

forth "in some thirty, in some sixty, in some an hundred fold."

Take the least rate of increase, *thirty fold*. One grain of wheat falls into the earth; it brings forth the first year, thirty grains; if each of these thirty grains were to be planted, and each grain again produced, were to produce in its turn thirty more, and so on, only for seven years—how many grains do you think would then have been produced? *Seven hundred and twenty-nine millions of grains*—all sprung, in seven years, from a single grain!

Two hundred years ago, a tract was brought, in a hawker's basket, to the door of the father of Richard Baxter, when Rich<sup>d</sup> was yet a boy. That tract was blessed in warming Richard's heart with love to Christ, and to the souls of his fellow-sinners. He became an eminent servant of God. He wrote the "Saints' Everlasting Rest," and many other books, one of which was the means of the conversion of Philip Doddridge. Then "Doddridge's Rise and Progress" was the means of bringing William Wilberforce to Christ. Then Wilberforce's "Practical View of Christianity" was the means of the conversion of Legh Richmond; Legh Richmond writes the "Dairyman's Daughter," which was the means of making known the truth as it is in Jesus to the Princess Metscherski of Russia, and many more. See here, how blessed are the fruits, when God giveth the increase! What a harvest of glory might spring from a single grain! such, for example, as the blessed word, "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."—(John vi. 37.)

As gravel stones, compared to precious seed, so are the words of man, compared to the words of God. Take a ship load of gravel stones,—plant every one of them in the earth every season for a thousand years, there would not be *one* added to the number. And why? because they are *dead*; they have no principle of life or increase. But take a single grain of corn,—sow

it, and reap it, and sow it again, for a thousand years, and there would be corn enough to feed the world. How encouraging the thought! The Sabbath-school teacher, or poor Sabbath scholar,

"Who knows, and knows no more, but B. is true," who is the means of bringing one sinner to Christ, may in this way, be made the spiritual father of many nations. If you have been the means of bringing two souls to Christ,—and if *such* of these again be the means of bringing two more, and so on, who can tell how many may meet you, for a crown of rejoicing, in the day when the Lord makes up his jewels?—*Free Church Missionary Record*.

### Where?

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#### II. Where is Abel thy brother?

If saved and escaped, able to say, "Lord, I am thine; here am I,"—the next inquiry is, What can you tell about your fellow-creatures? Are you seeking to do them good? If not, you are guilty of murdering their souls. You are like Cain; and we may well ask at you, "Where is Abel thy brother?" The sixth commandment is broken by you if you do not use all lawful endeavors to preserve your neighbor's life when you hear he is in danger; and so with his soul.

Are you letting your brother in India, in Africa, among the Jews, among the Roman Catholics, perish? Are you killing him by your neglect? Are you giving him no bread of life? No knowledge of Christ? Many cannot answer Job's question (xxviii. 13), "Where shall wisdom be found?" Are you telling them that it is to be found in Christ Jesus? Few are asking, "Where is the good way?"—(Jeremiah vi. 16.) Do you pray for their hearts being changed? There are some asking, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews?" (Matt. ii. 2)—people who are really distressed about their souls but do not know how to find salvation.