

never be re-married; she left that picture for men to follow up, and she asked whether they did not think that the women of India, when they were widows, had sorrow enough? The number of widows in Bengal only—she could not give them ages, but she had the numbers of little widows under ten years of age in Bengal alone. Let them try to think of India geographically, and leave out the Punjab, Bombay, South India, the North-West Provinces, and first of all Bengal alone, and let them try and remember this stupendous fact, that in Bengal alone to-day upwards of 48,000 children under ten years of age are called widows. A few years ago all these children would have been burnt on the funeral piles of their husbands, but our Government, thank God, was able to bring about a state of things that it was now murder to burn a widow on the funeral pile of her husband. People who did it could be tried for murder, as in England; but while they thanked God for that; the widow frequently said 'Burn me, burn me, death is better than that,' and they were known to poison themselves."

Dear reader, we have made rather lengthy extracts, but the speech seemed so informing we thought well to pass some of it on to our readers. India is one of the oldest, and at the same time one of the most important of all our modern mission fields. It certainly is a great help in praying to have a definite and well informed idea of the work being done and the work to be done in the world for Christ, and for which we ought to pray.

Facts and figures may well excite both our wonder and our faith.

It said that in India there are worshiped 33,000,000 gods, and that the story and history thereof is too vile for ears polite.

China's 250,000,000 millions cry, COME, GIVE.

Africa stands with open door, and every true Christian instead of being satisfied with singing for the stirring of their own feelings, "Tell me the Old, Old Story, should sing, We'll tell the Old, Old Story of Jesus and his Love, until earth's remotest nation has learned Messiah's love.

Our Study Table Review Notes.

We have received from W. T. Fullerton, and J. Manton Smith, through their publishers, Passmore & Alabaster, London, England, two daintily gotten up volumes, pleasingly ornamented outside, but better inside; they are full of soul stirring incidents. "Froded Palms," by W. T. Fullerton, is enriched with many pen and picture illustrations of homely and practical scripture truths.

Stray Leaves, from My Life Story.—By J. M. Smith. Is a short sketch of the writer's spiritual experience, told to show forth the Love wherewith Christ loved him. Its aim is to lead others to love a Saviour so great and gracious. It may awaken a deeper interest to know that these brethren are going to and fro preaching and singing the gospel; they are known as Pastor C. H. Spurgeon's Evangelists, God has very graciously used their services in England.

Between Two Opinions.—Pub. National Christian Association, Chicago, U. S. This is a new book

founded on fact, to show the evils of intemperance and that the larger truer brotherhood of man exists, should and must exist outside of secret organizations banded for the good of the few at the sacrifice, if needs be, of the many. The band of truest union is avoidance of all appearance of evil, faith in God and doing as one would be done unto by others. In fact in trusting God and doing right, come what may.

Vick's Floral Guide.—Pub. Rochester, N. Y. Is fairly a temptation to read. Its artistic arrangement makes the catalogue interesting and creates a desire to have and to grow plants and seeds so graphically described,

The Christian at Work.—Pub. New York, is working as hard as ever to maintain its superiority. It keeps and claims a front place in the list of weekly family papers. It offers both in quantity and quality as much as can be got anywhere for \$3.00 a year.

The Cottage Hearth.—Pub. 11 Bloomfield Street, Boston. Price \$1.50, is a strong claimant for family and popular favour.

The Christian Nation.—Pub. Tribune Buildings, N. Y. Is as fresh and full of pure wholesome reading matter as at any time its history. The editor is surely making a place for himself in the hearts and homes of the people.

The Christian Cynosure.—Pub. Chicago, U. S., has a work which requires much grace and fidelity. The battle against evil in any shape or form is Christ-like. When on earth Jesus never said, "wrap it up, rather, let there be light."

21 Raglan Road,

Bushopton, Bristol, England, Jan. 1st, 1886.

Dear Honored Brother in Christ:

It was a very agreeable surprise to me to receive last year's *Buds and Blossoms*; kindly send me this year's as well, for which and last year's I send 6s. 5d. in stamps. I did not know your christian name or should have sent an order, but I dare say you will be able to exchange for cash. I am very pleased with your very instructive, encouraging and attractive monthly. Everyone I have shown it to also have the same opinion. I trust the Dear Master will enlarge your coast by giving you subscribers abundantly, for surely it would encourage you and yours, and be for His glory. I am but a feeble one in a very small corner and cannot do in a pecuniary way what is in my heart to do. I will shew *B. and B.* to the brethren and sisters I am acquainted with as well as to the clerks in the Telegraph office where I am engaged, and I trust many will be induced to take it in. I beg, however, to offer you my services in the way of writing. If I could be of any use to you. I can write rapidly (also shorthand) I would do gratuitously anything for the Lord—the Lord's work—with pleasure. I am in fellowship with Mr. Fuller (the orphanage) doubtless you have heard of who is now on a preaching tour in Canada. It is so encouraging to see the Lord's children making known the same blessed simple Gospel truths which have "made us free," in a distant part of the world, and fighting the same dreadful foe. "In due time we shall reap, if we faint not." I take in "The Christian," a weekly. Perhaps it may be of service to you if I send it occasionally, after read by my friends. I believe in the circulation of Gospel tracts. I commenced some 3 years ago to send little packets containing about 5 assorted tracts 2 leaflets and a booklet through the post, and have heard of blessing. Although no one, but 1 or 2 friends, knows who sent by. I send 2 dozen weekly and the total number has now reached over 2,000. I have not missed this little much, and if it is instrumental in the Lord's hands of saving but one soul I shall have something to be thankful for throughout eternity. I doubt not *B. and B.* have thus been used and will yet be used more. Your "Flower Mission" is so nice too. I do hope the Lord will bless you and make you a still greater blessing. I will endeavor to remember you before the throne of grace and my dear wife also will.

With kind regards, wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

I remain

Yours in the living One,

E. HAWKINS.