

and does no dark shade of sorrow come over us because of those who know Him not? Yet "this is life eternal, that they might know Thee!"

When Jesus drew near Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it, saying: "If thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace." . . . And then follows, "He taught daily in the temples." "Taught daily," till wicked men took Him and slew Him, and those loving lips were silent in death. He never again Himself taught those multitudes for whom He felt such boundless compassion, but He sent His disciples forth with the message of love and mercy, and bid them "go into all the world," "preaching in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

A disciple of Christ must have the mind of Christ; he must know something of this divine passion for the dying multitudes. If he does, what will be the result?

First, he will "pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth more labourers into His harvest."

Secondly, he will do all he can himself to help.

The prayer of faith can never be a barren thing. Those who pray "in truth" (Ps. cxlv. 18-19) will endeavor to bring about that for which they pray—some in one way, some in another. That for which we pray in earnest, we earnestly strive to attain. It cannot be otherwise. It is in the very nature of it impossible that it should not be so. And how fearful the mockery of pretending to pray about that which we do not attempt to do or to further in some way!

But our first duty is to pray. Our Lord does not say here "go," but "Pray ye therefore." When he had taught them to pray, later on, He says, "Go ye into all the world," to proclaim "remission of sins in His name."

What does St. Paul say? "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." And then after describing their state, he breaks out passionately, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? . . . and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Our object is to promote individual and united prayer for missionary work; for true, earnest prayer lies at the very root of it; all cannot go forth into the mission-field, but all can pray, and all are bound to pray, to the Lord of the Harvest, who alone "gives the increase."

To promote the spirit of prayer it is most helpful, if not necessary, to read the accounts of the work being done, as well as of that which needs doing. Our Lord said to His disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." And it was when "He saw the multitudes" that "He was moved to compassion."

Christian friends are therefore urged to read the accounts given of the work and its needs both in this paper and in those specially devoted to reports of missionary work.

In all we find appeals for more helpers.

For several weeks past these pages have given extracts from the diaries of Mr. McKay and Mr. O'Flaherty, missionaries in Uganda, and we could not fail to realize, as we read them, how greatly they were in need of helpers, even had we not again and again come to expressions such as: "Oh, for more men of goodwill and energy to help us in our work." The cry from India is the same.

Miss Seymour writes from Ellore: "The women in the Zenanas are literally crying out for some one to go and see them. Doors are open all round, and no one to go. The poor things say—'Come soon and see us!' 'Nobody comes to see us now,' 'Nobody teaches us.' No wonder the already over-worked missionaries ask for assistance.

Another lady toiling in the heat of India at Ihandiala, writes: Oh, are there not some to whom God has entrusted the needful gifts, including, if possible, the means to live at their own cost, who are willing to leave their loved ones and

their work at home,—to break their alabaster box,—for His sake who gave His life for them, and to respond, 'Here am I, send me.' Will not some faithful and active young soldier of Christ volunteer for foreign service?

In China, we learn, that people are feeling after God, groping about in darkness, seeking some one to guide them; but, alas, there is not one missionary to a million men, or one to twice that number of women.

"If you had stood as I have done," writes one from there, "among a crowd of dirty, untaught Chinese women, and heard them say, 'Do stay and teach us,' and knew the change which Christianity would bring about in their benighted homes and hearts, you would act, you would do more than sing to the winds and waves to carry the Gospel message, or sigh at the vastness of the empire, 'appalling to even think of its need.'" One lady said she would be willing to help China when all the poor ladies in England had been assisted. Philanthropic idea, that will never be realized! Then there are many whose whole energies are used up in working for India or other parts. Work on, dear friends, and may the Master reward your efforts with abundant success! Give us a place in your prayers, in your sympathy, and we will remember you. But to the willing ones who are asking, "What can I do?" we say, "Come over and help us."

And so we conclude this paper by urging upon each Christian to ask God to teach him what there is for him to do to help to fulfil the parting command of our Saviour: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." God has His special work for each, and He will show each willing heart what to do.

British & Foreign News.

ENGLAND.

The Bishop of Peterborough has just recovered from his severe illness.

The Prayer Book Revision Society have decided to take steps to bring the matter of Liturgical revision before Parliament.

The Plymouth Brethren in London decline to unite with the other religious denominations in taking a Hospital Sunday contribution.

The Rev. G. B. Tatum, of Christ church, Oxford, and the Rev. R. J. D. Godly, of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, have joined the Roman Catholic Church.

The Bishop of Bedford is appealing to the ladies to join his Deaconesses' Home. Their work lies exclusively among the sick, the poor, and the ignorant in the slums of the East End of London.

At a recent gathering of Church-workers at Canterbury, Canon Cadman said that aggressiveness must characterize all Christian work. A do-nothing Christian was generally a good-for-nothing Christian.

All the scholars who graduated from the Yorkshire school of cookery last spring, have found places at salaries ranging from \$350 to \$500, and the English papers begin to think that a new industry for women has been discovered.

Miss Mary Gorham has been giving an "Evangelical Mission" in the Diocese of Manchester, under the auspices of the Bishop. Her ministrations, which are said to have been very successful, have been confined strictly to women and children.

"The Odd Minute Society" has been formed in London, whose members engage to spend fifteen minutes a day in making some article of clothing for the poor. In the twenty-one months since it was formed 1,030 articles have been distributed.

A clergyman of the city of Coventry lately visited a poor washerwoman in his parish. Finding her ill and unable to earn her weekly pittance by mangling the clothes of her customers, he, without saying a word to the invalid, doffed his coat and agreeably surprised his parishioner by showing her the linen as well finished as if she performed the task herself.

A recent and wide-spread epidemic of enteric fever in the parish of St. Pancras, in London, has been proved to be due to infected milk, adding another to the many illustrations of this means of disseminating disease which have been recorded since Dr. Ballard, in 1880, first demonstrated the fact that enteric fever had actually been thus propagated. Scarlet fever and diphtheria have been spread by the same agency, and in some cases the epidemic has been very extensive.

During the past year the Bishop of Manchester has confirmed the unprecedented number of 16,354 candidates against 11,485 in 1882. The total number confirmed by the Bishop during the 14 years he has been at the head of the see, has been 161,064, of whom 60,896 have been males, and 100,150 females. Excepting the diocese of London, the confirmations in the diocese of Manchester for the time mentioned is greatly in excess of any other diocese in the kingdom—in the diocese of Manchester there are 400,392 sittings against 396,677 last year; of the 400,392 sittings, 253,729 are free and unappropriated, for ever, showing the diocese of Manchester foremost in the kingdom in the provision of free and open sittings.

UNITED STATES.

The Rev. E. Ransford, lately of Toronto, has become Manager and Publisher of the "Diocesan Chronicle," of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Richard P. Hart, of Troy, N. Y., has given \$10,000 to the Young Men's Association of that city, to enable them to make their library free.

Of the 85,000 Jews in New York city fully one-half are orthodox—that is, they are firm adherents of Judaism. The others are liberals, nothingarians and infidels.

It is reported that Superintendent Barnard has made profanity by the employees of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad punishable with discharge.

It is a most hopeful fact that 90 schools with 130 Christian teachers have been planted in the strongholds of Mormonism in Utah, and that their number is increasing.

The Rev. James S. Bush, rector of a fashionable Protestant Episcopal church on Long Island, is said to have resigned the rectorship because of his conscientious scruples against church lotteries, even for Sunday School purposes.

The use of tobacco among the inmates of Moyamensing Prison, Philadelphia, was abolished by the directors two months ago. The prison physician watched the effects on the men, and reports their general health improved, with no evil effects.

The Foreign Missionary Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church has withdrawn from all official connection with the missionary work "under the charge of the Bishop of the Valley of Mexico"—that is, with the work which Bishop Riley has so signally mismanaged.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Diocese of Albany was held at Troy, N. Y., last week, Bishop Doane presiding. In his address the Bishop said he decided to allow the clergy to test the alterations in the revised Book of Prayer by the introduction of some of the changes in the Lenten service.

The accounts of the wreck of the "City of Columbus" off Gay Head, on her way from Boston to Savannah are heart-rending. Many influential citizens of Boston perished. The night on the Vineyard Sound was bright, the sea rough but not dangerous if the "Columbus" had kept in the channel. But she struck the ledge; her passengers and crew were instantly summoned to face wreck, waves, death! Some one had blundered. Where the terrible responsibility lies, the investigation may discover.

The Protestant Episcopal diocese of Mississippi has been singularly unfortunate. Its Bishop's House was burned in the war, and its Episcopal Fund lost. The Church has only twenty-three active clergy, about one to every 50,000 inhabitants. Lately, by the failure of a bank in Vicksburg, of \$1,600 collected during the past year for the support of an aged and resting bishop \$600 are gone. Some \$800 more collected for the support of the episcopate are gone. Quite \$2,000 the nucleus of an asylum fund, are gone. About \$3,000 held for an Episcopal residence are gone.