

by every failure let her down a little lower; and now as she was helpless at the feet of Jesus, I was glad to be able to set forth a full and eternal salvation through Him. She said she had never seen it in that way. Her mother, on seeing us enter the omnibus, had retired to pray that God would use that opportunity for the conversion of her child. How little did I think that in a few days she was to return to her mother's house to die. I passed through the same town seven months afterwards. I found her pale on her dying bed. She had now found peace through the precious blood of Christ. The visits of a Christian had been blessed to her soul. She is now with the Lord.

The cross of Christ meets both these states of mind. Are you careless about sin? Look at the cross; in it God says it is impossible for Him to be indifferent about sin.

Is your soul burdened with sin? Do you feel like the person with his over-luggage, that with your sins you must pass on to the presence of God? Oh, how overwhelming is the weight and guilt of sin—still pressing the soul down, down, down! Yet, however much we may feel its weight, it is only at the cross of Jesus that we can really learn what sin is. The cross of Christ was the scale of divine justice on which sin was weighed to the utmost. God there laid its utmost weight on Jesus. "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." The thought of it made Him, even the Son of man, sweat as it were great drops of blood. Oh, dwell on the solemn hour of the cross, when His soul was made an offering for sin! Blessed Jesus! in that hour of darkness, thou didst endure the full weight, the utmost curse of sin! Pass on, my soul, pass on; the ransom is fully paid; it is finished. The price of thy fearful over-luggage is paid; fully, divinely paid—paid to the utmost: Jesus is risen. Thou art justified. God, who laid thy sins on Jesus, has justified thee. Pass on. That same Jesus is coming again shortly to receive thee to Himself.

Reader, nothing can discharge thy over-burdened soul but the cross of Christ. Thy best works can help thee no more in this matter than thy greatest sins.

Believer, why doubt? Pass on with holy confidence. God is divinely and eternally righteous in justifying thee from all sin, and receiving thee to glory. "God

forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.—*Railway Tract.*

#### HOW TO KILL SIN.

Wouldst thou have much power against sin and much increase of holiness, let thine eye be much on Christ; set thine heart on Him; let it dwell on Him, and be still with Him. When sin is likely to prevail in any kind, go to Him, tell Him of the insurrection of His enemies, and thy inability to resist, and desire Him to suppress them, and to help thee against them, that they gain nothing by their stirring but some new wound. If thy heart begin to be taken with and moved toward sin, lay it before Him; the beams of His love shall eat out the fire of those sinful lusts. Wouldst thou have thy passions and love of the world and self-love killed, go sue for the virtue of His death, and that will do it. Seek His spirit, the spirit of meekness and humility and divine love. Look on Him, and He will draw thy heart heavenward, and unite it to Himself and make it like Himself. And is not that the thing thou desirest?—*Leighton.*

#### SCATTERING SEEDS.

We scatter seed with careless hand,  
And dream we ne'er shall see them more;  
But for a thousand years  
Their fruit appears,  
In weeds that mar the land,  
Or healthful store.

The deeds we do, the words we say,  
Into still air they seem to fleet;  
We count them never past;  
But they shall last—  
In the dread judgment day,  
And we shall meet.

The London Missionary Society has a remarkable showing in Madagascar. Its progress has not been hindered by the new political conditions, the presence of the French resident-general, nor by the fact that the Romish Church has returned in increased force to resume work. With its thirty English missionaries, it reports the astounding number of 828 native ordained ministers, and 4,395 native preachers with 61,000 church members and 230,000 adherents. Yet half the population remain heathen, and have not been touched by the gospel.—*Sel.*