

**Easter Greeting.**

May the glad dawn of Easter morn  
 Bring holy joy to thee,  
 May the calm eve of Easter leave  
 A peace divine with thee.  
 May Easter day to thine heart say  
 "Christ died and rose for thee,"  
 May Easter night on thine heart write  
 "O Christ, I live to Thee!"

**Field Studies for April.**

Even if governments are Christian, they need praying for, and the more they have to govern the greater is their responsibility. They are responsible, or have to answer for, the good or harm done according to their laws. For instance, if a government determines that this liquor license shall go on, and if by this means many homes are ruined, and thousands of the young people go down to a drunkard's death, then surely the government must, in a great measure, be to blame.

But who is the government? It comes from the people and is made by the people. In a few years our present leaders will have gone, and from the youth of to-day will come the new ones, on whose shoulders will be the burdens and cares of a country, and if these evils continue to exist we know that from our youth will also come the drunkards and drunkards' wives of the next generation. Then let us commencing now—we are none of us too young—to fight against this demon. If we can do no more, we can sign the pledge and keep it both now and when we are older, and if we pray to-day, for those who are ruling now, we must work according to our prayers when it comes our turn to be leaders.

But what must we pray for? First of all we must pray that the people who make the laws may have their eyes opened as to the harm liquor and opium are doing. Some foolish people say, that as a government we will gain more money by having the liquor than we could ever make by abolishing the trade. Does it pay anyone to put out four times as much money on any one article as it is worth? That is what the Canadian Government is doing to-day. In 1883, Sir Leonard Tilley said that it costs Canada 20 millions to collect her liquor revenue, which amounts to 5 millions. Her drink bill amounts to nearly 40 millions.

Opium is the great curse in China and India, and it is a terrible fact that our British government is reaping money from what is ruining, in life and death, thousands of our human race. And this deadly vice is on the increase. More opium is raised in China and less imported, and all classes so generally use it, that, even if laws are passed to lessen the trade, they are not carried out for want

of proper persons in authority. One missionary says: "there is no hope for China but in the gospel. When China is converted to Christ, then, and not till then will the opium curse be removed."

And what shall we say for Africa with her hateful traffic in human lives? It is something to be thankful for that no Christian Government permits the slave trade. But the Arabs still carry it on wherever possible. So we must pray and send the gospel quicker to poor dark Africa, and soon the curse will be stopped.

In India many, many girls and women are really bought and sold, and all for wicked purposes. The government gets a certain part of this money. Surely our prayers are needed very much here.

Coming nearer home we find in our own Dominion that the authorities permit Chinese girls to be treated in the same manner. Even if we as a country do not gain money by this, yet we ought to be willing to spend money to search out the evil and punish the offenders and if our laws are such that they cannot be punished then let us pray that they may be speedily changed. —H. S. S.

**Questions for April.**

- Do Christian governments need praying for?
- What do they have to answer for?
- Will you explain that?
- What has the government to do with the people?
- What will happen in a few years?
- Who will take their places?
- If there are to be any drunkards and drunkards' wives in the next generation, who will they be?
- When should we begin to fight against it?
- What can we do now?
- What must we do by and by?
- What must we pray for?
- What do some foolish people say?
- What is the Canadian government doing to-day?
- What did Sir Leonard Tilley say in 1883?
- What is our drink bill in Canada now?
- What is the great curse of China and India?
- Has the British government anything to do with it?
- Is it getting better or worse?
- Does opium grow in China or is it brought in from other countries?
- Does anybody try to check it?
- What does one missionary say about it?
- What is the worst thing in Africa?
- Does any Christian government allow that?
- Who carry it on?
- What must we do for Africa?
- Why do we need to pray for young girls in India?
- Has the government anything to do with it?
- Is there anything like this in our own dominion? Do the authorities permit it?
- What might our country be willing to do?
- What can we do about our laws?

"The new years come,  
 And the old years go,  
 As swings Time's Pendulum  
 To and fro;  
 But the kingdom grows."