

mense numbers, surging and heaving like the swelling sea; the rush from behind tumbling those in front over the cart trams.' Well-nigh a thousand books were sold. Mr Williamson adds:—'I think I never felt more devoutly grateful and profoundly thankful to God in my life. Leigh Richmond speaks of the happiness he felt in seeing his congregation coming in every direction up to his church to hear the word of God. One can understand his feelings. And of the same nature, but far more intense, were mine after the sale was over, when seeing the crowd break up, and carry away with them the words of salvation. No missionary had ever been in this district; not a copy of the Scriptures ever circulated not a book containing the message of salvation ever seen; no voice except that of the Romanist ever heard on behalf of God. But now men were departing in every direction with the truth, so that there would perhaps, not be a city, town, or village, or even hamlet, for sixty or eighty miles around, which would not receive one or two portions of Scripture or books. *And they read them.* It is out of the question to say that they cannot and do not read our books. Every household has one who can read; and if the person who bought the book is unable to read it he takes it direct to the other, and hears of its contents from him. I wonder how any one who has lived in China can imagine, far less assert, that a China-man would pay money down for a book, and yet not find out what the book said. That is to suppose that the Chinese love money less than we do.'

What a blessed and glorious work these good men are doing in taking the word of the living God to these dark idolaters. Oh, to be a missionary of Jesus Christ is to be engaged in doing the greatest work on earth! Who would not help them? We hope *you* will, as long as you live.

DR. CAREY THE MISSIONARY.

One of the most cheerful and courageous, because one of the most hopeful of workers, was Dr. Carey the missionary. When in India it was no uncommon thing for him to weary out three pundits, who officiated as his clerks, in one day, he himself taking rest in only change of employment. Carey, himself the son of a shoemaker, was supported in his labours by Ward, the son of a carpenter, and Marshman, the son of a weaver. By their labours a magnificent college was erected at Serampore; sixteen flourishing stations were established; the Bible was translated into sixteen languages, and the seeds were sown of a beneficent moral revolution in British India. Carey was never ashamed of the humbleness of his origin. On one occasion, when at the Governor-General's table, he overheard an officer opposite him asking another loud enough to be heard, whether Carey had not once been a shoemaker. "No, sir," exclaimed Carey, immediately; "only a cobbler." An eminently characteristic anecdote has been told of his perseverance as a boy. When climbing a tree one day, his foot slipped and he fell to the ground, breaking his leg by the fall. He was confined to his bed for weeks; but when his strength had grown again and he was able to walk without support, the very first thing he did was to go and climb that tree, Carey had need of this sort of dauntless courage for the great missionary work of his life, and nobly and resolutely did he do it.—*Smiles' self-Help.*

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