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IN HIM WE LIVE.

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lonely paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care;
Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.
—Ec.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We have some questions on hand which will be attended to soon.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler says, "Livingston, the heroic explorer of Central Africa, was both a physician and a teetotaler. His testimony was: 'I find I can stand every hardship best by using water and water alone.'"

It is not known whether or not the report is true that the false prophet in Egypt is dead. But there is a sad lot of false prophets in the United States of America that are not dead, but very, very lively. Some of them occupy quite prominent pulpits.—Ec.

Bro. Hoyt speaks thus hopefully of the cause of Christ in Oakland,

Cal.: "We are having quite a struggle but have at last raised money and bought the church property. It comes hard on a few as there are not many paying members, but we hope for the best."

Some one pertinently remarks: The marriage service ought to be amended. Instead of requiring the newly wedded pair to promise to keep together "so long as ye both shall live," the clause ought to be amended to read "or until ye are duly divorced." That would have saved 1,789 lies in New England alone last year.

The *Apostolic Church* comes to us in a new dress, and much improved otherwise. This time it comes from Louisville instead of Mayfield, Ky. W. L. Butler and J. W. Lowber editors and proprietors. As Bro. Butler was a class-mate of ours, we naturally feel and interest in his work. The *Apostolic Church* is a good paper and deserves to be well sustained.

It is stated on good authority that in 1800 missions were comparatively unknown. Only fifty years ago there were but 502 missionary stations in foreign lands, now there are 5,765; then only 656 ordained missionaries, now 6,696; then 1,256 other laborers and assistants, now 40,552; and now it is estimated that the communicants in mission churches are 857,332, the adherents 1,813,596, the day schools 9,316, and the pupils in them 447,602.

We have just received word from our missionaries to Japan. They landed in Yokohama on the 19th of October, after a pleasant voyage across the Pacific. They had a prayer meeting that night on Japanese soil; on the following Monday they employed a teacher, and so began their studies at once. They are in good health, and in the best of spirits. It will take them a long time to prepare themselves for their work. Let us trust and wait for results that must come.

An exchange says: "A mischievous boy in a country town hearing that one house was a great factory for the manufactory of church gossip painted a sign and nailed it to the gate post, bearing the inscription 'TATTLE HALL.' It was a wicked thing to do almost as wicked as the sin it was made to rebuke, that of devoting one's days and nights to the manufacture and retail of silly but very harmful gossip." Yet who can tell the extent of such gossip in many churches to-day?

In a late letter Bro. Spriggs writes us that the calls for the State Evangelist are becoming numerous, and he is meeting with success both in collecting for the work and in his meetings. In a 13 days' meeting at Irving there was quite an interest and three additions. They also contributed over \$22 to the work. He attended the Eugene meeting and preached a few days. He has collected about \$40 so far. We are truly glad that the brethren are becoming alive to Bro. Cheatham's work.

Bro. J. B. Royal in writing us under date of Nov. 20, says: "Your card and package of CHRISTIAN HERALD'S at hand, will do all that I can for the HERALD. All that have seen it are well pleased with it. I have just returned home from Abingdon, where we had a grand and good meeting, the best I ever attended in the Military tract. It was a feast of good things. The attendance of preachers was good, old and young and all took a part in the exercises. The large college chapel was filled with attentive listeners at each meeting. I had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Brother and Sister A. W. Lucas from your place. You can put me down as one of your agents for this place if you wish."

Bro. W. H. Rader, of Ellinsburgh, W. T., in a private letter in which he sends us a new subscriber says: "We suggest that either Bro. Floyd or Bro. Morrison, of the HERALD,

make a tour of Washington Territory and visit and preach for all the churches who would desire their services; and also introduce the HERALD more extensively among our people. Hundreds and thousands are flocking to this Territory, and I think next summer would be a good time to strike, although that is a long way off. What think you Bro. Floyd? And what think you brethren, of Washington Territory? Would it suit or, or not?" The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak, and so we will have to wait till summer comes to answer that question.

The New York *Independent* says: "A discovery has been made by our friend of the *Examiner*. After two years' study it says the *Independent* is wrong in saying that English immersion began in 1641. It has discovered evidence, it thinks, which carries it back thirty years. We will look it up. But we remind it that we hang our proof on a great deal more than on Dr. Featly and the Kiffin manuscript." We think the *Independent* could be engaged in a much better work by practicing and teaching the immersion that Christ and the apostles commanded. Before being so much concerned with the beginning of English immersion, we should be certain that we have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine instituted in the beginning.

Bro. Campbell writes in a private letter under date of Nov. 22nd: "I am in the cyclone wrecked town of Marshfield, Mo., twenty-five miles east of Springfield on the Frisco road. You may remember the newspaper account of several years ago, reporting killed one in ten of the inhabitants. The casualty is marked by ninety-three graves out of a population of nine hundred. Night before last the people became so nervous during a thunder storm that meeting had to be adjourned in the midst of the sermon. The town is situated on the highest point of the Ozark mountains; a fact hard to realize,