

Christian Life Column.

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Singing in the Rain. Hear my happy little bird Singing through the rain— Singing while the fitful showers Dash against the pane.

Sweet and shrill the silver notes Weave a wordless strain; "Blue sky somewhere," in my thought Is their glad refrain.

Sing thy sweet merry bird, Comforter of mine, Bringing, in thy little way, Help from Love divine.

What though all my way be hedged, Love shall open a door For the feet that follow faint His that went before.

More than I can count of good Aye has been my share; Dearest hands to help me on, Having all my care;

Therefore, with undaunted front, Trusting in my King, Shall I face whatever foe In the path may spring.

The Little Noyager. BY EMILY BAGBEE JOHNSON. Sweet voyager on an unknown sea, Thy tiny sails but just unfurled,

Though calm may seem the waves today, The winds may lash them soon to foam;

The little voyager smiles as sweet As though no danger brooded o'er; Unconscious of the storms he'll meet, He sails serenely from the shore.

An unseen Pilot at the helm Looks smiling on the helpless child; An angel, with a folded wing, Will guide the bark through waters wild.

"Take My Vote." One of the brightest bits that have come to us from the South Australian Convention is the application to Christian citizenship of Miss Havergal's consecrated hymn, a speaker suggesting the line, "Take my vote and let it be"

"Take my vote, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Guide my hand, that it may trace Crosses in the proper place."

Again—"Take my eyes and let them see The candidate approved by thee."

"Take my vote, that we may see Politics controlled by thee. This to thee I gladly bring, That the State may own her King."

"Take my hand and let me raise Every name that would disgrace Laws and land or Senate bench; May we thus the evil quench."

Here is another venture: "Take my vote and let it be So directed, Lord, to thee, That the men who frame our laws May defend the righteous cause."

Once more: "Take my vote and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to thee; And for laws let it be given, Here on earth like thine in heaven."

The Gospel Field. IN FOREIGN LANDS. —Twenty three thousand souls pass into eternity every day in India.

—There are 600 papers and periodicals at present in Japan, where not one existed twenty three years ago.

—There is in the United States one Protestant minister to every 899 inhabitants. In foreign lands there is only one to every 400,000.

six societies sent out 250 missionaries to the foreign field. Three-fifths of them went for the first time.

—Rev. J. Hudson Taylor says that the number of opium smokers and their families in China who are suffering directly from the evil is 150,000,000.

—There are now 1,360 Christian congregations in Madagascar. The Roman Catholics began work in 1616, but not a trace is now left of their labors.

—Dr. John Paton has given \$60,000 to the Victorian General Assembly, for mission purposes. The money is the profit of his autobiography and private subscriptions from friends.

—The Rhenish mission in Sumatra is a great success. At the last report there were 6,000 candidates for baptism in the Battak tribe, 1,000 of them being converts from Mohammedanism.

—Several young women are to be sent to China by the Church of England Missionary Society. They are to be sent to Foochow, where they will learn the language before they proceed into the interior.

—Rev. G. S. Mather, of Foo Chow Methodist Mission, writes: "In 1893 I had 3 day schools, in '94, 16, and now 100, with about 3,000 pupils. Within the last six months we have brought fully 2,000 children under Christian influence for the first time."

—Rev. Mr. Fairbank, of the American Mission Board in India, rides a bicycle on his preaching tour. He says: "Wherever I go I find plenty of people willing to come and listen to my preaching if they can only catch a glimpse of the horse that needs neither grass nor grain."

—Chinese converts are of advanced age. A missionary of the Foo Baptist had a man 73 years old, a widow 79, and still another 88 years. At another station there came to a Presbyterian missionary a man who had wheeled his aged father, 75 years old, for five miles on a wheelbarrow.

A QUESTION OF DUTY.

BY REV. F. D. SWINDELL.

The support of the missionary work of the church is either a matter of privilege or a positive duty. If merely a privilege, it may be neglected without blame, but if a duty, then neglect carries with it a moral wrong, especially when that duty involves the highest interests of others.

All questions of religious duty have but one ultimate source of authority, the will of God, or the commands of God. The will of God is made known to us in the Bible. It is His Word. It is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Whatever is not read therein, or may be proved thereby is not to be required of any man.

Whatever is found therein becomes imperative and inalienable in its obligations.

If we do not accept the Bible as the standard of duty, then we have no standard, no rule, and we are in a state of religious anarchy, or perhaps rather we have no sufficient rule of moral obligations.

If we turn from the realm of mere human opinion to this authoritative Word, the question of the support of missions can be easily determined, for it rests upon the explicit command of Him who has the right, and the sole right to command, Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Head of the Church of whom the Divine Father said: This is my beloved Son; hear ye Him.

What is His command? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

This cannot in any fair way be limited to a mere permission to do a great and benevolent work; it is as emphatic as language can be made. It gives a most positive direction.

And it was given under impressive circumstances. The Savior was holding his final interview with His disciples, and committing to them the affairs of His kingdom. They were to see Him no more in the flesh. He was to go to the Father and take His place of intercession at the right hand of God. They were to remain and carry forward the work that He had inaugurated.

In this solemn hour He gives them their commission, prescribes to them their duty and leaves them with this last utterance ringing in their ears, and laid upon their hearts: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The apostles understood the meaning of the Lord and endeavored to obey him. That this command was not limited to those to whom it was addressed is evident. To limit it to them would simply mean that the gospel purposes would perish with them, and all the wondrous outlay of love and sacrifice on the part of Christ would be circumscribed within the limits of apos-

toic days. This view would be a reflection on God and Christ both. It would charge them with immense expenditure for feeble results. Common sense would teach us that the command was for Christ's followers of all ages, until the command was fulfilled and the "heathen are given Him for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. As such the duty lies upon every believer and not one of us can fail to help on the cause of missions without disobeying Christ; and he who opposes missions opposes Christ plan for the salvation of the world.

Reader, what have you done to carry out the will of Jesus in this particular? Not only is our loyalty to him involved, but the salvation of the heathen is also involved, for they cannot believe in Him of whom they have not heard. "If any man love Me, he will keep my words."

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