

A FEW Christians here in San Francisco are praying God to abolish the liquor traffic in this city—praying God to do it. Just how they expect or desire Him to do it, is not so plain. He certainly could send in a tidal wave from the ocean, and also overthrow us with an earthquake, and bury saints, harlots, and saloons, at one fell swoop. But unless He does that, I suspect the people will have to abolish the traffic, if it be done, and use all the agencies God has given, in education, religion and law. Not very many Christians seem to be in this prayer movement yet, and the leaders sadly lack breadth and grasp, though they may mean well.—*Religious Herald*.

LADY SEBRIGHT, speaking at a temperance meeting the other day, said, "We have Sunday closing in

W—ALES
I—RELAND
S—COTLAND.

When we have got Sunday closing in

E—NGLAND,

then only will the nation be W-I-S-E."

THE native population of Alaska has decreased 8,000 in ten years. The natives are being rapidly killed off by "bootcha," a liquor manufactured by them.

Missions.

THE CRY OF THE HEATHEN.

A cry, as of pain,
Again and again,
Is borne o'er the deserts and wide spreading main ;
A cry from the lands that in darkness are lying,
A cry from the hearts that in sorrow are sighing :
It comes unto me ;
It comes unto thee ;
Oh, what—oh, what shall the answer be ?

Oh ! hark to the call ;
It comes unto all
Whom Jesus hath rescued from sin's deadly thrall :
Come over and help us ! in bondage we languish ;
Come over and help us ! we die in our anguish :
It comes unto me ;
It comes unto thee ;
Oh, what—oh, what shall the answer be ?

It comes to the soul
That Christ hath made whole,
The heart that is longing His name to extol ;
It comes with a chorus of pitiful wailing ;
It comes with a plea which is strong and prevailing :
"For Christ's sake" to me ;
"For Christ's sake" to thee :
Oh, what—oh, what shall the answer be ?

We come, Lord, to Thee :
Thy servants are we ;
Inspire Thou the answer, and true it shall be !
If here we should work, or afar Thou shouldst send us,
Oh, grant that Thy mercy may ever attend us ;
That each one may be
A witness for Thee,
Till all the earth shall Thy glory see.

So it is with this problem of work upon the neglected classes in cities. The Saviour never speaks of "the masses"—we do that—as if we could catch them as men seine mackerel ; but He saw and spoke of the individual soul ; and so must we. The only way to do this work is to do it. There is no problem about it ; we have held the key to the situation all the time. When the Hoosac Tunnel was to be dug, years were wasted in efforts to devise some patent method to blow a hole through the mountain ; but when at last they settled down to the idea that they must pound rock they did it, in the easiest and best way they could ; but they did it. For us the method of Scripture is all that is needed.

First a man ; sometimes better a woman ; frequently best both. The individual soul seeking for other souls is effective now as it has always been ; as effective in the city as in the country. We were lost at the thought of our 20,000 Bohemians. A graduate of the Bible Readers' School came to us. She went to the public school in the Bohemian district, and asked to see the Register ; it was placed before her, and she copied all the Bohemian names and numbers. Then she began calling. Doors that would have been shut against us were open to her because she spoke their language. She called the children by name, and the mothers were delighted. The result is a Sunday school of over two hundred children, as bright as any you ever saw ; and how they do love to sing ! And men who call themselves infidels are ready to come to church and hear the Gospel. A minister has just decided to come, and after a while we will tell you of our Bohemian Congregational Church.—*Rev. Dr. Geo. C. Adams, at Saratoga*.

PERSIA.—Mr. Whipple, writing from Teheran, the capital, speaks of obvious changes since his last visit, two or three years ago :

The foreign population has increased very much, and is still increasing. One concern, which has control of the tobacco business, will bring out forty or fifty European clerks. Other enterprises will require a large European staff, such as the Artesian Well Company, the Electric Light Company, the Telephone Company, and the Tramway Companies. Tram-cars and steam-cars are already in operation. Telephones are beginning to be put up as an experiment. Does it not seem a