitate to urge on those, to whom is intrusted the dispensing of the Society's resources, the paramount importance of concentrating their efforts upon the Jerusalem mission, and of supplying to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Palestine whatever may be required for its material and visible integrity and completeness." A branch of this Society exists in Canada. The Secretary is the Rev. T. S. Ellerby, Toronto.

THE Book of Common Prayer, though wonderfully comprehensive, is singularly deficient in mis-

sionary prayers. May not this account in a measure for the supineness on the part of many church people in the glorious cause? The undoubted loyalty to the British crown which exists among Anglican churchmen may be largely due to their constantly joining in the numerous prayers of the Prayer Book for the Sovereign of Great Britain and the Royal Family. Were there many and urgent prayers for missions, we might have every reason to expect a more fervent missionary spirit. The only collect that may be said to be missionary is one of those appointed for Good Friday, which prays for "all Jews, Turks, Infidels and Heretics," but loving prayers for increased zeal and liberality, for earnest men and women to offer themselves as missionaries, for the protection of those exposed to the dangers of foreign work, are sorely needed.

THE following are, as nearly as can be ascertained, the number of agents employed at the end of the century for the work of evangelizing the world: 3000 *ordained missionaries*, 730 *laymen*, and 2500 *women* have been sent out by the Protestant Churches of Britain, America and the Continent of Europe, into all parts of the heathen and Mohammedan world. These 6,230 messengers of the Churches are now preaching the Everlasting Gospel in *twenty times* as many languages as were spoken on the day of Pentecost.

TWENTY-SEVEN thousand native converts are now employed and paid as evangelists to their own countrymen, and 2,500 are ordained pastors of native congregations. Many voluntary workers give themselves willingly to evangelistic work, and many thousands of teachers and professors are employed in the more secular but important work of teaching the young in schools and colleges.

THE money raised for carrying on Protestant missions in all parts of the world now amounts to £2,450,000. This sum is collected by more than a hundred missionary societies in Great Britain, America, and the Continent, to support the European, American, and native agents, and to cover all expenses connected with the work at home and abroad.

ADMIRAL FOOTE was invited to dine with the King of Spain. The stern old sailor bowed his head a moment at the table to ask divine blessing. The king looked up in surprise: "I thought only missionaries did that!" "Sire," answered the admiral, "every Christian is a missionary."

BISHOP BRANSBY KEY, coadjutor bishop of Kaf-fria, has become bishop of that diocese owing to the retirement of Bishop Callaway.

ENCOURAGING prospects are held out in India for the establishment of a large force of native missionaries.