

It comes with a plea which is strong and prevailing :

"For Christ's sake" to me ;

"For Christ's sake" to thee ;

Oh what—oh what shall the answer be ?

We come, Lord, to Thee,

Thy servants are we,

Inspire Thou the answer, and true it shall be !

If here we should work or afar Thou shouldst send us,

O grant that Thy mercy may ever attend us,

That each one may be

A witness for Thee,

Till all the earth shall Thy glory see ?

NEWS FROM THE WIDE FIELD.

The average wages of Japanese do not exceed ten cents a day, yet in the last year Japanese converts have given to mission work nearly \$29,000.—*Kingdon.*

Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop says: "Just think: from Karachi to Bagdad among the populous cities and villages of the Persian Gulf, of the Tigris and Euphrates, throughout Arabia, throughout south and south-west Persia—not a missionary."

Blessed are they who see the day of glory, but more blessed are they who contribute to its approach.—*Bishop Decker.*

If you do not wish for His kingdom, don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it, you must work for it.—*Ruskin.*

"It is scarcely a quarter of a century since the first baptism in Micronesia. Now there are forty-six self-supporting churches, with over 5,300 church members."

Here is a sentence from Lochend Church pulpit: "Many Christians are like the faded hands of an old finger-post: they want relettering so that others may know how they point."

"Reports from Japan indicate that about four hundred people are baptized in the Protestant churches every month."

"The Sandwich Islands within half a century have become Christian, and stand to-day at the head of Christian activity in sending the Gospel to other islands of the sea."

A BRAHMIN AND THE BIBLE.

A learned Brahmin recently said in the presence of some two hundred Brahmins, official students and others:—"I have watched the missionaries, and seen what they are. What have they come here for? What tempts them to leave parents, friends and country and come to this, for them, unhealthy climate? Is it for gain or profit they come? Some of us country clerks in the Government offices receive larger salaries than they. Is it for an easy life? See how they work, and then tell me. Look at the missionary. He came here a few years ago, leaving all for our good. He was met with cold looks and suspicious glances. He was not discouraged; he opened a dispensary, and we said, 'Let the Pariahs' (lowest caste people) take his medicine, we won't; but in the time of our sickness and our fear we were glad to go to him, and he welcomed us. Has he made any money by it? Even the cost of the medicine he gave us has not been returned to him. What leads him to do all this for us? *It is the Bible!* I have looked into it a good deal, in different languages I chance to know; it is the same in all languages. The Bible! there is nothing to compare with it in all our sacred books for goodness, and purity, and holiness, and love, and for motives of action. Where do the English people get their intelligence and energy and cleverness of power? It is their Bible that gives it to

them; and they now bring it to us and say, *This is what raised us; take it, and raise yourselves.* They do not force it upon us, as did the Mohammedans with their Koran, but they bring it in love and say, *look at it, read it, examine it, and see if it is not good.*"—*Helping Hand.*

But recently Siam and Laos were opened to the Gospel. The Presbyterian church of the United States, North, has now there 14 ordained missionaries, 4 medical missionaries, 9 single women, 54 native preachers and teachers, 13 churches, 1,115 communicants.

The two most Protestant countries in the world are Sweden and Norway, the former out of a population of 4,774,409, has only 810 Roman Catholics, and the latter only 502 out of a population of 1,818,853. Most of the people are Lutherans.

It is five years since the beginning of the Student Volunteer Missionary Movement. Six thousand have offered, 70 p.c. being men, 30 p.c. women; 350 have gone abroad, 500 are in the Theological Colleges, 125 in medical schools, many in other colleges.

One of the marvellous triumphs of the Gospel in modern times is the McAll Mission in France. One of Mr. McAll's men says: "So many doors are open that our opportunity is simply measured by our ability." Another says: "If in twenty years the work has so spread, in the next twenty years we hope to see France become a nation of Huguenots."

The great liberator of imprisoned souls is Jesus Christ. If you want to convert a Roman Catholic, teach him salvation by faith in the atoning blood and the work of the Holy Spirit. If you want to convert the sinners in a Protestant congregation or Sunday school, drive home the same truths into the conscience. Drunkenness is both a sin and a disease; while we may apply medical tonics to sustain the body and the pledge of total abstinence, yet the converting grace of Christ alone can deliver from the slavery of sin. Every true revival in a church repeats the miracle in Bethany. We see dead souls brought to life. We hear tongues unloosed to pray. Professing Christians, who have been dragged down by worldliness or hamstrung by unbelief, are let loose into a freedom and a joy to which they had been strangers. To every member of our churches who is now dragging out a half-dead religion, the Holy Spirit comes with the arousing call. "If ye be indeed risen with Christ, *seek those things which are above!*" Instead of sitting in the gates of the tomb, cast away your grave-clothes and begin to live as Christ's freemen and Christ's witnesses, and the heirs of a magnificent inheritance. Look higher! Live higher! Get a new grip on Christ and then go out and labor to draw sinners from the pit of hell. This is the revival we all need, a new consecration to Christ, and a fresh baptism of His Spirit, for we can never convert an ungodly world while we are gasping for life ourselves. If Christ unloose us, we shall be free indeed, and where His Spirit is, *there is liberty.*

MRS. ASHMEAD'S BUREAU DRAWER.

"How did it come about? Well a bureau drawer and a dream were the cause, I think," said Mrs. Ashmead; and then as Mrs. Stowe opened her big blue eyes wide in interest and astonishment, she added;

"Of course, dear, it was the Lord who brought it all about, but the bureau drawer and the dream were the instruments. He used to show me what a sinful, wicked, selfish woman I was getting to be."