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THE LIFE BEYOND. THE star is not extinguished when it sets Upon the dull horizon; it but goes To shine in other skies, their rayspear In ours as fresh as when it first arose.

Thus nothing dies, or only dies to live; Star, stream, sun, flower, the dew-drop, and the gold, Each goodly thing, instinct with buoyant hope, Hastes to put in its purer, finer mold.

HOW TO HAVE A WORKING CHURCH.

MR. SPURGEON is not only the most effective preacher of the simple Gospel in modern times; he is also a most admirable administrator of church activities. He preaches to five or six thousand souls on the Sabbath, lectures to a crowd on Thursday evenings, edits his "Sword and Trowel," controls his Pastor's College, Orphanage, etc., and keeps a sharp eye on all the interests of a church of over 4,000 communicants!

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CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE.

It is certain that if the government of the republic holds its own and grows stronger, the days of the union of the Church with the State are numbered. The budget commission of the Chamber of Deputies has already a majority to demand the suppression of the subsidies for the purpose of public worship.

Of this we have a proof in the fine development of Protestant activity in all spheres. In the first place, the churches found immediately the funds necessary to maintain, in spite of the suppression of state endowment, the scholarships in the seminaries connected with our two theological faculties at Paris and Montauban, which are in full prosperity, with a remarkable staff of teachers and many students.

3. Keep your eye on all the operations of the church, not to do the trustee's work or the elder's work or the Sabbath-school superintendent's work, but to see that they do it. A meddling minister may be as mischievous as an idle one; yet oversight and wise counsel are your prerogative. Always attend your prayer-meetings, both for your own spiritual profit and also to put honor on the most vital service, next to the preaching of the Word.

Mission Work.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

SEVEN NEW MISSIONARIES.—DESIGNATION OF THREE LADY MISSIONARIES.—INTERESTING SERVICES. THE growth of our Foreign Mission work and the development of the missionary spirit throughout our Church are clearly manifested in the departure this month of no less than seven duly appointed new missionaries for work in India and China.

DESIGNATION OF MISS HARRIS, GRAM AND MINTOSH.

At the time appointed (8 p.m.) for the commencement of the services the church was crowded by a large congregation, representative of all the congregations in the city and some from other evangelical denominations, to whom also the occasion was of deep interest.

The proceedings were begun by the singing of the One Hundredth Psalm, after which Rev. J. Neil read the Scripture, Ps. lxvii. and Rev. Dr. McTavish led in prayer. The hymn "Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious" was then sung, after which Rev. G. M. Milligan addressed the missionaries in very appropriate and impressive terms.

second Adam, salvation. (2) No human being is so endowed or circumstanced as that he may dispense with this Gospel truth. All men everywhere need the Gospel, and for the missionary to accept the dicta of some writers that as all religions contain a modicum of truth all should be tolerated, would paralyze effort and quench zeal. The true kernel of the Christian religion is the exceeding sinfulness of sin. In dealing with sin we must not trust the evidence of our senses merely, but we must walk by faith and believe and act as if God could not look upon sin with any degree of allowance.

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MISS AMELIA HARRIS is the eldest daughter of William Harris, Esq., merchant, Toronto, and grand daughter of the late Rev. David Harris, of Fearn, Forfarshire, Scotland. She was born in Montreal where the family formerly resided, and was educated at Miss Peddie's school and the Girls' High School, Montreal and the Collegiate Institute, Toronto. She is a graduate of the Normal School, Toronto, and Gold Medalist of that institution and has had some experience in teaching.

MISS MARGARET JAMIESON was born of Scottish parentage at Inverness, County of Megantic, in the Province of Quebec. For some years she held the important position of Principal in a Public School in Quebec City. During her residence in that city she was a member of Chalmers' church; and the late pastor, Rev. Dr. Mathews, in recommending her to the Foreign Mission Committee took occasion to speak in the highest terms of her qualifications for the work in which she sought to be engaged.

MISS JEANNIE S. GRAHAM is the eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Graham, of Messrs. Graham & Son, Adelaide Street, Toronto, a highly esteemed elder of Charles-street congregation. Miss Graham was born in the Township of Adjala, County Simcoe, and after residing in Rosemont and other places removed with her parents to this city nearly eight years ago.

MISS MARGARET MCINTOSH is the eldest daughter of Mr. Daniel McIntosh, a well known elder of Central church congregation, Toronto. When she was quite young the family removed to Guelph, and there she was educated in the Public and High schools of that city. In Guelph she first made public profession of faith in Christ and became united with Chalmers' church congregation, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Wardrope.

These four ladies will be supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church who have provided funds for their outfit and passage. Their route to their respective fields is as follows:—Last Monday evening Miss Graham and Miss McIntosh left Toronto in company with Rev. J. H. MacVicar and his wife en route for Vancouver, B.C., where they will meet Rev. J. Macdougall and his wife. On October 4th, the party of six will sail in the "Abyssinia" for Chetoo, North China, via Yokohama.

A liberal offering for missionary purposes was then made, and after the singing of "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun," the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. J. Macdonnell. At the close of the services many remained to bid farewell to the young missionaries and to wish them God-speed.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

THE Rev. Charles H. Fowler, D.D., of San Francisco, a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who had just completed a trip around the world, recently expressed the belief that ten years hence America would pay for its anti-Chinese laws with the blood of her citizens. He occupied the entire session of the Methodist conference in speaking about his observations of missionary work, the object of his trip being personally to inspect the workings of foreign missions. In speaking of the law prohibiting the Chinese from coming to America, Bishop Fowler said it was the most dastardly and disgusting thing that America ever did.

MISSION NOTES.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has just issued a new translation of the Kafir Bible. A HOME for Hindu widows has been established at Julpigum, Bengal, and efforts are being made to start others at various points. We agree with Woman's Work for Woman that there is call for a leaflet about giving not a "penny" nor a "mite" to missions, but large offerings by the rich. The Secretary of the Pundita Ramabai Association of San Francisco, left that city August 20th for India, to assist in the organization of the institution for child-widows. MISS JAY, who has been evangelizing among the Moorish troops in Algeria, says that what seemed to astonish them most was the fact that if they believed in Jesus they must leave their sins. One of the soldiers said: "Truly your religion is better than ours, for we can have our prophet and our sins too." THE Rev. C. S. Hobson, his wife and little girl, missionaries in the Island of Rautan, West Indies, were murdered very recently. The deed was perpetrated by a man who entered the house evidently for plunder. Mr. Hobson was a native of Jamaica, educated, and a devoted missionary of the English Baptist Missionary Society, and his wife an earnest and energetic worker. EMMA BRAINERD RYDER, M.D., who has practised medicine in New York city during the last ten years, has opened a consulting Room at Albert Hall (Alexandria Girls' School), Fort Bombay. Dr. Ryder was a pupil of Sir T. Spencer Wells and Sir Morrell Mackenzie, and finished her medical studies at the University of Vienna, while for two years she was physician in the hospital there, which has five thousand beds. It is a fact probably not known by some of our readers that at the commencement of the last Egyptian war the missionaries of the American United Presbyterian Church had to fly from the country for their lives, leaving behind them all their property, furniture, books, etc. When the war was over they returned and found their native servants unharmed, obtained their keys from them, unlocked their houses, and found their furniture untouched and everything safe. THE British and Foreign Bible Society, the largest Bible Society in the world, was formed in London in 1804. Its president is the Earl of Harroby, and its vice-presidents include the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, bishops of the Church of England and ministers and laymen of all denominations. It circulates the Holy Scriptures without note or comment in nearly 300 languages and dialects, and distributes annually about 4,000,000 copies. Its selling rates place the Word of God within the reach of the poor in every land. His that hath tasted of the bitterness of sin will fear to commit it, and he that hath felt the sweetness of mercy will fear to offend it.—Charnock. MANY go through David's sins without his repentance, and Solomon's experience without his conclusions, and these are the men who rail at both.—Dr. John Ker.