

unknown to us, and brought their offerings. We were leaving our bank of the river dyked, when the workmen found the idol. Mr. Wilson had it dug up. As soon as the people heard what was done, they came in great numbers to see the god they had been so long worshipping—an image of Buddha; of sandstone, about five feet high, sitting Oriental fashion on a large stone pillar. It had doubtless once been gilded, but not a ray of glory remained. It was headless and crippled in one arm. Mr. Wilson took an axe and demolished the god. Then you should have seen the people, and especially the children, come and peep through the fence and then, half frightened at the sacrilegious deed that was being done, hurry away again. We are intending to utilize this old relic by making a garden seat of the pedestal and a mound for ferns of the broken pieces.—By Miss Edna S. Cole, in "Women's Work."

### PRECIOUSNESS.

"To you who believe He is precious"—rather *preciousness*. Value is revealed by being perceived. What a comprehensive and meaning-freighted word we have here!

A crowd has gathered together. A gibbet lifts its gaunt and skeleton form in the midst of the spectators. A man is already ascending the steps and the executioner is about to draw the black cap over the doomed one's eyes. A sudden commotion in the crowd!—a shout is heard—a courier on a foaming steed rushes to the front, holding high in hand a document and shouts, "Stop! stop!—a pardon! a pardon!" The cap is taken from before the face. The doomed man sees and faints for joy. What is that document, signed by the sovereign, worth to the man about to fall under the sentence of death—executed.

To him that believeth another document is presented, signed by the hand divine, and traced in the blood of Calvary's Sacrifice. Can any man estimate the worth of the soul? and can he, therefore, speak the worth of that evidence which reads) "He pardoneth all thy sins?"

### WHAT I HAVE SEEN.

An old man of experience says: I have seen a young man sell a good farm, turn merchant and die in the insane asylum; I

have seen a farmer travel about so much that there was nothing at home worth looking at. I have seen a man spend more money in folly than would support his family in comfort and independence; I have seen a young girl marry a man of dissolute habits; and repent of it as long as she lived; I have seen a young man depart from truth where candour and veracity would have served him to a much better purpose; I have seen the extravagance and folly of children bring their parents to poverty and want, and themselves to disgrace; I have seen a prudent and industrious wife retrieve the fortune of a family when the husband pulled at the other end of the rope.

### YET A LITTLE WHILE.

There is a wondrous healing power in "a little while." A little while, and the tears of childhood give place to smiles of joy; a little while, and the weariness of the toiler is exchanged for repose and refreshment; a little while, and the hour of temptation is past, and he who was sore oppressed by the adversary raises his thanksgiving to God, who giveth the victory; a little while, and the power of the oppressor is broken, and deliverance comes to the loyal, trusting soul; a little while, and the bitter days of tribulation are done and the heart, tossed, troubled, and discouraged, finds repose in the providence and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ; a little while, and the anguish of bereavement is assuaged, the broken heart bound up; the sorrowing soul made glad, and the discouraged one goes forward in the strength of God; a little while, and the weary pilgrimage is ended, the fight is won, and the victory gained.

"A little while and ye shall see Me," said the Saviour to His sorrowing disciples. "Yet a little while, and he that shall come will come and will not tarry," is the testimony of faith to the struggling trusting Church.

A fact worthy of notice as foreshadowing a more rapid progress in missionary work in Egypt is the announcement that German has been discontinued in the government schools at Cairo and English substituted. French is also less popular. The language which enshrines so much evangelical thought and instruction is in the ascendant. This is an outcome of the war in which all may rejoice.