A Doubtful Charity.

The proposal of sundry saloon-keepers to give their receipts for a certain day toward the support of those out of employment is, we are glad to say, meeting with well-merited condemnation in the city papers. Passing over the fact that all ostentatious benevolence is objectionable to good taste and of doubtful propriety, it must be a very sadly perverted moral sentiment that can see any true charity in the offer referred to. If the saloon-keepers really wish to benefit the poorer classes we would suggest to them to enter into a contract to sell no more liquor for a month, and see what the effect would be. We are of the opinion that it would do more towards improving the condition of the poor than all the proposed donations. It is said that he who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, but we have doubts whether the Lord would receive, even as a loan, money taken by the sale of liquors.—*Cincinnati Monthly.*

The Land of Summer.

He who has seen the bird of passage only in a comparatively southern latitude can form no idea of the wildness of rapture with which it hails its return to that far land where the blooming meadow and the eternal glacier lie basking together in the wealth of the summer day, and where the frost breathes its fairy life under the burning dream of the midnight sun. To the minds of many the name of Norway suggests a picture of winter-clothed pines and far-reaching snowfields; with little or no relief from the influences of the gentler seasons; and still, strange as the assertion may sound, Norway is peculiarly the "Land of Summer." There is no doubt that the birds at least think so, and their testimony is likely to be trustworthy. And he who stands in the glory of the morning in the heart of one of the blooming fjord valleys, hears the thousand-voiced chorus of the valley's winged songsters welling down over him from the birth glen overhead, sees the swift, endless color-play of the sun-smitten glaciers, the calm, lucid depths of the air-clear fjord, and the trembling frailty of the birch-bough under the sturdy strength of the fir, —ah! he whose gaze has but once dwelt upon all this will need no other persuasion than that of his own eye to unite in the song of the thrush and the cockoo and the fieldfare about the peerless beauty of Norway's summer. It is not heat that makes summer; its life is of a far subtler and more ethereal essence. Who knows but the glacier itself may do its share toward intensifying this life, or at least our own perception of it? For the white, snow-peaked back-ground, with its remote breath of winter grazing the horison of the mind, sets summer off into stronger and bolder relief.

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Our lightest thoughts are of more significance than the most serious of us can imagine. —*Macdonald.*

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