

NEWTON AND VOLTAIRE ON PROPHECY.

IT is a remarkable fact that Sir Isaac Newton, in his work on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, said that if they were true it would be necessary that a new mode of travelling should be invented. He said that the knowledge of mankind would be so increased before a certain date or time terminated—namely, 1,260 years—that they would be able to travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

Voltaire got hold of this, and, true to the spirit of skepticism of all ages, said, "Now, look at the mighty mind of Newton, who discovered gravitation, when he became an old man, and got into his dotage, he began to study the Bible, and it seems in order to credit its fabulous nonsense we must believe that the knowledge of mankind will be so increased that we shall travel at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The poor dotard."

The self-complacency of the philosophic infidel made his friends laugh; but if he should get into a railway-train even a skeptic to-day would have to say, "Newton was a wise philosopher, Voltaire a poor old dotard."—*Christian Oracle*.

HU KING ENG'S EXPERIENCE.

NOTHING was more interesting in connection with the meeting at Niagara Falls, in August last year, than the relation of the native Christian girls from Burmah, Siam, and China, of their personal religious experience. Miss Hu King Eng is a young Chinese lady now about eighteen years old, the daughter of one of the most efficient and eloquent native ministers of the Foochow Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her mother belongs to the small-footed class of Chinese women. Hu King Eng was truly converted, and became desirous of pursuing a useful life amongst the women of China. Mrs. Mary Sparkes Wheeler writes of her in the *Christian Advocate*:—

"Hu King Eng also embraced the Christian religion. Inspired with an ardent desire to be useful, she determined to prepare herself to the utmost of her ability to be an efficient worker in Christ's vineyard. She longed for a medical education, but had not the means adequate to secure it; so, she says, she 'prayed God,' and He prepared the way for her to go to America.

"Since she entered the school there she has won her way into all hearts. Her artless manner, her simple faith in God, and her constancy in the performance of what she considers to be her Christian duties, have not failed to make a deep impression on the others. She is very industrious and bright, makes rapid progress in her studies, and is said to have a remarkably retentive memory."

We will let her tell her own story as she told it at Niagara Falls. She said:—

"I came to America to learn English and study medicine, then I go back to my China, make people well, and talk about Jesus. When I was a little girl—I like to study very much—I think I like to study medicine. One day my father preach in church—he say everybody sin—when I heard—I was so sorry—I asked my father have I sinned? My father say—

yes! I say—Why, I never kill anybody—then my father told me, O! many things and—say—yes! you sin. Then I say I sorry—I cry. My father say—You better not sorry—you pray God—and He take away my sin and make me so happy. Then my father say, God take away your sin, make you have peace and joy, do you want to do something for God? I say, O, father, so long a time I want to study medicine, and help sick people, then he say—You go pray God. He will help you know. In three months I went to Foochow Hospital and learn some—then Miss Trask (medical missionary in China) want me come here and I so glad; but I leave father, mother, brother, sister, friend, that so hard, say good-bye, but God come with me, and help me every day—help me study and learn, I work hard, then I go back my China, make everybody well, and help their bodies; then I talk to them about Jesus. I hope you pray for me, I learn soon—so I go back to my China."—*Ill. Missionary News*.

AM I NEEDED?

HAVE we ever thought, dear friends, whether we are needed in the missionary work? Have we settled the question whether our Lord's command, "Go teach all nations," is binding upon us? But even if we are not called of God to carry the bread of eternal life to those in distant lands who are famishing without it, are we to conclude that the whole work will be done without our help? Nay, rather, are we not needed in carrying it forward? Our own circle needs us. It needs our presence at its meetings; it needs our constant contributions to its treasury; it needs our hearty personal interest and support. We have not realized this enough in the past. We have thought it made no difference to any one whether we gave our mite, whether we read the *OUTLOOK*, whether we came to a missionary meeting, or spent our time and money in some other way. Whether our sphere of influence be broad or narrow, whether or not we are peculiarly gifted in speech or prayer, whether we have much or little to give, still we may be in earnest to do our utmost for this cause, so that our blessed Master shall Himself say of each one of us, "She hath done what she could."

The missionaries need us. They are bearing the heat and burden of the day. They have many and peculiar trials, many discouragements in their work, many cares and perplexities, and they turn to us for sympathy. They ask us to remember that they are women like ourselves, and their hearts crave just the loving, helpful words which you and I might give. They need cheering letters from us; they need our earnest, persevering prayers for God's blessing on their work; they need to be strengthened and sustained by the assurance that we care for the souls whom they are trying to reach and save.

And, *The Lord Jesus Christ needs us!*

He has not seen fit to entrust the ministry of His Word unto angels, or by miracle bid the winds waft His story, or the mighty Gospel fly abroad through all the earth; but He has condescended to make use of human instruments, of the souls whom He has redeemed, in spreading the tidings of His love. The message must go from heart to heart, for so alone can