

**Religious News.**

The Bishop of London organized recently a replica of his famous Wall street service in New York by holding a crowded midday service for city men in St. Michael's Church, Cornhill. Some 500 invitations had been sent out to representative city men. If he himself, said Dr. Ingram, did not work from morning till night, and give everything he possessed to the work, he would not be doing his duty. But the people to whom God looked next to the Bishop of London were the very men in that church that afternoon. There never was such a problem in the history of the whole world as London. It was not merely that London was great already, but that no one knew when it would stop growing. The population increased 40,000 a year in his own diocese, which took in 4,000,000. For nine of the best years of his life he lived among the poor, and nothing struck him more than the awful division between rich and poor. They were like two cities—separate existences. Their problem was how to bring the love of God to every living child in London. Life was a stewardship and not an ownership. He desired them to make their City Association for the Bishop of London's fund a first charge on their resources.

Out of the troubles of that most distressful country God is making good to grow. At present there is no censorship, and literature of all sorts is being poured into Russia. There is just now no religious persecution, and many people and priests are leaving the Russian Church. Everywhere there is visible a great spiritual awakening. Two years ago an evangelical alliance was formed, consisting of those who had been persecuted for their faith. In some villages where this movement has been felt a moral reformation is visible; drunkenness has almost disappeared. Kharkov, which is the Russian Keswick, is the headquarters of the new movement. A paper now exists to represent the movement. It is called 'The Friend'; it is published in St. Petersburg, and is edited by Mr. Prochanoff, the chief engineer of the city of St. Petersburg. So the word of God grows mightily and prevails.

We are apt to take it too readily for granted that Islam is invincible; as though the rule was once a Moslem always a Moslem. No doubt the Moslem heart is hard and flinty, yet by divine grace can be, and in cases not a few actually has been, softened and renewed. Dr. S. M. Zwemer has recently written to the 'Sun': 'The fact is there were converts from Islam to Christianity even before the death of Mohammed, and have been ever since in all countries where the Gospel has been preached to Moslems. In North India there are 200 pastors and preachers who were once followers of Islam; in North Africa at one station 30 became Christians in 106; in Sumatra the Rhenish Missionary Society has 6,500 converted Moslems, 1,150 catechumens, and 80 organized churches; while in Java there are 18,000, and between 300 and 400 adults are baptized every year.'

The 'Nordisk Missionstidskrift,' one of the best missionary magazines, gives a number of instances to prove the working of the Gospel among the millions of heathen in India. The Hindus and Mohammedans of Dehra, in Northern India, decided to hold a thanksgiving meeting for their preservation in a great earthquake. A Presbyterian missionary was invited to preside at the meeting and the pastor of a native Christian congregation offered the first prayer. In Ahmednagar a Brahman high official upon his death-bed asked that a native Christian teacher be called to pray with him, although the native Christian was of low caste. Professor Tilak, of the Theological Training School of Ahmednagar, is a famous Marathi poet in West India.

A short time ago he won the prize at a great gathering of Marathi poets, where many of the court poets of Indian princes were present. The subject for the contest was the comparative value of the active and

the contemplative life. Professor Tilak sang the praises of the active life of service. A leading Hindu poet, who had listened with interest and attention to the reading of the prize poem, exclaimed, 'Only a Christian could have written that poem. No Hindu could have done it. It is the influence of Christ which enables a man to take such a view.' At the banquet tendered the Hindu president, the Christian poet also was a much honored guest, and it was a sign of remarkable progress that Hindus and Christians sat down together.

**Selected Recipes.**

**A NEW BEEF TEA.**—Beef tea frozen to a snowlike consistence can sometimes be taken by fever patients to whom the hot tea is disagreeable beyond endurance.

**BANANA ICE CREAM.**—Banana ice cream may be served in banana skins, but the skins must be stiffened by laying carefully in a pan laid in ice and salt. The red banana skins are especially effective for this purpose.

**FRUIT SALAD.**—Pare and slice a pineapple and lay the slices in a deep glass dish, keeping as nearly as possible the natural shape of the pineapple. Peel four oranges, divide into sections and lay around the pineapple. Add four sliced bananas, and fill in the spaces with strawberries. Boil together one cup of sugar and one-half cup of fruit juice. When syrup is cold, pour over the fruit.

**FUDGE.**—A high school girl who was spending the evening with some friends consented to make some fudge. When it was time to add the vanilla for flavoring it was found there was none. She asked for a lemon, and she used the juice, which, combined with the chocolate, gave the fudge a delightful flavor. She made the discovery that the acid of the lemon made the fudge more creamy than any she had previously made. The lemon juice is always used now, frequently vanilla being added as well. Part maple sugar or good brown sugar varies the flavor of fudge. Broken nut meats may be added occasionally for another change. Pure cream fudge is another fancy at present, the chocolate being omitted.—'Good Housekeeping.'

**BRUSSELS SPROUTS.**—Brussels sprouts should be allowed to soak in cold water for an hour before cooking them. Put over the fire in boiling water with a little salt and

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