

Missionary Gleanings

Streaks of Dawn.

AT the last convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, John R. Mott, the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Student Volunteer movement, fresh from his journey around the world, mentioned a number of inspiring facts which show that the day is breaking.

"In the Turkish Empire we were entertained in the house of a venerable missionary, who told us that when he reached Turkey there was not a single Protestant Christian there. Now he reminds me that they have twelve thousand."

"I met an old friend of mine, of Cambridge University, last summer, in England. He was just home on a furlough from his work in Uganda. He said, 'Five years ago we had four hundred baptisms. Four years ago we had eight hundred. Three years ago we had sixteen hundred. Two years ago we had thirty-four hundred, and the past year nearly seven thousand.'"

"A famous missionary in India who had been there over thirty years, told me that they might have had one hundred thousand baptisms, the year I was there, if they only had enough workers to properly instruct the converts. He also made this remarkable statement, 'If our hands may be strengthened that we may take advantage of the rising tide, there is no reason why the first year that ushers in the next century should not see one million of souls ushered into the kingdom of our blessed Lord.'"

"At Hankow, China, we met missionaries who had come from further in the interior, and they told us the inspiring story of whole villages that were turning to Christ. They added that in some cases they were bringing the idols to the missionaries by the cart load, and the number had increased so that in the case of some villages they were bringing them by the canal-boat load."

"Dr. Verbeck, the Nestor of Japanese missionaries, said that when he went to Japan there was not a single Protestant Christian there, and that they worked six years before he had his first baptism. Edicts against Christianity were posted at all the cross-roads. Now we find forty thousand of the strongest Christians that we have met anywhere in our travels."

He Put it all In.

THERE is a story told of a little boy who made application to General Clinton B. Fisk for money to start in business. The formal statement was: Amount wanted, seventy-five cents; business, boot-blackening; station, near

Fulton Ferry, New York; profits to be divided at the end of six months. The arrangement was made and the firm began business. One Monday morning, however, the "working partner" came into the general's office.

"What's the matter?" said Mr. Fisk.

"Oh," said the boy, "it's all up."

"All up!" said the General. "What do you mean?"

"Oh," replied the boy, "the firm's busted."

"How is that?"

"Well," said the boy, "I had \$4.92 on hand, but yesterday a man came into our Sunday-school and said we must give all our money to the missionary society, and I put it all in—couldn't help it—an' it's all up with us."

But the senior partner stood by the firm just the same.

Missionary Endeavors.

FULLY five hundred poor mothers and children were carried on each of the free excursions given by the Junior Christian Endeavor Union of Camden, N.J., during last summer.

At least seven hundred Endeavorers of South India met a short time ago in convention at Madura. Delegates were sent from thirty-seven of the sixty-five societies of the district.

POSSESSED of the gospel themselves, the converts in the South Sea Islands are anxious to carry the news to others. The great problem of the missionaries is to get workers enough to fit them for this work.

A LOUISIANA insurance agent, in joining the Tenth Legion, makes this bold proposition: "I will pay \$1000 as a forfeit to any young man who, having during three consecutive years given honestly one-tenth of his income toward charitable objects, shall at the end of that time prove to the satisfaction of the United Society that he has not been financially prospered far beyond the sum paid out by him."

KIN LEON is a bright young Chinaman who has spent a number of years in the United States, and coming under the influence of Christian teaching was led to accept the "Jesus doctrine," and joined the Presbyterian church and the Endeavor society. For some time he has conducted a laundry at Oxford, Pa., but now he feels that the Lord has other work for him to do, and is about to give up the laundry for the purpose of devoting his entire time to study, with a view of some time entering Lincoln University to take the regular course necessary to fit him for missionary work in China.