

wildwood, Hepatica and the wind flower will nod in the spring wind, and (Nymphaea Odorata,) the white pond lily, will spread its rare blossoms on the crystal wave, and the shy Arbutus will unfold its buds of pink and white, though we seldom catch a glimpse of them. Dr. Mason Good, in his studies of nature, says :

"We do not need worlds on worlds
To tell that God is here ;
That the daisy, fresh from winter's sleep,
Tells it as clear "

Bruce, one of the earliest of African explorers, relates that at one time he was exhausted and ready to perish, but chanced to espy a curiously wrought moss or lichen, and reasoned that He who formed and cared for so diminutive a flower would for him, and took new courage. A minister of the Church of England, in lines written on the death of a beloved and only child, gathers hope for her continued existence from the grass above her grave.

"And can it be, that He who bids it
yearly wave,
The grass above her lowly grave ;
Can He forget our child to save.

It cannot be. The poet Bryant borrowed spiritual trust from the flight of a water fowl :

"He who from zone to zone,
Guides thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread alone,
Will guide my steps aright."

The Apostle complains of some in his time, that they did not recognize and worship the unseen and invisible, through the seen and visible. All His works, praise Him

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Russia is the most religious of all countries, and the conflict between the gross orthodoxy of the Establishment and the Spirit of God incarnated in faithful men and women, rages there as in no other European land, except in Turkey. Count Tolstoi asks the ear of the English public for the Dook-hobortzy, a sect of persecuted Russian Friends. The same spirit and nearly

the same conclusions as those reached by George Fox are being lived out under nameless outrage to-day in the Caucasus province. The papers are full of the details. Tolstoi says that the teaching of an English Quaker caused the founding of the sect. Can anyone verify this, and tell us who this much blessed servant of the truth was ? It occurred at the end of last century, near Stephen Grellet's time. These Friends live in the faith of the Inner Light, they reject all the distinctively Calvinistic theology; their view of the position of the Bible is much like our own. They have no sacraments or symbolic worship, they refuse oaths, and their great crime is that they will not bear arms. They are just Christ's people, in fact. They are accused of mysticism and of denying the Divinity of Christ. These were the usual accusations against Friends. For the rest they are pure-minded, industrious, cultivated people, of sober demeanour, and good healthy physique, and as difficult to deal with in prison as George Fox himself. Is the Czar beyond our voice ?—*British Friend*.

"We frequently read in the Holy Word of cruel wars and weapons of war, which because they all represent states of spiritual warfare appear in the letter to be sanctioned or commanded by Jehovah. Nothing can be more abhorrent to the Divine character or revolting to Christian feeling than the ferocious spirit of war. Let us call to mind the 'foes of our own household,' the adversaries lurking in our own bosoms, the enemies of our eternal peace, and how beautiful is the lesson of instruction with which we are at once supplied. How deeply interesting is the command to destroy, by the power of truth and love, all our bitter antagonists, our selfish passions and unclean persuasions, to let not one remain."—*Edward Madeley*.

Show me the man who would go to heaven alone, and I will show you one who will never be admitted there.