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## REFUNDED.

"Ben Adam had a golden coin,  
Which he put out to interest with a Jew,  
Year after year awaiting him it lay,  
Until the single coin two pieces grew;  
And these two, four, so on, till people said,  
How rich Ben Adam is, and bowed the servile head.  
Ben Selim had a golden coin,  
Which to a beggar asking alms he gave,  
Who went rejoicing on his unknown way.  
Ben Selim died too poor to own a grave;  
But when his spirit went to heaven angels with pride,  
Showed him the wealth to which his coin had multiplied."

## TWO THOUSAND CASTES IN ONE SMALL TOWN.

The author of a valuable book on Gujarat, Rao Bahadur Bhimbhai Kirparan, gives the number of castes in the small town of Surat at over 2,000! And these minute divisions of one and the same group of humanity have to live and die apart from one another, as if each were absolutely and irrevocably cut off from itself by some subtle force not to be recognized by mortal eyes. Well may the *Voice of India* exclaim: "Is it not idle to talk of a nationality in the presence of the most irrational exclusiveness?" The Arya Samaj and the Brahmo Samaj are setting an example in the way of bringing the scattered forces of our social existence into a focus. And the example is being followed by some of the more sensible castes among the community.

THE quality and efficiency of the religious work of the church have always been determined by the degree and progressiveness of the missionary enterprise. The Church of the Apostles was an entirely missionary church. The New Testament is the bound volume of the missionary magazines of the first half-century. St. Paul's method of governing his churches was to be always planting new ones. He knew well the one condition on which the religion of the Gospel can succeed, strange that with the New Testament in our hands we can ever forget it!—*Missionary Review*.

## SPRING IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW.

Kindly look at the DATE of your ADDRESS LABEL. If it is not beyond May '04, please send the amount due and give the Editor the pleasure of changing it to '05.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IN INDIA.

The Christian Endeavor Convention held in Ahmednagar last autumn was probably the largest Christian convention ever held in Western India. Nearly 2,000 Christians went in a procession through the streets and held a mass-meeting in the Indian theater, it being the largest building in the city. Something like 1,800 people crowded into this building while others stood outside. The conduct of this meeting was Indian; the audience was Indian, with the exception of perhaps a dozen foreigners—visitors and missionaries; the language was Marathi; the hymns in Marathi, the translations of Western hymns with familiar music, led by three of our missionaries; prayer was offered by Marathi clergymen and laymen, and three converted Brahmans addressed the gathering. All of the addresses, with one exception, were delivered in Marathi, a large proportion of the speakers being Indian Christian leaders and pastors from different parts of the presidency. The small number of missionary speakers was remarkable.—*Missionary Herald*.

It is thought that the cause of missions might be promoted by calling attention to *The Missionary Review of the World*.

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