

THE ARMENIAN HORRORS.

A 'MESSENGER' RELIEF FUND.

Did ever the world witness so woe-ful a spectacle? Talk about the early Christian martyrs under the brutal Emperor Nero! Here in this last five years of this nineteenth century are thousands upon thousands of Christians being murdered in cold blood, murdered deliberately and with most fiendish cruelty. And yet the great Christian nations of the earth stand by and snarl at one another and lift not so much as a finger to stop the holocaust. Our most devoted missionaries are on the spot, men and women personally known to us. They are hourly in danger of their own lives, and see their people shot down around them like wild animals, and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed, yet the governments of the Christian countries which sent them there stand by and do nothing. The account in the 'Messenger' a few days ago from Dr. Barnum and Mr. Allen gives but the barest outline of the horrors occurring in one section of that stricken country. Thousands upon thousands of these poor Armenians are now wandering on their native hills without shelter, without clothing, without food. Unless help comes thousands who have escaped the bullet and the sword will die of cold and hunger.

WHO WILL HELP?

You have all heard of the efforts being made by the members of the Red Cross Society of the United States and of their insolent refusal of admittance by the Sultan. But this is not the only avenue of aid. While governments stand still, individuals may move. The very best way to administer help is to send the money direct to the missionaries on the spot. This many readers of the 'Messenger' will wish to do, and the publishers of the 'Messenger' are in a position to help them. All persons wishing to aid their suffering brothers and sisters in Armenia may send the money direct to us, and we will forward it at once. The money is telegraphed to Constantinople, and goes to a central distributing committee there, of which Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador, is a member. Do not hesitate to send even the smallest sum.

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BY WILLIAM WATSON.

(By Cable to the New York 'Times'.)

STARVING ARMENIA.

Open your hearts, ye clothed from head to feet,

Ye housed and whole who listen to the cry
Of them that not yet slain and mangled lie,
Only despoiled of all that made life sweet—
Only left bare to snow and wind and sleet,
And roofless to the inhospitable sky;
Give them of your abundance, lest they die,
And famine make this mighty woe complete,
And lest if truly, as your creed aver,
A day of reckoning come, it be your lot,
To hear the voice of the uprisen dead:
'We were the naked whom ye covered not,
The sick to whom ye did not minister,
And the anhungered whom ye gave not bread.'

WILLIAM WATSON.

A STATESMAN'S OPINION.

If I could destroy to-morrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England * * * we should see our taxes reduced by millions sterling; * * * our jails and work-houses empty; * * * more lives saved in twelve months than are consumed in a century by bitter and savage war. It is moderate drinking that produces the drink craze and that rouses it where it is inherited, and the drink slays at least 60,000 of our fellow beings yearly in the United Kingdom, not to speak of other evils that result from its use.—Jos. Chamberlain.

A B. C. FOR TEMPERANCE NURSERY.

BY JULIA McNAIR WRIGHT.



O For Old Rye, a wicked stuff,
We'll pour it in the drain;
It makes a man so cross and gruff,
And fills him full of pain.

Old men, who are good and wise
and kind, can tell the boys and girls
what they should do to be good and
happy. Every one loves a good old
man. But is not a drunken old man
a sad sight?



P Is for Porter, which may take
To Poorhouse folks that use it;
So, little man, keep wide awake,
And for your drink don't choose it.

'Put a knife to thy throat,' said the
wise Solomon, 'if thou be a man given
to appetite.' He meant that there is
nothing worse than for a person to
be greedy and drunken.

DIPSOMANIA.

A recent writer classifies all inebriates under three heads. The first class embraces what are known as steady drinkers—not often intoxicated, but always more or less under the influence of liquor. Persons of this class sooner or later show symptoms of losing their minds.

To the second class belong the periodical drinkers—those in whom the paroxysm ends as suddenly as it begins, only to recur after a certain interval. These cases are apt to develop epileptical and corresponding symptoms of an unsettled brain, although for some time this change may not be apparent. In fact, in the intervals between successive explosions the brain may even seem to be stimulated to greater activity.

The members of the third class are

termed by the writer 'dipsomaniacs,' and are to be considered as insane. The mania for drink is simply that predominance of one idea which is so often exhibited in the insane, and which is itself subject to change.

It is these dipsomaniacs to whom our attention is especially drawn, and against whom we are particularly warned.

The 'steady drinker' carries the marks of dissipation upon his countenance, and is to be distrusted and avoided in proportion as his habit has a greater or less hold upon him. He gives to those around him due notice of his 'tendencies,' and property and the comfort of others can be guarded against destruction.

But with dipsomaniacs, as with other insane people, 'there is method in their madness.' Religio-maniacs and enthusiasts of every description are to be seen in this class. They may be rated in the community as persons of ability and judgment. Medical examination may even pronounce them sane and responsible; but it is only a question of time when the 'crash' will come.

All classes of inebriates are to be regarded with suspicion; in positions of trust and responsibility they are to be considered dangerous.

Each paroxysm of drink is destructive to the brain centres. The ability to reason clearly is constantly being diminished.

There should be no hesitation in acting upon a recognition of mania for drink. The time is certain to come when the person will conduct himself in a weak and morbid manner. His actions are to be always regarded as suspicious.

Dementia, paralysis, active mania and epilepsy are in store for him.—'Youth's Companion.'

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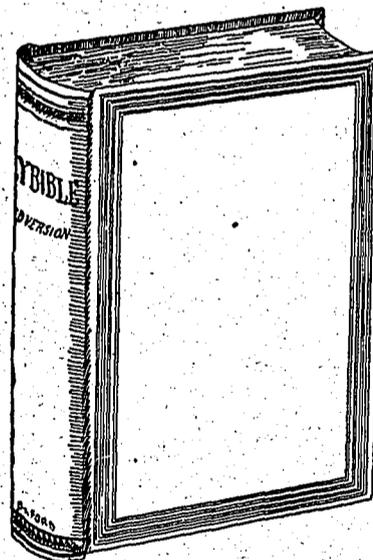
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