

is, perhaps, in quantity rather than quality. Conversions from among the have been few ; while from those who are baptized from our boarding schools some fall out by the way, and for others, we must wait years before they become particularly useful. The mission has always been so inadequately manned, that we have never been able to push and KEEP PUSHING, the work among the heathen, WHICH MUST BE DONE, if we desire a liberal harvest from that quarter. In the late Convention, some one well said, that "God's conditions of blessing must be met." "How can they hear without a preacher?" and how can they be converted unless they hear ?

How shall we get native agents, unless the supply of missionaries is sufficient, not only to supervise and hold the work, already built up, but to lead out the churches into continuous and cheerful obedience, to our Lord's command to make disciples.

We have met with some reverses ; probably not more than our share ; possibly not enough to tone up the spiritual fibre of the mission, at home and abroad. And will not more meet us, in the near future, if we do not learn well and practice faithfully the lessons these would teach us? For the sake of the Master, who is waiting for us to come up to his conditions of blessing, for the sake of these people, whom we must meet face to face before a just God, would that we could be warned in time. Suppose, t...at

"whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained," applies to your relations and to ours, to these perishing multitudes ? Sometimes I wonder what Heaven will be to us, if we take with us the memory of having heard the awful word 'DEPART' to many of these who might have heard the "Come ye blessed," had we been faithful to the trust committed to us.

Early in 1896, Miss Gray will go on a well deserved furlough, after a long term of service. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins are also going, not because they desire furlough but because Mrs. Higgins cannot live in the country. Mr. Higgins is one of our best men, and we are sorry to see him turn his back on the foreign field. You feel the disappointment ; perhaps we do a hundred-fold more.

Then out of your thirteen missionaries, there will be seven on the field, who are really prepared for work. But one of these because of long and hard work in the past, is under positive medical orders to leave the plains, when the hot season returns, and others may be obliged to do the same. Our mission has had the best strength of some of us, and those will never be able to give again, what they have given in the past.

Over and over again, during my seventeen years connection with this mission, there has been before my mind's eye, the vision of a swiftly rushing river, amid the rising and falling waters of which, the onlooker