

Foreign Missions.

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Union in the Foreign Field.

The spirit of disunity which, dividing about trifles, and inventing names, laws, creeds and ordinances that are unknown to the Word of God, has for centuries cursed the church, stumbled the world, filled the ranks of unbelief, and furnished infidels with their strongest arguments against Christianity; though it may be defended by people who have been trained to work only in their own sectarian harness, reveals its native weakness and worthlessness as soon as it is brought face to face with the great problems which confront the church and oppress the world.

Peter's net was all right as long as they "caught nothing." They had fished all night without breaking a mesh. But just as soon as they obeyed Christ's word "launched forth into the deep" and let down their nets for a draught, "they enclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their net brake." Their net was all right so long as it had no fish in it; but when it was full, rip went the old net and they were obliged to beckon to their partners to come and help them.

And when Christians become really fishers of men, and launch forth into the deep to fish for a thousand million heathen who have never heard the Gospel, they speedily find that their sectarian nets are breaking, and that they must beckon to their partners, call all hands, and unite with all Christians, and do what God's Word has been telling them to do from the beginning.

But there are difficulties in the way. Funds are invested, money is tied up to sectarian uses; the man who accepts the regular order has a good salary even if he assails the Scriptures and subverts the faith he professes to believe; while the man who simply stands by the Word of God, rejecting all human additions, may starve to death for all the help he is likely to get from great denominational organizations; and the money of men who do not believe in sectarianism is captured to sustain sectarianism, and to feed and fatten its adherents, while those who will not bow the knee to the sectarian Baal may wander in sheep skins and goat skins, and live on a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil in a cruise.

This evil spreads into the foreign field, until all real workers recognize it as one of the greatest hindrances to success in mission work.

Says the Presbyterian Record: "There is no other place where the evils of sectarianism are so evident, or the need for Christian unity so pressing, as on the foreign mission field. It is a long step towards union to secure a recognition of these evils and this crying need. The subject is having a very earnest and thorough discussion among the missionaries of China. One of the veterans of the Scotch Presbyterian Society, Dr. Williamson, has lately published a stirring paper in the January and February numbers of the Chinese Recorder. Among the reasons urging the missionaries in China to cooperate he mentions the magnitude of the work and the difficulties attending it. He calls it, with good reason, 'the most stupendous task the church has ever faced.' He regards the Chinese as the ablest and most unscrupulous of

all the non-Christian nations. Nobody probably will dispute this estimate. It is startling to reflect that every year 4,500,000 people are born in China, while all the converts of Protestant missions do not number 4,500 per annum. How inexpressibly sad, then, how criminal is the waste of power which results from division! Dr. Williamson declares that the Chinese will not be bound by the creeds of the missionaries nor submit to foreign control in their churches. But he states the argument very pitifully when he says:—

"Were these creeds and formularies to be placed before ourselves to-day, we would not accept of them as they stand. Why should we seek to place a yoke on China that we would not ourselves submit to it?"

"There are three branches of the Episcopal church in China, eight kinds of Presbyterians, six of Methodists, two of Congregationalists—in all thirty nine different societies represented, besides independent workers. Well does he exclaim, 'What a spectacle to thoughtful Christians! No wonder they say to us, "Agree among yourselves, and then we may listen to you"'"

"How humiliated he must have felt when told by a Christian Chinaman: 'We have considered the question of union, and we are prepared for it. It is your foreign missionaries who keep us apart.'" This, according to the Record, is the condition of things in China; and it is much the same in other foreign fields, as well as among the heathen at home, the unchurched and unroached masses. And this disunity hinders true Christians, stumbles unbelievers, grieves the One Spirit, impedes the progress of the one faith, and hinders the world from believing in Christ.

Meanwhile a thousand million souls are dying without God and without hope, the faithful groan over evils they cannot remedy, and glancing over a distracted and divided church, and a stumbling and perishing world, the great High Priest turns his face to the throne and says: "I pray for them which thou hast given me; for them also which shall believe on me through their word, that they ALL MAY BE ONE, THAT THE WORLD ALSO MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME."—The Army.

Temperance.

Alcoholic Combustion.

From time to time in the past there have been reported sundry shocking cases of supposed spontaneous combustion from the use of alcoholic beverages. There has, however, always been more or less a feeling of incredulity concerning the truthfulness of these alleged cases of the spontaneous burning of the bodies of hard drinkers. The Philadelphia Times calls attention to a recent case—that of Milton Harcastle, of Baltimore—whose remains were not long ago found nearly consumed in his shanty on the outskirts of that city. Harcastle was an old negro who had a small monthly income left him by his former owner, which he expended almost entirely, it is said, for whiskey. He consumed very large quantities, sometimes, it is said, a gallon and a half a day, and would often buy and drink pure alcohol in large quantities for days at a time, partaking of no nourishment. He lived alone, and it was some days before he was missed, but his shanty was observed to remain closed, and search being instituted he was found in bed burned nearly to a crisp, while the mattress and clothes were only slightly scorched. The room was, in other respects, in order, and no trace of fire was found on the hearth, which was swept clean. He did not smoke,

and the whole affair seemed mysterious. A physician, Dr. Everhardt, was called upon by the authorities to make an investigation, and gave as his opinion that it was a case of spontaneous combustion. In this, said the Times, he has also been supported by several other prominent physicians, who agreed in declaring that the circumstances admit of no other explanation. It would seem, therefore, that one more recent case must be added to those which have already been recorded of the spontaneous burning of a body which has been thus completely saturated with alcohol. It may properly be accepted as a warning to all alcoholic drinkers, even those conventionally deemed moderate, for the tendency is to increase from a moderate beginning to excessive and uncontrolled use.

Birth.

POMEROY.—On the 23rd ult., at 14 Donison Square, Toronto, the wife of C. O. Pomerooy, of a daughter.

Obituaries.

HODGE.—May 22, at her residence, Rogers Park, Ill., Caroline, wife of Thomas Hodge. Funeral private.

The above is found in several of the Chicago papers. Sister Hodge had been a member of the West Side Christian Church, of which Bro. J. W. Allen is pastor. He conducted the largely attended funeral service, and in his excellent address sympathetically referred to the deceased as one whose years of illness had prevented her attendance at public worship. Her hope was only in Christ. She was constitutionally calm, with a fine sense of appreciation of whatsoever things were true, honest and just, pure, lovely and of good report, and was fondly loved and highly esteemed by her family and friends. She was baptized in Canada by Elder E. Shoppard, so well known on both sides of the line as a most earnest, able and successful preacher. The family removed to Chicago over twenty years ago. To our dear Bro. Hodge, whose articles frequently appear in our columns, and whom we have always recognized as one of our true friends, we extend our heartfelt sympathy now when the hour of bereavement has come to him. He knows well where to look for strength in his time of sorrow.—Christian Standard.

After a long and patient time of suffering this estimable Christian lady has gone to her rest. During the most of her life she was an Episcopalian—but having her attention called to the simple gospel of truth by her husband's profession of faith, she also humbly bowed to the requirements of the Great Commission.

Our brethren in St. Thomas and vicinity will learn with sorrowful interest of our sister's departure and extend their profound sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

During a visit at their home in Chicago, two years ago, the writer partook, after the evening meal, of one of the most affectionate, impressive and instructive devotion services he ever witnessed in any home. God was there. E. S.

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