

IS IT NOTHING TO YOU.

"When (Jesus) saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

Is it nothing to you, oh, ye Christians,

That millions of beings to-day,
In the heathen darkness of China,
Are rapidly passing away?

They have never heard the story
Of the loving Lord who saves,
And fourteen hundred every hour
Are sinking to Christless graves!

Is it nothing to you, oh, ye Christians?
Can ye say you have naught to do?
Millions in China are dying unsaved;
And is it nothing to you?

Is it nothing to you, oh, ye Christians,
That in India's far-away land
There are thousands of people pleading
For the touch of a Saviour's hand?
They are groping and trying to find Him;
And although He is ready to save,
Eight hundred precious souls each hour
Sink into a Christless grave!

Is it nothing to you, oh, ye Christians?
Can you say you have naught to do?
Millions in India dying unsaved;
And is it nothing to you?

Is it nothing to you, oh, ye Christians,
That Africa walks in the night?
And that Christians at home deny them
The blessed Gospel light?

The cry is going up this morning
From a heart-broken race of slaves,
And seven hundred every hour
Sink down into Christless graves!
Is it nothing to you, oh, ye Christians?
Will you say you have naught to do?
Millions in Africa dying unsaved;
And is it nothing to you?

Is it nothing to you, oh, ye Christians?
Oh, answer me this to-day!
The heathen now are looking to you;
To go, or to give, or pray.
You can save your souls from bloodguiltiness,
For in lands you never trod
The heathen are dying every day,
And dying without God.

Is it nothing to you, oh, ye Christians?
Dare ye say ye have naught to do?
All over the earth they wait for the Light;
And is it nothing to you!

TELUGU BAPTISTS IN NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA.

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A RECRUITING station for coolies, or laborers to go to Natal, South Africa, was opened in Vinukonda, South India, in February, 1900. A great many poor people were out of work, and at the same time a number of teachers had been obliged to close their schools as their pupils had moved away. A few of these teachers gathered together a number of poor people and left for Natal. Some went first to Cocanada, where they attended the Baptist church under the care of the Canadian Baptist Mission; all were detained for some time in Madras where they had to undergo a governmental medical examination, as a result of which quite a number were rejected. While in Madras sixteen were converted and baptized into the Tondiarpetta Baptist Church. About 500 coolies from Vinukonda and the surrounding stations went to Natal during 1900, of whom three hundred were members of Baptist churches. Their traveling expenses are all paid by the company which employs them. It also furnishes their clothing, food and houses, and pays each person eight rupees a month, or about \$2.60. This is increased one rupee a month for each succeeding year of the five for which they enlist. At the expiration of their contract they are returned to India unless they prefer to remain in Natal, where a large number doubtless will settle down and establish themselves permanently on their own farms.

The hundred church members who went from the Vinukonda churches sent to relatives in India, in 1901, more than one thousand rupees in cash, over \$330.

On one of the large estates at their new home a Baptist church has been organized and regular services are held in a hall, which the proprietor has given them. It probably never occurred to Mr. Day or Mr. Jewett, the founders of the Telugu mission, that the work they began would extend into Africa. There are already 70,000 Hindus in South Africa, and they are rapidly increasing and will continue to, now that all that region has been annexed to the British Empire.

The Baptist Home Mission Society in South India, is endeavoring to send out to these people two evangelists. These coolies are peculiarly susceptible to the influences of Christianity. As caste distinctions