

that you habitually cherish, your thoughts and feelings towards Him and towards your fellow-men? He knows them all better than you know them yourself, for He searches the hearts and tries the reins of the children of men.

AND now somebody with sharp eyes has discovered a misprint in the Bibles by the English University printers, which went undetected for fifty years: the "idol shepherds" of Zech. xi: 17, instead of "idle shepherds." The revisers must have seen it, for they render it "worthless shepherds," but the public only now are acquainted with this ancient blunder.

A WRITER in the *Missionary Review* says, that, out of the 3,000,000 converts in all the foreign mission fields, 30,000 have gone as workers into the field, or one out of every 100, while Protestant Christendom has sent forth but one out of every 5,000. These converts serve as native preachers, teachers, catechists and lay helpers, and often prove most effective allies to the regular missionary force from England and America.

HISTORY repeats itself. It is said that Mr. Ingersoll appealed to Gen. Lew Wallace to assist in the modern attack on Christianity. Gen. Wallace began to study the system he would fain overthrow. He found its walls of jasper and its foundation to be the Rock of Ages. The outcome was the well-known book, "Ben Hur, a tale of the Christ."—*N. W. Congregationalist*.

FOUR new States on 22nd February. North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Washington. But why was not N. Dakota called "Pembina," and Washington "Tacoma?" These have both been influentially proposed. And can no one propose a name for British Columbia? Meantime, our own Territories languish for want of population, and are by no means working fast towards the *status* of "Provinces."

Two suggestions given by Mr. Gladstone for effective public speaking were "intellectual suppleness," the ability to get out of the ruts and apply one's self afresh to patient

investigation of any subject in hand; and "opportunity for abundant reflection upon the subject about which one is to speak." There must be no "common thoughts about deep things, but deep thoughts about common things."

A STORY is told of Dr. Emmons, that he was one day met by a parishioner who said, "Dr. Emmons, I want you to explain something. Yesterday, didn't you say so and so in your sermon?" "Yes." "Didn't you a week ago say so and so?" "Yes." "Now, don't these two contradict?" "Oh," said the Doctor, "that is nothing," and drove on. When one is preaching upon divine agency, he should preach as if God did all. When he is preaching on human works, he should preach as if man did all.—*Ex.*

WORSHIP IN SONG.—In our poor human management, music often and easily becomes anything but devotional. Song worship is one thing, and a most noble thing; mere concert music, or singing to display the skill of the composer, the voices of the performers, or the power and quality of an instrument, is another and a very different thing. If the singing can be scientific, and even artistic as well as devotional, so much the better. But the moment we put the artistic before the spiritual and devotional, we pervert the Lord's house into a mere concert hall, and miss the prime object of religious worship.—*Rev. M. K. Cross.*

A CASE of modern chivalry in connection with a wealthy city church is not unworthy of mention. A leading lady of the church requested the removal of a mulatto girl from one of the classes of the Sunday-school, threatening the withdrawal of her own daughter if it was not done. The matter being brought by the superintendent to the knowledge of the pastor whose advice was sought, he inquired, "What do you think would be right?" "That the girl should remain," said the superintendent. "Then do right!" said the pastor, and the girl remains. What are to be the consequences does not appear, but the pastor declares, if his people objects to this decision, they must look for another spiritual leader. *N. Y. Cor. Advance.*