

often project so that houses on opposite sides of the street are sometimes joined by bridges. Many buildings are very beautiful, the finest being Queen's College. To this city come throngs of Hindus; old and young, rich and poor, and in all conditions, to worship.

No matter how wicked they are, or what terrible sin they have committed they believe washing in the Ganges will cleanse them. No matter what wickedness they have done, they will go to bliss if they die in Benares.

From our mission one young man was forced by his people, two or three times to travel over a thousand miles to be washed in the Ganges. They said this was the only way to be forgiven, because he had confessed his love for Christ and not to believe in idols.

Some walk, or even crawl on their hands for miles during a hot season, and thus suffer much and the sick die on the way. They think if they die on the north side of the river they will go to their heaven, if on the south, their ashes will be animals at their next birth.

Near Durgar, or as it is called the Monkey Temple, is the Well of Knowledge. The stench of this well is something dreadful. All persons are expected to have at least one drink out of this dirty well.

Benares is called the City of Temples, and is said to contain more idols than human beings. Images of all kinds appear, some small, some large, some gold or silver, mud, or stone. These may be of gods like men; or animals of all kinds; some sickening to look at.

We as a Mission Band, try to help to send the Gospel to India, so that the people will learn of Christ's blood as the purifier instead of the foul waters of the Ganges.

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EXTRACTS.

You will live to recognize the wisdom of God's choice for you. You will one day see that the thing that you wanted was only second best. You will be surprised to remember that you once broke your heart nearly and spilt the wine of your life for what would never have satisfied you. You will meet again your beloved. You will have again your love. You will become possessed of a depth of character, a breadth of sympathy, a fund of patience, an ability to understand and help others, which as you lay them at Christ's

feet for him to use, will make you glad that you were afflicted; joy will yet come out of your sorrow.—*Rev. F. B. Meyer.*

Under the laws of Providence, life is a probation, probation is a succession of temptations temptations are emergencies, and for emergencies we need the preparation, and the safe-guard of prayer.—*Phelps.*

One of the illusions is that the present hour is not the critical decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the last day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows every day as doomsday.—*Emerson.*

I am convinced that, while our work needs re-er-forcing, while we need more funds to carry it on, all these needs are secondary. There is one primary need, and that is prayer. This work is not merely that of impressing upon the Chinese the intellectual superiority of the faith that we profess; not merely showing that the morality of Christianity is higher than the morality of Confucianism and Buddhism, or any other of these faiths. We go out to fight against the great enemies of God and mankind, against the powers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places; and for that service, for that warfare, if we are to be strong, it must be you at home who will make us strong. As long as your hearts and hands are uplifted to God in earnest supplication, just so long will victory be ours.—*F. Howard Taylor.*

We remember to have heard a prominent missionary affirm that when he arrived in India less than fifty years ago there were not in his mission field of 17,000,000 people, 17 women that could read a line of any language. Now in that province there are scores of high-schools and at least one college for women, and the university is graduating young women every year. One single mission school we know of has sent out over 1,000 fairly well-educated married women into many parts of the province. The same is substantially true of nearly every province in the empire; thousands of Christian girls, and of non-Christians, too, are receiving from missionaries a good practical education saturated with instruction that is making them wise unto salvation. Omniscience alone can estimate what the fruit of this work shall be.—*Indian Witness.*