

He will keep the feet of His saints.—1 Sam. ii. 9.

L. P. ROWLAND continues to be abundantly used of God in his evangelistic labors. At meetings held at Greencastle, Mich., many found Christ. He then proceeded to labour in Oberlin, O., and will spend three months in Ohio.

M. R. NEEDHAM has had continuous blessing in his services in the South.

ENGLAND.

THE *Salvation Army* has sent out a ship, to coast all around Great Britain, to visit every fishing town and seaport village along the English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh coast, boarding every vessel when lying in any roadstead, giving Bibles and good books, preaching Christ and doing all in their power to get the sailors and fisherman of their country converted. The ship was the gift of Mr. Corry, and had been his own pleasure yacht.

SO great was the interest taken in the services held in London, by Rev. E. P. Hammond, that parents who were anxious that their children should be led to Christ, in some cases took lodgings near the places where Mr. Hammond was holding meetings, that they might daily attend them.

Present Outlook—Startling Facts.

AT the outset of 1886, the religious condition of the race was about as follows:—Total, 1,500,000,000, one-third nominally Christian; of whom about 365,000,000 Romish, Greek and Oriental, and 135,000,000 Reformed; of the remaining 1,000,000,000, about 10,000,000 Jews, 180,000,000 Mohammedans, 800,000,000 Pagans. We give round numbers, as easily borne in mind.

Of China's 300,000,000, 75,000 are in Christian communities; of India's 250,000,000, about 700,000; of Japan's 35,000,000, about 15,000,000; of Siam's 8,000,000, 3,000; of Turkey's 20,000,000, 100,000; of Persia's 7,500,000, 5,000; of Africa's 200,000,000, 600,000; American Mission fields add 700,000, and the Isles of the Sea 400,000 more, identified with Christian institutions; and so we have a grand total of 2,600,000 who in the whole mission field, are either converts or adherents of Christian Churches.

Now let us glance at comparative results. Over 100 organizations now in the field, with a working force of 35,000; of these, 3,000 ordained, and 3,000 more lay workers and women, all from Christian lands; with 2,400 ordained natives, and 26,000 native teachers and helpers.

What work can these 35,000 workers show for the last reported year, 1883-4? In all missions there are 800,000 living native communicants, of whom the years net gain was 125,000!—average of over three converts to each worker. The whole number of

pupils in mission schools is not known, but, as in India alone it reaches 200,000, it is believed that the whole number would run into the millions.

What has all Christendom done to effect such colossal results? Given in that same year ten million dollars, or seven and a half cents for each Protestant Church-member; and sent one out of every 22,500 of those members into the field; and distributed 6,000,000 copies of parts, or entire copies of the Word of God, in 250 tongues.

And now what is the average cost of each convert in mission fields? All things brought into the estimate, it may reach 90 cents, while the average cost of each convert in Christian lands exceeds \$630, seven hundred times as much. At the same time, Rev. R. G. Wilder, the most careful and accurate of our missionary statisticians, says that the percentage of increase of communicants in all missions is 19.71 over against 0.57 at home—thirty-five fold as great.

If we judge the quality of these converts by their giving, their average is \$1.25 per year over against the 7.5 cts. for Protestant Christians at home. Two hundred laborers in the South Seas lately sent to the London Missionary Society \$465, over \$2.33 each; and 10,000 converts of Wesleyan missions in Sierra Leone and the Gold Coast raised last year a Jubilee fund of \$75,000, or an average of seven and a half dollars each, instead of seven and a half cents.—*Arthur T. Pierson, D.D., in Homiletic Review.*

Revival Service.

TAKE HEED HOW YE HEAR.—Luke 8: 18.

I. *Prejudice* cried, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1: 46.)

II. *Bigotry* exclaimed, "He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?" (John 10: 20.)

III. *Candor* affirmed, "One thing I know, whereas I was blind," etc. (John 9: 25.)

IV. *Wonder* acknowledged, "Never man spake like this man." (John 7: 46.)

V. *Conviction* inquired, "Is not this the Christ?" (John 4: 20.)

VI. *Faith* prayed, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." (Luke 23: 42.)

APPLICATION.—"If any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: . . . the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12: 47, 48.)—*Selected.*

CHRI^ST is a tried foundation. He has been tried by God and by devils; by many who are now in glory, and by others who are now on their way there, and He has never failed. All the stones founded on Him become living stones, and they are all cemented together by His blood.