

Resting on His promise,
 What have we to fear?
 God is all sufficient
 For the coming year.
 Onward then, and fear not
 Children of the day!
 For His word shall never,
 Never pass away."

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.

"My word shall not return unto Me void."

His promises are yea and amen in Christ Jesus.

CHRIST'S SYNAGOGUE.—This is to be the name of a new building to be erected as a centre for religious work among the Jews of New York City. Hermann Warszawiak is the name of the man who inaugurated the movement. He was born in Warsaw, Poland, some thirty years ago, the son of a wealthy merchant, who destined him to become a rabbi; when a child he was greatly troubled that sacrifices were no longer made in accordance with the teachings of the Old Testament. The explanation that the Temple having been destroyed they could not be offered did not satisfy him, and being deeply conscious of the guilt of sin, he was very unhappy.

At the age of eighteen he was married, and his father having built a fine synagogue for him, he preached to a large congregation, but always on the prophecies concerning the Messiah. At last a copy of the Hebrew New Testament fell in his way. He compared it with the Scriptures of his people and became convinced that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised One. His joy at this discovery was very great, but the avowal of his faith brought such persecution that he left all and fled, first to Scotland, and afterward on hearing that his father was taking steps to get him back to Poland, to New York.

Here the De Witt Memorial church was put at his disposal, and he held services for the Jews every Saturday. The first day only sixteen came; but now every week there are as many standing outside as can be seated within.

It has consequently been decided to erect such a building as is needed for the growing and promising work. It will cost one hundred thousand dollars, but a large part of this sum is already in hand, and soon Christ's Synagogue will be the home of active Christian work among the Jews of New York, with the blessing of God leading many of them to accept their Messiah.

For this blessing let us all fervently pray.—*Helping Hand.*

It is twenty years since Dr. Mackay, missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian church, began to labor in North Formosa. The result is in that part of the island at this day, 2,605 Christians, 50 native preachers, two ordained pastors, and many other workers.

FROM Tahiti and adjacent islands a band of not less than 160 evangelists have gone forth to carry the message of salvation to other benighted tribes, and yet less than a century ago the ancestors of these evangelists were living in the greatest darkness and superstition.

DR. PENTECOST says, that in India 2,500 persons are baptized every month.

THE power of Christian song was singularly illustrated in India, not long since, on an occasion when a

wealthy Hindu gentleman gave a great feast in honor of their god Krishna. As usual on such occasions dancing girls were employed to give *ecclat* to the entertainment. The presence and songs of these dancers are such as would not be tolerated in a Christian assembly. Yet to the astonishment of the gentlemen present when these girls were asked to sing they sang "What a friend we have in Jesus." These hymns had been taught them by a missionary lady, and as a result of this strange occurrence the giver of the feast subsequently sent his two daughters to be taught hymns like these. In this way entrance was gained into the house of a wealthy family.

By EVERY Scripture prophecy and promise, and by every unfolding of Providence, Christ is just now saying to his church, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature!" He buttresses up the command and commission by the declaration, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," and by the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." His omnipotence, omniscience, eternity, are on our side. And if this world-wide work were but taken up by the church with the determination that no creature should be left without the Gospel, it would again be written, "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following, Amen."—A. T. Pierson, D.D.

MISSION CIRCLES.

How to secure the attendance of members, and how to awaken and hold their interest.

By Mrs. Vaux, Brookville.

As one of the objects of this annual meeting of ours is the presentation and discussion of those obstacles and trials which, in most cases impede this branch of the Master's work, I need offer no apology for the commonplace character of my paper—my only fear is that I have nothing new to write on the subject given me—it is just a repetition of the usual difficulties which nearly every President encounters in the conduct of Circles, the *absence* and *indifference* of members.

I think the first the greater problem of the two, but as I can only speak to you out of my own *limited* experience, I hope I will not be accused of egotism if the first personal pronoun is often introduced.

As to the first problem, the absence of members—I confess that I have totally failed in some cases to solve it. I have made friendly visits to the absentees in order to keep in touch with them, I have tried to make mission work very simple, I have pictured the needs of our missionaries as vividly as I could to enlist their sympathy, I have organized occasional little feasts, hoping that under the warming influence of tea, a spark of missionary fervour might be kindled that would afterwards burn brightly, but alas! all these plans have failed, they simply won't attend.

However, like British soldiers, I don't know when I am beaten and intend keeping up the attack.

I must say that it is only in the minority of cases that these efforts are apparently fruitless. They are more frequently helpful, and if there are among my readers any mission workers who are anxious to aug-