

World of Missions.

The Baptist Missionary Magazine for September contains a suggestive article by one of the officials of the Women's Missionary Society, which is a plea for the organization of a new society—viz., a society for the prevention of cruelty to missionaries. One form of cruelty is thus referred to; "Another species of cruelty to missionaries is the demand laid upon them by the churches to address audiences when they come home to rest. Many of our missionaries have gone through summer's heat and winter's cold from city to city and state to state to interest and stimulate the workers and the idlers at home until in despair they have begged to be returned to the mission field to secure a little time for quiet and rest."

Fresh difficulties continually occur to hinder Bible work in Moslem countries. Mr. Tisdall writes that the Turkish authorities in Erbil, in the Mosul district, had seized our colporteurs' books and money; and that the Vali of Mosul afterward ordered the books to be returned. Licenses for our colporteurs in and around Bagdad are still withheld. Mr. Tisdall also sends a letter from our assistant agent at Bushire, on the Persian Gulf, stating that the customs authorities, acting on orders received from Teheran, refuse to allow our cases of Scriptures to enter Persia. The British legation at Teheran is inquiring into the matter.—Bible Society Reporter.

The Chinese seem to have a more tender regard for cows than for foreign devils. They would not even have them milked. According to *The Foochow Herald* a notice has been posted up to the following effect: "You are not allowed to drink cow's milk. Man has no right to take from animals their nourishment, particularly the cow, which is the most useful of all. Those who sell milk pollute their conscience for the sake of money, and those who drink it with the idea that their bodies benefit by it are not less blamable. Under the pretext that their children feed themselves with milk they wish to do the same. But animals have the same needs. Who will feed the calves if men take all the milk from the cows?"

The *Christian Patriot*, Madras, says: "The attitude of educated Bengal toward Christianity is thus summarized: 'The educated men of Bengal to-day are almost to a man up in arms in defense of their ancestral faith. Everywhere societies are being formed for the advancement of Hinduism, for the study of the ancient philosophical literature, or for practical religious work under Hindu auspices. Hindus in many places are opening Hindu schools, to remove their sons and daughters from Christian influence, and in the college one meets with a stiffer and more stubborn resistance to Christian teaching than used to be shown.' Notwithstanding this opposition, during the last decade the London Missionary Society alone has gathered 3,097 souls.

A character in Barrie's "Little Minister" intended to cut down a certain tree, but the years passed on and he neglected to do it. "I grew old," he said, "looking for the axe." That is what happens to many of our good intentions; we grow old while aimlessly looking for ways of carrying them out.

Health and Home Hints.

The strained juice of three lemons, if put in the bath water, will give one a delicious sense of cleanliness. The acid removes all stoppage of the pores caused by accumulation of saline substances.

In making muffins take half a cupful of warm water, half a cupful of milk, one table-spoonful of butter, one egg, one-fourth cup of yeast, and flour to make a thick batter. Set over night in a warm place.

Creamed Walnuts.—Take small pieces of the cream and form into balls, press the half a walnut in each, and roll in coarse sugar. Smaller pieces of the cream can be used with the halves of hickory nuts.

When a cake contains too much flour, or has baked too fast, it will sink from the edges or rise up sharply with a crack in the middle. If cake has a coarse grain it was not beaten enough or the oven was too slow.

Tempting the appetite with bitters and niceties when the stomach says no, and forcing food into it when nature does not demand and even rejects it; gormandizing between meals are good ways to injure the health.

Nut Candy with Maple Sugar.—Butter a shallow tin and cover the bottom with butter-nut meats. Place on the cooler part of the stove one quart of maple sugar and one cupful of water. Cook slowly and test in water. When done, pour over the nut meats. Before it hardens, mark into squares.

Little infants often cry because they are suffering from thirst, thirst for water. Milk does not quench thirst, as mothers too frequently suppose. A nursing bottle of pure water should be kept near at hand, so it may be offered to a child that wakes and cries in the night. In nine cases out of ten the water quiets the child, and it drops asleep.

New Orleans Candy—Prepare a half a cupful of hickory nut kernels by chopping them. Boil together one cupful of "A" sugar, one-third of a cupful of water, and a piece of butter the size of a walnut, until it makes a soft lump when tested in water. Remove from the fire and stir in the nuts. When it begins to look cloudy, pour by the spoonful on buttered tin. It will spread into flat cakes.

Sausage Tartlets.—Cut stale bread into rather thick slices, then into circles; spread each circle with prepared sausage meat and dust lightly with Parmesan and cayenne. Melt one tablespoonful of fat in a frying pan; when smoking hot add the tartlets, meat side downward; brown, then turn and brown the bread. Drain and serve, garnished with water-cress. The sausage should be about half an inch thick on each circle of bread before cooked.

Scallops of Beef Liver Broiled.—Cut in thin slices two pounds of fresh beef liver. Pour in a plate three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one heaping teaspoonful of salt, and one salt spoonful of black pepper. Beat well, and dip each slice in it and on both sides. Have one pint of freshly made bread crumbs, roll the slices in it, put over the broiler and broil them three minutes on each side. Remove the rind of one pound of bacon, cut in very thin slices, and broil them two minutes on each side. Dress the scallops on a hot platter, one overlapping the other and the broiled bacon around it. Chop fine one tablespoonful of parsley, and mix it well with two tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Warm up one tablespoonful of vinegar, add, and serve as a sauce.—Harper's Bazar.

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BY CHARLES KINGSLEY.

Oh! blessed day, which gives the eternal lie
To self and sense and all the brute within;
Oh! come to us amid this war of life;
To hall and hovel come; to all who toil
In Senate, shop or study; and to those
Who, sundere by the wastes of half a world,
Ill-warned and sorely tempted, ever face
Nature's brute powers, and men unmann'd to
brutes—

Come to them, blest and blessing, Christmas
Day;

Tell them once more the tale of Bethlehem—
The kneeling Shepherds and the Babe Divine;
And keep them men, indeed, fair Christmas Day.

Christian Intelligencer: With many the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man" has become a popular shibboleth. It is a phrase that does not lack in euphony; it flows easily from the tongue and falls pleasantly on the ear. And it is comprehensive; it signifies much that is beautiful and true, but it is far from embracing all that is comprehended in evangelical religion. Sin is the solemn and stubborn fact in human life and experience that must be reckoned with.

Presbyterian Banner: We are only half Christian, Christians on the surface; we need to become Christian through and through, filled with Christ and burning with His Spirit in the heart. Our attitude towards the duties and means of the Christian life is often that of indifference and neglect. We go to church and prayer meeting, we read the Bible and pray, when we feel like doing these things. They are a matter of convenience and taste, of the weather or of the wardrobe, with us. Turn us again, O God, from our worldliness and indifference and neglect into full faith and faithfulness.