

see a nature most inconstant, and turning towards everything under the sun, yet kept fixed in one prevailing direction, and still amidst all its changes "looking unto Jesus." We see the stream exceedingly shallow, yet, strange to say, it is yet deep. The spring appears so scanty, that we should expect it to be immediately dried up, yet there is found within the soul "a well of water springing up into everlasting life." That well-spring is from God.

All is thus weakness on the part of man, and if any of my readers question the efficacy of the Gospel to give them freedom from sin, it must be because they have been trusting to their own strength. All is power on the part of God, and whosoever trusts to that power shall find it effectual. The promise shall be fulfilled, "if the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

The task I allotted myself in writing these papers is completed. The gracious truth has once more been set forth. The writer can do no more. And yet before laying down his pen, he would ask each reader to ponder deeply a few parting words.

Permit me, then, to ask you not to turn away from the precious blessing which Jesus has to give, which He now holds out to your acceptance. This is the acceptable year of the Lord; this is the time during which the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins. The trumpet of jubilee now sounds in the ear of the captive, proclaiming a blessed release, and conveying the promise of a restoration to all the rights of your forfeited inheritance. Shall men be smitten with the love of natural freedom, so that their hearts beat higher at the sound of the very word? Shall the poor bondsman exult at the boon of promised freedom, and, waiting with throbbing heart the moment of release, rise at the sound of the expected hour to clasp his brother with transport because they are both free? Shall men sing the praises of *such* liberty, and feel that their very eulogy ennobles them? And shall they be all indifference to the better freedom of the soul of immortal man—a freedom which is true bliss—a freedom bestowed by heaven—a freedom which raises from the lowest depths of spiritual woe, and gives us a title to the skies? O! my brother, my sister, seek, seek above all earthly good, this precious freedom. "Concealed as yet its honour lies," but choose it in its lowest estate below; choose it when men think little of it, choose it in its present weakness and comparative dishonour! It contains the seed of all that is excellent and glorious. Its nature is allied to heaven. Its lustre will become brighter and more conspicuous. Its enjoyments will become higher and more perfect—and, when the shackles of mortality drop off and sin is left behind, the emancipated soul shall rise to the full enjoyment of all that is comprehended in the liberty wherewith Christ makes His people free. The charter by which we hold it is sealed with His blood, and from Christ it is to be obtained. His own words are, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

Repair *now* to the cross of Christ; take Him as your Saviour; trust in His atoning blood, and He will be your All-in-all for time and for eternity.

Weston, C. W.

J. B. L.

Missionary Intelligence.

FREE CHURCH INDIA MISSIONS.—At the Conference on the Free Church Missions recently held in Edinburgh, the following statement was made as to the actual results of the Free Church Missions in India. "At Madras 110 have been baptized on a profession of faith in the Saviour; 137 have been baptized at Calcutta; 51 at Nagpore; 88 at Poojah; and 115 at Bombay, making 501 in all, mainly the fruits of the Spirit's blessing on the labours of our missionaries among the young."