

## SABBATH-KEEPING IN BURMAH.

The churches on the foreign mission fields often seem to have a clearer idea of the teachings of the Scriptures than the churches at home. It has been remarked that many of the members in the churches in the United States could not gain admission to the Karen Baptist churches in Burnmah. Certainly the incident which follows could not have occurred in any town in America and in very few in England. A traveller in Burnmah writes:—

"In a few stations near Prome, the people were almost all Baptists, and such good ones that they will on no account work on the Sabbath. Only a short time ago, his brother and the superintendent of the telegraph department were travelling, and they came to one of these Christian villages. It was Sunday, and they wanted much to cross the river, and go on to some other place. They asked the boatman to take them over; but not one would consent to do so, all saying they could not work on the Sabbath. Seeing that it was of no use asking for a boat, they requested that an elephant or a cart should be given them. The men, however, were not to be moved; said no, their beasts also must have rest on the Sabbath. The two travellers consequently had to stay where they were till the next day. I hope they learned a lesson from that, and told the adventure to all they afterwards met. What an example these Burmans are to European Christians!"—*Ill. Miss. News.*

## SEVERITY OF LOVE.

The *Christian Advocate* being asked "What shall be done with an intelligent, generous man who says he wishes to be a Christian and furnishes the fruits of conversion, but yet occasionally gets drunk and disgraces himself and the church," thus replies:

"He should be sympathized with in a manly but not in a maudlin way; made to feel the sin of his course, and not to regard himself as merely unfortunate. If he repents of his sin, let him humble himself before the church, and if a considerable interval of time elapse before another outbreak, let him be borne with; but if he will not humble himself, and these occurrences become frequent, he must be eschewed from the church, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God,"

A man who gets drunk once is not necessarily a drunkard; he is a sinner, and has sinned and needs to repent. But if he is in the habit of getting drunk, he is a drunkard, and unfit to belong to the Church on earth, because guilty of a crime that will exclude him from the kingdom of grace and glory. Many of these men are coddled, and the first instance of a man inclined to drink who has been saved by being coddled, has yet to come to our knowledge. If you cannot awake manhood, you cannot save him. Teach a man inclined to drink that he is weak and can't help it, and he will never reform. If he has the germs of Christianity in him, teach him that he is guilty, and that God's grace can save him; and nothing else can, and he will secure enough to save him. A man of this sort in a church of which we know, had gone on getting drunk four or five times a year, then crying about it afterward, and everybody sympathizing with him and putting him forward in the meetings just as if he had not done it, until a certain pastor came who put him under discipline for that. He was greatly astonished, and when forbidden to come to the holy communion in the public congregation, was greatly grieved. But being treated with firmness, mingled with kindness, he made a thorough reformation, thanked his pastor, and said that if he had not been indulged, he would have reformed years before, and his whole life would have been different."

A farmer, whose cribs were full of corn, was accustomed to pray that the wants of the needy might be supplied. But, when any one in needy circumstances asked for a little of his corn, he said he had none to spare. One day, after hearing his father pray for the poor and needy, his little son said to him, "Father, I wish I had your corn." "Why, my son, what would you do with it?" asked the father. The child replied, "I would answer your prayers."

Dr. Crosby, in a high license meeting, asked:—"If a tiger were loose in the streets of New York, would it not be better to try to confine him to certain streets, rather than leave him to roam all over the city?" From the gallery came a response. "Shoot the tiger." The gallery had the best of that, and the illustration is a good one in favor of prohibition.