

over, and hurt himself. In the country, when people are going out at night they often take a lantern with them, so as to be able to see the road ; but how foolish it would be, if, instead of using the light to see where they were going, they just shut their eyes, and went along anywhere ! You say, "Why, they would run into trees and fences, walk into creeks, and very likely lose their way altogether."

But, surely, there are no people so foolish as that ! Well, I am not so sure of that. I feel that you and I are sometimes just as foolish ; for God has given us " a lamp to our feet and a light to our path," and every one of us has got one of these lamps but I am afraid we too often shut our eyes to its light. You know, of course, that I mean the Bible. If in the house we use the light which the Bible gives us we shall see how to go about properly ; we shall be loving, obedient, gentle and obliging ; but, if we shut our eyes to the Bible light, and go about in the dark we shall always be knocking against people, and hurting their feelings, and thus making unpleasantness and we shall also be very apt to hurt ourselves, and get angry about it, and so our homes will not be nearly so happy as they might be ; just because we are so foolish as to shut our eyes to the Bible light.

Then, too, when we go out into the dark world, it is sometimes very hard to keep on the right track for heaven, and, unless we use the Bible lamp, we are likely to run against fences, and hurt ourselves. I mean, we shall be very likely to do what is wrong, and every time we do wrong, we hurt ourselves more or less.

Now, there are a great many boys and girls, men and women, who have one of these Bible lamps, and who profess to think a great deal of it ; yet, in walking along the path of life, they never use their lamp ; they shut their eyes to its light and walk anyhow ; so it is not to be wondered at if they get off the heavenly track, and lose their way altogether.

You will find that the best men the world ever saw the men whom you

would like to imitate—were men who walked in the Bible light ; and also that the nations which have made the most progress, and are the most powerful, are those who have paid most attention to Bible teachings.

We know what the Bible has done for many of the South Sea Islanders ; how it has been the means of changing them from savage cannibals into good Christians.

There was a striking instance of this only a few months ago, when there was such a terrible storm at Samoa, and the American and German war-ships were wrecked. You remember reading how the Samoans rushed into the water, and, at the risk of their own lives, saved some of the drowning German and American sailors. Had this storm happened about fifty years ago, before the Samoans knew anything of the Bible light, it is very probable the ship-wrecked sailors would have been killed, cooked, and eaten.—*Selected.*

HYMN.

The whole wide world for Jesus !

Once more before we part,
Ring out the joyful watchword
From very grateful heart.

The whole wide world for Jesus !

Be this our battle-cry,
The lifted cross our oriflamme,
A sign to conquer by !

The whole wide world for Jesus,

Through all its fragrant zones !
Ring out again the watchword
In loftiest, gladdest tones.

The whole world wide for Jesus :

We'll wing the song with prayer,
And link the prayer with labor,
Till Christ His crown shall wear.

The whole wide world for Jesus !

From out the Golden Gate,
Through all the Pacific's sunny isles
To China's princely state ;
From India's vales and mountains,
Through Persia's land of bloom,
To ancient Palestine
And Afric's desert gloom ;