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## OVER LAND AND SEA.

Only a little while of brave endeavor,  
Only a little while of care and strife,  
And then—the perfect peace of God forever,  
And the pure glories of fadeless life.

Only a little while of patient yearning  
For vanished smiles, and voices hushed of yore,  
And then—our loved ones with their Lord returning,  
And hands, now severed, clasped to part no more.

O blissful day! O glorious consummation!  
Lo, o'er the hills the dawn is breaking fast!  
Come, Light of life, display Thy full salvation.  
And speed the lonely pilgrim home at last.

Rudeness is not part of the preparation for the ministry. A preacher of the Gospel should be everywhere known as a gentleman. The student who has learned this will begin his public work with much advantage.

Ministerial cyclists must have a care. The exercise of the horseless steed is most healthful and invigorating, but the venue must be suitably chosen, or the consequences may be serious. Only the other day a Vale of Leven minister, while cycling along the towing-path of the river, met with a somewhat serious accident. At a point of the road where a drain was being dug a stone caught his wheel, and both rider and machine were precipitated over the embankment into the river. Fortunately, the current was not very strong, and he was rescued—doubtless a wiser if a better man.

The London Missionary Society has our heartiest congratulations upon its success in raising its centenary fund of £100,000 over and above the ordinary income. The year of extraordinary prosperity which Great Britain has enjoyed has no doubt rendered the task easier, but every such special effort stands for a multitude of self-denials. It means freedom from debt for the honored society and opportunity of grasping some new opportunities of work.

A remarkable incident is reported from the Harpoot district in Eastern Turkey, where on Sunday, the fifth of April, at Mezereh, three miles from Harpoot, the Protestant Christians were invited to hold a communion service in the Gregorian Church. Dr. Barnum and other missionaries were also invited and the service was crowded, hundreds being obliged to go away for lack of room. It is not long since such a mingling of Gregorians and Protestants would have been impossible, and would have been deemed a pollution of the old church. In the congregation were many whose husbands and fathers were among the recent martyrs for their faith, and also many pastors and teachers from neighboring villages. The service of song was divided between the Gregorians and Protestants. The Protestant pastor then received some fifteen men and women into the church, and preached a sermon on "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." Dr. Barnum followed with an address, and with the doxology and benediction the Protestant service closed. But the people were requested to remain and the Gregorian priest spoke most pleasantly and evangelically, rejoicing in the fellowship they were thus manifesting, and thanking Dr. Barnum and his fellow

missionaries, who had brought them a new faith and an open Bible and were now following up that work by bringing relief to suffering widows and orphans. Other addresses followed from both Protestants and Gregorians, when this most remarkable service was brought to an end. It is a sign of the times in Turkey. Reports from several towns on the Harpoot plain indicate that evangelical work is being gradually resumed.

It is reported that Professor W. W. Jacques, an electrician employed by the Bell Telephone Company, has discovered that "if oxygen, whether pure or diluted as in air, be caused to combine with carbon or carbonaceous materials, not directly, as in combustion, but through an intervening electrolyte, the potential energy of the carbon may be converted directly into electrical energy instead of into heat." Professor Cross, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Professor Rowland, of Johns Hopkins University, having examined the process, approve it and believe that it will work an industrial revolution. Professor Cross says: "We may expect the carbon electric generator to yield ten times as much electricity per pound of carbon as does a good average steam engine dynamo plant." It is said also, that \$600,000 have been offered for a six-tenths interest in the process and been refused. The discovery is the results of patient observation, reasoning and experiment. If the report is true and the owners of the process will be content with a moderate profit on the cost of production, there will probably be an enormous increase in the use of electricity for light, heat and locomotion.

A farmer's wife in Michigan kept a record last year of her cooking operations. Her husband was dumb with astonishment when she produced this record for a family of six: Three hundred and twenty-five loaves of bread, 83 tins of biscuit, 15 loaves of brown bread, 267 pies, 130 cakes, 35 puddings, 114 dozen cookies, 108 dozen ginger snaps and 14 chicken pies. Nor does this include the meats and vegetables. That this list is not above the average is readily seen by dividing it into weekly portions. Machinery and co-operation are already making life easier for the woman who does her own housework.

An Arkansas judge contributes to the June number of the *North American Review* an article showing that during the last six years there have been 7,317 homicides per year, on an average, in the United States, and that the lynchings exceed by nearly 60 per cent the legal executions. This means an alarming increase in crime. Doubtless many causes contribute to this increase, but amongst the most potent we should reckon the godless character of the education of the young in the public schools. Respect for law and authority must of necessity grow weaker and weaker, and the evil passions of men will increasingly assert themselves to the destruction of all finer qualities, as long as God and Christianity are forbidden their rightful place in the formation of character. Let statesmen be warned before the problem of crime grows beyond all control.