

The World's Progress.

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In celebration of the great deliverance of the prisoners of Peking.

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They're safe ! Their way was bounded
By Death, in dreadful mien,
While still their camp surrounded
A spirit-band unseen.

A shield of blazoned glory,
God's love did interpose,
Where waved the banner gory
Uplifted by their foes.

Unfurl the standard, Christian !
Yes ! raise it with a shout
Before the hordes Philistian—
The slaves of dream and doubt.

Repeat the song of Moses
Who, from the shadow-land
Where the dark Sphinx reposes,
Led forth his chosen band.

Glad Miriam's cymbals clashing,
Shall cadence David's psalm ;
Deborah's song, outflashing,
Shall wake the slumbrous palm.

We, in our modern lyre,
Will find some hidden chord
To sound, with heaven's own choir,
The glory of the Lord.

To Him whose way is shrouded,
But who, through day and night,
His purpose keeps unclouded,
The victory of Right—

To Him in Holy rapture,
Our psan shall ascend,
Unloosed, the heathen capture,
God, our Eternal Friend !

—*Christian Herald.*



"HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL."

—*Minneapolis Tribune.*

THE CHINESE CRISIS.

Our cartoon very well illustrates the situation in China. "Humpty Dumpty has had a great fall." We cannot patch up a broken eggshell. Nothing can replace China in the position it occupied before its recent crime against humanity and civilization. Not the lack of will,

but merely the lack of power, prevented the slaughter of missionaries and foreigners from becoming as widespread and atrocious as the wholesale massacres of Tamerlane or Ghengis Khan. Atrocious enough they were, "staggering humanity" as it was not shocked even in the Indian Mutiny. Much of the diabolism will never be recorded ; much of it is too foul to describe. The powers may seek to prop up for a time the Manchu dynasty, but it is doomed to fall ; it is crumbling to pieces by its own corruption.

The German Emperor's truculent note, happily, does not represent the attitude of civilization. It is scarcely less barbarous than that of the Boxers themselves. Professor Goldwin Smith, who has a vigorous vocabulary of his own, does not scruple to denounce him as "an imperial madman, drunk with hallucinations about his own divinity."

The Kaiser Wilhelm has been severely exacting in sending Prince Henry to smite with his mailed fist and annex a large province in revenge for the murder of two German missionaries. This is no way to commend missions to the Chinese. The punishment does not fit the crime, but then, as a humorist remarks, if the province annexed is very large, so also were the missionaries. With the forts of Taku and Tien Tsin destroyed, with