

World of Missions.

The Spirit of Missions.

In reference to the great International Missionary Conference, Dr. Pierson said—"There is one outcome for which we look with greater confidence and hopefulness than for all other results combined. *What the Church just needs above all else is a baptism of prayer.* If that Conference in London shall not issue in a new baptism of prayer, the highest result will not be attained. Let the whole Christian Church unite in one mighty and moving entreaty that in these latter days it may come to pass that God shall pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and Joel's prophecy shall at last receive its grandly complete fulfilment."

Referring to the same Conference, Dr. Andrew Murray uses these weighty words—"The great International Missionary Conference has just been held, followed by what has been called a Missioners' Crusade in Scotland. I have joined with many in the prayer to our Lord for His presence in the meeting, in thanking Him for success vouchsafed, in praising Him for the results. And yet I feel as if there is one remark I cannot withhold. I noticed with great interest a paper, issued before the meeting, in "The Christian," by Dr. A. Pierson, pointing out what might be hoped for from such a gathering and concluding with the remark that unless it issued in a great baptism of prayer it might still be a comparative failure. What I have felt in regard to some other large gatherings of God's servants in the holy ministry impressed me here too, that there was too little time given to the united confession of our need of, our expectation of, our faith in, the power of the Holy Ghost. We all admit that what the steam is to the engine that draws the train, what the fire is to the cannon with the powder and ball, the Holy Spirit is to the work of the church and of Missions. And why should not, at such gatherings for eight or ten days, the very best of the days be set apart for persevering united supplication for the mighty indwelling and working of the Holy Spirit in God's servants, present or represented at such a gathering, for His mighty power in the Assembly, and for the deepening throughout the Church of the conviction that both for life and work the one thing needful is Christ's indwelling presence revealed by the Holy Spirit. Instead of the meetings for prayer being the smallest, should they not be the largest and most important? It was ten days of continuing with one accord in prayer and supplication at the footstool of the exalted Lord that prepared that feeble company of disciples for the struggle in which they defied the power of Jerusalem and Rome, and conquered. Oh, we need above everything to help each other to continue in prayer that we may be mightily strengthened by God's Spirit."

I feel confident that if at such gatherings we could be brought to make waiting upon God our first work, there would not only be a living testimony of unspeakable value to the blessed truth that it is by the Holy Ghost filling each individual believer that our blessed Lord is waiting to bless the world. In reading the stirring reports of the Missionary Crusade in Scotland, the same thought presented itself in a different shape. When one or more men, full of a holy enthusiasm for missions, address large audiences, they may succeed in imparting somewhat of their fire to their hearers, the Spirit in them touches deeply those who

come under their influence. And yet the permanent result is often very small, and the process has to be continually repeated. As Dr. Pierson says—"Dependence is frequently placed upon mere organization. A transient enthusiasm is awakened that passes quickly away." What the Church needs, what our Lord asks and longs to give, is something more. It is not enough that Christians, living a feeble, sickly, Christian life, should from time to time be stirred. If the interest of the individual believer in missions is to be well pleasing to the Master, and a real spiritual force in the world, it must come not from continual appeals from continual appeals from without, but as the spontaneous outflow of a heart in which the Spirit of Jesus is dwelling. Every branch of the vine must bear its fruit from the direct inflow of the life-giving sap—the Holy Spirit. If the confessions that have been made in these past years of terrible shortcomings and unfaithfulness, while we have only been playing at missions, are to mean anything, we must all labour for the restoration of the half-forgotten truth, that every believer is expected to be full of the Holy Ghost. All the Church's appeals for support and prayer must be accompanied by the teaching in the power of the Spirit dwells and rules, sacrifice for Christ and entire personal devotion to His interests is nothing but the natural outcome of a healthy Christian life. Christ did not call His Church to be His witness to the whole earth without first promising the power of the Spirit coming on her. In the ordinary ministry of the Word, every individual believer must be educated into the full consciousness that to be filled with the Holy Ghost is an absolute necessity for a life truly fruitful and well pleasing to God. May every appeal for missions, every effort, in presence of the hundreds of millions whom we have been leaving to perish, to bring the Church to a sense of her guilt, and a surrender to her glorious calling may all speaking and writing and praying, may all our conferences and Church councils, lead the deepening of the conviction—the Holy Spirit is the Church's power for all her work and her missions, and that power will only act mightily as the number increases of individual believers who give themselves to be possessed, to be led, to be used by the Spirit of Christ.

People who have weak hearts should always have their principal meal in the middle of the day, and with as little water as possible.

Strong spirits of ammonia applied to the wounds of snake bites of rabid animals is better than any caustic. It neutralizes the virus.

Grape Juice.—Heat ripe grapes over a slow fire until the juice flows readily. Just before they reach the boiling point remove them from the fire and crush, squeeze and strain them. Add to the juice one pound of sugar to every quart. Return the mixture to the stove and bring gently to a boil. Remove, bottle at once and seal.

Orangeade.—Squeeze the juice from eight large, tart oranges, two large lemons and one small pineapple. Add to the fruit juices two quarts of water, and sweeten to taste. The best way to extract the juice from the pineapple is to peel and shred it, cover it with sugar and let it stand for several hours. Then drain off the juice, rinse the fruit with a part of the water, in order that no flavor be wasted, and put the pulp through a fruit press to save what remains.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Many Deaths Largely Due to Ignorance on the Part of Mothers.

The disorders of children seem to the rugged and hearty grown persons to be simple and not particularly dangerous.

This point of view on the part of parents has been the cause of the loss of thousands of baby lives.

You will always find that the mothers who are successful in bringing up families of hearty, happy children with scarcely a day's sickness, are always those who are careful to note the slightest evidence of illness and to check the difficulty at once.

They do not belong to the class of mothers that stupefy their children with sleeping draughts and similar medicines containing opiates.

They stick to the purely vegetable, healthful medicines which cure infantile disorders quickly, and of these Baby's Own Tablets are the best of all.

For colic, simple fevers, croup, constipation, diarrhoea, irritation when teething, indigestion and sleeplessness, these tablets are a quick, effective, never-failing cure. Dissolved in water the smallest baby will take them without the slightest objection. Do not trifle with medicines concerning which you know nothing, when here is a time tried remedy which is used constantly and with the best results in thousands of homes.

Mrs. H. H. Fox, Orange Ridge, Man., says: "I have found Baby's Own Tablets a perfect medicine for children of all ages, and would not be without them in the house. They are truly a baby comfort and mother's friend." Baby's Own Tablets can be found at drug stores, or will be sent prepaid upon receipt of price, 25 cents, by addressing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co. Dept. T. Brockville, Ont.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Cocaine poisoning is antidoted well by strong coffee.

A typhoid fever patient will do well upon a diet of rice water.

A baby may be filled up to the neck with milk and still be hungry.

In prescribing infant foods it is worth remembering that rice is an astringent and farina a laxative.

When chilly from exposure breathe deeply and rapidly, and the increase in bodily warmth will be surprising.

Crude petroleum poured upon a burned surface and covered loosely with cotton will subdue the pain almost at once.

Potassium permanganate is an efficient antidote if taken while morphine is still in the stomach. Grain for grain, it will completely decompose morphine.

Carbolic acid poisoning can be quickly cured by giving cider vinegar diluted with equal parts of water in half a tumblerful doses every five or ten minutes for a few times.

Vomiting after the administration of chloroform may frequently be prevented by replacing the inhaler with a linen cloth steeped in vinegar, allowing it to remain over the face for some time.

Convulsions may be frequently cut short like magic by turning the patient on his left side. The nausea as an after effect of chloroform or ether; narcosis may be generally controlled in the same manner.