

THE MISSIONARY SERVICE.

"The Gospel in the regions beyond."—2 Cor. x: 16.

A Bible Reading on Home Missions.

Joshua i: 12-18.

I. WHAT peaceable possession of the land of Canaan was to the Israelites, our religious privileges—our churches, the ministry, our Sunday-schools, and our Christian family circles—are to us.

II. If now we enjoy a *rest* in these privileges, while those whose lot is cast in newer and more distant parts of our country do not, it is God that has given it to us. (V. 13.)

III. Our responsibilities are not limited to our own States or immediate neighborhood: it is ours, also, to see that our brethren in the more remote parts of our country have *rest*, as well as ourselves. (V. 15.)

IV. It is only when we have helped our brethren to possess the land that we may return and enjoy our rest to the full. (V. 15.)

V. If we must share our brethren's conflicts and toils in new and unsubdued regions, is it not some compensation to us that our wives and children are, the while, resting in peace? (V. 14.)

VI. Now, as of old, it is the East (the land toward the sun-rising) that is to help in evangelizing the West. Westward, not only the course of empire, but the Star of Bethlehem, holds its way. (V. 15.)

VII. A hearty response to these obligations on the part of those to whom God has already given rest is especially fitting and pleasing to God. (V. 16.)

VIII. To neglect this duty and these obligations is to bring condemnation and judgment on us. (V. 18.)

Smooth Stones.

"I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY."—When the disciples (Luke xxiv: 16-33) had found the risen Savior, their hearts were so full of the good news that they could not wait till morning; so they started at midnight and walked seven or eight miles back to Jerusalem, to tell their brethren that the Lord was risen,

and that they had talked with Him by the way.

A MISSIONARY'S PRAYER FOR HIS DESCENDANTS.—Dr. Judson, when nearing the end of life, remarked that he had always prayed for his children, but of late he had felt impressed with the duty of praying for their children and their children's children down to the latest generation, so that he should ultimately meet a long, unbroken line of descendants before the throne of God, where all might join together in ascribing praise to their Redeemer.

A HAND IN EVERY GOOD WORK.—An intelligent English farmer, having carefully read the annual report of an English missionary society, found that there were one hundred and twenty-three missionaries of the society laboring in different parts of the world. Meeting the secretary of the society, he said: "I am determined to have something to do with every sermon preached, every tract distributed, every school established; and for this purpose I will give a sovereign for each of the missionaries. Here is my check for £123, in order that I may do something all over the world."

"THE DAY IS BREAKING."—Though the processes are slow and inconspicuous by which the ancient structures of false religions are being undermined, yet the time will come when they will tumble suddenly into ruins, when a nation shall be converted in a day. In the baptism of ten thousand Telugus in India, within a single year, do we not already see the gray dawn of such an era of culmination?

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time!
In an age on ages telling;
To be living is sublime.
Hark! the waking up of nations—
Gog and Magog to the fray;
Hark! What soundeth? 'Tis creation's
Groaning for its latter day."

—Life of Adoniram Judson, by his son, Edw. Judson.