

The Regions Beyond, or Mission News and Notes.

"A sower went forth to sow. The field is the world. He who thus spake said: "Go ye into all the world. Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world. He that goeth forth with the precious seed of gospel truth cannot sow or labor in vain." "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." I AM, saith concerning the glorifying of His Son Jesus Christ, and the success of the gospel. *He must reign.* The crowning time is coming. When He, on whose head are many crowns, will crown all who despised not the King's commandment. Those who go forth bearing the cross, and to sow good seed beside all waters, not knowing the measure of success, or which shall prosper, yet conscious wherever is seen a possibility of life or growth, faith and duty demand that the gospel plough should be driven through; toiling even in the cold winter of doubt and unbelief, the summer time of worldly pleasure, and also where the fires of persecution had left the soil all black and bare. They shall, doubtless, reap in due time, and in the glad harvest at the end of the world wear the crown of righteousness—the gift and purchase of a Saviour's love; and in glad response shall cry, "Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all."

A lady who is just going out to the foreign field promises to make regular communications through BUDS AND BLOSSOMS, with a desire to increase, by her letters, greater interest in the work of Missions and the Regions Beyond.

Christians have still to suffer terrible persecution in China. Recently, near Canton, a native Christian was seized by the heathen, and, when he refused to deny Christ, he was "wrapped in cotton wadding soaked in oil, tied to a cross, and burned, no extremity of torture availing to shake his constancy." Now and then the Chinese people are disgraced by these outbursts of heathen fanaticism. All this is saddening. The missionaries of the Cross cannot reasonably expect to escape persecution. Under these circumstances, all that can be done fairly and without creating greater prejudice and more malignant enmity, should be done to secure toleration and liberty for Christians in China.

Dr. Nevius has made an estimate that there are, or were, in round numbers about 300,000 idol temples in China: and at the rate of ten idols to each temple, there would be 3,000,000 idols. These temples he estimates to have cost at least \$1,000,000! And the money which is spent annually by this people in worship and in the repairs of these buildings, as well as the building of new ones, is simply beyond conception. In Sochow one of the largest temples has recently been overhauled and repaired, at an expense, it is said, of \$70,000—largely given by one man, who thereby is supposed to get great merit.

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.—We gather from the "Missionary Year Book of the Gospel in all Lands:" There are in America 28 foreign missionary societies, with 760 ordained, 99 lay, and 1,007 female mission-

aries. They have also 1,159 native ordained ministers, and 5,036 other native helpers. The total number of native communicants is 198,587. There are 25 British foreign missionary societies, with 1,863 ordained, 378 lay, and 695 female missionaries. There are 1,279 native ordained ministers and 14,552 other native helpers. The number of native communicants is 352,196. There are 22 European Continental foreign missionary societies, with 417 ordained, 142 lay, and 314 female missionaries. They have 73 native ordained ministers, and 1,883 other native helpers, and the number of native communicants is 71,734. The total of all these is 75 societies, 3,040 ordained, 619 lay, and 2,010 female foreign missionaries. There are 3,511 native ordained ministers, and 21,471 other native helpers. The number of native communicants is 622,517. The contributions of these societies amounted in 1882 to \$3,550,000, of which nearly three millions was contributed in America and nearly six millions in Great Britain. In addition to these Protestant foreign missions, the British Roman Catholics raised for foreign missions, £11,519, or \$62,894.

What others Say. Good Words.

[From the Richmond Star, Ill., U. S.]

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God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that..... believing in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.