

country, except Thibet, is open to the Gospel. Carey landed in India almost one hundred years ago. The first convert was made in Japan in 1872, while Korea was only opened to the Gospel in 1885.

Band—Behold, these shall come far; lo, these from the north and west, and these from the land of Sinim (China).

Q.—What are the hindrances to the spread of the Gospel in Asia?

A.—The lack of Christian workers, degraded position of women, and the immoral lives of nominal Christian traders.

5th Guide—In Europe, the Greek Church is dominant in Russia, Greece, and parts of Austria. Turkey is chiefly Mohammedan, and Southern Europe Catholic, while Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and Great Britain, are mainly Protestant. Fifty years ago the Protestant population was to papal as 3:13; to-day it is 1:3. There are twenty-two Protestant churches in Rome. The Bible cannot be printed fast enough to supply the demand in Spain. Churches are being erected in France. Everywhere Protestant Christianity is gaining ground.

Band—All kings shall bow down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.

6th Guide—Africa, the Dark Continent, is four times the size of Canada, and has a population of two hundred and twenty millions. Nearly one-third are Mohammedans, who occupy North and North-Central Africa. The rest of the continent is heathen, with the exception of the extreme south, and along the western coast, where Protestantism prevails. Protestant mission work skirts the coast, and has penetrated into the interior, along the Nile, Niger and Congo, but has made little impression on the Mohammedanism and heathenism of the natives. Madagascar, an island off the east coast of Africa, has been Christianized, and sends missionaries to Africa.

Band—Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hand unto God.

Q.—What is the chief hindrance to mission work in Africa?

6th Guide—Everywhere the trader follows the missionary, giving liquor in exchange for goods. The liquor degrades, demoralizes the African, more than natives of any other race.

Band—Woe unto him who giveth his neighbor drink, singing:

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Pres.—St. John says, "After this I beheld a great multitude of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues stood before the throne clothed with white robes, and with palms in their hands, and cried with a loud voice, saying,

Band—Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

PART II.

Hymn 174—"Christ the Lord is risen to-day," Methodist Hymn Book.

Dialogue for eight girls—"A plea for the nations,"—*Gospel in all Lands*, Feb. 1889.

Scripture exercise—1 Cor. xv. 12-18.

Let seven scholars recite these verses one after the other, without being called upon.

Reading—"Removal of barriers." Crisis of Missions.

Recitation by eleven children. Have a large globe of the world; drive eleven nails in it. Have the letters of the motto cut in cardboard, and covered with flowers or bright

paper, and let the child hang her letter on globe, then turn and recite her verse.

H.—He is the propitiation . . . for the sins of the whole world.

E.—Exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour to give remission of sins.

D.—Declare His doings among the people.

I.—I am the Lord, . . . a just God, and a Saviour: there is none beside Me.

E.—Every knee shall bow to Me: every tongue shall confess to God.

D.—Declare His glory among the heathen.

F.—For all the gods of the heathens are idols.

O.—O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the earth.

R.—Righteousness exalteth a nation: sin is a reproach to any people.

A.—All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L.—Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.

L.—Lo I am with you always.

Join hands in a circle around the globe, and repeat:

Now we say to all men, far and near,
That He is risen again;
That He is with us now, and near us,
And ever shall remain.

And what we say let each this morn
Go tell unto his friend;
That soon in every place shall dawn
His Kingdom without end.

Reading—"The island world." Crisis of Missions.

Hymn 9—"All people that on earth do dwell"—Methodist Hymn-Book.

Benediction.

NOTE—"Crisis of Missions" may be obtained from Methodist Book Rooms. Price \$1.00.

WHY HAVE WE NOT A LARGER MEMBERSHIP?

(A paper read before the Picton Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society.)

I HOPE it is not necessary for any one to act as apologist for our Woman's Missionary Society, but ever since our organization we have been greeted on every side with the time-worn refrain: "*Attend to the wants of those at home.*" As members of this Society and as Christian women, we are exceedingly sensitive to this implied charge of neglected duty, and if there is any question in the mind of the Church about the present or ultimate influence for good of our Woman's Missionary Society, it is time there was an investigation.

The question often comes to us, if women are convinced that this is the Lord's work, why is not every Christian woman engaged in it? How can any one shirk the responsibility? And, after a little thought and observation, we believe we can in a measure understand why it is. A great many say that our organization is superfluous; that we could contribute through the General Society and save the expense of a separate institution. Could we save as much as we make? This year our Society has raised over nineteen thousand dollars, and so far as we can see, the General Society has not suffered, it, also, having advanced in its receipts. But the raising of money is only one department of our work, and we believe the experience of most members is, that in the pleasure of working for this cause, and the