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The Jews have no Dealings with the Samaritans.

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RELIGION without Christ kills the sympathies and deadens the heart, making it absolutely selfish, and caring only for its own ease and comfort. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, the outcast, and the despised,—those who were looked upon as Samaritans; and very blessedly He can make them into servants of God, full of love and compassion.

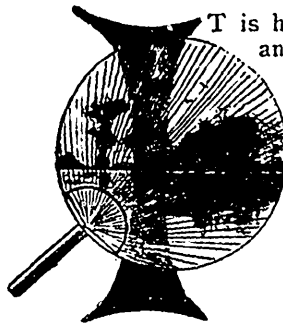
John iv. The woman of Samaria at first refused water to the Lord Jesus. She came to get a pitcher of water from the well of Sychar, but she got instead a well-full of living water. Jesus revealed *herself* to her, and in doing so revealed *Himself* also as the Saviour. Then she gave *herself* to Him, accepted *Him* as her Lord, and forthwith the poor Samaritan goes out to preach the great Gospel. "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did." Jesus made her an evangelist.

Luke xvii. 1-19. Ten lepers calling to Him for mercy, received the mercy asked for in the curing of their disease. One only turned back to give thanks to God for his salvation, and *he* was a Samaritan. Strange to find such an one as he at the feet of Jesus, with a loud voice glorifying God. But such as he, with nothing to boast of, can make their boast in the Lord, and in doing so can make a joyful noise. How many are too respectable to be heard praising God! If it has not been the practice in their church, or in their family, they will carefully avoid any such "Samaritan" way of worship. But methinks the Lord loves such worship,—simple, hearty, spontaneous. Any how, the poor man got a double blessing, for the Lord spoke to him a special word that the nine Jews never heard.

Luke x. 30-37. It was a good Samaritan, as he journeyed, that had compassion on the man fallen among thieves. Jews who have no dealings with the Samaritans, will not want to have any dealings with fallen Jews. They will pass them by on the other side. But he who has heard the blessed words, "Arise, go thy way," will often find those in his way that need his helping hand of sympathy, and the oil and wine of his compassion. He further carried him where he would be cared for, and provided for his needs in the coming days. This is the *service* the Lord delights us to engage in; and when we are ready for His service, He will guide "our way" to the spot where some one has fallen among thieves, and give us the work of succouring such in His name.

CHINA.

An "Old Land" Needing the "Old Gospel."



IT is high time that this ancient and most interesting kingdom had the gospel fully proclaimed in its purity and soul saving power. For forty centuries it has enjoyed many of the fruits of a certain measure of civilization and of literary attainments. England and its antiquities sink into insignificance in comparison. When Edward 1st was King of England, fire arms were invented in China. The art of printing was discovered there in the reign of our Saxon King Athelstan. Paper was first made about A.D. 150, and gunpowder about the commencement of the christian era. While the inhabitants of England



DIAGRAM 1.—Showing relative area of China and Great Britain.

were wandering, painted savages, the Chinese were a settled people, living under the same form of constitutional government as they at present possess. Or go still farther back—when Daniel was a governor in Babylon—when at an earlier period Isaiah foretold the downfall of Babylon;

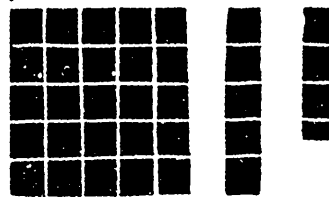


DIAGRAM 2.—Showing relative population of China, U. States, England and Canada.

or earlier still, when Jonah threatened the destruction of Nineveh—the Chinese nation was one of the greatest in the world. When Solomon reigned in all his glory—when David wrote his matchless Psalms, the Chinese were enjoying the benefits of good government. One of their classical writings—to this day studied in China—was composed by Wun-wang an Emperor who lived 100 years before David's reign. When Moses dwelt

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