

bly on occasion object to becoming a Catholic, being all the while, we may remark on Stanley's authority, a thorough-going materialist. He is a friendly, benevolent-tempered man, warmly devoted to the interests of the natives, but esteems their spiritual interests a chimera apparently.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

"Richest are they
That live for Christ so well
The longest day
Would scarce suffice to tell
In what wide ways their benefactions fell."

—It is said that the Rev. Mr. McAll began preaching in Paris knowing only three words in French—"God loves you." And that has been his theme ever since.

—The tomb of Mahomet is covered with diamonds, sapphires, and rubies valued at \$10,000,000. How fortunate for Christianity that the very site of the tomb of its divine Founder is unknown; and so love and reverence are compelled to expend themselves in far worthier ways, even in walking in His footsteps and carrying His kingdom to the ends of the earth.

—According to the English historian, Sharon Turner, at the end of the first century there were 500,000 Christians. By the end of the second century there were 2,000,000. This number was increased in the next hundred years to 5,000,000. Then the figures advanced as follows: 500 A.D., 10,000,000; 600 A.D., 15,000,000; 700 A.D., 20,000,000; 800 A.D., 24,000,000; 900 A.D., 30,000,000; 1000 A.D., 40,000,000; 1100 A.D., 50,000,000; 1200 A.D., 70,000,000; 1300 A.D., 80,000,000; 1400 A.D., 75,000,000; 1500 A.D., 80,000,000; 1600 A.D., 100,000,000; 1700 A.D., 125,000,000; 1800 A.D., 155,000,000; 1893 A.D., 250,000,000.

—It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps, but there's a divinity

that shapes, etc. Morrison had his heart set on being a missionary in Central Africa; Carey was shaping his course for the South Seas, while Livingstone would play the part of a medical missionary in China. But when the latter was ready to set forth in 1840 the "Opium War" was raging with no end in sight, and so he was sent to expend his energies upon the Dark Continent.

—It was due to Chitambo, the chief of the village in which Livingstone died, that the superstitious horror of the Africans at the removal of a dead body was overcome; and four years ago the Royal Geographical Society of England appropriated a sum of money for the purchase of presents to Chitambo in recognition of this service. Later it was learned that Chitambo was dead; but the presents at length reached their destination, and have been bestowed on his successor. A bronze tablet, sent by Mrs. A. L. Bruce, Dr. Livingstone's daughter, accompanied these presents, and has been fastened to the tree under which Livingstone's heart was buried. It bears the simple inscription, "Livingstone died here, Ilala, May 1st, 1873."

—Who doubts that the *Youth's Companion* is correct in affirming that a potent cause in delaying the advance of Christianity in China is found in the doctrinal differences of the churches? The Chinese are taught to regard difference of sect as equivalent to difference of creed; hence they cannot easily be brought to understand that Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists, Catholics, Greek Churchmen, Friends, and others are all preaching one faith. "Again, Chinese bewilderment is increased because the Catholics, the English and the American missionaries use different Chinese words for God. This causes the people to think that the missionaries have different deities."

—When Morrison set forth for China in 1807 he must needs journey from England *via* New York. After his final