

theology is a theology of fragments. Each age unlearns what the age before had learned; or so learns it anew as to make the old learning seem false. We are all partialists in knowledge. We know in part and we teach in part. And all our knowledge and all our teaching is but to conduct us to love. When we have reached our journey's end we shall dismiss our guide. Knowledge is childhood, love is manhood. Theology is the alphabet, love is the literature, and when we have come to understand and read the literature, we no longer spell it out painfully one letter at a time. Love knows instantly, instinctively, intuitively. It reads truth by words, sentences, pages, not by letters. The intellect show only the reflection of truths, shadowed dimly in the mirror. Love turns its back upon the glass, and sees the truth face to face. Knowledge looks for God in the glass, and sees His dim image there; love turns dissatisfied away from the reflection which knowledge brings her, and embraces God Himself. Knowledge sees in the glass, dimly, love, face to face. The babe lying on the mother's lap knows the mother as the mother knows the child—knows it interiorly, personally, spiritually; *knows*. And the child of God, looking up into the face of God, knows God as God knows His child. "We understand one another" is the prayer of such a child, whom love has taught what knowledge never teaches.

Three things abide for ever: faith, or the vision of God; hope, or the desire for God; love, or oneness with God. But the greatest of these is love.

The Regions Beyond—Mission Tidings.

If ever there was a loud, earnest call for action, it is now. The voice of the nations, the call of Providence, the cry of the Word, the wants of a perishing world, changes among the brethren, death in the churches, all say, "Up;—Be doing;—Work while it is day. More prayer;—Greater consistency;—Large offerings;—*Christ-devotion*: Come to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty!" Oh, for a baptism for the dead;—a baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire! Lord give it; give it now: for thy Name and Mercy's sake. Amen.

The eyes of the whole civilized world are now resting upon the Dark Continent. Five railroads are projected into its very heart; these are backed by the energy and capital of as many Christian nations. They carry with them the paraphernalia of commerce, arts, science, literature, modern civilization. What do these things mean? Are they not the fundamental preparation for stupendous moral and spiritual changes in this country, and a clear indication of their speedy coming? The weird cry of the advance guard of the followers of El Mahdi, "I am coming, be ready," is doubtless the herald of a voice beyond their ken. Does it not seem as though not the El Mahdi, but the real Prophet and King, even Jesus, is proclaiming aloud in the ears of all Christian nations, in regard to the Soudan and all Africa. "I am coming, be ready?"

The siege of Khartoum has been raised, and General Gordon, the pious Christian hero, finds food for his mer. comparatively easy to obtain. The whole world had been looking to hear that he and his army were massacred.

Henry M. Stanley was given a banquet by the Chamber of Commerce of Wolverhampton, England. In response to a toast, Stanley referred to the trade of the Congo country, and said in cloths alone, at two-pence per yard, the manufactures of Manchester might realize £26,000,000 sterling annually. He said the way to secure this advantage was to urge upon the British government the necessity of sending two cruisers to the Congo river, pending decision by the European powers of the Congo question.

The Baptists began their work in Denmark in 1850, their congregations growing fast, until they now number 3,000 members.

The Wesleyans, of England, had an increase last year in membership of 3,281, their total number being now 407,085.

Ribbon of Blue.

Thanksgiving day, Nov. 6th, has been selected for opening the winter series of meetings at the Tabernacle, to be held monthly. Will all who read this notice pray that many may pin on the bit of blue, and have grace to keep from strong drink. The Birmingham Coffee House Co. have now 130,000 customers. Our duty is to *Rescue the perishing*. Let us by precept and practice preach temperance.

A publican asked an abstainer, 'why do you wear that ribbon?' The wearer said 'Why do you put a signboard above your door?' 'Oh,' said the publican 'to sell my beer.' 'Then,' said the abstainer, 'I wear my blue to show you that I don't want your beer.'

Study Table.

MAGAZINE, PAPERS AND BOOK REVIEWS.

The manager of the Canadian Baptist wishes us to state, that the "3 month free" offer has expired, but the paper can be had from this till Jan. 6th for 2.00. In plain words the same thing in a more practical way.

American Agriculturist, comes in new and improved dress and commands a welcome by its appearance and worth.

The Woman's Century, Brattleboro Va., has changed its name from the *Woman at Work*, but it has not changed from its grand principles; its new name only means a renewal of effort to make itself more widely useful. We wish it success.

The Christian At Work is seeking to widen its field of usefulness, by taking *The Continent* editor, subscribers and all. It was, is and will be a grand weekly religious paper.

The Old Theology Restated. By Rev. H. Tucker. Those who love the old paths of Scripture Truth, will find that the author points out *the way*, the old way of truth and righteousness, which leadeth unto life everlasting.

The writer grandly and sweetly repeats the old Theological doctrines of the Great Teacher, who spake as man never spake, and in his exposition and sermons thereon seeks to lead and teach as the apostles and disciples taught, Christ and him crucified, the Way, the Truth and the Life. The sermons are short, and the doctrinal points are clearly stated, and verily show that the dry bones of scripture, are full of marrow. A complete index of subjects and clear type makes it a pleasurable, as well as a profitable book to read and study.