

holy unction, no indulgencies—not even in the article of death! A little water in a tank to baptize with, God knows how; a barrel-top from which to preach an excommunicated doctrine; a Bible to interpret at their own caprice—nothing more is required! How would you like, beloved, to live and die without sacraments, like the Jews? To be without consolation in your last agony? To be buried without a prayer, like the beasts? Ah, you shudder with horror! Yet it is this that these Evangelists are aiming at.”

#### THE MISSIONARY AND THE INFIDEL.

“I REMEMBER,” says the Bishop of Saskatchewan, “many years ago listening with great delight to a story I heard from a missionary in North Canada. He said, that some years before then an humble missionary was travelling through the Canadian backwoods. He lost his way; but presently was rejoiced at the sight of a glimmering light. Soon reaching it, to his surprise he found a large congregation of settlers gathered round a fire, listening to an able discourse. To the horror of the missionary, he found that the man was trying to prove that there was no God, no heaven, no hell, no eternity. A murmur of applause went through the audience as the orator ceased. The missionary stood up, and said, ‘My friends, I am not going to make a long speech to you, for I am tired and weary; but I will tell you a little story: A few weeks ago I was walking on the banks of the river not far from here. I heard a cry of distress, and, to my horror, I saw a canoe drifting down the stream, and nearing the rapids. There was a single man in the boat. In a short time he would near the waterfall, and be gone! He saw his danger, and heard him scream: ‘O God, if I must lose my life, have mercy on my soul!’ I plunged into the water, and reached the canoe. I dragged it to land, and saved him. That man, whom I heard when he thought no one was near, praying to God to have mercy on his soul, is the man who has just addressed you, and has told you he believes there is neither God nor heaven nor hell.’”—*Selected.*

#### ESTIMATING MISSIONARY WORK.

IN the estimate of missionary work the element of *time* must enter as a variable quantity. It must be determined by the peculiar characteristics of each field. Twenty years seemed a long period to the missionaries whose pioneer labors opened up China to the reception of the Gospel, and whose faith was tried during all that time before seeing ten souls hopefully converted to Christ. But those who have followed them and inherited the substantial results of their work, have felt that the score of years spent in laying foundations and planning the superstructure of modern missionary work in that land were well employed. We must be careful not to carry our mercantile and ordinary industrial standards into the field of Christian missions. We must not pronounce upon the success or failure of this work according to the time employed in securing the conversion of a given number of souls. No man is more to be dreaded as a disturber of Chris-

tian faith and zeal than he who walks about Zion with pencil and paper calculating to a fraction how many pounds it takes to convert a soul. Only a few months since one of our tourist friends asked us, with the utmost coolness and with perfect sincerity, “How many souls do you convert in a week?”—*Rev. J. M. Greene, in Miss. Herald.*

#### MISSIONARY LEAFLETS.

THE following is a copy of No. 1 of a series of “JOYFUL NEWS” Missionary Leaflets, proposed to be published by Rev. T. Champness for gratuitous distribution:—

##### WHAT IS IDOLATRY?

*As so many millions of men, women, and children are given up to Idolatry, it is well that Christians should consider what Idolatry is.*

##### IDOLATRY ROBS GOD.

Worship belongs to God and to God alone, and yet these false gods receive the honor due to the Divine Being. In which ever palace Queen Victoria is living, the royal standard flies over the place to show that royalty is there. What would be said of any man who stole that flag and hoisted it over his own dwelling? Idolatry claims for itself God's due.

##### IDOLATRY DEGRADES MAN.

Wherever the people are idolaters they are degraded. It is impossible to worship any one else besides Jehovah without loss of character. Wherever the first commandment is broken, all the others are sure to be. The Sabbath is lost to man, violence, murder, theft, deceit, uncleanness are followed greedily, and man becomes more and more of an animal.

##### IDOLATRY CLOSES HEAVEN.

There are those who seem to think it does not matter whether a man is a worshipper of the True God or not; such either do not believe the Bible, or are ignorant of its teachings.

“Without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and IDOLATERS.” “Murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and IDOLATERS, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.”

Shall we not do more to send the Gospel to those nations that are given to idolatry? “How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?”—*Thomas Champness in Wes. Miss. Notices.*

#### A CHINESE VIEW OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY.

SIR:—A paper was presented to me yesterday for inspection, and I found it to be specially drawn up for subscription among my countrymen toward the Pedestal Fund of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty. Seeing that the heading is an appeal to American citizens, to their love of country and liberty, I feel that my countrymen and myself are honored in being thus