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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.—For our Associational gatherings, that all who meet may be filled with the Spirit of Power.

SERVICE.

"It is not mine to run with eager feet
 Along life's crowded way my Lord to meet;
 It is not mine to pour the oil and wine,
 Or bring the purple robe of linen fine;
 It is not mine to break at His dear feet
 The alabaster box of ointment sweet;
 It is not mine to bear His heavy cross,
 Or suffer for His sake all pain and loss;
 It is not mine to walk through valleys dim,
 Or climb far mountain heights alone with Him;
 He hath no need of me in grand affairs
 Where fields are lost or crowns won unawares.
 Yet, Master, if I may make one pale flower
 Bloom brighter for Thy sake through one short hour,
 If I in harvest fields where stray ones reap
 May bind one golden sheaf for love to keep,
 May speak one quiet word when all is still,
 Helping some fainting heart to do Thy will,
 Or sing one high clear song on which may soar,
 Some glad soul heavenward, I ask no more."

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

From Mongolia, a missionary writes concerning his work. Speaking of a patient suffering under a malignant tumor, he remarks: "I asked, 'Have you ever heard of Jesus?' 'Never.' 'Have you ever heard of heaven?' 'Never.' 'Of hell?' 'Never.' Yet here he stood, as thousands in this dark land, on the brink of eternity; the future dark and unknown, the present hopeless. He left us, bearing with him, John iii: 16, as an epitome of all we had said to him. He left, but his *Never* remained. It sounded and resounded through our ears and in our brain."

Of the 520 organized Protestant churches in China, 94 provide entirely for their own spiritual, and material wants.

It is estimated that there are fifteen thousand inquirers in the different districts around Shantung, China.

There are said to be eleven provinces in China with 982 walled cities, in 913 of which there is no missionary.

A missionary in China says, "If there is anything which lays hold of the poor people here, it is the simple story of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not His miracles, nor even His wonderful sayings or teachings: but the old story of the Cross, of the blood, of the sacrifice, of the satisfaction of Christ in dying for sinners on the tree, that is the power for good in touching the heart and awakening the conscience."—*M. Review*.

It was a grand, brave death, that of Bishop Hanning.

ton in Africa, yet he had known his Master for long years. But think of the converts he had gathered in; thirty souls gathered from among a people whose law for ages had been utterly selfish and brutal; liberty was offered them if they gave up Christ; if they stood by Him and His servant, they had no hope but the flame; and to that fiery death went those thirty—not one man, woman or child drew back. "Think of it Christians at home! This is what the Saviour Christ has done for the brutalized African! This is the love which His great love has inspired in the breasts of those poor natives of Uganda! And the fields are white indeed! The harvest is exceeding rich.

MARCH OF CHRISTIANITY.—It lacks two years of a century since William Carey sailed for India as a missionary of the newly-formed Baptist Missionary Society. There are now two hundred missionary societies in the Christian Church, with 7,000 missionaries and assistants, and with over 30,000 native helpers, and every land open for the proclamation of the gospel, as far as law is concerned. In India there are half a million of professed Christians and over a million of adherents. Burmah has over 30,000 members of the church. China has over 1,000 missionaries with their assistants, and over 130,000 professed Christians. The first Protestant missionary landed in Japan in 1854, and now the membership is over 25,000, with over 16,000 children in their Sabbath schools. Their contributions last year were nearly \$50,000. Madagascar, the Sandwich Islands, the Friendly Islands, the New Hebrides, and other islands are, many of them, as fully Christianized as portions of our own land. Africa is now, as never before, being occupied by the missionary of the cross, and possibly to-day contains a quarter of a million of professed Christians.

BIMLIPATAM.—We are endeavoring to attend to our daily duties as well as we can. There are matters for encouragement coming up frequently. Last evening at our English service a stranger and his wife put five rupees into the Lord's treasury. We are glad to report that land has been secured at Kinedy and at Falkonda for mission stations. We are now in a fair way to go on and occupy these important centres. Are also looking for the men at about the close of the present year. Please remember these towns in your prayers.

R. SANFORD.

VIZIANAGRAM.—February has been an exceedingly busy month on our compound. We have organized a boys' school, which now has a registered daily attendance of 33; re-organized a girls' school, now numbering 19; have built a very substantial baptistry in a very convenient location, which will hold about 400 gallons, and at a cost of about Rs. 35. The bricks we also made on the compound, 9,000 of them, at less than two-thirds the cost, in the market, of a much inferior article. Repairs have been begun on the bungalow, the direction of which has fallen largely to me. Best of all, yesterday we had the blessed privilege of baptizing our first native candidates, two men, one just out from heathenism in the face of bitter opposition, the other a relative of long-standing native Christians, but up to last month a stubborn unbeliever. We are full of enthusiasm, and hope for still greater things ahead.

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