

POPULAR WITH ONE MAN.

A railway gate keeper, who one cold night required every passenger to show his ticket before passing through to the train, and was rewarded with considerable grumbling and protesting, was told by Major Whistle, "You are a very unpopular man to-night."

"I only care to be popular with *one man*," was the reply, "and that is the superintendent."

He might have pleased the passengers, disobeyed orders, and lost his position. He was too wise for that; his business was to please one man—the man who hired him, gave him his orders, and rewarded him for faithfulness, and who would discharge him for disobedience.

The servant of Christ has many opportunities to make himself unpopular. There are multitudes who would be glad to have him relax the strictness of his rules, and grant them to some indulgence which his Master forbids. If he is their servant they demand that he should consult their wishes; and if they hire him and pay him, they think they should have the right to control him. But if he serves them he cannot serve the Lord. "No man can serve two masters." He who tries to be popular with the world will lose his popularity with the Lord. He will make friends, but he will lose the one Friend who is above all others. He will win plaudits, but he will not hear the gracious word, "Well done."

The servant of God should seek to be popular with *one man*, and that is "the man Christ Jesus;" he who is over all, who is higher than the highest, mightier than the mightiest, and whose approval is worth more than all the world's applause, whose blessing will make us glad to all eternity.—*The Christian*.

THE McALL MISSION IN FRANCE.

Thirteen years ago Rev. R. W. McAll, the pastor of a thriving country town in England, with his wife visited Paris. The object of his visit was to obtain a little rest from work, and to look at some of the consequences of the battles, fought between Germany and France. There was a Providence in the visit. One day when distributing tracts on the street to passers-by a man stepped out of the crowd and asked "why don't some of you English people come and teach us your religion." From this seemingly unimportant circum-

stance began the McAll Mission. Though at this time fifty years of age yet he left his congregation in England, and commenced work in Paris, late in 1871 at a most favourable time. Now there are fifty-three others in different parts of France. What hath God wrought in the remarkably short space of twelve and a half years!—*Sel.*

WOMEN OF INDIA.

A late census of India shows that here are in that land 124,000,000 of women. Their condition may be stated in words already spoken by one who knows: "Unwelcome at their birth, untaught in childhood, enslaved when married, accursed as widows, unlamented when they die. So complete was their subjection that the early missionary efforts almost invariably passed them by with scarcely a mention. In the orphan school established by Schwartz near Rangoon, there were twelve girls among the inmates, but when the school was broken up at the death of Schwartz in 1798, that work for females ceased and was not renewed for many years. When in 1818, the 'Calcutta School Society' for aid to native schools was formed, investigation showed that for the entire mass of the female population of India—then estimated 40,000,000 in British India—there was absolutely no education at all, and not 400 native females could read and write.—*Can. Pres.*

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