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புதிய மருத்தங்கள்

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1900.

The closing year of the century has been an eventful one. Every year as it comes and goes, brings its surprises and makes its history, and the year 1900 has been no exception to the rule. A year ago no one would have been rash enough to foretell the events that took place in China six months later, yet now they have transpired we only wonder that they were not foretold. China has started the world with its Boxer uprising, and the end is not yet. In June came the first riots followed by dreadful massacres all over the north of China. Nearly 300 missionaries have lost their lives, and thousands of native Christians. Troops from England, Germany, Russia, France, Italy, Japan and America have been hurried to the scene of disturbance, and after many days Peking was entered and the foreigners rescued. When the year closed negotiations were going on between the European Powers, America, and Japan on the one side, and the Chinese authorities on the other, and it is expected that a satisfactory agreement will be reached. But China is a strong nation in spite of its apparent apathy, and needs but to be thoroughly aroused to put forth its strength and crush the foreigners on its soil. There is great need of statesmanship in dealing with the Celestial Empire, and we hope no blunder will be committed.

In South Africa the tide turned early in the year, and success has steadily attended the British arms. Cronje and a large force of Boers were captured in March. Ladysmith and Kimberly were relieved soon after, followed in May by the raising of the siege of Mafeking. Lord Roberts has won for himself a name that will live in the memories of the English people. Johannesburg and Pretoria were soon occupied and the Transvaal annexed as British territory. The latter months of the year have seen slight reversals, and guerrilla warfare still continues, but the war is practically over. It may be some time, however, before peace is finally restored and the people are able to resume their daily occupations.

In India we have had such a famine as has not been known before in the memory of the oldest inhabitant of that vast empire. Thousands have perished, and though rains have fallen it will be years before all traces of this sore affliction will have disappeared. God's hand has been heavy upon India, the past few years and she will do well to take heed to the warnings. Considerable over Rs. 12000 was raised in our province alone for the relief of the famine stricken, and Ceylon sent a much larger sum. Shiploads of grain and largesums of money have been attested to the deep sympathy felt for the suffering, by Christian England and America, while even the nations of Europe have contributed to the relief of the famine.

Minor disasters have occurred in other parts of the world. A great fire in one of Canada's principal cities, and a cyclone and tidal wave in Texas U. S. A., destroyed hundreds of lives, and wrecked property to the amount of hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling. The assassination of King Humbert of Italy, one of the best rulers that Italy has had in modern times, was a dastardly act which horrified the civilized world. America and England have had important elections, and in both countries the government was sustained and an era of prosperity assured to these two great Christian nations. This in brief is the history of the world for the year just closed.

Turning to our own island we note but few events worthy to be chronicled. Two earthquakes have visited Ceylon during the year one in February and one in September, both very slight and doing no damage. Early in the year a Ceylon Contingent of Mounted Infantry was formed and sent to South Africa. In May an encampment was started at Divatalawa and in August the first instalment of Boer prisoners of war arrived in the island followed by several others until we have now over 4000 prisoners in our midst. The Northern railway has made substantial progress and materials sufficient for the construction of the road from Kangesanturai to Elephant Pass have been landed. The untimely death of the chief engineer, Mr. White, by snake bite cast a gloom over the whole community. A new line of steamers plying between Colombo and South India and Jaffna was started early in the year, but has not had very great success.

Death has been busy in Jaffna and removed many prominent men among whom we may mention, A. I. Inukunatha Mudr. Maniagar of Vallegannam West, Dr. Paul, Advocate Allaga-

koon Postmaster Arthur Edwards, Mr. Hallock Mudr. and Proctor Carpenter.

In mission circles we have welcomed to the work Rev and Mrs. J. Thompson in the Church mission, and Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Dickson in the American mission. Nor must we forget to mention the visit of Miss E. Swift of the Madura mission, in July through whose labors a great impetus was given to the work of the Bible women.

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH W. ARMSTRONG.

We regret to record the death of Mr Joseph W. Armstrong at Udavil, Jaffna, on the afternoon of Friday the 21st of December 1900 after a very slight illness. The end came rather suddenly. He was born in Jaffna May 1838, received his education in the American Seminary at Batticotta, Jaffna, and afterwards went to Madras and joined the then Govt. Normal School and after completing his course there, qualified himself as trained teacher. After holding the post of teacher in various Govt. Schools in the Madras Presidency, he was appointed Deputy Inspector of schools, which post he held for close upon 25 years. He retired on pension at the close of the year 1883 and returned to Jaffna to spend the evening of his life in the midst of his large circle of relations. His name is well known and respected even to this day in the Tinnevely district where he had spent the best part of his active life, where the leading lawyers, Govt. Officials, teachers and other men of light and learning at the present time must have passed through his hands as pupils in the schools under his inspection. He was jovial and very social by nature with a heart that wept with those that wept and rejoiced with those that rejoiced. He was generous even to a fault. He was married but leaves behind no offspring. Two of his brothers Rev. Champion and Rev. Rice are pastors, the first under the C. M. S. Church at Jaffna and the second under the American Mission at Batticotta, Jaffna. One of his nephews Mr. L. C. Williams is now Inspector of schools at Madras. He was a member of the American church at Udavil and was buried in the New Cemetery at Udavil. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. S. Eliyatamby, pastor of the Udavil Church. He leaves behind a widow and a large circle of relations to bewail his loss.

THE LATE MRS. G. CHAMPION.

Mary Anne the beloved wife of Rev. G. Champion pastor of the C. M. S. St. John's Church Chundicutty, died at her residence on the night of the 31st December 1900 at eleven o'clock. She was born on the 8th of January 1832, was educated both in the Udavil and Nellore Boarding Schools and married Rev. Mr. Champion on the 7th of June 1848. Rev. and Mrs. Champion celebrated their golden wedding on the 7th of June 1898. Mrs. Champion was a great helper in the Christian work carried on by her husband and was always found by his side in all the visits that they paid to the sick and the afflicted. Her whole life has been a noble chronicle of charity and Christian self sacrifice. In every part of Jaffna where her husband was pastor, she was loved and esteemed as a mother not only by Christians but also by her Hindu neighbours among whom they lived and worked. It may be truly said of her "Many daughters have done valiantly but thou excellest them all."

It is no doubt sad to think of the separation after nearly 53 years of wedded life, to think that a faithful co-worker and help mate who by unblemished unswerving devotion to the work of the Master had contributed to the usefulness of the church of Christ in Jaffna, has passed away from her husband who in his old age is left to do the work single handed. But she now rests in peace with her maker. Two of her sons Mr. S. J. Champion and Mr. P. J. Champion pre-deceased her. The first was a proctor in the District Court of Jaffna. She leaves behind three daughters and one son and a large number of grand-children to bewail her loss.

The funeral took place on the first of January 1901 at 4 p.m. the service being conducted by Rev. J. Thompson assisted by Revs. Daniels and Moore, and she was buried in St. John's Burial ground at Chundicutty.

Chas. Champion

EIGHT SHORT RULES FOR CHRISTIANS

[The late Dr. Hastings when alive had the following eight short rules for Christians printed and distributed among the Christians.]

1. Never neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray remember that God is present, and that he hears your prayers. Heb. 11: 6
2. Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what he says. John 5: 39.
3. Keep the sabbath holy. Never fail to attend public worship if possible. If not, keep the day holy at your home by reading the Bible and prayer. Lev. 19: 30. Is. 56: 2, 58: 13, 14.

(Back sliding usually begins with neglect of these three rules.)

4. Never profess to ask God for anything you do not want. Tell him the truth about yourself however bad it makes you; and then ask him for Christ's sake to forgive you what you are, and to make you what you ought to be. John 4: 24.

5. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done

for you and then ask yourself, What have I done to-day for him? Matt. 5: 13, 16.

6. If you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it. Col. 3: 17. If you cannot do this it is wrong. Rom. 14: 23.

7. Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that because such and such people do so and so therefore you may. 2 Cor. 10: 12. You are to ask yourself How would Christ act in my place? and strive to follow him. John 10: 27.

8. Never believe what you feel if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself, Can what I feel be true if God's Word is true? and if both cannot be true, believe God and make your own heart the liar. Rom. 3: 4. 1 John 5: 10, 11.

A CHINESE WEDDING.

AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM MISS T. BROWN.
Keechow, Nov. 29th, 1900.

A few days ago a party of us went out into the country some fifteen miles to attend the wedding of Miss Bannett. She had prepared a foreign dinner for us—five courses, no less. Mr. Walker married them. Pauline is not a Christian and the girl is a raw heathen, as Dr. and Miss Bennett lent the money to pay for the bride, the cook's parents consented to a Christian wedding. The bride had been sitting in the wedding chair nearly all morning without even a crack to breathe through, so before we had dinner we insisted that the ceremony should be performed. The chair was the regulation wedding chair—very heavily decorated with red and gilt and all sorts of embroidered figures. It is very gay indeed but the bride is to be pitied for sometimes she sits in there for hours without any air. The custom is to have the bride led by a neighbor from the chair to the altar amid the beating of drums. But this bride and groom stood upon a red blanket, the attendant holding the bride's hand and answering for her when it came to the "Love, honor and obey" part.

The cook is a general in his way. He had his eye on every thing. Nothing was there that ought not to be there. Consequently he found occasion several times to chase the dog away (which persisted in coming to the bridal party to see what was going on). This helped to make the ceremony very oppressive. A bunch of fire-crackers always ends the ceremony.

At the dinner we had a real wedding cake. The cook had bought it at the Settlement and fixed up in fancy style. The bride of course did not appear at the table so the bride-groom did the act of cutting the cake. After the ceremony we went into the bride's chamber where she sat with her attendant all alone and not in the feast and the company. At this point the groom served tea and dry melons as one of their favorite dishes. We tried to enter into conversation with the bride but she was too frightened to answer.

The natives had a real feast after we left. On one way home we met people going to it. Every one was carrying something to give to the newly married pair. On such occasions every one is supposed to pay for his dinner. We each paid a dollar. Others brought ducks, chickens, vegetables, rice etc.

The cook and his wife came back today. We are all interested in Dr. and Miss Bennett's venture. It is a risky paying so much money for one of whom you are not quite sure.

[Note. In China the man must buy his wife. In Jaffna the woman must buy her husband. G. G. B.]

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS.

[We take the following lines written by Margaret Sanger, sister of one of the recent American papers. Ed. Star.]

Wars and rumors of wars,
smoke, and riot and flame,
But our God is high in the heavens,
and the Prince of Peace is His Name.

Wars and rumors of wars;
the nations like wolves at bay,
Growling, and prowling, and snarling
till their battles are set in array.

The heathen swarm to the conflict;
they storm with fire and sword,
And hold their grim defiance,
utter and brave, at the Lord.

Alas, for the heathen peoples
who know not what they do,
Who must eat the bread of abasement,
and drink of the cup they brew.

Wo for the homes uncounted
where sorrow and squalor meet,
Where the women wait and listen
for unreturning feet.

Gog and Magog are loose;
rapine is in their track;
But the Lord who holds them in leash,
can call their cohorts back.

His saints are safe in the terror,
whatever their sin shall be,
Our Lord for His own is mighty;
they are safe on land and sea.

The great world navies hasten,
the great world armies rise,
But One is serene above them,
the Lord of the earth and skies.

Out of the fury and tempest,
out of the whirl and the rush,
A still small voice shall say
there shall follow a brooding hush.

And God shall bring His purpose
to blossom and fruit in time,
His purpose that marches onward
to His hour of grace sublime.

Wars and rumors of wars,
till the Master bid them cease,
For our God is King in the Heavens,
and His Name is the Prince of Peace.

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