

they would make of that privilege if they obtained it. Even supposing that they secured the ear of the electors and succeeded in getting a number of their representatives returned for the new Parliament, could they hope to propagate Buddhism and defeat Christianity by a Parliamentary vote or by the aid of political interference? "If measures of this kind are relied on, the future of Buddhism is indeed in a perilous condition."—*Scl.*

#### A GREAT MISSIONARY GATHERING.

Plans are being perfected for a National Missionary Conference, to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 30, 1890. Prominent Missionary workers, evangelists and Y. M. C. A. workers will be present, among them: Bishop Wm. Taylor, of Africa; Dr. A. T. Pierson, Author of *Crisis of Missions*; W. F. Blackstone, of Chicago, with his large maps of the world; with many missionary volunteers from different sections of the country. As is well known to our readers, remarkable providences have combined in recent years to open the doors for the spreading of the Gospel among the nations of the earth. Especially may this be said of Africa and China. There are also many evidences of great movements toward the preaching of the Gospel to "every creature," and this meeting promises to be one of unusual interest and importance. The theme of the gathering will be "Shall the Gospel be given to all people, during this generation? Special railroad rates are being arranged for and it is expected that the good people of Indianapolis will provide entertainment for the delegates. For further information, address Geo. S. Fisher, Y. M. C. A., Topeka, Kansas.

#### A LESSON ON CHRISTIANITY.

A missionary of the London Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews, writes:

"One Sunday I went to Victoria Park to speak, as I often do. I saw a great crowd of Jews as I 'Gentles-listening' to an infidel speaker who endeavored to prove that Christianity is a failure. There were also present a few proselytes. An opportunity was given me by the speaker to express my views on the subject, which I did to the apparent satisfaction of the Christian part of the audience. When the lecturer got up to reply to my remarks, he became very excited and personal, spoke against the bishops, the clergy, &c.

Then a venerable and noble-looking Jew

came forward, and taking off his hat, said humbly, in very broken English, "I am only a Jew."

"I know you are a Jew—your face tells me so!" cried the lecturer, angry at the interruption from an unexpected quarter.

"I mean to say that I am not a Christian," explained the Jew, "and yet I say that the bishops and pastors are good and holy men; when they get money they give it to the poor; but infidels, like you, put it in your own pockets. I believe that if all the Christians were to follow Christ's teachings there would be no socialists. Take this advice from a Jew (who is not baptized); listen to Christ alone and you will all feel happy."

The words of this Jew produced a deep impression upon the audience—both Jew and Gentile. The Lord has many a witness, even among such as are apparently not nominally Christians.

Afterwards had a discussion with this Jew. He is well off, and has a large family all of whom share his views regarding Christ, "If I die, I die in Christ, and I am trying also to live in Christ. There are a great many of my Jewish acquaintances who, like me, believe him to be our Messiah."—*Hebrew Christian.*

#### THE WAY TO CONQUER.

"I'll master it," said the axe; and his blows fell heavily on the iron.

But every blow made his edge more blunt, till he ceased to strike.

"Leave it to me," said the saw; and, with his relentless teeth, he worked backward and forward on its surface till they were all worn down and broken, and he fell aside.

"Ha, ha!" said the hammer. "I knew you wouldn't succeed. I'll show you the way."

But at the first fierce stroke off flew his head, and the iron remained as before.

"Shall I try?" asked the soft, small flame.

They all despised the flame: but he curled gently round the iron and embraced it, and never left it until it melted under its irresistible influence.

#### TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHARACTER.

Take care of your character. Do not be too much concerned for your reputation. It will give you no trouble. Character is everything something that cannot be hid from God or man, that cannot be changed as we change a garment: but we carry it with us wherever we go, and by it we are known every day of our life. A pure, earnest, broad; consistent, symmetrical character—what blessings it confers on the world!