

"Think of It."

THINK of the curse of it, if you can bear
Thinking of all it has done in the past,
Blighting the bloom of all life with its blast.
Then drink of it—drink if you dare.

Think of the sorrow, the suffering, the wrong,
The bleeding, the ruin of innocent hearts,
The house altars shattered, the love that
departs
As the demon comes bearing his fury along.

Think of its treachery, cunning, deceit,
How it has fettered the weak and the strong;
Think of the dear ones, the old and the
young,
Trampled remorselessly under its feet.

Think of the manhood burned out of the
man,
Think of the hearts shrivelled into a stone,
Think of the noblest of creatures o'erthrown,
Then drink of it—drink if you can.

Think of these things, but be not content,
Thinking will never roll back the stern tide;
Men must to action at once, side by side,
And lives in the rescue of men must be spent.

Noble the work, and if lovingly done,
The humblest of efforts are never all lost;
So be the poor victims and count not the cost,
Till the worst and the last have been won.

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Master as those He saw dropped into
the treasury at Jerusalem. There will
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offerings from labouring men whose
scanty wages are scarcely sufficient to
put the bread on the table three times
a day for the hungry group of growing

children that gather around it. It will
be sacred money. Let not a dollar be
wasted. Let it not be detained. By
the shortest, swiftest route, let the help
reach the need.

Metropolitan Sunday School,
Toronto.

As a result of untiring research on
the part of Mr. J. B. Boustead, superin-
tendent of the Metropolitan Sunday-
school, the school has been put in
possession of a list of its superintendents
since its organization in the year 1818.
The list, the years of the services of each
superintendent being given, is in a very
handsomely illuminated form, and hangs
on the north wall of the school-room.
At the top is given a photograph of the
first scholar, the late Rev. Dr. Carroll,
who died last winter. On one side
appears the wooden building in which
the congregation first worshipped, on
King Street. On the other side is
given the building on Adelaide Street,
to which the congregation removed in
1832, and below is a view of the Metro-
politan "church," which dates from
1872. From 1818 to 1822, the superin-
tendents were Messrs. Wm. P. Patrick,
Jesse Ketchum, and T. D. Morrison.
The succession continued in the follow-
ing order:—1823, Wm Carfrae; 1830,
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tian religion, of royal blood. This was
through the efforts of the Welsh mis-
sionaries. The convert has been stand-
ing in full view of most dazzling
worldly prospects. He is the heir to
the throne of the kingdom in which
he resides. He was informed that by
renouncing the religion of his fathers,
he would forfeit his right to the throne.
But he remained in the faith of Jesus,
willing to await events. Eighteen
months afterwards the ruler died. The
chiefs of the tribes assembled in council,
to determine upon the successor. They
unanimously decided that this young
Christian was the rightful heir to the
crown. But they also affirmed that
his new-found religion stood in his way
to the royal palace. Messenger after
messenger was despatched to him, in-
sisting on him to recant. The mission-
aries were urged to have him withdraw
from their worship, that he might
enjoy his earthly reward. A general
council was then held; he was invited
to be present. He attended. The
president put the questions to him.
He still cleaved to the Lord Jesus.
He was vehemently exhorted to be
discreet, and fall in line with his heredi-
tary honours and duties. "Put aside
my Christian profession!" said he. "I
can put aside my head-dress or my
cloak, but as for my covenant with my
God, I cannot for any consideration."
He was dismissed, as one determined
on his own disgrace; threatened with
prosecution and persecution. Firmly
and joyfully he went forth from their
midst; turned his back upon the crown;



WINTER HOME IN THE SOUTH.

endured the despoiling of his property;
accepted the reproach of his country-
men; faced the threats of imprisonment
and bonds.

How much like the history of the
departure of Moses from the royal
chambers of Pharaoh! How refreshing
to hear of such marvels of grace in our
own day! Examples of faith and
courage are to be found in the far-away
ages. But we scarcely expect to see
the like in our own times. The heart
rejoices in the display of such triumphs
of the gospel. The truth is still
mighty to uplift souls, so that they
will utterly scorn the promises and
splendors of earth, when put in
conflict with an interest in Christ.
The life of this hero should be heralded
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Good Sunday School Books.

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Illustrated. Boston Congregational
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per mill. It shows the
temptations to which
young people who have
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of strength by which
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