

add, intense. He could not stoop to note interruptions or objections at the time, but moved on swiftly in his course like a ship with full canvas under a stiff breeze. In December last he preached, for the last time, a spirited sermon on the nature of true conversion, "For this my son was dead and is alive again." After serving well his generation he has departed in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

THE KINGDOM.

"What shall I do for Christ?" asked a young disciple of Bishop Selwyn. "Go where He is not, and take Him with you," was the venerable bishop's reply.

—The day is long past when any except the ignorant and prejudiced speak of foreign missions with a sneer. The century now drawing to a close has no prouder laurel than that which it wears as distinctively the century of missionary effort and progress recorded in the evangelization of the world.—*Harper's Bazar*.

—Two Bavarian missionaries belonging to the station at Killalpaninna, in Central Australia, were sitting chatting with the Christianized aborigines after the midday meal, when the conversation turned on their state before their conversion, and it was asked if any of them had ever committed a murder. It turned out that out of the nine who were present only one had never killed a man, and that only because he was too cowardly; but he had helped at the murders of others.

—Did he say it? Or, what is far more to the purpose, is the allegation true? John Wanamaker is reported to have remarked: "It is the hardest thing in the world to find a clean, strong, healthy, earnest, upright young man."

—The lines of no two human hands are exactly alike. When a traveller in China desires a passport, the palm of the hand is covered with fine oil paint,

and an impression is taken on thin, damp paper. This paper, officially signed, is his passport.

—Dr. Bonar, the author of many hymns, dreamed that the angels took his zeal and weighed it, and told him that it was excellent, for it weighed exactly 100, which was all that could be asked. He was greatly gratified at the result. Next they wished to analyze it. They put it in a crucible and tested it in various ways, with this result: 14 parts were selfishness, 15 parts sectarianism, 23 ambition, 23 love to man, and 26 love to God. He awoke humbled, and determined on a new consecration.

—Some years ago a missionary in Burmah came to a village where the rats had destroyed the rice crop. A deacon of the church brought him a large offering to help carry the Gospel to the Karens in a remote region. The missionary, seeing the destitution in the village, objected to taking the money; but the deacon said, "Take it; we can live on rats, but the Karens can't get along without the Gospel."

—Hundreds of young men annually leave our shores as cadets. All their friends rejoice when they think of them bearing the commissions of our queen. When any dangerous expedition is planned by government, more volunteers apply than are necessary to man it. On the proposal to send a band of brave men in search of Sir John Franklin, a full complement for the ships could have been procured of officers alone, without any common sailors. And what thousands rushed to California, from different parts of America, on the discovery of gold! How many husbands left their wives and families! How many Christian men tore themselves away from all home endearments to suffer and toil and perish by cold and starvation on the overland route! How many sank from fever and exhaustion on the banks of the Sacramento! Yet no word of sacrifices there. And why should we so regard all we