

watched it grow stronger and stronger and the great wings straighten out, till their velvety black glowed with their beautiful spots of yellow and blue and orange. It had become a wonderful, dainty thing, ready to fly away, to seek a beloved mate and to live among the flowers and all the beauties God has made in a butterfly's heaven.

Then it was so easy to lead the child's mind to understand that the beings of heaven would be as much more beautiful than we as the butterfly outshone the crawling worm; to teach her how much greater would be our powers and our enjoyment; how much more glorious heaven would be than all the flowers are to the single plant of caraway; what a simple, natural change death may be to a higher life; that the grave is only a resting place, where we may leave our bodies like the empty shell of the chrysalis, that still hung on the side of the wire cage.—Mrs. V. P. DeCoster, in the 'Congregationalist.'

**Selected Recipes.**

**CORN OYSTERS.**—To one cup of finely-chopped canned corn, add one egg slightly beaten, four tablespoons flour, half teaspoon sugar, salt and pepper to taste, drop the size of an oyster into a hot well-greased blazer. Brown on one side, then turn, as griddle cakes, and brown on other side. Serve with fried spring chicken.—'House-keeper.'

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color. The pulp left after the clear juice has drained away for jelly, when rubbed through a strainer, makes an excellent jam or marmalade when sweetened to taste.

**CINNAMON CAKES.**—Cinnamon is far preferable to ginger for a molasses cake. The rule given below is very simple and very inexpensive, but when made a success, it 'can't be beat.' One spoonful melted butter, half a pint of molasses, one spoonful ground cinnamon, one full teaspoonful of soda, dissolved in half a pint of boiling water, mix with molasses, and pour gradually over a liberal half pint of sifted flour. Bake about half an hour. Molasses is not syrup; the effect in cooking is entirely different. One often gets syrup when calling for molasses. There is much less call for molasses proper, than formerly.

**Religious Notes.**

The Lord's Day Observance bill not only prohibits very definitely the sale on Sunday of either Canadian or foreign newspapers and periodicals, but makes illegal the importation of journals of any kind on Sunday. American Sunday papers, which in some cases are issued in the middle of the week, can be imported up to midnight Saturday, but not afterwards.

A missionary in Korea writes that the past year has been a remarkable one in the progress made in Christian work. The spiritual life of the Christians has been deepened and the native workers have been more earnest and the heathen more ready to listen and receive the Gospel. The number of inquiries and converts is rapidly increasing.

Thanks to the Society for the Diffusion of Christian and General Knowledge among the Chinese, no mission field seems to be more adequately or more admirably supplied with examples of the best literature than Ch'na. It is in the sphere of Biblical scholarship, as translators and expositors of God's Word, that missionaries have rendered perhaps their crowning service to humanity.

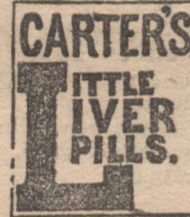
All over China schools are being established whose first requirement is the teaching of the English language.

A Church of Nez Percés Indians in Idaho sends its pastor (an Indian) away on a three-months missionary tour among less favored peoples, having their own services conducted during his absence by elders.

Canada has 108,000 Indians, who have property valued at \$24,000,000. All but 12,000 of these have espoused Christianity. The Christians are about equally divided between Catholics and Protestants. There are 224 day schools for Indians, fifty-five boarding schools, and twenty-three industrial schools.

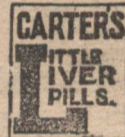
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There are old people among the Amahas who travel from thirty to forty miles on cold Sabbaths to hear a missionary.

There is quite an influential movement in progress in New York to secure a suspension of work in the public schools on Wednesday afternoons that the children may be given religious instruction.

Japan 'Endeavor' tells about a Japanese Junior who has just learned to read at a charity school. Her mother cannot read the Bible, but has learned something about Christian teaching; so the two have formed a partnership, the girl reading the Bible to her mother, and the mother explaining the Bible as it is read.

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