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PRISON REFORM.

The Winnipeg W. C. T. U. have opened a home which they have named "Door of Hope" with a view to be the home of their city police matron. Many women arrested will be sent to this home instead of the jail.

The matron of the home would visit the courts daily and take charge of any woman committed to her care. But we were all considered very extreme in our ideas, and any reform in that department, quite unnecessary. The provincial superintendent of prison reform, Miss Brownell of Toronto, writes me further: "In all the jails that I have known anything about the men and women are kept separate. The women do laundry work, scrubbing, cooking, and whatever such work there may be to do, under the special supervision of the matron or her assistant."

On the 24th last month (December) I opened my Marathi Bible in the morning, and my eyes fell upon certain passages, marked on the same day in the year 1898. Dear Sister Dryden and myself were preparing to go to the Government Poor House there, and were waiting on the Lord to give us directions before going to do the morning's work. The Lord told me that morning that I was to get 300 young widows from the famine districts, and gave me for my comfort and strength the promises from Isaiah lx. 10, 11, 16 and 18. I little understood and realized then the importance of these promises.

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Also the Lord gave me a name for our new settlement: "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise." (Is. 40, 18.) Yes, the devastating plague was not heard of within our borders the last of last year. The Lord has kept us preserved under His wings. Blessings be upon the Lord's name for His new house being built up shall be called Salvation, according to His command. So our new settlement is called Mukti, and the gates when they are finished shall be "Praise the Lord" inscribed on their heads.

My American friends have been asking me for a long time to go over and see them, but I could not do so without consulting God. At the end of November last the Lord showed me clearly His will about my going abroad. I had prayed to Him to send me the right persons to take charge of the work; and He has done so.

I have the sure promises of the Father to depend upon for the support of my children, and to look forward to the time when our new buildings will be completed, and we shall have a church building of our own at Mukti. The desire of my heart, as regards Canadian girls is more than fulfilled. I have during the last year realized that the Lord is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think. So I praise and thank Him out of the fulness of my heart. To your prayers and help I owe much of this happiness, my dear good friends! So I thank you gratefully for what you have done for me. I thank and pray for you, that the dear Lord may bless you according to His rich mercies. Now, farewell, my dear friends. I am to sail for America very soon. So please pray for me, that God's will may be fulfilled in me whether I am at home or abroad, and that my ability may be used to the glory of Him. "Now unto Him that is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him, be glory in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Yours in His service. Pundita Ramabai. Bombay, Jan. 10, 1898.

The White Ribbon for Asia, commenting on this farewell, says: "The Pundita Ramabai is herself a sacred poem, known and read all over India. We shall not forget her or hers."

The Pundita Ramabai is lecturer of the "World's W. C. T. U. for India" and the dear and personal friend of Miss Willard, who said of her: "Her gentleness exceeds any manifestation of that exquisite quality that I have yet seen; this tenderness, all-embracing as the hurricane, extends its wings to every sentient creature."

GLADSTONE'S FUNERAL.

LONDON, May 24.—The pall bearers at the funeral of Dr. Gladstone will be the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Kimberley, the Earl of Rosebery, the Archbishop of Canterbury, A. J. Balfour and Sir William Vernon Harcourt.

The River Jordan makes the greatest descent in the shortest distance of almost any stream.

SPANISH FLEET.

No Official Word Has Yet Reached Washington as to Its Whereabouts.

Seventeen Small Vessels Left at Key West.

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KEY WEST, Fla., May 26.—Col. Vincente De Cortijo, former commander at Cabañas fortress and understood to be a brother-in-law of Gen. Weyler, Surgeon Major Sines, Galicia, Italian and two privates, who were captured by the Spanish steamer Argosautia, and who have been confined at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, arrived here today on the steamer City of Key West. They were immediately taken in a small boat to the United States frigate cutter Hamilton, where they will remain until exchanged for Hayden Jones and Charles Thrall, American newspaper correspondents who landed in Cuba recently and were captured. The details of the transfer have already been arranged. An American vessel will convey the Spaniards to Havana harbor, and the exchange will be effected by boats carrying flags of truce.

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notwithstanding the diligence of our worthy sheriff, who offered the handsome sum of \$500 for his arrest, the feeling is beginning to be that Joe may now elude his pursuers and escape a possible long term in the penitentiary, though seen and heard of near his old resort.

SUSSEX, May 26.—The case against Samuel Taylor for stealing a horse out of the possession of the L. C. railway here, was concluded on Wednesday morning before Stipendiary Magistrate Spool, who then delivered his decision, which practically was as follows: That the horse was wrongfully taken from Taylor in the first instance by the young man Simpson; and that while Taylor may have acted in such a way as to raise a breach of the peace, he was clearly acting under a color of right; and that there was no felonious intent, and therefore the prisoner could not be convicted of theft; and that the act committed by Taylor was one under the advice of his counsel, and was without criminal intent. The prisoner was therefore discharged and the horse was ordered to be given over to the custody of Taylor and the complainant to pay all costs. The case was then brought to the notice of Stipendiary Wallace in Sussex by Police Inspector Shaffington. The stipendiary then stated the view of the case reached by Spool, and suggested other proceedings in the case. (For additional Sussex news see page two.)

ST. ANDREWS.

Lavinia McLeod on Trial on a Charge of Murdering Her Infant Child.

ST. ANDREWS, May 26.—The adjourned session of the Charlotte county circuit court, was opened at 11 o'clock this forenoon by his honor Justice McLeod. The jurors summoned having answered the roll call, Lavinia M. Kendrick, who was arraigned at the last court on an indictment for the murder at Grand Manan on February 9th last of the infant child of her adopted daughter, Annie Maxwell, and pleaded not guilty, was brought into court and seated in a chair without the bar. The jurymen to try the cause were: Henry Fitzsimmons, St. Stephen; Martin Greenlaw, St. Croix; Edwin Fortnae, St. Andrews; Arthur Dolby, St. Andrews; George E. Jack, Pennfield; George Hannah, Dufferin; Liscomb Hattersley, West Isles; Jacob Ross, Dumfries; Albert Shaw, George Town; Lewis Price, Williamson; St. Andrews; Stillman Smith, St. David; Hon. A. S. White, attorney general, assisted by James G. Stevens, Jr., represented by Messrs. J. M. Cockburn and W. C. H. Grimmer appeared for the defendant. The attorney general in an address of half an hour's duration; in a plain, practical, common sense manner outlined the case as he intended to put it before the jury. Mrs. Lizzie Lawson and Mrs. Jane Lawson were examined, telling substantially the same story as they did at the preliminary examination held at Grand Manan before Justice Edmund Daggart. Dr. J. J. Lawson, coroner of Grand Manan, gave his direct testimony in the afternoon, and at the hour of adjournment was under cross-examination by Mr. Cockburn, who displayed a most surprising knowledge of medical science applicable to the case.