

land against the Sunday newspaper, is this: John Burns, the oldest champion of labor's interests that ever issued from its ranks, was among the strongest opponents of the Sunday journals. He stood shoulder to shoulder with the Right Rev. Mandell Creighton, Bishop of London, and Hugh Price Hughes, in their battle for the Lord's day. 'The Sabbath,' said John Burns, in an address to the Home Secretary, 'is the workingman's treasure.' Would that all workingmen realized it before it is lost to avarice and greed.

Mrs. Emma Maxwell Burke, who describes her experiences of the earthquake and fire at San Francisco in the New York 'Outlook,' declares that the stupendous disaster leads a thoughtful person to two conclusions—viz., faith in humanity, and the progress of the human race. 'All artificial restraints of our civilization' (writes Mrs. Burke), 'fell away with the earthquake's shocks. Every man was his brother's keeper. Everyone spoke to every one else with a smile. The all-prevailing cheerfulness and helpfulness were encouraging signs of our progress in practising the golden rule, and humanity's struggle upward toward the example of our Saviour.'

R. G. N.B.

The fiftieth annual report of the British Missions to Seamen gave many interesting details regarding the efforts made for the past 50 years by the society to provide spiritual ministrations for crews of many nationalities and creeds, as far as possible when at sea, as well as whilst in port, at anchor and ashore. Including 2,029 church offertories and non-recurring legacies amounting to £14,443, the total receipts reached a total of £63,408, the largest sum received in any one year. By means of eighty-one mission vessels nearly 10,000 services and Bible readings were conducted last year afloat by the mission staff on board ships and fishing vessels; besides divine worship held at sea by voluntary Missions to Seamen helpers serving on board.

The society is at work in 62 ports at home and in 24 harbors abroad. It has a staff of 55 chaplains and 79 readers, and other workers. During last year nearly 21,000 religious services were held in 111 Missions to Seamen churches and institutes ashore for seagoing men, besides 2,379 brief min-

istrations in Royal Naval Reserve drill ships and batteries, and at coastguard stations. An appeal is made for an additional income of £10,000 in its jubilee year, to enable the society to found ten jubilee chaplaincies for neglected harbors abroad and for two additional chaplains in home ports.

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