

THE EMPIRE FLAG.

The Empire flag shall proudly brave the storms that fill the sky,
From war's rude shocks, from crested wave, from faction's party cry;

In peace or strife, for death or life, its folds remain unfurled;
Serene on high the flag shall fly, the mistress of the world.

An English tongue its praise shall sing while loyal spirits call;
Nor Scot, Colonial, Celt, are we, but Britons one and all.

From far Australia's sunny land the pulse beats warm and strong,
On Afric's shores, Canadian seas, is heard the patriot's song;
In peace or strife, in death or life, we boast of English blood,
And England's Empire flag will bear through fire and field and flood.

From flowing Ganges sacred founts, from islands of the main,
From rocky Zealand's misty mounts is heard the fervent strains;

In peace or strife, for death or life, the banner proudly waves,
O'er world wide Britain's happy soil where free men live, not slaves.

From north to south, from east to west, let hand to hand be given;

And from each loyal English breast this song ascend to heaven;

In peace or strife, for death or life, while shines the radiant sun,

We'll guard each fold of the Empire flag, and stand or fall as one.

MISSIONARY HYMN.

Away to the work! cast aside all your fears,
There is no time for sighs, there is no time for tears.
As we met let us part for the far harvest land,
With a kind word, a smile, and a clasp of the hand.

There are broad fields awaiting the unscattered seed,
And young eyes to watch where our footsteps may lead.
There's a harvest of gold but the gold lieth deep,
And now we must hasten the harvest to reap.

With hearts full of hope and hearts full of love,
We go asking strength and reward from above.
We give one another a hearty "God speed,"
And wish all a harvest of ripe golden seed.

Away to the work! hear the Great Master's call,
There is room in this world, there is work for us all.
Behold! to the eastward the bright dawning day,
Too long have we lingered—away, then, away!

A MAN'S virtues are pearls, and the thread on which they are strung is the fear of God; break the thread and the pearls are lost.—*Ancient Jewish Aphorism.*

He who imagines he can do without the world deceives himself much; but he who fancies the world cannot do without him is under a still greater deception.—*Rochefoucauld.*

WRITE your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of those who come in contact with you and you will never be forgotten. Good deeds will shine as brightly on earth as the stars in heaven.—*Chalmers.*

In Ceylon there are religionists of almost every possible variety, from the atheistical Buddhist who denies the existence of an intelligent Creator, to the Brahmin who worships three hundred millions of gods; we have the insincere professor of Christianity and the propitiator of the malignant demon; there are also the followers of the false prophet of Arabia, the fire worshipping Parsee, and the fakir and the yogi of India; and we have a large mass of population the most easily accessible, but in many respects the most destitute, who believe in everything, and practice nothing that requires giving up of sin.

DR. THOMAS S. CHILDS, of Washington, an eminent Presbyterian divine, has withdrawn from that communion and become a member of the American Episcopal Church. He hopes to take Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maryland. In his published reasons for taking this step he says: "There are two tendencies in the Presbyterian Church—one toward disintegration and one toward unity. This tendency toward disintegration is that which produces the wide differences of opinion. I find in the Episcopal Church a doctrinal faith in substantial harmony with our own. I find a communion of saints, in which I hope to enlarge the experiences of the past, and have a pledge of the still wider communion of the future. I hold as satisfactory the basis of Christian union proposed by the House of Bishops of the American Episcopal Church and revised by the Lambeth Conference. The first three terms—the Scriptures, the Creeds and the Sacraments—could hardly cause serious discussion among Protestants. All accept them. We are unable to see why there should be any more difficulties with the Historic Episcopate. Calvin admitted it; the best historic scholarship of our age admits it. The House of Bishops made their deliverance intelligently and honestly. They do not ask us to accept any particular theory of the Episcopate. They ask us to accept the fact; and there is the fact, whether we accept it or not. We are unable to see a simpler basis of union than this."

BISHOP BLYTHE, of Jerusalem, says there are now in Palestine double the number of Jews that returned from the Babylonish captivity, and that the "latter rains" which had been withheld since the times of the exile, had been granted again during the last two years.

A YOUNG man in the Union Theological Seminary, in New York, says he cannot go yet to the foreign field, but will pay for a substitute in the meantime at \$500 a year.

At the last confirmation services at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, seven Chinese and seven Syrians were presented by the rector, the Rev. Dr. David H. Greer.