

Sunday Reading.

The Safety of God's Saints.

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Ah, why should mortals wrong Thee, Lord, And doubt Thy word and Thee, As though a great God like Thyself Could false or changeable be? Are not Thy counsels fixed and sure To all eternity? In Thee alone our spirits rest: If thou couldst fail no soul were lost.

Nehushtan.

BY REV. T. R. STEVENSON.

'And brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan' (2 Kings xviii. 4). God brings good out of evil. No flower is more fragrant and lovely than the rose, yet it often grows on the thorny briar. It is not otherwise with our human experience; the cross secures the crown, pain and sorrow develop purity and sympathy.

of a good or a bad harvest—garners well filled or granaries half empty. A third is an artist, and he detects in them exquisite tints and forms of a heavenly beauty. To quote from Goethe:—'The musician hears every instrument in the orchestra, and every tone in each-whilst the unlearned ear perceives only the mass of sound. So, also, an ignorant man will see nothing but the agreeable surface of a green or flowery meadow, where the observant botanist will be struck with the vast variety of grasses and other plants.'

Correspondence.

The Act of Baptism.

IS BAPTISM A POURING OUT?

On the other occasion alluded to in my last letter, the speaker attempted to show that God had himself defined the meaning of "baptizein" by describing the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a "pouring out," or a "sprinkling," an act whose fitting and only symbol was baptism. Baptism, therefore, it was triumphantly asserted, can only be properly performed by sprinkling or pouring; otherwise we had no type of the action of the Holy Spirit in the soul.

your reasonable service." Your money, of which you are God's stewards shall be now devoted to a noble service. What cries are heard from far distant lands, "Come over and help us." Cannot you go? Well, there are men willing to go, but there is no money to send them. Home Missions are crying out for help. Poor, destitute fields where a great and, with God's blessing, a rich work can be done for Him. No funds to supply the need. The great North-West needs many men, but how can men go without being paid?

the mail steamer for Rangoon. The voyage was a real delight. The steamer comfortable and well found in every respect; the sea as calm and peaceful as could be desired. Rangoon River was entered early Tuesday morning, and at noon we were up to the city. The last mile or so being tedious, as on account of the great number of vessels in port steamers are required to turn round and come up backwards. If a collision is feared they can drop anchor or move forwards on short notice. We found a hearty welcome at the pleasant home of Dr. Smith, with whom his father-in-law, Dr. Stevens also resides, and where order, harmony, and Christian cheerfulness so reigns that to enjoy their hospitality is a benediction.

a wedding in the chapel of the Theological Seminary. The happy couple were Telugu Christians, Jeremiah and Elizabeth. Dr. Stevens performed the ceremony. The bridegroom had formerly been a servant to Dr. S., and some of us thought the good doctor forgot for a moment the new relation existing for the time being, for he began a brief address by, "Now, Jerry." The service completed, we were favored with several songs in Telugu, and at the same time plentifully sprinkled with Florida water and a rose handed to each one present. Cake and lime juice were passed round and the company dispersed.

God and Natural Laws.

I will endeavour to explain as clearly as I can what Joseph Cook means when he says that natural laws are He. Mr. Cook has again and again repeated in this course of lectures that natural laws are simply the methods of the working of God. In themselves they are nothing, no power, no substance, no life, no real being.

From Burma.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH.

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Seldom get the opportunity to visit their brethren at other stations, or more properly, take the opportunity, for they are not required to ask leave of absence from any one, and travelling is almost as easy and comfortable as in America. The great amount of work always on hand, the anxiety lest something might go astray during their absence, however, fasten them to their respective stations year after year, till shattered health sometimes necessitates a long and expensive voyage.

Reflections.

MR. EDITOR.—Dear Sir,—What a work has been done within the pale of the Central Association! And shall there be this year such an increased amount paid from grateful souls, brimming over with deep gratitude to the great and loving Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Son of Righteousness? Some one asks, amount paid? Amount of what? Amount of everything. "Your bodies offered a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is