

Cruising Around the World

III.—The Heart of India.
By William G. Frizell.

A train of cool comfortable cars had been built specially for our trip across India. They were equipped with electric lights and fans and had ice coolers and private baths in each compartment. We enjoyed comforts and luxuries unknown even in an American Pullman.

It was half past 5 on a hot morning when our train pulled into a large station at Delhi, but somehow nature favored us with an exceptionally cool breeze. Delhi was hot, but not as it had been pictured nor as we had imagined. Cool, refreshing drinks were always available. Punks were also near at hand. A barfoot servant stood by to bring water for a cool bath in an improvised tub. The heat during hours were few and the nights more comfortable than one finds in midsummer in some American cities.



When first this palace came in sight its dome seemed to our critical eye out of all proportion to the rest of the building, but it was because the shrubbery hid from view the elevated platform on which it stands. A nearer view showed it to be faultless in proportion as well as in line—the nearest approach to perfection that man has ever accomplished.

Upon arriving we found comfortable accommodations at a hotel operated by a multimillionaire Moslem, who runs the best hotels in the interior of India. Naturally, the Taj was the first thing we saw in Agra and also the last. The Mohammedans have left upon India an impression that coming ages will not efface. At Agra their art, genius and devotion are crystallized in palace and mosque.

direction one approached it, but to have such a vision of splendor as that of the Taj-Mahal break upon one is worth many days of travel.

of the man enters, which frequently attack them. The pythons, too, are a constant menace to the villagers. The elephants of these jungles are well protected by law.

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WEEKLY SERMON

from the text

Pastor Russell delivered two addresses to crowded and attentive audiences at Elmira, N. Y. We report one on "God in the Home," from the text, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15). The pastor said:

Do not understand me to teach that the world's opportunity for life everlasting or death everlasting is now. "God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world," grant the world a judgment or trial or test. That great day is future. It is the day of Christ, a thousand years long. It will be a glorious opportunity. Present right doing and right thinking, or wrong doing and wrong thinking will have much to do with the condition of every man and woman at that time. He or she will enter upon that day of blessing and opportunity either from a higher or a lower standpoint proportionately as he or she has acted wisely and conscientiously in the present time.

degree, who are not saints; who have not presented their bodies living sacrifices to God; who have not been begotten of His Holy Spirit, who are not, therefore, members of that exclusive "little flock" to whom it is the father's good pleasure to give the kingdom—in joint-heirship with their Lord and Redeemer and Head. To this latter class our Master evidently referred when He said to His footstep followers, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew, 5:16).

ture the future, assures us that in God's due time "The mystery shall be finished, which He hath declared to His servants, the prophets" (Revelation 10:7). The same book assures us that in God's due time when the mystery is cleared, "All nations shall come and worship before Thee, for Thy righteous acts have been made manifest" (Revelation 15:4). We are now living in the time when the "mystery" is ending and the righteous dealings of God, from the Scriptural standpoint, may be clearly seen.

back to Bible nor be able to see its teachings in their true light. They must be taught that the sin and death, sorrow and trouble all around them are the wage or penalty of father Adam's disobedience. They must learn that God promises a blessing and uplifting which will be as wide as is the curse. They must learn that the foundation for this work was effected by the death of Jesus, the just for the unjust. They must learn that God is now selecting a saintly class to be associates with the Redeemer in the work of uplifting and blessing Adam and his race; and that each will be held responsible and receive stripes in proportion to his knowledge and willful disobedience; and that the persistently rebellious will be destroyed "like natural brute beasts," in the second death.

world. Platonic philosophy may for a time serve the purpose of the few, but surely cannot serve the masses of our race. A godless world will ere long mean a disintegrated world, an unhappy world and, bye and bye, a world of anarchy and strife. This is what our world-wide education is leading to. Few of our race can stand an education which recognizes no God, no revelation of Him, no responsibility to Him, and no hope of a future life which was effected by the conduct of the present.

God in the Home.

We are not pleading for cant and rant. We are urging that in every home God be recognized to the extent of the opportunities and influence we enjoy. Parents have a special responsibility. Every father, in particular, as the head of his family, should recognize the Almighty Creator, and hold Him up to his family—"God First!" We need not urge upon God's consecrated people the privileges of prayer and the blessed influence which comes through prayer to the younger members of the family. This is one way of putting "God First." "In all thy ways acknowledge Him," or, as Joshua said: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Let us now step into your home and measure things there by the golden rule. As husbands, how do you treat your wives? As wives, how do you treat your husbands? Can you apply the golden rule to your words, to your conduct, to your demands of each other? Or do you act meanly, selfishly, taking advantage of each other, to the limit that the other will forbear? Do you deal with your children according to the lines of the golden rule? Are you an ideal parent, according to your own advanced standard of what a parent's duty should be to his children?

"Love Worketh No Ill."

All of the Lord's people are to love Him and the brethren; yea, even their enemies. However, let us now stop short of love and merely consider the rule would imply in our conduct. How do our daily lives square with this golden rule of absolute justice, omitting love entirely?

"I Have Lost My God."

Not long since, in conversation with a young lady, she said with great concern: "I fear that I have lost my God." As a child of religious parents she had had helpful influences in her home, but in school she had come in contact with the general spirit of skepticism, which, instead of repudiating the Bible, as did Ingersoll, Paine and Voltaire, merely smiles at its reference to a Divine revelation, a faith in God and a respect for His will. These teachers are as honest, we believe, as were Ingersoll, Paine and Voltaire; nor can we deny that they have the same right to their disbelief that we claim for our belief. We can, however, say with all sincerity that it is a great pity that the learned men of Christendom are nearly all infidels, in the sense of not believing in the Bible as a Divine revelation.

Awakened Parental Responsibility.

It is high time that parents realize the true situation—it is, almost too late now. The seeds of unbelief, already sown in the minds of the rising generation, are being watered continually and are growing. All who love their families, all who love mankind in general, should awaken to the fact that a world that has lost its God must of necessity be an unhappy

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