

# LITANY

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WHEN the sun rises on another day  
Of broken hopes, vain yearnings, and futile waiting,  
And hearts get a little colder  
And love more distant than the most distant star  
And even sleep begins to lose its small solace —  
O Lord, remember us.

When the vast unreason of the immemorial sequence,  
Strife and peace and more strife,  
Engulfs us with such calm and mocking disregard,  
And all dreams and aspirations  
Lose their ultimate comfort —  
O Lord, remember us.

When the smiles of children, the final support,  
Recede and join the independent throng,  
Leaving us with the one certainty  
That they too will soon  
Wait for answers that never come —  
O Lord, remember us.

When death comes with false friendliness,  
Bringing an end to nothing  
And no future intimations  
Save the repetition of this life  
But on the scale of a worm —  
O Lord, remember us.

# VIRUS PNEUMONIA: A NEW DISEASE

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IN THE last ten years, a new type of pneumonia has appeared. It has been frequently observed in colleges and Army camps and wherever large groups of people are assembled. It is known as virus pneumonia because it is caused by a filtrable virus, the smallest of all germs. Ironically, this different form of pneumonia has appeared just when other kinds of pneumonia are being brought under control with sulfa drugs and serums. New methods of treatment must be discovered because this malady cannot be cured with sulfa drugs.

Does virus pneumonia resemble the influenza pneumonia of 1918, and is a widespread epidemic likely? What has brought about its appearance at this time? Is it as deadly as other types of pneumonia? The answers to these and dozens of related questions are being sought by researchers throughout the world.

With the onset of virus pneumonia, the first complaints are usually weakness and muscular aches.

At times, these symptoms are associated with what seems to be an ordinary cold. The patient often thinks he is getting the grippe. He does not appear to be especially ill and he may try to keep on working. In a day or two, high fever and a hacking cough develop and he becomes aware that he is really sick.

In spite of the severity of the symptoms, recovery usually occurs in two or three weeks; but in some cases convalescence is prolonged for several months. The patient may feel well enough to return to work when suddenly a relapse develops. Extreme weakness frequently persists for weeks after recovery and in this respect virus pneumonia is similar to influenza. Death due to complications may occur, but such an outcome is not common.

In one severe case, the patient, a thirty-one-year-old engineer, thought he was getting a cold. He continued to work a couple of days although he "felt chilly and ached all over." He had a slight cough which gradually became so bad that