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## Troubles We Never Have.

The youth that lies so far away,  
That seemed to end so long ago,  
Might still be sweetly claimed to-day

By many a man whose step is slow,  
If, somehow, he might borrow back  
The days his foolish fears made sad,  
The days through which he sighed,  
"Alack!"

O'er trouble that he never had.

As careless prodigals we waste

The years through which youth blithely  
skips,

And many a bitter dose we taste

That never comes to touch our lips.

Before our time we droop and die,

And leave the scenes that were so sad,

Despoiled and fooled and broken by

The troubles we have never had.

—S. E. Kiser, in *Chicago Herald*.

## A High Place.—

The venerable Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler made an address before a Methodist Conference in which he said: "Bear this in mind, that no presidential chair, no emperor's throne, was ever yet built high enough to be within ten leagues of the pulpit in which the fearless preacher stands winning immortal souls to Jesus Christ."

## A Great Battle.—

The educational struggle in England still goes on. About twenty thousand summonses to passive resisters have been issued, to which many more are being added, says Rev. John Clifford, D.D., who is president of the Passive Resistance League of England and Wales. But the cry comes up from all over the land, "No compromise." Dr. Clifford thinks "the fight will be long and the needs great."

## Chief Hope of the Church.—

The address of the Bishops of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has this reference to the Sunday-school: "The chief hope of the Church and of the world's evangelization is in the children. Their dedication to God by pious parents in their infancy and even before their birth, the training of myriads of them, born in irreligious homes, by the Sunday-school; the pre-occupation of their earliest thoughts with verses of Scripture and religious hymns; their early conversion and wise instruction in sensible, practical piety, so that "as plants grown up in their youth," they may come naturally into full membership in the Church—this is the vastest, richest harvest field to which the Church is summoned, and the harvests are ever ready for the sickle. But the Sunday-

school has a wider scope; its work is not confined to children. It is the fit and effective training-school for young people and adults in Biblical knowledge and in Christian doctrine and practice."

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**Value of Education.**—During the anniversary of the Educational Society at the recent session of the New York Conference, Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, said: "I would send a son of mine to college if he was going to drive a humble mule through the streets behind a coal cart, because I would want to have as much distance as possible between my son and that mule. The bare chance that there may be one great inventor in a whole century pays the bill of every university, every college, and every seminary from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Northern snows to the Southern palms"

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**Stuck to his Post.**—"Faithful unto death" might well be the epitaph of Engineer Andrew Fagely, who lost his life in a head-on collision on the Pennsylvania Railroad recently, near Pottstown, Pa. Fagely was running at high speed a passenger train, which ran into a coal train which had crossed to the main track. He stuck to his engine, and was instantly killed. He had boasted for years that he would never desert the throttle of his engine under any circumstances. For thirty-six years he had escaped an accident. When the test came, he kept his word. Society always has need of the man who can stand a test.

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**In a Class by Itself.**—The *Chicago Record-Herald*, after its correspondent had carefully inspected the World's Fair grounds, buildings, and exhibits at St. Louis, says editorially: "As a matter of fact, with respect to magnitude, artistic arrangement, beauty, and grandeur of buildings, landscape effects, natural scenery, general artistic effect, and the many other things which go to make up a great fair, the St. Louis Exposition is in a class by itself. This is not eulogium but cold fact, which the exposition management is entitled to have the public know." This, coming from Chicago, where the memory of the magnificent Columbian Exposition still lingers as a justifiable pride, is high praise.

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**Salvation and Sanitation.**—Bishop Potter, addressing recently some candidates for ordination, told of a visit he once made to an Italian tenement. In an old woman's room he saw, between the pictures of the Virgin and the Crucifixion,

a portrait of Colonel Waring, the late street cleaning commissioner of New York. The Bishop asked the woman if she prayed to Colonel Waring, "No," she replied, "but every time I pray to God I think Him for the man who made the streets clean and safe for my children!" It is an important part of the mission of every true minister to make the world, so far as possible, hygienically as well as morally "clean and safe" for the multitudes about him. Cleanliness is next to godliness, which means that it ought to accompany it. Salvation and sanitation have an affinity the one for the other.

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**See Jerusalem.**—Whatever visitors to the World's Fair at St. Louis may miss they should certainly plan to visit the representation of Jerusalem. This is not a panorama or cyclorama but an actual city built outdoors, ~~of~~ roof and staff; and it is no toy city, but is of actual size so far as the area that is being rebuilt goes. This reproduction of Jerusalem occupies over eleven acres of land. It includes practically all the features of the Holy City which are of interest to the Bible student. Nothing will be lacking in "The New Jerusalem," to show life in the modern city of the Great King as it really is—with Moslem and Jew and Christian dwelling in separate quarters or mingling together in the curious and quaint marts of trade. About one thousand inhabitants of Jerusalem have been brought to St. Louis, to take up their residence during the seven months of the exposition inside this eleven-acre walled city.

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**By Every Tongue.**—The *St. Louis Christian Advocate* says that a sensation was caused in a Protestant church in that city a few Sundays ago by the entrance of a party of Hairy Ainus, the aborigines of Japan, a number of whom are now on the World's Fair grounds in this city as a part of the ethnological display of strange peoples. They were on their arrival supposed to be pagans and of course no attempt was made to provide for their religious wants. To the astonishment of the managers on the first Sunday after their arrival, they informed the gentleman in charge of them that they were Christian people and asked to be directed to a Protestant church. A guide and transportation were furnished them and when they entered the church they surprised the congregation by reverently kneeling, saying their prayers, then taking seats and waiting quietly for the services to begin. They set an example that might well be followed by many thousands of the citizens of St. Louis.