

Jesus, the only Saviour. Seek first the riches of the kingdom above for yourself and them, and God will provide for the meaner things of this earthly life. But if you neglect to secure these true riches, what have you in store for time to come but self-condemnation and the bitter cry, "O, if I had known!"

The Calcutta Case.

An American missionary writes :

Last Monday the suit which had been pending some time was decided in favor of the missionaries ; and it may not be out of place to give a *resume* of what has happened.

In April one or two slight disturbances occurred—nothing new under the sun—in connection with the street preaching ; and the new commissioner of police, Mr. Harrison, with more of haste than wisdom, issued an order prohibiting preaching in the squares except by those licensed by him ; while a conservative Hindoo, a member of the municipal council, moved that "no preaching be allowed in any of the public squares."

Various reasons are assigned for this opposition. The prevalent opinion seems to be that it arose chiefly from conservative (orthodox) Hindoos, who are naturally opposed to the spread of Christianity in their midst and would be glad to see the missionaries silenced. Besides, there are not wanting European officials who care but little for Christianity, and in a case like this are not averse to taking the part of the Hindoos. The police commissioner is a Roman Catholic, but it is believed he has not been influenced by his religious prejudices in what he has done. However originated, the opposition was very active and pronounced and the two parties were soon arrayed against each other.

On the first day of May the missionaries were interrupted by the police, and on May 9, but refused to be stopped. May 9, a Missionary Conference was held and the following resolution was adopted : "That we respectfully decline to apply for personal permission to preach in the places of public resort where we have a common right to be, and where the public traffic and convenience will not be interfered with by our preaching."

The commissioner issued a second order and the missionaries for the purpose of testing its legality, believing themselves to be in the right, disobeyed and resumed preaching, the consequence of which

that was summonses were served upon five of them.—Revs. Messrs. Kerry, MacDonald, Bamford, James and Johnson—and the case came up for trial. After considerable delay it was heard : the prosecution utterly failed to make out its case, and the bench of magistrates (consisting of a Hindoo, a Mohammedan, and two Europeans) unanimously decided : decided that the police commissioner had exceeded his authority and dismissed the suit. The prosecution attempted to prove that that the public preaching was productive of disturbances, and that it was not liked by the natives.

Missionaries in all parts of India are rejoicing over this victory. Had the suit been decided otherwise it would have been carried not only to the highest courts here, but to the supreme authority in England. After having for years the unquestioned privilege of preaching in the streets, the missionaries would not willingly see this right interfered with ; and all England would have supported them.

The Working Men's Lord's Days Rest Association, of Bedford row, London, England, has just issued an appeal to the public, printed on a large six-sheet double-crown bill, as follows : "The Sabbath was made for man. Why not for the railway man? Why not for the cab, omnibus and tramway men? Thousands of these working men have no day of rest. They work ten to eighteen hours a day seven days a week. Englishmen! do not enslave your fellow-men by employing them in needless Sunday work. If you would not like to work yourselves on Sundays, don't make others work for you on that day." The opinion of the late Beaconsfield is quoted. He said : "Of all Divine institutions the most Divine is that which secures a day of rest for man. I hold it to be the most valuable blessing ever conceded to man. It is the cornerstone of civilization, and its removal might even effect the health of the people." Mr. Gladstone's opinion is also given, as follows : "The religious observance of Sunday is a main prop of the religious character of the country. From a moral, social and physical point of view, the observance of Sunday is a duty of absolute consequence."—*Can. Pres*

The "Gospel in All Lands" says : "Japan, with 800 atheist students in her National University, and not a single Christian, waits to choose between Herbert Spencer and Jesus Christ. China, with every avenue opening to the com-