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WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT ?

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run ;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Opium A problem in Economics. When is **Blight** blight, and crop failure, a harbinger of good? It is said the opium product in India will be very light this season owing to a blight of the poppies throughout immense regions. Whether that be for good, in face of the awful results of the opium habit among millions in China and elsewhere, is left to readers to decide.

Sunday in Another problem in the same de-
New York. partment. When is wide spread failure and bankruptcy in a community a sign of prosperity? When it comes to the liquor sellers and saloon keepers. New York is enjoying that boon. The causes are said to be twofold. First, the fact mentioned in last issue, that Commissioners have been appointed who are enforcing the law against Sunday liquor selling, with no slack hand, and for the first time for years New York is enjoying veritable "dry Sundays." This cuts off a large source of revenue from the saloons and means happy Sundays at home for many a family. Second, the overthrow of Tammany Hall and the establishment of a righteous Government, means the dismissal of hosts of civic employees, who, fed from the city treasury, were retained chiefly for their influence with the slum voters, and who, having little else to do, spent much of their time around the saloons treating themselves and supporters. Saloons multiplied to satisfy the demand, till the business portion of the city was overrun with drinking resorts. When this source of revenue was cut off there were too many saloons to live. The stoppage of Sunday traffic, reduced the profits of all numbers of them are on the verge of bankruptcy, and are being driven out of their business, and the city is by so much the more prosperous. Further, we have here an object lesson, showing that when there are officials who are willing to carry out the law, "Prohibition does prohibit."

Chicago. New York and Chicago may be regarded as in many respects the two pulses of the United States. At the present time the pulse beat of New York shows vigorous moral life seeking to throw off disease. That of Chicago, according to Prof. Orr, does the same. This distinguished Scottish Theologian, who has been lecturing during the present summer in our College in Winnipeg, and also in the University of Chicago, says in the *Advance*, that one of his impressions of the latter city is the vast amount of vigorous moral life and earnestness there is in it; and another, is the cordial, hearty, and happy, union and co-operation, between different bodies of Christians in working for the upbuilding of truth and righteousness.

Russia. A token of progress is the fact that the Woman's Institute of Medicine, which was closed by the late Czar a few years ago, because it was not in harmony with his ideas of the fitness of things, has been reopened by his successor, who is more progressive.

On the other hand persecution of the hapless Jews continues. From place after place they are driven out. The dreams of liberty on the part of the Russian people that accompanied the accession of the new Czar, have not been fulfilled. The powers behind the throne are too strong for him. For their tyranny he gets the blame. Nihilists are plotting against his life and darkness and terrorism like that of a generation ago are surrounding the Russian throne.

Hungary's Jubilees and Centennials may hide **Millennium.** their deminished heads, for next year Hungary celebrates her Millennium. Though the dark night of the Middle Ages long shadowed the land, the day is coming. The recent struggle of the people with the Church of Rome has been a severe one, but the people have won the day. What a vista of history, with here and there its dark shadows of persecution and death for conscience sake, as she looks back over her thousand years of history; and how much brighter her outlook as she turns to face the future, with the measure of civil and religious liberty she has so nobly won.