

compassion upon the unsheltered multitude led him to teach them "many things" for their uplifting, and it was both the duty and privilege of his people to have compassion upon the multitudes in heathen lands, and teach them the things that pertain to salvation, to send them that gospel that will bring release to the captives, sight to the blind, and set at liberty them that are bruised.

Prayer.

Most gracious God and Father, in whom dwelleth all fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds, we beseech thee, by the Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of thy Word. Give us grace to receive it with all reverence and humility. May it teach us to put our whole trust in thee only, and so to serve and honor thee that in all our life we may glorify thy holy name and be profitable to our fellow-men. And inasmuch as it hath pleased thee to remember us with thy servants and children, grant that we may render unto thee the love and obedience which we owe thee, as children to their father and servants to their lord. We ask all for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Saviour. Amen.—John Calvin.

Bible Power.

The Bible illustrates the best elements of historical writing; and every page gives proof that its writers wrote in the conscious presence of the living God. Its biographies are matchless; this difficult species of writing is here seen to perfection. Truth dominates every part; infirmities and excellencies are faithfully portrayed. This fact is an evidence of its inspiration; uninspired writers would have denied or concealed the sins, and would have magnified or created the virtues of their heroes. Its influence on language is wonderful; it has fixed the form of our language, and it ennobles and exalts every language into which it is translated.—Dr. Robert Stuart MacArthur.

Sabbath Afternoon.

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There's lots of music in the Psalms,
Those dear, sweet Psalms of old,
With visions bright of lands of light,
And shining streets of gold;
I hear them ringing, singing still,
In memory soft and clear,
"Such pity as a father hath
Unto his children dear."

They seem to sing for evermore
Of better, sweeter days,
When the lilies of the love of God
Bloomed while in all the ways;
And still I hear the solemn strains
In the quaint old meeting flow,
"Oh greatly blessed the people are
The joyful sound that know."

No singing books we needed then,
For very well we knew
The tunes and words we loved so well,
"The dear old Psalm book through;
To "Coteshill" at the Sacrament
We sang, as tears would fall,
"Hill of salvation take the cup,
On God's name will I call."

And so I love the dear old Psalms,
And when my time shall come,
Before the light has left my eyes,
And my singing lips are dumb;
If I can only hear them then,
I'll gladly soar away—
"So pants my longing soul, O God,
That come to Thee I may."

If I had but two loaves of bread, I would sell one and buy hyacinths, for they would feed my soul.—The Koran.

Our Young People

Home Work Among Foreigners.

Topic for 30th Nov.

About the Chinese in Canada, Rev. D. Thompson, of Montreal, writes:

The first Chinese on the American continent, in modern times at least, were three who arrived in February, 1848, at San Francisco. The tale of gold discovered the following year soon reached Canton, and large numbers thereafter sought the "Golden Hills," as California and vicinity has ever since been called by them. Two decades ago, by the census, there were but 22 in Ontario; ten years ago 97; at present 732. In Quebec for the same periods respectively, the numbers were 7,36, and 1,037; and in Manitoba 4, 31, and 206. There are at present in Nova Scotia 106; in New Brunswick 59, and in P. E. Island, 4; with 223 in Alberta; 51 in Assiniboia; 7 in Yukon; 4 in Saskatchewan, and 14,869 in British Columbia. The total in Canada two decades ago was 4,383, now 17,299.

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What a God-given opportunity and splendid lever for China's uplift. Only recently upwards of 200 passed through Montreal, taking some three dozen with them from this city, to be added to till Victoria is reached, all bound for China, taking back what they have learned.

Our churches in the East have done well by them and yet there is room. There are in all fourteen paid workers amongst them, native and foreign, and a host of 50 unteer "foreign missionaries at home," including ministers and elders as well as many hundreds of young people, engaged in our missions, Sunday and other schools and in the private teaching of them.

We find from "C. B. to B. C." about two hundred such points of attack: viz., 2 in Halifax, 2 in Quebec, 3 in Ottawa, 16 in Montreal, 10 in Toronto, 2 in Hamilton, in Guelph, in Winnipeg and one at many another point, where the needs are faithfully and fully met for most part till we reach British Columbia, where their numbers increase and opportunities proportionately.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are holding the fort bravely at Vancouver, with Mr. and Mrs. Hall at Cumberland, and the successors of Mr. and Mrs. Winchester at Victoria, Rev. and Mrs. Ewing, assisted by Miss Carrei Gunn among the women and children, and Ma Seung, with Ng Mon Heng at Nelson and vicinity. The missionaries there make periodical itinerations and in recent rather encouraging letters were just off for a Gospel tour into the interior.

"Eastward, Thomas Humphries is a wise and faithful manager of some 300 Chinese in Toronto, aided by the experience of Mr. Winchester. Mrs. Hall gives special aid in connection with the Chinese C. E. Society there, which, like another in Montreal and a similar one just formed in Ottawa, are earnestly seeking to help others as they themselves have been helped."

"In Montreal, Miss Helen Tweedie is the efficient teacher of the Montreal Chinese Mission school, and Chin Seng the capable native helper, whilst the writer and Mrs. Thompson are at work among men, women and children, the former reaching by visitation and correspondence many points especially in Eastern Canada."

"However, while in the many ways mentioned a wide and healthful influence is being exerted, the changeableness of the Chinese causes the work here to be largely of a seed-sowing character. Still, results are not absent, direct and indirect. Many very many, have been intellectually convinced of the truth of Christianity, others have declared themselves Christians without the opportunity of reception into church relationship, while some thirty have been received on the Coast, an equal number at Montreal and about as many at other points. Seven were recently baptized in Ottawa by Rev. Dr. Moore, with other four there in Knox and Bank street churches previously. Half a dozen in Toronto, and Winnipeg, and Calgary, several at London, Windsor, Niagara, Halifax and various other points East and West have made profession of their faith."

We need not urge Endeavorers to help in this good work; all will do so willingly—by their prayers, giving of their means; and wherever practicable by themselves becoming home missionaries to the foreigners within their reach.

God alone knows what is best for us, and so God alone knows what it is best to promise us. We must not dictate, we dare not. We must not bargain with God and seek better promises than are given us. There can be no better when God has spoken.

Only one railway passenger in every 2,153,469 is killed each year in the United States, but one out of every 400 employees of the railway is killed and one in every 26 is injured.

A dying French saint was giving a last embrace to her daughter. "My child," she said, "I have loved you because of what you are; my heavenly Father, to whom I go, has loved me in spite of what I am."

The common problem—yours, mine, every one's—is not to fancy what were fair in life, provided it could be, but finding first what may be, then find how to make it fair up to our means—a very different thing.—Robert Browning.

A man in Burmah possessed a copy of the Psalms in Burmese, which had been left behind by a traveler stopping at his house. Before he had finished the first reading of the book he resolved to cast his idols away. For twenty years he worshipped the eternal God revealed to him in the Psalms, using the fifty-first, which he had committed to memory, as a daily prayer. Then a missionary appeared on the scene and gave him a copy of the New Testament. The story of salvation through Jesus Christ brought great joy to his heart, and he said: "For twenty years I walked by starlight; now I see the sun."—Woman's Evangel.

To every erring child, God sends merciful help. In the wilderness the meal is spread, and instead of remonstrance, angel hands soothe the weary and despondent prophet. Our fits of depression and apparent desertion as often arise from physical as spiritual causes, and God knows our frame.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.