

pension, sends £2; a farmer's daughter, although "times are very sad and father has lost nearly all he had," must give £2, and £1 more from "Missionary Bees"; a collier, £5; a workingman and his friend, £6. From Somersetshire a friend writes: "The enclosed £2 please put to *that* part of the mission work most in need of it just now. Let no name appear, but the words, 'One of the Least.' It really comes from a very poor person, who saves by little— even *going to bed early* to save fire and candles—so as to get together something to help on mission work by." "The churches in Glasgow have not only done what Mr. Howard Bowser promised at the autumnal gathering on their behalf, but they have contributed a much larger sum; while the church at Hampstead, through the generosity of Mr. James Harvey, has also more than redeemed its generous undertaking. Individual donors also have, in some cases, acted upon the suggestion of Dr. Landels, and increased their personal donations to such an amount as will meet either the whole or partial expense of maintaining a missionary on the field."

Prayer Answered for the Attainment of Language.

Even in these days power to acquire a foreign language with great rapidity is given in answer to prayer, so much so that those who receive the power regard it as "the gift of tongues."

Miss Reade, a lady Missionary, who was so largely blessed among the Heathen and Mussulman women of Purooty in Southern India, had long been teaching in the Tamil language; but feeling it important that the Mussulman women, who were daily assembled at the Mission House, should be spoken to in Hindustani—the tongue to which they were most accustomed—she asked the Lord for the gift and her own expression is that "the power came to her as a gift from God." One month she was unable to do more than put two or three sentences together, while the next month she was able to preach and pray without waiting for a word. "Those who heard her could only say with herself, "It is a gift from above."

When Miss Reade began to preach openly in Hindustani, one man, who during the famine had been saved from starvation through her instrumentality, lost all control over himself, called to her to stop speaking, and asked her "where she had got all these words?"

"One result of the knowledge of this language was the discovery of a custom kept carefully secret by Mussulmans; but that it is observed was confirmed by Khader Bee. Although the Koran ignores the fact that "with out the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin," yet the truth seems to be too deeply impressed on the human mind to be altogether blotted out; so that in time of great trouble and sorrow, when dreading the death of a favorite child, it is their custom *secretly* to sacrifice a lamb, and cry, "Allah, take the life of this lamb for the life of my child." The flesh of the lamb is then carefully removed and given to religious beggars, and the skeleton buried *without breaking a bone*."

The discovery of this ceremony has of course been an immense help in speaking to Mussulmans; they could not deny its observance, but said it was only practised by ignorant people.

A SISTER of the King of Sweden is a Missionary in Lapland.

A Message to You.

It comes from a land beyond the sea,
Where thousands in darkness wait
For the living water you can give,
Their burning thirst to slake

That land beyond the sea is docked
With the tall palm's feathery crown,
And the beauties of nature manifold,
By a lavish hand are strewn.

But around the minds and hearts of men,
Hangs a gloomy, darkened pall,
And its heavy folds of sin and gloom
Both young and old enthrall.

You wash in the flowing fountain pure,
Your sins are cleansed away,
And your loving souls are filled with peace
That deepens day by day.

Your friends in that land beyond the sea,
Have longings like your own,
They seek for that which will satisfy,
It evers needful known.

They know not the fount which cheereth you
For teachers there are few
And the Gospel you have long believed,
Is to most untried and new.

Will you give of that which the Lord of Hosts
To you has so kindly given?
That His saving grace to them be sent,
And their chains of sin be riven.

Will you give the prayer of faith and love,
That will reach the Father's ear?
That the teachers' plume as lights from Heaven
That young and old may bear.

Will you give *yourself* to the work of love?
Is the gift too great? we ask,
Will it not look small in the clearer light,
When the Master comes at last?

It comes from a land beyond the sea,
Where strength in sin is spent,
To ask your aid, your prayers, yourselves,
This message to you I sent.

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Palestine's Unhappy Condition.

A correspondent of the London *Times* gives a sad picture of the present condition of Palestine. He says it is now almost treeless, and the cultivation of the soil is everywhere neglected. There are no regular roads, and the villages are but mud huts. He recommends the purchase of the country from the Sultan for four or six millions. The Turkish misrule is producing its bitter fruit; "everything is taxed, every fruit-tree, so none are now planted, every cow or horse, etc.; every vegetable sold out of a private garden. Every eighth egg is not taxed, but taken by the Government. In some places the taxes of the districts are sold to the highest bidder. The farmer is unable to sell a measure of his corn till all has been collected into a heap, and the tax collector has set his sum upon it, from which there is no appeal. Double taxes are expected this year, because, after three years of scarceness, the harvest promises to be abundant." It may be added, in this connection, that the Palestine Exploration Society in London has determined to spend from \$5,000 to \$8,000 a year to excavate Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida, to examine the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, to dig round about Jerusalem, and make other researches.

In every department of the Missionary work in Eastern Turkey there is a steady and gratifying advance. Nine new preaching places have been established, making a total of 116. The number of Protestants is now 11,749.