

LIGHT AND LOVE.

O Thou whose well-beloved Son Himself a spotless offering gave...

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

THE SASSA-WOOD QREDEAL.

I have just witnessed (says an African missionary) the first death by sassa-wood since my arrival.

Now was shown a strong proof of a mother's love, even in this degraded land.

The mother was looking forward to spending many happy days with her son; for if there is a human being whom a man loves here, it is his mother.

This morning (Sunday) they seized the son very early and compelled him to take the poison.

After a time the crowd began to retire, leaving the poor mother almost alone in her grief.

Poor thing! she had no God to invoke. Her grief was hopeless despair.

felt, bad I ten lives, how gladly would I lay them down for Africa's regeneration.

DISAPPOINTED, BUT SAVED!

When Samuel Gobat—afterwards Bishop of Jerusalem—was preaching and distributing the Scriptures among the Druses of the Lebanon, there came to him one day a messenger, sent by a heathen chief, begging Mr. Gobat to visit him.

Then a second messenger came from the chief, with a still more pressing invitation: As Gobat was now better, he fixed an early day to go and see him; but on that day a new hindrance arose.

Gobat told the man that the ship in which he must sail left next day at noon, so now it would hardly be possible to visit the chief.

The way lay through a wild wooded range of mountains. About noon they came to a village, where the inhabitants welcomed him in a most friendly manner.

After a time the crowd began to retire, leaving the poor mother almost alone in her grief. But how can I portray to you the extremity of her anguish?

During the whole voyage he was constantly troubled to think he had missed this favorable opportunity of seeing a chief, who had so pressed him to visit him.

At last Gobat arrived at Malta, and while there a letter came from a friend in Lebanon, who wrote, "That chief has been with me, and said to me, 'I am truly a servant of God, and God has protected him.'"

Gobat now saw the good hand of his God in all that had befallen him, and gave thanks to the faithful Keeper of his life.

PUNISHMENT FOR SIN.

A missionary in India was once interrupted by a Brahmin, who said, "According to what you say, it was the devil who tempted man to sin."

"I will answer you," said the missionary, "with a story. A lame and a blind man were permitted by a fruit grower to reside in his orchard."

A Scotch Baptist Church has been organized in Patagonia. There are Chinese Baptist churches in Guiana, and a French one in the Argentine Republic.

The Leipsic Missionary Society of Germany, whose work is among the Tamils of India, reports the total number of converts thus far as about 12,000.

From the American Presbyterian Mission in Hamadan, Persia, pleasing intelligence comes. About 40 Jewish families have become Christians.

A Missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Ahmednagar, India, says that on a visit to Kulkane recently he saw at the Government school three Mahars boys, with books and slates, sitting outside the door of the school, listening and looking in, to learn all they could of what the teacher was saying.

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DON'T, GIRLS.

Don't think it absolutely necessary to your happiness that every afternoon be spent in making calls, or on the street shopping. Home is not a mere hotel, wherein to eat and sleep—so dreary to be endured without company from abroad.

If an "honest man be the noblest work of God," surely an "honest," true woman is his loveliest.

MEXICAN HOSPITALITY.

In her third paper, illustrating Mexican life with pen and pencil, Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote describes a six days' ride of 250 miles, "From Morrelia to Mexico City on horseback."

Teptitongo, with its mansion and castillo or fortress, for refuge and defense in unsettled times, its corrales, out-buildings, and dependencies, great and small, forms in itself a village in the solitude of the pastoral plain which surrounds it.

After supper we walked in the cloistered court—a lovely, secluded precinct, with formal trees planted in open spaces left in the pavement.

From the patio we entered the sala—a long, tiled-paved room, with a sofa at one end, the place of honor for the lady guest, the members of the family occupying the arm-chairs which are ranged on either side, at right angles with the sofa.

After a while, I ventured to ask the administrator to take the seat beside me. It may have been an enormity on my part, but at all events, my purpose was too well-learned to exhibit any horror at the situation.

The little four-year-old boy whom we had seen on his pony, came shyly into the room, and stood by his father's knee. He was a charming little man, dressed in a suit of leather, with a tiny pair of spurs strapped to his baby shoes.

"Men must work and women weep, So runs the world away!" But they need not weep so much if they use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which cures all the painful maladies peculiar to women.

MALTA.

It has been well said of Malta that "no island so small has so great a history, whether Biblical or political."

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