

SEE to it that you have no baggage on board that you cannot check for heaven.—*Holiness Berean.*

ANNIVERSARY missionary meetings, missionary prayer meetings, missionary magazines, are all good and necessary, but just as "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin," so the living contact, if only maintained by letter with one or more missionaries abroad, creates an interest in the country, its inhabitants, and its needs, which will surely result in many giving their money and in some giving themselves.—*The Christian.*

HIGHER YET! There is a very expressive call to the Church, as rendered in the Welsh Bible, "Climb higher, thou heraldess of Zion, to a very high mountain." (Is. 40 : 9.) This is the call of the Leader from epoch to epoch; and as we in the different sections of the Church—climbing each his own path—become nearer to one another, and by following Christ the grand level plateau is not far, where we shall all meet as one Christian brotherhood in the purer air and with the broader outlook of the "new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."—Dr. Herbert Evans; chairman's address, May, 1892.

NEW Testament revision by the Turkish Press Censor has produced some curious results. That facetious official requires that the words 'Jew' and "Hebrew" shall be omitted, and that "Christian" shall be inserted before "sinners" in the text, "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." He has also struck out from the lessons for Sunday schools the story of Joseph being sold by his brethren. Sir Clare Ford, our Ambassador at the Porte, has called attention to these mutilations, and the Turkish Minister of Public Instruction has promised the matter immediate attention, and pledged the Government to grant redress. But pledges are cheap on the Bosphorus.—*Christian World.*

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