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original of the "ditty" is now in the library of the squire of Yealmpton and every person who sends a contribution to the fund will get an authorized copy of it.

The first step in the work of restoring the prosperity of Mesopotamia, once the granary of the world, by means of irrigation, is described in a Constantinople despatch. The formal opening of the Euphrates barrage took place in December 12. The barrage, which is at Hindia, about forty-seven miles north of Bagdad, is the first completed part of the irrigation work by the Young Turk Government for the improvement of Mesopotamia. The construction was entrusted in February, 1911, to Sir John Jackson. Below the main barrage is a subsidiary one, constructed with a lock of the same size. The water level can be raised to 16½ feet, enabling an extensive area of rich land to be irrigated. Up stream, the ancient Hilla Channel, leading to Hilla and Babylon, has been cleared for a distance of fifty miles. This allows the utilization of the water for this area also. Further works still remain to complete the scheme of converting the country into a second Egypt and restoring the ancient granary to an empire.

Despite appeals made up to the last minute by several of her intimate friends, Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, widow of the well-known millionaire and society man, departed December 2nd, to begin her long journey to the Philippines, where she will do missionary work in the conversion of the Mohammedan populace of Jolo to Christianity. For some time past Mrs. Spencer has given assistance to Bishop Brent, of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, and has frequently herself said she felt a call to some such religious service. After the death of her husband last year she turned her attention almost entirely to the work of the home and foreign missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and finally came the announcement that she would take up actual missionary work. She will have a companion in the work in Miss Virginia Young, for years the head deaconess of St. George's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Lorillard Spencer was at the time of her marriage in 1882 celebrated as one of the most beautiful women in America. She was Miss Caroline S. Berryman, a granddaughter of Stephen Whitney, one of the famous old-time merchants of New York.

What are the Seven Wonders of the Twentieth Century?—Taking the consensus of opinion among noted scientists of Europe and America. Popular Mechanics compiled a list of the seven

modern wonders of the world. When Antipater wrote his guide book of antiquity two centuries before Christ, he fixed upon seven wonders which have come down in history to the present time, as follows: The Pyramids of Egypt; the Pharos of Alexandria; the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; the Temple of Diana at Ephesus; the Statue of Jupiter by Phidias; the mausoleum erected by Artemisia, at Halicarnassus, and the Colossus of Rhodes. One thousand letters were sent out enclosing a list of fifty-six subjects of mechanical and scientific achievements. The letters requested the learned men to mark the seven which, in their opinion, were the greatest wonders of modern times. The ballots on the highest seven items stood this way: Wireless telegraphy, 244 votes; telephone, 185; aeroplane, 167; radium, 165; antiseptics and antitoxins, 140; spectrum analysis, 126; X-ray, 111. The three next highest achievements received this vote: Panama Canal, 100; anaesthesia, 94; synthetic chemistry, 81.

## British and Foreign

The S.P.C.K. has granted £1,000 towards the endowment of the new Indian diocese of Dornakal.

The King has contributed the sum of £100 and the Queen £50 towards the building of a Cathedral at Delhi, the new Capital of India.

The consecration of the Rev. F. L. Norris as Bishop of North China is to take place in Canterbury Cathedral on New Year's Day. It is hoped that a Bishop-Suffragan for Oxford may be consecrated at the same time.

A handsome white marble memorial cross has been erected in memory of the Right Rev. Dr. Meade, late Bishop of Cork, at the entrance to Ballymartle Church, his native parish, in a spot selected by himself. It bears the simple inscription:—"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

A touching custom is observed in connection with the patronal festival at Exeter Cathedral. By order of the Dean a magnificent floral cross, about 10 ft. in length, is placed in the choir. This is in memory of the twenty-seven Bishops who lie buried in the Cathedral. Above the cross another floral tribute in the shape of a mitre is placed.

The three curates of St. Columba's Church, Southwick, Sunderland—the Revs. W. H. Davison, G. A. A. Firth,

and G. C. R. Cooke—have agreed to respond to the appeal of Bishop Hornby to engage in missionary work in the Diocese of Nassau, West Indies. Mr. Davison will leave England shortly, Mr. Firth will follow a year hence, and Mr. Cooke some time later.

On Sunday, October 5th, in the Cathedral Hakodate, Japan, the Bishop of Hokkaido dedicated a choir-screen, which has been erected to the memory of the late Miss Mary Brownlow, who died at Bangalore last year. Miss Brownlow worked for some years in connection with the C.M.S. in Hakodate, and had endeared herself to the foreign residents as well as to the Japanese Christians.

The visit of the Archbishop of York to Carlisle on October 8 was the occasion of much rejoicing, and the great service in the cathedral will not readily be forgotten. Some time ago Carlisle made itself responsible for raising £3,000 for the building of headquarters for the Railway Mission at Regina, Western Canada, and at the cathedral service the various collections made by the parishes of the city were presented, and these brought the collection up to the record sum of £1,063.

A large window of stained glass representing "the Son of Man," as described in the book of Revelation, has been unveiled in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, as a memorial to Whitelaw Reid, the late Ambassador of the United States to the Court of St. James. The official unveiling, explained the mystery of the window, which was made in London. The window was designed originally as a memorial to Bishop John Henry Hobart, the first Episcopal Bishop to be consecrated in America. The trustees of the cathedral had overlooked, however, a clause in the will of the person, who years ago left the money for the window memorial to Bishop Hobart. This clause provided that the window must be made on American soil, of American stained glass, by an American artist. When the trustees went to collect the money from the estate, therefore, they were unable to do so. Mrs. Reid, it was known, desired to place some sort of a memorial to her distinguished husband in the cathedral, so the window was offered to her. She bought it. Another window is now being arranged for Bishop Hobart.

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I'd scatter the smiles to play,  
That the children's faces might hold them fast  
For many and many a day.

If I knew a box that was large enough  
To hold all the frowns I meet,  
I'd try to gather them every one—  
From nursery, school and street;  
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And, turning the monster key,  
I'd hire a giant to drop the box  
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