

—good news—glad tidings to them? Is it good news to know that all our relatives and loved ones who have passed away before the coming of the missionary are writhing in torment and eternal doom? O the absurdity of it!

What wonder that they are shocked at Christianity when it comes to them with this baleful message! What wonder missionaryism does not have the success that its zealous advocates wish for it! What wonder the Oriental Japanese persistently drive it from their shores, and plead to be left alone to work out their individual salvation, and the destiny of their island empire! What wonder India thinks she has something better in the ancient religion founded by the gentle, contemplative Buddha that has made Asia mild and wise. In vain we command or commend man worship, or mediatory worship, to those who enjoy direct communion with the Father.

Thanks to theosophy for the introduction of the new term—the sisterhood of religions." To the belief in the universal Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of all men, they have added this also, the sisterhood of all religions, recognizing the divine origin and the divine good in all. If we would succeed as missionaries we must go with this broader gospel—a gospel that is indeed glad tidings, and no misnomer.

Missionary work in this sense and spirit Friends never objected to, but rejoiced always to see.

In this broad and liberal spirit alone can be accomplished what was sought for and desired at the World's Great Parliament of Religions, viz, the unity of all faiths. This unity is no empty dream. It is a fast approaching reality. The foremost in all faiths and lands enjoy it even now. How they rejoiced in it at the World's Religious Congresses, and separated in confident hope. The second coming of Christ is being consummated even now. It may not be recognized by the carnal senses, or even by the intellectual pow-

ers. It is spiritual and must be spiritually discerned. Many saw Jesus and yet saw not the Christ. So many to-day who live and move in the midst of Christ's second advent may never comprehend it. But this does not disprove it. The more spiritual see it, and feel it, and know that it is growing and expanding by the law of the survival of the fittest, until it shall embrace the whole world.

Whoever attended the World's Parliament of Religions must know that this must be henceforth the spirit in which missionary work is to be conducted, if it hopes to be crowned with success. And this, as I conceive, has always been the view and the stand that Friends have always maintained in the matter.

We believe that God has implanted a spark of divine life in the breast of every being, which, if kept in favorable conditions which are at his control, will work out the salvation of that soul. We believe that the preaching of the gospel to every creature does not necessarily depend upon human instrumentalities. Jesus admitted this when he says, in Colossians, i., 23, "It ye be not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye have heard, and *which was preached to every creature which is under Heaven.*"

Missionary zeal on this basis will easily leaven the whole world and make of all mankind one spiritual faith and household. May we never cease our efforts to bring about this glorious consummation.

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FOR YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW.

From the statistical report of Illinois Y. M., we gather the following:—

Number of members at the beginning of the year.....	1,198
Number of additions.....	40
Number of losses.....	19

Total.....	1,219
Gain during the year.....	21

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