

and explain the Bible to patients in the dispensary. It is here, while the sick are confined to their beds for a longer or shorter period, that those Gospel influences are brought to bear upon them which often change their lives and result in the healing of their souls.

Some months ago two Moslems came to the office for operations. With one man was his wife, with the other his daughter. They were in the dispensary about two months. Every day the blind Bible reader would take his Bible, go to the room and read and explain the Gospel to them. The four listened with great attention, and after the Bible man had read to them an hour would ask for more, declaring that they had never heard such good news. They were taught some simple Bible truths and what Christian prayer meant, and went away cured of their bodily diseases, and let us hope also with the seeds of the new life sown in their souls.

Much more might be done along this same line if larger hospital accommodations were provided. The effort is now being made to secure such, and it is sincerely hoped that the necessary means will soon be forthcoming for the consummation of these plans.

We are happy to say that the people of Egypt are giving most liberally of their means to help carry on these various Gospel agencies, and that their contributions are every year increasing, indicating not only a substantial growth, but a deeper interest in the work; and the future seems bright with the promise of a self-supporting church in Egypt. Nevertheless, much—very much—yet remains to be done before this land shall have been won for Christ; new churches are to be built, new schools established, and the Gospel seed scattered yet more widely, both in the Delta, in the Nile Valley proper, and in the far south. As we look out over the white harvest fields, we are forcibly reminded of our Master's words: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." In the arduous task that yet remains to be accomplished, we beseech your interest and your prayers.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY'S CALL TO CHRISTENDOM.

In the *Homiletic Review* we find the fact emphasized, already more than once made prominent in these pages, that the close of this year really brings to the beginning of the new century—the twentieth. And the endeavor is to arouse all Christendom to its duty in respect to the work of missions. We quote words especially addressed to the ministry:

"The nineteen hundredth anniversary of Christ's birth is not, therefore, several years off, but just upon us—not further away than the close of the present year or the opening months of 1897.*

"Does not Christ call us all just now by His Word, and by the signs of the times, to cooperate in inaugurating a movement *all along the line for the immediate evangelization of the world?*

"1. Nineteen centuries have passed since the great commission, and the majority of mankind are still unsaved. Almost a thousand millions of our lost race perish in the life of each generation without the Gospel. Does not that commission throw the responsibility for all this upon the Church of Christ, and especially upon its leaders, the ministry?

* See Matthew ii. 1; Josephus, "Antiquities," xvii. 9, 3; Andrews, "Life of Christ;" Robinson, "Harmony of the Gospels."