

Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.—John xi, 26.

## A Paradox.

[ORIGINAL.]

Luxury in a Wilderness;  
In Turmoil.—Repose;  
Steadfastness in Trial;  
Security midst Foes.  
Plenty during Famine;  
In Pestilence, Health;  
Storms without Commotion;  
The Poor having Wealth.

Contradictions surely,  
Unless some Master key,  
Fitted for the purpose,  
Unlock the mystery.

Just one simple sentence  
Of precious words appears  
Brings with it satisfaction,  
And all the mystery clears.

Turn to Isaiah twenty-six,  
And read again verse three,  
"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,  
Whose mind is stayed on Thee."

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."—Isa. xxvi. 3, 4.

## The Late General Gordon.

THE eyes of the world have for months past been centred upon the Christian Soldier whose tragic death recently at Khartoum has brought sadness to many hearts. It is not our intention to dwell upon his many merits as a Christian or a soldier, but knowing the interest taken in all that pertains to him, we re-print from "The Railway Signal," (England,) a letter written by him to a bereaved friend.

We are sure that all will read with delight the beautiful Gospel therein declared. It shows the spirit of the man who has been so recently taken away. May the simple faith expressed in this letter be the portion of all our readers. Amid all the numerous engagements and incessant Christian and philanthropic labours of General Gordon, he never forgot to sympathise with those who suffered and were bereaved.

"My Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Uncle George wrote me word of the departure for a better and happier land of \_\_\_\_\_; and though the stroke is a very very heavy one for you, yet the gain has been her's, and she is now at peace, away from a hard, weary world. It is a blessed truth our Lord speaks to us, "He (or she) that believeth on me hath everlasting life." Man would put in a great deal more, but Jesus

said that "He that believed was saved" and His word will stand the test for all ages. I will not write more than add how much I feel for you, and shall hope that you will come over with uncle \_\_\_\_\_; who I hope will accept my many thanks for his kindness in going over and being with you in your affliction. Good bye, my dear Uncle. He is very pitiful and of tender mercies, and does not willingly afflict. Ask Him to shew you that He lives in you, and He will do so.

Your affectionate and sympathizing nephew,  
C. GORDON."

[Believing it will give additional interest to the above letter, we have procured the following cut shewing part of it in autograph.]

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## Disease and Cure.



HIS is Gideon Ousley's own way of telling how he was called to preach:—

"The voice said, 'Gideon, go and preach the gospel.'

"How can I go?" says I; 'Oh Lord, I cannot speak, for I am a child.'

"Do you not know the disease?"

"O yes, Lord, I do," says I.

"And do you not know the cure?"

"Indeed I do; glory be to Thy holy name!" says I.

"Go, then, and tell them these two things—the disease and the cure. All the rest is nothing but talk."