

MISSION FIELD.

PROGRESS OF MISSIONS.

The Right Rev. Bishop Littlejohn of Long Island speaking on this subject says:

"It is affirmed on good authority that the Foreign field for the past twenty years has yielded more converts in proportion to the work done than the Home field. In more than fifty islands of the Pacific a great company have been reclaimed from idolatry and superstition. The largest congregation in the world, numbering 4,500 members, is on the island of Hawaii, recovered from a savage type of false religion within the memory of living men. Over 90,000 Fecjeans gather regularly for Christian worship, who within the present generation feasted on human flesh. Not twenty years ago, Madagascar had only a few scattered and persecuted converts. Now its Queen and 200,000 of her subjects are ranged on the side of the cross. Fifty years ago there was not a native Christian in the Friendly Islands. Now there are 30,000, who contribute \$15,000 a year to religious objects. On the western coast of Africa are over 100 organized congregations. In Sierra Leone 50,000 civilized Africans worship the God of our fathers. Two thousand miles of sea-coast have been wrested from the slave trade, and the Church and the school substituted for the slave pen. In Asia, the citadel of cultivated and intellectual paganism, Persia and Hindoostan, Japan and China, have their story to tell. In the last alone, missions have been established in 40 walled cities and 360 villages. And all this, remember, has been done in spite of serious drawbacks at home and most formidable difficulties abroad. There may be those who will undertake to belittle even these achievements of the past seventy years. But let them bear in mind while they do so, that the first century of our Lord, and that the one of miraculous gifts, closed with less than 500,000 disciples of Christ, or less than the half of one per cent. of the population of the Roman Empire."

The Christian population of the world is now estimated at about one-third of the whole population, or nearly 500 millions out of 1,500,000,000.

The only day in the year in which we particularly remember the angelic hosts, occurred last week, Angels were created before men; and at its birth a guardian angel is assigned to each child; and these guardian angels "do always behold the face of My Father Which is in heaven." Think of it, children! You are in the special charge of one appointed by God to be with you throughout your life, to watch over your sleep, to whisper words of peace and of comfort in sickness, and finally, when your last day comes, to carry your soul triumphant to the Paradise of God. He is God's own messenger to keep you and to report to God Himself.

Remember that man never become angels, no, not when they die. CHRIST JESUS became a Man, not an

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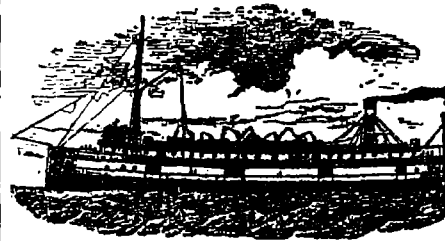
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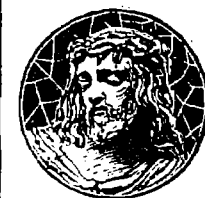
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