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O. E. D. PENNYCUICK.

Postmaster-General's Office Colombo, Mar. 22nd, 1897.

Postmaster-General and Director of Telegraphs.

NOTICE.

WESLEYAN MISSION GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, JAFFNA.

The above School will reopen on May 5th 1897. An admission Examination for new girls will be held on that day commencing at 10 a. m. All girls wishing to join the Boarding School should be present at this examination.

GEORGE J. TRIMMER,
Manager.

NOTICE.

ENGLISH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS WESLEYAN MISSION, JAFFNA.

An English School for girls will be opened, on May 5th 1897. The instruction given will comprise all the subjects usually taught in English schools up to the Cambridge Local class, together with needle work. Drawing and music (piano or organ) will be taught as extra subjects.

For information as to fees &c. apply to
GEORGE J. TRIMMER,
Manager.

Local & General.

Weather. What wind there has been blown from the south. We have had a good many cloudy days the past fortnight and several showers of rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning. It looks as if the "little monsoon" had come.

Jaffna News. Our Jaffna Correspondent was taking to himself a wife and so several items of intelligence did not find a place in our last number. We crave the indulgence of our readers, while most heartily congratulate our Correspondent on his marriage. May he and his wife be spared for many years of happiness and usefulness.

Magazine of Chuliparam English Institution. The first number of this little magazine has reached us, and is very creditable to the institution. A very good likeness of S. Kanagaratna Modr. or Mr. S. Mc Instry as he is known by many, is inserted as a frontispiece. He was the Founder of the school, and took great interest in it. The annual report of the present Principal, Mr. J. W. Small, is given in full; also a report of the prize giving with a list of the successful prize winners, and sundry notes of interest, especially to those who have been or are connected with the institution.

Death of Mrs. Woodhouse. The death of the wife of our Asst. Govt. Agent was a mysterious and sad event. Her married life covered less than a year, and her removal would seem untimely. Did we not know that the Heavenly Father never makes a mistake. We extend to the bereaved husband and sorrowing friends our sincere sympathy.

Calcutta Entrance Examination. The results of this examination as far as heard from show that from Jaffna College one has passed in the first class, nine in the second and six in the third.

Personal. Mr. Arunasalem, son-in-law of Mr. J. P. Cooke, has been visiting his friends in Jaffna for a few days. He is now acting District Engineer at Passara in the Uva Province. Mr. Advocate Nugalingam is still suffering from ill health. He has removed to Vannarapone for a change. Mr. T. H. Crossette, Headmaster of the High School in Ahmednagar, and Mr. V. Modelair Stevenson, instructor in Pasmalangi College, Madras, are home for the Easter holidays.

Boarding Schools. These institutions are opening again after the Easter holidays. Telipally Training, on the 15th. Oodoville Girls on the 20th, and Ududipudi Girls school two days later, Nellore, Vempadi and Pt. Pedro Girls Boarding schools all commence this week or next. Jaffna College opens on Monday.

Mr. Hugh Neville C. C. S. This gentleman so well known in the island left some weeks ago in ill health, and died in France. He was for thirty years in service in the island.

Diamond Jubilee. The Tamils of Ceylon are to be represented on this interesting occasion by Mr. Ramnathan C. M. G. and Advocate Senathiraja.

New Proctors. Among the names of those who took their oaths as Proctors before Justice Withers we notice that of Mr. K. Sivapirakasam, a nephew of C. W. Cadravelupilly Esq. Magistrate. This young man received his Collegiate education at Batticoota.

Chief Justice. His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Hon. A. C. Lawrie to act as Chief Justice of the island during the absence of Sir John Bonser.

Paddy. The price of paddy remains high, though

it is said that after a fortnight the price will probably fall. Other food stuffs are also dear. The plague in Bombay is made the excuse for putting up prices, whether justly or not we leave it for others to decide.

City College Colombo. We congratulate this institution in having passed three out of the four candidates which went in for the Calcutta Entrance. Two of these were in the 2nd Division and one in the 3rd.

Inspectors of Coaches. Messrs. J. Ludovici and G. W. Woodhouse have been appointed as Inspectors of coaches for the Jaffna-Anuradhapura section, Messrs. P. C. Leenbruggen and G. W. Woodhouse for the Jaffna-Kankasanturai section, and Messrs. Martinsz and G. W. Woodhouse for the Jaffna-Point Pedro section.

Sale of Unclaimed Property. A long list of unclaimed and confiscated property, lying in the Police Court of Jaffna has been given in the Govt. Gazette of the 23rd inst., and the sale thereof by public auction has been fixed to be held on Saturday the 29th Prox. at 11 a. m.

"AMERICAN CONVERTS."

The following extract from the *New York Independent* is worthy of notice. This paper is the leading religious Newspaper of the United States, and is as good an authority on such a subject as any. On the other hand the *New York World* which was recently quoted as an authority on the other side has for years been notorious as publishing what is sensational without much regard for reliability so that it earned the sobriquet of "the World lying in wickedness." A few weeks ago it was excluded from a prominent Reading Room as being harmful for this reason to the young men and boys gathering there. The extract is as follows: "For the information of our readers in India, we would say that the stories told there of the immense success in this country of Swami Vivekananda, are all nonsense. He has made himself a picturesque figure by his peculiar dress and he amused not a few companies of ladies in our various cities; but so far as we know he has had no converts and has left no influence behind him; and he was not missed when he left us."

In a conversation had with Vivekananda on his recent trip from Madras to Calcutta, he asserted that the Vedas are divine, and the proof of it is that nobody could say what they were written. Afterwards in a private interview he said that what he said before was joking, and that "Religion is not in your Vedas or in our Vedas" and that it consists in "realizations."

CORRESPONDENCE.

To The Editor "Morning Star"

SUGGESTIONS TO OUR NEW GOVT. AGENT N. P.

It is indeed a necessity that a Medical officer must be stationed at Valani East, as the women and children are still suffering with fever and other diseases.

The idea of Government that patients can be taken every day to Xaits for medical aid is not an easy thing as the distance is 5 1/2 miles and the poor people besides cannot afford to pay a Rupee or 75 cents as cart hire.

If the Govt. would refer to the Registrar of deaths in the island he will see a Medical officer stationed there.

Arady Ferry. It is most important that this Ferry must be crossed over with a Causeway or the cheapest way to provide an easy communication to the poor inhabitants would be by driving Mitchells' Patent Piles and running over with Girders and then providing the causeway with a Draw Bridge for Dhonies to pass and re-pass. The Ferry no doubt is centrally situated, and a ferry landing and carters will choose this way as the Chankay, Chinnagum and the Grand Bazzars are so very easy of access.

The former is 3 1/2 miles from the landing place at Arady side the latter is about 5 1/2 or 6 miles and the last and third is only 6 miles. This is a great desideratum, not only to the inhabitants living in the Valani, Pungudivito, Analytve Naynativ, and even to those living in the Island of Delfi, but it would be a great boon, and convenience, to all the land owners at the Island of Valani and Pungudivito.

The Tanks in the Peninsula of Jaffna were constructed some hundreds of years before the Europeans took up their stay in Ceylon.

The Bunds of these tanks in the peninsula and the adjoining Islands, are now by the incessant exposure to heavy rain washed away and the tanks are filled up by the debris and the Bunds of these tanks are now nearly in the same level with the paddy lands.

If Government would undertake to repair these tanks in the peninsula, not only there would be a good and fresh water supply to the wells in the villages, it would be abundant, and the wells would take the part of filtering pools through percolation from these tanks.

If these tanks are put in order another third benefit that could be desired is not only enabling the farmers to irrigate their lands, but the vegetation adjoining these tanks would be vigorous and the evaporation through the hottest part of the year would moisten the atmosphere.

Large irrigation works and expenditure is made yearly in the other provinces of the Island, but in the peninsula and in the adjoining Islands, where there are congested a population of some 250,000 people are not encouraged with any kind of irrigation works and these tanks are left to dilapidate.

A set of men must be employed to take the survey and cross and longitudinal section of these tanks and commence at once such works as seems feasible.

Our new Government Agent Mr. Fisher is well known as the friend of those over whom he rules, hence we take the liberty to suggest these to a wellwisher of the people.

Arady Parrot,

உதயதாரைக.

நீதி இராச்சியத்தாரை உயர்த்தும், பாவமோ எந்தச் சனங்களுக்கும் இகழ்ச்சி.


௫௭ ம் புத்தகம்.]

யாழ்ப்பாணம், தஞ்சை ம் ௨௮ சித்திரை ௨௯௭௨ வியாழக்கிழமை.

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இலங்கைப் புகைக்கப்பற்
கொம்பனி (லிமிற்றேட்)




 இந்தக் கொம்பனியாரின் “லேடி அவலக்”
 என்னுங்கப்பல் வைகாசியர் 4 உ செவ்வாய்க்
 திழ்வையிசுநேரம் 3 மீக்கேசுநேரையிலுங்க
 பதத்தித்தறையலியாக்கொழும்புத்தப்போத்தித்தித்தற
W. MATHER, & SON. Agents.

யா. கி. சம்ரட்சனாசங்கம்.

இதோசுக்கு, உலகளியல் அறிவுக்கூர் வற்றும். நிமி
சிபிசோனுக்குத் தவறாவன ஒர் சரீரே. சக்கர், ஸ்தி
தி அங்கத்தவன் அந்த அங்கத்தவர்கள் மங்கப்போ
அவ்வளவுதான். ஹீரோசுக்குத் துறக்கு அல்லது துடி
நுக்கு தப்போ சிடைக்கச் செய்தல் செச்சுத்திதோசு
கைம், தப்பிப்போ இன்னுதற்பண்ணர் (R. 4, 600.00) ன்
யில். 60000 சோதாசுசெச்சுத்திதோசு (இ. 4, 600.00) ன்
தெரு போதுமையார் அத்திசுத்திப்போ, தெருசோலாய்
படி. நோது சிடைக்கச்செய்துமில் நோயினால் அல்லது
பிறாணைக்காரால் வறும்மில் கீறினது செச்சுத்திதோசு
தெருவெந்த செச்சுத்திதோசுமேகோபயிசுவேவ் தெருவெந்த
யுமான அத்திசுத்தி துறக்கச் செய்யப்படுவது, வறியநீர்
வறாக்கியது உடனே செச்சுத்திதோசு உதவியாய் பிசுவேவ்
பண்ணைத் துறபாய்ச்சுத்திப்போசு பிசுவேவ் ஆக்கச்செய்த
தெருவெந்த, கையிறுந் சில கல் துறபாய்ச்சுத்திதோசு
கைசரிபி. கையிறுந் சில கைகப்பயல்வதும் வறட்டாக்க
கட்டித்தோசு தரிச்சுத்திப்போசு அங்கத்தவன் பிற
ருந்த அநீர்.

விளம்பரம்.

மாணிய்பாய்த்து Dr. C. T. Mills அவ்வது குருகேசர் தெரிநாயமாச்சியார் சவருஞ்செய்யலிப்பது வாதெனில், வந்தருங்கிலிக்குத் தாவலுஞ்செய்யுமோ வலியவதுதான் சண்னத்துப்பயிப்புடன் வளவலுஞ்ச் சிறுத்தப்படியாவதுக்கு வந்தருங்கிலிக்கு இனையலுஞ்சு "செய்யுத்தப்பயிப்பு, அழியகாமும்" என்செய்யுதான் பர, நிலை, இலா, எது, எல்லாவதும் எழுதகாமுச் சிறுத்தருஞ்செய்யுவாணயும் குருகேசர் வந்திலிவிக்கும். நேத்து அழிச்சுச் சிலியோசா, மேருத் தோலுப்பென்ன கைகம்பென்ன போடும்பு-லுமும் சண்னத்துப்பி கைகம்பென்ன செய்யுணவையுப்பினாயும்.

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செனகடுவாறு சித்திரை மீ வ உ.

புத்தக விளம்பரம்.

கூலஞ்சென்ற ஏரியிமா உபாத்தியாயரால் இயற்றப்பட்ட வாசிணப்புத்தகங்கள் விற்பனவுக்காயத்தம். உதய தூரங்கை மனேச்சரிடம் வாங்கவும்.

உதயதாரகை கவுகௌ (ஸ்ரீ) சித்திரை மீ ௨௯ ௨.

மேகதூதக்காரிகை.

இந்த துரிதமாகையிலே வேறவர்கள், சந்திரவாசுத
கமரத்தில் கூறியிருக்கிறதற்குமேற்றாகியவ்வென்றோர்
தீவனாக சரிதரப்பட்டவர்கள் போதும். “மேனாத்தர்” என்
தென்று நுவலும் மேனாத்தியோசும். மாறும் ஒன்றிய வாசிக்குப்
பு. சா. சக வியும் போதகக் கட்டணக் கித்தனாகப்
மாயியப்பாட்டெடுத்திருந்தும், அட்டிசுதீரக் கட்டியவரும்
தேபோதனாக. அருள் சமஸ்தான வித்தவாக சாரிசு
தேவனாகவர்களாக சிந்திரவாசுதர ஆரம்பநாள்மேல்
வாசிசேவாக்கக் திற இவரும் பயப்பத. “மேனாத்தியோசு
தும்மேனாத்தியோசும்” காலநாற்றானு தேவனாகவே
தும். அயிநாத்தவாசுவனவந்தே போகலானது உத்தர சூரித
பாத்திரக்கிட்ட சாரமேல் மெழுகுநீராகவும் ஒத்தவரும்
வந்திரவாசிய சாரமேல் துப்பெழுநெற்றும், மணவிலும்
யும் வித்ததும் கட்டணக்கித்தியோசும், சிந்திரவாசு
வெறியும் வித்தியவாசுக்கே நியமிக்க வந்தவர்க்கே

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மேலதிகதேச சாஸ்திரங்களைக் கற்ற வித்தியாபட்டம் பற்றி அறிந்த பாலன் சுயபாஷை, தனிய லிகச்சொற்படுமே பற்றி அறிந்த பாலன் கவலைத்திறத்திப்பாலன் சிலர் சுத்த பாலனை யுணர்ச்சிப்பற்ற கற்ற மேய்ப்பு பண்டத்திப்போ டத்தித்திறத்திப்பற்ற மேய்ப்பு. ஆயினும், இச்சாஸ்திர, சு, ஊனத்தி, பூச்சிப்பற்ற, குறையுறையிறத்திற் று வாதா கலியைப்பாதுதல் தனியு லியைதல். இச்சித்திரத்திப்பற்றத்தி, தமிய லென்கை லென்கைக்கைதல் எ வ்வாதாப்பாங்கம் கற்றதிறத்திப்பற்ற, ஒற்றைக்கைத்தித்தித் து அப்பிரக்தைத்தித்தி சிறுநிலையுடையுறையிறப்போ பற்றி கற்றதென்கைதல். இக்கோணத்திலுள்ள டு தேசத் தி க்குய கார்த்தாசிர சிவனத்திற், மந்திரக்கோணம், எவ், ஏ, வ, ஏ, வ, டுபுத்தித்தித்தித் தமியு லியைத்தித்தி பண்டத்திப்பற்ற சிவனத் து வாய்மாவா நகைத்திப் பரிசுக்கையெய்துபற்ற மண்டபத்தி இரிக்கையுறையற் தமியு லியைக்கையாப் சீய

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யாழ்ப்பாணம்

காலநிலை. — Weather. — வெப்பம் ஆகோமாயினும் இடைக்கிட காணப்படும் மழையுடனும் வீசக் காற்றும் உக்கிரத்தை ஒதுவாறு தணிக்கின்றன. மேல்த் பனியுஞ் சிறகப் பெய்கின்றது. சிந்தவெள்ளத்தில் மழையும்குமப் பெய்திருக்கின்றது. வானம் மூர்ச் சோமகம் நிலைப்படுத்தியபடிதான் சித்தினைக் கழம்புபாலமிடுவே.

வர்த்தககம்பை.—Trading Company.—ஆன் லுதி தம்பு, பீக்ஸ்கோர்ப்பட் யாழ்ப்பாண வர்த்தககம்பை வுட னகத்தகம்பை சென்ற பத்திரை பதார்த்தகம்பை டுப்தகம்பை வாசிசகம்பை லுலகம்பை அநிகைபத்திரை வர்த்தககம்பைத்தகம்பை மிகவும் துரைபத்திரை கொடுத்த லுலகம்பை சென்றவருத்தகம்பை ஹற்றத்தகம்பை தத்தலு வலமபபணகம்பை கொடுத்தகம்பைத்தகம்பை.

குலுவனம் குரைச்சாணி.—Lady Tywam.—ஹர்த்தகம்பை இபுர்த்தகம்பைகுடகம்பை யாழ்ப்பாண இரானபெருமபு. அநிகையையத்தகம்பை வாழ்வகம்பை யுதவனம் அகம்பை சென்ற பத்திரைத்தகம்பை சனி சகம்பை கத்திரைப்பகம்பை காலுதகம்பை. அகம்பை தத்தலு பிலுத்தகம்பை அவலம் தத்தலு அகம்பை யுதவனம் அகம்பை இகம்பை இகம்பைசகம்பை சென்றபத்திரை தத்தலு பத்திரை பத்திரைத்தகம்பை கம்பை ஹற்ற

நெடுப்பு முட்டப்படுகாற் தண்ணீர்முதலிய எத்தவது
வினாஹம் அலகிப்பாடக்கூடாத ஓர் நூதன வஸ்துவைக்
கண்டுபிடித்திருப்பதாகப் பிலோயிட் என்னுமோர் அமெரி
கத்தகர்திருர். அதுதயுண்டாகத்தும்முறைய மிக் சிலை
பார். ஆயினும் அனேகர் அதனைத் தீயநோக்கத்திற்கா
ய்ப் பாலத்தலைகமுறையாக அங்வகையை வெளிவித்
தரட்டமாட்டீர். நேனா...

THE BIBLE AND MAN'S SPIRIT. [concluded.]

The Bible, as we have seen, not only enables man to recognize his spirit, but also helps him to a clear idea of it. But more than this it is the Bible alone that is able to satisfy that spirit. Spirit needs stimulus for its growth, and by "growth" we mean a development of all its powers, so that it knows itself better, and by this controls itself better. "He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." A spirit by growth also acts more powerfully in every good work, and above all by its wider reach to other spirits and all spiritual objects, it attains to deeper and fuller love, joy and peace. The stimulus and means for this growth is not confined entirely to the Bible, but the Bible furnishes more than can be found elsewhere, and indeed it alone furnishes that which may be considered necessary to its normal growth. Of course union with God is the perfection of man's spirit, but this union is not the absorption into deity that the Hindus tell of, where the rain drop slips into the ocean. This expression of theirs is not mere metaphor or figure of speech, for they teach the absolute oneness of all souls. The union by love taught in the Bible is infinitely higher than this. It is a surrender of self to another—it is unity with diversity. The object of the love must in some sense be other than the one who loves. If the distinction between them is lost, the love is non-existent. But true spiritual union is such that one spirit reacts on the other, and when the love is reciprocated, joy and peace follow, and there is perfect sympathy, so that the feelings of the one are reproduced in the other, and this interchange is described as fellowship or communion.

The Hindus say that God can have no feeling either of pleasure or sorrow. If that were true he cannot be said to love his children, and he does not care when they suffer. He might as well be a stone if he does not feel. It is true that the Hindus ascribe feelings to the lower deities as they call them, the heart of man instinctively expects emotion in deity, but their theory and their philosophy deny it to the supreme deity whom alone we can call God. They say that because he is so lifted up above all events and knows the end from the beginning, and can do what he pleases, he cannot be affected by passing events. But such a God is no God. Sympathy is divine, and the Bible alone reveals the sympathy of God. It is taught in the Old Testament, which says God was grieved at the heart over the wickedness of man, and that in all the affliction of his people he was afflicted. Because men found this idea very difficult to believe it was necessary that God should come as a man and manifest the heart of God to man in many impressive ways. Especially on the cross was the heart of the Father opened to us by the bursting heart of Jesus broken with sympathy with sinful man. It is in this that the Bible satisfies the spirit of man. It not only reveals God who is a spirit more clearly than he could be known otherwise, but it reveals him as loving man with a love of which we may learn more and more through all eternity, and never know perfectly, loving him so that he gave himself for him, loving him so that his heart is grieved and suffers in all man's wickedness and suffering. This sympathy of God does not destroy his eternal blessedness which depends on his character and does not change. So a mother sorrows with her child in all his passing sorrows, and yet this does not destroy her joy in her child. The Bible says that by knowing this love we become filled with all the fullness of God. This fullness is the filling us with love, joy and peace, it is the satisfying our every capacity, not only our capacities as they were, but developing them while satisfying them, so that such a person has a broader, deeper, and yet fuller life than any other. The broadness is in that his heart takes in a vastly greater number of persons, and he holds communion and finds joy with each one, and with God himself he meets him in all his works, and in every event of life. His depth of life is in that his sympathy is not in a few trifling matters of passing importance, but in the deepest thoughts and feelings, those that are of more importance than life itself. The love of God in Christ thus takes in all men. We love them in loving him, we love them because we love him, we love them because they have either actually or potentially his image in them. It is this love to God in Christ and to our fellow-men that develops and satisfies and perfects our spirits. We do not say that this is solely by the Bible. We know our fellow-men and even

love some of them without the Bible, and we must come into direct communion with God, our spirits in intercourse with his spirit; no book or words must come between us.

But though this is true the Bible can help us to this communion in two ways. In the first place there are many things we do not see unless they are pointed out to us. The beautiful harmony of the solar system is before our eyes, but it took many generations of careful study before it was understood. We of ourselves could never have attained to it, but being told the result of these many centuries of observation we can see the beautiful order ourselves. So it is of many things in our spiritual life, being told by the Bible how to find them and how to experience them we are able to find and enjoy them when we would not otherwise. In the second place we know a person not merely by meeting him and conversing with him, but also by knowing what he has done before we met him especially if those deeds revealed his character. We know God by our personal intercourse with him, but we know him much more fully and perfectly by what he did in the person of Jesus Christ, the record of whose life and words and work we have in the Bible. Not only in the life of Jesus Christ do we come to know God, but in all parts of the Bible. The history that is there recorded is different from other history. We are told that the events described happened to the actors in them not chiefly or primarily for their benefit, but for the spiritual benefit of all following generations, to reveal God's will and character and to give spiritual lessons to all who will profit by them. God is in all human history, and we can, if we will look carefully, see his leading in the stories of all nations, but of none of these events of so called profane history can we say that it came about more for our benefit than for those directly engaged. But we can say this of sacred history.

Not only is this the case but we have in the Bible the record of the lives and thoughts of kindred spirits to ourselves, and these are an inspiration and stimulus to our spirits, and in some cases a warning. It is more or less so with the biographies of all good men. But these records are not only of those who received a special revelation from God, but also of those whose lives are specially fitted to teach us because they are selected by the spirit for that purpose. So that in every way all Scripture is profitable for spiritual instruction. By seeing its effects as well as its nature we can well believe that the Holy Spirit of God is in a special sense the author of this book as the writers themselves claim. By this we do not mean that every part is of equal value or that each part is perfect in itself. A man's toe-nail is not of equal importance with his eye, nor is it of itself of any value, but it has its part in the whole, and the man is not perfect without it. So it is with some parts of the Bible. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, in that it was produced by the Holy Spirit, to be applied to man's spirit, and is in all its parts spiritual. Christ prayed for his disciples, "Sanctify them: by thy truth, thy word is truth." Therefore the Bible or Word of God is to sanctify man, but sanctifying is making holy or whole, i.e. perfect. Thus the Bible is indispensable for man's spirit.

Thus far we have not taken much notice of one of the most important facts relating to humanity, and that is the fact of sin. The Hindus say that sin is caused by the union of the spirit with matter, and it will come to an end only by the removal of the cause. But this contradicts the verdict of the common consciousness of mankind which is the most reliable source of knowledge we have, and which asserts that we are responsible for our sin, whereas this theory denies responsibility. The Bible teaching is that sin comes chiefly through temptation by the lower or animal nature, but that the sin consists in the wrong choice by the spirit. When the wrong choice has been made the removal of the source of temptation does not remove the sin. Sin only goes by the reversal of the choice. The Bible says that this reversal or conversion is the work of the divine Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit works by applying the truth and especially by taking the things of Christ and showing them to us.

These things of Christ are found only in the Bible and other truth suitable for the purpose; therefore the Bible is the chief means for conversion, or regeneration, as well as for sanctification. We cannot say that the Bible is the only means used by the Holy Spirit, but it is the principal one and the most effective. Paul says to Timo-

thy that the Scriptures are able to make him wise unto salvation. James says we are begotten with the word of truth. Peter says we are born again by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. The method by which Scripture works we have already considered, as it is similar in converting to what it is in sanctifying or perfecting. It is the work of the Bible on the spirit of man. Experience as well as the Bible teaches us that all men are sinners and need this change of the spirit's choice, or they cannot experience joy and peace, or attain to perfection. Therefore conversion or regeneration is the most important event in any man's life, and the importance of the influence of the Bible on man's spirit to bring about this change is clearly seen. Moreover both experience and the Bible teach that man's spirit is of such a nature that when this choice for evil is confirmed as it is sure to be in time if it is not reversed, it can never after be changed by any power or influence, and since, as we have seen, the spirit must exist forever and while its choice is for evil it cannot but suffer misery, therefore the importance of securing this change before the evil choice is confirmed is infinitely great, and the value of God's Word the Bible for man's spirit is placed in the strongest light.

In addition to all we have considered, the Bible is full of counsel and exhortation, as well as inspiring songs and rich promises, all of which are intended and adapted to aid in the saving, developing and perfecting of man's spirit. And on the whole we may say that the importance of the Bible for man's spirit which is the most important part of man, is beyond calculation.

DEATH OF LADY TWYNAM.

Jaffna has been called upon to mourn the loss of one who has been for years living in its midst, greatly respected and beloved. In the death of Lady Twynam we have lost one who has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the people, especially the poorer people, of our peninsula. It is rare that we find a civilian living all his life among the people over whom he has been called to administer the affairs of government. Sir William has seen over 50 years of service during most of which time his lady has shared with him his joys and sorrows. She had been feeling poorly for some days but on the morning of Saturday the 19th seemed much better. A few hours later she became rapidly worse and passed away almost instantly. Heart failure was the verdict of the Doctor.

Sir William had gone to Colombo for a holiday, but was wired to at once and arrived in Jaffna the following evening. Even their son living at Pallai did not reach his mother's bedside before she passed away, so sudden was the summons. The funeral took place on Monday morning at 7 o'clock and was largely attended. Rev. J. Carter officiated, and was assisted by the Revs. Rackens, Handy and Champion.

Lady Twynam will always be remembered for her great kindness of heart and her genial disposition. She showed herself friendly with all and was ever active and foremost in every good cause. She took a deep interest in mission work and was often called upon to take part in some special function. We shall miss her face in Jaffna though we know that it is well with her, and that while her friends mourn her loss, she is rejoicing in the presence of the blessed Redeemer. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the sorrowing friends.

FOREIGN NEWS

Turkey and Greece. Turkey after whining like a sick puppy about the encroachments of Greece has at last declared war. Greece has accepted the challenge. Germany has volunteered to protect Turkish subjects in Greece, and France has offered her protection to the Greeks in Turkey. It is thought that Russia is inciting Turkey to war. Meanwhile, skirmishes are daily taking place on the border of Greece, with advantage first to one side, and then again to the other. Mr. Gladstone has written a letter which has been translated into German and Russian in which he arraigns the two Emperors for their weak, arbitrary policy, and prophesies that liberty loving England will not be slow to act when the occasion demands. The dissolution of Parliament and the forming of a new ministry are events anticipated by many.

Later: Severe fighting commenced on the 16th inst., and has been kept up to the 22nd. Thousands of troops have been engaged and as might have been expected the Turks are generally successful. They have superior numbers and are better off for artillery. It is said also that they maintain a stolid and steady bearing while the Greeks are enthusiastic. All the Greek police have been ordered to reinforce the army in the field. The Greek Squadron has bombarded two or three places on the Gulf of Salonica. Losses on both sides have been heavy. Russia has sent a circular note to the Powers advising an expectant attitude until one of the combatants requests them to intervene and meanwhile to maintain the blockade of Crete. England has objected to some points in the Circular though the other Powers have agreed to it.

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