For The Quiet Hour

A WRITER IN THE ENGLISH PUBLICATION, "THE FELlowship of Faith for the Moslems," says: Underneath the surface in all Moslem lands there are latent forces of bitter enmity to Christianity. When the Turks took Smyrna the Moslems of Alexandria paraded the streets with a broken crucifix, as an insult to the Christian population and as a token that they believed the Crescent had once more triumphed over the Cross." Some leading Sheikhs in Cairo are protesting against the clause inserted in the Constitution of Egypt which granted freedom of conscience in religious matters. We need to guard

Yet another side of the picture is given by Mr. Douglas D. that clause by prayer. Porter, of Bilbeis, on the next page: "The scene is in a third class railway carriage in Egypt. An Englishman and his Egyptian helper have just walked through the train distributing 'portionettes.' This particular portionette is a four-page leaflet containing a collection of Scripture passages dealing with the subject of the Atonement—an explanation in the very Word of God of salvation from sin through faith in Christ crucified. (Issued by the Nile Mission Press). Standing at the top of one of the long open coaches is to be seen man after man interestedly turning over the pages of the printed message."

IBSEN, THE NORWEGIAN DRAMATIST, MAKES ONE OF his characters, in "Brand," start out to build a church big enough for God. So he builds a little church, of which he is pastor, at the base of a Norwegian fjord and at the entrance of a Norwegian valley. But as he broods over the little-mindedness and little-heartedness of his people, he comes to feel that while the little church in the vale is big enough for littleharted and little-minded worshippers, it is far from being big enough for God, and so he plans to build a bigger one, more in keeping with the greatness of the Creator. But his dissatisfaction continues because he realizes that God is greater than any man-made building, and his conception of Him grows with the

How big is our conception of God? Do we limit Him in our growth of the thought. "little-heartedness and little-mindedness?" Do we attempt to confine Him to the little temples of worship we build?

MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT THE FAMOUS CHInese Christian, General Feng, and his Christian army, and it was felt by the entire missionary force in China that a step in the right direction had been made to end the internecine strife in China when Feng was made Governor of Honan. From an article in an English religious weekly by Rev. J. G. Goforth, Canadian Presbyterian missionary in China, we learn that Governor Feng has been deprived of his post in Honan and sent back to Pekin. The great mass of the people petitioned to have their righteous Governor stay and rule over them, Dr. Goforth says, but in vain. "It is supposed by some," he says, "that this move to get General Feng and his army sent to Pekin is to starve them out, as they will now have no Provincial resources to draw upon. Before he left Honan, General Feng, among other things, said to Dr. Goforth: "You know I did not get a fair chance in this Province to rule it, and to put down the bandits." "Yse, Governor, we know that other military leaders made your rule abortive in two thirds of the Province." He then said with deep earnestness, "If they take away my army from me will you allow me to go with you for, say, three years, that I may learn all you know of the Bible, that I may be able to preach? You simply cannot hold a man like General Feng down, for if he is not allowed to be the greatest military leader in China he will be the greatest spiritual leader, adds Dr. Goforth.

PRESIDING RECENTLY AT THE COLLEGE DAY OF THE Scottish Churches College, Calcutta, the Governor, Lord Lytton, paid the following tribute to the missionaries he had met in India: "When I lived in England I was not always appreciative of missionaries and I was sometimes impatient when I listened to accounts of foreign missionaries in different parts of the world. This impatience was caused, I think, by the statistics of conversions to Christianity which are so freely quoted from pulpits and platforms at home. I could not sympathize with what seemed to me like record hunting in the canvass of souls and it reminded me unpleasantly of the champions of rival parties at an election, who go from house to house soliciting votes and adding up results. Since I have come to India, however, and have seen something of the work of the Scottish and other missions I have formed a very different impression of them than I ever received in England. In India I never hear mention of those figures of conversions, nor have I yet seen in the missionary work any trace of that tendency to measure success by the counting of heads. On the other hand I have seen some very wonderful examples of lives inspired by the love of God and devoted whole-heartedly to the service of man. When I meet missionaries of that kind I can only salute them with reverence and admiration and give to them whatever help I can."

ELEVEN MEN AND THIRTEEN WOMEN ARE IMMEDIATEly needed by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for its work in India. In addition to the Nationalistic movement led by Ghandi, the Hindu elements of the population have added fuel to the fire by endorsing the Mohammedan's demands for the return of Moslem shrines in Turkey and Arabia. Various political and social forces are therefore running in strong counter currents and the situation is full of exceeding sensitiveness and delieacy. A careless spoken work or a thoughtless act might be the spark which would light the fire of a conflagration. At the same time there are other elements in India which if properly watched and fostered might mean the rapid acceptance on the part of many converts of Christian teachings. These conditions make the present time "a turning point in India.-Presbyterian Board Bulletin.

SIR HERBERT EDWARDS WORDS ON HOW INDIA WILL be fit for self-government still hold good. "There is but one principle which has the life in it to regenerate a nation, to regenerate its atoms: that principle is Christianity. Till India is permeated with Christianity she will be unfit for self-government. You ask me to indicate a safe policy for government. I say, An Open Bible."

THREE REASONS FOR DEMOCRACY'S ALIENATION FROM the Church: indifference, the disappearance of the fear of eternal punishment, and the opinion that Christians and preachers do not believe what they say they believe.-Mr. Lansbury.

A TEACHER ENTERED HER SCHOOLROOM ONE MORNING and faced nearly empty seats because of a fatal disease that had entered the village. The few children present gathered around her, asking:

"Oh, what shall w do? Do you think w shall die, too?" "Children," said the teacher, "you are afraid of this terrible disease that has taken so many of your playmates. I only know one way to escape, and that is to hide. Listen while I read about this hidingplace," and she read the 91st Psalm.

A WEALTHY BULU HEADMAN in Cameroun, West Africe, who had been exceedingly wicked, was made to understand that his days on earth were probably limited. Looking earnestly into the eyes of the physician, he said, "Do you know why I came to the hospital at Elat? It was not because I thought I would get well, but because I knew you would show me the path."

A MINISTER in Kansas, observing a lad starting for the river on a Snday morning, said: "My boy, the Sabbath was given you for rest." "I ain't tired!" the boy replied. And thus it seems to fall to the lot of the country church to supply for for the church. "The church," says Babson, "can transform the those who "ain't tired" such recreation as will save the youth recreation of a whole community by introducing the right kind.

It may be the centre of the play life of the town, and lead in all good works."

Mount up, mount up, my soul to-day, Be ever on the wing, And rise above the things of time! God can do everything.

There's not one peak beyond thy reach That thou shalt not attain. Mount up with eagle wings henceforth; Be strong, endure, obtain! -E. G. W.

A CITY THROUGH WHOSE MAIN STREETS A "HOLY MAN" may still be seen marching stark naked, attended by an obsequies crowd of well-dressed citizens, is a city in which for worse or for better the twentieth century has not yet dawned.—Jaipur.

DRURY, HAY-AND HICKS

(Kincardine Review.) Andrew Hicks, M.P.P., and late whip of the Progressive party in the Ontario Legislature, may not be an orator, but his speech in condemnation of his leader for trafficking to run'a newspaper. It takes nerve with the Liberal opposition was a to run a newspaper. It takes a scinfine piece of vigorous and effective tilating, barbaric imagination, half a plain speaking. Before becoming a dozen white shirts and theatre tick-Progressive he was a Conservative, as Mr. Drury was a Liberal, and it must have been peculiarly unpleasant for him to continue his support during the past year or two, knowing, as he did, that his leader was trying to sell out his own party or trying to buy in the Hay party. It must too, be insulting to him to have Mr. Drury deny the allegation. was purblind who could not see it. Whom has Mr. Drury been fighting since he became Prime Minister? The Conservatives, plus Hartley Dewart who was opposed to fusion. Whom did he fight in the federal elections of 1921? The Conservatives of course. Did he assist any Progressive who had formerly been Conservative if there was also Liberal in the field? It was through no lack of desire on his part, or on the part of Mr. Crerar, that fusion did not take place federally when he and Mr. Crerar were in consultation

with Mr. King after the elections were over. The man who stopped the movement was not King or Crerar or Drury-it was Sir Lomer Gouin, assisted by Mr. J. J. Morrison and The Farmers' Sun. The frustration of his plans are responsible for Mr. Drury's denial that he had such plans. Mr. Hay's denial has a similar basis. He lost the supoprt of Malcolm Lang, M.P.P., and alienated many others because of his efforts to effect an amalgamation. From party standpoint he was right. was good tactics. But the opposition to it in his own party and in Mr. Drury's makes it immediately impossible; therefore the attempt is denied. They will go to the country under two flags instead of one. But

In a speech to his constituents on Saturday, Premier Drury outlined his plans for the future. He expects to come back with a majority, but if he comes back with a minority though with the largest group he will seek support from any other group that will support him. He did not say what course he would take if Mr. Hay had the largest group, but he left no doubt as to his antipathy toward the Conservative party. Under no circumstances would he support Hon. Howard Ferguson.

they will come together, neverthe-

One would think it his duty to support Mr. Ferguson so long as Mr. Ferguson's policies are in line with U.F.O. principles.

SHIRLEY MASON TRIUMPHS IN "LIGHTS OF THE DESERT."

To-morrow and Saturday nights of this week at the Veterans' Star Theatre, "Lights of the Desert," Fox production starring Shirley Mason, will be presented. It relates the adventures of a girl who is stranded with a show in a desert town in the West. She is shunned by the women gossips of the town. and makes good in the face of untoward circumstances. Miss Mason's piquant beauty and exceptional talent in both light comedy and emotional work are said to have excellent material for their display this picture.

There's a vivacity about this star -a radiating glow-which captures everyone who watches her on the screen. She is an artist in all she does. Her laughter and her tears are genuine mirth and sorrow.

Allan Forrest supports Miss Mason in "Lights of the Desert," and Harry Beaumont directed the picturewhich is reported to have been most favorably received elsewhere by both critics and public.

Ready to Oblige.

(Life.)

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DON'T WORRY ABOUT EDITORS,

lishing a newspaper that some editors are refusing money as a reward for their services. It takes wind ets to run a newspaper. But money -heavens to Betsy and six hands round, who ever needed money to run a newspaper! Kind words are the medium of exchange that do the business of the editor-kind words and church social tickets. When you see an editor with money, watch him. He will be paying bills and disgrace the profession. Make him years in one family, and had worked trade it out. Then when you die, in unison while digging the tunnel, after having stood around and sneer- once out of prison they separated. his dugout, he little thought that he ed at his jimcrow paper, he sure and The one that was destroying valuhave your wife go in for three extra able trees at the botanical gardens copies and when she reads the gen- had to be shot. Others were picked erous and touching notice about you, up here and there. forewarn her to neglect to send 15c. to the editor. The editor knows it, and what he wants is heartfelt thanks. Then he can thank the printers and they can thank the grocers. Don't worry about the editor. He has a charger from the state to act as a goat for the community. He stand up for you when you run for office, and lie about your pigeontoed daughter's wedding and blow about your big-footed boys when they get a nine-dollar a week job, and weep over your shrivelled soul when it is released from your grasping body and smile at your wife's second marriage. He'll get along. The Lord knows how, but the editor will get there somehow.

changes and is not original with The Chronicle. After a perusal of it we fear that a slight sarcastic strain may be traced through the article, but we leave the matter with our

CLEVER BEAVERS

doubt of it. This story, which Mr. Samuel A. Derieux tells in the American Magazine, ought to set any naturalist right who has ever undervalued the little animal's intelli-

habit a beautiful spot with a little lake where they have a dam and a house that they have built themselves. They work in unison; two cut down a tree and drag it to the dam; two others are engaged in actual construction; and one or two more, the bricklayers or plasterers, daub the chinks with mud.

Now the space allotted to them at the zoo is large; they occupy whole valley. The only sign of captivity is the fence that surrounds the lake and the valley; the fence is of iron stakes and is set in a concrete base embedded deep in the ground so that the animals cannot dig under it. At the end of the lake grows a large oak tree, near which the fence runs. There because of the roots of the tree the concrete was not poured very deep; the massive roots seemed sufficient to keep the beavers from going far underground.

How the creatures chose that one weak spot no one knows. It must have taken them weeks to dig their tunnel. Starting at the shore of the lake, they dug to the roots of the tree and then through them, thereby dodging the concrete. The tunnel came up ten feet on the other side

All of the animals escaped but one, and therein perhaps lies the supreme mystery of the whole incident. Why did they leave him? One thing is certain. By staying behind he concealed the escape of the others. Beavers seldom appear all a once; the keepers would see this one and think that the others were near by. Moreover, he made many tracks the corn with which they are fed.

The keepers knew nothing about the escape until reports came in Judge (to defendant)-Do you from the botannical gardens, a mile want to challenge any member of the away, that beavers were cutting down valuable trees. Then they Ex-Prize-Fighter-I ain't feelin' discovered that only one beaver was jest right, judge, but I don't mind left-and he had been left as a blind! goin' a couple of rounds with that But there is another strange thing. Although the beavers, naturally

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(Medical Quip.) Lady-Why did you become a tramp?

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(London Opinion.) When Tutankhamen retired into would be.

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