

the house servants of southern India, too, who are almost all of them pariahs, an extensive work is being carried on; particulars of conversion in various instances being given.

THE KINGDOM.

—Dr. Parkhurst put it well when he said: "I have got past calling my church my field. It isn't my *field*, it's my *force*."

—According to the *Record*, the United Presbyterians of Scotland have received a call from heaven to be in earnest in spreading the glad tidings; for it speaks of "the summons addressed to our Church by the blessing which is expanding our foreign mission work," and rejoices to know of some who give good heed to the same.

—"A penny a week and a shilling a quarter" from every member, was John Wesley's heaven-taught method. But centuries before him Paul had hit upon the same general scheme. All at it and always at it will work wonders here and everywhere. The colored congregation that passed three resolutions—first, pledging all present to give something; second, pledging themselves to give cheerfully; and third, to give as they were able—hit upon a simple and sure method for meeting the financial needs of the Church of Christ.

—"In the good time coming," says the Sidney *Presbyterian*, "congregational altruism will be the rule. A Christian congregation will think itself unworthy of the Christian name if it does not love its neighbor as itself, and so fulfil the law of Christ. It will not consider its duty done until it pays as much for the salvation of its neighbor as for its own salvation. The rule will be: one minister, one missionary."

—An Alaskan woman brought to the mission ten blankets, valued at \$2.50 each, as a thank-offering for the conversion of her husband.

—The statement seems incredible, and yet it comes from the highest authority, that nearly one fourth of all the gifts

from Massachusetts to the Baptist Missionary Union were bestowed by the Clarendon Street Church, Boston, Dr. Gordon, pastor. Ah, that these saints might provoke their derelict brethren to good works!

—An estimate regarded as reliable places the aggregate wealth of leading countries at the following figures: United States, \$60,475,000,000; Great Britain, \$43,600,000,000; France, \$40,300,000,000; Germany, \$31,600,000,000; Russia, \$21,715,000,000; Austria, \$18,065,000,000; Italy, \$11,755,000,000. No other nation is credited with more than \$10,000,000,000. The next in rank to Italy is Spain, with \$7,965,000,000, while Greece, the last and lowest in this classification, is given but \$1,055,000,000.

—Like an arrow straight to the mark must this plain and pithy petition of the South Sea convert have ascended to the throne: "Grant, O Lord, that the good words that we have heard may not be like our fine Sunday garments, which we soon take off and put by in a box till the next Sunday comes. But let this truth be like the tattooing on our bodies, ineffaceable till death."

—Foreign missions! Why, if there were nothing in foreign missions but the zenana work, it would be worth to the future of the Eastern millions many fold what it costs. If these missionary women did nothing but break the fetters off the wrists of their Eastern sisters, it would be a work worth dying for.—*The Interior*.

—Miss Kate Marsden is preparing a chart, designed to show at one view the real prevalence and spread of leprosy in various countries. From the minimum figures already supplied by Government medical returns and other reliable sources, she reckons that there are 1,300,000 lepers in the world. Possibly the larger estimate of 3,000,000 will be found more correct. China alone is said to have more than 600,000, Japan 200,000, and India at least 100,000.

—Rev. H. P. Beach would have would-be missionaries attain to "knowl-