

## World of Missions.

### Trusting Him.

I cannot always see the way that leads  
To heights above;  
I sometimes quite forgot He leads me on  
With hand of love;  
But yet I know the path must lead me to  
Emmanuel's land,  
And when I reach life's summit I shall know  
And understand.

I cannot always trace the onward course  
My ship must take;  
But, looking backward, I behold afar  
Its shining wake  
Illumed with God's light of love, and so  
I onward go,  
In perfect trust, that He who holds the helm  
The course must know.

I cannot always see the plan on which  
He builds my life,  
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow,  
The noise of strife,  
Confuse me till I quite forgot He knows  
And overrules,  
And that in all details with His good plan  
My life agrees.

I cannot always know and understand  
The Master's rule;  
I cannot always do the tasks He gives  
In life's hard school;  
But I am learning with His help to solve  
Them one by one,  
And when I cannot understand, to say  
"Thy will be done!"

—World-Wide Mission.

### Religious Awakening in France.

In a district in South Central France not far from Lyons, where for years, perhaps for centuries, there has not been one Protestant Christian, there has recently come tidings of a remarkable movement towards Protestantism. A year ago an evangelist was sent to this Catholic stronghold, namely, to the village of Le Mortel, four miles from Chavagnac Lafayette. Now he has gathered together a Protestant congregation of over a hundred and fifty persons. Besides being asked to remain among the people as their pastor, he has been besought by the people of twenty-two neighboring villages to come and tell them the story of the Gospel. In the manufacturing town Langeac, near by, the same evangelist has built up a church of about two hundred members, many of whom were formerly atheistic Socialists. It is believed that the same startling success may attend Protestant ministrations in other parts of France which have hitherto known only the traditional rebound from superstition to atheism. The more rational reaction from ecclesiastical tyranny and ceremonialism, from Protestantism, not atheism, is seen in the fact that the reformed churches of France are quite unable to supply pastors for all the demands now being made upon them. We should aid the Protestants of France, not only to give the Gospel to their countrymen, but also to establish churches with resident pastors, thus definitely occupying that place which only organized Christianity can satisfactorily fill.—The Missionary Review.

### The Aggressions of Islam in India.

There are few regions in India where Christian missions have been carried on more vigorously, or, on the whole, more successfully, than Tinnevely, and yet it is there that Mohammedanism has had recently its most signal triumphs. Six hundred Hindus in one village were converted to Islamism in one day, and the example thus set was quickly followed in other places. What has set this current flowing? A very curious influence. It is said that the Shanars, a very low caste, are very numerous in Tinnevely, and have been of late extremely prosperous. This prosperity has made them ambitious,

Many of them built fine houses for themselves and sought to make out that they had a right to worship in temples, from which they had hitherto been excluded. The result was a riot, in which they were badly treated by their fellow religionists of a higher caste and this has driven them to seek relief in a different faith altogether. "In accepting Islam the Shanars enter at once into the fellowship of the proudest and most united of the 'castes' of India—a corporation which not only never fails to defend its converts, but never dreams of giving them an inferior place."—Free Church Monthly.

### Chinese Emigration.

The countries about the China Sea are full of Chinese. By their superior energy and business ability they have absorbed the trade of these lands, and pushed into the background the indolent and shiftless people of these regions. There are some 2,700,000 of Chinese in Siam out of a total population of 8,000,000. In Bangkok, the capital of that kingdom, the Chinese number 300,000 in a population of 500,000. In Singapore, that flourishing British colony in the Straits of Malacca, two-thirds of the real estate is owned by the Chinese, and they

occupy positions of influence and honor, some of them being members of the legislative council. Most of the coasting trade on the Malayan peninsula is in the hands of the Chinese, they are scattered in all the settlements and plantations on the seaboard. Fifty-five thousand Chinese arrived in Singapore from China in one-quarter three months. From this center they are distributed to the Dutch and native territories. In the city of Manila, on the Luzon, there are 25,000 of them. Most of the artisans in Java are Chinese. The Chinese form an important part of the population of the British settlement of North Borneo. They are found in great numbers in Rangoon and in other coast towns of Burma. In Saigon and the ports of French Cochinchina, most of the trade is carried on by Chinese merchants.—Baptist Missionary Magazine.

How can the sense that the living God is near to our life, that He is interested in it and willing to help it, survive in us, if our life be full of petty things? Absorption in trifles, attention only to the meaner aspects of life, is killing by aggressive unbelief.—George Adam Smith.



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