

gaged, one for the hospital, and two for outside nursing, whose time is fully occupied the whole year round. One half of the fees earned by these nurses goes to the hospital, and is a source of revenue to the institution.

### AN EFFECTIVE REPROOF.

**I**N a railway station passengers were waiting for a belated train. A man, probably slightly intoxicated, was shocking everybody with his profanity. Suddenly a clergyman present began to sing:

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storm of life be past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.

The song ceased. Perfect silence reigned. The swearer was reproved. After a time he came to the singer and said: "Could I see you a moment outside?" They went out together.

"How came you," said he, "to sing that hymn just now?" "I heard you swearing," was the reply, "and I thought I would let you know there was somebody present who loved the name of Jesus." "That's very strange," said the man. "My sister, when she was dying, sang that very hymn, and she made me promise to meet her in heaven. Could you pray for me?"

Down in the snow they knelt together, and the good man prayed for the penitent, and asked that he might have grace and strength to keep his vow. The train came. They were separated, to meet no more, in all probability, till they meet in eternity.

Disciples of Jesus, always remember your Master. Bear His reproach. Confess His name before men. The hour is rapidly approaching when a glance of recognition from Him will be more to you than all the wealth and honor of this world.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society has, during the eighty-one years of its existence, issued from its London house alone, 29,000,000 of complete Bibles, nearly 32,000,000 of New Testaments, and 11,845,000 portions of the Bible. This makes a total of 72,500,000 books issued from the London headquarters.

DURING the past two years the inhabitants of a small village, about five miles from Nazareth, have embraced Christianity. They were more than 500 in number. The Rev. A. Margoschis, to whom they applied, placed them under instruction for some time before baptizing them. The delay tested their sincerity, and those who could not bear the severe persecutions to which they were subjected, relapsed. But 460 of them clung steadily to their purpose. Besides their ordinary instruction they were addressed by the Rev. Father Page, of the

Coulay Mission, or by the Rev. J. L. Peach, of the Oxford, Calcutta, Mission, both of whom visited Tinnevely during the past year. For two months a priest and catechist visited them regularly from Nazareth to prepare them specially for baptism. They were baptized on October 29th. They have built a prayer house for themselves on the site of their former temple, and they were baptized in front of this prayer house, a place formerly devoted to devil dancing. Bishop Caldwell was present, having come from a neighboring village where he had been for a confirmation. The baptisms took place in a channel which runs close by, which for a short space was shaded by a portal adorned with garlands and palmyra leaves twisted, and hung with mangoes and cocoanuts. Planks were put across the channel for the priests to stand upon, the chief part in the service being taken by the Rev. A. B. Vickers. The converts were divided into eight groups, answering to the number of priests officiating. Each man, woman and child went down into the water to the priest of his or her group, and was baptized by him, the water being poured on the head out of small vessels. When all the newly baptized were come up out of the water, they were assembled in front of the prayer house, and the service was proceeded with, concluding with the episcopal benediction. Then the bishop spoke a few words to them and said that that day was a day of rejoicing not only to them but to the angels; that they being regenerate must give up entirely their old heathenish habits; that they must try to bring their neighbors to Christianity; that they must pray for themselves and for each other. After the service the people paid their respects to the Bishop and the clergymen present. When at last the missionaries left for Nazareth they were accompanied part of the way by the people with tom-toms and quarter staff playing, not much to the convenience of those whom they wanted to please. The crowd followed them a short distance and then stopped, allowing them to go home, reflecting each in his own way on this large addition to the Church.

WHOEVER heard of a man freezing to death while hard at work? It is the idler in the Church that gets cold; and when one gets cold himself, he is apt to think that every one else is in the same condition, and begins to murmur and complain, and to blame others.

A BRAHMIN is said to have written to a missionary: "We are finding you out. You are not as good as your Book. If your people were only as good as your Book, you would conquer India for Christ in five years."

TEN thousand Italian priests have secretly signed a petition to the Government praying for protection against the tyranny of the Vatican. They have been promised assistance by several deputies, who will plead their cause in Parliament.