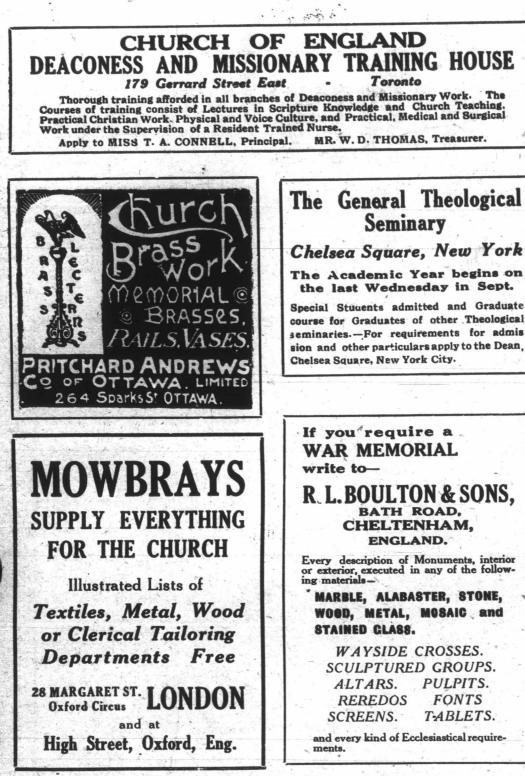
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"Can't I bring a doctor or somebody to help you?" the boy asked, gently. "Ain't nobody ter help me. Don't I tell ye I hate everybody?" was the

fierce reply. Theodore gazed about him. There seemed nothing that he could do. He hesitated for a moment, then stepped forward and laid the beautiful rose against the dark, knotted fingers on the ragged bed-covering, and then he went away, closing the door behind him. Stopping only to put his basket into his room and lock the door, he hurried off to the dispensary and asked that a doctor be sent to Old Man Schneider as soon as possible. He waited until the doctor was at liberty and then returned with him. There was no response to their knock, and again Theodore opened the door and went in, the doctor following.

The old man did not move or look up even when the doctor spoke to him. He lay as Theo had last seen him, only that his fingers were closed tightly over the stem of the rose, and one crimson petal lay on the pillow close to the sunken cheek. The old man was dead-but who could tell what thoughts of other days-of sinless days long past, perhaps-may have been awakened in his heart by that fragrant, beautiful bit of God's handiwork?

As Theodore went quietly up the stairs, he was glad that he had not passed by Old Man Schneider's door. (To be continued.)

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IN THE HOMES OF THE POOR?

The long delayed summer is with us, and whilst it brings the answer to our prayers and prosperity to our farming population, it brings, too, inconvenience and suffering to those who cannot escape from the overcrowded tenement dwellings of our fast growing city.

In the homes of the poor such suffering is felt perhaps the most by the busy mother and her small infant. Those whose lot is cast in the wealthy and airy parts of our city and whose motor car can carry them and their little ones each evening into the cool of the country when business hours are over, perhaps do not realize that others do not and cannot share such enjoyments. Worn out with the heat and toil of the day, the setting of the sun brings no refreshment, only the necessity of enduring more heat and that terror by night-the mos-quito, from whose inquisition no screens are placed for protection.

Many of those, for whom I plead to-day, have been weakened by the recent epidemic and have not since recovered their normal strength; of these one could give many instances were space available. The sum of \$8.50 will procure a holiday in the country for a mother and baby, a child under 5 years \$4.00, under 8 years \$5,50, under 14 years \$7.50. All contributions should be addressed to Miss H. M. Emery, Church of England Deaconess House, 179 Gerrard Street East, Toronto.



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Storekeeper (to Sub. and his wife on first shopping expedition): "I can strongly recommend this ham, ma'am. It's well cured." Wife (in alarm): "Oh, don't give me one that has anything the matter with it, even if it is cured now. Let me have a perfectly healthy one, please."

The brilliant wit of the Bar looked at the moon-faced farm labourer and winked at his friends and whispered: "Now we'll have some fun." "Have you been married?" he began. "Ye-e-es," stammered the labourer, "once." "Whom did you marry?" "A-w-woman, sir." "Come, my good man. Of course it was a woman. Did you ever hear of anyone marrying a man?" "Ye-e-es, sir; my sister did."

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