

Again, "The earth is full of Thy mercy."

Again, "God is long-suffering, and of great mercy."

Then take that statement which rings again and again through the Holy Scriptures like the sweet refrain of some sacred song :—

"Thy mercy, O God, endureth forever."

The language of one of our hymns only re-echoes these and similar statements of God's Holy Word.

"There is a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea :
There is a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.

"There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven :
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

"There is plentiful redemption
In the Blood that has been shed :
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

"For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of man's mind :
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind."

But what are you going to do with the statements of Inspiration which affirm that it is God's earnest desire that all should be saved ? And what are you going to do with the reiterated statements of Holy Scripture respecting the endurance, the width, the vast embrace of God's mercy, in the face of the facts, the startling and appalling facts, which confront us on every side ?

Millions upon millions in Pagan and Mahomedan lands are dying without ever hearing of Jesus Christ and His blessed Gospel.

Even in Christian lands hundreds of thousands, owing to the circumstances of their depressing environment, have never heard "The Old, Old Story of Jesus and His Love." Jesus, "The Saviour of the world," is to them a Name unknown.

A city missionary visiting a dying girl in one of the slums of London, asked her if she knew Jesus Christ. "No," she said, "I never heard of Him. I am sure He does not live in our court."