

THE FIRST FRUITS OF THEM THAT ARE ASLEEP.

When Jesus broke the full of the tomb and rose to life in the immortal bloom...

About Foreign Missions, A Few Suggestive Facts and Figures.

"We are living - we are dwelling in a grand and awful time. Why so? Because we know so much about the rain of our race, and have within our reach such opportunities as rarely find their way to us."

The eight millions of Jews and the 185 millions of Mohammedans absolutely and positively reject Jesus Christ as the Saviour; the 380 millions belonging to the Greek and Papal Churches believe their salvation substantially depends upon the performance of sacraments and other ceremonies...

Now, then, we are faced with the tremendous and terrible mathematical fact that of the 1.6 billion of our fellow-men there are more than 1400 millions still practically and experimentally ignorant of the salvation of God...

The church of Jesus Christ is not, as too many appear to imagine, a society having regular weekly meetings for the public discussion by oratorical specialists of religious topics...

really members of the body of THE CHURCH, by doing and their use to carry on and complete the work He began, viz., to seek and save the lost.

The mighty task which in heathen lands now lies before a sincere and consecrated aggressive Christianity is a ponderous and gigantic undertaking which will strain at our resources of manhood, womanhood and health.

Another fact, at once very grand, and very awful, is this: It is now upwards of 100 years since the consecrated Baptist cobbler, William Carey—our own man, our own man, our own man...

Leaving generalities, let us now come nearer home. In this Canada of ours we Baptists have an organized mission along the Tularos of India, the population of that region being about one million and a half (1,500,000).

What will you do in the day of judgment? Do you know what it is to pass into eternity? The audience was silent as the speaker paused.

lower provinces? Search and look. Is it not true indeed that "we are living in a grand and awful time?"

Not with us only, but with all British and American Protestant Christendom there is such a subject as well as a widely wrong. In the face of what we know about the general godlessness and ruin of our world, what is the entire Protestant church now doing?

The population of Christian America last year stood at 300,000,000, on chewing gum \$200,000,000, on ostrich feathers \$200,000,000, on kid gloves \$250,000,000, on tobacco \$200,000,000.

Let us spend one short hour in serious consideration these three statements: 1. Thirty millions of ignorant, hopeless heathen pass away into an undone eternity every year.

"Behold this midnight glory; Worlds on worlds! Re-double this amazement, add twice ten thousand, and call it—One human soul out-weighs them all, and calls the astonishing magnificence of Unintelligent creation poor!"

In a grand and awful time, In an age on ages, telling To be living is sublime!

A Touching Incident. In one of the Chapman revival meetings in Detroit the influence of divine grace showed itself in bringing together a married couple for long years estranged from each other.

The man was with all attention, the woman's head was bowed. "What will you do in the day of judgment? Do you know what it is to pass into eternity?"

and the sounds of the street reached the platform. The tattered stranger stared at the speaker with tear-stained eyes; the woman's head was still bowed.

Mr. Bilby sang, "Shine me saved To-night?" and as he did so a wave of emotion passed over the audience. Then Dr. Chapman rose again. He asked those who wished to be prayed for to hold up their hands.

"Those who will, I now confess Jesus Christ as my Saviour," stand up," said Dr. Chapman, and the man and the woman rose to their feet, with hundreds of others.

A Passion for Souls. What we want is preaching, but preaching of the right sort. It goes without saying that it must be passionate preaching. A cold tongue, a calm eye, a latent love, is more than useless.

How puerile it is to say that some men cannot plead earnestly and intensely, but must be cold, calm, reserved. It is not the weaker of us, but the haughty full of enthusiasm and emotion that is raised to a white heat when we are possessed by "the passion for souls."

We are not pleading for any particular machinery, or for any particular method of work, or for any particular minister must be a soul-winner, and must speak and act as though he expected Christ to do now what he has always been doing.

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"Norwich," both of them exclaimed. "Why, that's where Dean Stanley lived!"

"Yes," I said, "but what do you know about Dean Stanley?" I shall never forget the expression of the face turned toward me as the speaker said, "We had my mate here, have cause to bless the Lord that we ever saw good Dean Stanley, sir, I can tell you."

"We both said yes, we should—waving his hands on each of us, he said, 'My friends, you may both have a more enduring monument than this, for this will moulder into dust and be forgotten; but you, if your names are written in the 'Lamb's Book of Life,' you will abide forever.'"

"We neither of us understood what he meant—but we looked into his grave, earnest, loving face with queer feelings on our hearts, and I moved on. Just as we were leaving the abbey, our guide told us he was the dean, and invited us to the deanery to breakfast next morning. We did not forget to go, I can assure you, and after breakfast the dean came to say good-by. He gave us money enough to pay our fares to Chester, and once again, in earnest, loving tones, he told us to be sure and get our names written in the 'Lamb's Book of Life,' and then, if we never met again on earth, we should meet in heaven.

Why Uzzah Touched the Ark, or Trifling and its Excuses. Concluded. "He had become so used to the ark that he had lost the sense of its sacredness."

This is probably true; but I doubt if anyone would venture to offer it as an "excuse." Familiarity with holy things should make us continually more respectful of them rather than deaden our sensitiveness to the splendor of the supernatural.

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