

NEITHER.

"Well I can't understand why a man who has tried to lead a good, moral life should not stand a better chance of heaven than a wicked one," said a lady a few days ago, in a conversation with others about the matter of salvation.

"Simply for this cause," answered one.

"Suppose you and I wanted to go into a place of interest where the admission fee was one dollar. You have fifty cents and I have nothing. Which would stand the better chance of admission?"

"Neither," was the solemn reply.

"Just so; and, therefore, the moral man stands no better chance than the outbreaking sinner. But now suppose a kind and rich person, who saw our perplexity, presented a ticket of admission to us at his own expense! What then?"

"Well, then we could get in alike; that is clear."

"Thus, when the Saviour saw our perplexity, He came, He died, and 'thus obtained eternal redemption for us' (Heb. ix. 12), and now He offers you and me a free ticket. Only take good care that your fifty cents do not make you proud enough to refuse the free ticket, and so be refused admittance at last."—*Church Life*.

ASIATIC HEATHENDOM.

Dr. Abel Stevens, writing to the *Central Christian Advocate* from Yokohama, Japan, says: "I have been inspecting the great Asiatic battle-fields, and I report the general conviction of both foreigners and intelligent natives here that the epoch of a grand social and religious revolution has set in in India, Borneo, China and Japan—that this old Asiatic heathendom is generally giving way before the continually increasing power of western thought and Christian civilization. The present is the most propitious hour that has ever dawned on Asia since the advent of Christ. Let us hail it, and march into these great open battle-fields with all our flags uplifted. I am not carried away by the enthusiasm of the heroic men I have met in these fields; I know well enough the difficulties that still remain, and can criticise as well as anybody grave defects in the campaign; but I feel sure that the hoary paganism of this Asiatic world is tottering to its fall; that the final battle is at hand here, and that Methodism ought to be foremost in the glorious combat."

SPAIN.

San Sebastian, near the borders of France, is the one station occupied in behalf of the Board by a single missionary and his wife; but there are 10 out-stations in several cities and towns of Northern Spain; there are 8 churches, with 507 communicants, 42 of whom have been added the past year. There are 29 native labourers, including pastors and teachers. There has been no conflict with the civil authorities within the year, the right of preaching the gospel having been conceded on all sides. One of the most hopeful features of the work in Spain is the girls boarding school at San Sebastian, which has had 117 pupils, coming from all parts of the kingdom.—*Miss. Herald*.

THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST.

"In our faith in the incarnation lies the very heart and essence of our Christianity. The most awful sanctions of purity, the most living impulses to nobleness, the most powerful stimulus to active service, lie in that. To purity—for know ye not that your bodies are temples of Christ, who dwelleth in you, except ye be reprobates? To nobleness—for He taught us to follow His example and walk in His footsteps; to loving service—for can there be work more nobly blessed than to live for the good of those souls for which Christ died?"—*Far-rar*.

As an evidence of the aggressive efforts of the Romish party in England, it may be mentioned that a new church of cathedral like proportions is at present being erected at Cambridge. The object, no doubt, is to present a gorgeous ritual and its usual musical accompaniments for the purpose of attracting the young men who go up to study at the University. It is to be hoped that the project will defeat its own ends, by calling the attention of the members of the University, and the visitors to Cambridge, to the attempts which Romanism is now making to extend its influence in quarters essentially Protestant.—*London Christian*.

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, an Icelandic Lutheran Church was recently consecrated. The size of the building is 42 by 66 feet, and cost \$4,000, and the pastor is Rev. Jon Bjarnason. There are said to be 2,000 Icelanders living in Winnipeg.