

FACTS ABOUT SHANGHAI.

The most important city commercially in China.

Population increased from a million to a million and a half in six years.

Thirty to forty thousand 'richsha men are licensed by the city—A ricksha is a little cab pulled by a man instead of a horse.

Forty thousand autos now dash through its streets.

Electric cars are in operation, carrying multitudes of Chinese.

Factories are multiplying rapidly, some of them owned, managed and operated by Chinese.

Officials, merchants and scholars from all over the republic gather in Shanghai.

Shanghai imports products from the majority of the countries of the world.

Nanking Road and Fushow Road are said to be more brilliantly lighted than even the streets of Paris.

The city has large department stores. One such, owned and operated by Chinese, conducts religious services on its roof garden every Sunday morning.

China's biggest arsenal is situated at Shanghai.

The foreign population of Shanghai is growing rapidly.

Shanghai has the largest printing and publishing plant in China, entirely owned and operated by Chinese.—Presbyterian Record.

THE POWER OF A GOOD LIFE.

An atheist who spent a few days with the saintly Fenelon, said: "If I stay here much longer I shall become a Christian in spite of myself."

Fenelon had used no word of controversy or solicitation. It was but the quiet, convincing argument of a holy life, a consistent walk and conversation.

"I tried to be a skeptic when I was a young man," said Cecil, "but my mother's life was too much for me."

"My brethren," said an old African preacher, "a good example is the tallest kind of preaching." And he was right.

"There is an energy of moral suasion in a good man's life," says Dr. Chalmers, "passing the highest efforts of the orator's genius. The seen beauty of holiness speaks more eloquently of God and duty than the tongues of men and angels."—Sel.

Courage is just strength of heart, and the strong heart makes itself felt everywhere, and lifts up the whole of life, and ennoble it, and makes it move directly to its chosen aim.—Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D.D.

"Truly sanctified" people possess wonderful spiritual buoyancy by which they lift a meeting and they lift despondent care loaded people above their real or imaginary troubles to altitudes of blessing.

Lots of folks pay a dollar a minute to fly far above the earth, who may refuse to be lifted above its sinfulness and sorrow and cares, and sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE EPHESIANS

For this reason, then, I kneel before the Father, from whom all "fatherhood" in Heaven and on earth derives its name—and pray that in proportion to the wealth of his glory, he will strengthen you with his power by breathing his Spirit into your inmost soul, so that the Christ, through your faith, may make his home within your hearts in love, and I pray that you now, firmly rooted and established, may, with all Christ's people, have the power to comprehend in all the width and length and height and depth, and to understand—though it surpasses all understanding—the love of the Christ, and so be filled to the full with God himself.

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HOLINESS A NECESSITY.

We can not dwell too much on the negative side of holiness. Those who make it their only business to preach on the glories of the sanctified life and the fullness of the Spirit rarely see definite cases of holiness experience under their labors. Men have got to feel holiness as a necessity more than a mere luxury before they will seek it with much earnestness. No man can really appreciate holiness who has not seen the depths of the depravity of his heart by nature. It is those who have come by deep conviction to see the loathsomeness of indwelling sin who seek earnestly to obtain a pure heart. There is often a selfishness in seeking power and fullness, as there was in Simon Magus in seeking the gift of the Holy Spirit to increase his own importance and power.

John Wesley says very truly, "Those believers who are not convinced of the deep corruption of their hearts, or but slightly and, as it were, notionally convinced have but little concern about entire sanctification. They may possibly hold the opinion that such a thing is to be at death or some time before, they know not when. But they have no greater uneasiness for the want of it, and no great hunger and thirst after it."—Christian Witness.

"No one can neglect to do what he believes to be right without doing what he believes to be wrong."

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," was not an admonition for the Jew a few thousand years ago. That is a commandment which holds in operation today."

I tell you, women, fooling away your time hugging a poodle dog, caressing a Spitz, drinking a society bran mash or cocktail, and playing cards, is mighty small business, compared to moulding the life of a child.—Billy Sunday.

If the assertion now being made, that much of the missionary effort of today is being exerted in sociological effort instead of soul-salvation, be true, we should be very careful where and to whom we give our money. Of what use is it to better the social and civic condition of the heathen if we fail to save them from the wrath to come?—Christian Witness.

IMITATION OR INDWELLING.

Underrating our resources is a first step to failures. It is true in temporal affairs, and it is true in spiritual life. One of the new books in the field of Bible study, helpful and inspirational upon the whole, contains this paragraph: "It is comforting for us to know that Barnabas was not perfect. Nobody is. 'We are all John Thomson's bairns.' There never has lived but one in this world of ours of whom it could be said, 'He brought the bottom of his life up to the top of his life.' He is our Exemplar. We make a grave mistake when we imitate anybody but Christ." The whole thought of this exhortation seems to be that the imitation of Christ as he lived his life on earth is the key to a holy life, when the real key is yielding to the indwelling of the risen Christ who is still living his resurrection life in his people. The Victory of Israel once, and of the church now, is a Person (I. Sam. 15:23). And how much better it is to keep our faith centered on him, realizing that if he failed for one instant he would not be God, and ask him to do in us what we cannot do ourselves by imitation, struggle, or in any other way. He "is able"—"to keep you from falling" (Judge 24.)—S. S. Times.

THE LAW OF THE LARK'S SONG.

By Northcote Deck.

I cannot sing
With folded wing,
Nor fill the air with joyful sound
When hampered, low, upon the ground.

But I must soar
Before I pour
My joyful praises all abroad;
My heart and God of one accord.

For as I rise
Toward the skies,
My heart must overflow in praise
To Him who gives such glad days.

But when, with weary wings, I droop
From out the clouds, and earthward stoop,
Rising no more,
My song is o'er.

Here is the Christian's law of praise;
Why skyward rise, and on Him gaze,
They Christlike grow,
Their songs o'erflow.

Yet should earth draw them back, ah, pain!
No more the victor's glad refrain;
If hearts grow numb
Lips must be dumb.

Would'st ever sing? Then ever soar
In God's pure love; so evermore
Fill all the days
With vibrant praise.
—Sunday School Times.

"The best things are nearest; breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you."

Some have little, some have less; some have not a cent to bless their empty pockets, yet possess true riches in true happiness.—John Oxenham.