

HOUSEHOLD.

God's Little Girl.

She left her home in the starry ways,
And reached our arms in the April days;
We thought to keep her and hold her here,
And 'our little girl' we called 'the dear.'

One pleasant eve, when the sun had dipped
Out of sight, and the stars had slipped
Silently back to their wonted ways,
She turned her face with a wistful gaze

Up to the blue of the arching skies;
We knew by the look in her pretty eyes,
And the smile that brightened her small face
so.

It was time for God's little girl to go.

A kiss was dropped on her curly head;
'Sweet little heart, good-by,' we said,
Then, unafraid, though the way was dim,
God's little girl went back to Him.

—The Independent.

How to Live.

Do not be discouraged at your faults; bear with yourself in correcting them as you would with your neighbor. Lay aside this ardor of mind, which exhausts your body and leads you to commit errors. Accustom yourself gradually to carry prayer into all your daily occupations. Speak, move, work in peace, as if you were in prayer, as indeed, you ought to be. Do everything without excitement by the spirit of grace. As soon as you perceive your natural impetuosity gliding in, retire quietly within where is the kingdom of God. Listen to the leadings of grace, then say and do nothing but what the Holy Spirit shall put in your heart. You will find that you will become more tranquil; that your words will be fewer and more effectual, and that, with less effort, you will accomplish more good.—Fenelon.

Selected Recipes.

POTATO CROQUETTES.—Beat together the yolks of four eggs until light, add to one quart of freshly mashed potatoes, mix well and add four tablespoonfuls of cream, one teaspoonful of onion juice, one-half of a tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of finely chopped parsley and salt and pepper to taste. When thoroughly mixed stir over the fire in a saucepan until the mixture cleaves from the sides of the saucepan. Set aside until cool enough to handle, form into croquettes, dip each into beaten egg, roll in fine bread crumbs, fry golden brown in a Kettle of smoking hot fat and drain on unglazed paper before sending to the table.

SWEET RICE CROQUETTES.—Put a cupful of well-washed rice into a double boiler with two cupfuls of milk and a pinch of salt, and a small piece of stick cinnamon and cook until the rice is tender. Beat two eggs with

four level tablespoonfuls of sugar and stir into the rice; cook a few minutes longer; then remove from the fire and stir in a teaspoonful of vanilla, a tablespoonful of seeded and chopped raisins, and a tablespoonful of minced citron. Mix, turn out on a buttered platter and set aside to cool; then form into any shaped croquettes you fancy; dip in egg and crumbs, and fry a delicate brown. Serve with a tart fruit sauce.

SALMON CROQUETTES.—If canned salmon is used, turn the fish from the can and drain thoroughly, then pick out all bone and skin and pick the fish apart with a silver fork; season with salt, pepper, cayenne, a little onion and lemon juice to taste, and a tablespoonful of minced parsley. Scald a cup of milk in double boiler and thicken with a tablespoonful of butter and two of flour, creamed together. When smooth and thick add the beaten yolks of two eggs, cook a few seconds, then take from the fire and stir in the salmon, mix and turn out to cool; then form into croquettes and fry in deep fat; serve with hot maitre d'hotel sauce.

Religious Notes.

Concerning the famine in China, the American Bible Society has received the following cablegram from the Rev. John R. Hykes, D.D., the agent of the Society for China:

Notify all Boards that Shanghai Missionary Association, 274 members, representing 19 bodies, urges appeal of famine relief through all churches. 1,250,000 starving. Refugees already flooded cities. In district 3,000,000 destitute. Many millions affected. Many deaths already, though five months' suffering only begun. General relief committee representing all interests in this part, East, united in placing work of relief in responsible hands of missionaries. Opportunity century to impress China.

HYKES, President.

In the northern districts of Kiang-su and An-huei provinces the flooded districts are estimated as covering an area of 40,000 square miles, supporting a population of 15,000,000. None of the crops could be gathered last summer and all the necessities of life have been doubled in price.

Unless relief is given, from eight to ten millions of these people will soon be face to face with famine and fever. The provision which the Chinese Government has made to meet these needs, even were it honestly administered, is woefully inadequate, allowing only 25c. silver for each individual in need.

When it is remembered that there is no hope of relief from famine before the ripening of new crops next June, it is feared that the larger part of these millions in the flooded country will be affected by the famine, and the conditions will be indescribably awful. The need is urgent as acute suffering has already begun.

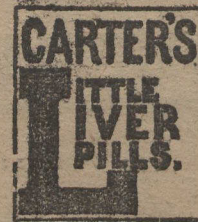
All funds should be sent to the treasurers of the various foreign missionary boards of the churches with which the contributors may be affiliated, or to the treasurer of the American Bible Society, William Foulke, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City.

The Rev. George Heber Jones, of the Methodist Mission, writes that two men recently came to Seoul as a special committee to welcome him on behalf of Christians on the Island of Kangwha. Fourteen years ago he began preaching on that island, and after hard work finally secured a foothold. Now these men report twenty-seven churches on the island and over 2,500 Christians. Last fall there was an increase in that number, and many hundreds are being gathered in. Kangwha bids fair to become entirely Christian, as the very best families on the island are interested in Christianity. Mr. Jones began work in Chemulpo without a single con-

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