

Beneath Thy yoke, Lord, I find peace that abideth
And passeth all knowledge; find strength in which hideth
The soul from the touch of life's bane.
Beneath Thy yoke, Lord, I find joy full of glory,
Exceeding, eternal; find rest calm and holy—
Sweet rest for the weary soul's pain.

Beneath Thy yoke, Lord, I find light all-resplendent,
That shineth more bright until growing transcendent
It ends in full glory above.
Beneath Thy yoke, Lord, I find love without measure—
A perfect, a free, inexhaustible treasure—
Thy wonderful, wonderful love.

Missionary Items

The Indian census shows that the native Christians are increasing fifteen times as fast as the general population.

The Maharajah of Darbhanga, of Bengal, has given \$25,000 for a hospital and dispensary in connection with Lady Dufferin's medical work. His gifts for benevolent purposes the last eight years reach fully \$1,700,000.

At the Conference on Foreign Missions in London, Sir W. W. Hunter said that while the ordinary increase of the population of India had been 10½ per cent., the increase of Christians had been 64 per cent. in the last ten years.

The money given by the women of the Presbyterian Church in the United States during the past sixteen years amounts to \$2,150,000, representing the entire support of more than 200 women missionaries, 200 native Bible readers, and more than 150 schools.

In this (Italy) stronghold of Roman Catholicism the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society has met with marked success during the past year, the distribution being 33,349 copies in advance of the year preceding. The figures are: Bibles, 7,322; Testaments, 18,885, and portions, 102,821; total, 129,028.

During the six years, 1881-7, the Northern Baptists expended for Home Mission work, as shown by the receipts of the "American Baptist Home Missionary Society," \$2,258,656. For the same period they expended for Foreign Missions, as shown by the receipts of the "Baptist Missionary Union," \$2,327,239. The Southern Baptists, during the same six years, contributed for Home Missions \$455,399, and for Foreign, \$472,411.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada reports \$10,058 as the amount of last year's receipts. Its foreign work is thus summarized: three schools for our own Indians in the Northwest, one girl's school in Formosa, six schools under the care of our ladies in Central India, six native teachers assisting in these schools, two Bible women, general missionary work in the hospitals, villages and zenanas, three missionary teachers, one medical missionary, one lady ready for the work, one lady in Canada receiving medical education, donation for Trinidad.

The Hindus are not disposed to allow Christianity to win a victory in India without a struggle. Publications in defence of Brahminism are scattered widely over the country. Just now we hear of Hindu Tract Society started in Madras, which is issuing large editions of hand-

bills monthly, in which the Christian religion is furiously attacked. The English missionaries report that all this is working for good, and that "the Tamil country is being stirred as never before." These conflicts are rousing men from their indifference, and will lead to decision either for Christ or against him.

A Parsee girl in India named Sorabji has become quite distinguished for her intellectual ability. In her University course she has gained scholarships each year, and has kept at the head of the list of competitors in English. She has recently graduated in the first class. Only six students in all, of whom the remaining five were men, succeeded in obtaining this degree. Miss Sorabji is the only "girl graduate" in the Bombay Presidency. Best of all, she is a Christian, and the child of Christian parents, one of seven sisters, all of whom have been well educated and are doing good service as educationists. Her mother has established a successful high school in Poona.

Rev. James Johnston, in his *Century of Christian Missions*, puts the population of the world at about 1,470,000,000; Protestants, 135,000,000; Greeks, 85,000,000; Papists, 195,000,000; Jews, 8,000,000; Mohammedans, 173,000,000; heathen, 874,000,000; altogether about 1,473,000,000 as the world's population at present. The Mohammedans and the heathen together make 1,047,000,000, besides about 11,000,000 of Jews. These 1,058,000,000 are unevangelized. Besides, there are millions of Greek Catholics and Roman Catholics as destitute of the Bible as are the Mohammedans and the heathen.

A Japanese correspondent writes to the *Christian Union*:—"Sunday, March 26, was another red-letter day in Kyoto. Twenty-five young men and eight young ladies, students in our *Doshisha* schools, publicly confessed Christ as their Saviour. This, with six young ladies baptized in January, and forty-three young men baptized in December, makes eighty-two accessions from the school during the current school year. Ten were received into one of the city churches on the same day. One of the young men joining from the school is a son of one of the most famous men in Japan. The Osaka church will dedicate a very large and commodious church April 5."

The mission work among the 11,000,000 Jews of the world has been developed with especial rapidity since 1881. An investigation made then showed that there were engaged in it 20 societies, employing 270 missionaries. Statistics recently published report the existence of 47 societies, with 377 missionaries. The increase in contributions has not been proportionally large, being only about \$96,000. Of the \$432,000 which constituted last year's income, \$363,163 were given in the British Isles. The missionaries make their headquarters at those cities where the Jews chiefly congregate. Fifty-eight work in London; 14 in Buda-Pesth; 33 in Constantinople, and 28 in Jerusalem. A proportionally smaller number of workers are stationed at the less important cities.

Dr. Warneck, who also is a leading authority on mission matters, has compiled some statistics on the number of converts reported from Catholic and from Protestant societies. His summary is that the former reports 268,700 converts in Africa, 2,000,000 in Asia, 55,000 in Oceania, and 330,000 in America, or a