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There Is A City.

There is a city great and strong, Twelve gates of precious stones, With turrets and high battlements, Not needing light of suns ; The streets aglow with fire of go'd. It hath no sound of strife; In glory all its own it stands Beside the stream of life.

A joy is there that knows no cry, A light that ne'er grows dim; A multitude that never cease From grateful praise and hymn. So all the sainted sons of earth, And angels there I view; And there; O vision glorious. There standeth Jesus, too.

Jesus, I know 'tis He ; I see The mark of nail and spear, And on His face I catch the trace Of earth-time smile and tear ; But on His brow a crown shines now And bending hosts adore ! "Tis He, 'tis He who on the tree The thorn crown meekly wore !

O wondrous fair Jerusalem, Shall I thy gates pass through? Thy jubilations surely join, Thy lordly splendors view ? O Crucified, O Glorified. Shall I Thy face behold, And join thy ransomed as they sing Along the streets of gold?

O crowns and thorzes and sapphires, Ye glisten in the light ! Ye cannot flash too far your joy. Ye cannot blaze too bright; And some day God shall bid me dwell Where the great visions shine ; The sight of the Lord and all He is Shall be the world's and mine. -Rev. Denis Wortman, D. D., in Reliques of the Christ.

How a Chine se Christian Kept the Faith

BY THEODORA MARSHALL INGLIS

Old Wen Hua lives in the city of

calendar, which he pasted up just atonement, eternal election, who friends, relations, and acquaintances could expound all the deep things of the district. outside his shop door.

In December a body of troops of God, loved to soar amid the etermarched toward the city, and nal purposes, but did little else. No class there is an American organ or camped on its outskirts. The fol matter how active and earnest and serophane, and the girls are gener lowing incident, illustrating Wen effective a fellow-brother might be, ally able to play simple tune and Hua's trust in God and courage to except he be squared up on all these accompany songs and hymns. The do right, is best told in his own doctrines, he is not a worthy Chris- four girls above mentioned surp s d simple words, as he related his ex- tian D n't be a deacon like that. us that evening by singing the periences to a member of our Presbyterian mission in Pekin.

The soldiers were just outside the thing in a rosy light. Everything in preference to Datch songs As city. They hate all foreigners and goes with them. Nobody does only one seemed able to sterk foreign teaching, especially the wrong, nothing is working at a dis- English, we were surprised to h ar Jesus doctrine. On Saturday night advantage, failure is a thing the others join in the choruses. The an old friend of mine came to call unknown to them. Whereas, we daughter of the house is slwave the upon me. He said: Take down know that everything is not going, one to bring the customary cup of your calendar. The soldiers will be right, we know there is much that coffee to the visitors. in the city scon. They will tear is wrong, whereas we deceive our-

you in pieces if they see that paper selves and stultify our brethren. with foreign teaching on it. They Don't be an optimistic deacon. will burn your shop down.

will tear down the paper which see good in the church. I think of ignorance is sometimes surprising. tells me when worship day comes? one especially often declared that One old Dutch frau quite th ught Without it I cannot know the sight the churches were filled with unre- that there were Kaffirs or black day to give to the Lord

he said, and open your shop to-mor- words could not be depended upon, could get any work done with not row. If you don't they will force their Christian character was not servants at command. Many of you to do it, and to sill them gar- thorough. One such deacon called them have a blissful belief that

you think we Christians serve our which he was a member, and to ask their French antecedents, and one God one day, and fear of the sol my advice as to whether he had not lady emphatically stated the worth

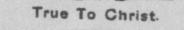
with my speech. The next morning, j him. But then he told me he fore however, he came running to my saw a crisis in the church of which to the apparent credulity of the place, crying : Hurry, hurry ! Tear he was a member, and thought it listener.-British Weekly. that paper down ! There are two his duty to stay until the crisis ocsoldiers coming to your shop !

curred. Just why he wished to be I said. No, not if they kill me. in at the crisis, I do not know, but Just then the soldiers r ached it reminded me of a dying sheep I us,-two great, flerce looking men once saw in a farmer's field. Around He was known as the Yorkshire with guns. I was in front of my the sheep, perched on the limbs of shop. The taller one stopped when trees and rails of the fences, were he saw the calendar. scores of buzzards. They were wait-

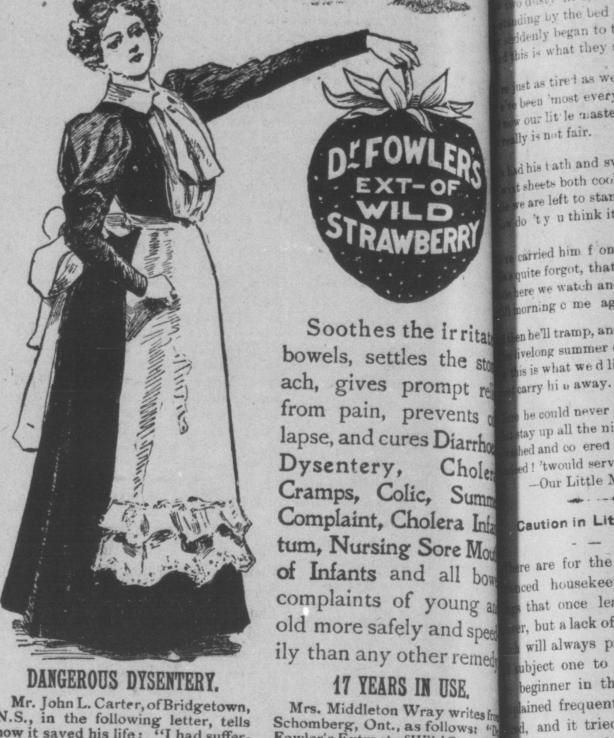
What is this? he cried. Then he ing for the crisis. Don't'be a deacon read a little, then he rushed up to of that sort. me, and grunted in a terrible tone, (5) The Domineering Deacon. I

In the Boer houses of the bet er (3) The Optimistic Deacon. I familiar old songs, In the Gloaming h.ve known men who saw every- and Just before the Battle, Moth r.

In some houses the bedroom walls were adorned with pages from fashion-books, the gay dresses | ok-(4) The Pessimistic Deacon. ing somewhat old fashioned to our I answered : D) you think I There are some deacons who never ideas on closer examination. Their generate men. The best people they people all over the world, and no Well you had better tear it down, called practical hypocrites, their doubt wondered how the E gli h upon me to tell me of the difficulties | there is a large estate in F ance he | This provoked me, and I said, Do which he saw in the church of longing to them, through some of let er clange his church relations. of her property at £3,000, but we Well, he went away dissatisfied I thought he had, and so advised heard that the price was sometimes more and sometimes less, according



Mason and was a co worker with John Wesley. He was a man of earnestness and strong convictions, and in his devotion to what he believed was right, he is an excellent



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-, not fifteen miles from Pekin. He is the proprietor of that most lucrative business in China, a second-hand clothing shop. But it is not of his business or business ability that we think when old Wen Hua is brought to mind. It is the zeal with which he s rves God in a heathen city of ten thousand inhabitants, for he is the only Christian in the place.

He is truly a devoted follower of the Jesus doctrine. It was first explained and interpreted to him by the earnest missionaries who labor throughout North China. After his interest was awakened, he used his limited knowledge of the Chinese characters, and laboriously read his way farther into the truth. It would take too long to trace Wen Hua's development. Enough to say that, beset with persecution at home, ridicule and revilings abroad, loss of personal comfort and business patronage, yet he steadily adhered to the new faith that had brightened his inner life, and which comforted him for the grievances he daily suffered.

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The city itself was at first hostile to his new attitude and Wen Hua had a hard time of it, but, as he persevered in his changed way of life, he was finally tolerated by his townspeople in a semi-scornful manmer, trying indeed to old Wen Hua's friendly disposition.

When the great political changes of 1898 took place the eatire empire felt the increased hostility to foreigners, and especially to the foreign teaching of a new truth. The most active anti-foreign element then, as now, was the Chinese army,-a great, ignorant, unwieldy revolutionary body, which even the Empress fears, and which she is continually called upon to pacify. last winter, that she dismissed the tion ?-S. S. Times. general in command, who had craved audience to solicit Her Majesty's permission to kill all the foreigners in the empire.

subjects as she is to the average example for you to avoid.

while he shook his fist at me : So have known some who thought it in face of all opposition, be true to you fo'low the foreign devils, -do the r special function to lord it over Christ. you ? You shut your shop because God's heritage. They wanted to they tell you to. Well, now open rule, while as Paul declares that init. We want to buy garments. against his command.

Another foreign devil, I suprose!

ship. And I will not sell you any be a do incering deacon. goods to-day.

With that he looked at me curi usly and backed off toward the other man, who spoke to bim and Acts, men of honest report; or as soon tury walked away.

with another older man, who asked the Holy Ghost; men who have the me, Does this paper tell you not to executive ability to manage the open your shop?

worship days. When they come, I spiritual power will be so marked close my shop.

No; only my conscience. spoke of ?

hear.

Well, this story may do for you. for faith. In this second citation, Shut your shop, if you want to. We bere then is the progress-faith, will not touch your paper.

the corner. When they walked men enjoying all the graces God away, he came to me in great astonishment.

Didn't they harm you ? he cried nor touch the paper ?

You see me safe, I answered.

Well they differ from most soldiers as fierce looking, he said.

You may think that, I replied, but I know that the God whom I serve protects his children.

Some Deacons | Have Known.

The Christian mission work has ministry I have been acquainted either the sunbonnet or cappie, or a loeing game. About the close of felt the direful effects of this reac- with many deacons in various parts large straw hat tied under the chin the meeting one person made a pro tion, following, as it did, the change of the country. As the result of with strings. They have the im- fession, and Eidie, greatly elated by of rulers, while the great increase in this observation, I would charge pression that they burn black, and the announcement, exclaimed, Well the standing army caused general you brethren who enter upon this know nothing of the becoming you didn't get whitewashed, did trepidation. The Empress is as office by picturing several deacons brown sun burn which English you !-- Voice. shadowy a figure to her non-official whom I would present as the awful girls like to get. We went to a

stead of limiting their good ruling I answered : I cannot open my to their own households, they wish shop on the Lord's Day. It is to extend it to the pastor, the other No, I answered : he is the God in the Great, they looked for and wept heaven whom we Christians wor for other worlds to conquer. Don't

But you will ask me what sort of deacons shall we then be? I answer such as are portrayed in the 6th of the revised version puts is, good re-That afternoon they returned port ; men of faith, men filled with charities and other financial opera-No, I said; it only tells me the tions of the church; men whose that, as occurred in Jerusalem, the Then no priest makes you do it ? word of the Lord grew exceedingly, and the disciples multiplied. Notice Hg! And who is this Lord you the progress as noted in the case of Stephen, the deacon. We are told Then I told them some of the he was filled with faith and the truth which they seemed carious to Hely Ghost, then we are told he was filled with faith and power. After a while, the old man said : The revised version substitutes grace the Holy Ghost, grace, power. Be Now my friend was watching from such deacons as these, men of faith, bestows, and then will you be men of power.-Baptist Commonwealth.

Women In The Transvaal.

some time in the Wakkerstroon whose father was a Methodist district of the Transvaal, sends preacher, was greatly interested in notes about the ways and customs a revival meeting being held at one Who shall say, with a few such of the Dutch ladies with whom she of the country appointments, aud inmen as old Wen Hus, that there is lived. They have very pale complex- variably inquired the first thing in It was with great difficulty, this no hope of China's spiritual redemp- ions, in the whiteness of which the morning if there had been any they take their pride. To keep off conversions yet, and was greatly dis the scorching sun's rays they en- appointed when told there were no velop their heads in white linen visible results. He seemed to think scarfs, worn like the nuns and the devil was pitted against his In the many years of my active sisters of mercy, and over this wear father, and that papa was playing a Boer dance one evening, and heard

When Nelson was threatened with dismissal because of his refusal to work on Sundays, he said : I would rather have my wife and chidren beg their way barefooted deacons, the trustees, the Sunday to heaven than ride in a coach to The Lord ? And who is the Lord? School, the church, the congregation, hell ! I will run the risk of wanting world at large. Like Alexander bread here rather than the hazard Memories of of wanting water hereafter !

It is interesting to relate that Nelson's employer admired his earnest steadfastness s) much that he increased his wages and stopped all Sunday work.

Another faithfulness to Christ was shown by a converted South African negro slave, whose godle s owner said to him : Sambo, if you Beautifully Illustrated. Large, Hand go to hear the missionary I'll flog you soundly.

Must tell Jesus that, was the quiet answer.

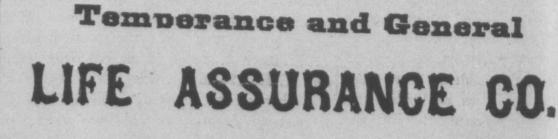
Presently, when the cruel slave owner saw poor Sambo kneeling Address at once, under a tree, the great tears trickling down his black cheeks, as he told his sorrow to his unseen but ever-present Friend, his heart was strangely moved. Next morning, after giving his orders for the day. he added unexpectedly, Samto you m+y go to the missionary's cabin if you wapt to.

Must tell Jesus that, too, massa Me t'ank massa very much. And again Sambo was seen hastening to his favorite spot in the wood to pour out his heart in glad thanks. giving to his loving Saviour.

A correspondent who has spent Nor WHITEWASHEED. - Eddie,

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