

World of Missions.

A Hindu Testimony to Christian Missions.

The Arya Patrika, a Hindu paper of India gives the following testimony to the work of Christian missionaries:

"The missionary enterprise in this country is not without its noble features. There is a whole host of men and women, very noble and philanthropic, who are engaged in ministering to the intellectual requirements of our people. The missionary schools and colleges are the best managed and most efficient in the entire land, and the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty which characterizes the workers in the cause of Christ in these seminaries is well worthy of imitation by other propagandists. The enormous amount of good done by the medical missions is too patent to require any mention at our hands. We have seen and known some of the missionary ladies engaged in this department of activity. The desire to alleviate the sufferings of mankind is sincere and genuine; they have no hesitation in mixing with the poor and indigent, groveling in the mire of wretchedness and misery, and in extending them a helping hand in their efforts to rise superior to their circumstances. Nor are they afraid of entering the dens where poverty and disease hold a perpetual sway and where there is a constant danger of falling a prey to malignant maladies. The cheerfulness, complacency, and passive resignation with which these ladies risk their own lives for the rescue of the weak and the fallen is something really very heroic.

Anxious to Give.

In a mission church in a province of Turkey a poor widow with five children was helped weekly by her church to the amount of 20 cents. Out of this was brought, week after week, two cents as her contribution to the services of the sanctuary and the support of the poor. At first the receiving deacon laughed, saying that it was absurd to bring the church's money back to its own doors. The woman was deeply hurt at this, and with tears overflowing her eyes, asked: "Is not the money mine after you have given it to me? And cannot I also bring my tithe with the others?"—Mission Studies.

Missionary Christians and Churches.

There is no question as to whether the Church shall be a missionary Church. If it is not a missionary Church, it is not the Church of Jesus Christ. There is never a question as to whether a Christian is in favor of missions or not. If he is not in favor of missions, either he does not know enough to be a Christian, or else he is not willing to be one. A man that opposes missions sets himself against Jesus, and he cannot be for Jesus and against him. If he sets up what Jones or Thompson believes against what Christ commands, he is a Jonesian, or a Thomsorian, but he is not a Christian. He has resigned his royal commission. There can be no two opinions about that. When a warship is put out of commission, she is either sent to the dock for repairs or to the junk pile. Churches that are doing nothing for missions need to be docked and have the barnacles scraped off. Missionary zeal is their only salvation from the junk pile.—J. F. Cowan, D. D.

It Is True.

"One of the most painful signs of the times is the astonishing power of self-deluded persons, to lead astray the people in matters of religion by loud sounding words and an unshakeable audacity. The "Dowie" movement in Chicago is assuming large proportions. There are ten "Tabernacles of Zion" in that city, the largest of which accommodates more than any other place of worship in the city. A few Sundays ago, Mr. Dowie proclaimed himself to be Elijah, and the "Restorer of all things." "I combine in myself the attributes of prophet, priest and ruler over men" he cried, and at his request 3,000 people stood up to testify their assent to this statement. No doubt even such painful phenomena as these bear testimony to the hunger and thirst of the human soul after spiritual rest and certainty. But there is scarcely anything in the world more to be dreaded than ignorant credulity. Our modern education, has not as yet succeeded in banishing it to the outer darkness. Indeed men and women educated only on one side of their nature are very apt to be the victims of credulity on that side which remains uncultivated. We have in such movements as the "Dowie" and other religious quackeries another illustration of the need of a sound and general instruction in the Holy Scriptures." Dowie and Mrs. Eddy are by no means to keep the field to themselves. Scarcely a month passes without some new hand to play upon popular credulity and mislead willing victims. Bogus miracles, old bones, new ceremonies, presumptuous and impudent assumptions of divine power and authority,—such are some of the means used to mislead the incautious, the unstable, the simple. "The remedy?" There is one remedy that is always safe and always sure—fuller instruction in the Word of God, closer pastoral supervision and more intimate Christian fellowship.

Love's Service.

Hope not the cure of sin till self is dead;
Forget it in love's service, and the debt
Thou canst not pay the angels shall forget:
Heaven's gate is shut to him who comes alone;
Save thou a soul, and it shall save thy own!
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

DR. PARKER has a paper in the *Homiletic Review* on "Suggestions on Preparation for the Pulpit." Among other good things he says:—"My distinct impression is that the pulpit is being too severely specialised. I mean that there is great danger of its being used for class purposes, that is, for special sections of people and not for the great mass of sinful and troubled humanity." He urges preparation of the body as well as preparation of mind and soul.

Under the title "Evangelical Union of the Philippine Islands," the Baptist, Methodist, United Brethren (or Moravian) and Presbyterian workers in that new field have federated their efforts and distributed allotments of territory to the several partners. This agreement provides for the inclusion of still other denominations.

We understand, says the Belfast Witness, that the Rev. A. Halliday Douglas, M. A., of Cambridge, intends to accept the professorship in Knox College, Toronto, to which he has been appointed by the Canadian Church, and will, in consequence, ask the Presbytery of London North to release him from his charge at Cambridge, at its meeting next week.

Health and Home Hints.

A little finely-grated horseradish added to milk will keep it fresh for several days.

A lump of camphor placed in the silver drawer will prevent the silver from rusting.

A tumbler of cold water (not iced) is an excellent thing before breakfast in the morning. It washes out the stomach, prepares the food and tends to regulate the bowels.

If people would only remember that every pot, pan, or any utensil that has been used for cooking, should be washed immediately, while it is hot, what a lot of unnecessary labor and time would be saved.

An old physician's advice was: "Eat raw currants for breakfast as long as you can get them." They are appetizing when served with cracked ice around them and the sugar moistened with a cherry juice; and this plan does not effect their medicinal properties.

How to make good toast.—Toast, something that is usually rather slighted, has risen almost to the dignity of a specialty. Directions: The bread, cut thin and carefully trimmed, is laid in large bread pans, each slice singly, and a row standing around the edge, and then put in the oven to brown. It comes out a rich golden color and deliciously crisp.

Tomato and Potato Salad.—Slice cold boiled potatoes and tomatoes in equal quantities and one-third the quantity of raw onion. Arrange crisp lettuce leaves in a salad bowl and lay the tomatoes and potatoes in the center in alternate layers. Sprinkle each layer of potato with onion. Pour French dressing over the whole and let it stand on the ice for an hour before serving.

Currants for Breakfast.—The following is a very nice way of serving the raw fruit for breakfast or tea: Wash and pick from the stem, rejecting the poor ones, one quart of currants. Put them in a fancy dish and sprinkle over them five tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar, a teaspoonful of powdered cinnamon, and a gill of cherry juice. Stir gently and let the dish stand in a cold place an hour before serving.

Sour milk griddle cakes.—Mix thoroughly into 2 c. thick sour milk, 2 c. pastry flour, and let stand over night. In the morning add 1 well-beaten egg, 1-2 tsp. salt, and 1-4 tsp. soda, dissolved in a tbsp of warm water. Cook immediately by dropping from the tip of a large spoon on a greased hot griddle. Cook on one side, when puffed full of bubbles and dry on edges, turn and cook on other side. Send to the table at once on a hot dish, and serve syrup, jelly, or apple sauce with them.

If any one should be past masters in holding the fort, it is Kimberley, South Africa, Endeavorers. The few left, the pastor writes, are doing so in spite of the unsettled condition of things. The Junior Society is flourishing.

Mamma—"Why, Susie, you've offered your butterscotch to everybody but little brother. Who didn't you hand it to him?"

Susie—"B-cause mamma, little brother always takes it.

Christian Guardian: Anxious thought and worry about to-morrow are all out of harmony with Christian peace and trust, but wise, calm forethought for to-morrow is written in God's ways in nature and in revelation.