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REST.

Rest is not quitting
The busy career,
Rest is the fitting
Of self to one's sphere.

'Tis the brook's motion,
Clear, without strife
Fleeting to ocean
After this life.

'Tis in loving and serving
The highest and best,
'Tis onward unswerving,
And this is true rest.

OVER LAND AND SEA.

"There has been a valuable archaeological find," writes Mr. Wallace, the American consul at Jerusalem, "at Medeba, a town an hour beyond Meunt Nebo. The find is an old map, laid in beautiful mosaic—a map of Egypt and Palestine made in the fifth century. All the names of the places are given. As soon as I heard of it, and could get away, I went to Medeba, hoping to photograph the map, but the men in charge wouldn't let us do it. However, they let us look at it all we wanted. It is a great find, in my opinion, and would have been greater had the ignoramuses not allowed a lot of it to be destroyed before they thought it worth while to preserve it. Most of Palestine is intact, and it may have great effect upon the settling of some of the reputed holy places."

The authorities of the British Museum are going to publish the new text containing the recently discovered sayings of Christ, which may or may not be apocryphal, in a large, cheap edition, but meanwhile they are very chary of information. Some say there is only one leaf of the manuscript, some that there are a dozen. Our readers shall have it in full as soon as it can be secured. A further wonderful discovery of papyri is announced, ranging from the first to the sixth century, four thousand in all, which it will take years to decipher.

In Paris there are 50,000 Jews, two-thirds of the entire Jewish population of France.

A Jerusalem correspondent mentions that a steamer has at last been put upon the Jordan which makes the journey from Jericho to Tiberias, i. e., from the Dead Sea, along the Jordan, to the Sea of Galilee, in five hours. Recently four Jewish families have settled in Jericho, having rented for five years from the Sultan a large area of fruitful land for cultivation and to be irrigated from the Jordan.

The British citizens in Buenos Ayres have decided to erect, as a permanent memorial of the "Diamond Jubilee," a "Victoria Sailors' Home," which is to cost £4,000. The Argentine Republic have already given the land.

A great gathering, representative of the Established Church of Scotland, was held on Wednesday, June 9th, in the island of Iona to celebrate the thirteenth centenary

of the death of St. Columba. The first service was in Gaelic, and the officiating clergymen were Dr. Norman Macleod of Inverness, Dr. Blair of Edinburgh, Dr. Russell of Campbeltown, and Mr. Macmillan of Iona. The proceedings at the English service were begun by Dr. Story, and Dr. McGregor of Edinburgh, preached the sermon. The occasion was a novel and impressive one in many ways.

In consequence of the abolition of slavery in Zanzibar the Sultan has ordered that the people on his own and other Arab plantations instead of being described as Watumwa (slaves) shall in future be spoken of as Watato (children).

Rev. Laurence M. Gibson, son of Dr. Monro Gibson of London has been unanimously elected to the pastorate of St. Kildas' Church, Jarrow, vacant by the translation of Rev. John McCrchan to Glasgow.

Official reports from India indicate that the severity of the famine has passed. The rain has been unusually favorable to the spring crops, and in Punjab over 85 per cent. of the usual wheat area is expected to furnish a good harvest. The relief numbers have fallen, and altho prices are still high, and assistance will be needed until August, the great stress has passed. In the Northwest provinces and Oudh a fair spring harvest has been obtained over two-thirds of the normal area for the crop, and prices have remained steady or have fallen. The food supply has nowhere failed, and there was for a time a considerable diminution in the number of those receiving relief, altho about the middle of May there was considerably over a million. Just how long the relief operations will be necessary in the autumn on a large scale is uncertain; but even in the most unfortunate districts it is believed that the situation is so much improved that as soon as the monsoon shall have begun the ordinary course of life will be taken up again.

To afford trained Christian help among the poor in cases of sickness where skilful nursing is needed, the order of Christian Helpers was started last year at 52 Madison street, Brooklyn. The Christian Helpers are thoroughly trained nurses. After a year's study, attendance at lectures and practical nursing, they take an examination, which, if they pass, entitles them to credentials. When admitted to practice all the nurses are required to attend lectures when other duties do not prevent. Every year, therefore, the nurse's efficiency increases, and she is able to keep up with new scientific discoveries and methods of work. Where payment can be made by patients it is taken at rates not exceeding \$12 a week, and this money is put into a common fund, which partly supports the house that provides a home for the workers. The work depends, however, on voluntary benevolent aid of money, clothes, old linen, ect. The helpers are admitted to the order by a religious service. The nurses hold themselves ready to respond to any call, day or night, and the calls come fast.