

ing cry of God to his backsliding people! If they could only realize how he longs for them they would rush to his arms and find the unspeakable "bliss of full salvation there."

THE WAY THEY DOCTOR PEOPLE IN INDIA.

A lady physician in Bombay was 'called in great haste to see a Mohammedan woman, who was supposed to be dying. The lady, being convinced that the patient's illness must have continued several days, asked the family friends why she had not been called in earlier. They replied that they wished to send for her a week before, but the woman insisted upon calling in one of their own hakims (doctors) instead. They said that the hakim came, wrote a text from the Koran Arabic, and told the patient to soak the slip of paper, on which the text was written, in a glass of water, and to drink the water for a few days, when she would be quite well. The poor woman followed his directions carefully, and drank the water for several days, when she became so very ill, the family were alarmed, and sent for the doctor.

Fortunately it was not too late, and the woman recovered, perhaps to trust to the same foolish remedy at her next attack. The natives of India have numberless superstitions in regard to diseases. If they are suffering from rheumatism, they tie a peacock's feather around the leg to cure it. If they have fever, they brand the chest and stomach with a hot iron. Little children are often seen with wide deep burns, six or eight inches long, which their parents have made to cure them of disease.

If a man's bullock is lame, he ties a red rag around its horn, and will declare most positively that it will cure the lameness, if only it is allowed to remain. When a horse is eating its grain, the keeper spreads a towel over its back to make the grain digest properly, and will insist upon it that the horse will die if the towel is removed.—*N. F. S.*

HOME POLITENESS.

A boy who is polite to his father and mother is likely to be polite to every one else. A boy lacking politeness to his parents may have the semblance of courtesy in society, but is never truly polite in spirit, and is in danger as he becomes

familiar, of betraying his real want of courtesy. We are all in danger of living too much for the outside world, the impression which we make in society, not coveting the good opinions of those who are in a sense a part of themselves, and who continue to sustain and be interested in us notwithstanding these defects of deportment and character. We say to every boy and girl, cultivate habits of courtesy and propriety at home—in the sitting room and kitchen as well as the parlor—and you will be sure in other places to deport yourself in a becoming and attractive manner. When one has a pleasant smile and graceful demeanor, it is a satisfaction to know that these are not put on, but that they belong to the character, and are manifest at all times and under all circumstances.—*Sel.*

ALFRED'S THREE PRAYERS.

'Mamma,' said Alfred one night, as he was going to bed, 'I prayed three prayers, and the Lord has answered two of them. Do you think He'll answer the other?'

'I think He will, my dear; but tell me about these prayers. What were they?'

'One was that he would make you well, and you are not sick any more. Another was that He would make papa more kind; and he has been more kind lately, hasn't he?'

'Yes dear. Now what was the third?'

'I prayed that God would keep us children from quarrelling, but he hasn't answered that yet, for Daisy and I quarrelled dreadfully to-day.'

'Ah, my son, you will have to help the Lord to answer that.'

'Help the Lord, mamma? Can't He do everything?'

'He won't make you good against your will. If you choose to be a naughty boy, God will be sorry for you; but you will be naughty still. But if you earnestly wish to be a good boy, and when Satan tempts you to quarrel, if you turn right to God for strength to resist him, and then fight like a good little soldier to keep down the naughty temper, then God will give you the victory. But He won't do the work for you.'

'O I didn't understand,' said the little boy.

'Yes my dear,' continued mamma, 'you have something to do yourself, when you pray such a prayer, to help God to answer it. You must watch and pray, and fight against temptation; and