

of Christianity. The writer expects the time when vast numbers of them will come out for Christianity together.

THE heathen distance us in the way they contribute toward the support of their religion. We consider a house of worship which costs £50,000 an extravagant thing; and a £100,000 church is set down as being positively fearful in its cost. But what shall we say of the way the Asiatics spend money on their temples and their idols? The temple of Seringham has an image of "Siva," formed entirely of gold in solid pieces, which is fifteen feet high. The platform on which it stands is also of gold; and the precious stones which adorn it are of untold value. To maintain the worship of a single pagoda in Travancore, £90,000 are expended each year. A missionary found the Rajah of Burdwan sitting in his treasury with £5000 counted out before him. "What are you doing with this money?" he asked. "It is for my god!" was the reply. The yearly expenditure on the idol in the temple of Khundoba is £6000. One man gave at once upwards of £300,000 for the support of heathenism in Benares. Another in Ahmedabad built a Jain temple at a cost of £60,000. These are but specimens of the use of gold in idolatry. The only thing that comes near matching all that is the new Mormon temple at Salt Lake city, which is expected to cost £2,000,000. This building will be 10° by 200 feet, and is already up one story.—*F. C. Record.*

A FRIEND said to me that a good man he named had died, and left £30,000.

I held up my hands, and said, "What a pity!"

He looked surprised, and said, "What do you mean?"

"I mean just what I say," I replied; "for surely it is a pity, when the man might have sent it on before him, that he should have left his £30,000 behind him, for he will very likely never hear of it again."

Duncan Matheson once said, "If—were ever getting back to this world for half a day, the first thing, I believe, she would do would be to break her will." I suspect there are not a few dead Christians who, if they got a chance to return to earth, would do the same.

Poetry.

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Christian Unity.

Eph. iv. 4-6.

I.

One Body: members of the Head,
And living, though they once were dead.
Washed in the blood the Saviour shed
On Calvary's woeful tree,
All who are "Israelites indeed,"
Out of all nations gathered,
Of diverse ritual, form, and creed,
Learned, unlearned, bond and free.

II.

One Spirit: who alone bestows
The sacred life of love on those
Of God and truth, by nature, foes,
And leads them in His way.
One Hope: not happiness in this
Scene of sin, death, wretchedness,
But hope in God, of heavenly bliss,
When time has passed away.

III.

One Lord: the Lord of life and light
And love, and glory infinite,
And grace so rich, and truth so bright,
And immortality,
One Faith: the record God hath given,
That guilty sinners are forgiven,
Received in Christ, and meet for Heaven
When their vile bodies die.

IV.

One Baptism: into the great name
Of Him who formed creation's frame,
And man redeemed from sin and shame,
And mind and matter ways,
Teaching, by simple, sacred sign,
That guilt is washed by power divine,
Not by man's might, or man's design,
Or human wisdom's ways.

V.

One God, and Father of us all,
Who, from an earthly parents' fall
Was rescued, and from Satan's thrall,
And weary woes of hell.
One Body, Spirit, Hope so bright,
One Lord, one Faith, one sacred rite,
Baptismal, and one God of might,
And love ineffable!

VI.

O! then, ye christian brotherhood,
Redeemed by Jesus' precious blood,
Be envies, jealousies, withstood,
And all unseemly strife.
Let the good fight of faith be fought,
The Holy Spirit's grace be sought,—
Let sinners to the Lord be brought,
And raised from death to life.