

and waiting, to whose wilderness the soldier became a light-bearer, albeit he brought the gospel of gunpowder to aid him.

The great walls about Peking enclose an area some fourteen miles in length and twelve miles in width. Within these walls lie several cities, separated from each other by walls of lesser strength, intended, with one exception, in the opening of the twentieth century, not so much for defense as for boundary lines.

The exception is the Imperial City, inside whose sacred precincts it was firmly believed a foreigner might not set foot and not be stricken dead by the gods. This City within a city had defenses the allied armies were yet to come against. It lies on the north, inside the great wall. Just east of it, along the north wall, was the Foreign Legation, whose south and east bounds were lesser structures of brick and earth. Here all the foreigners and many native Christians had been shut in for six long weeks, with the infuriated Boxers hammering daily at their gates, mad for massacre.

Here they had barricaded themselves with all the meager means available. They had fortified every wall with whatever might stop a bullet or check a cannon ball. They filled up the broken places in the walls with piles of earth; they dug deep trenches inside these walls, and inside these trenches they had built up heaps of earthenworks. Daily they strengthened the weaker places and watched and prayed. No word from the big world outside seemingly could come to them—a little handkerchief, the Lord's children, forgotten of Him, and locked dungeon deep from human aid. They had sent out a cry for help and had sent up prayers for deliverance. How far that cry had gone they could not know. Frowning walls beset by enemies lay all around them. They could only look up and lift up helpless hands in prayer to the high, unplying August skies above them. Sickness stalked in over the walls. Hunger tore its way through the gates. Death swooned down, and sorrow seeped up, and despair lay in wait. But hope, and trust, and faith, and love failed not.

They ate dogs and horses. They went half naked that they might make good bays of their clothes for greater defense. They exhausted every means for protection and life, but they failed not to pray.

On this August night, while unknown to the besieged the Allied Armies encamped only six miles away, the relief of terror reached its height for the little Christian stronghold.

The storm beat pitilessly on the starved and ragged captives. The rain softened the earthworks and the rivers of water in the trenches threatened to undermine the walls. Across these walls the incessant attack of cannon and roar of rifles was beyond anything the six weeks' siege had known, and only the power of Omnipotence could stay the bloody hands. So the long hours of the dreadful night dragged on.

At length came daydawn. The storm had rolled away. A hail in the besieging guns gave the Legion a little rest of mind. Hungry and helpless, it waited the passing of another day. A silence seemed to fill the city and the wiser ones wondered anxiously what it might portend.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

An Exceeding Great Reward

In all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us. —Romans ix, 37.

When we finally reached the summit of Mount Mansfield, which to some of us was a hard strenuous two hours' work, we felt over and over again that we had been amply repaid. There was no higher ground until Mount Washington was reached, so there was nothing to obstruct the view in any direction for many miles. At nights the lights of Montreal could be seen 67 miles away. When the valleys are cloud-filled at times the only other thing to be seen is Mount Washington.

On one side the mountain stretched down sheer for thousands of feet. On another, range followed range, until the eye reached Lake Champlain.

I never could have imagined such a lake was the reward of the sunset. In one place the water of the lake was a burnished shaft of gold. In the sunset glory, each mountain range was a different color, ranging from daffodil yellow to the deepest purple. It is one of the most blessed of Life's facts, the reward that follows hard, faithful, honest work. If it is successfully done, that success is its own reward. If it is poorly done, even though we know we have done our best, the knowledge that we have done our best is a blessed satisfaction. If we have failed utterly, if we felt we were only doing it to please God, the blessed consciousness that we have tried, and tried hard, which must be better than to have cowardly shirked.

As we never could have had an idea of the glory and of the beauty of that sunset, so we can have no idea of the glory and of the beauty of God's rewards, either in this life or the life to come. The sunset was so different from any other that we had ever seen. So our God-planned reward is often so different from what we had planned and expected.

So again and again we not only have the joy of mastery and of conquering, but also the joy of an exceeding great reward.—J. H. N.

When the Unwelcome "Ant"—Visits

It does not seem uncommon at this season of the year to be troubled with ants in the pantry, or around the shelves of our kitchens. It also frequently happens that when these insects come into our homes, the majority of us endeavor to recall something we read one time on the eradication of ants, but quite often we cannot bring to mind the particular remedy and are probably troubled for some time before we get rid of them.

Prevention is better than cure! To avoid a siege of house ants keep the kitchen and pantry clean and refrain from sweeping crumbs into the back yard. Ants are attracted by the presence of grains of sugar and crumbs of bread or cake on the floor or shelves. If the insects become too numerous to eradicate in any other way, the best and many times the only effective method is to find and destroy the nest.

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