

World of Missions.

India.

The British make an encouraging official report on their great Asiatic empire. In spite of fearful calamities of pestilence and famine in recent years the country has been making substantial material gains. The two famines affected 60,000,000 of the population. Plague, fever, and cholera have left marks of their desolations, and the population has increased but little during the decade ending with 1900. The epidemics have called forth renewed efforts in sanitary process and special attention has been given by the Indian medical officers to researches in malarial fever. This malady is said to cause one half of the mortality in the empire. During the decade, cholera claimed 4,000,000 victims, and the plague nearly 1,000,000. The railway mileage increased about fifty per cent. during the decade, and this extension has greatly simplified the problem of relief for famine periods should they recur. Labor is in demand, so that wages tend to advance. There is also some tendency towards a diversity of employments and occupations. A large area of arable land has been brought into successful cultivation by irrigation, producing crops amounting in value to \$15,000,000. The export trade has immensely increased. The poor do not become poorer. On the contrary, there are many evidences in bank deposits, mill industries, and postal receipts that the condition of the people is making fair improvement. Mention has been made heretofore of some facts in the educational and religious condition of the people.—The Presbyterian Banner.

Beginning of the China Inland Mission.

At the time of the formation of the China Inland Mission, thirty six years ago, there were only ninety-one missionaries working in China, and all these were located upon the coast line of the six maritime provinces, except one station at Hankow, in the central province of Hupeh. Nothing at all was being done for the 200,000,000 Chinese in the eleven interior provinces. God laid these millions of souls upon the heart of Mr. Hudson Taylor, until the burden became so great that he dedicated himself to this new work to which the Master was calling him. The existing societies were approached, but without result. So it came about that the China Inland Mission was formed, and formed along certain well-defined lines.

In answer to prayer, two workers for each of the eleven unreached provinces were given, and not only the workers, but the means necessary for sending them to China. This was without any solicitation for funds from man, or any appeal to men at all. And now the number of its missionaries is about 800, while all the other societies combined have only about 2,000.—China's Millions.

The "Literary Digest" quotes from the Manila "American" the greeting of a new Buddhist paper just issued in Tokyo, Japan. The paper rejoices in the name of "The Thundering Dawn." Here is the greeting: "This paper has come from eternity. It starts its circulation with millions and millions of members. The rays of the sun, the beams of the stars, the leaves of the trees, the blades of grass, the grains of sand, the hearts of tigers, lions, elephants, ants, men and women are its subscribers. This journal will hereafter flow in the universe as the rivers flow and the oceans surge."

Can Consumption Be Cured?

This question has never yet been satisfactorily answered. Certainly science has not yet found anything that will destroy the germs, and the only hope of cure depends on the ability of nature to throw off the disease.

It therefore becomes a simple question of nutrition. Fresh air and sunlight with plenty of good, rich, nourishing food properly digested and assimilated, has done wonders in the way of driving out the disease, and unless it has gone too far, nature thus assisted may work a cure. It will be seen, however, that everything depends on the ability of the digestive organs to assimilate a sufficient quantity of rich food and, unfortunately, where consumption has obtained a foothold, these organs are liable to be weakened and quite unequal to the task. Once more science comes to the rescue in the shape of FERROL, a concentrated medical food containing Cod Liver Oil, Iron and Phosphorus in an emulsion so perfect that it is ready for instant absorption so that the digestive organs are relieved from the overstrain, and the advice, "take plenty of FRESH AIR, SUNSHINE and GOOD RICH FOOD" becomes practicable as it never has been before.

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Health and Home Hints

New Table Linen.

As in everything else, from wearing apparel to housefurnishing goods, fashions in table linen show a decided trend towards Oriental effects, tempered, however, by American ideas of decoration. Not only is the Oriental fancy exhibited in the exquisite and delicate American work, but in the rich-looking and elegant table sets in white and blue Chinese grass-linen—a beautiful fabric—embroidered all over in dragon designs, roses, cherries and carnations.

Fine and lovely as these several styles of table pieces are, they possess that quality so appreciated by the housewife—the capacity for coming out of the laundry as smooth and dainty as before they were put to use.

This cannot be said of other more expensive and elaborate table sets of rich and fine laces, which require great care during the cleansing process in order to preserve their beauty. Most fashionable among these, for the coming season, are such old favorites as duchess lace and point de Venise, with the old-fashioned cut-work—called by many Irish point.

For general use nothing will be more popular during the months to come than Irish linen in various qualities embroidered in white mercerized cotton in dainty designs of shamrocks, fleur-de-lis, forget-me-nots, daisies, bow-knots, chrysanthemums, and graduated dots, of which pretty patterns the shamrock, fleur-de-lis, and forget-me-not are most popular.

It will be observable that ornamental de-

Woman's Burdens.

THE HEALTH OF MANY WOMEN IN A PRECARIOUS CONDITION.

HEADACHES, PAINS EASILY ACCOUNTED FOR AND FUNCTIONAL DERANGEMENTS MAKE LIFE MISERABLE.

Throughout the length and breadth of Canada there are thousands and thousands of grateful people who admit that they owe health and strength to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and who speak always—as they should do—in warmest praise of this medicine. Among the many friends Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have made there is perhaps none more enthusiastic in speaking of the pills than Mrs. Edward Atcheson, of Orangeville, Ont., who for two years suffered intensely, but at last found a cure through the use of this remedy. To a reporter of the Orangeville Sun, Mrs. Atcheson said: "Three years ago I became very much run down. My appetite almost vanished, I grew pale, was subject to headaches, dizziness, palpitation of the heart and a ringing noise in the ears. I tried several medicines, but they did not help me, and I was consequently much depressed and feared I was doomed to go through life a chronic invalid. One day I read the cure of a woman whose symptoms were almost identical with my own, through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I sent for a box, and by the time it was finished I was sufficiently encouraged to send for another, and so on until I had taken six boxes, when I was in every sense of the word a different person. Every symptom of my late illness had vanished, and I was once more enabled to look after my household duties with old-time health and vigor. I feel that I owe all this to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I cheerfully recommend them to other weak and suffering women."

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signs upon table cloths and pieces for the coming season are small and scattered daintily over the linen at intervals.—Harper's Bazar.

Frozen Plum Pudding.

The frozen plum pudding which seems appropriate for a holiday luncheon has for a foundation a rich chocolate cream. In making this, add, while cooking the custard, a heaping tablespoonful of spices to color it brown and a large cup of stale fruit-cake crumbs; after half-freezing it, add a cup of currants, a cup of seeded raisins, and a wine-glass of brandy. When frozen, mould in a melon shape, or in a brick, and turn it out on a platter to be sliced on the table. Have a regular pudding sauce to eat with it, only, of course, cold. A good one is made by adding a beaten egg to a cup of whipped cream flavored with brandy, but unsweetened.—Harper's Bazar.