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REAPING.

"Reaper" I asked, "Among the golden sheaves,
Toiling at noon amid the falling leaves,
What recompense hast thou for all thy toil,
What tithe of all thy Master's wine and oil!
Or dost thou coin thy brow's hot drops to gold,
Or add to house and land, or flock and fold?"

The reaper paused from binding close the grain,
And said, while shone his smile through labor's stain,
"I do my Master's work, as He has taught;
And work of love with gold was never bought,
He knoweth all of which my life hath need;
His servants reap as they have sown the seed.
With all my heart I bind my Master's grain,
And love makes sweet my labor and my pain."

OVER LAND AND SEA.

The Rocky Mountain *Witness* says: "In one of the Presbyterian churches of Colorado there are taken eighty seven missionary magazines and papers. The secretary of literature of the missionary society having made over sixty calls to secure the same, going to some places three times. This secretary evidently realizes the responsibility of her position. The possibilities of the office magnified by each secretary in our own state, would treble missionary interest during the next twelve months." If such faithful energetic friends of our church periodicals were multiplied in all the Presbyteries to bring a knowledge of the world's needs into the homes of the indifferent, we would no longer complain of an empty treasury, for the trite saying is still true that "Knowledge awakens interest, and interest moves to praying and giving." Cannot each one do something to introduce the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW into at least a few homes during vacation?

A remarkable discussion is engaging the attention of "The Holy Synod" of the Russian Church, says the *Christian Leader*. The point debated is whether the Scriptures ought or ought not to be circulated in the Empire. With a true prescience of coming trouble, the Metropolitans of St. Petersburg and Kieff believe that the practice is dangerous. Have not pious Russians everything they require in the services of the Church, in the holy paintings, and in the exercises of private devotion? Why then seek to make them as wise as, or possibly wiser than, their teachers? The dreaded Pobiedonostseff shares the same opinions and is followed by a large and powerful body of the priests.

Who, then, are the other parties to the controversy? Is there a Reformation movement in the Russian Church, our readers may ask? We are sorry to blight the rising hope and to throw cold water upon the ready admiration. There is no Reformer yet visible in that vast Sahara of ritual and superstition, and yet there is a power which in this instance makes for righteousness; but, alas, that power is the love of money. "The Holy Synod" has the sole right of printing the Bible in Russia, and its business managers find that the business brings in extraordinary profits. To suspend the production and sale of the Scriptures would mean the loss of a large annual revenue. This argument for continuing to publish is almost conclusive.

The extreme ritualistic wing of the Church of England is doing some of the best of that philanthropic work which

is now being carried on so widely among the poor of London, but the naive narrowness which its adherents sometimes manifests is very amusing. For example, the leading article in the Jubilee Number of *Goodwill*, an illustrated religious High Church monthly published in London, contains the following paragraph concerning Queen Victoria, serious enough in its intent, but smile-provoking in its effect: "As Church people, we sorrowfully regret that the Whiggery of her early Ministers, and the Lutheranism of her adored husband, together with the affectionate intimacy of Dean Stanley, have conspired to keep her aloof from the Catholic Creed of the Church. The one influence which might have changed matters—that of Bishop Wilberforce—came to an abrupt end. She has been a stranger to the Church of which she is, mercifully, not the Head."

Stated seasons of public devotion are as necessary for the upbuilding of the soul as stated meals are for the nourishment of the body. Yet too many Christians seem to try to get along on the lunch table plan, snatching a morsel of spiritual nutriment here or there, or taking a bite now of this and now of that doctrine. The orderly table d'hôte method of religious instruction and inspiration, by which we mean regular attendance on the stated meetings of the church, which are commonly known as "means of grace," is far preferable. Intermittent haphazard attentions to religious duties conduces to mental dyspepsia and to spiritual leanness.

The tailor does not make the man, but we might almost think that the tailors make the British army when we read in *Harper's Round Table* that the Government of Great Britain spends annually \$7,250,000 for the clothing furnished to its army all over the world. Each of Britain's foreign dependencies, however, pays back to a certain extent the cost of the uniforms of the troops stationed or sent there. The best quality of everything is used in the manufacture of uniforms. Into these uniforms go thousands of miles of flannel, linen, calico, velvet, etc., millions of buttons, tons of cotton wool, and billions of yards of sewing cotton. But Britain's bill is less than Germany's annual outlay for uniforms, since in that country every soldier has four complete suits of military clothing.

The Presbytery of New York has resolved that November 8th of this year be appointed for the Westminster Celebration, and that there shall be an all day meeting in the First church, and an evening meeting in Madison Square Garden Concert Hall.

Two-thirds of all the letters which pass through the postoffices of the world are written by and sent to people who speak English.

Palestine is improving in one respect at least. Her exports, during the last twelve months, as compared with the previous year, have increased \$35,000, the total amount being \$3,102,685.