

from the bondage of Satan may come into the shelter of Christ. You will see a very correct picture of the condition of our country in Romans 1:18-32.

O, Christian people, up! up! up! run! help us! For our country is going to destruction. The condition of Malwa especially is exceedingly bad. . . . There are many cities . . . such as Mohanmadpur, Khargun, Maheshwar, Mandleshwar, Barwaha, Kukai, Manawar, Rajpur, Ranapur, Jhabua, Thandla, Pitlawad, Sardarpur, Dhar, Amjhera, Sailana, Barnajar, Khachrod, Jaora, Mundesar, Bhilwara, Tal, Mahidpur, Dewas, etc., besides many villages and towns. For each of these above named cities a missionary is necessary.

Twelve years ago only two missionaries, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wilkie, were laboring in so heavy a district. Mr. Campbell's itinerancies sometimes continued for four months at a time, nevertheless many cities and towns remained entirely dry. And now there are only five head stations and ten or twelve branch stations.

O brethren, how many other cities are there in which these few missionaries and brethren cannot always be present to give them the benefit of the Gospel of Christ! And how many people are coming into the world! Alas! Alas!

O dear people of Christ, awake! Still more look toward us in love! Consider our state! Gird up your loins and with open hand make collections and send a missionary for every city. Who can speak the joy that shall be received from seeing in Heaven with Christ, those who shall be saved through your wealth and preaching. I pray that other missionaries may come with Mr. Campbell and be the means of bringing many souls into the shelter of Christ. Now Salutation.

### Higher Religious Instruction at Ujjain India.

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The readers of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW will see with pleasure the creditable stand taken by the pupils of the Mission Station of Ujjain, under the care of the Rev. J. Buchanan, at the last annual examination. The papers on which they wrote were the same as those supplied to the Sabbath Schools in Canada and the results are the best possible proof of the thorough work done by our Foreign Missionaries. The standing of the pupils is as follows:—

BIBLICAL DEPARTMENT.—Junior Grade, Class III, John; Intermediate Grade, class IV, Yeshwant; Senior Grade, Class II, Ramlal and Jairam Makasare; Class III, Daniel Cameron; Class IV, S. P. Isaacs Mrs. S. P. Isaac and Herbert.

DOCTRINAL DEPARTMENT.—Junior Grade, Class III, John; Intermediate Grade, Class IV, Yeshwant; Senior Grade, Class II, Daniel Cameron; Class III, Keshriant Chogamul and Ramlal; Class IV, Modhaw and Govind Prasad.

Yours, W. Farquharson, Claude.

Fourteen million dollars were given by Protestant Christendom last year for Foreign Missions. And yet, though the Christians of America gave nearly one-half of the sum, they gave it, according to the reckoning of Dr. Strong, based on the census of 1890, out of wealth amounting to thirteen billions of dollars now in the hands of the Christians of the United States; so that by the law of proportional giving they contributed in that year one thirty-second part of one per cent. of their means to Foreign Missions. A widow's mite indeed, but a mite subtracted from millions left untouched—a speck of gold dust dropped from a mountain of gold coins!—A. J. Gordon, D.D.

In Mexico taxes are assessed, not on real estate, but on one's business or profession, says a writer in the *Essex Herald*. I was taxed 50 cents a month for preaching to the Americans in the capital. Some of my friends had to pay \$2 a month, a delicate compliment to their extraordinary oratorical powers. In Saltillo the priests had persuaded the local authorities to regard every one as a preacher who rose in the Baptist fellowship meetings to relate his experience and to tax him \$5 a month for the privilege. That of course amounted to a prohibition of the meetings. When the matter was reported to President Diaz he promptly instructed the governor of the state to rescind the obnoxious laws.

A missionary, now in India, reports that her going was largely the result of joining in a prayer to intercede for more laborers to be sent out. As she prayed it seemed "so mean to ask for others to go, and not face the question, Can I go myself?"

### Thoughts by the Way.

Why should Dr. T. L. Cuyler have such freshness in his writing, such force in his preaching, and such a healthful and blessed power in his influence the wide world over? He has done what he could, he has kept the cross ever in sight, and he has done all "in His name." *Go thou and do likewise.*

What is the secret of the persistent puffing some men give themselves in the present day? The fabled frog found it out. It was too small. But alas it blew itself till it burst. Many of the small men who persistently puff themselves do not reach this desirable climax, because they are too tough in the hide.

The Church is Christ's body, and He works through it, accomplishing His purpose among men. Hence "to every man his work" is our Lord's plan. What, my friend, are you doing as a professed member of that body? Have you found out your sphere of service? If so, then work while it is day, the night cometh wherein no man can work.

A little girl had been rummaging in her mother's trunk. There she found a "church letter" which her mother had neglected to present to the church into whose neighborhood he had moved. The little explorer rushed into her mother's presence shouting: "O mamma, I've found your religion in your trunk!"

There is a needle-like point in that story for a great many people. With far too many the neglected church letter comes to be about the only part of the old church life remaining. But surely a trunk is a poor, dark, mothly place for one's religion. Why should any one keep it there?

It is quite important, when speaking of the longest day in the year, to say what part of the world we are talking about, as will be seen by reading the following list, which tells the length of the longest day in several places. How unfortunate are the children in Tornea, Finland, where Christmas day is less than three hours in length!

At Stockholm, Sweden, the longest day is eighteen and one half hours in length.

At Spitzbergen, the longest day is three and one half months.

At London, England, and Bremen, Prussia, the longest day has sixteen and one half hours.

At Hamburg, in Germany, and Dantzig, in Prussia, the longest day has seventeen hours.

At Wardbury, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21st to July 22nd, without interruption.

At St. Petersburg, Russia, and Tobolsk, Siberia, the longest day is nineteen hours, and the shortest five hours.

At Tornea, Finland, June 21st brings a day nearly twenty-two hours long, and Christmas one less than three hours in length.

At New York the longest day is about fifteen hours, and at Montreal, Canada, it is sixteen.

But the longest day of all will be in New Jerusalem; for "there shall be no night there."—*The Evangel.*

General Booth says: "I make men pray—that does the work. You ministers don't make enough of this. I tell a man to pray—whatever comes first; I want to make him face God. Once a drunkard yielded to my urging, clasped his hands and finally said: 'O Lord, jump down my throat and drive the Devil out.' He is a saved man now. That was about what he needed."

Michael Angelo, the famous sculptor, was showing a visitor over his studio, and pointed out how in the great work in which he was engaged he had polished this part, softened that, retouched this, since his last visit. "Yee, I see," answered the visitor, "but these things are such trifles." "So they may be," replied the great master; but remember that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."

The quality of the self-reliant pluck of the late Dr. Dale, of Birmingham, may be judged by an anecdote which was told of him by Canon Gore, just after Dr. Dale's death. "When Dr. Dale," he said "as a young man, was rising into celebrity as a preacher at Carr's Lane Chapel, Birmingham, an old minister remarked to him: 'I hear you are preaching doctrine; you had better give that up. The people will not stand it.' 'They will have to stand it,' replied Dr. Dale. 'I shall make them stand it.' 'They did stand it, wise people as they were, and it made them steadfast in the faith of the Gospel of Christ."