

ing against you I have been serving the devil myself, and have need that you pray for me and forgive the wrong I have done you." Dr. Hoge tells the story very well, and here and there in every community is a man or woman who might profit by it.—*Religious Herald.*

A False Prophet.

Voltaire, who was considered the cleverest man in Europe in his day, and died in 1778, prophesied that 100 years from his time the Bible would be a forgotten book. When the 100 years were up, the Bible Revision Committee was sitting in Europe and America. In 1884 the British and Foreign Bible Society distributed over 4,000,000 copies of the Scriptures. This has been the fulfillment of Voltaire's prophecy. The foreign mission enterprise has been one of wonderful success. The fact is that by the very success of this work, by the openings in every heathen land, and by the crumbling of old heathen superstitions, a crisis has been reached in missions. It will tax the energies of the Christian churches to occupy the fields, which to-day are open to them. There is a mighty call to us from every quarter to go forward.

Why He Went.

A missionary being asked what it was that directed his thoughts toward the foreign field, answered:

"In coming home one night, driving across the vast prairie, I saw my little John hurrying to meet

me; the grass was high on the prairie, and suddenly I missed him, and thought he was playing and simply hiding from me, but he didn't appear, as I expected he would. Then the thought flashed to my mind, 'There's an old well there, and he has fallen in.' I hurried up to him, reached down in the well and lifted him out; and as he looked up in my face, what do you think he said? 'O, papa, why didn't you hurry?' Those words never left me. They kept ringing in my ears until God put a new and deeper meaning into them and bade me think of others who are lost, of souls without God and without hope in this world; and the message came to me as a message from the heavenly Father, 'Go and work in my name'; and then from that vast throng a pitiful, despairing, pleading cry rolled into my soul, as I accepted God's call: 'Oh, why don't you hurry?'"

Work and Rest.

Gustave Doré was an energetic worker, and here is his creed as to work and rest: "I firmly believe that we workers have the best health, and for the simple reason that our lives are more uniform. Idlers always fancy that we must be tired, and are astonished to find that we do not wear out faster than themselves. Now I am one of those who believe that even excessive intellectual work, if it be pursued steadily and continuously, consumes one less rapidly than idleness, intemperance, or *ennui*."