

## EVIL HABITS. † † †

"He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder."—Psalm cvii. 14.

While wandering along a lonely and rocky shore at the ebb of tide, his foot slipped into a narrow crevice. Fancy his horror when he found he could not withdraw it. Dreadful predicament! There he sat, back to the shore, face to the sea. Above his head seaweed and shells hung on the rock, sure sign that when yonder turning tide comes in it shall rise on him, inch by inch, till it washes over his head. He cries for help, but no one heard him. How he shouted to the distant boat, and his heart sank as her yards swung round and she went off on another tack! How his cries sounded high above the roar of the breakers. How bitterly he envied the seagull as she sailed above his head! How hopeless of help from man, he turned up his face to Heaven and cried long and loud to God! All that, God only knows. But as sure as there was a terrific struggle, so sure while he watched the waters rising inch by inch, the e cries never ceased till the wave swelled up, and, washing the dying prayer from his lips, broke over his head with a melancholy moan.

There was no help for him. There is help for us, although fixed in sin as fast as that man in the fissured rock. The "Help, oh, help, Lord!" never yet burst from an anxious, penitent heart, but it rose to be heard and accepted in Heaven.

## THE LIGHTNING FLASH † † †

"As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live."—Ezekiel xxxiii. 11.

The stroke of judgment is like the lightning flash, irresistible, fatal; it kills indeed—kills in the twinkling of an eye. But the clouds from which it leaps are slow to gather; they thicken by degrees, and he must be int-nsely engaged with the pleasures, or engrossed in the business of the world, whom the flash surprises.

The gathering clouds, the deepening gloom, the still and sultry air, the awful silence, the big pattering rain-drops—these reveal his danger to the traveller, and warn him away to the nearest refuge.

And, heeded or unheeded, many are the warnings the sinner gets from God. No man ever yet went to hell but by trampling under foot ten thousand warnings—ten thousand times ten thousand mercies.

## THE TREE OF LIFE. † † †

"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life."—Rev. xxii. 2.

My hand is one, yet has five fingers. My body is one, yet has many organs. The Nile, or Ganges is one river, but is fed by many tributaries, and flows into the sea by many channels. A tree is one, yet below has many roots, and above has many branches, and even so is that "Tree of Life" which has Christ for its root, and for its fruit, holiness and Heaven.

I have seen a tree, after rising in a single stem, divide itself into two great branches, which afterwards divided and subdivided into innumerable branches, spread out their foliage to drink in the air, and light, and dews, and heat of Heaven.

Thus is it with salvation. First, the pardon of sin; and, secondly, the renovation of the soul. While salvation is the one thing needful, the two things needful to its full work are sins pardoned and the soul thoroughly renewed.

## ITHURIEL'S SPEAR. † † †

"That ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."—Col. i. 9.

An angel, says Milton, keeping watch on the battlements of Heaven caught sight of Satan as he sailed on broad wing from hell to our new-created world. The celestial sentinel shot down like a sunbeam to earth, and told the guard at the gates of Paradise. Search was made for the enemy, but for a time without success. Ithuriel at length entered a bower, where a toad was sitting close to the ear of sleeping Eve. His suspicions were roused. In his hand he bore a spear that had the celestial power of revealing truth, unmasking falsehood, and making all things to stand out in their genuine colours. With it he touched the reptile. That instant the toad—which had been breathing ho rid dreams into the woman's ear—changes its shape, and there confronting him stands the Prince of Darkness.

Prayer arms us with Ithuriel's spear; are we in doubt whether a thing is right or wrong; are we enjoying pleasures or engaged in pursuits with which we are not altogether satisfied. Take them to God. Look at your pleasures and practices in the light of His countenance. Examine the matter on your knees.

## The Month's Changes.

## Staff Promotions and Changes.—NOVEMBER, 1900.

## INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Major MOORE, from the Industrial and Land Colony to the Citadel Companies' Department, International Headquarters.

Major NOLLE, from the Women's Social Headquarters, to be Financial Secretary at the Industrial and Land Colony.

Major REYNOLDS, of the British Field, to the Burne Street Matropole and Shelter.

Staff Captain WALKER, of South Africa, to the Colonial Section of the Foreign Office.

Captain SEABORNE, of the Industrial and Land Colony, to the Life Assurance Department, International Headquarters.

## Women's Social Work

Adjutant WINTER to be Staff-Captain.

Captain ELLWOOD to be Ensign.

Lieutenant TOWNES to be Captain.

Lieutenant KNOWLES to be Captain.

## PROMOTIONS.

## FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.

Lieutenant BOLLER to be Captain.

## INDIA (Unattached Territory).

Captain *Dee Kumari* (Wombi) to be Ensign.

## AUSTRALASIA.

Staff-Captain JAMES WILSON to be Major.

## HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

Ensign ROYEN to be Adjutant.

Ensign VONKIN to be Adjutant.

Ensign WALTERS to be Adjutant.

Captain *Vanderkam* to be Ensign.

Captain *Meal* to be Ensign.

Captain *Schmitt* to be Ensign.

Captain *Duikema* to be Ensign.

Captain *Hol* to be Ensign.

Captain *Kolle* to be Ensign.

## GERMANY.

Adjutant BACH to be Staff-Captain.

Captain KUNZ to be Ensign.

Captain *Buey* to be Ensign.

Captain *Schettinger* to be Ensign.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## WEST INDIES.

Captain P. B. RICHARDSON, of the Territorial Headquarters, to be Editor of the *War Cry*.

Lieutenant WALTER SHAW, of the Demora Headquarters, to the Territorial Headquarters, as Helper.

## GIBRALTAR.

Adjutant PIKE to take charge of the Naval and Military Home.

## NORTHERN INDIA.

Captain BIMAL DAS to take charge of the Hardoi District.

## SWEDEN.

Ensign F. FAGERSTROM as D.S. to Jonkoping Division.

Captain E. LUNDSTROM to Territorial Headquarters.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

Belgadier RATCH to be Assistant Chief Secretary.

## CANADA.

Adjutant ALWARD to Vancouver Corps and District.

## GERMANY.

Staff-Captain WILLIAMS to North-West Division.

Adjutant GARLICK to Midland Division.

Ensign FERRE to Wurttemberg Division.

## AUSTRALASIA.

Major JOE. MCD. GRAHAM to Candidates' Department, T.H.Q.

Staff-Captain HARRY ROSS to Kalgoorlie District, W.A.

Staff-Captain JAMES WILSON to Newtown Division, N.S.W.

Staff-Captain HARRY SHARP to Newcastle Division, N.S.W.

Staff-Captain WILLIAM WINTER to Armidale Division, N.S.W.

Staff-Captain THOMAS ALBISTON to Adelaide Division, S.A.

Staff-Captain JOHN McMILLAN, as Aceuntant, to C.W.O. South Australia.

Staff-Captain BAIRD to Ballarat Division, Victoria.

Staff-Captain EDWARD CUTLER to Editorial Department, T.H.Q.

Staff-Captain JOSEPH WILLIAMS to Toowoomba Division, Queen-land.

Staff-Captain EDWIN BISHOP to Social Department, T.H.Q.

Staff-Captain *Kate Bolton* to W.F.H., Melbourne.

Staff-Captain JOHN R. HAMMOND to North Adelaide Division, S.A.

Adjutant *E. L. Burgess* to Women's Social, as Secretary.

Adjutant ALEXANDER KIRK to Trade Depot, Sydney, N.S.W.

Adjutant EBENEZER JACKSON to Property Department, T.H.Q.

Ensign ARTHUR ARSOTT to be Private Shorthand to the Commdant.

Ensign CLEMENT PERGIN to M.T.H., Melbourne.

Ensign *Edith Spice* to W.T.H., Melbourne.

Ensign SYDNEY COOK to Limelight Department, T.H.Q.

Ensign GEORGE CATER to Field Department, T.H.Q.

Ensign LEICHHARDT TIPPETT to Financial Department, T.H.Q.

Ensign CHARLES BENSLEY to Limelight Department, T.H.Q.

Ensign EDWARD GARNER to be J.S. Secretary, New Zealand.

Ensign WILLIAM HAYWARD to Trade Department, South Australia.