

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;

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.

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;

O wondrous fair Jerusalem, Shall I thy gates pass through? Thy jubilation surely join, Thy lordly splendors view?

O crowns and thrones and sapphires, Ye glisten in the light! Ye cannot flash too far your joy, Ye cannot blaze too bright;

How a Chinese Christian Kept the Faith. BY THEODORA MARSHALL INGLIS.

Old Wen Hua lives in the city of L—, not fifteen miles from Peking. He is the proprietor of that most lucrative business in China, a second-hand clothing shop.

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.

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-courteous manner.

When the great political changes of 1898 took place the entire empire felt the increased hostility to foreigners, and especially to the foreign teaching of a new truth.

The Christian mission work has felt the direful effects of this reaction, following, as it did, the change of rulers, while the great increase in the standing army caused general trepidation.

Old Wen Hua is one such. With the revulsion of feeling against Christianity, his relatives and townspeople renewed their objectionable treatment.

calendar, which he pasted up just outside his shop door. In December a body of troops marched toward the city, and camped on its outskirts.

The soldiers were just outside the city. They hate all foreigners and foreign teaching, especially the Jesus doctrine.

Well, he went away dissatisfied with my speech. The next morning, however, he came running to my place, crying: Hurry, hurry! Tear that paper down!

What is this? he cried. Then he read a little, then he rushed up to me, and grunted in a terrible tone, while he shook his fist at me.

Women in The Transvaal. A correspondent who has spent some time in the Wakkerstroom district of the Transvaal, sends notes about the ways and customs of the Dutch ladies with whom she lived.

atone ment, eternal election, who could expound all the deep things of God, loved to soar amid the eternal purposes, but did little else.

The Optimistic Deacon. I have known men who saw everything in a rosy light. Everything goes with them. Nobody does wrong, nothing is working at a disadvantage.

The Pessimistic Deacon. There are some deacons who never see good in the church. I think of one especially often declared that the churches were filled with unregenerate men.

The Domineering Deacon. I have known some who thought it their special function to lord it over God's heritage. They wanted to rule, while as Paul declares that instead of limiting their good ruling to their own households, they wish to extend it to the pastor, the other deacons, the trustees, the Sunday School, the church, the congregation, world at large.

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Must tell Jesus that, was the quiet answer. Presently, when the cruel slave owner saw poor Sambo kneeling 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.

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friends, relations, and acquaintances of the district. In the Boer houses of the better class there is an American organ or seraphane, and the girls are generally able to play simple tunes and accompany songs and hymns.

In some houses the bedroom walls were adorned with pages from fashion-books, the gay dresses looking somewhat old-fashioned to our ideas on closer examination.

John Nelson lived in England. He was known as the Yorkshire Mason and was a coworker 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 example to young people who would, in face of all opposition, be true to Christ.

When Nelson was threatened with dismissal because of his refusal to work on Sunday, he said: I would rather have my wife and children beg their way barefooted to heaven than ride in a coach to hell!

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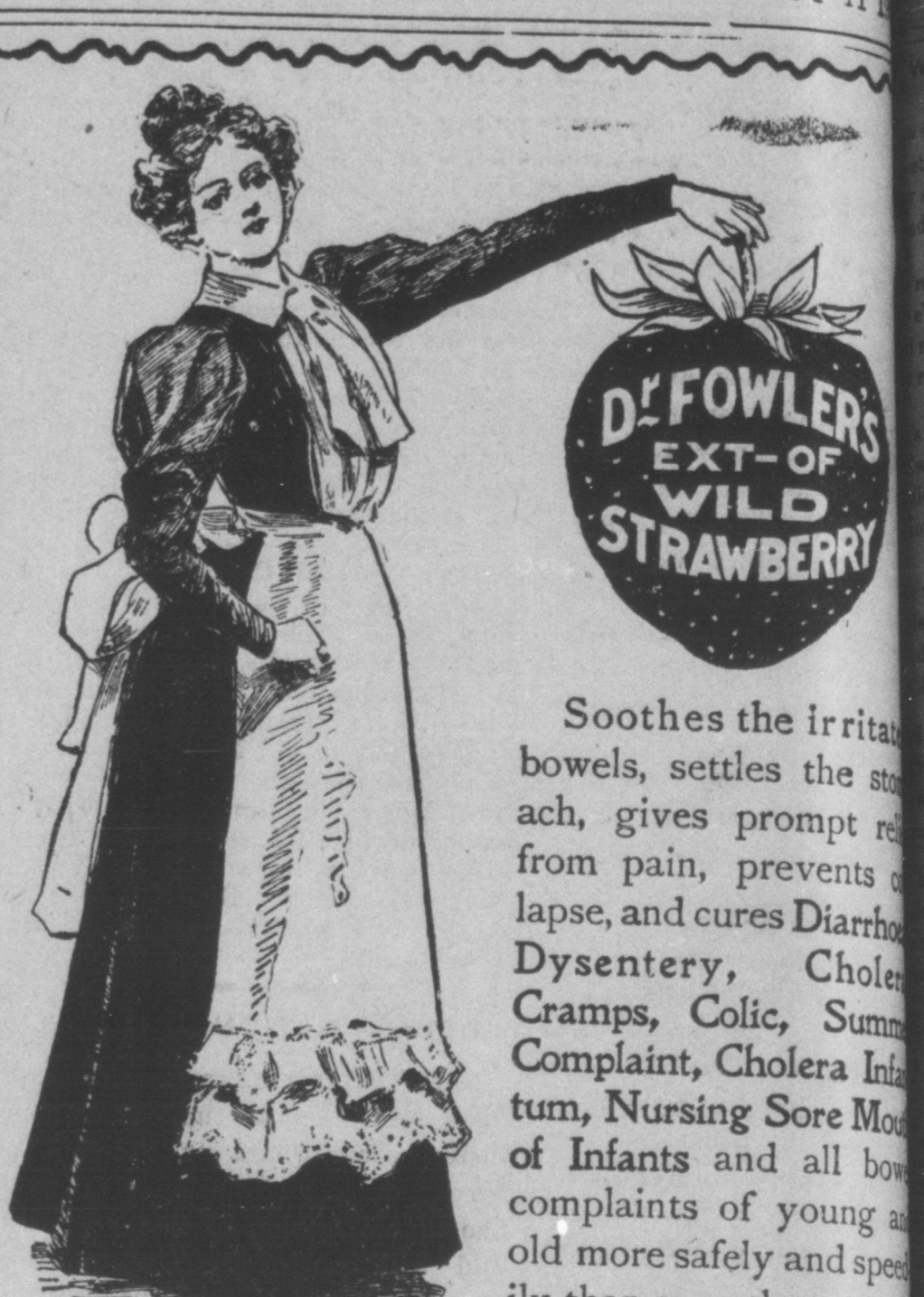
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