

swept over Burma, Siam, Thibet, much of China, and on to Japan.

The scriptures compiled by Buddha's disciples, "The Tripitaka," in spite of their false conception of human existence and of the divine nature, do contain many true and noble sentiments, many choice maxims, many high aspirations, and many ennobling exhortations to uprightness and purity of life, but offers no aid to their attainment.

Why is it that they do not attain to the end to the which they are thus eloquently urged to aim? It is because they know of no help and seek no help *outside of themselves*. They have no Daysman, no divine Burden-Bearer, no sympathizing High Priest, no God-man reaching down to help them up.

The great religions all agree in the main as to man's having fallen into the pit of sin. But all, except Christianity, leave man in the pit, in vain struggling to help himself out. Christianity alone pictures the Lord of life, clothed in human form, coming by and looking down into that pit with eyes of compassion, and bending over and reaching a hand far down for each repentant sinner to clasp and be drawn out, that his feet may be fixed on heavenly ground. Nay, more: it is not sufficient that there should be simply an almighty being coming to the rescue. But, to reach our needs, it must be one endowed with our natures, suffering with us. It must be one "who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that He himself also [in the flesh] was compassed with infirmity." And such is our Jesus: for, "being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

Yes, the magnetic love of Jesus Christ does make an impact on that soul that cries to Him. That impact imparts power to spring out of Satan's thralldom into God's liberty. It makes us sons of God. It seals us for the kingdom of heaven.

Comrades, in this truth lies our power; not in the fierce denunciation of the errors of those systems which we are seeking to supplant; but, acknowledging whatever of truth they do contain, and using it as a help, our power lies in presenting in the most vivid light this higher truth, higher than they ever conceived of, even in their most rapturous dreams—Jesus, the divine, the sympathizing, the all-sufficient help-giver and burden-bearer, come to our aid. Yes, in this truth lies our power—our power for work in the home land, our power for

work at the ends of the earth. How it challenges to obedience; how it energizes us for the conflict in carrying out the Saviour's ascending behest, "Go evangelize all the nations!"

The key is furnished us, the incentive; the constraining love of Christ is limitless; the leverage is adequate. Come on, Immanuel's followers! Let us lift the world for Christ, *through Christ, to Christ*.

## PEACE AND WHAT MUST FOLLOW IN SOUTH AFRICA.

**T**HIS land is settling down to peace. It has been filled with destruction and devastation. Enormous piles of money have been spent. Great has been the sacrifice of life. Homes have been desolated, houses burnt, families scattered, many deported beyond the seas. Readjustments are now the order, but at best how slow and sad will be the process! The English have been magnanimous in the terms of settlement, and they and the Dutch will no doubt live amicably together, and the future for both will be far better than the past.

But the war between the English and the Dutch is a small matter, and of brief duration, as compared with the greater and longer struggle coming between whites and blacks throughout all Africa. There is mutual animosity, and it grows. The white man is in Africa for *gain*, and the African must help on that end, or stand aside. The generations of culture have given the white man every advantage in his civilized equipment. The native body is a torpid mass, as the white man finds it, but it has the advantage of immense numbers and is *awaking* into restless activity, feeling its way into the new life it begins to see before it. Each race seeks its own, and each fails to understand the other, much less to seek, in the spirit of self-sacrifice, to bless and build up the other.

Nothing but the principles of the Gospel in active exercise on both sides will avail to adjust the relations of black and white to each other. That there is a mission for the Africans to fulfil in the world none can doubt. God has not created these millions for naught. Possibly it is as it was concerning the house of Judah and the house of Israel, as set forth by Zechariah! "And it shall come to pass that, as ye were a curse among the nations, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing."—*Ex.*