

it be possible, let this cup pass from Me.' But it was not possible. If it had been possible where would all those hosts be that will rejoice because their robes are washed white in the blood of the Lamb? They could not be in glory shouting Hallelujah to the Lamb that once was slain, and if the cup could pass from our lips we would go empty-handed to the gate of heaven. We would never know the joy of living alone with Jesus. He is unspeakably precious. He comes so near. I love Him so. He draws one with cords of love that never fail, never break, never hurt."

Any one seeing the comfortable home the young ladies abandoned when they left "The Willows" to labor in China would know that only devotion to their work would induce them to make the change. Both were beautiful girls. The elder was an excellent pianist, and both were well fitted to shine in society, and had every inducement to give themselves up to a life of pleasure.

They chose differently.

About Korean Missions.—Rev. Mr. Baird, of Fusan, says the new Buddhism of Japan takes all it can from Christianity and other sources to arm itself with new aggressive and propagandist methods. Emissaries of the new Buddhist creed in Japan are visiting the old Buddhist monasteries in Korea, endeavoring to persuade them to adopt the methods in use in their own country, and offering to take Korean youth thither to be educated. These offers have been accepted by some of the Korean officials, and when the young men are suitably indoctrinated, they are to return as propagandists of that faith among their own people. Dr. Baird does not think that there is a single Japanese Christian in Fusan, and says that the entire Japanese influence there is anti-Christian and immoral.

Japan owes to the introduction of Christianity, and of the civilization which owes all its greatness to Christianity, its elevation to a new level as a nation. Yet, with the perverseness of human depravity, there is a tendency to blend all religions into new combinations, which certainly never has worked well. If missionaries of Japan can do

nothing except to indoctrinate Korean youth in a new and composite faith in which Buddhism, Shintoism, and fragments of other beliefs and unbeliefs are heterogeneously mingled, the Koreans would be as well off without such teaching. Christian missionaries, like Dr. Baird and his fellow-workers, can at least give to Korea a positive and definite gospel of salvation. The missionary in that country is hedged about with peculiar difficulties, no doubt, but this is nothing new. We have only to study the Acts of the Apostles to see all the hindrances of modern missions long ago exemplified. It will never be easy work to convert men from sin to God, but the salvation of a single soul is priceless in God's sight.

A very prominent and discriminating friend of missions writes:

"I have been reading Henry Norman's 'People and Politics in the Far East.' It is very brilliant and instructive, but of course from the point of view of a 'Britisher' and a club man; and his criticisms of missions and missionaries are ignorant, prejudiced, and untrue. I will just indicate the pages on which they are found, as others may want to turn to them and refute them—I saw in the *Outlook* a protest against them—pages 280, 281, 282-304, 305, 306, 307, 308.

"He quotes the phrase as applied to them, 'ignorant declaimers in bad Chinese,' and endorses it. 'Protestant missionary tracts are distributed bearing coarse illustrations of such biblical incidents as the swallowing of Jonah by the whale and the killing of Sisera by Jael.' 'Moreover, . . . the Protestant missionaries have circulated the whole Bible in Chinese. But they have recently seen their error.' 'There are some men among the Protestant missionaries of the highest character and devotion. . . . These, however, are a small minority.' 'At any rate, in considering the future of China, the missionary influence cannot be counted upon for any good.'

"This is his conclusion of the whole matter, and with this last he dismisses the subject. It makes any intelligent student of missions very indignant, and vitiates his testimony on every branch of information upon which he wrote."