

SOME MISSIONARY HEROES IN
ROMAN CATHOLIC LANDS.

Adam Erwin, a cripple and a dwarf, who, without support from any board, toiled till the age of eighty in Columbia.

Emilio Silva Bryant, a poor laborer stricken with consumption, who got together the first Protestant church in Venezuela.

Francesco Penzotti, a poor Italian carpenter, kept for eight months in a foul prison in Peru, because he preached the true gospel.

Jose Mongiardino, the undaunted colporteur, murdered by the Catholics in Bolivia, and buried between the graves of a murderer and a suicide.

Joan F. Thomson of the Argentine Republic, one of the boldest defenders of the faith that ever lived.

W. G. Bagby, a pioneer in Brazil, who was knocked down by a mob while preaching, and his preaching-place stoned, while his converts were driven from their homes.

John Boles, eloquent French Huguenot, kept for eight years in a Jesuit prison in Brazil, and then killed—all because he preached Jesus Christ.

Mary Hartmann, who went alone to labor in the wilderness of Dutch Guiana, and allowed herself to turn to civilization for only a single day.

Aden Gardner and his comrades, starved to death in Patagonia for the sake of the gospel.

Medinda Hankin, the determined school-teacher, who began missions in Mexico, and kept up her work, raising money herself, for twenty years.

Leonard Dober, pioneer in the West Indies, who lived on bread and water that he might teach the negro slaves.

Jonas King, who did a great work in Greece. Fifty men bound themselves to kill him. He was put in a loathsome dungeon. At one time he was exiled.

Some Bible Hints.

One bane of Roman Catholic countries is their ignorance. God's way is not known there (v. 2), and of course it is not followed.

The "saving health" (v. 2) which the Roman Catholic seeks, he seeks from senseless images and empty ceremonies, instead of from the Great Physician.

In Roman Catholic countries it is not "the people" (v. 3) that worship, but the priests; but worship for them—or are supposed to.

Righteous government (v. 4) is almost unknown in many Roman Catholic lands; witness the deplorable civic condition of South America.

To Think About.

What am I doing to build up Protestantism?

Do I realize the vast difference between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism?

What am I giving to missions in "the Neglected Continent?"

FOR DAILY READING.

M., May 22. True missionary success. Dan. 12: 1-10.

T., May 23. Worshipping only God, Rev. 19: 5-10.

W., May 24. One Mediator. Heb. 12: 22-24.

T., May 25. Reasons for courage. Ps. 72: 8-10.

F., May 26. Christ's brethren. Mark 3: 31-35.

S., May 27. Need of the Spirit. Luke 9: 32-36.

Sun., May 28. Topic—Missions in Roman Catholic countries. Ps. 67: 1-7.

Our incomes are like our shoes. If too small they gall and pinch us, but if too large they cause us to stumble and to trip.

We save and toil, we worry and fret; and all the while close over us bends the infinite wonder and beauty of Nature, saying, "Look up, my child! Feel my smile and be glad!"

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

It is no more the duty of light to shine than it is of the Church as a whole or of the Christian as an individual. Light! How could the world get along without it? Take away the gas and electric fixtures from our homes and churches, our public halls and places of amusement, our great business houses and vast industries, and our great cities would be impossible. And what would our homes be without their illumination? Take away the glowing jets, the lamps, and the light of the open fire and the pleasures of society are at an end. Remove the light of the sun and the moon and the stars and you have left the world itself in darkness and desolation. Not only could cities not exist without light, but life itself could not exist. Animal and vegetable life would disappear from the earth. Before ever there was a firmament "in the midst of the waters" or herbs yielding seed, and fruit-trees bearing fruit after their kind, God said: "Let there be light." And not until He made the two great lights to rule over the day and over the night did He create the living things that swarm in the waters or fly in the air. The living creatures, the cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth, and the great triumphant conference about making "man in our image," all came after God had appointed the lights of the firmament "for signs, and for seasons and for days and years." If we are to have life we must have light. And, what light is to life that is the Church to the world. "Ye are the light of the world."—United Presbyterian.

THE BARRED DOOR.

Theodosia Garrison in Harper's Bazar. One night upon mine ancient enemy

I closed my door.

And lo! that night came Love in search of me—

Love I had hungered for—

And finding my door closed went on his way

And came no more.

Pray you take counsel of this penitent

And learn thereof;

Set your door wide whatever guests be sent

Your graciousness to prove.

Better to let in many enemies

Than bar out Love.

QUITE ANOTHER VIEW.

We see what we are in the light of his perfection. We were tolerably contented with our character once, but when Christ comes we are never that again. Like the sheep that look clean enough among the summer grass, but against the background of the virgin snow look foul; so you and I never know how vile we are until the background of our life is Christ.—G. H. Morrison.

AIM HIGHER.

The gate of heaven is no wider that it was seventeen hundred years ago. The law of God extends as far as it did when the apostles lived. We are bound to the same strictness and purity, to the same zeal and steadfastness which distinguished the primitive Christian. They were all men of like passions with ours; they had the same corrupt nature to strive against, the same temptations to resist, the same enemies to overcome. Their advantages for performing their duty were not greater than ours; on the contrary, besides all that they possessed, we have the benefit of their example and experience. God's hand is not shortened, the blood of Christ hath lost none of its virtue, his intercession is no less prevalent nor is the power of his Spirit in the least impaired by length of time and constant exercise. So that we are entirely without excuse, if we do not aim at and actually attain the same degree of holiness and purity with any of those that have gone before us.—Robert Walker.

A DAY AT A TIME.

In both duties to be done and burdens to be borne it is happy for us that we need be concerned only for one day at a time. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, as to things to be borne, and 'as the day shall thy strength be' is the comfort of the believer as to the work that is required.

A narrow horizon of vision is better for us here than a wide. The latter would reveal to us that which would doubtless appal. Were the curtain that hides the future lifted, we might shrink in horror. And even a vision of ineffable joy would almost as much disqualify us for present duty or bearing. The shadow of the coming grief would be both longer and darker; the glory of the coming prosperity would make us impatient and restless for its approach.

There is comfort in the thought of just one day at a time. The responsibilities of a life time, or of a year, or of a month, or even of a week, would overwhelm us, but those of a day, of the present hour, are not so numerous or so great but that we may take them up with a certain degree of cheerfulness. A day at a time relieves us of anxious care for the morrow. Tomorrow will take care of its own.

TRUE SERVICE.

No service in itself is small,
None great though earth it fill;
But this is small that seeks its own,
And great that seeks God's will.

Think twice before you say; then perhaps you will not speak.

To be proud of learning is the greatest ignorance.

Few of us manage to keep pace with our good intentions.

There are three kinds of people in the world the wills, the won'ts, and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything. To which class do you belong?

Live not for selfish aims. Live to shed joy on others. Thus best shall your own happiness be secured; for no joy is ever given freely forth that does not quick echo in the giver's own heart.

What every right-minded woman needs is her husband's love, and not the whole of his money. If she gets that the problems of life will be less difficult to solve, and the divorce court only to be met with in fiction.

One thing is indisputable: the chronic mood of looking longingly at what we have not, or thankfully at what we have, realizes two very different types of character. And we certainly can encourage the one or the other.

Let us take time to be pleasant. The small courtesies, which we often omit because they are small, will some day look larger to us than the wealth which we have coveted, or the fame for which we have struggled.

Do not crave opportunities to exercise virtues, but crave the possession of them. If you possess them you will use them when occasion requires; if you do not possess them the occasion for their use simply demonstrate your weakness.

Conversation is an art worth learning. Its keynote is unselfishness. To speak without trumpeting our opinions, and to listen without interrupting, are accomplishments which a selfish person finds difficult, but which must be learned before the charm of conversation commences.

The light from heaven can never lead astray.