

## THE LAND OF "PRETTY SOON"

I know of a land where the streets are paved  
With the things we meant to achieve.

It is walled with the money we meant to have  
saved,

And the pleasures for which we grieve.

The kind words unspoken, the promises broken,  
en,

And many a coveted boon

Are stowed away there in that land somewhere—

The land of "Pretty Soon."

There are uncut jewels of possible fame,

Lying about in the dust,

And many a noble and lofty aim

Covered with mold and rust.

And, oh, this place, while it seems so near,

Is further away than the moon!

Though our purpose is fair, yet we never get  
there—

The land of "Pretty Soon."

It is further at noon than it is at dawn,

Further at night than at noon;

Oh! let us beware of that land down there—

The land of "Pretty Soon."

—Exchange.

## RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY

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## IN INDIA

The beautiful little girl of a Hindu mother died. The body was carried to the burning ghat beside the Ganges. The mother, almost heart-broken, went to the temple of many gods, to see if she could find any comfort.

"Was it a boy or a girl?" asked the priest.

"She was my darling little girl."

The priest responded with a sneering laugh. "Ho," he said, "women don't have any souls, anyway. The girl may live again in the form of a toad or snake."

The next morning the mother went to the river bank. She saw the heap of ashes where the funeral pyre had been. Out of the warm ashes slowly crawled a snake. She remembered what the priest had said. "Oh-h!" she shrieked, "my sweet little girl is changed into a horrible serpent!" And she fell to the ground a hopeless maniac.

The beautiful little girl of another Hindu mother died. But this mother had permitted a woman missionary to come to her home and had learned of Jesus and the resurrection.

Soon after the little one's death the missionary visited the home again, to talk with the mother and comfort her. The mother's face was sad, there were tears in her eyes, but they were not tears of despair, and a smile trembled upon her lips. Neither was

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