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The Outlook

DANGER IN FOOD.

The great prevalence of pulmonary diseases, cancers, and tumors may doubtless be directly attributed to the large consumption of animal food. Notwithstanding the rigid inspection which is in vogue at many abattoirs, yet it is probable that numbers of cattle are used for human consumption that should have been rejected. At places where the inspection may be only of a formal nature the danger to human health from this source must be very great.

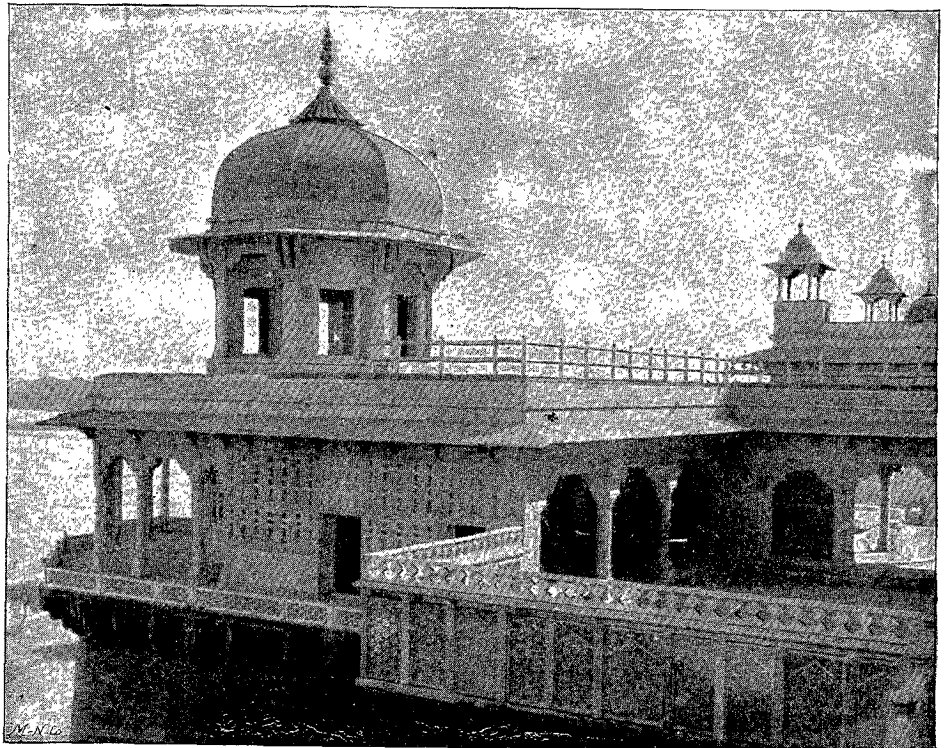
The attention of the public of late has frequently been called to instances where animals have been sent to market in a diseased and emaciated condition. A few days ago another most flagrant case was reported from the Melbourne Abattoirs. Pigs, so diseased that their bodies were found to be covered with ulcerations, and their tails and feet literally dropping off, were sold at the Metropolitan Pig Market, and from thence were taken to the abattoirs to be slaughtered. The public, who in a large measure regard pork as a toothsome delicacy, may be congratulated that these animals were condemned by the inspector as unfit for public consumption, for so contagious is the disease with which the pigs were affected that

healthy porkers who came into contact with them contracted it.

It is possible that germs of this disease may have communicated themselves to other animals which have since passed into human consumption, there to develop and spread their contagion. The question now is, Should we run the risk of contracting an

their flesh contains an excessive amount of poison. Those who partake of such flesh sometimes suffer from sudden attacks of pain, and even develop such diseases as cholera and apoplexy.

It is the duty of Christians to preserve their bodies in the best condition of health, so that their minds may be clear to compre-



Marble Palace in Agra Fort. — See last page note.

incurable disease by partaking of flesh food knowing as we do that disease among animals is exceedingly prevalent? The blood of animals that have been driven to the slaughter house a considerable distance becomes heated and highly inflamed, and when killed in that condition,

hend heavenly things. True sanctification is not merely a theory, an emotion, or a form of words, but a living, active principle, entering into the every-day life. It requires that our habits of eating, drinking, and dressing be such as to secure the preservation of physical, mental, and

moral health, that we may present to the Lord our bodies, not an offering corrupted by wrong habits, but a "living sacrifice," holy, acceptable unto God. —

*WAR PREPARATIONS.

The "Imperialistic Policy" of the United States of America is developing so rapidly that Congress has agreed to an appropriation of £16,000,000 for the purposes of the navy, and has resolved to strengthen the naval forces by the addition of 3,000 men. £300,000 has also been voted for expenditure on target practice, and £120,000 for distribution in prizes for marksmanship, in order to encourage the citizens to become proficient in the use of the rifle. Some optimistic persons will try to make others believe that all these costly preparations are being made in the interests of peace; but the experience of the past leads us to express the opinion that when a nation is ready to fight she usually does so on the slightest provocation, but when she is unprepared she pauses a little before entering into a conflict which would endanger her very existence. Now that the United States of America has taken her place amongst the leading powers of the world she needs an army and navy of her own, and when the Powers go to war, the United States of America will be ready to take a part in the conflict. Armageddon is hastening on.

A THRILLING INCIDENT.

The inmates of a residence in Camberwell, one of the suburbs of Melbourne, underwent a thrilling experience during a recent thunderstorm.

A ball of fire came down the kitchen chimney, and split the marble mantelpiece and cast iron fireplace and grating into fragments, making a deafening report and filling the room with sulphurous smoke. The slate roof received considerable damage through the chimney crashing down upon it,

after which the shower of bricks caused the back verandah to collapse. Fortunately no one was in the kitchen at the time, although several persons were in other parts of the house.

Such an alarming occurrence is but another incident which illustrates the importance of being prepared to receive a sudden call to enter the dark valley. God's judgments are already abroad in the earth, and soon the thunderbolts of His wrath will echo throughout the wide world, and myriads who now care little for the claims of God will awake to a sense of their duty and responsibility TOO LATE.

A LIVE QUESTION.

It is satisfactory to note a growing tendency to study the principles of health and hygiene. In Sydney, N.S.W., there is an organisation known as the Women's Sanitary Association, which has been formed for the laudable object of disseminating a knowledge of hygienic principles among working women, by means of lectures, etc.

At the quarterly meeting of the Women's Health Association of Hobart, Tasmania, after hearing a description of the methods followed by the Sydney Association, it was resolved to embark upon similar work.

The diffusing of knowledge relating to the science of health is a noble work, and one that should be actively pursued in all our cities, for the deplorable ignorance of health principles displayed by many citizens is a menace not only to themselves, but to the whole community.

The trouble that has arisen between Great Britain and Turkey over the boundaries between their respective territories in Arabia, has led to the British Government notifying Turkey that "if the slightest intention to send troops to Arabia was manifested by the Porte, Great Britain would occupy all the Red Sea ports."

The United States Treasury now holds £123,000,000 in gold.

A "strike" is reported from Wales of two thousand colliers, who have ceased work because they are not allowed to finish earlier in the day.

The State President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Tasmania, at the convention held in the Temperance Hall, Hobart, stated that Tasmania was the only State in the Commonwealth in which the sales of tobacco were greater than those of three years ago.

At the recent Methodist Conference held in Melbourne, it was decided that "owing to the widespread evils arising from the use of intoxicating drink, the Conference earnestly urges the desirability of all church members being total abstainers and promoting in every way the cause of temperance."

The musical world of Naples are excited over the début of a new tenor singer, Signor Giorgini. Already he is being looked upon as the greatest opera singer of modern Italy. A few months ago this great singer was an ordinary fish hawkler who shouted, or rather chanted, his fish in the streets. A music lover who heard him, was so struck by his magnificent notes, that he offered to provide him with musical training from the best masters.

"On Thursday night, March 5, at 11.55, a magnificent meteor of dazzling brilliancy travelled across the western sky in a southerly direction as viewed from the Dandenong-road, at Malvern. It first came into view as a bright star, leisurely starting on its course at a point in space over Melbourne, and on a path just above the housetops. The glowing meteor gradually grew in intensity, and after describing a majestic curve, which took it apparently as far as Brighton, exploded into thousands of fragments, which apparently fell into the bay, the whole scene being brilliantly illuminated." — *The Age*.

....OUR....
CORRESPONDENTS

CHANGED.

"Lord, what a change within us one
short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!
What burdens lighten, what temptations
slake!
What parched ground refresh as with a
shower!
We kneel and all around us seems to
lower;
We rise—and all the distant and the
near
Stand forth in sunny outline, brave and
clear.
We kneel—how weak! We rise—how full
of power!
Why therefore should we do ourselves
this wrong
Or others that we are not always strong?
That we are ever overborne with care?
That we should ever weak or heedless be?
Anxious or troubled? when with us is
prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are
with Thee."

—*Archbishop Trench.*

**GOD SPEAKS TO THE SILENT
SOUL.**

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

We need to humble our hearts, and with sincerity and reverence search the word of life; for that mind alone that is humble and contrite can see light. The heart, the mind, the soul, must be prepared to receive light. There must be silence in the soul. The thoughts must be brought into captivity to Jesus Christ. The boastful self-knowledge and self-sufficiency must stand rebuked in the presence of the word of God.

The Lord speaks to the heart that humbles itself before Him. At the altar of prayer, as the throne of grace is touched by faith, we receive from the hand of God that celestial torch which enlightens our darkness, and convinces us of our spiritual necessity. The Holy Spirit takes of the things of God, and reveals them to the one who is sincerely seeking for the heavenly treasure. If we yield to His guidance, He leads us into all light. As we behold the glory of Christ, we become changed into His image. We have that faith which works

by love, and purifies the soul. Our hearts are renewed, and we are made willing to obey God in all things.

Stirring times are before us, and it is fatal to be careless and indifferent. "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." We cannot afford to be disobedient to God's requirements. The wrath which the impenitent are now treasuring up against that day when the judgment shall sit, and every case shall be judged and awarded according to the things written in the books of heaven, will soon break upon them. Then the voice of mercy will no longer plead in behalf of the sinner. The word will be, "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone."

But the voice of entreaty is still heard. Mercy lingers; it is not yet too late for wrongs to be repented of and righted. "I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Now is the time to receive the word of truth and life and salvation. Now is the time for those who know the truth to say to those who are in darkness, "Come." In the place of calling the messenger of God to your aid, to labour for you, for the sake of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who came to our world to call sinners to repentance, let all who claim to be Christians say by precept and example to those who are out of the fold, "Come; for all things are now ready."

I would call upon all to be wide-awake. The time in which we are now living is the only probation we shall have. The perils of the last days are upon us. Ere long the opportunity to gain life by obedience to God's commandments will be forever gone. If the invitations given now are refused, if we persist in disobedience, we shall have no second probation. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve,"—God or

Mammon. Now, while it is called to-day, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, lest it be the last invitation of mercy.

**"WHEN THY JUDGMENTS ARE
IN THE EARTH."**

BY G. C. TENNEY.

NEED OF PERSONAL RELIGION.

There was never a time in the history of this world when personal piety and individual religious experience, an actual acquaintance with God, was so imperatively required of every Christian as now. The Scriptures plainly declare this. The fourteenth chapter of Ezekiel illustrates the character of our times and the urgency of this demand in a striking manner. If the Lord were to bring upon the land for its sins a judgment of famine, or some other of the various judgments mentioned, cutting off man and beast, though Noah, Daniel, or Job were in the land, they by their righteousness could save neither son nor daughter; they could stand only for themselves, and for no others at all.

But the climax of the chapter is in verse twenty-one, when, having stated the absolute necessity of each individual's having an experience in righteousness for himself in the case of a single judgment, the Spirit of God exclaims, "How much more when I send My four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?"

The time when God will pour out upon the land the vials of His sore displeasure in accumulated judgments is just before us. The cup of this world's iniquity is full, and will soon overflow. Not a single judgment simply, but the repeated thunders of long-insulted justice, will devastate the earth. Well does another prophet inquire: "But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiners fire, and like fuller's soap." But we are assured that there will be those who will pass the ordeal, for the following verses say: "Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth."

We may devoutly thank God for all those precious assurances that out of the final struggle, through the last hour of temptation, through the time of almost universal apostasy, through the period of gross darkness, and over the time of trouble, God will safely and surely bring a remnant to Zion. This being so, why may not we hope to be of that remnant? Undoubtedly that is our privilege. The only thing that will exclude anyone from that triumphant company will be the lack of an adequate individual experience in godliness. A character of righteousness, a life of lowliness, an abiding trust and faith in God and in His Son, will secure for every person, old or young, a name and a place with the saved. Conformity to the world, worldly pleasure, covetousness, secret sin or prevalent sins will shut us out of that company as surely as we harbour any of them, no matter who or what we may be. The line of divine judgment will be drawn on character alone, and will separate, if it must, parents and children, husband and wife, or brothers and sisters.

Are we preparing for the issue? The hosts are marshalling; men and women, youth and children, are now everywhere taking their places in the ranks. Where do you stand, brother? The word of God tells us what we should do in this critical hour: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Take your place on the Lord's side without reserve. Cut loose from the world; follow its ways no more. Turn to God with all your heart, and He will make with you a covenant of peace; His truth will become your shield and buckler.

"Peace, love, and joy are the soul-food that energises the being which unconsciously acts out the will of God, and brings blessing to the weary soul that is full of unrest. It is the fruit for the latent power that emanates from the heart of Christ, and moves the world to peace."

SOME THINGS CHRISTIANS KNOW.

BY A. W. ANDERSON.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8 : 28.

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Tim. 1 : 12.

"We know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him." 1 John 3 : 2.

"We know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit." 1 John 4 : 13.

"We know that He heareth whatsoever we ask." 1 John 5 : 15, R.V.

JESUS IS COMING.

BY W. EDWARDS.

Jesus is coming,
Proclaim it afar.
Jesus is coming,
The bright, morning star.

Jesus is coming
In glory and power.
Jesus is coming,
Though we know not the hour.

THE DAY AND HOUR.

BY J. E. WHITE.

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man." Matthew 24 : 36.

This text is often used to prove that nothing can be known in regard to the nearness of the coming of Christ. But what does the Bible say? Matthew 24 gives certain signs that are to occur in the heavens. Then the statement is made: "When ye shall see these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Verse 33.

Hence we may know when our Lord's appearing is "near, even at the doors;" but we cannot know the "day and hour." The exact time the Lord has kept in His own hands. People have, from time to time, claimed to know the exact date of the coming of Christ. The Lord says we shall not know this. Hence when any one makes such a claim, it is

positive evidence that he is wrong.

But says one, the apostle Paul writes: "Of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." 1 Thess. 5 : 1, 2.

This is taken to prove that the matter was all in doubt, and so there is no need of giving it any further attention. But let us see what Paul says further on this subject: "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." Verse 4.

There is a class, however, upon whom this day will come as a thief. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape." Verse 3.

Those who are studying God's word, and are treasuring every ray of light from its pages, will not be left in darkness. This light will show them when "it is near, even at the doors." Hence in Mark 13 : 35, the Lord commands us to "watch." For what?—For evidences in His word that His coming is near, so that His people may know, and be prepared to receive Him "with joy," when He appears.

But to those who are not watching, who cry "peace and safety," and say that we can know nothing about it, He will come as a thief, and their end will be destruction.

Of this class are those spoken of by the Saviour: "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My Lord delayeth His coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 24 : 48-51.

It is important that we know when the coming of the Lord is near. Especial preparation is necessary for this event; and if we neglect the warning given, that great day will overtake us

as a thief, and we shall share in the reward of the ungodly.

But to those who have been watching and waiting for their Lord, that day will be hailed with joy, and the glad cry will go up, as they see the sign of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isaiah 25 : 9.

"SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE."

Why is it that religion occupies so little of our attention, while the world has the strength of brain, bone, and muscle? It is because the whole force of our being is bent in that direction. We have trained ourselves to engage with earnestness and power in worldly business, until it is easy for the mind to take that turn. This is why Christians find a religious life so hard, and a worldly life so easy. The faculties have been trained to exert their force in that direction. In religious life there has been an assent to the truths of God's word, but not a practical illustration of them in the life.

To cultivate religious thoughts and devotional feelings is not made a part of education. These should influence and control the entire being. The habit of doing right is wanting. There is spasmodic action under favourable influences, but to think naturally and readily upon divine things, is not the ruling principle of the mind. There is no need of being spiritual dwarfs, if the mind is continually exercised in spiritual things. But merely praying for this, and about this, will not meet the necessities of the case. You must habituate the mind to concentration upon spiritual things. Exercise will bring strength. Many professed Christians are in a fair way to lose both worlds. To be half a Christian and half a worldly man makes you about one-hundredth part a Christian, and all the rest worldly.

WHAT YOU CAN DO.

"I think a Christian can go anywhere," said a young woman who was defending her continued attendance at some very doubtful places of amusement.

"Certainly she can," rejoined her friend; "but I am reminded of a little incident that happened last summer when I went with a party of friends to explore a coal mine. One of the young women appeared dressed in a dainty white gown. When her friends remonstrated with her, she appealed to the old miner who was to act as guide to the party.

"Can't I wear a white dress down into the mine?" she asked petulantly.

"Yes'm," returned the old man. "There's nothin' to keep you from wearin' a white frock down there, but there'll be considerable to keep you from wearin' one back."

There is nothing to prevent the Christian's wearing his white garments when he seeks the fellowship of that which is unclean, but there is a good deal to prevent him from wearing white garments afterward.—*Young Disciple.*

THE SONG OF JUBILEE.

Hark! the song of Jubilee;
 Loud as mighty thunders roar,
 Or the fulness of the sea
 When it breaks upon the shore;
 Hallelujah! 'tis the Lord!
 Lo, He comes on earth to reign;
 Hallelujah! let the word
 Echo round the earth and main.
 —*J. Montgomery.*

Let us be thankful that our sorrow lives in us as an indestructible force, only changing its form and passing from pain into sympathy—the one word which includes all our best insight and our best love.—*George Eliot.*

Not by laying thy burden down shalt thou be free; lift another's load, and it shall drop from thy side. Add to the weight of thy ship by taking in the Son of man, and its speed shall be so quickened that immediately it shall be at the land.—*G. Matheson.*

A FORCED ADMISSION.

BY WM. KNIGHT.

No greater eulogy could have been given Christ than that of His enemies, who, with cynical jeer and cruel taunt, exclaimed, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save." Notwithstanding their bitter hostility and malignant triumph over Him, yet truth was never couched in plainer terms.

Doubtless, in making this admission, his enemies did not stop to think of its wondrous aptitude. From the time He espoused the cause of humanity, and undertook to work out a plan of salvation, the Lord Jesus never deviated from the path He had entered.

"To save others"—this was the point of attainment ever before Him. Unwearyingly He toiled, unselfishly He gave, uncomplainingly He suffered, and without a murmur He died.

"To save others" required the utter forgetfulness of Himself, and the laying aside of those personal interests which it might have seemed allowable to cherish. Most wonderful indeed is the spectacle we behold. He was Lord of heaven and earth, but He became man; He was appointed to rule, but He became a servant; He was rich in the possession of all things, but He became extremely poor; the indescribable glory of divinity was His covering, but the darkness of earth enshrouded Him at His death; the righteous One became sin; and in exchange for life, He became subject to death.

The thought is a beautiful one that the life sacrificed may reappear in the one for whom it is offered. The grain which is sown in the field must first give up its life, ere we see the progressive stages of its growth, until the golden ears of corn wave and rustle with the wind; but every grain in the ear is of the nature of the one seed sown. And so in giving up Himself, Christ followed the surest, and indeed the only, way of perpetuating His own nature and character. Happy is the man who, with the apostle, exclaims: "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

World-Wide Field.....

NEEDY INDIA.

Professor J. L. Shaw, Editor of the "Oriental Watchman," writes from Calcutta, India, of the destitution of that land, and the need of helpers there. He says:—

"The 300,000,000 people of India comprise one fifth the population of the globe. This large number of people are pressed into one fifth the habitable part of the earth. So large a number of people in comparatively so small a space has thrown a great burden upon this land, and the question of bread, daily bread, is uppermost in many minds of these millions. How and where to get food, and how to get even enough to keep soul and body together stare many a poor Indian in the face from one year to another. To look upon them; to know their troubles and the life they have to live, can but excite our pity. But more pitiable still than all their bodily wants are the needs of their souls. They need the bread of life more than all, though they may not know it. The sins of their fathers and forefathers have driven them far from God. They do not know Him who is the bread of life.

"They want salvation, and want it badly. They are willing to subject themselves to terrible tortures, if need be, to obtain it. Thousands and tens of thousands go long pilgrimages every year to rid themselves of sin. Many, emaciated by their hardships, die by the way. The more they suffer the more acceptable is their service, and they are willing to go hunger-stricken one or two thousand miles to visit some sacred shrine in the burning heat of the sun, when it means the price of their lives many times to do it; all because they have a zeal to save their souls.

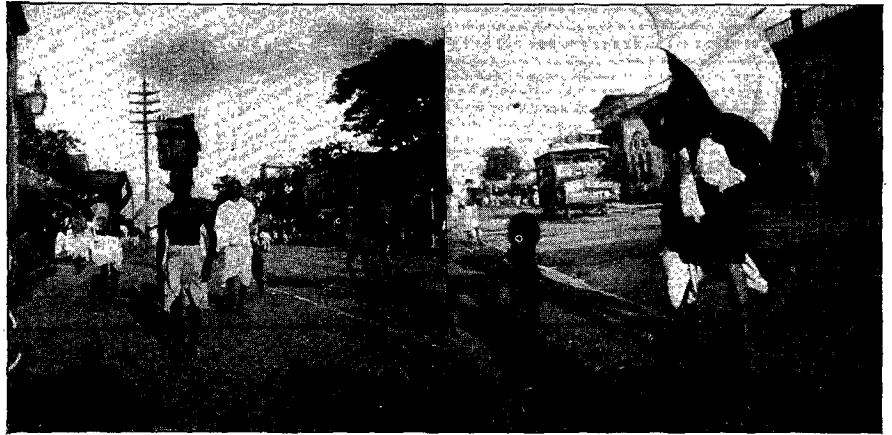
"Continually pilgrims are passing by our school at Karmatar. While there the last time

a man came walking through the gate, and as he came near I asked him what he wanted. As he told his tale of woe I could but pity him. He had been to visit Juggernath, a noted shrine five hundred miles south. His small bit of money had been taken from him, and all he had was a soiled cloth around his body, and a few slender cane-form rods representing the number of stripes his god had given him. His home was eight hundred miles north-west, and in this condition he was tramping along. We gave him help, and with tears in his eyes, he prostrated himself before us in thanksgiving.

"While at our mission at Simultala, I went to visit a "yoji," with whom a brother had been working. A "yoji" is a man who

of Jesus may illuminate his darkened soul. What a day of gladness that will be, and what a triumph for the cross of Christ!

"To see men and women willing to pay for peace by penance, and even sacrifice their lives if need be to obtain it, can but touch our hearts. Should not such devotion stir us to greater activity in bearing to them the words of life? Many are dying every day who know nothing of Jesus and His love. Upon the Christian men and women of this generation lies the evangelisation of this generation. When we consider that over 8,000,000 people in India die every year, knowing nothing of Christ and His love, is it not enough to stir us to do all we can to let these needy



Street Scenes of Calcutta.

gives himself up to ascetic life, and withdraws from the affairs of life to engage in divine contemplation. In our talk with him he told us how he had been a school master—and, by the way, he was very intelligent, and spoke English fluently—and how he had given it up, left his home and dear ones because he could live a better life, and purify himself best when separated from others. It was easy to see the man wanted something which he did not have. He had been reading with much interest "Great Controversy," and wished to be baptised, but he was not willing to give up his ascetic life and remove his long, matted hair and overgrown nails which seemed sacred to him, so he must wait a little longer. No doubt the Spirit of God is working in his heart, and some day we hope the light

people know of a God who is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto Him? We find by calculation that twenty people die in India every minute. Think of it! Notice the second hand of your watch as it goes around. Every third second a heathen in benighted India lays down his life knowing nothing of the reward prepared for the righteous and the great Sacrifice made that whosoever will may have eternal life."

Brother H. Armstrong reports the organisation of a church of thirty-seven members in Glasgow, Scotland. Thirteen others who could not attend when the church was organised are waiting for admission, which will increase the membership to fifty. Meetings are now being held in Edinburgh.

A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

Pastor G. A. Irwin writes that the "Sonoma," on which he and other delegates took passage to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to be held in Oakland, California, in April, had a rough voyage to Auckland, New Zealand, and that a severe storm was encountered between New Zealand and Samoa. From thence to Honolulu the weather was delightful, and a recent cablegram announces the arrival in San Francisco of our friends "in good condition." Of their reception in Auckland, Pastor Irwin writes in a private letter, from which we quote as follows:—

"I am not sure that you have heard of the reception we received at the hands of Pastor and Sister Tenney and the members of the Auckland and Epsom churches. Directly after our arrival, Brother Tenney took us for a ride over the new tram car line that has been put down since I last visited the city, showing us in this way, in a short time, the principal points of interest. At 1.30 p.m. we returned to the Hygienic Cafe on Queen St., where, we were told, they would have dinner ready for us. Imagine our surprise upon arriving at the place, to find in an upper room a bountiful spread, and fully thirty people from the Auckland and Epsom churches to welcome us, and enjoy with us the good dinner they had provided.

"Owing to our long fast from sea-sickness, our party was in good condition to do ample justice to the good things placed before us, but while they were appreciated, the brotherly kindness and Christian affection that prompted such an act, touched a very tender chord in our hearts, and were appreciated even more than the food. If there were more of such experiences like ours along the journey of life, it would be better for our spiritual welfare, and conduce to that spirit of brotherly love which should be a prominent characteristic of the remnant people of God.

"The early sailing of our boat brought the happy occasion to quite an abrupt termination, and only gave time for a few words of thanks and appreciation from our party, and hasty hand shakes

and 'God bless you and give you a safe journey,' from the brethren. We were very pleased to meet on this occasion, Brother Wesley Hare and wife from Kaeo, who had come to Auckland to attend the funeral of Dr. Caldwell's little adopted girl Iva, who had just died with consumption.

"Pastor and Sister Tenney are of good courage in their work, and report an increased interest in the work of the Lord by the brethren and sisters in the Auckland churches.

"As we sailed out of the harbour to face unknown dangers and perplexities, we felt to ask God's blessing and benediction upon the warm loyal hearts in New Zealand, who have thus far nobly supported the Lord's work in all its branches in Australasia."

NEW ZEALAND.

Pastor W. L. H. Baker writes from Dunedin:—

"Following the close of the camp-meeting in Dunedin, the weather again became so stormy that our tent meetings were almost broken up. But notwithstanding the rain, services were conducted in the tent on the camp-ground every evening, with additional meetings Sabbaths and Sundays, for more than three weeks. Since then the tent has been removed to the suburb of Caversham, and the weather has improved. Sunday, March 1, a new series of meetings began. Thus far the congregations have varied from forty to seventy-five adults, with excellent interest. Many bring with them their Bibles, and follow the speaker, apparently, through every text. Other hopeful indications are seen in liberal collections and in the amount of literature purchased. About half a dozen have begun the observance of the Sabbath since the camp-meeting.

"In Christchurch many alterations and improvements have been made of late in the Sanitarium property. One of the outside buildings has been converted into a neat and commodious cottage, a windmill has been obtained, and a new pump provided. Many of these improvements have been made possible

by the liberality of the friends of the institution. There has also been a marked increase in the number of patients.

"The brethren of this church are contemplating the purchase of property, and the immediate erection of a building for church-school purposes. Thus far the school has been conducted in loaned or rented rooms. Plans are being devised for better facilities and a more central location. A young peoples' society for aggressive work in this church is being organised.

"Encouraging letters are received from Hawkes Bay, where the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons' is steadily advancing. Brother F. E. Lyndon writes that he must soon order 200 more copies. An effort is being made to enlist all others in the good work of selling this book. May the effort succeed, for 'now is the accepted time.'"

... Notes ...

The address of Pastor G. B. Starr is No. 12, Lansdown Crescent, Hobart, Tasmania.

The attendance at the tent services in Yarraville is very encouraging, where Pastors W. A. Hennig and J. H. Woods are labouring. The people are much interested in the truth as it is presented to them.

Pastor W. A. Hennig reports good meetings at Creswick, Victoria, where Pastor R. Hare is labouring. Eight have begun to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, and two are waiting for baptism. The interest in the meetings is increasing.

Professor C. B. Hughes and wife, who for several years were connected with the Avondale School for Christian Workers at Cooranbong, N.S.W., have been called to a position in the Oakwood Industrial School in Huntsville, Alabama. We wish them abundant success in the work there.

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“WHAT OF THE NIGHT?”

The question in many minds to-day is found in this question of Scripture: “Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?” Isa. 20 : 11.

The watchman represents the ministers of God, as we read: “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.” Eze. 3 : 17-19.

War and commotion, pestilence and earthquakes, distress of nations with perplexity, signs in the heavens and in the earth, the sea and the waves roaring, and men’s hearts failing for fear and for looking after the things that are coming, lead many to question the watchmen as to what these things mean.

Inspiration gives the answer of the faithful watchmen to such inquiries. He will declare, “The morning cometh, and also the night.” Isa. 20 : 12. “Light is gleaming upon the clouds above the mountain tops. Soon there will be a revealing of His glory. The Sun of Righteousness is about to shine forth. The morning and the night are both at hand—the opening of the endless day to the righteous, the settling down of eternal night to the wicked.” “The night is far spent; the day is at hand.”

But at the very time when the Lord proclaims that “My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed,” He declares, concerning some of His professed servants, “His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark [they give no warning when danger is near]; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine [the wine of Babylon], and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day [there is no cause for alarm], and much more abundant.” Isa. 56 : 10-12. “For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.” Jer. 8 : 11. “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape.” 1 Thess. 5 : 2, 3.

We are living in the time of the fulfilment of these words. Already the proclamation of the hour of God’s judgment (Rev. 14 : 7) has encircled the world. A little work remains yet to be accomplished, and “then shall the end come.” At that time “the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.” Dan. 7 : 18. The saints will enter upon their inheritance, the earth will be purified from sin, the rest so long promised will be enjoyed. “The Spirit and the bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come; and let him that is athirst, Come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” Rev. 22 : 17. “Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel.”

“Trouble and perplexity drive us to prayer, and prayer drives away trouble and perplexity.”

THE INCREASE OF CRIME.

BY C. P. BOLLMAN.

The Chicago “Tribune” makes a specialty of gathering statistics of crime. Just before the close of 1902 the “Tribune” said:—

The year is so near its close that its criminal record may be made up with approximate correctness, near enough, in fact, to study some of its most striking features. Last year 7,852 homicides were reported; this year that total will be exceeded by nearly 1,000. It is difficult to establish any relation between the ratio of crime to the increase of population, for there are periods of time when the crime of homicide seems to sweep over the country in a swelling wave, and then the wave subsides for a time. There was a period between 1894 and 1897, when the record exceeded that of this and last year. Then there came a lull, but during the last three years the wave has advanced again. But there is one feature of the record of 1902 which should attract the attention of police authorities, and that is the dangerous increase of homicides occasioned by highwaymen, thieves, and burglars. The number of murders chargeable to them this year is 333, as compared with 193 in 1901, and is the largest total ever recorded. The increase shows the largest percentage of any cause in the list.

The “Tribune” further says that there were 8,131 suicides in the United States up to that date, of which 5,032 were males and 3,099 were females. Last year there were about 1,000 less suicides, and the record for that year shows that the ratio was about four men to one woman, who took their own lives; but this year the number of women who committed suicide has greatly increased in proportion, the increase being about three to one among females. Only 67 out of more than 8,000 suicides have been attributed to business losses.

The number of legal executions up to that date was 144, as compared with 118 in 1901. Of these hangings, twenty-six were negroes hanged in Mississippi by law. The “Tribune” cites this fact, and the further fact of an increased number of legal executions in the South as an evidence that there is a growing respect for law in this section.

These figures only serve to emphasise the fact that the “perilous times” foretold by the apostle in 2 Tim. 3 : 1 have come. Men everywhere are giving loose rein to their evil passions, and as a result crimes of violence are increasing.

**CHILDREN'S
...CORNER...**

KATHIE'S DREAMS.

She dreamed about a raven,
O, very black was he!
And his name was Naughty Temper,
And he sat upon a tree.
But she shot a golden arrow
And a smile at that bad bird,
And he spread his wings and flew away
Without another word!
—Picture Lesson Paper.

THE LITTLE GIRL'S REWARD.

In a time of famine, a rich man had invited the poor children to come every day and get a loaf of bread, which he had put in a large crate for them. The children would crowd around and quarrel; each wanted the largest loaf, and would then go off without giving a word of thanks. One little girl would stand at a distance until the others had gone away, then she would quietly take the smallest loaf left, and kiss her hand at the good man. One day her mother broke the bread, and there fell out a number of new silver pieces. The mother was alarmed, and told the child to take the money back at once, that it must have gotten into the bread by accident. She took it back, but the good man told her he intended it for her, as she always seemed so thankful.—*Selected.*

PLANTING THORNS.

"He that plants thorns should never go barefoot," is an old saying. The planted thorns are sure to come up, and in the path of the one who planted them; so that if he goes barefoot, he will feel their sharp pricks. There is another way of putting it: Those who carelessly or purposely make trouble for others, find trouble for themselves. Isn't that true? There are many kinds of thorns. Disobedience is a sadly sharp thorn. Unkindness, selfishness, forgetfulness, impatience, rudeness, teasing, and dozens of others, are disagreeable thorns to

find in our path. Did you ever know any one who was guilty of doing these things, which is another way of saying that he plants these thorns, who was always happy and pleased, and had always a smooth path for himself?—No, never.

Thorns grow very fast. They never have to be weeded and watered, as flowers do. Plant them, and they will grow. So wrong thoughts and wrong deeds bring forth their fruit fast enough without any care whatever. And things of this kind always hurt more than one person. You will notice that.

People ought always to do right for the sake of doing right, and because it pleases the Saviour; but so easy is it to forget this, that it is well to know that doing wrong brings trouble to the wrong-doer also. This makes it easier to remember to do right.—*Selected.*

SING IT.

When I was a little boy I used to play with my brother and sister under the window where mother sat knitting. She rarely looked out, but the moment we got angry she always seemed to know, and her voice would come through the window, saying: "Sing it, children, sing it!"

Once, I remember, we were playing marbles and I shouted out to my brother:—

"You cheated!"

"I didn't!"

"You did!"

"Sing it, children, sing it!"

We were silent. We couldn't sing it.

We began to feel ashamed.

Then came the sweet voice, the sweetest but one I ever heard, singing to the tune of "O, how I love Jesus!" the words:

"O Willie, you cheated!"

O Willie, you cheated!"

O Willie, you cheated!"

But I didn't cheat you!"

It sounded so ridiculous that we all burst out laughing.

You cannot sing when you are angry; you cannot sing when you are mean; you cannot sing when you are wicked. In other words, you cannot sing unless you feel, in some degree, faith, or hope, or charity.—*Selected.*

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HOME AND HEALTH

LITTLE THINGS.

A good-bye kiss is a little thing,
With your hand on the door to go,
But it takes the venom out of the sting
Of a thoughtless word or a cruel fling
That you made an hour ago.

A kiss of greeting is sweet and rare,
After the toil of the day,
But it smoothes the furrows out of the
care,
And lines on the forehead you once
called fair,
In the years that have flown away.

'Tis a little thing to say, "You are
kind,"
"I love you, my dear," each night,
But it sends a thrill through the heart,
I find;
For love is tender, and love is blind,
As we climb life's rugged height.

We starve each other for love's caress,
We take but we do not give;
It seems so easy some soul to bless,
But we dole love grudgingly, less and
less,
Till 'tis bitter and hard to live.
—*Union Signal.*

AS ONE WHOM HIS MOTHER COMFORTETH.

Years ago I was in a charming vicarage in England. The three grandchildren were in the nursery with their governess, and while the mother and myself were having a cosy talk together in the morning-room the eldest of the grandchildren came in in a most excited state, handed her mother a letter and disappeared as quickly as she had entered.

As soon as she was out of sight her mother turned to me and, smiling, said (calling the child by name),

"She has been doing something wrong. She always writes me a letter under such circumstances."

The young mother took the letter out of her pocket, and to this day I remember every word. It commenced "My dear mother: I am sure I shall never do it again—never! never!

"Nearer my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee,
E'en tho' it be a cross that raiseth me."

"Isn't it wonderful, dear mother, that when I'm cross I am nearer, my God, to Thee?"

The mother laughed and said, "How like her."

I looked at the letter printed in its childish hand and I pondered over the words, "when I'm cross I'm nearer, my God, to Thee," and I said to the mother,

"I think the child is right. When a child is cross, unusually cross, are you not apt to think something is the matter with her? Are you not almost sure to say I don't think she is well, and so you call the child to come to you, or the child comes without calling, and you take her up in your arms and rock and soothe her by telling her a little story or singing a little song, and so the child comes nearer to you in her crossness? Oh, yes," I said, "it is true that God is like a mother, and the inspired word says, 'as one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.'"

I have thought many a time since of the picture of the excited child and her letter to her mother. Oh, why should we have such distorted views of our God? Why, when we are cross, do we not go to Him as naturally as the child came to her mother that morning telling her all? Why do we not go to Him when we are cross and just say to God, thinking He is like a mother, "Oh, dear God, I am so cross this morning; everything upsets me. Do calm me. Do take me in your own hands and quiet me, and do take the crossness away?"

Do you not think that somehow the pitiful God would understand?—*Margaret Bottome.*

LET THE CHILDREN HELP.

"How can the mother of eight children look so young," asked a friend who found her time fully occupied in caring for her little ones. The lady in question was a fair-faced matron of forty-five, who looked at least five years younger.

"She teaches the children to help almost as soon as they can walk," was the reply, and this was the secret of her management.

A mother should not be a slave to her children, for it makes them selfish and exacting. Laziness is

almost a crime in this busy world, and if the mother will teach them to bear their part of the burden of house-keeping early in life, it will develop industrious habits, and they will always like to work. It also teaches them to appreciate her and her work for them as they never will do if they know nothing about it. Look around you and see what mothers are loved and honoured most in their old age; almost invariably it is those whose children have been taught to work instead of those who have willingly made drudges of themselves to spare the children.

—*Selected.*

THE BRAIN.

"It is not intellectual work that injures the brain," says the London "Hospital," "but emotional excitement. Most men can stand the severest thought and study of which their brains are capable, and be none the worse for it; for neither thought nor study interferes with the recuperative influence of sleep. It is ambition, anxiety, and disappointment, the hopes and fears, the loves and hates, of our lives, that wear out the nervous system, and endanger the balance of the brain."

EATING FOR STRENGTH.

BY DAVID PAULSON, M.D.

Are you aware that every particle of strength that you are expending day by day is derived from the food that you have eaten? Yet an engineer will give far more study to the selection of suitable fuel for his furnace than the average mortal considers worth the while to give to the selection of proper food material to replenish the fires in this living furnace.

What would you think of a fireman who would try to shovel in under his boiler, cinders, clinkers, and a lot of rubbish that would tend to smother the fire more than to feed it? But that is precisely what the majority of humanity are continually doing for themselves, and our overcrowded hospitals, our over-filled

insane asylums, and over-populated cemeteries testify pathetically to the sad results that come from violating physical law.

Have you discovered that a slice of thoroughly toasted bread is not only more toothsome and palatable than a soft, doughy slice, but it is also twice as easily digested?

Have you learned that when rice is put into the oven and nicely browned, and then soaked overnight in water, it will be neither pasty nor sticky when it is cooked, and that it will digest readily without causing fermentation in even weak stomachs?

Have you learned that a well-boiled potato is much less likely to cause a sour stomach than a soggy, water-soaked potato? Are you aware that all the starchy foods, whether grains or breads in whatever form, are vastly better when they are baked until well browned?

Has it ever occurred to you that there is no more good sense in diluting your saliva, or gastric juice, by drinking at meals than there would be in diluting your ink when it is already thin enough? And this is particularly true when we use such harmful substances as tea, coffee, or alcohol in any form.

DO NOT MIND BEING CALLED OLD-FASHIONED.

When patience, and long suffering, and gentleness, and goodness are dispensed with in our women, there is not much left of the true woman no matter what else she may have. I know I may be called old-fashioned and behind the times, but it is much better to be behind some times. I am so glad of all the beautiful homes among the rich as well as among the poor where married life is all that it should be, but the fact remains that there are many unhappy marriages; and it certainly is time for us to inquire into the causes of all this unhappiness and avoid the open dangers. When a certain captain was asked if he knew where the dangerous places were in a certain channel, he said, "I do not know where they are, but I do know

where they are not," and it will be wise in this new generation to keep where the rocks are not. But no woman is going to keep on that open sea who counts God out of her life, be it a married or a single life. One law never changes—sowing and reaping. "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

THE BETTER WAY.

Don't worry. Do the best you can,
And let hope conquer care;
No more is asked of any man
Than he has strength to bear.
The back is fitted for the load;
Your burdens all were planned;
And if you sing along the road,
Kind fate will lend a hand.

—Selected.

CHILD TRAINING.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." That is true, for it is written in God's word.

It has been well said that early training and a good example have more effect upon a child than inherited traits of character. Timothy was trained by a godly mother, as Paul says, from a child he knew the Holy Scriptures. How carefully Moses' mother must have instructed him, during the few years he was under her care. These two did not depart from the way they had been trained, but spent their lives in the service of God.

How beautiful is the faith of a little toddling child. How it trusts its mother for everything. She should develop that faith, and teach her child to ask God for what it needs, telling it that a wise, Heavenly Father will not withhold any good thing, but explaining that if sometimes prayers appear unanswered, it is because God denies the thing in love, knowing it is not for our good.

The mother should tell her child that Jesus loves it always, and that His loving heart is grieved when it does wrong.—Selected.

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"The French Government is to plough a furrow 1,500 miles long across the North African desert, from Tunis to Lake Tchad, and to lay a cable in it, both to be done at one operation. The plough, drawn by an engine and moving a mile an hour, will open a furrow thirty inches deep and lay the cable in the bottom."

The taste and skill of Indian architects are well shown by our first page illustration giving a partial view of the marble palace of Sháh Jahán, at Agra Fort, India. Of the hall of private audience found in this wonderful building, Mr. Fergusson says:—"It is one of the most elegant of Sháh Jahán's buildings, being wholly of white marble, inlaid with precious stones, and the design of the whole being in the best style of his reign."

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Arrangements have been made to issue a "Daily Bulletin" during the thirty-fifth session of the General Conference to be held in Oakland, California, U.S.A., March 27 to April 13, 1903. A large staff of editors and assistants will be engaged in the preparation of the paper, and it

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We feel anxious that our brethren and sisters in different parts of the State shall attend this camp-meeting. The Lord is closing His work of mercy in the earth, and is cutting it short in righteousness. Now is the time to press together. Now is the time to work for those who are in darkness. We invite all those who feel a burden for precious souls, and who are willing to "sacrifice their time for" a few days, and to be to a little expense, to come to the Devonport Camp-meeting. Your presence and your help are needed at this meeting.

The meeting has been appointed April 9 to 19. This enables all to avail themselves of Easter holiday rates, as the meeting is appointed on the first day that these rates can be secured, and closes the day before they expire.

All who desire to rent tents can get particulars by corresponding with the writer. Address, E. Hilliard, West Devonport, Tas.

E. HILLIARD, *Pres. Tas. Conf.*

WILL KILL SNAKES.

A newspaper prints the following paragraph, which ought to interest smokers:—

"In a book of travels written by a Mr. Barrow we find this interesting bit of information. A Hottentot was seen to apply the short end of his wooden tobacco pipe to the mouth of a snake when the reptile was darting out its tongue. Death was instantaneous, the effect almost like an electric shock; with a convulsive motion that lasted

only for a moment the snake half untwisted itself, and then became still. And upon examination the muscles were found to be so contracted that the snake felt as hard as if it had been dried in the sun."

...OBITUARY...

RIGBY,—Died February 26, 1903, in Launceston, Tasmania, Sister Mary Rebecca Rigby, aged 51 years and a few days. For more than a year she was able to do but little work, suffering considerably at times from a floating kidney. She was confined to her bed most of the time the last eight months of her illness, and suffered at times intensely.

On Thursday, February 26, she passed peacefully away. Her last words were a prayer, as she calmly fell asleep in Jesus. She leaves a husband and ten children to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14:13.

E. HILLIARD.

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