

Sunday Reading.

In the Morning.

"But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore."—JOHN XXI. 4.

He looked at them all with pity; So hungry and tired they were.

We too have our nights of darkness; But whenever the morning breaks, And shows us the Saviour near us.

O Jesus, where'er we journey, Grant that the way may end With Thee on the shore beside us.

We know there is yet before us A more mysterious night, But we safely shall pass through its shadows.

Office of the Cross.

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"Christ and Him crucified" is offensive to those who, because of their pride and self-sufficiency, perceive only its outward form.

"Christ crucified"—take the bare fact represented by the phrase, and consider how it must have appeared to those to whom the Apostles proclaimed it as the means of the world's salvation.

The Jew was proud of his religious position and privileges, his descent from Abraham, his connection with a long line of illustrious men, his separation from all other peoples.

To those who, because of their unpreparedness, looked only at the outer features of the story, whether Jews or Greeks, the Apostolic message must have presented itself very much in this light.

rock. He marched at their head through the wilderness in the pillar of cloud and fire. Our national statutes, and religious observances, were given by direct Divine communications.

The Greek was not much less proud, if at all, of his intellectual achievements. He gloried in his Art and Philosophy about as much as the Jew in his religious position and privileges.

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The Saved Hand.

Some years ago a minister of the gospel was preaching about the benefits and blessings that may be obtained by prayer.

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Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. Letter from India.

Religious intolerance produces many monstrosities. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, of which the Bishop of Colombo is President, has an extensive mission in Ceylon, and engages largely in educational work through the agency of heathen teachers.

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done, to know what has already been accomplished. The present decade has been one of marked progress. The native Christian community has increased in India, Burmah, and Ceylon from 318,363 to 528,590, and in India alone from 224,258 to 417,372.

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"The secretary of an Indian gold mine having sent an imperative demand to a certain shareholder for the payment of a 'call' received the following reply: 'Dear Sir,—I have your letter of this date, and note that your directors propose to proceed against me. Your prospectus stated that one of the objects of your company was 'to seek, win, and work gold in India and elsewhere.'"

Gold, nil. Silver, 3. 0/1. Copper, 0s. 4 1/2d.

Deduct cost of crushing, say £5. 6s. Yours faithfully, INDIA. April 24th, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger. To the Members of W. M. A. Societies of N. S.

It will be remembered by the members of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies that there was presented in the MSSNGR of March 21st, an article, by the Central Board of N. S., with reference to proposed changes in the Constitution.

1. Here exists the greatest necessity for change. Hitherto there has been no constitutional connection between the Circles and the Central Board. This Board was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, in conjunction with the city churches, the Circles having neither voice nor responsibility in the matter.

2. Some misunderstanding has evidently arisen as to the second point, and it has even been thought that the idea of an organization, independent of the Foreign Mission Board, was entertained. But it will be seen, by the following proposed Constitution, that such is not the case.

3. While it might be desirable for the Nova Scotia Circles to form a Society upon the proposed basis, it seems to them still more desirable that their sisters of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island should unite with them. We have the same field. We support the same labours, and are auxiliary to the same Board.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION. I. This Association shall be called the Women's Baptist Missionary Society of the Maritime Provinces. II. The object of this Society shall be the evangelization of heathen women.