

our souls with holy enthusiasm, and lead to faithful continuance in well doing.

INDIA.—It is a pleasure to be informed of Lady Dufferin's noble scheme to train female doctors for the women of India. The movement has proved most popular with the rich rajahs and other wealthy natives of India, who contribute liberally towards the noble and most interesting project, which, no doubt, will prove a great success both financially and socially. Lady Dufferin will by this movement do more for the real progress of India than has been done by half a dozen Governor-Generals, and we cannot but say, "God speed her!"

The war is over in Burmah, may gospel light and peace spread.

CHINA.—China, with its population of 250 millions, scattered over about one and a half millions of square miles has but five hundred missionaries, all told. God has opened the land. Who will go? A nation is waiting. A nation may be born in a day. Who will go?

In spite of all difficulties there are about 25,000 converts in China. The Chinese Christian is a thorough one. Some become evangelists, and support themselves. One man established eight churches. One woman established six churches. Talk about church extension? The Chinese do it.

P. S.—Will every reader ask "Our Father" if it is consistent with his will to grant strength and health to the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon now laid aside from his loved employ. Remember the orphans.

### Ribbon of Blue, Temperance Hints.

The foolish habit of standing treat is responsible for much of the evil wrought by intemperance. And we hope every reader will take this hint as a word in season. It is an evidenced fact, that drinking intoxicants produce a species of degeneration of all the organs, a deceptive fleshiness, which with a diminished circulation and irregularity of both liver and kidneys, renders the drinker liable at any time, by a slight irritating cause, to become a victim and prey for acute disease and death. Don't ruin your own health by drinking at the whim and wish of another. Drink when thirsty, and then what is safe and wholesome. If already a victim and slave to the habitual use of intoxicants, strike for liberty, remember the recovering draught which tones and gives nerve after yesterday's excess is a delusion and snare, a fibre of the invisible cord of sin which is binding thee for the place of eternal thirst. Watch and pray, ask God, for He can and will give thee deliverance from the accursed influence and bewitchery of strong drink. Now is the time to escape for thy life. Now by the grace of God say, I sign the pledge to abstain from all evil habits and the use of intoxicants. Witness my signature

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Then the buds and blossoms of hope will bloom into the full and blessed future of a peaceful happy life. Let us wear our bit of blue ribbon, a token of our own pledge, and as a help to others.

Why are the times so hard? "Only think, the people of America spend \$900,000,000 every year for strong drink. The annual bill for bread, meat, cotton and woollen goods of this great American people, foots up to a total of about \$1,250,000,000. But its

annual bill for whisky, beer, and taxes thereon, is \$1,400,000,000. In other words, it unnecessarily drinks \$140,000,000 worth more than it necessarily eats and wears, and the result, our factories cannot run full time, people are naked and hungry. U. S. statistics show that during the last twenty years distilled liquors have increased three times as fast as our population, and beer twenty-three times. For a hundred years we have tried to regulate it, and now we pay seventeen times more for saloons than for common schools, and have twelve times as many saloons as churches. We pay three times more for poison-drink than for bread, and \$270 for this broth of hell," to every dollar for home and foreign missions for the salvation of immortal souls.

Diabolic Acid.—A coroner's jury, referring to a man who had swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid, warned the public against it, only they made a slight mistake in the name. But there are quite a number of diabolic acids sold, generally at the publican's, of which all should beware.

### A Deformed Christ.

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For Buds and Blossoms.



HAT! can this be spoken of Him who is essentially holy and lovely, who is fairer than all the children of men, "The chiefest among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely one?" Of Him who is the brightest of His Father's glory and the express image of his person—yea the very image of the invisible God. A lamb without blemish and without spot, standing in the midst of the throne before God. The one in whom God's soul delighteth. The most blessed for evermore. "Who sitteth as a king forever." "Crowned with glory and honor." "Whose countenance is as the sun." "Who is the light of the morning when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds." Who is as ointment poured forth, for sweetness and for beauty, is as the Rose of Sharon and for fragrance, as the Lily of the Valley. In a word, is "God over all blessed for evermore." Most surely, such a one can never be spoken of as "a deformed Christ."

In heart and life He was holy, harmless, and separate from sinners. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to "Him that judgeth righteously." He could with boldness challenge the Jewish nation, saying, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" His judges themselves giving answer, "We find no fault in him."

He came forth from the Father, but

Thy hands, dear Jesus, were not armed  
With a revenging rod;  
No hadst commission to perform  
The vengeance of a God.

But all was mercy, all was mild,  
And wrath forsook the throne,  
When Christ on mercy's errand came,  
And brought salvation down.