

other part to singing and religious instruction. The quickness and intelligence of the pupils, and the evident progress they had made, were surprising. The singing was excellent. They have a parlor organ in one of the basement rooms, on which several can play very well; and, while one is playing, others gather round and join in the choruses with great spirit. To hear these cross-eyed Mongola, Dang Hung, Go Hang, Fong Lork, Lam Lung, and others with names equally comic to us, sing "Rock of Ages," "From Greenland's icy Mountains," and "I do believe," was a blessed relief after the scenes we had just quitted. What a much grander business that of such a man as Mr. Loomis is, than any other in the golden city of San Francisco! Many difficulties he has to contend with, in his educating and evangelizing work, and one of the greatest is the unsettled condition of the Chinese on the whole of the Pacific Coast. John comes to Frisco and gets employment; but if he hears that there is a chance of bettering himself up the contry, gold mining, or on the Railway, off he goes at a shorter notice than Sir Colin Campbell required to go to India. Thus it happens that, though 1000 names are found on the rolls of the School during the past year, the average attendance has been only 74. On Sunday, there are regular services, well attended, but, as we were not there to see, our readers must wait for a description till our second visit.

The thought I came away with was this:—good as this work is, ought not the Christians of San Francisco to be ashamed that it is so small? Here is heathendom planting itself in the midst of a great Christian population. A few men and women have devoted themselves to the crusade of enlightenment; but "what are they among so many?" Yet, even in asking this question, I am rebuked. For it is the question of the faithless disciples, and not of Christ. He is able to save by few or by many. God bless Mr. Loomis, and all like him. G.

Bible View of Baptism.

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Disputes about Baptism should soon die away, if people would only consider

and rightly understand the true meaning of Baptism, and the real condition of parents and children in this world.

With the help of God I wish to aid all honest enquirers in this important study. May the Lord himself, by his Holy Spirit, enlighten and inspire them to see, to love and to obey the precious teaching of his Word and his works!

We all inherit the nature of the old Adam. Every child is born with some tendency to be selfish and perverse. Yet God is love, and he never utterly forsakes any soul that does not resist and reject his grace, totally, wilfully and unchangeably. Infants cannot do this; and therefore the Lord never utterly forsakes any infant. (Mat. 18, 10-14.) But as the natural sun pours down light and heat on all the world, even so the Lord, the Sun of righteousness, pours out his heavenly light and love on every soul from very birth and infancy. (John 1, 9: Acts 2, 17.) Infants do not resist this heavenly influence as adults too often do. Infants receive it passively and spontaneously at first, as peaceful innocence and trustful love: so that we are apt to think it is their own, and to exclaim, "How much love these little ones bring into the world with them!" But truly this love and peaceful trust flow fresh from heaven, being really the love and light of God's Spirit, by which the Lord himself is verily present in the infant heart. (Mat. 18, 5: Mark 9, 36-37: Luke 9, 47-48.) That Christ spoke those divine words about real human children, you may see beyond all doubt in Luke 9, 47-48.

Thus, therefore, the Lord instils his gracious influence into every infantile heart, even as the morning sun shines forth into every drop of dew. And as every dew-drop that shines radiantly as a little sun, merely receives and reflects the image of the sun, even so the cherubic loveliness and gentleness of infants are but the Lord's influence and imago which they receive and reflect from him. (Mark 9, 36, 37.) Never forget this word of Christ. We rob the Saviour of his gifts if we say or think any good thing in us or in our children is from us or them or the old Adam originally. (Rom. 7, 18.) Nay; every good gift is from God above. (James 1, 17.) It is he that works in us both to will and to