

climate, cannibalism, persecution, poison and death. Where would have been the 30,000 living Karens, and the other 20,000 now asleep in Jesus, had Judson retired before Burmese fever and persecuting intolerance? How about Krapf in Africa, and David Livingstone, forty times scorched in the furnace of African fever; how about Mrs. Grant in Persia, and the devoted Stoddard, Pliny Fiske, Dr. Bushnell, Coleridge Patteson and Harrington, Dober at St. Thomas—and the splendid heroism of the Moravians among the African and Syrian lepers?

THERE were added, on profession of faith nearly one thousand souls a week, on an average, during the year ending May 1 last, to the churches connected with the Presbyterian General Assembly, North. The total number added on examination is given at 51,062.

We hear much congratulation expressed upon this result. Yet let us remember that this great Church reports about three-quarters of a million communicants. This is a gain of about one for every fifteen communicants. In other words, it takes fifteen disciples a whole year to bring one soul to Christ! How long, at that rate, would it take 30,000,000 Protestant Church members to overtake the unevangelized population of the globe? At that rate we should have but 2,000,000 converts a year for all Protestant Christendom!

THE religious impulse of the whole character and career of the late Earl of Shaftesbury is directly traceable to Maria Mills, his pious old nurse, who before he was seven years old, taught him of Jesus, and at whose side he learned the prayer which he never failed to use till his dying day. Neglected by his own parents, the evangelist of Parliament owed to *this evangelist of the nursery* the first lessons he learned in the school of Christ. The watch she left to him, he wore on his person as a reminder of the sacred touch by which

she set in motion and regulated the delicate mechanism of his being, nor would he allow it to be displaced by the costliest chronometer. Were the secrets of all hearts revealed, we might find that behind many a life that has come with observation, that has been conspicuous for great usefulness in winning souls, there lay some obscure, unobserved, undemonstrative influence like the secret sacred touch of this poor, uneducated old nurse! All we have to do is to abide in our calling, however humble, but *abide with God*.

Popery "Puts Between."

1. ITSELF as mediator between heaven and earth.
2. Priest between sinner and God.
3. Auricular confession between penitent and mercy.
4. Penance between offender and godly sorrow.
5. Mass between believer and righteousness in Christ.
6. Indulgence between him and self-denial.
7. Tradition between him and Scripture.
8. Purgatory between him and heaven.
9. Celibacy between priest and home.
10. Good works between believer and justification.
11. Extreme unction between him and death.
12. Saints and Virgin Mary between him and prayer-hearing God.

Errata.—On page 414 of June number, sixth line from top, it should read:

On a continent, equal to two-and-a-half Europes, they have covered a territory as large as all the United States except Alaska, etc. Africa has about 8,500,000 square miles. Europe about 3,400,000. The Congo Free State reaches a territory of about 3,150,000 square miles, about as large as the United States, exclusive of Alaska.

In the same number we erred in giving credit for the admirable article on The Insufficiency of Buddhism to Principal D. H. MacVicar, D.D., instead of to his worthy son, J. H. MacVicar, B.A.