

POWER FROM THE SMALL.

"Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth."

It is a well-known fact in natural science that, a pebble being dropped in the water, the pulsations do not cease until the opposite shore, however remote, is reached. It is unquestionably so in the moral world. The aggregate influence for good or evil of a single remark, or of a single act, cannot be estimated until the Day of Judgment. Take for example so small a matter as the handling of a tract. A sorrowing father gave to his dissolute son a tract. It resulted in his conversion. The name of the young man was Richard Baxter, and he afterward wrote "Baxter's Call to the Unconverted," which, on being carefully read by Philip Doddridge, was the means of his conversion. Doddridge wrote the "Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul," which was the direct means of the conversion of Wilberforce, who, years after, wrote "The Practical View of Christianity," and this was blessed to the conversion of Legh Richmond, who afterward was the author of the "Dairyman's Daughter," one of the best tracts the world has seen; it has been printed in more than one hundred languages. These direct results are known to have followed the giving of the tract as mentioned above. Baxter—Doddridge—Wilberforce—Richmond—their combined influence for good is majestic and grand beyond conception. The beautiful tract of Legh Richmond and the other valuable treatises have for a century exerted a mighty influence in the world, which is infinitely beyond the reach of human computation, although their authors have long been inhabitants of the world of glory. And yet, under God, all

this dependent upon and waiting for the bestowal of a little tract upon a poor, dissolute boy.

The Christian should never think lightly of the small every-day acts which will naturally emanate from a heart in communion with the Son of God. The kind word, the courteous handing of a book or a religious paper, may have results under the mighty hand of the Holy Spirit which, when known, will fill the soul of the giver with awe, wonder and devout thanksgiving; for "he that covereth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins."—Mount Vernon.

DOES IT NOT PAY?

Let us come to figures. Twenty-five years ago there was not a single school in Central Africa. To-day there are nearly one hundred and thirty in one mission alone. Twenty-five years ago no one in Central Africa knew a letter of the alphabet. To-day we have more than twenty thousand scholars in our schools. Twenty-five years ago there was no Christian in all the country. To-day three hundred native teachers preach Christ in the villages every Sabbath day. Twenty years ago there was about one inquirer after Christ, and a year later the missionaries met with a great joy to baptize him in the name of the Trinity. Last year there were more than three thousand catechumens in the baptism classes, and on a single day at one of the stations, more than three hundred adults were received into the church of Christ.—Ex.

MR. MOODY'S MARKED BIBLE.

Don't be afraid to borrow and lend Bibles. Some time ago a man wanted to take my Bible home to get a few things out of it, and when it came back I found this noted in it: "Justification, a change of state, a new standing before God.

Repentance, a change of mind, a new mind about God.

Regeneration, a change of nature, a new heart from God.

Conversion, a change of life, a new life for God.

Adoption, a change of family, new relationship towards God.

Sanctification, a change of service, separation unto God.

Glorification, a new state, a new condition with God."

In the same hand-writing I found these lines:

"Jesus only; the light of heaven is the face of Jesus.

The joy of heaven is the presence of Jesus.

The melody of heaven is the name of Jesus.

The theme of heaven is the work of Jesus. The employment of heaven is the service of Jesus.

The fulness of heaven is Jesus himself. The duration of heaven is the eternity of Jesus.—Ex.

AN AWFUL RECORD.

There are one billion heathen in the world.

They are dying at the rate of 100,000 a day.

At every breath we draw, four souls perish, never having heard of Christ.

Christians are giving at the rate of one-tenth of a cent a day.

We give one cent a year for each heathen soul.

Of every dollar given for Christian work we spend ninety-eight cents on our home work and two cents for the heathen.

Out of every 100,000 church members in America only twenty-one go to the foreign field.

In America there is one ordained minister, evangelist, or Christian worker to every forty-eight or fifty people.

In the foreign field each missionary is responsible for 100,000 souls.

In China there is one ordained minister to every 1,000,000 people.—The Revivalist.

CALL THINGS BY RIGHT NAMES.

Sin as a caterpillar is bad enough, but sin as a butterfly is a thousand times worse. On every wing there is a picture as varied as the rainbow. There is a power in sin to make itself attractive. Sin beautifies itself by assuming and wearing the wings of wit, the wings of fashion, the wings of art the wings of attractive and pleasing names.—David Greck.

GOING NOWHERE.

It was Johnny, the seven-year old, who tired of the "merry-go-round." The previous summer it had fascinated him, and he could not ride on it too often. This season a single trip satisfied him, and he declined another. "No, thank you, grandfather," he said, in his quaintly polite way: "You see we ride and ride, but we stay under that old tent all the time. I guess when anybody gets to be seven years old, they're too big to care about going and going that doesn't get any-where." "Now, may the boy hold fast to his wisdom," commented the grandfather, relating the incident.—Wellspring

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