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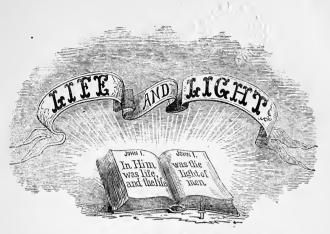
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No. 1.

TURKEY.

MISSIONARY TOUR.

BY MISS MYRA A. PROCTOR.

On the morning of Sept. 15, Mr. Marden and his servant started for Scandaroon; and Pastor Thomas and myself removed to the teacher's house. He and his family did all they could to make us comfortable; but their house was not made for comfort, — rough stones laid up in mud, the same inside as outside, with one small window, only motherearth for a floor, and a large fireplace, the most home-like feature of the room. In one corner was the pen for the goats, although not occupied this warm weather. I spread down my strip of carpet, put up my travelling bed and chair, and "settled down:" but I found myself obliged to unsettle again at night; for the one window furnished no refreshing breeze, and the sand-flies drove me out of doors

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to sleep. I made a kind of tent by fastening my curtain to the projecting roof, and slept well, notwithstanding the barking of dogs, the crowing of cocks, and various other noises.

Of course I tried to see as many of the people as I could. Close by was the paralytic Hagop, who has lain on his back thirty-three years. His eye is still undimmed, and his conversation as vivacious as ever. When Pastor Thomas needed the teacher to assist him in purchasing a lot for a new chapel, the boys were sent over to Hagop to say their lessons, - quite different from fifteen years ago, when he could not read a letter, and used to keep the children about him swearing and quarrelling! I carried him a set of colored pictures of animals, in which he was very much interested, and read the descriptions, holding the cards sideways, as he always does his books, to favor his poor drawn-up hands. Two years ago his bed was in such a state that I sent him a piece of new canvas for it; and I was quite out of patience to find that the new frame had not been made, when the other was really so tottlish that he dreaded to have it moved at all, and did not venture to be carried to church. But he apologized for it. "Not every tree would do;" and "the timber must be seasoned;" and "the carpenter would not mind so small a piece of work." While I was there, the new frame was made with the exception of two legs: probably another year will be required to finish it. His couch is a centre, and putting the cards there is the same as placing them in a circulating library.

On Sunday Pastor Thomas preached in the morning, and baptized several children. One sweet young woman, whom I did so much want for a scholar two years ago, brought forward her first-born son. Could you only have seen her!—the big head-dress worn by all the village women, one eye bandaged because of ophthalmia, the rest of her dress like a

man's, her skirts tucked up into her girdle behind, and a checked apron in front. She and her baby were clean, however. There were three others baptized. In the afternoon we had communion service. I prepared the bread from ours, and brightened the tin plate. A Catholic family lent us two tumblers, and sent up to the priests for a bottle of wine. I could not help feeling amused, at the idea of Catholic priests furnishing wine for heretics at their communion. One church-member arose, and confessed to having broken the sabbath. I thought, that, if these people had been taught as we had, the majority of them would feel obliged to make the same confession. But what can people do on Sunday who live in herds, and don't know how to read?

Wednesday we started for Hassan Beyli. It was only a day's journey; but we rested in the heat of the day, and so found ourselves just before sundown at the village of Keller. I must mention a fellow-traveller we had in the forenoon. He was a Moslem from Aybez; and the men with us knew him. He killed his uncle's wife a few years ago, because he thought she tried to lead his wife to be unfaithful to him. Pastor Thomas labored hard to bring him to repentance. He said,—

"You have many sins, — lying, stealing, murder."

"I had many sins," the man replied; "but, when I committed that murder, they were cancelled."

Pastor Thomas urged him after a long discussion to pray for forgiveness; and he was ready to do so.

"But," said the pastor, "you must repent, if you would be forgiven."

"I cannot do that," he answered. "Every time I pass the grave of my aunt, I curse it, and spit upon it. I called upon my uncle," he continued, "after my release from prison; and he reproached me for killing his wife. He said

it would have been better for us both to have divorced our wives, and married again; but, as long as I had killed his wife, I must kill my own. I told him," he went on to say, "that I considered all I had suffered as coming from God, and that he must do the same. It was certainly the decree of God that his wife should die in that way; and, if there was such a decree in regard to my wife, why some day I should get angry and strike her, and kill her."

It was a strange sensation to be found in company with such a man; and, in all my trip in the mountains, the feeling never left me of being with thieves and murderers, although most of those I saw were repentant, and in their right minds. I asked one of the Hassan Beyli church-members, who was once a noted robber, how he felt now when he recalled those deeds. He was silent a moment, and then replied,—

"I robbed others as my trade, to support my family; but I committed hosts of sins for no profit at all, just out of the wickedness of my heart: now I have joined myself to God, and I trust he has fully forgiven me."

"Is it indeed true," I asked, "that you used to pray when starting on such expeditions?"

" Yes."

"How could you?" I said. And he, perhaps mistaking my meaning for "How did you?" pulled off his fez, turned his face toward heaven, and said,—

"Spare the good and benevolent; but if there be any miserly, crabbed, oppressive man, let him fall into our hands, O God!"

"But didn't the government look after you?"

"The government took the largest share."

"At least, did not your priests tell you it was wrong to steal?"

"My priest accepted three horses from me; and it was

my good father who taught me to steal for a living, and he follows the trade yet."

At last, he said, his priest, at the entreaty of his wife, did advise him to stop stealing, not because it was wicked, but because, some day, he would lose his life. "But," he added, "I was not afraid to die."

"What hope did you have of salvation then?" I inquired.

"We have a saying," he answered, "that the benevolent thief opens the gate of heaven," — a misconstruing, he supposed, of the story of the thief on the cross. When he was successful, he used to give away a large share of his plunder. Once, out of fourteen hundred piastres, he only saved one hundred for himself.

"What put a stop to the highway robberies in the mountains?" I asked.

"The gospel."

"Was it not the fear of Dervish Pasha?"

"I made that fourteen hundred piastres after Dervish Pasha had got things settled," was the reply.

Mr. Marden asked him if he never felt tempted now. He said he did sometimes have the thought flash through his mind, how easily he could make off with such and such booty; and he said a certain man told him that now was just the time to make money, for everybody had left off suspecting him. In these ways does Satan tempt the weak disciples.

TRUST IN GOD.

BY MISS BUSH.

I would like to tell you a little incident, related to me by a woman at whose house we called the other day. She was speaking of her love for God's word, and her belief that a man must be good if he read and loved it. She said, that, one night, a man knocked at her door, desiring admittance and a night's lodging. She replied,—

"I cannot let you in. I am a woman alone with my children; and how do I know what sort of a person you are?"

The man pulled a Bible from his girdle, saying, "For the sake of this will you not receive me?"

Then she let him in; and, as the custom is, he slept near the fire, close to which she and her little ones had prepared their beds. In the morning he expressed his surprise at her hospitality to a stranger, and said,—

"What if I was really a wicked man, and trying to deceive you by showing my Bible?"

"God would have taken care of me," she said: "he would not let you do me any harm."

Then the man wondered, and said, "Truly God does dwell with these Protestants."

CEYLON.

THE GIRLS' BOARDING-SCHOOL.

BY MISS TOWNSHEND.

I TOOK some of the school-girls out for a walk this afternoon, and we went to the potter's hill. It is only a round mound, perhaps twenty feet in height, probably made by the accumulation of ashes and débris in burning the earthen pots. All of Jaffna is so perfectly level, that these mounds are the only idea of hills which the untravelled natives have. It would amuse you to see how afraid the children are of going up so high, and their interest in looking at things below them. Once some girls went with me to a meeting which was held in the only two-story house in the

country. They were very timid about going up the stairs; and after we were safely at the top, and seated in the room, they inquired anxiously if I was sure it would not fall. You perceive that it is a new and trying experience for the females of this country to be elevated. However, they soon learn to enjoy the position; and, what is better, they try to persuade others to come up with them.

Our school keeps on its way, winning favor from others, and accomplishing, both directly and indirectly, a work for the women of Jaffna. The older girls are leaving us for homes of their own. Eight have left us since the beginning of 1871; and all but two are wives of Christian teachers. One of these two is a very lovely character, experienced in the school of Christ; and I think, sometimes, that the Saviour has made her a chosen vessel to show forth his love and grace among his enemies. She has prayed long and earnestly against the proposed marriage, and her friends have tried in every way to prevent it: but the father was inexorable; and she now expects soon to be married to one, who, though not an actual idolater, has no love for Christianity. The other girl did not seem to become a Christian while in the school; but, on being married to a Roman Catholic, she firmly resisted all efforts to proselyte her, and proved so incorrigible, that her husband took her back to her father's house, "that she might have peace."

I am often surprised to hear the earnestness and propriety with which our pupils talk to the women in the meetings which we hold at different places in the village. The rude and uneducated who gather around them are greatly attracted by the singing; and, when one of the girls begins to talk, they listen most attentively,—partly, I think, from very astonishment at seeing one of their own kind doing such a thing; perfectly aghast, perhaps, at the thought that black women are something better than cattle, since some

of them can learn and talk like men. It is so contrary to the customs of the people for girls to go to the houses of others than their relatives, that very few were willing to go out with me at first. Now they seem to feel a real interest in the work of converting souls, and a strong desire for their country-women to have the light.

What pleases and encourages me most is that these girls, of whom such a large majority come from heathen families, are so earnest and active for their relatives and friends. Before this they have only read the Bible regularly, and prayed with the family whenever they were permitted, and occasionally talked with those who called; but, this term, some have said of their own accord, that they thought they could get some women to come to hear them read and tell Bible stories. After each vacation I am more and more compelled to believe that our scholars are, many of them, doing a great work in their heathen homes, - even, in some cases, so changing them that they can be no longer called heathen. Having had this experience of being home missionaries, if Providence should place them in positions of acknowledged Christian workers, it does seem as though they would have a better preparation than those who have never had their sympathy and interest called out by actual knowledge of the nature of heathenism.

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS PAYSON.

WE give below extracts from a letter from Miss Payson, dated Foochow, June 27, 1872:—

"The last day of our school-year comes next week, on the fifth of July. It is a sort of examination-day; a few of the missionaries, and two or three native preachers, coming in to form an audience. The older girls will recite Bible lessons in classical language, as well as colloquial, and will also be examined in arithmetic and astronomy. We have an orrery, which was presented to the school by friends in America; and I find it very useful in teaching the scholars about the sizes and relative positions of the planets.

CHINESE ASTRONOMY,

"The common people here, as well as the majority of the literati, are ignorant enough to believe that an eclipse of the moon is caused by the malevolent endeavors of a huge dragon to devour it. They are also so childish as to issue forth, when such an event occurs, armed with vessels of tin and brass, and with any number of gongs, cymbals, and bells, making the night hideous with their din, with the intent of frightening away the intrusive monster. If any thing could drive away the offender, such a charivari as they give him ought certainly to do it; and it is but just to say, that, after several hours of persistent effort, they always succeed in accomplishing their design. ing been taught such astronomical science as this, it could hardly be expected that the school-girls should very readily appreciate or understand the new departure the science takes when it gets into the hands of foreigners. seem to enjoy the study, however, and certainly have learned enough already to acquit the abused dragon of all unfriendly designs upon her Majesty the moon. I like the names by which we designate the planets here better than those used in the English text-books. Venus we call King Ling, or 'the golden star;' and Mars, Hwi Ling, or 'the fire star;' Neptune we naturally style 'the ocean ruler;' and Saturn is 'the sky-king star.' So much for our astronomy.

FEELING AFTER GOD.

"Last week I went to see an old woman eighty-three years of age, who is very poor and infirm. The house where she lives all alone is a mere hovel, containing one room; and her bed is sheltered from the rain, which enters through the many crevices in roof and wall, by a strip of coarse matting suspended by strings at the four corners, between the roof and the bed. Three or four smoke-begrimed ancestral tablets stand in a dignified row on a rickety table near the head of the bed; and a few incense-sticks in a wooden cup are offering them silent homage. tablets and the incense-sticks seem to do very little towards comforting the poor old woman in her desolation; and, in my frequent calls upon her, I have often urged her to burn them, or cast them away, and trust in God alone. She never consents to such a disposal of them, but still seems interested in what I say to her concerning Bible truths, and pleased when I speak of praying with her before leaving. She assures me that she prays to God very often since I have taught her about him, and entreats him to let her die soon. that she may be released from her misery. There are always tears in her eyes at these times, and such a pitiful sadness in her tones, that I can hardly refrain from weeping with her. A boy about fourteen years old, a relative of hers, who was in the room one day when she was telling me about her frequent prayers, immediately remarked, 'Yes, that is so: she prays all the time.' .

"Very ignorant though she may be, and only half ready to give up her trust in her idols, is it not possible that the good God, who will not break the bruised reed, will have pity on this poor woman, hear her prayers, and save her soul when out of such depths she cries unto him?"

Our Work at Home.

We wish to make our most profound salaams to each one of our patrons on this bright morning of the glad new year. We hope our welcome will be none the less cordial because we have not waited for the boisterous winds of March to speed us on our way; and, if you will receive us, we shall be happy to appear before you each month throughout the year. Four years ago we started out our little messenger, not at all sure that it would find a lodgement amid the great flood of reading that occupied the minds of the American people, but hoping at least, like Noah's dove, to bring back one little olive-leaf as a token that God had remembered us in loving-kindness. We did not venture to send you our own thoughts and opinions; but we have endeavored to give you, without comment or embellishment, our missionaries' own words.

But new applicants have been knocking at our doors, asking for an opportunity to plead for their fresh and untried fields. From Spain they want to tell us of the children that have been gathered into a boarding-school in Barcelona; and Japan sends the tidings that government and people alike, with wonderful earnestness, are seeking education for the daughters in their land. Our Constantinople Home will soon, we trust, have much to send us of the moral and mental training which the Turkish girls receive; and ere long the Home among the Dacotah Indians will have its tale to relate of success or failure.

We would not say may to these anxious applicants, and we would not for the world refuse admittance to our dear old friends from Harpoot, Madura, Inanda, and other stations. What could we do? We asked guidance of our heavenly Father; and we cannot but think that he sent the answer from the East and the West, and in our own hearts too, — "Make the Quarterly a Monthly." To enable us to do this successfully, we ask the cordial co-operation of all our friends, both at home and abroad. We ask that any practical hints or suggestions, any gratifying successes, which may stimulate others to make similar attempts, be sent us for publication. Not to add too much to the already heavy burdens of our missionaries, we ask their personal friends in this country to send us any letters they may receive containing interesting incidents or information in regard to their special labors.

Although twice as much matter will be given during the year as before, it has been thought best not to increase the subscription-price; but, in order to meet the additional expense, we do wish, most earnestly, to increase the list of subscribers. In this we need the assistance of every member of every auxiliary society connected with our Board. We hope no one will think this request is made to her neighbor, or to some mythical individual in a distant town. We appeal to you yourself, dear friend, to do what you can in your own church, and in your own little circle of acquaintances. most of all we need long-continued supplication at the throne of grace for a blessing on our periodicals and on all departments of our work. The fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much; and, to secure concert of action in this regard, we would like to ask all the members of our churches to set apart a quiet hour on every sabbath evening, from five to six o'clock, to plead with our heavenly Father for his special favor and guidance. Of ourselves we can do nothing; but He who holds the power chooses to work through woman's weak hands, -yours and ours, dear friends: and how shall we answer to him if they be idle or reluctant?

NOVEMBER MEETING.

The regular quarterly meeting of the W. B. M. was held in the Old-South Chapel, on Tuesday, Nov. 5, Mrs. Albert Bowker presiding.

Our limits forbid our giving more than the main feature of the meeting, which was the presentation of the claims of the Constantinople Home. Letters from missionaries, strongly indorsing the enterprise, were followed by an earnest appeal from the president, which closed with these words:—

"Miss Fidelia Fisk, on her arrival in Smyrna thirty years ago, was deeply affected by the moral condition of the people. 'Had I ten thousand lives,' she wrote, 'I would gladly give them all away to help raise these degraded ones. But they are very difficult of access.' On reaching Constantinople, by special favor she was permitted to go into the mosque of St. Sophia. Writing of the impression made upon her by the poor deluded people, she exclaimed, 'Oh, how my heart did weep over them in their lost and ruined state! Oh that God were worshipped there by sincere and humble hearts!'

"With what joy would this dear saint have hailed the wonderful opportunity that is now presented to us! Her, prayers and ours are answered in the request that comes to us from these very men and women for the education of their daughters. Shall we not be willing to fulfil our prayers? Shall we be found wanting when the door is opened wide before us? Have we no tear to shed, no heart to work, no means to give, for these Armenian women?"

TO PATRONS.

Under the new arrangement, the financial year of "Life and Light" will commence in January, instead of March as heretofore. To all those whose subscriptions ex-

pire in September, 1873, the numbers will be continued through the year on the receipt of twenty-five cents additional.

It is very desirable that all subscriptions should date from January or July; and, as our payments are to be invariably made in advance, immediate renewals are earnestly requested.

It has been our custom to send extra copies of our quarterlies to each Auxiliary Society and Mission-Circle; but, as the monthly issue involves so large an increase in expenditure, we know our friends will not wish us to burden our treasury with this gratuitous distribution. These numbers will therefore be discontinued in the future.

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Vershire. - Cong. Ch., a few ladies,

MASSACHUSETTS.

Amherst. — Aux., Mrs. M. A. Allen, Treas. (of which \$25 by Mrs. Luke Sweetser to constitute herself a L. M.), \$115.55.

Boston. — For silver coin and ring, \$5.25; pin, \$2.50; Old South Ch., "L.F.B.," to constitute Miss Blake of Barcelona, Spain, a L. M., \$30; Berkeley-street Church, "From one who loves Christ and his work-ers," \$10; Central Ch. Mission-Circle, "Merry Workers," \$5.— \$52.75.

Burlington. — Aux., by Mrs. Hudson, Pres., \$30. Chelsea. — Aux., add., Miss L. W. Stone, \$1; Mrs. P. G. Atwood, \$1.

Edgartown. — Cong. S. S., for Miss Parmelee's school, \$33. Groveland. - Ladies of Cong. Ch. and Soc., \$15.50; M. S. Atwood, Esq., balance to constitute Mrs. Laura S. Atwood a L. M., \$9.50. -\$25.

Holbrook. - Moses French, Esq., to constitute Mrs. Elizabeth French a L. M., \$25. Hopkinton.—Sale of quilt, \$2.50.

Ipswich. — "Mother and Me," \$1. Lancaster. — Sewing-Circle Cong. Ch., Miss M. A. Keyes, Treas., to constitute Mrs. A. P. Marvin a C. M. \$25.

Monson. — Aux., add., an invalid's offering, \$2.

Newton. - Eliot Ch., towards salary of Miss Sisson at Madura, \$34. Reading. — Aux., Mrs. J. B. Leathe,

Treas., \$16.

Springfield. - Aux , Olivet Church, Mrs. Homer Merriam, Treas. (of which \$25 by Mrs. Walter H. Bowdoin to constitute herself a L. M.),

Salem .- Crombie-street Ch. S. S., for pupil in Miss Bissell's school, \$30. Stoneham. - Mrs. Peter Green,

\$4.50.

Westford. — Union Ch., \$13.25. Wrentham. — Aux., Miss Emily S. Shepard, Treas, \$37.50. Wellesley — Aux., Mrs. P. W. Dana,

for two pupils in mission-schools, \$70. Total, \$605.60.

C. HOME BUILDING-FUND.

Wellesley. — Aux., \$100. Rochester. — Mrs. C. T. Leonard, by Mrs. Theophilus King, \$30. Boston. — Uuion Ch.. Mrs. A. Van Wagenen, \$50; Mrs. D. Coit Scudder, \$10. Boston E. - "M.E.F.," \$2.

CONNECTICUT.

Middletown. — First

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Milford. - First Cong. Ch., \$10.

Newton. - Cong. Ch., \$8.50.

Norwich. - Second Cong. Ch., Aux.,

Add., Mrs. J. D. Coit, Treas., \$11.

Putnam. - "Mission-Workers." \$54. Total, \$115.

C. HOME BUILDING-FUND.

Hampton. — By Mrs. Copp, Mrs. Henry G. Taintor, \$20.

NEW YORK.

Brooklyn. - South Cong. Ch. Ladies' Benevolent Soc., \$25, of which to constitute Mrs. Edwin L. Childs a L. M., 27.40.

Cazenovia. - Pres. of S. S., for pupil in Miss Payson's school,

China, \$40.

Catskill. — Miss Julia R. Day, to constitute herself a L. M., \$25. Franklin. — Aux., Mrs. S. J. Hough, to constitute their Vice-Pres., Mrs. to constitute then yield 1.5. S. G. Cowles, a L. M., \$25. Total, \$117.40

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH SOCIETY.

Philadelphia. — " Morning Stars," municiphu.— Morning Stars, for "Sara Bedroysan," Bible-reader, C. Turkey, \$29; "Golden Links," \$5; Sixteen ladies, \$16; Montelair, N.J., Woman's Miss. Soc. (of which to constitute Miss Myra Proctor a L.M.), \$5475; Jersey City Woman's Miss. Soc., \$34.80; Orange, N.J., Trinity Cong. Ch. Woman's Miss. Soc., \$19; "Orange-buds," \$5; E. Orange Woman's Miss. Soc., \$56.

Total, \$219.55.

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Gambier. - Ladies' Miss. Soc., Cong. Ch., by Miss Jennie Carlish, \$10. Portsmouth. - First Pres. Ch., for support of a pupil at Harpoot, \$30. Total, \$40.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago. — Second Pres. Ch., Olivet Mission-Circle, for pupil at Harpoot, \$41.

CALIFORNIA.

Oakland. — Aux., Mrs. M. P. Cole, Treas., to constitute Mrs. Sarah M. McLean, Mrs. Harriet B Willard, Mrs. Maria G. Walker. Mrs. Helen Rowell, Mrs. Edua M. Watkius, Mrs. Sarah Perkins, Mrs. Abigail R. Hert Mrs. Mrs. B. Hunt, Mrs. Maria C. Kittredge, L. M.'s., \$200. Total of regular sub-

scriptions \$1,708.80 For subscription to

"C. Home"..... 212.00 For subscriptions to

Quarterlies, "L. and L."..... 185.17

For subscription to Quarterlies, "Echoes" 3.00

Total for month \$2,108.97

Obituary

MRS. LINUS CHILD.

By Mrs. Dr. Anderson.

As the Directors of the Woman's Board met together for special business on Friday, Nov. 15, their hearts were saddened by finding themselves again bereaved. Mrs. Linus Child had died the day before.

Mrs. Child has been identified with this work from the beginning, and has seldom been absent from its meetings. Indeed, she was one of the "two or three" who met together to pray for wisdom in this matter, before any movement was made towards the organization of a Woman's Board of Missions. Her interest in foreign missions dates back many years; and she fully sympathized with her large-hearted husband in the many and great services which he rendered to this cause. They together attended the annual meetings of the A. B. C. F. M., with an interest which was strengthened by frequent and unusual opportunities for acquaintance with missionary work. Pleasant memories cluster around the social interviews of past days.

Our sister was also deeply interested in the prosperity of the Church at home; and others were stimulated by her example in attending upon the stated meetings for prayer and praise.

Her sore bereavement in the loss of her husband greatly quickened her preparation for the heavenly home. From that time she seemed to turn her thoughts from earth; and her cheerful endurunce of a painful sickness, her patience, her kind regard for the comfort of those around her, were some of the fruits of this new consecration. The anticipation of meeting those who had gone before, and of being present with the Lord, led her to welcome the summons which called her home. Thus

"They are gathering homeward from every land,
One by one;
As their weary feet touch the shining strand,
One by one,
Their brows are enclosed in a golden crown,
Their travel stained garments are all laid down;
And, clothed in white raiment, they rest on the mead,
Where the Lamb loveth his chosen to lead
One by one."

As we were feeling the pressing responsibilities of duties and plans at our meeting, we felt that one of our number was resting in the green pastures, and beside the still waters, of the heavenly land.



CEYLON.

WORK IN A HIGH-CASTE VILLAGE.

WE gave in the September number an account by Miss Hillis of a school under her care in a fisher-village in the vicinity of Batticotta. The following statement relating to her work in a high-caste village, a mile or two from the station, will be read with equal interest:—

"Many of the people are Brahmins and temple-keepers; others are rich, influential balahlas, and all strong heathen. During the last seven months I have spent sabbath afternoons, in company with one of the Christian women of the Batticotta church, in visiting from house to house, and have never been more interested in any village or work. We have been received as cordially in the Brahmin families as in others. In only one instance have we been refused admittance; and that family, after a few weeks, invited us to visit them, and we had a very pleasant talk with the women. In these calls I have thrown the responsibility on the native Christian women as far as possible. They are graduates of Oodooville, somewhat advanced in years, two of them widows, and in all respects fitted to interest and instruct those whom we usually meet.

"The Brahmins are plainly the nobles of the land. In some of their houses are women whose native grace, dignity, and refinement of manner, are wonderful. They are very neat. The clothes of the men are always of a snowy

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whiteness; and the houses and yards would do credit to a good housekeeper in America. The women and girls wear a great deal of jewelry; but it does not seem so much out of taste as you would suppose. Their bracelets are usually of ebony and gold, very tasteful in design; their ear-jewels, necklaces, and ornaments for the head, of gold, pearls, and Their brilliant cloths are very becoming to their rubies. dark complexions. They are woven of rich materials, often of silk, with what seems to be threads of gold and silver, and have a rich, gorgeous beauty truly Oriental. No Western style of dress admits of such exquisite taste in its arrangement as these Eastern robes, which are only a single piece of cloth perhaps ten yards in length.

"In my school in this village I have had fifteen girls, - all but two from high-caste families. I wish you could see them. I don't love them any more than those in the lowcaste fisher-village: but to a stranger they would certainly be more interesting; and they give me much less trouble than the neglected little ones of the over-burdened mothers of the poorer class.

"Instead of having to be brought to school every day, I always find them, with their hair smooth, and their faces bright and clean, waiting for me. During one week there were daily services in the temple, and I supposed the school would be broken up until after close of the festival. But the children were punctual as ever; and, after two or three days, I asked them how it was that they were not at the temple. 'Oh!' said one of the brightest girls, 'we go very early, and then run very fast to school.' Although I have said nothing to them about rubbing ashes, they rarely come in with any on their foreheads; and, when they do, the signs of disapproval among the others are so strong that it is all quickly wiped off. They have taken so much interest, especially in learning hymns and the lyrics, and in learning the letters too, that I

feel very hopeful in regard to this school. The parents also have seemed very much interested; and I cannot but believe that some of these women, and many of the children, will be brought to accept the truth as it is in Jesus. I hope that you will remember them, and pray that their feet may soon be turned from the weary path in which the mothers of this dark land have trod for so many centuries."

TURKEY.

LITTLE EVANGELISTS.

BY MISS E. T. MALTBIE.

The girls in our school at Samokov, besides attending the weekly prayer-meetings, sometimes visit among the people. Yesterday they were admitted into the Bulgarian nunnery, which contains about one hundred nuns. Some of them seem much interested in the Bible; but their minds are very dark. The priests who attend service there entered into conversation with our teacher, and asked a great many questions about the Protestant faith. There is evidently an under-current of honest inquiry to know what and where is truth; but fear of persecution smothers it.

The efforts made by the girls to reach others is productive of good to themselves. Some little Christians seem to improve every opportunity to win others to share with them the glorious salvation of Christ. We call them our "Little Evangelists." One of them said, not long ago, "When I see those who know nothing of Jesus, I can but tell them what I know and feel." So, when beggars or poor villagers come into the yard, we often see the little band gathered about them, telling them the "old, old story" that is so new and strange to them.

Home Bepartment.

Two years ago the missionary love and zeal of the women in our Western churches were represented for the first time in this publication. With the beginning of this third year of our connection with it, a new arrangement is adopted. It is proposed that this little messenger shall visit our friends monthly, carrying, as heretofore, recent intelligence from our missionaries, with such facts and suggestions relating to our work in general, as may seem adapted to awaken and stimulate love for the cause which we seek to promote. The Treasurer's monthly statement of receipts will henceforth be included in its pages, so that we hope to present a more full and just account of the work of our Board, both at home and abroad, than has been possible under the former arrangement. The number of pages assigned to our department in each issue is less than formerly; but the aggregate during the year will be double the number appropriated to our use in previous vears.

We commend anew this important agent in our work to the cordial and personal support of all our friends, as it goes forth from time to time on its special mission. The new plan, involving an increased expenditure of money, time, and labor, brings also an increase of responsibility upon those who have advocated a more frequent issue, and an obligation on their part to do all that lies in their power to enlarge its sphere of usefulness.

We earnestly ask your co-operation in our efforts to add life and freshness and power to its words, that the cause in behalf of which it speaks may have a warmer place in the hearts of our Christian sisters, and its claims upon their love and ardent devotion may be more generally felt and acknowledged.

Now is the time, too, for vigorous effort to extend its circulation. Let each auxiliary commit the work of adding to its list of subscribers to one or more of its members, who will undertake it because of the love they bear to Christ, and their desire to awaken a wider and more intelligent interest in the extension of his kingdom. We are convinced that our subscription-list can be greatly increased by systematic, persevering effort on the part of those to whom such service properly belongs, — the members of our auxiliary societies.

As our new year commences now with January, subscriptions should be sent at once to Secretary W. B. M., Missionary House, Boston.

All communications relating to the Western Department may be addressed to Miss Mary E. Greene, Evanston, Illinois.

REPORTS FROM AUXILIARIES.

A LARGE number of reports were received at the time of our annual meeting from auxiliary societies which could not be represented by delegates. A few of these were read; but most of them were reluctantly omitted on account of the pressure of other subjects of interest and importance.

We give here a few brief extracts only, wishing that our space would admit more of them.

From Yankton, Dacotah Territory, we have the following earnest words:—

"I am glad to report an increase in membership and in

interest, with, of course, a corresponding increase in contributions. The number of names in our books is twentynine. The average attendance at our monthly meetings is eight; but we have such delightful meetings, that I am sure the attendance must grow larger all the time.

"The amount of contributions since January is \$34.71; and it is probable that the amount will be doubled by the close of the year. The number of subscribers for 'Life and

Light ' is eighteen.

"At our meeting in May a desire was expressed that the Home-field should share in the prayers and gifts of the Ladies' Missionary Society. It was distinctly felt and understood that the joining of the two fields meant that our contributions should at least be doubled; and it seems to me that they should be yet more increased, since the more we try to do for others in this wide, wicked world, the more we find we can do, because the more we are willing to do.

"So we look for a large and healthful growth of the missionary spirit in our church; and so may it be, for what is one's religion good for if it is not about all 'missionary spirit'?"

From Fairfax, Io., we have the following statement:-

"Our society was organized in 1869. At present we have twenty-five members. Our monthly meetings are not very well attended, as the members live at a distance from one another; but many are deeply interested in the cause of missions. We have enjoyed the labors of two missionaries from a foreign field, —Rev. Ozro French from India, and Rev. John White of the Mendi Mission in Africa. Though both are dead, the interest in missions awakened by them still remains.

"We have a band of little helpers, who meet at the parsonage the first Saturday of each month. The girls work an hour, and bring in their offerings, which are their own earnings, at each meeting."

The auxiliary connected with the Western Female Seminary, Oxford, O., reports as follows: -

"Our society last year numbered a hundred and thirtyfive members. The united contributions of teachers and pupils amounted to two hundred and thirty dollars. Our monthly meetings, conducted by different sections of the school, increased in interest toward the close of the year, one reason being the rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which awakened all our hearts to warmer sympathy with the Lord's work and his workers everywhere; and another, the fact that one of our senior class was looking forward to a home on missionary ground within a few months. One of our teachers of last year has also responded to the call for more laborers in the far corners of the Lord's vineyard. and is under appointment from the Baptist board, expecting to sail for Burmah the last of October. We pray that the Holy Spirit may be with you in your meeting, guiding you to right decisions, and filling your hearts with faith and gladness."

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FOR NOVEMBER, 1872.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

Oxford. — Female Seminary Aux., by Miss Lizzie K. Peabody, \$60.50. Tallmadge. — Aux., Mary C. Ash-man, Treas., \$13.70. Total, \$74.20.

MICHIGAN.

Goodrich. - Miss Sarah Campbell. Jackson. — Aux., Mrs. George H. Lathrop, Treas , \$150.

So. Boston. — Aux., Mrs. S. McKinney, Treas., \$13.

Total, \$16 Total, \$164.

ILLINOIS.

Beardstown. — Aux., Mrs. L. E. Waldo, Treas., \$6.75. Beecher. — Mrs. T. L. Miller, \$1. Chicago. — New - England Church,

Aux., towards salary of Miss Chapin, Mrs. Max Hjortsberg, Treas.,

Creston. — Aux., by Mrs. C. Coddington, \$10.
Elgin. — Aux., Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas., \$8.87.

Ontario. — Aux., Mrs. M. I. Leffingwell, Treas., \$12.

Plainfield. - Aux., Miss Lizzie Royce, Treas., \$6. Quincey. — Aux. for support of Miss

Evans of No. China, Mrs. E. Lit-

tlefield, Treas., \$50.

Rockford. — Junior class and teacher for support of a pupil in the Samokov school, \$44; senior class and teacher, for support of a pupil in Miss Porter's school at Peking, \$40; by Miss Anna P. Lill, \$84; Aux., Mrs. I. Harding, Treas., \$112.55. Total, \$332.

WISCONSIN.

Delevan. — Aux., for support of Bible Reader in Madura Mission, Mrs. R. Coburn, Treas., \$20. Fort Atkinson. — Aux., Mrs. F. H.

Montague, Treas., \$18.66. Green Bay. — Pres. Church S. S. for

a child in Miss Porter's school at Peking, by Mr. B. Butler, \$40. Janesville.—Mrs. Rev. L. Whiting,

to complete contribution for lifemembership of her second daughter Mrs. Charles McKeen Duran, of Eldora, Io., \$17.

New Chester. - Aux., by Frances C. Perkins, \$3.

Plymouth. - Aux., Mrs. I. N. Powell,

Plymouth. — Aux., Mrs. 1. N. Powell, Treas., \$5.60.
Racine. — Mrs. S. A. Sage, \$1.
Ripon. — Aux., Mrs. L. A. Dawes, Treas., to constitute Miss Irene Wilcox L. M., \$25.
Waukesha. — Aux., Miss E. D. Flintham, Treas., \$20.25.
Wauvatosa. — Aux., Miss Susan G.
Warron Treas. \$12.95.

Warren, Treas., \$13.25.

West Salem .- Aux., Mrs. M. L. Clark, Treas., \$20.50. Total, \$184.26.

TOWA.

Anamasa. - Aux., Mrs. I. S. Stacey, \$50.

Agency City. - Aux., Mrs. M. Wier, Treas., \$20.50.

Davenport. - Aux., Mrs. S. F. Smith, Treas., \$27.05.

Denmark. — Aux., \$28.78; Children's Mission Circle, \$3.78. — \$32.56.

Dubuque. — Aux., to constitute Mrs. S. W. Millard L. M., \$25; Mission

Circle, \$75.—\$100.

Fairfield.—Aux., Mrs. David Webster, Treas., \$14.50.

Fairfax. - Aux., Mrs. L. M. Hedges,

Treas., \$19. Grinnell.—Church Miss. Soc., \$12; Cong. Ch. Soc., \$9; the remainder by Woman's Miss. Soc., to consti-tute Mrs. Charlotte Hillyer L. M.

of the A.B.C.F.M., \$130. Mrs. H. L.

Iowa Falls. — Aux., I Clarke, Treas., \$18.30.

McGregor. - Aux., to be applied to the support of preachers' wives in Harpoot, Mrs. R. Grant, Treas., \$16. Monticello. — Aux., Mrs. I. R. Stillman, Treas., \$12.50.

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Toledo. — Aux., Mrs. E. N. Barker,
Treas., \$17.50.

Total, \$457.81.

MINNESOTA.

Hamilton. - Aux., Miss C. I. Anderson, Treas., \$9.50.

Minneapolis. — Aux., to assist the New-England Church of Chicago in payment of Miss Chapin's salary, (of which \$5 is from Mrs. Charles A. Borey to complete her own life-membership, \$25 from Mrs. E. H. Allison to constitute Miss Emily I. Gray L.M., \$50 constitutes Mrs. L. B. Graham and Mrs. George Conant, L.M.'s), \$80.

Rochester .- Aux., Mrs. I. Edgar, Treas., \$16.50. Total, \$106 Total, \$1,318.27.

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MORE FREQUENT ECHOES.

EAR CHILDREN, — Did you ever go to the White Mountains, and, out on a certain lake there, hear a blast from a hunter's horn echo from mountain to mountain, till it sounded like sweetest music? Just such music we have heard many times since we first sent out our "Echoes from Life and Light," two years and a half ago. We promised then to echo the cry from heathen children, their grateful thanks

and fervent greetings; but we didn't expect such pleasant returns. The low murmur of the little "Rills," the hum of the "Busy Bees," the strong notes of the "Gospel-Trumpeters," and the sweet tones of the "Little Nightingales," have delighted our ears; while our hearts have been gladdened by many a "Willing Helper" and "Merry Worker." We have also had money brought into our treasury that came from very strange things, — such as missionary eggs and potatoes, hens, grape-vines, and flowerbulbs, and last, though not least, from the dear mission-

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circles whose fairs and various entertainments have brought nearly three thousand dollars in 1872 alone.

We wish to thank our little friends with all our hearts for these things, and then - we want to ask for more. We will try to give you as much as we can in return. The grown people have asked for a visit from "Life and Light" once a month; and as we have often thought that the "Echoes" from it must have grown so faint in the long three months of silence, that the children have almost forgotten to listen for them, we are glad to send them monthly too. We hope you will recognize your old friend in its new dress; and now we want you all to help us make its pages bright and sunny. Send us word when you have thought of any new ways of earning money, or of any thing you can do for the heathen children; and don't be afraid to ask questions, we shall be glad to answer them all.

It won't be very long before you little people will no longer echo what your fathers and mothers say; and we want your voices to be strong and clear to plead for those, who, like the little ones on the cover, are coming to the dear Saviour for the bread of life

LITTLE NASLÉ.

BY MISS PHEBE L. CULL.

I would like to tell you about little Naslé, the first child who came to our school as a boarder. She is a very beautiful and interesting girl, the daughter of an Armenian merchant in Hiddin. She seemed quite happy in her play, but would grow very sad as night came on. Her large dark eyes would fill with tears; and she would sob, "Metéra mon, Metéra mon!" "My mother, my mother!" The night before school was to open, she cried very hard for a long time.

After we had tried many ways of comforting and diverting her, Mrs. Baldwin began to reason with her, talking in Armenian.

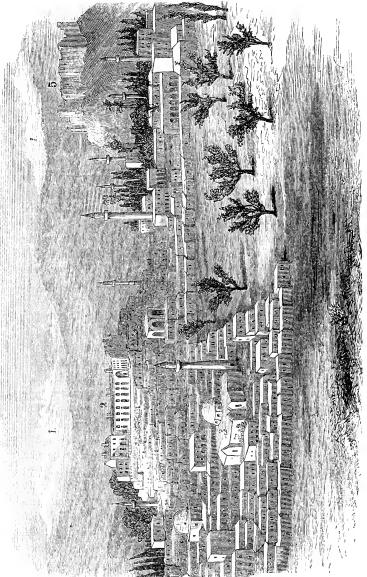
"Tell me," she said to the child, "what do you wish to do?"

"I want to go to my mother."

"But it is impossible for you to go to-night: there is no train, and no one to go with you. If you will stop crying, we will talk about what can be done; but I cannot understand you unless you are quiet." The tears were instantly dried, the sobs hushed; and she began to talk very rapidly.

"I want a letter written to my father," she said. "Tell him to send some one for me at once. All the neighbors said it was a shame to send such a little child away from her mother; and my mother herself said she should die if I came away. Didn't all the others die? And I am the only one that is left. Wasn't I getting along very well at school before? To be sure I was."

By this time she had become quite excited; but, when she was assured that word should be sent to her father, she went quietly to bed, and slept soundly all night. The promised letter was written; but there were no more violent sobbings. Naslé made up her mind to wait patiently for the answer; and, before it came, she had grown quite happy and contented, and was soon the life of the house. A few days ago, there came a telegram, saying that Nasle's father was very ill, and that she must be sent home at once. We did not tell her of her father's illness, only that he had sent for her. She was very quiet, but did not look happy; and, when we bade her good-by, the tears were just ready to start again. She was very susceptible to religious im-The Greek teacher, Miss Chrysoula, had a brief illness; and Naslé said afterward to the pastor's wife, "Of course, Miss Chrysoula got well. Didn't we pray for her? And doesn't God answer prayer?"



AINTAB, (FROM A HILL OPPOSITE THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.)

TURKISH SCENES.

NUMBER ONE.

BY MISS MARY G. HOLLISTER.

DEAR CHILDREN, - Come with me in fancy across the Atlantic, over the Mediterranean, past Malta and the Grecian Islands, till we come to the land of the people we call Turks. I am going to take you four or five days' journey into the interior, to a place called Aintab; but we will talk about the queer way of travelling, the wild-looking Arabs we meet, and the strange, strange country and people some other As we ride through the streets of this Eastern city, the muleteers utter fearful oaths about the animals and our baggage. Little boys and girls with red caps and brightcolored, though ragged, coats and dresses on call out after us with the greatest gusto, "Bodvelli sam yeh!" "May the desert winds blow on you!" while the women, all muffled up in white from head to foot, uncovering one eye enough to get a glimpse of us, explain to each other that "the strangers have come from a country they call 'Amelica.'" One says, as the sun is just sending his last rays down through the dingy streets, "Oh! they are sunworshippers, been out to see the setting sun."

"Ya," says another, and stands quite lost in wonder at the sight of the "Amelicans."

"No, no!" exclaims a third: "that's the teacher who takes girls into her house; got lots of money; wouldn't wonder if she were a bey's daughter."

And now, after haps and mishaps, we ride through the outer door of Aintab Seminary,* and find ourselves in the courtyard, where we are greeted by a score of bright, happy girls, all calling out, "Hosh geldin!" "Welcome!" Some day you must know all about our school; but first we will see how they spend the sabbath in this strange city.

In the morning, a little after sunrise, in the large church near by, our people - young and old, gray-haired men and women, as well as little boys and girls - gather together for the lessons of the day; and that is our sabbath school. Sitting around their teachers in semicircles on the floor. they sing such hymns as "Nearer, my God, to thee," and then recite lessons from the Bible. The lesson lasts a long time; for the children have no little papers and pleasant books in their homes, and their mothers were not brought up in a Christian land, so they cannot tell them sweet stories of Christ and the olden time. At noon you will hear a wild cry, which, perhaps, you have noticed before, from the tall That is to tell the people that it is time for prayer again; for the Moslems call out from these minarets five times a day, over and over again, "Allah ekber, Allah ekber, Alla la il Allah!" At this call we go to church, and once again in the afternoon, an hour and a half before sunset. In the evening, after prayers, our schoolgirls - the same ones your pennies help to educate - come to talk with their teachers about the way of salvation.

There is one we call Merroosh. I speak of her not because she is so much better than the others, but because the change in her was more decided. Though a Protestant, she had never been to our service more than two or three times, and knew very little of Christ and his salvation; but she learned very rapidly, and soon, Pharisee-like, thought herself as good as, and perhaps a little better than, most Christians. But after a time the Spirit showed her her sin and pride; and then she was very earnest to learn about Christ, and his invitations to sinners to come and find forgiveness and rest. She is now a true Christian, and will soon go out to tell those of Christ who know nothing about him except the name.

The muezzin calls out the last prayer of the day from the minarets: and our sabbath of rest in Aintab is ending.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MAINE. — Bangor. — "Alice Sidelinker," \$1.25. Ellsworth. — "Prayer-Circle," \$5.75; "Cup-bearers," .25.

Mass. - Boston. - Central Church, "Merry Workers," \$5.

Edgartown. — Congregational Sabbath School, \$33.

Ipswich. - " Mother and Me," \$1.

Salem. — Crombie-street Sabbath School, \$30.

CONN. - Putnam. - "Mission-Workers," \$54.

NEW YORK. - Cazenovia. - Presbyterian Sabbath School, \$40.

ILLINOIS. - Chicago. - Olivet Mission Circle, \$41.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

"Morning-Stars," \$29. "Golden Links," \$5. "Orange-Buds," \$5.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

My first is what heathen girls use for a chair;
My second's a name oft repeated in prayer;
My third you should do with your pennies each week;
My fourth is a language the Turks sometimes speak;
My fifth is a maiden who Moses' life shared
While for his great mission on earth he prepared;
My sixth may we hear when we ask who will send
To my seventh glad tidings of Africa's friend,
That dark-minded heathen my eighth may become;
Quick fingers oft work for my ninth here at home;
Though my tenth, long and painful, to idols be given,
'Twill not save from my last, nor fit one for heaven;
My whole is a messenger cheery and bright,
That monthly we hope will be seen with delight.

My whole is made up of initials and finals, both reading downwards.

Penny-Gatherers.

BY MRS. C. B. DANA.

Come, come, come, your pennies bring;
Now to Jesus give them all:
He whose love is strong and true,
He who died for me and you,
Waits to save and bless the heathen children too.

Yes, our Jesus died to save them;
Bought their pardon with his blood:
To fulfil his last command,
Let Christ's faithful servant stand,
And proclaim his love in every heathen land.

Who will carry forth the tidings,

Tell the story of the cross,

Sowing precious seed with tears,

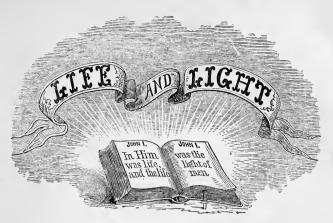
Reaping fruit in after-years,

Leading dying souls to Christ in heathen lands?

Come then, come, your pennies bring;
To all lands the Bible send;
Everywhere the gospel spread,
Till God's holy word is read,
And from every heart and tongue his praise ascend.

This can be sung by the children to the chorus, "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching."

WE hope many of our young friends will be able to send us answers to the acrostics and puzzles of various kinds that we shall give occasionally in our little monthly. We ask their assistance, too, in supplying the puzzles. For every one that is sent us, and accepted, we shall be happy to furnish the author with a copy of "Echoes" for a year; and we will do the same to the boy or girl who will forward to us the greatest number of correct answers.



FOR WOMAN.

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TURKEY.

MISSIONARY CALLS.

BY MISS SEYMOUR.

I have just returned from a short tour in the villages with Mr. Wheeler; and I will try and tell you some of its incidents while they are fresh in my memory.

We spent our third night away from Harpoot, at Kempt, a notoriously wicked place. The truth had apparently gained no foothold there; and the prospect did not look very encouraging to our preacher and his nice little wife, one of our scholars. As we were asking about the people, he spoke of the richest family in the place, in which were sixty souls: there were three grandfathers and three grandmothers, married sons and grandsons amounting to fifteen, with wives and children making up the remainder. One of the priests of the village belongs to this family.

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When Mr. Wheeler said, "We must do something to wake up the people here, suppose we go to this house and call," I must confess my heart sank within me at the proposition to go to a priest's house. But I did not know what the Lord might do for us; and, silently committing ourselves to his special protection and guidance, I followed Mr. Wheeler through the mud and the crowd of barking dogs, till we arrived at the door. The preacher and his wife also accompanied us. We first entered a long stable, at one end of which, on a raised platform, several men were sitting. Though they are said to be the richest people in the place, there were no external signs of wealth, except the long rows of cows, buffaloes, and donkeys quietly munching their food in the same room with their masters.

On seeing us, one man said, "Let the women go to the women's department," and then led the way to the place where the wives and children were congregated. He ushered us into a large, low room, looking as much like a cellar as any thing else, — the walls, floor, and ceiling all of earth, without an article of furniture, or a carpet on the cold floor. The women were scattered here and there; some caring for their children, some picking cotton from the pod, all very busy. As nobody rose to welcome us, I went forward to one of them and said, "We heard that you had a large house and a great many people in it; and we thought we would like to come and see you." She then brought a soiled mat, put it down on the floor, and we seated ourselves. They almost all had large piles of cotton in the pod before them; and, as I spoke about their work, one said, —

"This pile I must finish to-day. We each have our daily share measured out to us."

"Who portions it out?" I asked.

"Our medsera," she answered, meaning "our great ones," and referring to their husbands.

A man, who had evidently been drinking, came in often to see what we were doing, and several times pushed his little girl across the floor to us, saying,—

"There is a scholar for you. Teach her to read."

Markarid, the preacher's wife, said pleasantly,—

"Yes, I will, if you will give me a book."

"If you want these women to read, you must give them a Testament all round," he answered.

I read to them the parable of the rich man who resolved to pull down his barns, and build greater. One woman said, "You have nothing in the world to do; but, if we should sit down and read, what would become of the mending, and the children, and the cattle?" Markarid attempted my justification; but I don't think she made much impression. Just then a message came from Mr. Wheeler, saying he was ready to go. He said he thought it advisable to leave, as a soldier had just come, saying that guests of distinction had arrived, and were already at the gate.

Saturday we reached Harboosie, where we were to spend the sabbath. The people there have done nobly. Their large new chapel was built with some aid from the Board; but the addition, containing a study for their pastor, two sitting-rooms, a kitchen, a summer-room, with a girls' school-room besides, was an enterprise entirely of their own. Oh, how it rejoices our hearts to see marks of progress and refinement in their homes! The walls of the pastor's sitting-room were adorned with a large map of the world, very nicely painted on cloth by the pastor himself; a plan of Solomon's temple in colors, sketched by his daughter Hatoon while in our school last summer; and near this a flower-picture, composed mainly of marigolds and four-o'clocks.

Hatoon and Sarra, her mother's sister, both our pupils, were overjoyed to conduct me on Monday morning to their new schoolroom, and show me their twenty-four scholars.

all girls. As this was only the first week, they were hoping the number would increase. The enthusiasm of these dear girls did me good, believing, as I do, that their joy in this work springs from love to Christ. The boys' school, too, has a wide-awake Christian teacher. Three of the large boys were not provided with books; and no amount of talking on the part of teacher or pastor could persuade their parents to buy them. These men came in on Saturday with quite a company of others; and the brethren made no scruple of openly speaking about these derelict fathers. Mr. Wheeler kindly asked one of them to sit down by him, and said,—

"Now, if a vartabed (bishop) had come to this place fifteen years ago, would you have been sitting by him, as you do now beside me?".

"No," was the answer.

"Where would you have been?"

"Meekly standing over there by the door," said another.

"And what makes the difference?" asked Mr. Wheeler. "Is it not the gospel that makes men of you?" He then went on to speak of their pastor, whom they all delighted to honor, and asked what placed him head and shoulders above all the people. The man could not but acknowledge that religion and intelligence had given him this pre-eminence. It did not need much more argument to convince the father, that, by withholding the needed books, he was standing in the way of his son's advancement.

"But, Bodvelli," one brother laughingly persisted, "the vartabeds now permit the common people to sit down in their presence."

"Yes," said Mr. Wheeler. "But why? Because they are afraid they will lose you all if they don't."

Yesterday I saw a bright girl whom I remembered as a beginner in reading last winter; but on inquiry I found her

mother had sold the book, thinking it wasn't worth while for a girl to read. I expressed my sorrow for this to the mother, who was standing near, when, with a gesture of impatience, she took hold of my fur collar, and said, —

"You have time to read. You come here in your comfortable clothes; but look at the difference!" And she held up one corner of her tattered dress.

"Ah! my sister," I replied, "you have well said there is a great difference; but what makes it? It is just this same blessed gospel, that brings light and comfort and peace to all who will accept it. My clothes are better than yours, my home is far pleasanter, and I expect I am much happier than you; and why? It is not that I am naturally any better; but these are some of the blessings the gospel brings to men; and I have come from a gospel land to try and persuade you to read this Bible, to love and obey its precepts." The woman promised me, before I left, that her daughter should have another book, and begin to read.

Pray much, dear sisters, for the women of this land. Some are chosen and dear to the heart of Jesus. I believe he has his elect among those who still sit in darkness.

ZARHOUHI'S LETTER.

WE are indebted to the ladies of the New-Haven Branch for the following letter, written to one of their auxiliaries by a Bible-reader under the care of Mrs. Leonard of Marsovan:—

My beloved Sisters in Christ,—I have long desired to write you a letter of thanks for your having shown love very great in sending us your beloved ones. They are also much beloved by us; and, for the advancement of Christ's kingdom and the salvation of never-dying souls, they labor unceasingly. From you and from them we are very thankful to know that you not only remember us, but that you

have a care for other parts of the world. This love is very wonderful. Behold, my dearly loved Mrs. Leonard and Miss Fritcher, when I was a weak, ignorant girl, cared for me, and, bringing me into school, labored for my improvement. I was unworthy such blessings; and I confess with grief, that, on account of much weakness, I did not gain as much knowledge as I desired. Yet, however much I grieve on this account, I also have great joy that the Lord is pleased to use such a weak servant in his service. Thanks be to his holy name, that such an ignorant one as myself is permitted to labor in his vineyard, and that, by your help and Mrs. Leonard's encouragement, I have commenced this blessed work!

It may be interesting to you to hear something of the places in which I have labored. Seventeen months ago I went to Hodji Keng; and the preacher of the place welcomed me gladly to his home. As I found opportunity, I visited from house to house, and was everywhere received with kindness, and entreated to repeat my visits. Thus they showed me much love, and listened gladly to what I had to say. Passing by the church one day, I saw the priest sitting by the door, and giving instruction to the women. My ear caught these words, "It is not well that women learn to read."

Hearing that, I could not remain silent, but, drawing near, said to the priest, —

"Why! do you think that women have no souls?"

"No," he replied. "I do not think this; but their hearts and natures are very bad."

"Then," said I, "it is the more necessary that they should learn to read, that they may improve."

To this he was not able to give answer; and I continued, "In the sight of God all souls are equal. Is it not sufficient that you have walked in darkness thus long?

I entreat you to leave such vain ideas, and to study the word of God. You remember you must give an account of the manner in which you teach this people."

Many opportunities like this I had of talking to the people; but finally, on account of much weakness, I was obliged to return to Marsovan. In a few weeks I went to Urjice Rupii. There also I found many friends, and labored among them with much love. The kindness I met everywhere, and the joy that filled my heart while there, I cannot express with my weak pen. Wherever I went, the women would gather around me and listen with tearful eyes to the words of life. I remained there three months. My parting with them was very trying. The women escorted me out of the city; and many tears were shed as we separated

After a while it was thought best that I should accompany my sister and brother-in-law to Amasia, that we might labor together there. When I reached there, I opened a school for small girls. I commenced with two pupils; but, increasing from day to day, it finally numbered thirty-two. On account of the great heat there, I have come to Marsovan for a short vacation; but, if the Lord will, I intend to return soon.

Thus you see, that, wherever I have been, there is much work; but the laborers are few. Let us, therefore, pray the Lord to raise up laborers to enter into this great work. But I must not write more: however much I may write, I cannot make known all the love and desire of my heart. My heart is full of joy always, that I am permitted to labor in this blessed work; and, with thanks to you for your kind help, I send loving salutations to you all, and to all the friends of my beloved Mrs. Leonard. From your weak sister in Christ,

ZARHOUHI.

INDIA.

A THOUGHT FOR MOTHERS.

BY MRS. CAPRON.

"SUFFER little children to come unto me" are the tender, gracious words with which the Saviour would win the heart of each mother who has earnest aspirations for her child. If the mother draws confidingly near her Lord, the child will not be afraid of him. Think of the young heart that so readily blossoms into the prayer, "Bless papa, mamma, and me," and then think of the child whose religious training consists in being taught to put its hands together before the grotesque idol Pulliar.* If the Hindoo mother is earnest in her religion, she has unweariedly taught her little one to remember the idol when he passes by it, and to do it reverence. And then, on special days, he is made to bring his little offering. He must pour oil over the already filthy head, and put a garland around its neck, and spread fruits before it, and the child shares in the service. Just in proportion to her fervor, is her influence over her little one.

Thoughtful mother, is there not here a lesson for you?

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS ANDREWS.

In a letter from Miss Andrews, dated Tungcho, Sept. 2, 1872, after speaking of the daily routine of her life, interrupted by the heat of summer, she says,—

"Some time in June last, I made a visit which was very agreeable to me, and may be of interest to you. It was to

the native town of my Bible-reader, Mrs. Tsua, — a large, pleasant village called Tsanlingchwang. I went to the place last year, going and returning the same day, as it is only about seven miles from here. But Mrs. Tsua was anxious that we should remain longer this time, so that her relatives might have an opportunity to hear the truth, free from the crowd of outsiders, who always gather at our coming. She was sure her aunt would gladly give us a place in her house for the night; and we accordingly devoted two days to the trip, Mrs. Sheffield going with us.

"The visit was much more satisfactory than the others had been, because there was a better chance for quiet teaching. We had a great many listeners all the time; some lingering till nine o'clock in the evening, and others coming before six the next morning. As a good deal of the curiosity about us had passed away, we were able to talk more about the truth, and less about other things. One pleasant little incident of the visit was that we held family prayers the morning we were there. All the household. consisting of an old lady, her son, his wife, and two children, were present, and two or three neighboring women came in, notwithstanding the early hour, - half-past five. It was the first time, I suppose, that the voice of prayer had ever been heard in the village. I was pleased with the quiet, respectful way in which they listened; and it was gratifying to think, that, for once at least, a Christian service took the place of idol worship. They have a large Buddha in the house, to which they burn incense daily; but we were glad to see that they seemed quite convinced of the folly of it, and almost ready to give it up. The old lady, her son, and daughter, appeared ill at ease while they listened to the truth; and they took many little opportunities during the two days to talk with Mrs. Tsua about destroying the idol, evidently feeling that they ought to do so, but shrinking from the consequences of such a step, — the scorn and ridicule of their neighbors. She knew well how to sympathize with and advise them; for she had passed through the same hard struggle herself three or four years ago. Most earnestly we sought to convince them that their false worship was not only folly, but sin against God; and our constant prayer since has been, that they might have grace to put away the sin, and turn to him. I wish I could tell you that they had made such a decision; but we have just heard from there, and the idol still stands. I suppose we cannot understand how much it costs to take such a step.

"Of all the people who seemed interested in hearing us, the one who especially attracted me was a blind man, - a fortune-teller, I learned afterward, - a young man with a bright, quick mind, who listened with an eagerness I have rarely seen in China, taking in the truth so readily, and seeming so hungry and thirsty for it, that it was a real pleasure to talk with him. He came in the first day, just as I had opened my Bible to read the account of the blind man who was healed at the gate of Jericho. I don't know what effect that incident had upon him; for he said nothing, and I did not speak with him that day, though he staid till late, listening while we conversed with others. But the next morning he came early before many had gathered, and sat by me for more than two hours while I read and talked with him about Jesus and the way of salvation. He asked no questions about any thing else, and seemed to care for nothing but the truth; and when I stopped, feeling that he had already heard more than he could remember, he asked for the books, that the teacher of the village might read to him when we were gone. The best of it was, that he appeared to listen not as to a pleasant story, but as to something he himself needed and wanted. said he should come to Tungcho to hear more of the truth,

as did a number of others who became interested. Mrs. Sheffield and I had many pleasant talks, sometimes with a crowd, and again with only two or three.

"I saw more, during this visit, of Mrs. Tsua's power in teaching and talking than I have ever seen before; and I was very much pleased with the good judgment she showed in answering their objections, as well as with her knowledge of the truth, and readiness in explaining it. She has an experience of her own, from which she draws freely; and she speaks with an earnestness that seems to come from a warm heart. Of course there are many places where she understands the wants and needs of the people better than we can do, and knows how to meet them. I was only confirmed by the experience of those two days, in the opinion I have long held, that, with God's blessing, she may make a very efficient helper.

"It is a relief and a comfort to me, when weary and cast down, to know that hearts at home can understand and realize something of the burdens that rest upon us, and are bearing them with us in prayer. Our great need is of God's Spirit to breathe upon these dead that they may live. Oh! dear sisters who have wrestled with God and prevailed many times, I beg of you pray for us; wrestle with us for this great blessing till it come! Oh! pray that we may not be left alone, that the blessing may not be long delayed, and that our faith fail not in the waiting."

"Faith, mighty Faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, It shall be done:"

Oug Pork at Honge.

WEEKLY-PLEDGE SYSTEM.

LETTER FROM A CO-WORKER.

Dear Woman's Board, — We have been trying for a whole year to establish a society auxiliary to yours in our little town. We have appointed officers, enrolled twenty-six members, and employed two self-denying young ladies as collectors. They have called a few times on every member, and at the close of the year made up the aggregate of our contributions forty-eight dollars. To gather this small sum, two educated young women have toiled forty hours, — four working-days, — having called on ten ladies three times.

Is there a way to save all this time and travel? We have heard of "The Weekly-Pledge System;" and we have thought it might increase our contributions, and oblige each one to be her own collector. Now, we want to know particularly about this system. Is there any unnecessary machinery about it? Do ladies find it easier to give a little each week than to lay aside a certain amount for the year? Do they ever forget to bring the money at the end of the month? Our collectors have called many times when the lady did not have the money by her, but would send it next week, and, after next week, the call had to be repeated; and yet we believe that every member of our auxiliary society loves the missionary cause. A dear sister told me yesterday, that she had received a sum of money unexpectedly, and that she wished to give it at once, before

it was used for any thing else. Have others had the same experience?

Please write us all about it, and oblige,

A Co-Worker.

This letter, received a day or two since, brings to notice "The Weekly-Pledge System," upon which so many of our friends wish information, that we take the opportunity of answering it for the benefit of others.

In these days of many charities, conscientious giving has come to be a very important matter; and it seems strange that people otherwise exact and methodical should leave this duty so much to chance or impulse. What plan can be adopted that shall systematize benevolence, and place it on a firm basis? We turn to our infallible guide, and there we find written, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him." What could be plainer or more practical? — to remember on the sabbath how God has blessed us during the week, and to return to him a tithe, be it large or small, of what he has given us. Any thing that may be a means of hastening these millennial givings deserves attention; and such we consider, in a small degree perhaps, our weekly-pledge envelopes. The habits of those who are mothers now may mould the principles of the men and women of the next generation; but the present benefits of the system are by no means small.

We sympathize most heartily with the trials of collectors, having ourselves, when inexperienced, gone the distance of a mile and back, six times, to obtain a dollar subscription. With what perfect ease could the donor herself have taken one of the little envelopes to the treasurer, at the monthly meeting of the auxiliary, or the church prayer-meeting; thus saving twelve miles of weary walking, and the often

uncomfortable feeling that the collector herself is a "beggar," and asking a personal favor.

The "machinery" of the plan is very simple. It may require a little more thought and attention than merely to pass over a dollar or two when it is asked for, sometimes scarcely knowing for what it is intended. But is this an objection? Is it not better that even a small sum of money should be given intelligently, and followed with prayer, that it may accomplish the good for which it is designed? For the forgetful ones, the waiting envelope is a reminder that cannot easily pass unnoticed. It may be overlooked, it is true; but experience has proved that the delinquents are few; and even the careless gradually fall into the routine, so that it gives but little inconvenience to the treasurer.

Then there is another consideration: we women are but gleaners in the Master's field as yet, although it does seem as if he looked upon us with a favorable eye, and was letting fall the handfuls for us; and we think the envelopes are admirably adapted to receive small sums of money that would otherwise slip from the purse unheeded. Many of our friends - lukewarm ones, perhaps - who might think a dollar a year quite enough for the Woman's Board, but who would find it no hardship to drop a five-cent-piece once a week into an envelope, might be surprised, at the end of the year, to find they had given more than twice as much as they intended. But it is not necessary to confine ourselves to small sums. Could not the dear sister whom God had so prospered that she had a large amount to be given "before it was used for any thing else" place it securely in her envelope, where it is no more hers than what she has actually paid out for household expenses?

Indeed, among those who have tried the system, there seems to be but one opinion, — that it is simple, easy, and

effective; that the contributions are larger, and more easily gathered, than under any other arrangement; and we take the liberty of answering our friend's letter in this public way, that we may most earnestly recommend it to all our auxiliaries.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

From Dec. 1, to Dec. 20, 1872.

MRS. HOMER BARTLETT, TREASURER.

MAINE.

Auburn. - Aux., Mrs. H. B. Pulsifer, Sec., \$6.50.

Rockland. — Aux. to constitute Mrs. Elizabeth A. Pierce of Erzroom, Turkey, and Mrs. Mary A. Love-joy, L. M's., \$50. Total, \$56.50.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Campton. - Aux., Mrs. E. Bartlett, Treas. (of which \$25 to constitute Mrs. E. H. Hodgdon L. M.). \$38.

Claremont. — E. L. Goddard to constitute Mrs. A. B. G. Emerson L. M., \$25. Conway N. - Mrs. M. C. Merrill, to

complete L. M. made by her to Mrs. Susan M. Eastman, \$5. Hampton. - Aux., for Mrs. Total, \$83. wards's school, \$15.

VERMONT.

Craftsbury N. - Mrs. D. W. Loomis, to constitute Mrs. Sarah E. French

L. M., \$25.

Middlebury.—Aux., Mrs. C. H. Ladd, Treas. (of which to consti-tute Mrs. Joseph Steele and Mrs. tute Mrs. Joseph Steele and Mrs. E. P. Hooker L. M's.), \$110; S. S. (of which for support of Mariam of Hoghl), \$30; Mrs. C. H. Ladd and Mrs. Carrie K. Webber, for "Agavan" at Constantinople Home, \$115. - \$255.

Montpelier .- Aux., Mrs. A. J. Howe, Treas. for B. R. "Ahilabai," \$35.

Pittsford. — By Mrs. R. T. Hall, ladies of Cong. Soc., to constitute Mrs. Jane A. Powers L. M. \$25. Rutland. — Aux. Mrs. Nancy Green, Treas., of which to constitute Mrs. L. Daniels, Mrs. E. A. Waller, Mrs. W. B. Mussey, and Mrs. G. M. Haven, L. Mrs. \$107.50; S. S. Cong. Ch. for Miss Clark's school at Bross. \$102.55 at Broosa, \$102 55.

St. Johnsbury — S. Cong. Church, by Thos. L. Hall, Treas., \$50. Thos. L. Hall, 11628., 500. Veryennes. — Aux., \$107; mission circle, "Cheerful Givers," \$10. — \$117. Total, \$717.15.

C. HOME BUILDING-FUND.

Rutland. - Mrs. C. H. Ladd, \$25; Mrs. H. T. Ketchell, \$25.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.—Mrs. H. W. Damon, to constitute Mrs. W. W. Thompson of Napa, Cal., L. M. §25; Parkstreet Ch., Mrs. Worcester, §1; Old South Ch., "L. F. B." monthly contribution, and, with a former one, to constitute Miss Talcott of N. Haven, and Miss L. A. Hale of Salem, L. M's, \$30, - \$56.

Beverly .- Centreville Mission Circle. by Miss M. E. Price, \$30.

Braintree E. - Mrs. S. J. Holbrook, \$3.

Cambridge. — Shepard Ch. S. S., Mrs. E. S. Johnson's class, "Willing Helpers," \$5.

Dunstable. — Cong. Ch. and Soc., \$3. Greenfield. — Mrs. H. M. Ball, \$5. Hopkinton. — "Little Workers," \$25. Leominster. — Evan. Cong. Ch., \$10. Lynn. — N. Ch. Aux., for Mrs. Edwards's school, \$51.35.

Newton Centre. — Aux., \$10. Salem. — Tabernacle Ch. S. S., "Willing Helpers," for a pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school at Inanda, S. A.,

Springfield. - Young Ladies' Mission Soc., Miss M. C. Calhoun,

Treas., \$10.50.

Townsend Centre. - Mrs. M. A. Bertram, Treas., \$60. Winchendon. — Mrs. C. W. Bowker,

Treas., \$66.80.

Wrentham. — Aux., additional. \$1. Weymouth. — "Mite for India," \$1. Williamsburg. - Aux., Miss S. M. Carter, Sec., \$25. Yurmouth. — Mission-Circle, \$2.22.

Total, \$394.87.

C. HOME BUILDING-FUND.

Peabody .- "Morning-Star" Mission-Circle, proceeds of a fair, \$300. Boston. - Chambers - street Chapel Miss. Circles, \$61.33; "A Friend," Central Ch., \$25.

CONNECTICUT.

Hartford.—Aux., Mrs. Charles A. Jewell, Treas., Fourth Ch., \$25; Wethersfield-ave. Ch., \$31; Mrs. A. Dunham, Park Ch., \$10; Pearl-A. Dunham, Park Ch., \$10; Pearlistreet Ch., \$106 (of which, by Mrs. E. A. Hubbard, \$25 to constitute Miss Hattle E. Spencer L. M.; \$75 collections to constitute Mrs. Caroline K Gage, Mrs. Adeline M. Browne, and Mrs. Maria H. Welles, L. M's), Center Ch., \$280 (of which by friends to constitute Mrs. E. H.

Richardson L. M.; "A Friend," \$25, to constitute Mrs. Josiah Tyler L. M., Mrs. Isaac Wright, \$25 to constitute herself L. M., and Mrs. Edwin S. House, \$25, to constitute Edwid S. House, \$25, to constitute herself L. M.), the same also including salary of Miss C. P. Dwight, for 1873, their missionary at Sivas, W. Turkey, \$452.

Prospect.—Cong. Ch., \$9.

Total, \$461.

C. HOME BUILDING-FUND.

Hartford. - Mrs. H. A. Perkins, \$100; Mrs. Joseph Cone, \$20; Mrs. E. G. Howe, \$10; Mrs. William Thompson, \$10; Mrs. Brownal, \$2; Miss Douglass, \$5; Cash, \$16.

NEW YORK.

Brasher Falls. - S. S., for Harpoot Female Seminary, \$10. Brooklyn. - Mrs. Loomis and Miss Pratt, for pupil at Harpoot, \$30. Saratoga Springs. — Aux., Mrs. H. M. Thornton, Treas, \$22. Total, \$62.

ILLINOIS.

Alton. - "A Friend," \$10.

MINNESOTA.

Hutchinson. — Cong. Ch., \$3.

C. HOME BUILDING-FUND.

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CENTRAL TURKEY.

HADJIN WEDDINGS.

BY MRS. J. L. COFFING.

It is the sabbath, and we are quietly reading in the house, when suddenly a noise is heard, and we hurry to the door.

Twenty young men or more are coming down the steep hill, driving before them as many animals, loaded with wood. They are singing the ditties of the country, clapping their hands, and hurrahing: so that their noise has reached us at the distance of half a mile.

What can it all mean? Do you see that tent on a neighboring roof? To-morrow morning there is to be a wedding in that house; and these are friends of the bridegroom, who went with him yesterday for wood. They have stopped now in that turn of the road; and the bridegroom will treat them to strong drink. Then they will make even more noise than before.

One horse with his load has parted from the rest, and approaches the city by a different road. That goes to the house of the bride; the others to the groom's house. This is a custom to which newly-married people even in our own land would not object. Who, under such circumstances, would not welcome a present of fifteen or twenty loads of wood?

"But why do they bring it on the sabbath?" The priests tell them that their weddings are their most holy rites, and that whatever is done for a wedding on the sab-

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bath is lawful. The wood has reached its destination, and the sound of rejoicing is heard in the house: but it has not the sound of innocent joy, of pleasure unmixed with sin; and we turn away in disgust.

It is Monday morning. The first rays of light are just breaking over the hills: what can have waked us at this early hour? There is the sound as of a great hotel-gong and a dozen cow-bells. The priest, and the groom's friends, have come to take the bride to the church.

Two hours have passed, and again the gong is heard. We reach the window just as the crowd is passing. It is headed by the music-makers, and a priest in a long, black robe, with a greasy black cap on his head. Next comes the groom, and at his side the groomsman, a lad of ten or twelve years, who has acted as sponsor at the church. They are dressed in dirty, light-colored silk robes, the property of the church, which have been used for this purpose for years. Next in order comes a crowd of men in their rough, every-day dress, then the women, and last the bride on horseback.

Let us follow them into the home of the groom, and observe the ceremonies, which are the same, it is said, as have been performed on all similar occasions for hundreds of years. The groom has passed up the stairs, and stands at the door, with his hands folded across his breast, looking at the ground. Thus he must stand till the guests are all seated, and the bride has passed into the room beyond.

She has just now entered. Is she handsome? Her face is closely veiled; and even the groom himself cannot answer the question. Friends are preparing the breakfast under the tent. See the display of copper dishes! It would seem useless to try to count them, they are so numerous. Yet we cannot infer from this fact that the family is rich. All the friends, near and more remote, have lent their cop-

per for the occasion. Neither does it imply that a variety of food is provided. The entertainment is a simple one, — merely cracked wheat, with melted butter poured over it. Not a woman is expected to sit down at the table. They will all be served in that dark room. It is considered a great shame for men and women to eat together. Even husband and wife cannot do it. The groom and groomsman must stand at one side, in their silk robes, with their hands folded, and look on.

When the breakfast is over, the bride is brought forth, still closely veiled; and, while an old man plays on a tambourine and sings a low song, she and her maids dance, going through with the most ridiculous motions. groom in the mean time is taken into the room, and stands peeping through a crack in the door. An old man now steps forward, and sings out, "A thousand blessings to her be given! Here her mother gives four pounds to the handful." He then lets fall a handful of small coins, the whole not amounting to a sixpence in value. In a few moments, he lets fall another handful on her head, saying, "A thousand blessings to her be given! Here her brother gives four pounds to the handful." Thus he goes through the whole list of her friends; and the tambourine-player picks up the small coins, and thus gets his pay. This goes on at intervals, day and night, for three days.

Weddings seldom take place in the town, except in the months of July and August; but they are very numerous during these two months. The headman told me, that, when he was married, there were eight other couples standing on the floor, besides those that were married in the other churches the same morning.

When will these superstitious ceremonies give place to Christian services? these low ditties to holy songs? How shall the change be brought about? The means to be used are plain; but I must leave them for another letter.

EUROPEAN TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MRS. MUMFORD.

We are permitted to make the following extracts from a letter, addressed by Mrs. Mumford of Samokov to our auxiliary in Oberlin, O., under date of Sept. 30, 1872:—

"Two of the missionaries have just returned from a tour of four weeks among the different villages and cities where our booksellers have been, and where more or less of the truth has been preached. They are encouraged by what they saw and heard of the progress of the work. In Merechleri, where there was persecution last spring, the Lord's truth is marching right on. One whole ward of the city is now Protestant; and the meetings are so fully attended, that a larger room must be provided for them. We learn from a bookseller who has just come in from a · tour, that in another large village, where much seed has been sown, persecution has begun. Will you not pray for these two places, that those who are now called to suffer for Christ's sake may stand firm? If they will only stand, the Lord will pour out his grace in great power upon the people; and their 'righteousness will go forth as a lamp that burneth.' We have never seen it fail here. But, if they are fearful and fall, the light becomes darkness, - darkness that can be felt, as it were.

"The missionaries report, that, in almost every place visited by them, the women plead for a Bible-woman to come and read the Word to them. How my heart swells at the vastness of the field and the blessedness of the work! It seems to me, that, while learning the language, I am in the position of Paul before he received his sight. I wonder if he did not feel that he could hardly endure to stay idle so long. I am exceedingly anxious that these girls under our care should feel the importance of the work they are to do for this people."

JAPAN.

ENCOURAGEMENTS TO MISSIONARY EFFORT.

A YOUNG missionary in Japan writes as follows of the joy she finds in her new life: —

"The little taste of missionary work which we have had in our morning prayers has made it easy for me to understand how very hard it must be for a missionary to tear himself away from his work. You do not know how different the Bible seems as we read it with those who hear it for the first time. The words have been so familiar to us from the time we were little children, that, as we read them, we do not take in their full meaning; but, when trying to give them to another in a strange tongue, we get many new thoughts for ourselves, and realize more than ever before, that the Bible can never become an old book."

The following extract from a letter dated Nov. 1 is of special interest, as illustrating the progress of ideas in that land, and the confidence felt by some, at least, in our missionaries:—

"Yesterday we received a call from the Daisakan, the fifth yaconin in rank in this region. He is very anxious that we should take his little son, eight years old, into our family, and bring him up as we would our own children, keeping him with us ten years, and teaching him as well as we can the Christian religion. He hopes that by that time he will understand enough about it to teach his own countrymen. A few years ago, I imagine, no Japanese official would have made a similar request."

Home Bepartment.

WE have received from our auxiliary in Elyria, O., a very interesting and suggestive report of the work of that society during the last year. Their annual meeting was held Dec. 13. One of the officers writes of it as follows: "Our meeting was attended by more than a hundred ladies, including several from Oberlin, Cleveland, East Cleveland, Milan, Vermilion, and other towns in the vicinity. Haskell of Eski Zagra spoke to us for an hour, telling of her ten years in Bulgaria, and showing us how hopeful and blessed is the work of the missionary, entering as it were, even now, into the inheritance by sharing the Master's work. She spoke of the need of more missionaries, urging the subject on those present, though with hesitation, she said; since the call must come from the Spirit, who would lead to a true and righteous decision any soul who would listen to his pleadings. Delegates from other societies spoke briefly; but one short afternoon seemed to pass all too quickly."

Our correspondent adds, "I have secured thirteen more subscribers for 'Life and Light' this week, and that was by no great exertion,—only carrying my pencil and paper to a sewing-society, where we were preparing clothes for Sunday-school scholars, and asking such ladies as I met to take it."

Are there not others who will at least do as much as this for increasing the circulation of our magazine? We ask it that the many Christian women connected with our Western churches, who have never yet heard of the openings and calls for their assistance in spreading the gospel in heathen lands, may become united with us in heart and in active effort.

HAVE YOU A BOX?

A COLLECTOR in one of our auxiliaries said to a lady friend the other day, "I am getting quite discouraged about our society. We have not made up the salary for our missionary, and so many are excusing themselves, at this holiday season, from their monthly payments."

"Oh, don't be disheartened!" exclaimed the other.
"The salary must be all paid, everybody agrees to that; and there is something in our box that can go towards it."

"What is your box?"

"Why, we always keep a box into which each one of the family puts a penny, a quarter, or a dime, whenever it can be spared, for general benevolent purposes; and it is very convenient in emergencies. Of course, this is all aside from our regular contributions: we design it for special calls."

"A very good plan," said the collector. "I will suggest it to others." And when her friend, at their next meeting, handed her two dollars as an extra contribution from "the box," it was so practical a proof of the excellence of the plan, that it seemed worth while to give it wider mention.

Some time since, in another family, the little daughter wished to join the Ladies' Society, whose meetings she often attended with her mother (they had no Children's Band). But she did not know how she could earn the dollar, so that it should be her "very own" to give. Her mother provided a pretty box, promising that each of the family would occasionally contribute, and allowing her to tell their intimate friends, as they came in, the object of this new mantle-ornament. A few months afterward, on the child's birthday, the box was opened, and all but a few cents of the requisite amount found within, — all, too, in small bits; a fifteen-cent scrip being the largest piece. So Susy's membership was her birthday-gift.

Try it, friends. There is practical truth, as well as shrewd sense, in the old Scotch proverb, "Many a little makes a mickle."

It teaches the children too. If they regularly and habitually give of their own, they will not fail to learn for what they are thus denying themselves, and what are the needs of those to whom they give. Let the habit of benevolence be fixed in youth, and there will not be the ignorance of after years which is at present one of the hardest obstacles we have to encounter and overcome in our home work. E.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM DEC. 1, TO DEC. 21, 1872.

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Painesville. - Aux., Mrs. Ella D. Everett, Treas., \$21.

MICHIGAN.

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Treas., \$6.72.

Total, \$196.7 Total, \$196.72.

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Bloomington. - Aux., Mrs. E. C. Tracey, Treas., \$5. Whitewater. - Aux., for support of Miss Taylor of Madura, Miss M. V.

Hall, Treas., \$45.

Total, \$50.

Oscaloosa. -- Aux., Mrs. Kate A. Trask, Treas., \$36.

Polk City.—Aux., Mrs. C. W. Rogers, Treas., \$6.

Waterloo. - Aux., to be applied to the support of Mrs. Coffing's school in Marash, and to a Bible-Reader in Zeitoon, Mrs. W. H. Leavitt, Treas., \$47.19.

Wittemberg. — Aux., Miss Dorcas D. Hanger, Treas., \$9.60. Total, \$98.79. Total, \$489.51.



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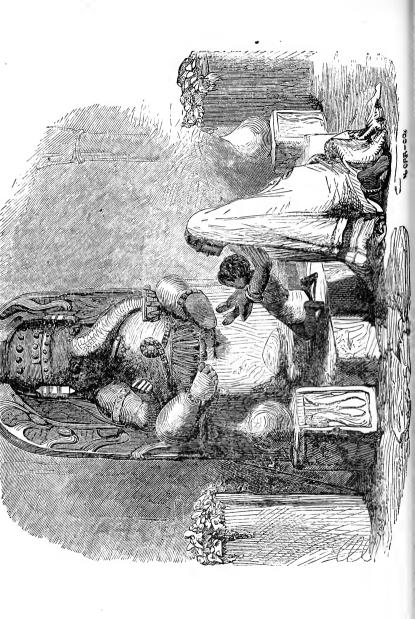
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THE LITTLE PEACEMAKERS.

BY MISS SEYMOUR.

F you should hear the happy voices of our Harpoot school-girls, as I do now, you would not think they needed very much pity. It is Saturday; and they are as busy as bees, washing, sweeping, and cooking. I never saw so many girls together, where there was such perfect harmony. All last year and this, not ome came to us with a complaint against another.

I had forgotten — two girls came to our room not long ago, with very sad faces, having been deputed by the others to tell us what they thought we ought to know. A new scholar had been taking their things, and then telling lies to screen herself. They said they had talked and prayed with her; but they finally felt, that, for the good of the school, it ought to be known. Kohar, the native teacher who stays with the girls, said she wondered at the kindness and wisdom they showed in dealing with her. This has been the the first case of theft since I have been here; and I hope it will be the last.



THE IDOL PULLIAR.

BY MRS. CAPRON.

This is a Hindu idol, known in the missions of Southern India as Pulliar, or the god of wisdom, and in Northern India, as Ganecha. Sitting in state like this, or perched on a stone just within the barred door of a little temple, or dumped down by the roadside, grim and greasy with dust and oil, it may always be known by its elephant's head and trunk. Whether hidden behind the closed door, or in sight by the roadside, the devout Hindu always folds his hands in worship as he passes by it.

This is the idol-god that presides over the schools of India. Think of school-boys, with their Palmyra-leaf school-books slung over their shoulders, running along to school, and stopping in their talk to pay worship to such an uncouth image as this! This idol sits, also, in a niche at one end of the schoolroom; and each boy, as he enters, pays salute to it. As a boy takes up his arithmetic, he offers a prayer to Pulliar that he may be helped to learn and remember the thirty Palmyra-leaf pages of this study.

On special occasions, the people may be seen breaking cocoanuts before this idol, and pouring the fragrant milk over his hideous head. You may sometimes see a family making a feast to it. One has put a garland of the white jessamine over its neck; another has filled the air with the fragrance of the burning sandal-wood taper. When the feast has been prepared, a small portion is set before the idol, which the crows take away with a grateful caw.

At night the priest lights the arch of lamps above the idol's head. In a little temple, one dim lamp burns all the night; and the roadside god is left in darkness. Better if

all the idols were left in darkness, or buried from sight forever.

This Hindu mother is teaching her child to kneel down, and put its hands together in worship, just as your mother teaches you to pray to your heavenly Father. The heathen child has no sweet Bible-stories to tell him of the dear Saviour. It is all darkness to him, until some one brings the Bible to him, and teaches him to love the only true God.

TURKISH SCENES.

NUMBER TWO.

BY MISS M. G. HOLLISTER,

In my last I left my little friends in Aintab, at the seminary.

Now we will start out on a trip to the mountain villages. With faces set toward the sunlit, snowy peaks, off on our galloping horses, over the plains where the oleander, syringa, and morning-glories grow,—oh! that will be fine indeed! But wait one moment. Here's our bedding to pack, a whole tableful of food and cooking-utensils to find a place for on the back of some of these restless mules; and you yourselves, brave as you may be, won't ride the prancing little pony, but fix yourselves in those boxes swung across the animal's back. Those are mafas, as the native people call them,—just large enough for one to ride in each. As we start down the street, and the assistant teacher appears round the corner, "There go the mirabets (nuns), and here comes the mirabet's old shoe," sings out one of our street-boy friends, and then, quicker than

thought, dodges out of sight to the tune, "The gowers are coming."

And now, after many escapes, having been swung against the walls of the narrow streets, and nearly upset by a donkey-train, with a few scratches and bruises we are safe on the plain, with a long day's journey before us. The first hour or two there is some joking and laughing; but finally we all settle down into the caravan-rate of travel. Hour after hour we creep along over the plain, up and down the long limestone hills, till we are all glad to come in sight of a village, where we may rest for the night. When we dismount, groups of ragged men, women, and children stand around our company, looking on in stupid wonder. are rough people, who never heard of the Saviour, - such people as he used to see, no doubt, when he was on earth. Many of them are shepherds; but they don't know that just as they themselves go out on the mountains, and call their sheep around them to keep them from harm, the good Shepherd is trying to call them to himself. And, if we begin to tell them of this, they will shrug their shoulders, and turn away, or begin to dispute about a few paras of monev.

But we must think of what we are to do for the night. The only place we have is a house made of straw, or, at best, a room with walls, floor, and roof of mud, with a hole in the centre for the smoke to escape. With our travelling-beds set up amid the noisy villagers, the horses, and the mules, we try to sleep; but damp bedding and the insects keep our weary eyelids wide open, till morning light tells us it is time to be on our way again. Such nights as this, when I have listened to the barking of the dogs, and the scolding of the women, how often have I thought, that, if the children of America could see these people as I see them, they would forget to be discontented and disobedient, since

God has given them such pleasant homes and kind parents.

With all the clamor they contrive to make night and day, you will never hear a joyous, ringing laugh from any one of them. Think of that, children, who laugh and play from morning till night,—think what a gloomy life they must lead, with never a kind word or a winning smile from a gentle mother! Think what it would be to be in their places, and what you can do to help them out of such a life into something higher and better!

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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MISSION-WORKERS.

Among the best of our mission-circles, we can most truly say, are the "Mission-Workers," in Putnam, Conn. Real little workers they are too, if we may judge from

the results that come to us now and then. Their last undertaking was a very pleasant sale: and we think they must understand how to work among the hearts of their friends; for their letter says, "We opened our doors at half-past seven, and in two hours every article was gone from the tables. We hoped to realize twenty-five dollars; but, to our great delight, we send you fifty-four."

Just about a year ago they had a very successful entertainment, an account of which we have had quite a long time, trying to find a place for it in "Echoes." Now that the merry Christmas holidays are over, we doubt not many little people are wishing to do something for their mission-circle. We give the programme the "Mission-Workers" used, thinking it may be of some assistance.

PART FIRST.

Onward, Christian Soldiers				Cho	rus.
In School-Days			. F	Recitat	ion.
Soldiers for Jesus				Cho	rus.
A Trap to eatch a Sunbeam			$\cdot I$	Recitat	ion.
Sunbeams		Tr	io and	l Cho	rus.
Recording Angels			. 1	Dialog	ue.
The Children's Temple .					

PART SECOND.

Merry Songs		Solo and Choru	s.
Lift up your Voice		Solo and Choru	s.
The Chamois-Hunter .		Recitatio	n.
From Highways and Hedges		Choru	s.
Reading of Report			
Contribution Song		Solo and Choru	s.
The Parable of the Virgins			
The Best Use of a Penny .		Recitation	n.
The Band of Virtues			
We are Marching Onward .		Choru	s.

Cheerfully Gibe.

BY MRS. C. B. DANA.

Now let us for Afric's and India's need
Our pennies most cheerfully give;
Supporting the schools that the children may read:
Cheerfully, cheerfully give!
Chorus. — Cheerfully, gratefully, lovingly give

For children less favored than we;
Obeying the golden rule Jesus has given,
Whose love is so boundless and free.

How burdened these children to mission-schools go!
Cheerfully, cheerfully give!
No wonder their progress in letters is slow:
Cheerfully, cheerfully give!
Chorus — Cheerfully, gratefully, lovingly give, &c.

Their patient school-teacher, with loving heart full,
Has left her bright home far away,
To carry to India the home and the school:
For all mission-teachers we pray.
Chorus. — Cheerfully, gratefully, lovingly pray, &c.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of seventeen letters.

My 2, 3, 15, 1, 2, 3, 10, are the children for whom we are laboring. My 15, 5, 10, 1, 11, 14, is a city of which we have recently heard.

My 2, 9, 4, 3, and my 4, 9, 1, 2, 3, 12, are beautiful words not found in heathen tongues.

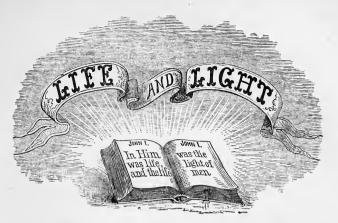
My 12, 9, 6, 15, 12, 13, is used by little Spanish girls in their prayers.

My 4, 11, 2, 9, 4, 3, 1, was the founder of a great religion.

My 17, 9, 12, 11, 16, is used by his followers for a Bible.

My 10, 15, 1, 8, 9, 16, 7, are those whom Christ commanded us to teach.

My whole is a place to invest pennies, where interest is returned a hundred-fold.



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AFRICA.

TWO MARRIAGES.

BY MRS. MELLEN.

ONE beautiful morning in the autumn, we heard that a prominent man, whose kraal was in sight of our house, was that day to take another wife. Of course great preparations had been made, — a large quantity of beer brewed, and one or two oxen slaughtered; a dance, a feast, and various heathen festivities, were expected. At such times every one must wear his best attire. That of the men consists of an apron made of the skin of the goat or some wild animal; and they sometimes have profuse ornaments of brass rings, feathers, and beads. The girls who are guests usually have a piece of new blue cloth for the occasion. This, with strings of beads, is their only clothing.

But I was about to speak of the young girl who was to

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be married to this old man. We heard a great noise of singing and shouting; and, on looking out, I saw a number of people driving four or five head of cattle, and in front of them was the bride who had been sold, or rather exchanged, for the cattle. Instead of a white veil, or wreath of orange-blossoms, her hair was all shaved off, with the exception of a tuft on the crown of her head, which was filled with a kind of unctuous red clay, - the badge that showed that she was a wife. A skirt made of cow's skin indicated that she was an Umfazi woman, instead of a girl; and the bridal dress was an apron of buckskin ornamented with brass buttons, tied under her arms, and hanging to her knees; while arms, ankles, and forehead were adorned with beads. A blanket, two pieces of cloth, and two mats, completed her trousseau. As the procession passed, my girls looked very sad, and one of them said, -

"If the missionaries had never come here, that would

have been our fate."

I asked if they knew the girl; and, to my surprise, they replied,—

"It is Unozindhow, the one who ran away at the time

of her engagement, and came here for protection."

"But," said I, "did not her friends promise her, if she would go home she need not marry this man?"

"Yes," they answered. "For a little while they were quiet: but Usokusanduka had paid the cattle; and he demanded them or the girl. Her father thought more of the cows than of his daughter; and she was whipped, and driven away to the man she despised."

The missionary, on hearing this, immediately mounted his horse, and rode to the kraal, not to interfere, for that he had no right to do, but simply to find out if the girl was there against her will, and to offer her protection. On reaching the place, he inquired if the report he had heard was true. They denied every charge, saying, "Ask Unozindhow."

"I have not been whipped," she exclaimed. "I am here willingly."

"I know you have been whipped, and are afraid to own it," said the missionary.

She stoutly denied having been troubled in any way.

"Very well," was the reply: "if you prefer to remain, you can do so. I came to tell you that you can have shelter under my roof if you wish."

The missionary then left them; and the people continued their dancing.

The next morning, before light, Unozindhow knocked at the kitchen-door. You may be sure our native girls gave her a warm welcome. They cut off her red top, gave her soap and water for a bath, lent her clothing; and I found her neatly clad, and as quietly at work as if she were a regular inmate of the household. She said she waited till the people were merry with their beer, then slipped away, and hid herself in a large ant-hole, where she spent the night in a very uncomfortable plight. Her friends were not long in finding her at our house. They scolded, threatened, and, if they could have laid hold of her, would have dragged her away. Then they coaxed, promised, and begged her to come and speak to them; but she wisely kept within doors, and they dared not enter. She had been deceived once, and knew too well what would be her fate if she went home. On being asked why she denied having been whipped, she replied, -

"For the reason you said yesterday, — I was afraid. I knew, too, that, if my persecutors thought I was there against my will, I should be closely watched."

She lived with me two years, and was always a good, faithful girl. She learned to sew very nicely, to repeat the Lord's Prayer, the Commandments, the whole of the Scripture Catechism in the Tract Primer, and many hymns.

After a while, she became engaged to a Christian young man belonging to the Verulam Wesleyan Station. Then she went home to dig a garden, and raise corn, as is the custom among all Christian natives: the produce they are allowed for their own use after marriage. She came regularly to the church services and prayer-meetings, and often an hour in the afternoon to sew or read, always bringing as many with her as she could persuade to come. She also taught her little sister to read, and to repeat many of the hymns she had learned.

When the time arrived for her to be married, we all took great pleasure in assisting her. This time her wedding-dress was of white muslin; and in her outfit she had two print dresses, two suits of under-clothes, stockings and shoes, and various other necessary articles. The day before her marriage, when she came to say good-by, she was very sad because she had left her home and friends, and was now really to be separated from them: even the heathen are not entirely without natural affection. I said,—

"Are you not glad that you are not married to Usokusanduka, living with other wives, amid filth and wretchedness? You are going to a good man. I think you will be happy; and I trust you will be a useful wife."

"I am thankful," she replied; "and I know to whom I owe my blessings. I am sorry for my sisters; but I am more sorry that they are willing to live as they do. If they loved Christ, he would free them from their bondage."

This is one of our greatest trials, — to see them contented with their condition. We pity them, and try to tell them of the Saviour who died to save them. But they are like people in Christian lands: very few believe the gospel, and accept it. Many more assent to what the missionaries tell them, and mean some time to become Christians; but far more love their own heathen customs, and cling to them.

TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS WILLIAMS.

WE have received from Miss Williams of Marash the following pleasant communication, dated June 25, 1872:—

"Thinking, perhaps, you will be interested in hearing some little account of the closing exercises of our school, I have determined to lay aside all other duties this morning. and write you of the occasion. I wish I could give you some idea of our appearance, gathered in the yard under the shade of three wide-spreading fig-trees, with matting spread over the branches to shield us entirely from the burning sun, making quite a cool, refreshing place for the audience, closely seated on the ground. Flowers in abundance made it cheery and inviting. On one side the girls, thirty in number, sat looking very fresh and attractive in their new calico dresses; and the knowledge that each one had made her own dress in the sewing-class added much to their value. I am sure their bright happy faces would have rejoiced your hearts, could you have been numbered among those four hundred listeners.

"Besides the examinations in their various studies, and the singing of the translation of some of our familiar hymns, there was one exercise that pleased the people very much. It was a dialogue, prepared and spoken by eight of the pupils, showing forth some of their foolish customs in their entire want of respect for women and girls, and objections to educating them to occupy any place of usefulness in life. It was an amusing thing; and all listened with much interest, feeling the force and truth of the application more than we could have even hoped they would.

"Five faithful and very promising girls received graduating certificates, and, although we felt we could illy spare

their influence and help in many ways, our hearts are rejoiced to see in them every indication of becoming valuable laborers for the Master. During the past winter, Thursday afternoon has been set apart for them to visit, and hold meetings, among the women of the city. With the help of our assistant native teacher, they have visited two hundred and eighty houses, and conducted eighty meetings for prayer. They will now begin work at once for the women in the city and surrounding villages.

"I think I have told you of the four village-girls, whom it seemed as if the Lord sent to us this year, as they came without any effort on our part, and urged us to receive them. It was an entirely new experiment; but, through much striving to rub out the teachings of their earlier years, we feel that it has proved far more of a success than we could have expected. Others are now begging to come; and, to meet this want, we have concluded to open a boarding-school, where they can be trained under our care. We have for our native teacher a most excellent and reliable Christian girl, who will be in our house, and relieve us of much anxiety. I think these people feel that sending their daughters away from home for even a few months, and only one day distant, is a most momentous affair, - much more to them than our coming here is to us and our loved ones. This is not to be wondered at when we think how ignorant these villagers are of the outside world, and that they have always feared the people around them; but the most mournful of all reasons is, that they know so little of true trust in the Saviour.

"Will you specially remember in prayer these girls and their parents, that they may all be blessed in this great event of their lives, and not less earnestly pray that the Lord will teach us to train those who are constantly looking to us for guidance.

Oug Work at Home.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in Park-street Church, Boston, Tuesday, Jan. 7, at ten, A.M.

The President, Mrs. Albert Bowker, commenced the exercises by reading that passage from the Revelation, where Christ is exhibited as setting before his followers an "open door." After singing by the audience, and prayer by Mrs. Edwin Wright, the Recording Secretary presented her Annual Report, which was accepted.

Mrs. Homer Bartlett, Treasurer, made a statement of receipts for the year as follows:—

Donations					\$33,641.84
For Const. Home	;				3,526.06
Pledged for do					8,400.00
Quarterlies .					3,331.64

after which a committee on nomination of officers was appointed to report at the afternoon session.

Notice was given by Mrs. Edwin Wright, that, at the next public meeting of the society, she should move the amendment of Art. 7 of the Constitution, by striking out the last clause; and notice was also given by Mrs. Homer Bartlett of her intention to propose a change in the time of the Annual Meeting.

A very interesting letter from Miss Proctor of Aintab, the first missionary-lady who ever addressed an annual meeting of the W. B. M., was read by Mrs. George Gould; when Mrs. Capron, recently returned to this country, narrated in her own graphic style — to which we make no attempt to do justice — some of her personal experience in the work in India. She described her visits among high-caste women, and showed how valuable may be the assistance of native Christian women, mentioning the faithful labors of her own Bible-reader, who continues during her absence to make visits three times a week. Mrs. Capron closed with an account of the triumphant death of a native Christian woman, whose parents had died in heathenism, who, when her sufferings were most intense, said, "My divine Master, as much as thou wilt. For me to live is Christ; but to die is — oh, it is gain!" and thus she passed to her home.

Meeting then adjourned till two o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was opened by singing the Coronation Hymn; and prayer was offered by Miss Melinda Rankin. The Committee on Nominations reported, through Mrs. Colesworthy, in favor of continuing the old board of officers. Her report was accepted, and the officers re-elected.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES.

- Mrs. Edwin Wright read the report of the Philadelphia Branch, whose numbers have steadily increased, till they now have twenty-three societies of young and old under their care, and whose receipts have reached a sum beyond the figures to which they modestly aspired for the year. The report of the New-Haven Branch was presented by its delegate, Mrs. Cowles, which showed rapid growth both in numbers and interest during the year. They have now under their care thirty-seven auxiliaries, many of them working with great zeal in the good cause.

This interest is largely owing to personal application to every female church-member; and, with the object of the society fully explained, largely-awakened interest, as well as liberal donations, have followed. From one small church of only a hundred and four female members, there have been received a hundred dollars from the pledge of two cents a week. During the year, four young missionaries, three of them ladies, have gone from within their bounds. Mrs. Thompson of Hartford, Conn., gave no formal report from the seven organizations of that city, but with stirring words spoke of the honor of being co-workers with Christ, and the duty of entering the "open door" which he had set before us, and which no man can shut. She hoped to report more progress next year.

Mrs. George Gould read reports from auxiliaries in Middlebury, Vt., Williamstown, Mass., Woburn, Mass., Keene, N.H., Hyde Park, Mass., Newburyport, Mass., Vergennes, Vt., Montreal, Canada, Syracuse, N.Y., and Cambridgeport and Walpole, Mass., which in many instances indicated marked progress.

Miss Carrie Borden from Fall River, in reporting their auxiliary, said, "If the president of our society could speak to you through me, I believe she would give you the same message which she sent a year ago to her own children in great affliction: 'The Saviour can hear our prayers for you, though the ocean divides us.' So the Lord Jesus can hear our prayers for our missionary sisters before they know we pray." Miss Borden spoke of the interest felt in the work at Harpoot, under their missionary, Miss Seymour, and the pleasure anticipated from the more frequent issue of our periodicals. Mrs. Wilkinson from Providence, R.I., reported their auxiliary of four hundred members, representing seven churches, as in a flourishing condition, having surmounted obstacles which met them at the beginning;

and, encouraged by tokens of increasing interest, they hope this year to form a Rhode Island Branch.

Mrs. Scudder read report of the auxiliary in Norwich, CONN.. from which it was "evident that the interest in woman's part in the foreign work is increasing;" and from PORTSMOUTH, N.H., where they have interesting monthly meetings, have adopted the weekly-pledge system, and hope to aid in the formation of two or three auxiliaries in adjoining towns very soon. In WINCHESTER, one of the objects of the society is the cultivation of the missionary spirit in the hearts of the children and youth, which has been remarkably well attained. Mrs. Fisher from Hollis-TON reported an auxiliary of seventy members, which had been in operation two years. Mrs. Merrill from Rut-·LAND, VI., represented their society in a flourishing condition, having sixty members, and fourteen mission-circles. Mrs. Colesworthy from East Boston reported that the interest of the "Madura auxiliary," connected with the Maverick Church, has been transferred the past year from Miss Smith to Miss Sisson, which has been greatly augmented by the reading of her first letter. Successful efforts are now being made to increase the circulation of "Life and Light," which has numbered sixty copies from the beginning, with a hundred and twenty-five of the "Echoes." Miss Brackett from Springfield reported an auxiliary recently formed from six congregational churches, and one memorial church, with every prospect of a vigorous prosecution of the work. Miss Gould of PORTLAND, ME., reported their auxiliary of four hundred and thirty-three members among eight churches, with a steadily growing interest in the cause. Miss Rice from DARIEN, CONN., spoke of the work of their society as mainly characterized by growth. Starting a year ago with six members, they have added twenty-two to their number,

one of whom, Miss C. L. Noyes, has left them for the foreign field. Mrs. Giles Merrill from St. Alban's, Vt., spoke of their auxiliary as owing its birth to the ladies' prayermeeting, and had been constantly nurtured by the same influence. Miss Howe from Newton reported an auxiliary of forty-five members recently formed in the Eliot Church, with very hopeful prospects of future enlargement. Mrs. Horton from Wellesley gave an affecting narrative of the consecration by a mother of her child, who was dangerously sick, should her life be spared, and the subsequent recognition of the vow by the daughter, and its acceptance by the Lord, although forgotten by the mother.

Miss Mary E. Greene from Evanston, Ill., brought to us "the most cordial greetings of the W. B. M. I., rejoicing in the eminent success with which God has crowned the efforts of the W. B. M., and joining with full hearts and earnest hands in this work, which yields such abundant blessings to us at home, as well as to those in whose behalf we labor." Here the audience rose, and joined in singing,—

"Blest be the tie that binds."

Mrs. Bartlett reported New Year's offerings of several hundred dollars, one hundred of which was for the Constantinople Home, "from" J. R., "for the privilege of attending this meeting." The ever welcome voice of Mrs. Dr. Anderson was heard in a few brief utterances, enforcing the personal duty of all to help on the Redeemer's kingdom. Alluding to a sermon of the previous sabbath from the text, "By whom shall Jacob arise?" she said, "As I have been listening to the reports of delegates from different churches, and looking upon the interested faces before me, the thought has come, 'By whom shall Jacob arise?' and the answer is, By every member of every church in our

land. Each one has a part in this great work to do; and, in each individual case where nothing is done, it suffers loss. If all present, and all the churches represented here, will arise, and at once begin to labor for the conversion of heathen women, a great onward movement will be made. May every one with us to-day, not only gird herself anew for the service this year, but endeavor to interest the church with which she is connected in this missionary work!"

Mrs. Bruce from the Mahratta Mission, who had been nine years in the field, gave an interesting account of the work among the high-caste women, whom they visit sometimes in their houses, and sometimes in their door-yards; and among the common people, whom they may meet in their fields or threshing-floors. The Hindus are very fond of music; and frequently, when the women gather around them with little children in their arms, the singing of Watts's beautiful cradle-hymn has often the double effect of literally hushing both women and children. Mrs. Bruce, after alluding to a letter recently received from Mrs. Bissell, read extracts from "The Bombay Guardian," showing the progress of the revival there, and closed with an earnest exhortation to personal consecration to this blessed work, and the giving of our children, too, if we would have our skirts free from the blood of souls in the great day of account.

Miss Melinda Rankin from Mexico gave a deeply interesting account of the struggles she experienced in early life, before carrying out her ardent desire to proclaim the glorious gospel of the Son of God in heathen lands. That portion of Scripture in which the apostle says, "God hath set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him," and that "the members which seem more feeble are necessary," satisfied her mind that there was

work in the kingdom of Christ for women to do. Accordingly, in 1841, without knowing exactly where God had appointed her a place, she obeyed the command, "Go forth!" and in Mexico, the field to which her steps had been directed, her divine Master had not bid her labor in vain. Knowing from her own experience, not only the value, but the absolute necessity, of a home under missionary control. in which to perform missionary labor, Miss Rankin made a most emphatic appeal in behalf of the Constantinople Home, now so happily commenced. She said, "In giving my experience on this subject, I have a definite object, — that of deepening the impression upon your minds of the great necessity of immediate and energetic action in securing the means for your "Home" in Constantinople. At the time I felt the absolute need of such a home, I had no missionary organization of ladies to which to appeal, but was obliged to suspend my work, and come to the United States, and make personal solicitations for my darling object. found insuperable barriers to obtaining the necessary funds, and nought but the full and firm conviction that God had put the work into my hands enabled me to persevere to its full accomplishment. I beg of you to be willing to make personal sacrifices, if it be necessary, to raise the means. Give until you feel! Our Saviour felt what he did for us; and, if we are his true followers, we must exemplify his spirit. May we all strive to obtain the welcome plaudit on the great day of decision, 'She hath done what she could."

It was then moved that a vote of thanks be presented to the proprietors of Park-street Church for the repeated use of their house of worship, and also thanks for hospitality extended to delegates. Meeting closed with the doxology.

MRS. J. A. COPP, Rec. Sec.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

From Dec. 20 to Jan. 1 Inclusive.

MRS. HOMER BARTLETT, TREASURER.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Ipswich. - Aux., Miss M. F. Taylor, Treas., of which to const. Mrs. George Barrett L. M., \$26.25.

VERMONT.

Dorset .- By Mrs. Moore, ladies of Cong. Soc., of which to const. Miss Carrie G. Pratt L.M., \$46.

Carrie G. Pratt L.M., \$250. St. Johnsbury. — N. Cong. Ch. Aux., by Miss Anna L. Blodgett, \$64.10. Total, \$110.10.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Ashland, - Mrs. S. N. Cutler, to const. herself L.M., \$25. Boston. — Park-st. Ch., Miss Millett,

\$1; Mrs. A. Simonds, \$5. — \$6. B. Highlands. — Eliot Ch., by Mrs. R.

Anderson, Treas., \$12.

Cambridge.—Shepard Ch., "Little Workers," by Miss Rogers, for a pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, \$30. Foxboro'. — Ladies of Cong. Ch., to const. Mrs. Chas. Morse L. M., \$25. Hatchville. — A. H. Perry, \$4. Hadley, S. — Mt. Holyoke Fem. Semi-

nary, a monthly concert collection,

Newburyport. - Mrs. W. F. Sweetser, towards L. M. for Mrs. E. D. Sweetser, \$10.

Truro. - Miss I. B., to const. Mary E. Noble of Truro L. M., \$25. Worcester. — "Seek and Save" Soc.,

\$5.

Westfield. - 1st Cong. Ch. Aux., Miss F. E. Vining, Treas. (of which \$25 by Mrs. E. R. Van Deusen to const. herself L. M), \$100.

Weymouth. - Aux., Miss H. P. Vickery, Treas., \$12.50; Mrs. J. W. Loud's S. S. class, \$5. - \$17.50. Total, \$275.50.

C. Home Building Fund. Old Cambridge. - "A Friend," \$2. B. Highlands. - Highland Ch. S. S., Mrs. Cogswell's class a Christmas offering, \$4.

CONNECTICUT.

Bromfield. - Cong. S. S., Mrs. Jerome's class for pupil in girls' B. school, Madura, \$30.

Columbia .- By Rev. F. D. Avery, five subscribers of \$1 each, \$5.

Glastenbury .- Aux., Mrs. Dr. J. Kittredge, Pres., \$150.05; Juvenile Miss. Soc., Mrs. Dr. J. Kittredge, Pres., \$25. — \$175.05

Hebron. - Aux., by Mrs. George S. Dodge (of which \$25 by Mrs. G. S. Dodge to const. herself L. M.),

\$42.25.

New Haven. - Branch, Mrs. R. P. Cowles, Treas. (of which, for Mrs. Edwards's salary, their missionary at Inauda. \$432 25; three B. readers at Marsovan, \$150; two B. readers at Madura, \$100; ten pupils at Marsovan. \$400; sixteen pupils at Madura, \$480; two pupils at Foochow, \$80; one pupil at Ahmednuggur, \$30: one pupil at Inanda, \$30; salary of A. Boderica, N. teacher at Marsovan, \$110; for Miss Clark's school at Broosa, \$315), \$2,133. Also a private remittance to Mrs. Leonard of Marsovan, \$55. Total, \$2,440.30.

NEW YORK.

Smyrna. - 1st Cong. Ch. S. S. for pupil at Harpcot, \$30.

Union Falls. - Mrs. F. B. Duncan, \$5; M. B. Duncan, \$3; E. B. Duncan, \$2. - \$10. Westmoreland. - Aux., Mrs. A. M.

Deane, Sec. and Treas., \$18. Total, \$58.00.

Farmington, W.- E. D. and Miss Page, \$1. Salem. - Mrs. D. A. Allen, towards

L. M. \$5. Windham. - Young Ladies' Circle.

by Mrs. James Shaw, towards Miss Baker's salary, \$100. Total, \$106. Quarterlies since Dec. 20,

\$82 50; bound vols. \$11.. C. Home Building fund.... \$93.50. 6.15.

Total for subscriptions since Dec. 20 to Jan. 1..... 3,016.00.

\$3,115.65.

Amount for December previously reported\$2,683.58.

Total for December......\$5,799.23.

FROM JAN. 1 TO JAN. 20.

MAINE.

Bath. - Aux., Central Ch. S. S., towards salary of Miss Baker in Syria, \$22.38. Gardiner. - Miss C. M. Bryant. \$2.

Total, \$24.38.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Keene. - 2d Cong. Ch. Aux., Miss F. M. Rand, Treas. (of which to const. Mrs. Isa Duren L. M.), \$61.60.

Lebanon, W.—Aux., towards support of a pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, \$12.

Nashua. — Aux., Mrs. R. T. Smith, Treas., \$44.66; Pearl St. S. S. \$21.16. - \$65.82. Total, \$139.42. Nashua. - Aux., Juvenile Fair for C. Home Building Fund, \$186.77.

VERMONT.

St. Johnsbury .- "A Thank Offering," \$25.

Rutland. - Aux., addl., \$3.

Total, \$28.00.

C. Home Building-Fund.

Middlebury. - Miss Jane Nichols, \$25. Rutland. — Miss Helen C. Page. in Memoriam," \$200; Mrs. J. H. Goulding, \$3; Mrs. S. R. Day, \$5.—\$8. St. Alban's. — Mrs. Gyles Merrill, Total, \$333.00. \$100.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Andover, N.—L. L. Mitchell, \$1.
Auburndale.—Juvenile Miss. Soc.,
Carrie Snow, Treas., \$4.
Boston.—Mrs. Bryant, \$5; Mrs. Morland, \$5; "Persus," \$1; Old South
Oh. Interest. in part, on "Sarah Baldwin Fund," \$120; "L. F. B.,"
monthly sub., and to const. Mrs.
Joshua W. Davis of Boston L. M.,
\$30: 'Ubes. J Hadley to const. Mrs. 30s; Thos. J. Hadley, to const. Mrs. Meilssa R. Hadley L. M., \$25; Mrs. Mary A. Pitkin, \$25; Mrs. C. P. Lillie, 5; Mss. J. M. Noble, \$1; (Old South, \$206); Union Ch. to const. Misses Martha and Kate Williams of B. Highlands L. M's., also Misses Carrie Snow and Hattie Gulick of the S. Islands L. M's., \$100; Shawmut Ch., "A Friend," \$2; Park-st. Ch., Mrs. J. W. Coburn, \$10; Mrs. Allen, \$4; Miss Dicks, \$1. - \$334.

Boston, E. — Maverick Ch., "Maverick Rill," by Miss Nellie P. Norcross, \$23; Mrs. S. J. Price. \$1. — \$24.

**Deston, S.—E. st. Aux., Mrs. D. F. Wood, Treas., \$7. Boston Highlands.—Eliot Ch. Aux., Mrs. R. Anderson, Treas., \$29; "Star Circle." \$9.15; "Zulu Mission Band," \$2.67; —\$40 82.

Cambridge .- "Franklin's Mite Box," \$1.50.

Clinton. - Aux., for pupil in Miss

Blake's school at Barcelona, Spain, \$37.73.

Cambridgeport. - Miss Mary M. Gilbert. \$5.

Dedham. - Miss Chickering, \$1. Falmouth. - Miss M. Freeman, \$1; Mrs. Bourne, \$2; others, \$1.50. -\$4 50.

Fall River .- Aux., Miss J. S. Brayton, Treas.. salary in full of their missionary, Miss H. Seymour, in Syria, \$350; also two pupils at Harpoot, \$60. - \$410.

Hopkinton. - Aux., Mrs. J. E. Plimp-

ton, Treas., \$32 50. Hubbardston.—S. S. for pupil in Mar-sovan school, \$15.

Hyde Park.—Aux., Mrs. Wm. Sturtevant, Treas., \$18.

Haverhill.—W. Cong. Ch., Young

Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$10.

Hatchville. — Mrs. A. H. Perry, \$4. Ipswich. — "Friends." \$7.47.

Indian Orchard. - Mrs. J. S. Harris,

Ludlow .- Aux., of which to const. Mrs. Laura Cushman L. M., \$27.75. Lincoln. - Aux., of which to const.

Mrs. Mary Rice L. M., \$31.

Leominster. — Aux., Miss. S. M. Haskell, Treas., for Mrs. Edwards's school, \$17.

Milton. - Mrs S. B. Crehore, \$1 25. Medfield. - Mrs. and Miss Ellis, \$3. Marblehead. - Mrs. II. Hooper and

the Misses Hooper, \$4.

Medway, W.—H. W. Deans, \$1.

Malden.—Aux., for Bible Reader,

"Parkeum." at Madura, \$40.

Reading. — Aux., Mrs. J. B. Leathe,

Treas., \$20.

Readville. — Mrs. A. B. Cozzens,

Roxbury, W. - Aux. Soc., \$11.10. Shelburne. - Ladies' Miss. Soc., by

L. F. Bishop, Treas., \$4. Southampton. — Aux., Mrs. J. Z. Judd., Treas. (of which to const. Mrs. (Dea.) Saml. Lyman L. M), \$36.50.

Walpole. - Aux., Mrs. M. B. Johnson, Treas., \$34.46. of which to const. Mrs. James Ellis and Mrs. Relief Baker L. M's.; "Little Gleaners," \$5 54. - \$70.

Williamstown. — Aux., Mrs. E. S. Chadbourne, Treas. (of which to const. Mrs. Mark Hopkins L. M.); "A Friend," by Mrs. C. Stone, four

silver quarters. - \$38.25. Worcester. — Piedmont Ch., Deacon S. Knowlton, \$50; Mrs. Preston Cummings, \$10. — \$60. Westfield. — Norman Leonard, to

const. his wife L. M., \$25. Woburn. - Aux., Mrs. C. S. Adkins, Treas. (of which \$25, by C S. Adkins, Esq., to const. his wife L. M). \$26. Total, \$1,378.62.

C. Home Building Fund.

Boston. - " A Missionary Teacher," \$1; Mrs. Freeman Allen, \$200; Mrs. Č. A. (Saml. Sen.) Johnson, \$250; Mrs. Mary A. Pitkin, \$25; "A Friend," Central Church, \$20. Falmouth. - Miss Robinson, \$5; "A Faimount. — Miss Roomson, \$5; Friend," \$5.—\$10 Grantville. — "A Friend," \$1. Millon. — Mrs. S. B. Crehore, \$5. Wewton. — Mrs. J. R. Crane, \$5. Winchester. — "A Friend," \$7. Quincy, Aux. Soc., 61.65 Total, \$585.65.

RHODE ISLAND.

Helpers," Pawtucket. - "Cheerful for papil in Mrs. Bissell's school. \$30.

CONNECTICUT.

Burnside. - " From Friend," A \$1 50. Hartf rrd — Aux., Mrs. Charles Jewell, Treas., Wethersfield-ave. Ch., balance of B. reader's salary, \$5 50; Pearl-st. Ch.,\$9; Centre Ch., \$4.50; S. Ch. S. S., for B. reader, "Radka Repajee," at Ahmednuggur, \$40. - \$50. Strmford. - Mrs. S. M Windsor Hill, E. — Mrs. Mary C.
Raynolds, to const. herse! f L. M., Waterbury .- An Episcopalian for

school at Marsovan, \$10. Total, \$100.50. LONG ISLAND AND NEW YORK.

Flushing. - Williams's Memorial Association Congl. Ch., Mrs. P. G. Qaimby with previous contribu-tions, to const. Mrs. A. E. Leavitt L. M., \$17.50.

Geneva, N.Y .- Mrs. Sarah M. Webster, \$5.

Rensselaer Falls. - Mrs. Rockwood. \$1.40; Mrs. Murdock, \$1. — \$2 40. Utica. — Miss Mary A. Lord, to con-stitute herself L. M., \$25.

Rochester. - " A Friend," \$25. Watertown. - Mrs. S. H. Morgan, Total, \$75.90.

C. Home Building Fund.

Plattsburg. - Mrs. G. W. Dodge, \$5.

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Cleveland. — Aux., \$59. Cincinacti. — Lane Seminary, for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, \$30. Youngstown. - First Pres. Ch., \$14. Total, 103.00.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago. - Misses Ives and Parrington for pupil at Marsovan, \$10; Mrs. Pitkin, \$1. Total, \$11.00.

WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA.

Kenosha. - Mrs. Noble, 50 cts. Faribault. - Lily L. Frink's earnings, \$8. Total, \$8.50

IOWA.

Iowa Falls. - Mites from the infant class, \$1.

Subscriptions and donations from Jan. 1 to 20......\$1,900.32 To C. Home Building-fund 1,110.42 411.75 Periodical..... " Echoes......

Due and since paid for Quarterlies of 1872..... 28.25 50.50 Due and since paid for Echoes of 1872..... 8.00

Total receipts from 1st to 20th Jan.....\$3,509.24



INDIA. AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT.

BY MISS S. POLLOCK.

THE first few months of my life in India were spent in the city of Madura. In April occurred the great annual festival, when the marriage of the goddess Menarchi is celebrated. It was the hot season, when the tropical sun poured down his fiercest rays, and every thing was parched and dry. The Pigai River, which in the rainy season is a wide, deep stream, rolling on toward the sea, was then a broad bed of sand, bordered on either side by large, beautiful groves of the coccanut-tree, and traversed only by a narrow rivulet in the middle.

During the first days of the feast, strangers came pouring into the city, and straggling about the mission compound. On the morning of the third day, the sound which reached us from the river was "the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters." In the afternoon, Miss Taylor, an older missionary lady, and myself, wishing to see something of the crowd, hired a man with his oxen to take us through the city. It was a sight I shall never forget. Once outside the compound, we were in the midst of a crowd such as it would be almost impossible to depict, — men laughing, shouting, buying, and selling; jugglers with their tricks; dancers in their fantastic dresses and jingling bells; musicians with their tom-toms, flutes, and other instruments; and the great car with horses mounted on the

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summit, covered with gay streamers, and with great cables attached, just as it had returned from making the circuit of the city. On through the streets we went, amid a sea of human beings. A few friendly natives went before us, and opened the way until we reached the river. Here, too, as far as the eye could reach up and down, that great bed of sand was covered with men and women, oxen and bandies, bundles of straw, and smoking rice-pots, where the many strangers were preparing the evening meal. Some fortunate boys were devouring green mangoes with keenest relish; while directly in front were carts so full of unclothed juveniles, that, as we looked in upon them from behind, they seemed nothing but a confused, inextricable mass of black legs, arms, and faces.

Hearing that the grand ceremonies of the evening were to take place two miles down the river, we recrossed, and, passing through the city, went in that direction whither the crowd was tending. We saw the gaudy pavilions, the senseless idols, covered with gold, silver, and jewels, mounted upon the silver horses, and carried about by the excited The torchlight threw a wild glare over the scene. But my interest centred in the mass of people. sea of living creatures I have never looked upon before or since. During the course of that afternoon and evening, we drove through miles of streets; and almost every foot of the way was covered with human beings. It was to me, not a pleasure excursion, but one of pain. The whole city of Madura had emptied its population into the streets; and to this was added thousands upon thousands from all the cities and villages in the region.

The thought, that in all this mass there were, perhaps, not a dozen souls who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, that all that hurrying crowd were hastening to a black eternity, oppressed me so painfully I could hardly bear to speak. Dark and terrible doubts rushed over me with overwhelming force; and I reached home wearied, and almost ill, from the excitement of those hours spent at a heathen festival.

I believe that God intended to teach me a lifelong lesson of the crying need of India's millions; and may be grant that I never forget it!

CHINA.

EXTRACT FROM MISS PORTER'S JOURNAL.

Miss Porter, in one of her letters, relates an incident which shows some of the difficulties with which our missionaries contend, and also illustrates the power of the truth, spoken tenderly and in love, to melt even stubborn hearts. She says,—

"Two or three of our pupils leave this year to return to their sad, wicked homes. They are not Christians; and you can think with what anxiety and sorrow I look forward to their going. I talked with one of them last sabbath, and tried to tell her something of the danger of delay, the danger of slighting the offered love of Christ. She is a proud girl, more than usually lady-like in her appearance, yet reserved, even with her companions: so that it was particularly hard for me, with my stammering tongue, to speak to her; and personally, individually, I had not done so before. I was prepared for an utterly careless answer, or even a rebuff; and I was not disappointed. A half laugh was the only reply to my first question; but there was an air almost of defiance, which led me to think that she was learning something of the power of the truth, -so far, at least, that she knew it must be resisted.

"I said a few earnest words to her, and was about to send

her away with the sad conviction that it had been in vain, and with a realization, such as I never had before, of the hopeless condition of those who will not come to Christ that they may have life. My manner must have shown something of my feeling, and softened her for a moment. She burst into passionate tears, and sobbed out, 'Oh, pray for my mother, that God will make her willing to have me believe! I cannot: she will hate me if I do.'

"Poor child: poor mother! I do pray for them, and ask God to help me to believe and labor, as well as pray."

TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS VAN DUZEE.

"When school closed, I intended to visit each one of the native Christian women at our station as soon as possible; but other plans have prevented. Messrs. Parmelee and Cole were to visit Ordo in a few weeks; and there were reasons why it seemed desirable for them to go entirely over land, and by a new road, making the journey a kind of exploring tour. I did not feel like attempting such an expedition so late in the fall, but wished much to visit Ordo, as there was much work to be done there, and my former experience in the village had been very encouraging.

"We were expecting a young man, who has often accompanied us on our tours, to preach at Erzroom; and it was proposed that I should go with him to Ordo, and come back with the missionaries on their return. Travelling in this way would be an experiment; but after consideration it was thought to be a safe one, and I was willing to try it; the more so as I had been over the road in the spring, and knew it all. It was the new wagon-road. The khans were good, my horse was trusty, and the man faithful.

"I left Erzroom on Thursday, Oct. 24, and arrived at Trebizond the next week, on Friday, having had a highly prosperous journey. The next Monday night we took a Russian steamer for Ordo, expecting to reach that place the next morning. Just before the boat started, the captain expressed doubt about touching at Ordo, as the weather looked stormy; but our tickets were bought, it was after dark, and we could only take the chances. the weather was not bad in the morning, the boat sailed by our landing-place. The captain then said that at Samsoon we should find another Russian steamer bound for Trebizond, on which he would put us at his own expense, and that would leave us at Ordo. Just as we came into the harbor we met the vessel steaming out. My heart sank fast. It was hard to think of coming into a strange city alone with an inexperienced native, especially as I had always heard of it as a very unhealthy place. But the Lord was better than my fears; and, while we were rowing to shore, our boatmen answered our inquiries as to whether there were Protestants in the city, and also told us where the missionaries usually stopped during their visits. So we were very comfortably situated.

"There was a storm at Constantinople, and boats could not leave: so we waited nearly a week for one which would convey us to our place of destination. Monday night, Nov. 11, to our great joy, we arrived here safe and well. We met one of the native brethren on the beach, so we had no difficulty in finding the house where we were to stay. Here I am now living in a native family, and very much in the native style. I have found four women, wives of the brethren, whom I am teaching to read. When I leave, the man who came with me will give them lessons. I visit them in their homes every day, and hope my stay here will not be without fruit."

Home Bepartment.

WORDS OF CHEER.

WE make the following extracts from a letter placed in our hands, from Hudson, Ohio: —

"You will be glad to learn that we have a membership of between sixty and seventy in our society, and that we have collected thirty dollars in four meetings. But the most encouraging feature of our enterprise is the lively interest and unity of feeling manifested by Christian women of all denominations in missionary subjects. At our monthly meetings, after the opening devotional services, and the transaction of any business that may come before the society, a history of some one of the missions of the American Board is read as prepared by one of the members. This is followed by such recent intelligence as has a bearing upon the mission we are studying.

"The envelopes seem admirably adapted to cultivate a habit of systematic giving. We have sent specimens of them to several churches in neighboring towns; and one of our ladies has an appointment to meet the ladies of one of these churches to assist them in organizing a missionary society."

This encouraging statement from Roseville, Ill., has a special value as coming from one of our younger auxiliaries, and suggesting some methods for extending an interest in missionary subjects:—

"Last June, with many misgivings, a society of nine members was organized, auxiliary to the W. B. M. I. Only a few of the ladies knew any thing of the work of this organization,

and many doubted the propriety of the movement. But earnest labor, and the active circulation of some copies of 'Life and Light,' increased our numbers to twenty; and at our September meeting a fair was proposed as a means of awakening additional zeal.

"We entered upon it with some fear and trembling, but persevered, and, in response to our invitation, received aid from many ladies, not yet members: so that at last we had a very good display of articles.

"A pleasant night and a full house exceeded our highest expectations; and we realized, in all, more than seventy.

dollars.

"The ladies prepared a basket quilt, with the name of the donor written on each block, which they then bought, and presented to the pastor's wife as a memorial of their first missionary effort. We acknowledge the Lord's hand in our success, and thank him for his goodness, while we pray for his blessing on our offering."

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM DEC. 21, 1872, TO JAN. 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

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Centre Belpre.—Union Centre S. S. Soc., Mrs. E. M. Goodno, Treas., \$27.10.

Elyria.—Aux., for salary of Miss Maltbie, Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, Treas., \$75,

\$75, Medina. — Aux , to be applied to the Samokov school, Mrs. H. E. Howard, \$10.

Oberlin. — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to constitute Mrs. L. Hubbard L. M., Miss Emily E. Peck, Treas., \$25. Total, \$137.10.

INDIANA.

Fort Wayne. — Aux., of which \$25 from "A Friend" constitutes Mrs. Ruth B. Fairbank L. M., Miss Laura C. Kimball, Sec., \$30.80.

MICHIGAN.

East Saginaw. — Aux., to complete the support of Miss Diament for 1872, Mrs. A. L. Coates, Treas., \$112.

ILLINOIS.

Amboy. - Aux., \$14, Sunday School, \$10,12, Mrs. W. B. Andruss, Treas., \$24.12.

Blue Island. - Mrs. S. F. Dickinson's

contribution, \$2.30.

Champaign. - Aux., \$10 of which is from Rev. T. Volentine as a Christmas offering in memory of his wife, to be applied to the support of a pupil in Samokov, Mrs. Plank, Treas., \$20.

Chicago. - Union Park Church Aux. for support of Miss Rendall. of which \$25 is from Mrs. S. A. Kent to constitute Mrs. B. B. Bovnton L. M., Mrs. Geo. Sherwood, Treas.,

\$218.24.

Chicago. - First Church Aux., for support of Miss Patrick. to const. Mrs. Keller, Mrs. H. Moore, Mrs. M. Reed, Mrs. Danforth, Mrs. Taylor, L. M's, and Miss Sarah Slossom by Mrs. Orton's Bible Class, Mrs. E. I. Yates, Treas., \$152. Danvers. — Aux. Mrs. M. Hastings,

Treas., \$5.70.

Evanston. - Aux., for support of Miss Porter, Miss M. White, Treas., \$75.60.

Farmington. - Aux., Mrs.

Esbin, Treas., \$50.

La Moile. - Mrs. I. R. Jones, \$10. Payson. - Aux., of which \$15 from

Miss E. Scarborough to complete Miss Electa Scarborough's life-membership, Miss Ellen Thompson, Treas., \$17.50.

Princeton. - Aux., Mrs. Converse,

Treas., \$6.

Roseville. - Aux., to be applied to the Samokov school, Mrs. Mary A. Wykoff, Treas., \$50.

Waverley. - Aux., for support of Miss Evans, and to constitute Mrs.

C. I. Salter L. M., Mrs. I. Sackett, Treas., \$33. Total, \$664.46.

WISCONSIN.

Clinton. - Cong. Sunday School for a pupil in Miss Porter's school at

Peking, \$10.

Gay's Mills. — Aux., for a pupil in Miss Porter's school, by Mrs. T.

W. Gay, \$4.20.

Janesville. — Wright Mission Band, to const. Miss Ella De Baum L. M. Miss Ella I. Cutting, Treas., \$25. Lancaster. — Aux., Mrs. C. E. Eaton,

Treas., \$32.

Stoughton. - Aux., \$9; S. S. Society, \$3.74; total, \$12.74. Total, \$83.94.

IOWA.

Belle Plaine. - Aux., Mrs. E. J. Lane, Treas., \$12.

Decorale. — Aux, \$5; "Little Helpers," \$2.52. — \$7.52.

Muscatine. - Young Ladies' Mission . Circle, to constitute Mrs. W. W. McQuesten and Miss Emma Olds L. M's., Emma Olds, Sec., \$50. Polk City.— Aux., Mrs. C. M. Rogers

Treas., \$6. Total, \$75,52.

MINNESOTA.

Medford. - Aux., Mrs. I. G. Brown, Treas., \$5.

Winona. — Aux., for support of Miss Van Duzee, Miss S. H. Hatch, Treas., \$100. Total, \$105.00.

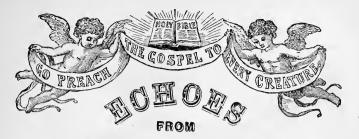
MISSOURI.

Kidder. - Aux., Miss H. E. Temple, Treas., \$5.

Windsor .-Aux., \$5. Total, \$10.00. Total, \$1,218.82.

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SCHOOLHOUSE GODS.

E give our little friends this extract from one of Mr. W. H. Ballantine's letters, to show them from what foolish customs their pennies are saving the Hindu boys and girls:—

"You would laugh if you were to go into our school. We have no desks and no benches. The boys sit in three long rows, cross-legged, on our earth floor; and before each one is a piece of board. They

sprinkle some sand on this; and then with a sharpened stick they make letters and figures very nicely.

"In the Hindu schools, boys worship their slates. They put some red powder on it; and the teacher tells them it is a god, and, if they worship him, he will help them to learn fast. At first my boys brought their red powder; but they soon found that we did not believe in such gods. Boys in these schools also worship their teacher. Every one, as he goes out, falls down and kisses the teacher's feet. He tells them that he is holy, and, if they worship him, it is the same as to worship God. My boys know better than to do this."

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THE CONTRAST.

BY MRS. TYLER.

Who is this? A Zulu chief of South-eastern Africa. His name is Umtimuni. I once saw him looking just as he appears in this picture, decked in his heathen finery.

Birds' feathers of various kinds adorn his head; strips of long-haired goat-skins, his arms and knees; tails of gray monkeys, interspersed with beads and brass buttons, other parts of his body. Does he not look savage as he points with one hand to some distant object, while, with the other, he hold his ox-hide shield and spears?

One of his followers in the background is jumping up, and kicking his shield, to see how smart he can appear in the presence of his Maiestv.

The home of this chief you would not consider very royal in appearance. It is called a kraal, which is a collection of grass-covered huts arranged in a circle. Approaching them from a distance, you would say they resemble hay-stacks. The door is about two feet high; but even a chief does not consider it beneath his dignity to creep in on his hands and knees. This he learns to do with greater ease than you would imagine, always observing Zulu etiquette, which requires that a man creep out, as well as in, head first. A missionary of my acquaintance, ignorant of this, thought he could get out more easily feet first, but was pulled back, and forgiven that once for such a breach of politeness.

The huts contain only the simplest articles of necessity, — pots for cooking, made of clay, but answering the purpose very well, wooden milk-pails bored from a log, wooden spoons with long handles, gourds of sour milk, snuff-boxes

of various patterns, bundles of tobacco to be ground into snuff, mats to sleep on, and wooden pillows.

The food is principally of Indian corn, pumpkins, and sweet-potatoes.

The name of Jesus is never heard in these miserable homes, and not a book is to be seen. Oh! it would indeed sadden you to visit such a place, although it is the residence of a chief, who is considered a great man among his own people.



Now see what the gospel can make of such a savage and such a home: let us turn to the other picture. It is that of Rev. James Dube, the son of a chief, but a Christian pastor. You see he is similar in form; but how different his dress! When he became a Christian, he wished to wear

civilized clothing; for civilization and Christianity go hand in hand. Had he not been taught by the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Lindley, he would probably have grown up in heathenism, and we might have seen him to-day, like Umtimuni, wearing his skins, and brandishing his spears and shield. Now he can read, write, sing, preach, and pray. I wish you could see how much true nobility there is about him, and how earnestly and faithfully he exhorts his countrymen to love and serve the blessed Jesus. He lives happily with one wife, and brings up his children in a Christian manner.

Let us visit him at his home. We shall not be obliged to creep in at his door, but can walk straight in, as you are accustomed to do at home. There are chairs, tables, dishes, beds, and other signs of comfort. There are also books arranged neatly upon the hanging-shelf; and, if you have time, you may hear one of his children read a chapter or hymn. You take leave of this family with a feeling of real respect and love for them.

Children, and grown people too, sometimes ask, What do the missionaries who leave their country and friends, and go far away to live among heathen people, do? And where does all the money that we give go to? I think these pictures tell you better than words. When we go to the heathen, we find them as degraded and savage-looking as Umtimuni. When we leave them, we expect some of them to be like Mr. Dube. But it takes a long time for a whole nation to be taught, and a longer time for them to be willing to give up their heathen customs and prejudices: so we hope you will not be "weary" in your giving, but remember that every cent helps. It has its own little mission. God knows how to count it, though it lies in the midst of heaps of others; and he will bless you according to your love and self-denial in giving.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

New Hampshire. — Nashua. — Juvenile Missionary Society, \$186.17. Massachusetts. — Auburndale. — Juvenile Missionary Society, \$4.00.

Boston (East). - " Maverick Rill," \$23.00.

Boston Highlands. — "Star Circle," \$9.15; "Zulu Mission Band," \$2.67.

Cambridge. — Shepard Church, "Little Workers," \$30; Frankie's Mite-box, \$1.50.

Winchester. - "Seek and Save Society," \$5.00.

Walpole. — "Little Gleaners," \$5.54.

RHODE ISLAND. — Pawtucket.—" Cheerful Helpers," \$30.00.

Оню. — Windham. — Young Ladies' Circle, \$100.00.

IOWA. — Iowa Falls. — Mites from the Infant Class, \$1.00.

MINNESOTA. -- Lillie L. Frink's earnings, \$8.00.

"WHAT CAN CHILDREN DO FOR MISSIONS?"

This question came up in a Sunday school in Kansas. The superintendent proposed that each scholar plant a little piece of ground, sell the vegetables raised on it, and give the money to foreign missions. The children were delighted, and succeeded so well in their gardening as to bring in the first summer about twenty dollars.

The second year hens and chickens were counted in; the eggs being sold for the same good object. One little girl, too small to take care of a garden, picked up chips for her mother, and so earned her missionary money. That year the children raised twenty-four dollars.

The third year a little pig came in for a share of the honors. It was left motherless, and could only be brought up "on a bottle." The children took this care of it, with the promise that it should be a missionary pig.

There was one restless boy who is seldom still two minutes at a time. He earned thirty cents by sitting still thirty minutes; and every one thought it was hard-earned money.

A little girl had a peach-tree given her by her father, and all its fruit ripened for missionaries.

That year the children's "garden-money" amounted to thirty-five dollars, and was sent to Harpoot.

This year the children have again been busy among goodly rows of peas, beets, potatoes, sweet-potatoes, turnips, and peanuts, to say nothing of a strawberry-bed; part of the berries being sold, and quarts of them sent to sick friends.

These children have never had a public sale; but each family has brought the proceeds of its garden to a Sunday-school missionary concert.

This was a simple way of doing what seemed a duty, and proved a pleasure.

The church to which this Sunday school belonged was three years ago a home-missionary church. What Sunday school will next year follow these willing workers into the vineyard of the Master, and cultivate a little gardenspot for the Lord of the harvest?

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

Among your many plans to surprise your dear ones with some loving gift when the glad Christmas-time came round, how many of you, dear children, thought to ask, "What shall I give to Jesus?"

In our Sunday school we have a little group of girls who have gathered round their teacher from sabbath to sabbath of the year just closed, to hear the sweet story of the birth at Bethlehem, and the death on Calvary, of Him who gave his life for them. Their hearts and hands were opened to

give something to this dear Saviour; and their pennies have been gathering from week to week, until they reached at Christmas-time the sum of four dollars. "Where shall we send it?" they asked; and we, knowing how pleasant it would be for the children to have a share in building the "Constantinople Home," have sent it there. Are there not other little mission-circles and Sunday-school classes who will go and do likewise?

ACROSTIC.

WE are indebted to Miss G—— for the following acrostic, which we are happy to give to our young readers:—

- 1. Some islands in the Pacific Ocean.
- 2. Something forbidden in the Commandments.
- 3. A country often mentioned in the Bible, now the residence of many American missionaries.
 - 4. A tree which grows in the East.
 - 5. Something worshipped by the heathen.
 - 6. A mountain near Jerusalem.
 - 7. A great and wicked city mentioned in the Bible.
 - 8. A learned and eloquent man who lived in the time of St. Paul.
 - 9. A people to whom one of Paul's epistles is addressed.
 - 10. The best time to serve Christ.

The initials of the above spell something which every boy and girl in the land can be.

ANSWER TO DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

We have received from the Eughaper Mission-Circle, Boston, the correct answer to the double acrostic in the January number:—

- 1. Mat. 2. Allah. 3. Give. 4. Arabic. 5. Zipporah. 6. "I. I.
- 7. Natal. 8. Enlightened. 9. Fair. 10. Obedience. 11. Ruin.

The initials make magazine for; and the finals, the children, — magazine for the children.



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TURKEY.

OUTLOOK FROM BITLIS.

BY MISS M. A. C. ELY.

Cordial greetings to all our dear friends on this bright, sweet morning! I have taken my writing-materials, and come out to a lovely little spot, which, though quite near our house, is very retired, and has the choicest surroundings. It is a little elevated plateau, from which we can obtain many and superb views of our romantic city, as well as breathe some of the pure, fresh air from the near mountains opposite. On one hand, far below, are "the markets," — places quite wrapped in mystery to us ladies, having never visited them; but, looking on the low flat roofs of the rude shops only from afar, we have drawn striking contrasts with the elegant stores in America. Meandering through the narrow valley winds the swift Bitlis River,

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roaring and rushing wildly over its rocky bed, supplying thousands of dwellers on its banks with cleansing and invigorating waters. On the natural terraces which lie one above another back from the river rise rough but substantial buildings, tier after tier; the roofs of one row of houses being on a level with the floors of those next above. Here and there a minaret or mosque lifts its lofty tower or conspicuous dome far above its surroundings, reminding one that the doctrines of Mahomet have wide prevalence.

The numerous trees and gardens which surround the widely-scattered homes of Bitlis give it a very fresh and beautiful appearance, quite unlike the compact and largely barren look of most Oriental cities. Almost countless mountain-springs supply the city with excellent water, - a fact of the greatest importance in this climate, where rain does not fall for two or three months. The sound of dashing water comes pleasantly to my ear; and, glancing across the valley, I see the white foam of a high cascade, as it breaks over the rugged rocks, rushing impetuously on till it is lost in the river below. It is a pleasant sight and sound, quite in contrast with another which breaks on my ear, - that of a Turkish wedding. On the roof of the first house below, on this steep bank, is gathered a crowd of gayly-dressed Turks, the most of whom are dancing in their strange way to the monotonous drumming of the musicians. This savors of heathenism. On every hand Nature exhibits beauty and strength; but, alas! the fallen race of Adam betrays in every clime the blight and the misery of sin.

But I am lingering in my purpose to tell you of my recent visit to some of the villages in our field, in company with Mr. Knapp and the Bitlis pastor. Starting in the morning, we reached by early twilight the Koordish village where we were to spend the night. Our host, having

heard of our coming, met us in the outskirts of the town, and, kindly walking by my donkey, prevented the furious dogs from troubling me. In front of the house where we stopped was a small portico, in whose shade three or four young buffaloes were eating their evening meal of coarse grass: they, however, soon vacated the place in our favor. We sat in the portico till quite overcome by sleep and fatigue, and retired to our little curtained-off rooms inside. The impure air and great heat caused by the presence of eight or ten buffaloes, and four horses, that, with our host and family, shared with us the sole room of the house, rendered our rest any thing but refreshing. We rose before daylight, and vastly enjoyed getting out to the porch again, and breathing the sweet pure air of the wide "out o' doors."

Gladly bidding our host a cordial "remain in peace," we resumed our journey. For two or three hours we had good roads and good weather. We passed near the edge of a large swamp, in which were revelling multitudes of wild ducks and geese. They made the air ring with their sonorous cries, and, darting hither and thither among the tall reeds and rushes, cut the water into transient lines of foam, marking, for a moment, the way they had gone. Farther on, we noticed a large tract of rich green meadow, covered with rolling hillocks, a little like small waves of the sea. It was the work of the meadow-mole, regular, graceful, and complete.

Suddenly large drops of rain began to fall; and we donned our rubber suits as quickly as possible. The clouds grew darker and thicker; and it soon became evident that a rainy day was before us. As there was no village for hours, we were obliged to journey on in the storm, which was dreary work, especially as the roads became very muddy and uncomfortable. Long, deep ditches, full of water, stretched every now and then directly across the

road, and, having steep slippery banks, were most trying to the horses. We pushed on as vigorously as possible, and, after a wearisome day, reached Havadorie. At this village, about two years since, was formed the second church in the Bitlis field. The first thing I heard in the morning was the sound of heavy rain beating on the roof. It had become quite cold; and we could scarcely keep warm by the scanty fire made of roots of trees crowded into a small, rickety stove, which seemed to emit vastly more smoke than heat.

In the course of a few hours, the rain abated; and we visited the village school, held in a small room built by the native brethren. They brought the stones on hand-sleds from the mountain-sides, and, with their own unskilled hands, laid up the rough walls. There was no plaster, or floor other than genuine mother-earth itself. On this was spread a few coarse reed-mats, where sat a dozen or more boys, and the same number of girls. These, by their bright, intelligent faces, and prompt, correct answers, showed that the light that giveth life had penetrated into their young hearts. We also visited several houses. In some we found children trying to keep warm by standing in the ground ovens, where fire is built once a day to cook food. The next day we spent in going from house to house, and in visiting the rocky village graveyard, where lie buried two earnest Christian preachers, whose influence and labors have had much to do in kindling bright lights on that mountain-top. There they rest, waiting the call of the resurrection morning; and then we know they will clearly see the King in his beauty, and all the wondrous glories of the heavenly home, which by faith they saw dimly while yet afar off.

The next day we went to Dorkevank. The people greeted us with the utmost cordiality. Very soon the helper's room was crowded with a quiet, listening multitude;

and close by my side had gathered a group of women. I said to one of them, "Will you take me to your house, or to one of your neighbors'?" She eagerly led the way; and I was soon seated in her court with a large and attentive audience, to which I was invited to "preach." I gladly accepted the invitation. When we told the people that we must leave in an hour or two, they seemed much disappointed at our short stay, and said, "Well, we must at least have a meeting before you go." The Bitlis pastor led the meeting, — one of the most impressive I ever enjoyed. As I saw with what intensity of earnestness the people listened, and noticed the longing, craving look in many tearful eyes, oh, how my soul was stirred within me!

The next village we visited was Horundjayvank. fancy the name is very significant; but I do not know its derivation. It is a most dilapidated, and indeed a bankrupt village. Our helper told us that every one was in debt, and heavily so. Said he, "Their chief food is sourkrout with millet-bread crumbed into it; and, if any person is seen dressed in a new garment, he is considered rich." The appearance of the place, as we approached, confirmed all the forlorn statements in regard to it. Large numbers of noisy storks, from their huge nests in the tops of the slender poplars, seemed to be keeping up a perpetual dirge over the place. Every thing was dreary and gloomy. The slow, vacant stare of the children, the dull, meaningless talk of the people, all combined to witness against those dead forms of religion which are daily practised in their old, tumbledown church.

Did time permit, I would like to add some account of other visits and of my return journey. In many villages, more or less preparatory work has been done, and the good seed scattered; and let me most earnestly beg your prayers for the presence of the life-giving Spirit in this wide and interesting field.

LETTER FROM MISS BUSH.

In a letter dated Harpoot, Sept. 17, 1872, Miss Bush writes,—

"This has been a busy summer of teaching, although our school has been smaller than usual, numbering thirtyone pupils. A great deal of sickness among the women and their children has somewhat hindered their advancement. Early in August it was decided that the first class in the theological seminary should receive diplomas, and leave for their fields on the fourth of September. As this would take away all our women, we decided to have examination the third of that month. This left little time for preparation; but the day found us ready, and we have never had pleasanter or more successful exercises. I am sure our friends in America would have been interested in the fluent recitations of the scholars in Miss Seymour's Bible-class, who were able to tell the whole story from Genesis to First Samuel. The arithmetic and algebra classes did finely; and time would fail me to tell of the learned discoursing on natural philosophy and other studies. The funny dialogue between Madam Obstinate and her maid-servant, written and recited by two of the girls, would have made you laugh heartily; while the sweet valedictory read by our dear Harrum would have touched your heart, and moved you to tears.

"The evening before examination-day, a number of our women and girls came to our room, 'for a visit,' they said. Very soon one of their number rose, and read to us a little note full of affection and gratitude, signed by all present, and handed us each a breastpin as 'a token of their love.' The gifts were not expensive; but the love was more valuable than gold and silver. They asked us to pray with them, and then bade us a tearful good-by. We hope, that, out of

our thirty-one pupils, all, save five, are Christians; and we believe that they go forth sincerely desirous of laboring for Christ. Two of them have gone with their husbands as missionaries to Koordistan.

"I have wondered sometimes if our friends really understood who these Armenians are, - what their circumstances and religion. We read in their history that the founder of their nation was Haig, the son of Zogarmah. At the time of the Tower of Babel, when the tongues were confounded, a certain Bel wished to be supreme ruler; but Haig would not submit to him. After a war, in which Haig conquered, he and his followers became an independent nation, established in the north-east corner of Turkey in Asia. They were called Armenians in honor of Armenag, the son of Haig, a most distinguished man. In the year 351 B.C. they were conquered by Alexander the Great, and from that time to this have been under subjection, always oppressed and down-trodden. Can we wonder that the mass of them are poor and ignorant? For one reason they deserve our interest and sympathy. In spite of false religions, ever abounding around them, they have preserved the name of Christian, as rightfully belonging to their nation. But, alas! the ancient purity of their faith is gone.

"Entering any of their old churches, we might imagine ourselves standing in one belonging to the Roman Catholics. There is the altar with its long candles, the smoke of the swinging incense filling the air. The image of the Virgin and the crucified Christ receive daily worship; while choirs of boys and robed priests chant the service in an unknown tongue, — the old, unspoken Armenian. That which would seem strange to us would be the bright dresses of the men, who sit on the floor in the body of the house, and the whitesheeted women in the gallery. The latter come chiefly to gossip, and plan marriages. How can they do better when

they cannot understand a word of the service? It is to try to make them believe in a heart-religion of faith that we have come to labor among them.

"Not many stones' throw from where the cross crowns the dome of the old Christian church rises the slender minaret of the Mohammedan mosque, from which, three times a day, a man proclaims, that 'there is no God, but God, and Mohammed is his prophet,' and calls all the faithful to prayer. But alas for the faithful! While the Armenians are increasing, and growing rich, getting possession of the fields and of business, besides learning more and more of what it is to lay up treasures in heaven, the Turks are rapidly diminishing in numbers, owing to their laziness and vice of all kinds. Being obliged to serve as soldiers also prevents the building-up of a growing business. Many are losing faith in their religion, and becoming infidels. It is a sad thought, that we are surrounded, day by day, by crowds of Mohammedans for whom we can do nothing but pray. They will not receive the Word; and, when some are convinced of the truth, they dare not turn Christians, lest they be put to death.

"Not long ago, in Constantinople, a young Greek wished to turn Turk for the sake of marrying a beautiful Turkish girl. The father of the girl kept him shut up, lest his friends should steal him away to prevent the change in his religion. The high Turkish authorities did not see fit to interfere, and hinder his imprisonment; but when, soon after, a Turkish girl wished to become Christian for the sake of marrying a Christian man, they felt constrained to oppose the step by force.

"The oppression of the Turks is not so great as it was formerly. I believe that every religion has its representative man at the capital to care for its interests, and a chosen man from all sects sits also in the meglis, or pacha's politi-

cal councils. We hear, now and then, of the terrible deeds of the Koords, whom the Turks find it hard to keep in subjection. The other day a Koordish chief was hung in the city, who, it was said, had committed over a hundred murders. Before his execution, he bathed himself, the Koran was read, and he repeated a number of prayers, kneeling with his face towards Mecca. It was supposed, that, after these holy exercises, he went to heaven.

"Pray much for Turkey, that soon there may be an uprising among the Turks, and many may embrace the truth; that the Armenians may turn from their cold and dead religion of forms to one of the heart; and that the chapel on the hill, which has neither cross nor minaret, may be always full of warm and earnest Christians."

From "The Harpoot News," a little paper published by the missionaries in Harpoot, we cull the following mention of "Praying Amie," introduced to our readers in the June and September numbers of "Life and Light:"—

"Koordish Amie was received to the Harpoot church on Sunday, Dec. 15. She is teaching a girls' school in Central Harpoot. Yusuf Agha, chief of her tribe, has been appointed by the sultan, pacha of his district, and has now replied to our letter, and requests a teacher for his people."

THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

MISS RAPPLEYE writes from Constantinople, under date of Jan. 14, 1873:—

"We are thinking and planning very much now about our new building. The great problem is, how to secure the greatest number of conveniences and advantages at the least possible cost. I often think of the interested workers across the seas, picturing to themselves the Home building, in beautiful proportions, with attractive exterior and commodious interior, and, having gazed in admiration on the imaginary structure, thanking the One who directed cheerful givers to consecrate some of their wealth to this purpose. May not the prayer be added, O Lord, let thy Spirit come and sanctify to thy glory the work thou didst commit to the hands of thy unworthy servants!

"I am in no place so happy as in the schoolroom; and I miss the scholars in these vacation days. I told them not to take their books home with them, but to spend their time in resting. They asked, with some concern, if they might not take their Bibles. Their love and reverence for the word of God affords a good foundation for their instruction in useful things. The band of twenty-five girls cannot be increased in our present quarters.

"I am very sure, that, if benevolent people only knew how much of good this enterprise promises, no other appeal would be needed. May the Lord direct all who can to return into his treasury a portion of that which he has given them, so that the great end—the hastening of the day of his triumph on the earth—shall be most surely attained!"

In another letter Miss Rappleye says, —

"Yesterday a Greek gentleman, passing our door, stopped to inquire about our school, and, without coming in to see the accommodations, begged that we would take his daughters. We have no provision for Greeks, and cannot have any at present; but it is evident that such material is at hand when we can use it. Every thing encourages us."

Rev. M. H. Hitchcock, also writes, -

"There is one green spot in Constantinople, an oasis in the great desert, a bit of paradise in a vast wilderness, the Home. Miss Rappleye will compel success. Such unceasing industry, such wisely-directed effort, will not be in vain. There is no doubt about filling up whatever building we erect, as soon as it is completed."

CEYLON.

EXTRACT FROM MISS TOWNSHEND'S LETTER.

We are glad to give below the testimony of a sister missionary to the beautiful character of one whose pleasant face many of our readers will remember to have seen in our rooms, and in our public gatherings:—

"At sea, June 3, 1872, Miss Laura P. Smith fell asleep in Jesus after years of suffering, and a trying final illness.

"'Can you conceive of Laura's being able to do all she wants to?' was the question that was asked by an intimate friend the first time we met after this sad intelligence reached us in Ceylon, where she had been with her parents the last two years. Though enduring constant pain, her thoughtful love found so many ways of helping others, that we wondered how she could do more, even if she were in health. Our native pastor preached a memorial sermon from the text, 'She hath done what she could;' and all who knew her felt that it was a just tribute.

"The providence of God ordained that her home while here should be in connection with a girls' boarding-school of twenty pupils, to whom she was the unconscious teacher of many lessons, such as only those who have graduated in a school of suffering are fitted to impart.

"It was no negative submission with which she bore her trials, but a spirit of constant outgoing love for others. She individualized each girl in the school, though unable to see enough of them to learn their faces, and listened with such interest to every report of a prayer-meeting or conversation held with them, that it was a pleasure to detail it to her.

"Dear sister! we miss her sadly; and yet we rejoice for her that she is with the Saviour she loved, free to serve him without pain or alloy."

Our Work at House.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER.

It was remarked at the late Annual Meeting, that, on every previous anniversary, we had received a communication from some member of the society recently deceased. The treasurer, among a large number of sealed envelopes handed her that day, containing moneys for the society, found one, on her return home, with a black margin, from the young daughter of one of our most active and loving vice-presidents, who was called to her heavenly home last spring. It speaks so forcibly of a Christian mother's faithfulness, and so sweetly, with all the freshness and ardor of youth, breathes forth its spirit of consecration, we hope some kindred spirit may be quickened by its perusal to a brighter and holier life.

L. F. B.

VERMONT, Jan. 6, 1873.

MY DEAR MRS. BARTLETT, — You know that my dear mamma has gone to Jesus. I write this note wishing to tell you that I want, as far as possible, to fill my dear mamma's place in doing for the heathen women in whom she was so much interested.

With the help of my papa, I send the enclosed two hundred dollars for the Woman's Board. Remember me as

Your little friend,

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

"The Helping Hand," the bright little organ of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, appears this year in a new dress, and in connection with "The Macedonian," instead of "The Missionary Magazine," as heretofore. In the January number we find a résumé of the work of the society the past year. They have now under their care nine missionaries and four Bible-women in Burmah, beside quite a number of pupils in the mission-schools in that country. The growth of the organization seems to have been quite remarkable, and indicates that it will not be long before they may call themselves a strong, right arm, instead of "the helping hand." May God speed their every enterprise, till the gospel light shall illumine every household on the globe!

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

FROM JAN. 20, TO FEB. 18.

MRS. HOMER BARTLETT, TREASURER.

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Bethel.—Mrs. Sarah J. Chapman, to constitute Mrs. Mary J. Garland L. M., \$25.00 Bangor.—Mrs. E. G. Thurston, Treas., Gorham.—Aux., to constitute Mrs. L. Z. Ferris L. M., Garland.—"A Mother in Israel," by her pastor, 15.00 Farmouth.—Mrs. Abbott, 100	to constitute Mrs. Henry Marden of Turkey L. M.), 55.00 Pluinfield. — Mrs. Hannah Stevens, to constitute herself and Mrs. Hannah K. Gaze of
Total, \$81 00	Total, \$145.15
C. Home Fund.	VERMONT.
Kennebunk Mrs. A. S. Hill, \$2.00	Bristol Mrs. Philena Morgan, \$2.00

Charlotte. - Mrs. A. L. Torrey, 10.00 Burke, East. - Mrs. B. F. Har-NEW HAMPSHIRE. Bedford.—Ladies of, by Mrs. Charles Gage, to constitute Miss Mary F. Cutler L. M., Chester.—"A Mite," 5.00 New Haven. - Mrs. E. H. Meach-

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•	Downing and Mrs. C. Wether-
Rutland Aux., Mrs. Mary	bee L. M.'s, \$60, 63,0
Green, Treas., of which \$25 to	Dorchester Aux., Mrs. E. H.
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MASSACHUSETTS.	Miss E. H. Howe L. M.'s; Mrs.
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Andover. — Aux., Mrs. E. C.	Miss L. Davenport and Miss
Pearson, Treas., \$72.55 Amherst, S.—Ladies' Benevolent	L. E. Baldwin L. M.'s; Mrs. W. Wales, \$25 to constitute Mrs. Wm. Q. Wales L. M.; S. S. Rev. J. H. Means' Ch., to
Society, aux., Miss E. Dick-	Mrs. Wm O Wales L. M · S
inson Treas to constitute Miss	S. Rev. J. H. Means' Ch., to
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Ashfield. — Mrs. Perry. 1.00	Everett. — Aux., 3.0
Bedford Aux., to constitute Mrs. Clarissa F. Stearns L. M., 25.00	Framingham.—Aux., Mrs. L. R.
Mrs. Clarissa F. Stearns L. M., 25.00	Eastman, Treas., Plymouth
Brugewater. — "Messenger	Ch., Ladies' Missionary Society, 25.0
Birds," \$7.16; "Angel Boy's"	Fall River Aux., omitted with
pennies .31, 7.47	their contribution last month to
Boston Mrs. "J. C. H.,"	send the name of Mrs. Fidelia
subscription in part, \$100; Miss	B. Derfee, who constituted her- self L. M.
S. Farrington, \$2; Mrs. Hale, \$1; Old South Ch., "L. F. B.,"	Foxborough Mrs. Daniels
monthly subscription \$30.	Carpenter, to constitute Mrs.
monthly subscription, \$30; Mrs. S. Kent, \$2; by Mrs. Sarah Hobart, Mrs. Peter Ho-	Asahel Dean L. M., 25.0
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Dart. Jr., \$15; M188 S. E. HO-	Anna S. Haskell, Treas., 5.0
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Mass., L. M., contents of	Mrs. M. S. W. Blodgett L. M., 15.0
Mass., L. M., contents of Fannie Haughton's "Bank,"	Harwich Mrs. Sarah Long, 1.5
\$1.29; Mrs. Charles E. Darry,	Jamaica Plain.— Wide Awakes," Central Ch., S. S., \$14.12; Emma and Eddie Gould, doll's sale, \$8.20,
to constitute herself L. M., \$25; (\$83.29, Old South),	\$14.12. Emma and Eddia
Union Ch. aux. additional	Gould, doll's sale, \$8.20, 22.3
Union Ch., aux., additional, \$4; Park-street Ch., Mrs.	Littleton Annie M. Manning,
John Gilbert, \$10; Mrs. H. Frost, \$10; Mission-box of Charlie and Eddie Spring, Bos-	to constitute herself L. M., 25.0
Frost, \$10; Mission-box of	Lynn Mrs. Hill, 1.0
Charlie and Eddie Spring, Bos-	Lexington Aux. and Hancock
ton, for 1872, \$1.08; Central	Sewing Circle, Miss E. A. Baker, Treas., 66.0
Ch., Miss L. Thompson, \$50, 261.37	Baker, Treas., 66.0
Boston, East - Mrs. C. J. Mor-	Melrose. — Aux., towards salary
rison's Missionary Circle, "Buds of Promise," 1.60	of native teacher, 9.0
	Milton. — First Ch., aux., for pupil in Miss Blake's school
Boston Highlands.—Vine-street Ch., Mrs. Fifield, \$4; Walnut-	at Barcelona, Spain, 40.0
avenue Ch., Mrs. A. W. Tufts,	Millbury. — Aux., Mrs. C. H.
Treas., of which \$5 by Mrs. C.	Peirce, Treas., 12.0
O. Tufts, \$11.00.	Peirce, Treas., 12.0 Norton. — Miss M. E. Atkinson,
Coleraine. — Mrs. E. H. Strong. 1.50	\$5; Wheaton Female Semi-
Chelsea. — Chestnut-street Ch., Mrs. J. Sweester, \$5; Mrs.	\$5; Wheaton Female Seminary, aux., by Mrs. C. C.
Mrs. J. Sweester, \$5; Mrs.	Metcali, Treas., \$17.25; 22.2
Tilden, Mrs. Stowe, Miss Stowe, \$1 each, 8.00	Southbridge Mrs. S. Marsh, 1.0
Stowe, \$1 each, 8.00	Saugus Centre Cong. S. S.,

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two classes by Mrs. F. V.	Hartford Aux., Mrs. E. H.
Tenney, \$11.15	Hunt, to constitute Miss
Uxbridge. — Mrs. T. Biscoe, .50 Worcester. — Piedmont Ch., Dea-	Louisa Root L. M., \$25.00
con S. Knowlton, \$5; Pome-	Jewett City. — By Mrs. M. H. Mathewson, Treas., Lisbon
roy Knowlton, \$5.50, 10.50	Society, ladies, 10.50
Wrentham Miss Cynthia	New London Aux First
Hawes, to constitute Misses	Cong. Ch., Mrs. C. C. Field,
Julia and Jemima Hawes L. M.'s, \$50; aux society, \$1.50, 51.50	Treas., 117 00 20.00 20.00
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Wakefield " Mission Helpers,"	NEW YORK.
Dora Freeman, Treas., for	
pupil at Ahmednuggur, India, 30.00 Woburn. — Mrs. H. S. Tuttle, 3.00	Carlisle. — Aux., Cordelia A. Green, Treas. (of which \$25
Yarmouth Aux., Mrs. B. Hal-	to constitute Nannie H. Per-
let, Treas., 7.50	kins L. M.), \$40.00
77.4.3	Fredonia. — Aux., Miss M. L. Stevens, Treas., S. S., Miss
Total, \$1,195.21	Johnson's class, \$3.09; Miss
C. Home Building-Fund.	Johnson's class, \$3.09; Miss Noble's class, \$1.58; Miss
Boston. — Mrs. M. H. Simpson, \$250; Miss Ann Newman, \$100; Mrs. A. D. Lockwood, \$100; B. F. Whittemore, Esq.,	Stevens' class, \$1.25; Friends,
\$250; Miss Ann Newman,	\$11.58, 17.50
\$100; R. F. Whittemore, Esq.,	Oswego. — Cong. Ch. S. S., by H. E. Denton, Treas., 3.00
\$100; Mrs. Mary H. Webber,	Poughkeepsie Aux., by Miss
\$100; Mrs. Mary H. Webber, \$50; Mrs. A. W. Stetson, \$50; "J. W. B.," \$25; Madame	F. A. Beardsley, Treas., 35.50
"J. W. B.," \$25; Madame	W-+-1 000 00
Secor, \$1; Mt. Vernon Ch., S. S., \$55; Mrs. E. Coverly,	Total, \$96.00
\$10, \$741.00	NEW JERSEY.
Cambridge. — Shepard Ch., Dorchester. — S. S. Rev. J. H.	Montclair Young Ladies'
Dorchester S. S. Rev. J. H.	Zenana Society, \$37.71 Newark.— A missionary
Means' Ch., \$95; Village Ch., aux., \$50, 145.00	widow's thank-offering, 20.00
aux., \$50, 145.00 Fitchburg.—C. C. Ch., 5.00 Fall River.—Mrs. Richard	
Fall River Mrs. Richard	Total, \$57.71
Borden, 500.00	PENNSYLVANIA.
Framingham. — Aux., 50.00 Jamaica Plain. — Mrs. Dr.	Cannonsburg Mrs. M. H.
Jamaica Plain. — Mrs. Dr. Wood, 25.00	Foley, \$10.00
Newton Bessie Ely, two years	Philadelphia Branch. — Mrs. Helen M. Wright, Treas., W.
old, 1.00	M. Society, Washington, D.C.,
Newton, W. — Friends, 10.35 Wakefield. — "Mission Helpers," 15.00	\$41.10: "Orange Buds" for Re-
Wakefield. — "Mission Helpers," 15.00 Williamstown. — "A Friend," 1.00	becca, \$14.74; Paterson, N.J.,
Tricha, 100	becca, \$14.74; Paterson, N.J., "Mountain Crystals," \$7.80; Philadelphia "Golden Links,"
Total, \$1,498.35	for Miss Blake, Barcelona,
RHODE ISLAND.	Spain, \$100; Franklinville, W.
Newport Aux., \$286; S. S.,	M. Society, \$1.66; "Carrier
\$161.77; "A Friend," \$13.23; by Mrs. C. C. Hammett, Sec.,	Doves," Philadelphia for "Ag- avan," Constantinople, \$21.50;
by Mrs. C. C. Hammett, Sec.,	Mrs. Dr. Hill, \$20; Mrs. Mc-
total for salary of Miss Payson, their missionary in China, \$461.00	Leod, \$5: Mrs. Daniel Marsh,
Providence "From a Friend," 10.00	\$5; Mrs. A. R. Perkins, \$5, 221.80
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Total, \$471.00	Total, \$231.80
CONNECTICUT.	C. Home Building-Fund.
Darien. — Aux., \$38; "Busy Bees," \$3.18; Mrs. M. E.	Mrs. Ed. Sweet, Mt. Elias, N.J., \$100.00 Mrs. Dr. Bush, New York, 10.00
Gleason, Treas., 41.18	A Lady Friend, Philadelphia, 1.00
Groton First Cong. Ch., S. S.,	
by John J. Copp, Superintend-	N. CAROLINA.
ent, peuny collections, 15.00	Raleigh E. P. Hayes, \$1.00

OHIO.	MINNESOTA.
Randolph. — "A Friend," \$1.00 Morgan. — Mrs. and Miss Grow, Youngstown. — Quarterly remitance to 1873, by P. Y. Caldwell, \$35.85 Total, \$38.85	Faribault. — Lily L. Frink, \$2.00 Total of subscriptions from Jan. 20, to Feb. 18, \$2,677.40 Donations to C. Home Build- ing-Fund, 1,652.3: "Life and Light," 991.2: "Echoes," 115.8
ILLINOIS.	" Life and Light" due for 1872, 60.46" Echoes" " " " 26.50
Jacksonville Mrs. J. H. Woods, \$5.00	Total, \$5,523.80
NEW HAVE	N BRANCH.
DECEMBER. Branford, North. — Aux., Miss Bunnel, Treas., Washington. — Aux., Rev. Mrs.	Bridgeport.—Credit towards their second quarterly pay- ment, \$30; one gold ring by the hand of Rev. Mrs. Ladd,
Cotton, Treas 30.00 JANUARY. West Haven.—Oak Hill Sem-	from a lover of the cause of missions; New Haven, Third Ch., a lady in payment toward the purchase of the ring, \$5. 35.00
inary, Mrs. Atwater, principal (\$25 of which to constitute Mrs. S. E. W. Atwater L. M.; also \$25 from Mission-Circle for support of Emma Atwater,	Total, \$595.50 C. Home Fund. OCTOBER.
in Mrs. Chandler's school, Madura). **Fair Haven. — Aux., First Ch., Mrs. W. Hemningway, Sec., **5; "Friend," \$3. **Cornwall. — Aux., Mrs. II. C. Monson, Treas., for support	Winsted, West. — Miss M. E. Beardsley \$30; Mrs. Caroline Lawrence, \$25, New Haven. — Centre Ch., Mrs. Sam Noyes, \$10; Miss Marga- rett Townsend, \$20; Mrs. Mary
of girl in Marsovan (\$2 of which from Mission Circle), 42.00 Litchfield. — Aux., H. B. Elliott, Treas.	S. Peck, \$25; Third Ch., Miss Chandler, \$5; lady, \$10; Mrs. J. S. Dobson, \$10; Mrs. Skin- ner, \$1; lady unknown, \$1; Miss Ferguson, Third Ch., \$1; unknown, \$5; unknown, \$3;
Bridgeport.—Aux., Mrs. E. Sterling, Treas., their first quarterly payment towards support of Miss Andrews in China, \$25 of it to constitute Mrs. Laura Sherman L. M.,	miss reguson, thing ch., \$1, unknown, \$5; unknown, \$5; unknown, \$5; College Chapel, Mrs. Pres. Woolsey, \$10; Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, Centre Ch., \$100, 206.00 Norwich.—Miss Emily Gilman, 5.00 Milford.—Mr. John Benjamin, 1.00
also \$5 toward L. M. of Mrs. James C. Loomis Southbury. — For support of girl in Foochow Mission, 40.00	NOVEMBER. Haven, East. — Mrs. H. C. Hurd, \$1.00 New Haven. — Rev. Mrs. G. P.
FEBRUARY. Derby. — Aux., Mrs. W. H. Sawyer, Treas., \$50.50 New Haven. — Centre Ch., aux., Miss S. Bradley, Treas., \$7; North Ch., aux., Mrs. A. McAl- lister, Treas., from "Silver Star Circle," for support of two girls in Marsovan, \$70; Third Ch., aux., Mrs. H. Beebe, Treas., \$58 (\$20 of it from Infant Class to support Lizzie Wil-	Poudden, Ch of Redeemer, 15.00 Mrs. James A. Smith, — Mrs. Hayden, \$3; Mrs. Frisbie, \$2; Mrs. Chamberlain, \$2; Mrs. E. Sanford, 50; Mrs. A. Hill, \$1; Mrs. Mills. \$10; M. M. Smith, \$25; from a friend, by Mrs. James A. Smith, \$20, FEBRUARY. New Haven. — Mrs. O. P. Hub-
Class to support Lizzie Wilcox at Ahmednuggur in India),	bard, Centre Ch. (which also

170.00

\$25 from Sunday school, to-wards support of girl in Mar-sovan, and \$10 from Mrs. A. C.

Wilcox towards Bible-reader

in Marsovan,

constitutes Henrietta W. Hubbard, and Annie M. Haughton L. M.'s), Total, \$396,50

\$50.00



TURKEY.

VISIT TO BANSKO.

BY MISS MALTBIE.

I was encouraged and stimulated by my visit to Bansko. No missionary lady had been there before, and the women received me with much joy. They said many times, "It must be from love that you came such a long, wearisome journey to see us."

We had some precious meetings with the women: in some instances, nearly forty came together for prayer and the study of God's word. We thought little of the privations of our journey, our hearts were so filled with joy at the sight of what God had wrought in that village. It was touching to see the anxiety of the women to show their love to us, bringing us their little gifts, often of fruits or flowers.

Almost the first question when they met us was, "Have you a father, mother, brothers, and sisters?" When I told them of my aged parents, they exclained, "How much they must love Jesus to permit you to leave them, when you could be such a comfort to them in their old age!"

These people are very poor, and work hard to get sufficient food; "for there's little to earn, and many to keep." They go to the fields as soon as it is dawn. Either the mother or a daughter usually stays to guard the house. In visiting the sick, we found some who had learned to trust

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in Jesus' love, and others who cursed God because he had thus afflicted them. I shall never forget the quiet face of one poor woman who has been sick twenty years. She listened eagerly to the reading of the Bible, and said she felt, that, though she was so poor and ignorant, the Saviour did not despise her, but very often made her wretched home glorious with his presence.

I was greatly pleased with what I saw of the good influence exerted by our school-girls in their own homes. They carry their cleanly habits with them, and are dutiful and obedient to their parents.

Marika has just returned from neighboring villages, where she has been doing Bible-work, much encouraged in the Lord. In laboring for others, she has herself been greatly blessed. May the faith of our Christian friends at home be greatly increased as they pray for us!

Miss Beach has kindly furnished for our use the following translation of an account of the same trip, given by Elenka, a native teacher, who accompanied Miss Maltbie:—

"Two days after the close of Annual Meeting, we started for Bansko; Miss Maltbie riding her horse, while the pastor of the Bansko church, his wife and child, and myself rode in a 'talika,' or native carriage. When we reached our stopping-place at night, we were so tired, we did not care to eat, but went at once to bed; and, though the khan was full of fleas, we slept well. The second night we stayed at Djumaya, a village where there has been much persecution of Protestants. I rejoiced greatly to see how the truth has begun its good work there. One Protestant brother has suffered much; and now his wife has left him. He spoke of his experience, and of the joy he felt because he was persecuted as a Christian. While he talked, his face was radiant with the 'peace that passeth all understanding.' While I listened, I wanted to remember

every word, that I might repeat them to every one I saw. Evidently this disciple was very near his Saviour. He had been turned out of his home, and obliged to stay at a khan; but, while we were in the village, he was cast out of the khan also.

"Thus far we had journeyed in talikas; but now we had a climb of ten hours up the mountain before us, and must ride upon horses. You know how timid I am, and what a trial it was to think of riding on horseback. I could not calm myself during the whole ride sufficiently to enjoy the beautiful scenery which lay all about us. When finally we reached the foot of the mountain on the other side, the day was far spent; and, as the khan was still distant, we decided to camp out, spreading our beds upon the grass; but we could not sleep much. After four hours' ride in the morning, we arrived at Bansko, but so very tired we longed to lie down and rest. Yet how could we when everybody wanted to see us! We went to Katarinka's house, where we found a room in order for us; and you can understand how, in our utter weariness, it seemed the most beautiful room in the world.

"It was Saturday when we reached Bansko. Sabbath morning we went to church. I cannot tell you what joy and thankfulness filled my heart when I saw eighty persons gathered there, all Bulgarians. I felt then, how strong is the Lord, and how great is that love which he has shown toward our nation. Oh, how great is the good which the missionaries have done us! How has our Heavenly Father blessed their efforts for the salvation of souls!

"I went almost every day to read the Bible, and talk among the women. I found many living, active Christians. Among other pleasant things was the meeting with George — formerly a member of the school at Philippopolis — and Magdalena his sister, once a pupil in the school at

Eski Zagra. George is a great sufferer. He is not able to walk, and probably never will be; but he has a peaceful trust in the Lord, and by his grace lives as a devout Christain. Magdalena is a lovely Christian. She said, 'I used to be afraid of God, and for that reason wished to serve him; but now I serve him because I love him, and wish him to do with me as seems good to him.' They have a Christian mother; but their father is an opposer, though he was one of the very first who understood the truth.

"Our stay seemed very short, though we spent three weeks there. The women showed their love for us in many ways; and, when we started for home, they accompanied us sorrowfully on our way out of the village."

LETTER FROM MRS. COFFING.

Some incidents of a visit to Zeitoon are thus related by Mrs. Coffing:—

"We visited eight houses, reading and explaining various passages in the Bible, and endeavoring to clear up some practical points in the minds of those whom we met. Our audiences in the different houses varied. Sometimes we had five or six, then nine or ten, and once twenty attentive listeners. I never so felt the force of our Lord's words,—'The harvest truly is plenteous; but the laborers are few.' We talked with at least twenty women, who are, I believe, sincere seekers after the truth: but they are bound in the iron chain of custom that forbids their talking with a man; and they dare not go to the native preacher for the light they so much need and desire.

"One woman said she was so glad we had come! adding that she had attended the Protestant meetings not because she was convinced that they were right, but she saw that her 'husband's face was becoming sour;' and, on asking him the cause, he replied, 'I am troubled because you do not go with me to church.'—'Then I will go with you,' she said. We had occasion more than once to say to her, 'Thus saith the Lord;' and it seemed to be the end of all strife in her mind. We asked if the new bride went to church. 'No,' she has been married only three weeks!' We told her that the Bible nowhere said that a bride should stay at home six months or a year, but that we were commanded not to 'forsake the assembling of ourselves together,' which command was addressed to brides as well as to others. 'Is that so?' she asked. The next sabbath the bride was at church.

"Another woman said, 'I wish I could read for myself! You say one thing, it looks all right to me; but, when I go to my father, he says it is a lie. How can I know what is right? I want to go in the right way; but how can I find it?' Still another said, 'Oh, you turn my heart upside down! I am thinking, thinking, and thinking. It is all mixed. Are you right, or were our fathers right? How can I tell?' We answered, 'The Book is right.'—'But I cannot read it.'

"A little after seven, sabbath morning, twenty-six women came to the preacher's house; and we talked with them an hour and a half. They asked all sorts of questions, most of which were answered by reading a passage from the Bible. At eleven we went to the chapel, and, to my great surprise, found seventeen women there. After sermon they came again to the house of the preacher, and called for us. Another hour and a half we read and explained. At four we had the communion-service. Two were admitted to the church, and two children were baptized. We were very tired at the close of the day, and would have been glad of a quiet evening. Yet again, after dark, the hungry souls came in; and we could not send them away empty.

Home Bepartment.

The following pleasant and encouraging words are taken from reports of the Annual Meetings of auxiliaries that have come to us within the last month.

From the society in Polk City, Io., we hear that all the ladies connected with the church are members also of the missionary society. One of the officers writes, "Our public meeting on the evening of the first sabbath in January was a successful one. Papers had been prepared by the ladies, giving an account of the W. B. M. I., telling of the work done by our teachers and Bible-readers in foreign lands, explaining also our work here, and giving a clear statement of the claims of the missionary cause upon the Christian women of this country. We had a crowded house, and many heard for the first time of this work. We purpose soon to form a mission-circle for young people."

The secretary of another small band of zealous workers says, "At our meeting to-day, the same board of officers was chosen for the new year. Eight ladies were present, though the weather was severely cold. Our president rode three miles from the prairie for the sake of attending the meeting. The report from Elyria was read, and found helpful, as suggesting new plans for work. The thought that what God had enabled us to do was being used to stir up others in the work filled us with surprise, and also made us feel how much more we ought to do for him this new year. It seems as if new strength to do were given us this afternoon; and out of our delightful meeting we went baptized with fresh zeal and interest."

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MIS-SIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM JAN. 15, TO FEB. 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.				
OHIO. Hudson. — Aux., Miss Agnes E. Scott, Treas., Marietta. — Aux., to constitute Mrs. W. P. Putnam and Mrs. E. A. Tenney L. M.'s, Mrs. J. L. Mills, Treas., Oberlin. — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, Miss E. E. Peck, Treas., Tallmadge. — Aux., Total, \$119.97	aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, Mrs. M. Hjortsberg, Treas., \$53.43; First Ch. aux., f r salary of Miss Patrick (of which \$25 from Mrs. E. A. Billings to constitute herself a L. M.), Mrs. C. H. Whittlesey, Treas., \$120; Tabernacle Circle, aux Mrs. A. E. Foss, Treas., \$24 66; S. S. Faithful Band, \$3; Leavitt-street Ch., Mrs. Moses Smith, Treas. \$75; Plymouth Ch. aux., \$29.25.			
MICHIGAN.	Elgin Aux., Mrs. G. P. Lord,			
Alpena. — Aux., Mrs. W. H. Potter, Treas., Ann Arbor. — Aux., in aid of the school at Bitlis, and to constitute Mrs. Darius Wood a L. M., Mrs. H. L. Hubbard, Treas., Detroit. — Aux., to complete Mrs. Coffing's salary for 1872 (of which \$25 from Mrs. Augustus Carrier to consti- tu'e herself a L. M., the re- mainder, with other contribu- tions, constitutes Mrs. H. C. Watson, Mrs. A. Wilkins, Mrs. Stephen Griggs, and Mrs. T. K. Adams, L. M.'s), Mrs. E. C. Hinsdale, Treas., Flint. — Aux., for the support	Treas., Evanston.— Mrs. E. W. Blatch- ford, \$30: the young ladies of the First Cong. Ch., \$35: Mrs. Moses Smith of Chicago. \$5, for the use of Mrs. Mumford and Miss Maltbie in aid of the girls of Samokov, Lisbon.—Aux., Miss L. S. Lang- don, Treas., Oak Park.—Aux., for school at Manissa, by Mrs. Thomas Ai- ken, to constitute Miss E. R. Humphrey a L. M., Odell.—Aux., Mrs. B. F. Hotch- kiss, Treas., Sandwich.—Aux. (\$30 of which is for the support of Balabai of the Mahratta Mission), by Mrs. H. P. Crasper, 48.26			
of a native assistant teacher at Samokov, Mrs. M. L.				
Lovell, Treas., 76.00 Kalamazoo. — Aux., for the salary of first assistant teacher in school at Marash, Mrs. O. S. Dean, Treas., 38.00	\$558.93 WISCONSIN. Appleton. — Aux., Mrs. J. F. Atkinson, Treas., Beloit — First. Church. aux.			
Total, \$280.47 ILLINOIS. Blue Island. — Mrs. and Miss	Beloit. — First Church, aux., Mrs. A. L. Chapin, Treas., \$42.93; Mrs. S. M. Clary, \$5; Mrs. H. P. Strong, \$3, Delevan. — Aux. to complete			
Massey and Miss Mary Black, \$6.00 Chesterfield.—Aux., L. M. Law- son, Treas., 10.75	the salary of Bible-reader in the Madura Mission, 20.00 Fond du Lac.—Aux., Mrs. W.			
Chicago Mrs. Prof. J. T.	B. Barker, Treas., 35.85			
Hyde's, family contribution- box, 6.50; New-England Ch.	Princeton. — Mrs. C. D. Richards.			

Ripon Aux., by Mrs. L. A. Dawes,	\$25.00
Sheboygan. — Aux., by Mrs. H. M. Ledyard,	15.67
Total,	171.33
IOWA.	
Algona. — Aux., by Mrs. J. E Stacey, Anamosa. — Aux., Jennie H Chapman. Treas., Boveen's Prairie. — A few la dies, by Miss M. J. Smith, Chester. — Aux., Miss C. A Carter. Treas., Fairfield. — Aux., Mrs. David	\$4.00 20.88 2.00
Webster, Treas.,	11.75
Greene Mountain.— Aux., Mrs N. S. Chase, Treas., Independence.— Aux., by Mrs	12.50
Brownell, Lyons. — Aux., for support of Miss Laura Day, Mrs. S. J	
Smith, Treas.,	64.00
Muscatine. — "Seeds of Mercy,' McGregor. — Aux., for the Har poot field, Mrs. J. H. Merrill	-
Treas.,	10,00
Total,	149.60

MINNESOTA.

Clearwater. — Aux., Mrs. L. M. Stearns, Treas., \$16.00

KANSAS.

Manhattan.—Aux., to be applied to girls' schools at outstations at Harpoot, by Mrs. T. A. Moses, \$23.25

DAKOTA.

Yankton. — Aux., for the support of a Bible-reader in Harpoot, and to constitute Mrs. Stewart Sheldon a L. M., Mrs. S. F. Ward, Sec., \$45.54

MISSISSIPPI.

Yazoo City. - Mrs. A. L. \$12.00

NEW YORK.

Warsaw. - S. S. of Cong. Ch., for Marash Seminary, \$35.00

Total, \$1,412.09

WE ask once more that secretaries of auxiliary societies receiving letters from missionaries of the W. B. M. I. will forward them to the editress of the "Western Department," that selections may be made for publication. We cannot secure the object of this little periodical without such records of missionary life; yet we would not add unnecessarily to the care and labors of our sisters in heathen lands. Will not personal friends of our missionaries also give us assistance of this kind? All such communications shall be promptly returned.





LIFE AND LIGHT.

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TALKING PAPER.

BY MRS. STURGIS.

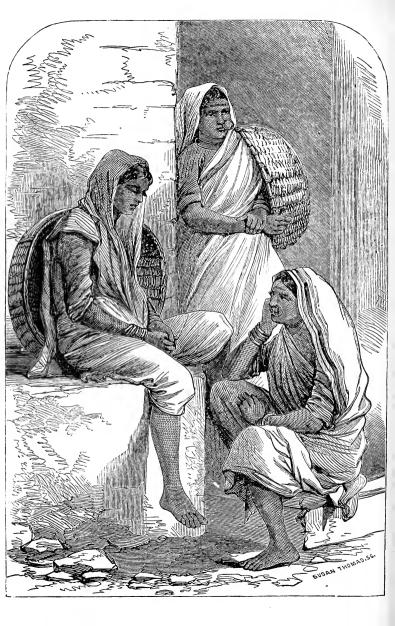
OME of our natives on the Island of Ponape, in the Pacific Ocean, are greatly delighted when they have learned to read and write a little. They sometimes write to a friend they are going to visit, and then themselves carry the letter, and read it to him. At first, they thought it very strange that paper could be made to talk. A missionary once sent four watermelons by a native to a fellow missionary on another part of the island.

The man, while on the road, being hot and tired, ate one of the melons, taking the precaution first to hide the letter under a stone. When the remaining melons and the letter were delivered to the missionary, he asked,—

"Where is the other melon? There were four sent."

The poor native was greatly astonished. Pointing to the letter, he said,—

"How can that tell you? It didn't see me eat the melon; for I hid it under a stone."



MARATHI WOMEN.

BY MRS. H. J. BRUCE.

This picture represents some Hindu women, resting for a few moments in the midst of their daily labors. They have a brown skin; but their features are not very unlike our own. Their faces, however, show the marks of toil and degradation and heathenism.

They have coarse baskets on their shoulders, made of sticks woven together, which are useful for carrying vegetables, fuel, or earth, as occasion requires. When filled, they are always carried on the head; and these women have, consequently, fine, erect forms. Their minds, however, are not developed in proportion. They know very little of the world outside of their own village or district, as very few of them are able to read; and most of them are in total ignorance concerning the true way of salvation.

Their principal garment is a piece of native cloth, seven or eight yards long. It is sometimes white, but more generally red, green, or blue. This cloth requires no making up, but is all ready for use when purchased from the merchant — a great convenience to these people, few of whom know how to sew. The fashion of this garment never changes; but the rich and poor may each be suited, as there is a great variety of fabrics. Some are very costly and beautiful, having borders inwrought with threads of gold and silver; while others are so strong and coarse, that they may be purchased for one or two dollars, and will last a laboring woman five or six months. Besides this, they have a short-sleeved under-garment, fitting the waist; and the bracelets are, in their opinion, as indispensable as a long sleeve or under-sleeve with us. Without them, they feel naked and ashamed, they say. These bracelets are

sometimes made of silver, and sometimes of glass, according to the wealth of the wearer; but there is no clasp or fastening to them. The hand must be compressed when the bracelets are put on; and this is done by the dealers of whom the ornaments are purchased. The nose-ring is also indispensable to married women and married girls, and is inserted into the left cartilage of the nose. Many of them are very large, with pearls or rubies set in them. You will wonder how they can eat with these great rings dangling before their mouths. They are, however, no serious impediment, as, when the head is bent in eating, the ring also falls forward. Necklaces and ear-rings are very common, as well as anklets and toe-rings; and the rich wear gold and silver ornaments in the hair.

Two of these women, you will observe, have a long, straight mark on the forehead; and those who are most jealous for the honor of their gods are most careful not to omit this sign of their religion. The Brahminee, or highcaste women, are much superior in their condition and manner of life to the common laboring-classes, and are remarkable for their cleanliness. The brass plates on which they eat, and their cooking utensils, are kept scrupulously clean. They wash their clothes frequently, bathe the body, and comb the hair, every morning before breakfast, as a rule, after which the kunku, or red powder, is applied to the forehead. The men also wear a similar mark, even those who acknowledge that their gods are false; for they do not like to break up this old custom, and give their friends occasion to inquire what new thing has happened: so, while they freely admit that Christianity is true, they at the same time bear the mark of the deceiver in their foreheads. Oh, when shall the time come that the Redeemer's name shall be inscribed there instead, and they shall be known and read of all men as disciples of the meek and lowly Jesus! When women shall be elevated to their proper position as wives and mothers, then will a brighter day dawn upon India. Even now, we trust, "the morning light is breaking," and rejoice that the prejudices against female education in that land are beginning to give way. Let us not cease to pray and labor in their behalf, with faith and hope.

TURKISH SCENES.

NUMBER THREE.

BY MISS HOLLISTER.

THE gold and crimson light of the setting sun is falling on the mountain-tops, and lighting up the heavy clouds in the west. Fields of wheat, and vineyards, scattered here and there, tell us we are coming near one of the villages we started to visit. Soon straggling companies of villagers, calling out, "Welcome, welcome!" each one insisting on taking us to his own house, make us feel that we are at least among friends. "Here, Bodvelli, here's the place to stop!" "No, no," shouts another: "come over to this house!" "Here, Mariam," to his wife, "go and get some sour milk; for khanum's tired and hungry," calls a third; and so on. Amid the noise of men and boys, shouting to one another to see which can make the most ado about our coming, we stop to rest somewhere, thankful even to sit down. As we enter the house of our host, the women draw their handkerchiefs about the face a little closer, and shrink away as if they should not be seen, except over the fire, cooking the evening meal. How queer they look with their tall head-dresses, their silver trinkets strung on the head and hair, their odd-looking garments, and bungling girdles!

After a while, I begin to talk with those around me as a means of becoming acquainted with the village, and of making plans for reaching some of the little folks, and some of the women too, on the morrow. Before very long, a great burly-looking boy, the eldest hopeful of the family, perhaps feeling he is not showing off his learning as he ought, interrupts me by asking,—

"What's the name of your country?"

"America."

"Amelica, boys; d'ye understand? There they are all bodvellis and khanums and teachers. How big is it, khanum? Most as big as Aintab; isn't it?" he adds.

I tell him it is somewhat larger: whereupon he informs his brothers, and others standing about, that the country we are talking of lies as far off, and is as large possibly, as Constantinople; and then, bethinking himself of his tobacco,—

"Here, Mennoosh, bring me my pipe!" he calls out in a lordly tone to his sister; and as she comes up meekly bringing the pipe, "There now, go and draw the water!" he calls out again. He commands; she obeys. That's the way they do in Turkey. The fathers and sons do the ordering, the mothers and daughters do the drudgery, with never a kind word. Perhaps some little boys who read this would like this way of doing things; but I do not. If I were in the girls' places, I should want to be helped by my brothers; and, if I were in the boys' places, I should surely wish-to help my sisters. I should like to go with them to church, instead of going alone, taking the best seats in front of the preacher, leaving them to sit back of all the rest, where they cannot hear, or else not go at all. But the people in Turkey are not like us; and I really don't know what we shall do to make them think more of their mothers and sisters.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MASSACHUSETTS. — Bridgewater. — "Messenger Birds," \$7.16; "Angel Boy's pennies," .31.

Boston. — Contents of Fannie Haughton's Bank, \$1.29; Charlie and Eddie Spring's Mission-Box for 1872, \$1.08.

East Boston. - "Buds of Promise," \$1.60.

Jamaica Plain. — "Wide Awakes," \$14.12; Emma and Eddie Gould's Doll's Sale, \$8.20.

Wakefield. - "Mission Helpers," \$30.00.

CONNECTICUT. — Darien. — "Busy Bees," \$3.18.

New York. — Fredonia. — Mrs. Johnson's Class, \$3.09; Miss Noble's Class, \$1.58; Miss Stevens's Class, \$1.25.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH. — "Orange Buds," \$14.74; "Mountain Crystals," \$7.80; Golden Links, \$100.00; "Carrier Doves," \$21.50.

MORNING GLORIES.

Our little friends at the West seem to be fruitful in pretty and odd devices for obtaining missionary money. Not the least attractive of their plans is the following:—

"Mrs. Hubbard, of the Tabernacle Church, Chicago, has a class of a hundred girls, who call themselves 'The Faithful Band.' They are steady contributors to foreign missions. But, as their means are small, she hit upon the simple device, last spring, of lending each one a little package of morning-glory seeds, the increase to be returned to her for sale in the fall. The result was many windows curtained, many piazzas garlanded, with green, many happy hours of the girls among their flowers, and several pounds of seed. The store which had contracted for the crop is in ruins: but the seed is safe, and for sale; and in due time the girls' missionary-box will be some dollars richer for this happy and productive venture."

A Biblical Riddle.

BY MRS. E. C. WHEELER.

I was not born of earth;
My substance never grew;
And where I had my birth
No mortal ever knew.

When sun and moon revealed Creation's ample space, My form was still concealed; On earth it had no place.

My nature and my name
No patriarch could tell;
No Jewish legend spread my fame,
Though Moses knew me well.

Low at his feet I lay,
His precious life to save;
And oftentimes his word doth say
I kept him from the grave.

But when, on Pisgah's dome,

He viewed the landscape o'er,

My melting form soon found a tomb,

And earth knew us no more.

ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

The Missionary Bank.

Correct answers to the enigma in the February number have come to us from Miss Amy Neate, Pittsfield, Mass., and S. P. C., Southbury, Conn. We wish also to acknowledge enigmas sent us by M. C. C., Southbury, Conn., S. J. W., Grinnell, Io., and W. W. C., Burke Vt. We are very glad to receive them, although we cannot find room for all in this number; and we would suggest to our young friends that the enigmas and acrostics should have missionary subjects as far as possible.



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TURKEY.

CASTING LOTS.

BY MISS HATTIE SEYMOUR.

Mr. Wheeler and I have just returned from Malatia, after an absence of nine days. The weather has been charming for touring: for six weeks we have had no rain. It was like a taste of home to see the gardens and trees, and abundance of water, in Malatia. The pastor of the church there, and his wife, are both graduates of our school: their oldest daughter and son have been in Harpoot for two years,—one in our seminary, the other in the normal school. It is very gratifying to us that the preachers trained here are the ones most anxious to commit their children to us, and consecrate them to the Lord's work. This last year eleven of our girls were daughters of old pupils.

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There is still another graduate of our school in Malatia, - Mariné, a Bible-reader. We visited together among the women, many of them Armenians, whom she was teaching to read. I could see how much faith and patience a Biblewoman needs in her work. Mariné not only reads and prays with those whom she visits, but she gives them lessons, beginning with the alphabet. Unless they are peculiarly earnest, they are inclined to draw back after a short trial, seeing their slow progress, and hindered, perhaps, by large families and much housework. Mariné goes among them as one having authority: she seems to reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all long-suffering; and they look up to her with respect. She holds meetings with them twice every week, and has a large Bible class on the sabbath. The pastor depends much upon her. At stated times they two closely question each woman of the congregation about her spiritual state and the performance of her religious obligations.

I had three meetings with the women while in Malatia. On the sabbath a large company of them came together in the chapel; the Protestants bringing with them many of their relatives and friends who still cling to the old religion. I talked to them from the words, "Lord, teach us how to pray." They know little of what real prayer is. In the Armenian church they listen to the priest as he rapidly chants the prayers in a language they do not understand, make the required prostrations and responses, and the task is over. They have comparatively no knowledge of the blessed privilege of talking with God while they are at work, of making their wants known to him at all times and in all places.

While we were in Malatia, Mr. Wheeler was called upon to settle a question which had agitated the church for a year. A daughter of one of the prominent members was

engaged to be married to a young man, also a Christian. From the account we heard of the affair, it would seem that the suit had been pressed hard by the young man's friends, - of course, he was not an actor, - and consent had been rather reluctantly given. The girl received the pledges of betrothal usual among Protestants in this land, -a Bible and a string of gold coins. She wore the coins on her head, thus publicly acknowledging the engagement. After a while the pledges were returned by her father and brothers. As it is considered a great sin here to break such a compact, the church at once took up the cause, to a man, sided with the discarded lover, and for a year had been in a constant state of excitement. The father and brothers were suspended from the church, as it was supposed, probably justly so, that they were the guilty party. When the trouble first began, the girl told Mariné that it was her wish to marry the young man; but her feelings had become alienated through the influence of her friends.

A meeting of church-members was called while we were there; and as the father had said, "Let her do as she pleases," it was decided that the matter must be settled that evening. She is a slender, dark-eyed girl, about fifteen or sixteen years of age. The responsibility being thrown upon her, she evidently did not like to say "Yes," and yet she feared that the dissension in the church would continue and increase if she said "No." She repeatedly said, "I do not know what to say: if I only knew what the will of the Lord was, I would gladly do it." They passed her over into my hands for a while; and she looked so pale and distressed, I could but pity her. Thinking that if she accepted him it would only be because she feared, if she did not, it would be a sin, I did not urge her either way, only telling her she ought to make her choice that evening. The longer she waited, the more undecided she seemed.

We sat up till two o'clock, the brethren meanwhile becoming violently excited against the father and brothers. The two parties mutually recriminated each other, talking so angrily and boisterously, that we shut the windows, lest the noise should be heard in the street.

At last Mr. Wheeler proposed that the girl should decide by casting lots. She seemed greatly relieved, and gladly consented, saying she should feel that the Lord had chosen for her. All having promised to abide by the lot, Mr. Wheeler took two volumes of "Barnes' Notes" from the bookcase, in one of which he wrote io, or "yes" and in the other cha, which is the Armenian for "no." These were laid upon the table; and the girl was called in to make her selection. Mr. Wheeler offered prayer that the Lord would manifest his will. The room was as still as death as she walked up and took the book in which was written "no."

The pastor and brethren were evidently very much disappointed; but they showed an excellent spirit, and submitted with a grace I hardly think they would have exhibited, if it had not been for the wearisome siege of seven hours through which we had passed. Mr. Wheeler gave the company some good advice respecting the obligation to consult their daughters before betrothal, and enlarged upon the sin of breaking engagements without good reason. Thus was this affair settled that had brought great reproach upon the Protestants: even the Turks came to talk with us about it. It may seem a strange way to determine such a question; but, in view of all the circumstances, I think it was most wisely managed. All angry feeling appeared to subside at once. Both parties said, "It is the the Lord who has spoken; and we accept his decision." We were particularly anxious that the question should be settled at once, because we had seen some tokens of the Spirit's

presence in the meetings; and we wished to enter upon the services of the sabbath with the great stumbling-block removed. It was a day of tender interest: every watchful heart must have recognized a heavenly influence in the marked stillness and attention of the congregations.

Dear sisters, we are strongly feeling our need of the help of the Holy Spirit in our work. On a sabbath evening, before we went to Malatia, one of Mr. Finney's sermons, from the text, "Be ye filled with the Spirit," was read aloud to our circle. It came home with wonderful power to all our hearts. Then a letter from Mr. Barnum, written from New Haven during the meeting of the Board, stirred us deeply. He said it was the grandest meeting he ever attended; that all the exercises indicated the conscious want of the help of God's Spirit in the prosecution of missionary work. Will you not pray earnestly that this one great blessing may be poured out richly upon us?

LETTER FROM MISS GRISWOLD.

WE ask our readers to notice, in the following letter from Miss Griswold of Cæsarea, the indications, that, little by little, the old prejudices are giving way to gospel influences:—

"The work among the women in Talas is going surely forward. They are not so slow to receive the truth as to acknowledge it. Many of them know the priests are not true shepherds, yet they fear them. The large hall in our house is now used for a chapel; and the women's side is always filled, sometimes crowded, — mostly with the Greek women in the neighborhood. Their feelings toward us have changed very much during the last two years: they are now very friendly and respectful, often visiting us in a neighborly fashion, and receiving us kindly when we call on them. We are much interested in an Armenian, a

widow. She came to the chapel a few times, and to the weekly meeting for women twice, avowing herself a Protestant. For this her father whipped her, and ordered her not to come here again. She cannot disobey him, and does not appear with us publicly, but continues firm. Another woman, whose husband is away, hearing that he had become a Protestant, came quietly to church, and is not afraid to be called one of us. These instances are very encouraging to us from the fact that so many persecute their husbands with such severity.

"We have been much pleased with the conduct of a young student and his wife from Talas. He declared his purpose of studying for the ministry in the fall; and his wife with her little child, notwithstanding the violent opposition of her mother-in-law, determined to accompany him to the city. When he returned for their bedding, his mother refused to give it to him. He came to us in despair; but Mr. F. encouraged him to be patient, and the next day his mother yielded. They had all lived as one family at home, and his wife knew very little of care; but afterwards she was obliged to sell her gold to help eke out the family expenses. I think at that time she had scarely any knowledge of the truth, but was devoted to her husband.

"Last week Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and myself took a trip to Moonjoosoon, a village about four hours from Talas. There is a small church there, with an earnest, faithful pastor. They are just finishing a new chapel, —a plain but substantial structure, with schoolrooms on the lower floor. The brethren have given many days' work to it; and the pastor has superintended it with untiring zeal. All seemed to take great satisfaction in it. One improvement we were pleased to see: there was no gallery for the women, who are usually huddled like so many sheep into a place where it is almost impossible to hear any thing from the pulpit.

The pastor had a struggle for it; and I think the turning of the scale was the donation of five pounds from one of the missionaries, on condition that there should be no such gallery. The brethren are good Christians; but they are not quite reconciled to the 'new-fangled notion' of women being seen. One of the sons of our host had been recently married; and we were surprised to see the bride quietly moving about with her face exposed, and speaking aloud in the presence of her father and mother. It was quite refreshing. She was the niece of the pastor, and had been instructed by him; and, though her father-in-law thought it not quite proper, he yielded until they should go to Constantinople.

"There is a very pleasant band of sisters at Moonjoosoon, who seemed delighted to see us, and took much pains to entertain us. We noticed especially their neatness and the fine appearance of their children. Another delightful thing was, that not one of them asked us what the latest fashions were, or how our dresses were made. All spoke of trying to interest their neighbors both by precept and example, and seemed determined to do what they could."

From the same station Mrs. Giles, under date of Feb. 21, writes:—

[&]quot;There never was a time in our field when so many women were anxious to learn to read. We are employing some of our scholars to teach them, at the small compensation of four cents a month for each pupil. One girl gives lessons to seven women, from three to five times a week. We are also using the same agency to relieve our Bible-woman, that she may have more time for her legitimate work. She is instructed, however, to have a careful supervision over these young workers.

CHINA.

CALL FOR PRAYER.

In a recent letter to one of the auxiliaries of the New Haven Branch, Miss Andrews, after speaking of her busy life in Tungcho both in "rest-time" and "work-time," closes with the following earnest appeal:—

"You ask what you can do for me—with money, nothing. Perhaps my work for women will demand money when it becomes more regular and systematic; but that is in the future. The best disposal of funds is, often, to place them in the hands of those, who, seeing the whole field, can best judge where they are most required. But there is one thing I do most earnestly beseech you and your society to do; that is to help me with your prayers. I need that assistance all the time. Our great want is God's Spirit, and you know the power of prayer to bring that blessing.

"The real trials of a missionary's life are not in outward circumstances, but in heart-sorrows. Prayers apparently unanswered; time and strength spent seemingly in vain; disappointed hopes; coldness of heart where we looked for warm love; hypocrisy where we thought was truth; love of money where we thought was love of Christ; holding up the Saviour before blinded eyes; telling his story to hearts that do not feel; striving, wrestling, to save souls from the grasp of Satan; putting forth every power to sustain weak, trembling Christians, and then seeing them fall; working and praying on day after day; sowing much, and reaping little; feeling so powerless when Satan seems so strong, - these are the things which try our souls, that wear out our strength, and even life itself, and would kill our faith, were we not kept by the power of God. Sisters, pray for If you love perishing souls, if you love Jesus and his work, pray for us!"

AFRICA.

STONY PLACES.

WE give below a glimpse of the daily labor of one of our devoted missionaries in South Africa, Miss Hance:—

"I would like to tell you, this evening, something of the way I have spent the afternoon among the station people. At the first place I visited, the mother had gone out to work in the field, leaving her house in the greatest disorder. I tried to persuade the oldest child, a girl of ten years, to give some sort of tidiness to the house before the mother's return, telling her I would call as I came back. I then went on to see an old woman who is not able to go to church. I read, and she repeated after me, the sixth chapter of Matthew.

"My third visit was at the house of one who has long been taught, and who, we have felt, was almost persuaded to be a Christian; but still he has delayed. The wife was at home, and, while telling me of her little child and his cunning ways, said, 'His father prays night and morning now; and my little boy, just after he rises in the morning, and before he will lie down at night, will say, "Tula si ya bandaeza,"-"Keep still: we pray,"-and will not be quiet until his request is granted.' At the next place I found three strong men sitting in the most indolent way on the floor, amusing themselves with idle talk, and taking snuff. A woman sat near the door, holding her baby, and sewing. As I could not have an interview with her alone, I tried to enter into conversation with them. I told them of the industry of people in other lands, and of the comfortable homes they gained by it. They seemed interested, asked many questions; and I only wish it might have some influence with them.

"There is a great work here for woman, although attended with many difficulties and discouragements; and I would that I could tell you, how, in days of weakness and despondency, we are helped over the stony places by the thought that you in America love this work, and are carrying it to the same God, who cares for it more than we can, and who will, it may be, in answer to the pleadings of Christians, consent to bless even the little I may do."

Our Work at Home.

THE HOUR OF PRAYER.

"When the hosts of Israel and Edom were about to perish of thirst in the wilderness, in obedience to the divine command they made the valley full of ditches; and, at the hour of prayer and humble recognition of God, the water came." A perishing world waits for the water of life: in many places the channels so freely opened are only waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in answer to the prayers of believing souls. At the meeting of the board in New Haven, a key-note was struck, that found an echo in almost every heart as soon as it was touched. From the four quarters of the globe, with an intensity of earnestness never experienced before, we are asked to "besiege the throne of grace, that this best of blessings may be wonderfully granted to all mission-fields."

Constant requests come from Turkey that we should

"pray for the preachers and teachers, that they may be earnest and faithful in winning souls to Christ; for all who profess to love our Lord, that others, taking knowledge of them, will know they have been with Jesus; for those who are suffering persecution, that they may be strong, and enabled to endure unto the end." Mrs. Wheeler writes. "Dear sisters. I wish I could come into some of your meetings, and ask you to pray for us. The week of prayer has passed, and we in this city not blessed." She also asks even the little children to cover their pennies with their prayers. From Africa comes the cry, "Do pray for the people here; for we feel that the Spirit of God alone can open their blind eyes, and unstop their deaf ears." And on another page we have from China the urgent, almost passionate appeal of Miss Andrews, closing with, "Sisters, pray for us! If you love perishing souls, if you love Jesus and his work, pray for us!"

Our missionaries go forth, a little band of men and women, to change the habits, the long-established religions, the ancient customs, of millions of people. Can we wonder, that, in their "utter powerlessness," they long for help from Him who holds the nations in a balance? Believing that this world-wide call is the Spirit's invitation, and that there is special power in united prayer, we ask our friends once more to remember the hour set apart for this purpose, — from five to six on sabbath evening. We have received assurance that it is observed by a few Christian women here and there; but may it not be, that quietly, at the appointed time, there shall go up from a whole continent a volume of prevailing prayer?

"Jesus, the Lord, will hear
His chosen when they cry:
Yes, though he may a while forbear,
He'll help them from on high."

OUR NEW ROOMS.

On the morning of the 17th of February, a few friends met for a simple service of dedication of the new rooms of the Woman's Board in the Congregational House.

After the opening exercises, the president, Mrs. Albert Bowker, gave a brief but very interesting account of the providential way in which the first growing wants of the society were met by the opening of the little room in Pemberton Square, measuring twelve feet by eleven, and of the work that had been accomplished there. Recognizing the same guiding hand on this occasion, she closed with a tribute of thanksgiving and praise to Him who had so blessed the society, and once more provided the much needed accommodations for its constantly-increasing operations.

Mrs. Tyler of the Zulu Mission spoke of the importance to the missionary ladies of some central point through which they could communicate with the women of the churches, and to which they could turn for relief and assistance. As tidings came to them in distant lands of the breaking-up of home after home, it was a great comfort to feel, that, in one place at least, a welcome was awaiting them, and in one place they were sure of sympathy in all their joys and sorrows. Personally she rejoiced in the privilege of carrying back to Africa the remembrance of the new home of the Woman's Board, and of telling the friends there of the love and tenderness constantly flowing from it.

Mrs. Gyles Merrill of St. Alban's, who had come more than a hundred miles through the winter snows to attend the meeting, felt amply repaid by what she had learned of the progress of the work; and, as she hoped soon to have a Branch Society in Vermont, she was glad to find the connecting link between the laborers at home and those in the foreign field so pleasantly established. Several other la-

dies expressed great gratification at the prosperity of the society, especially at the enlargement of accommodations so much desired; and the meeting closed with prayer, consecrating the rooms, and all connected with them, to the sending of the gospel to heathen women.

The new apartments are airy and commodious; and we have reason to thank the good Father that the lines have fallen to us in such pleasant places.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

FROM FEB. 18, TO MARCH 18.

MRS. HOMER BARTLETT, TREASURER.

MAINE. Amherst. — Mrs. Loring, \$2.50; "A Friend," 25 cents, \$2.75 Biddeford. — Towards constituting S. L. Jordan L. M., Brunswick. — Aux., Miss S. P.	Portsmouth.—Aux. Mrs. N. B. Colman, Treas., Miss Caroline Martin, to constitute herself L. M., \$25; aux., N. Cong. Ch., Mrs. Joshua Brooks, towards L. M., \$10, \$35.00
Newman, Treas., 72.00 Ellsworth.—Miss L L. Phelps,	Total, \$88.76
Treas., Prayer Circle, \$6.35;	C. Home Building-Fund.
Holden Aux., 2.50	N. Conway "A Friend," by
N. Yarmouth.—"A Friend," 1.50 Waterville.—George and Frank	Miss Merrill \$2.00
Herrick, 2.00	VERMONT. Brandon. — Ladies of Cong. Ch.,
Total, \$98.10	has Mars Downsolds 420 00
C. Home Building-Fund.	Georgia Aux., Miss Gilbert,
Waterville Aux. Society, \$21.52	Sec., to constitute Mrs. Mary J. Jackson L. M., 25.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE.	Grafton. — "Friends," 7.00 Peacham. — Mrs. E. C. Chamber-
Bennington. — Mrs. C. P. Whitte- more, and members of her S S.	lin, to constitute her daughters, Misses Laura B. and Abbie M.
class, for Miss Proctor's work, \$10.00	Chamberlin, L. M.'s, 50.00
Exeter.—"Cheerful Givers," Mission Circle, 3.50	St. Alban's. — Mrs. Harris, 2.00 St. Johnsbury. — Ladies of S.
Nashua Aux., by Mrs. R. T.	Cong. Ch., 27.85
Smith, \$21.27; First Ch., Mission Circle, \$17.49, 38.76	Townsend, W.—"A Friend," .50 Vergennes.—Cong. S.S., for pu-
New Alstead " A Little Work-	pil at Harpoot, 40.00
er," .50 New Inswich. — Aux., additional, 1.00	Total, \$183.35

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MASSACHUSETTS.

Amesbury, W. - Aux., Miss Haskell, Treas., \$10.40 Andover .- Mrs. S. H. Taylor, \$5; Miss C. R. Jackson, \$5, 10.00

Bradford. — Aux., Hammond, Treas., Mrs. 25.00

Beverly. - Aux., Dane-street Ch., Mrs. S. W. Clark, Treas., of which to constitute Mrs. Mary S. Jones, Miss Adelia E. Coffin, and Mrs. Clarissa Remmonds L. M.'s; "A Friend," Dane-street Ch., to constitute Mrs. Augusta Lanphear L. M., \$25, 130.00

Brookline. - Aux., Harvard Ch., Miss M. G. Stoddard, Treas., of which \$25 by Mrs. S. A. Robinson to constitute herself L. M., \$32; Harvard Ch., S.S. Mission Circles, "Hattoon Mission Geragosian," \$5; "Hope Circle," \$5; "Buds of Promise." \$5; "Gleaners," \$5.50; "Violets," \$5; "Cheerful Givers," 7.25 (and of this class four little girls under ten years of age have procured four subscribers to "Life and

Light"); total for a pupil at Harpoot, 32.75,
Boston. — Mrs. Lucretia P. loston. — Mrs. Lucretia P. Howe, \$100 additional; Sarah, Fannie, Helen, \$5; "Little Sunbeams," \$1; Central Ch., Miss M. Child's S. S. class, "Busy Bees," Master B. E. Bates, 'Tea²., \$8; Mt. Vernon Ch., E. S. Tobey, jun. Treas., —thirteen ladies, \$1 each (\$13); Miss Reed, Miss Irvine, Miss Wilder, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Chandler, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Chandler, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Chandler, Mrs. Holye Mrs. John-Chandler, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Quinn, Miss Howe, Mrs. Johnston, two friends, \$2 each, (\$22); Miss Mutter, \$4; Mrs. Ayres, Mrs. Parkhurst, \$5 each (\$10); Mrs. Hall, \$10; Mrs. Warren, \$10; Mrs. Winslow, \$15; Mrs. Dorus Clark, to constitute Miss Ellen S. S. Clark L. M., \$25; "A Friend." \$25; others, \$3.05.—137.05; Berkeley-street Ch., by Mrs. Leavitt, \$1.50; Shawmut Ch. "A Friend," to constitute Miss H. S. Proctor L. M., \$25; Union Ch., additional, by Mrs. Charles Scudder, \$74; Old South Ch., "L. F. B.," monthly subscription, to constitute Miss Susan E.Manning, L. M. \$30; February subscription to constitute Miss Fannie E. Haughton L. M.; Mrs. H. C. Porter, \$2; L.

S. Cragen, Esq, \$10; by collections Misses Gilbreth, Barry, Haughton, Jellison, Tead, and Brewster, Miss Abbie Walley, Treas., \$267.50 (viz., Mrs. Charles Stoddard, \$25 to constitute Miss Charlotte A. Jellison L. M.; Miss Charlotte Goodnow, to constitute herself L M., \$25; Mrs. C. A. Johnson, \$25; Mrs. Samuel Johnson, jun., \$10; Mrs. Charles Blake, \$10; the Misses Hill, \$10; Mrs. P. Sprague, \$5; Mrs. C. H. Browne, \$5; Mrs. E. C. H. Browne, \$5; Mrs. J. D. Thompson, \$5; Mrs. Buck, \$5; Miss Mary Fowler, \$5; Miss Fayson, \$5; Mrs. Buck, \$5; Miss Mary Fowler, \$5; Miss Mary Fowler, \$5; Miss J. Al en, \$5; the Misses Walley, \$5; Mrs. J. B. Kimball, \$5; "A Friend," \$5; Mrs. E. C. Johnson, \$5; Mrs. J. B. Kimball, \$5; "A Friend," \$5; Mrs. C. Johnson, \$5; Mrs. J. B. Kimball, \$5; "Krs. J. B. Kimball, \$5; Mrs. C. Morss, \$5; Mrs. J. Barry, \$5; Mrs. G. Rogers, \$3; Mrs. W. Fisher, \$3; Mrs. B. Perkins and daughter, \$5; Mrs. B. Perkins and daughter, \$5; Mrs. B. Perkins and daughter, \$5; Mrs. S. Miss Crocker, \$3; Mrs. Goodnow, to constitute herself ter, \$8; Miss Crocker, \$3; Mrs. Jellison, \$2; Miss Jellison, \$2; Mrs. Palmer, \$2; Mrs. Ban-croft, \$2; Mrs. Coverly, \$2; Miss Barry, \$2; Mrs. Spear, \$2; Mrs. Hunkins, \$2; Old South, Mrs. Wetherbee, \$2; Mrs. N. Gibbs, \$2; Mrs. Greenough. \$2; others, \$23.50); \$309.50 (\$169.29, previously acknowledged, and \$370 \$370 pledged for general work, not including interest on Baldwin fund, or subscriptions to C.

Home Building), \$
Boston, S.—Philips Ch., aux.,
Mrs. J. Drake, Treas., for support of Miss Phœbe L. Cull at Manissa, and to constitute Mrs. Lizzie K. Baile, Mrs. Nancy D. Burrage, and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Angier L. M.'s, Mrs. A. D. Burnham, to constitute Mrs. E. M. C. Mills L. M., Mrs. M. H. Alden, to constitute Miss Sarah B. Alden, Mrs. J. Drake, Salah B. Aldell, M.S. Sarah K. Dawson and Miss Margaret Kyle L. M.'s, Mrs. Calvin Shepard, to constitute Miss Sarah M. Dawson L. M., Mrs. Alvan Simonds, to constitute Miss Amelia M. Hinckley; Deacon Alvan Simonds, to consti-

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Cambridge.—"Jewel Seekers," \$2.50, "Willing Helpers," \$10, with previous donations, to		Ch, to constitute Mrs. W. S. Eustis L. M., South Ch., to constitute Miss H. S. Bucking-
	2.50	ham L. M., Mrs. Ethan Chapin, to constitute herself L. M.,
Chelsea. — Chestnut-street Ch., aux., Mrs. Tenney, \$1; Miss	- {	Mrs. A. F. Cowles, to constitute herself L. M., \$100.00
M. E. Brooks, \$1.50; Miss S.	1	Taunton, E Mrs. Reed's S. S.
R. Brooks, \$1; Mrs. Allen, \$1; Gracie B. Allen, \$3; "A		class, 3.00 Uxbridge. — Young ladies' Mis-
Friend," \$2,	9.50	sionary Society, 14.50
Concord. — Aux., Miss M. Munroe, Sec., of which to consti-		Woburn.—Aux., Mrs. Adkins, Treas., 20.00
tute their pastor's wife L. M.,		Worcester "Seek and Save"
Mrs. H. M. Grant, Egremont, S. — Collections S. S.,	0.00	Society, 5.00 Winchendon. — From one who
W. E. Phelps, Treas, to con-		loves the cause, 5.00
stitute Mrs. A. G. Dickinson and Mrs. Martha B. Dalzell L.	- 1	Winchester. — Aux., Miss Chapin, Treas., Mrs. N. W. C.
M.'s, 50	0.00	Holt, to constitute Miss L.
Greenwich. — Aux., additional, Hinsdale. — Mrs. E. Flint, Treas.,	5.00	Jennie Sanderson L. M., 25.00 Ware. — Aux., Mrs. William
of which to constitute Mrs.		Ware. — Aux., Mrs. William Hyde, Treas., 94.40
Sarah Warriner L. M., \$54.50; "Mountain Rill," E. Taylor,	i	Total, \$2,480.46
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Holliston. — M i s s i o n - Circle, "Open Hands,"	2.44	C. Home Building-Fund.
Hyde Park Neilie Tyler's		Boston Park-street Ch. S.
doll's missionary-box,	.25 2.00	S., George W. Coburn, Supt., \$88.06; Old South Ch. S.
Haverhill. — "A. M. S.," Hopkinton. — Aux., with pre-	~.00	schools, by M. Merrill, Supt., 186.30
vious contribution, to consti-	3.55	58.21; Mrs. Daniel T. Coit, \$40,
Jamaica Plain Minnie Gil-	- 1	Brookline.—Harvard Ch., aux., \$100.00 Newton Centre.—Mrs. A. F.
	$\frac{3.50}{8.50}$	Wardwell, 100 00 Peabody.—Aux., 61.81
Middlehorough - Aux Mrs P		Ware. — Aux., 11.00
B. Drake, Treas., Millbury.—"Light Bearers," Miss M. E. Goddard, Pres.,	0.00	Whitinsville. — Mrs. Charles P. Whitin, 100.00
Miss M. E. Goddard, Pres.,	1	William, 100.00
proceeds of sale, 100 Norton. — Wheaton Female	0.00	CONNECTICUT.
Seminary, with previous con-		Colchester Aux., Mrs. Wheel-
tributions, to constitute Miss F. M. Emerson L. M.,	7.75	er, Treas., to constitute Mrs. H. E. Hyde, Mrs. W. E.
Newburyport Aux., Mrs. H. A. Ingraham, Treas., to consti-		H. E. Hyde, Mrs. W. E. Gillette, and Mrs. Fanny S. Curtis L. M.'s, also \$25 by Mrs.
A. Ingraham, Treas., to constitute Mrs. Dr. S. J. Spaulding,	i	Curtis L. M.'s, also \$25 by Mrs. Elizabeth Clark to constitute
Mrs. Joseph Moulton, Mrs. Dr.		her daughter, Mrs. Mary E.
J. P. Cleaveland, the latter by		Clark, L. M., \$100.00 Glastonbury. — Aux., by Rev. E.
her daughter, \$75; "Bellville" Mission - Circle, to support	- 1	Kittrdege, 26.00
native teacher at Bitlis, \$61; pupil in Mrs. Edwards' school,		Hartford. — Aux., Park-street Ch., \$99.75; Centre Ch., addi-
\$30,	6.00	tional, \$5; Asylum Hill Ch
Peabody. — Aux., Mrs. C. G. Smith, Treas., for Misses Ely's		\$112.20, 216.95 New London. — Second Cong.
school, 11	3.85	Ch., aux., by Miss Lucy P.
Ch., young ladies' sewing-cir-		Butler, 89.25 New Haven. — Mrs. M. Arm-
cle, proceeds of sale, 20	00.00	strong, to constitute Miss E. L.
Somerville, NLadies of Broadway Ch.,	4.00	Armstrong L. M., 25.00 Poquonock.—"A Friend," 5.00
Springfield Aux, Miss H. S.	1.00	Stafford Springs. — Aux., Miss
Buckingham, Treas., Memorial		S. M. Dennis, Treas., 26.30

South Britain Mrs. Daniel	MICHIGAN.
Place, \$5.00	Ann Arbor. — For schools, \$24.00
Total, \$493 50	IOWA.
C. Home Building-Fund.	Eldora M. W. Eastman, \$100
Colchester. — Aux., \$9.00	•
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class, 2.00 W. Winsted. — Miss Martha E. Beardsley, 1,000.00	San Francisco. — Miss S. Earle, Treas, towards salary of Miss Rappelye, at Constantinople, \$50.00
LONG ISLAND AND NEW YORK.	Subscriptions, 3,895.58
	C. Home Building, 1.593.62
Flushing Mrs. E. W. Gilman, \$1.50	Life and Light," 994.05
Norwich Cong. Ch. S. S. for	
pupil at Harpoot, 30.00	
Rochester. — Plymouth Ch. S.S., 10.00	"Life and Light" due in 1872, 56.50
Richmond Four little girls,	Echoes
"Happy Workers" circle, 15.00	Weekly pledges, 22.85
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Treas., aux for salary of Miss	Total for month, \$6,710.91
A. E. Fritcher at Marsovan,	
Turkey, 345.00	N.B Miss Margaret S. Hender-

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Cleveland. — Plymouth Ch. S.S., \$40.06 for pupil at Harpoot,
Randolph.—"A Friend,"
Windham.—Young ladies' mis-1.00 sionary circle, towards salary of Miss Closson, 33.85

> Total. \$74.91

\$401.50

.B. — Miss Margaret S. Hender-son, and Miss Jennie E. Miner were made Life-Members of the W. B. M. by the New Haven branch. Mrs. Hotchkiss of New Hampshire, by her recent donation, constitutes Mrs. William A. P. Martin of Pekin, China, Misses M. A. Tucker and M. B. Shipman of New Haven, and Mrs. S. P. Giddings of Washington, D.C., Life-Members.

NOTE. - The donation of Mrs. Edward Sweet, mentioned in the April number, should have been reported as from Montclair, N.J., instead of Mt. Elias.

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER OF THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH.

FEBRUARY. Norwalk. - Aux., Mrs. E. E. Raymond. Treas., First Cong. Ch. Assoc., for support of pu-pil at Constantinople Home (\$50.25 of which from the ladies' Ch. Assoc., \$50 from "May Flower Mission Band," and \$12 private donation), \$112.25 Westbrook. — Aux., Miss E. C. Kimball, Treas., for support of girl in Miss Payson's school,

Fouchow, 40.00 Woodbury. — Aux., Mrs. John T. Ward, Treas., to complete payment for support of girl in

Miss Clark's school in Broosa, 5 00

New Haven. - Centre Ch., Mrs. Julia Dickerman.

MARCH.

New Haven. - Centre Ch., Mrs. D. C. Collins, to constitute her daughter, Miss Edith Collins, L. M., \$25: Centre Ch., Miss Susan Bradley, Treas., \$13.82; Centre Ch., Mrs. Frances P. Gilbert, for C. Home Fund, and also to constitute berself and also to constitute herself and Miss R. G. Bacon L. M.'s, \$50, 88.82

> Total. \$251.07



AFRICA.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM REV. M. W. PINKERTON.

From a private letter from Rev. M. W. Pinkerton, of the mission to the Zulus of South Africa, we are privileged to glean the following facts relating to that country and people, and the work of the missionaries among them. The letter is dated Umtwalumi, Sept. 9, 1872:—

"From Durbin we went north-east to Umvoti, famous the world over as the place where Mr. Grout labored so long, and built up the largest and most civilized missionstation among the Zulus, and where Mrs. Lloyd buried her husband and child, and then took up the work herself. A Zulu said to me of Mrs. Lloyd, 'She loved us people greatly, and taught us with all her might.' Mr. Lloyd's grave is close by the door of the church at Umvoti, where he asked to be buried, that, though he was never able to preach to them in their own tongue, his tombstone might remind them of his desire to do so. Our journey was in the dead of winter, - a very different winter from that of Wisconsin. At Umvoti we had green corn fresh from the garden in July, the month that corresponds to your January. We saw no frost in Durbin in June. Flowers are always in blossom; and a good variety of wild-flowers may be seen at any season of the year.

"A friend in America requested me to write the difference between a Zulu and a Kaffir. The name Zulu is

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specific, denoting a division of the great Kaffir race, who occupy all this part of Africa, north-east of Cape Town: hence the term Zulu Kaffir is used to indicate both the species and genus. The Hottentots are a people living at Cape Town, entirely different from the Kaffir, more white than black, and inferior in every respect to the Kaffir tribes. The Kaffirs are properly a black race, though with slight variations in color.

"I have begun to hold meetings at the house of one of the principal chiefs. He is anxious to have his people taught. They gather in the council hut, which is a large grass bee-hive, with a high door for its only opening. They carry in a chair for me; and the congregation sit on the ground around me. I teach the children the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer from a Zulu Primer, and tell them about some of the persons mentioned in the Scriptures. Then the men come to hear the preaching. They keep model order, and are very attentive. In going about among the homes of the people, I find the noble savage in all his nobility, also the demon in man fallen from the knowledge of God. The first chapter of Romans describes well the 'noble savage' of this land, as also the coolies of India, of whom we see many on the plantations. Yet they are human; and the story of the cross will lift them. My prayer is for words to tell them this story. I feel that my life-work is just begun. Remember in your prayers the work of the Lord among the Zulus."

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM MRS. PINKERTON.

In the Sunday school I have a class of women who cannot read. I am trying to teach them two verses every Sunday by having them repeat the verses after me. Then I say a little about what they have learned. Some of the

boys and girls are very tardy: so one Sunday I took my pencil and paper, and sat near the door, and, as the tardy ones came in, wrote down their names. At the close of school, Mr. Wilder told them I was very much troubled by their tardiness, and he hoped I would not have to put down their names again. When Monday came, I went in and found every one there. Many bright eyes and happy faces turned toward me as I entered the chapel, seeming to say, "See, I am here! I am not tardy to-day."

Three or four days after I began to keep house at Umtwalumi, a girl came into my kitchen, and said she wanted to come and live at the station in order to learn. her if her father was willing she should come. The only answer I could get was, "I told them I wanted to come, and was coming." All she had on was a piece of cloth around her body. I cut her out a garment, and gave her the first sewing-lesson. The next day her father came into my kitchen in a great rage, and wanted the girl. I called her: for, when she saw her father coming, she had run away to hide, and at my call she came with great fear. Her father was very angry, and tried to use violence. This my husband would not allow. At last, after a long talk with the girl, he told her she might go home and talk the matter over; and, if she still wanted to come back to the station, she might come. So she went home with her father. I thought he would talk her out of it; but the next day, about noon, she came back, looking very happy. Before I go on with the story, let me tell you that her father had engaged this girl of fourteen years to an old man whose children are married. The old Kaffir law was, that a man might demand for his daughter as many head of cattle as he chose of the man who wished to marry her. The English did not think best to take this heathen practice entirely from them, but told them they could only demand ten head.

After the girl had been with me two days, her mother came to my window with a big stick in her hand. We were both sewing, and the girl was very much frightened. My husband was at the seaside, Mr. Wilder also away; and I called Mrs. Wilder. As the woman was determined to come in, Mrs. Wilder had the girl go out on the veranda. Her mother sprang upon her, threw her down, and began to beat her. We then sent for the native teacher by one of the children, and, as that was not sufficient, for the principal man on the station. They had to put the woman out by force. The chief was called in to settle the matter, and the girl still remained with me. She is a good girl, anxious to learn, and already very useful. Her willingness to be taught makes us hopeful that we shall do her good. Pray for me that I may have patience with her.

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS CHAPIN.

I NEVER before had such a sense of the utter powerlessness of human instrumentality, without the Spirit's influences, to reach the hearts of men, as I have since I came to China. I think it is true that these people are peculiarly unimpressible, and that the harvest-time for laborers in this field has not yet arrived. We are sowing seed; and though, occasionally, a few ripe ears are gathered in, yet, for the most part, we are not permitted to see the results of our labors. It certainly requires strong faith to be able to work on cheerfully and hopefully with so little visible result: yet, since God works by means, we believe that he is using the efforts now put forth as a preparation for his

own coming. We feel that it should be the burden of our prayers, and entreat that all our friends at home will join their petitions with ours, that the Lord will appear quickly for our help. We know that he is able to bring these hard, proud, stubborn hearts to himself. We have the command from the Master, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" and also the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Certainly, with such a helper, we have reason enough to be hopeful and courageous and strong.

We have lately a good deal to encourage us in one respect. The women who come to us for instruction are from a much better class than have ever before been in the habit of coming; and some of them seem very much interested in what they hear, and in learning to read. Last spring a whole family, consisting of a father and mother, with two sons and their wives, came into the church together. They continue to attend our services very regularly, and seem eager to advance in Christian knowledge. The three women are very diligent in their efforts to learn to read; and they make very good progress, especially the youngest of the three, whose advancement seems rather remarkable, when we remember how short a time she has been studying. The family seem very happy in their relations to one another; more like a foreign family in this respect than any other household I have seen in China.

We are grateful for these tokens that God is working with us; yet we long for more evidence of the Spirit's power among us, not only in bringing the heathen to be willing to listen to the truth, but in enabling those who profess to be Christians to lead more consistent lives, and to be more earnest and loving in their efforts to win souls to Christ. I trust you will not cease to remember us in your prayers.

CEYLON.

LETTER FROM MISS HILLIS.

THE following extracts are taken from a letter addressed by Miss Hillis to the Society of Inquiry connected with Iowa College. The letter is dated Tillipally, Oct. 14, 1872.

"In the mission-schools in Jaffna there are about six thousand children. These, and also the two girls' boardingschools, receive grants from government. The new governor visited Jaffna in May, and expressed much interest in the work of these missions, visiting the schools, and calling with his suite on the mission-families. Some of our number, whose memories hold the events of the fifty years of the mission's existence, were reminded of the very different bearing of the governor who ruled the island during the early days of their residence here. They landed one or two days before his predecessor retired, and from him received permission to remain. When the new governor learned this fact, he was greatly displeased, and made an effort to send them away; but, failing to accomplish his object, he gave a reluctant consent, saying they could stay till they all died, but no others should ever join them. Dr. Spaulding and his wife were members of the company. They have welcomed half a dozen or more companies since then, and still live; while the governor died so long ago, that few would remember that he ever lived.

"The heathen festivals have been largely attended this year. One of the most famous temples is about a mile from the Tillipally station. Its annual festival was celebrated in May, continuing three weeks. It ended with drawing the car, and carrying the idol to bathe in the waters of the Ganges that flow from a spring in the sand at low tide. A few yards from our door is a large tamarind-

tree, the supposed residence of a devil, or some blood-loving spirit. A few months ago the annual offerings of goats and fowls were made. They were first carried to a temple not far distant, where a procession was formed soon after midnight. A large crowd had gathered when they reached the tree. The ceremonies were performed in a tent erected there for the purpose. Before the animals were slain, they were waved before the tree by the priest. On account of this feature of the ceremony, reminding one of the wave-offering of the Jews, I tried to learn the significance of the rite; but no one could give any other reason than that their forefathers always did so."

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A WORD FROM IOWA.

CHESTER, Io.

I REJOICE very much that "Life and Light" is to be a monthly, and should not feel that I could do without it, even if the subscription-price were doubled. It is to me the most interesting missionary paper that I have ever seen; and I hope its circulation may be greatly increased.



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"THE HINDU CHRISTMAS."

BY W. H. BALLANTINE.

WOULD like to tell you about one of the Hindu festivals in Bombay. It is called Nag Pauchmi; or, "The Serpent's Feast on the Fifth Day." It is a great day for the children, who receive presents of toys and sweetmeats, are dressed in their best clothes, and play all day in the streets. Indeed, it is the Hindu Christmas; but it is kept in honor of Satan, instead of the Saviour. The Hindus pray to

wicked spirits only on that day. Early in the morning the men go about, carrying snakes in baskets from house to house; and everywhere the women bow down before them, offering milk and candy, and giving presents to the snakecharmers who bring them.

Very near to my house are some large rocks, much washed and hollowed out by the water, when, in former years, the sea used to cover most of the ground where Bombay now stands. In a certain hole in one of these rocks, tradition says the old serpent of all lives. They have

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built a stone vault over it, and smeared the sides of the hole with red paint, as they do every thing which they hold sacred. About noon people begin to come to this place, bringing milk, flowers, and copper coins; and, by six o'clock in the evening, the crowd is so great, that mounted policemen are required to keep them from trampling down each other, so eager are they to make their offerings to the Devil. They come up, and throw their flowers down before the hole under the vault, pour out their milk upon the flowers, then joining their hands, and raising them to their foreheads, they say a short prayer to the spirits, and go away.

At one of these festivals a little distance off, I preached to a large company, telling them the story of our first parents; that it was the serpent who tempted men to sin against God, and called upon them to turn from their enemy to their true friend and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ECHO FROM THE HARPOOT BELL.

BY MRS. WHEELER.

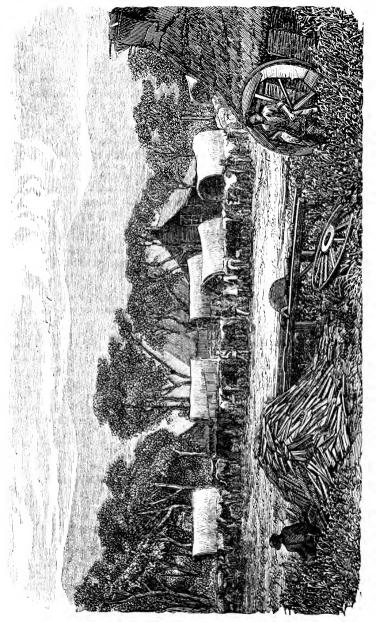
DEAR CHILDREN,—Are you listening for an echo from the money that some little girls in Boston sent to help place a bell on the Central Harpoot Church? If so, listen; and the bell will ring out "A happy new year!" to you all.

I wish you could all come and see what a neat, nice-looking church we have, and hear the sweet tones that call the people to worship God, and hear about Jesus! Perhaps, if you should come, you would say, "What does Mrs. Wheeler mean by calling this church nice? Has she never seen any of the handsome ones in America, that she calls this building nice? No paint, not even pews, only a few cushions and coarse carpets for the people to sit upon!" But this

church is as good for the people here as yours in Boston is for you; and they are delighted with it. I wish you could have seen their joy when Mrs. Allen gave them a carpet for the pulpit and stairs, and when I stained the pulpit and sofa the color of black walnut! An excellent woman, who had given all the money she could for the building, brought me, one day, a piece of silk and linen damask, which had been left her by some rich friend, and said, "Can you use this, Hanum?" I covered two of our old cane-seated chairs with it, and made them look quite "elegant." Enough remained to cover the top of the Bible-stand; and I trimmed the edge with red fringe such as is used here for the trappings of horses. Eughaper, the one who brought this offering to Jesus, as did Mary of old, was greatly pleased. When the church was nearly finished, the money failed us; and we feared that it might remain some time unplastered on the outside; but the women made an earnest effort, and in various ways raised the necessary means.

After what they had done, it was hard to get what was required for the bell. We were encouraged by hearing that some dear children in Boston had been working for it; and the women's societies, "Morning Star" and "Jacob's Well," held a fair, raising about twenty dollars. Many cut off little gold and silver ornaments; and one bride gave a silver necklace that belonged to her dead mother. The result was, that the bell was in its place to ring on the first sabbath of the new year; and I believe it will do much to fill the church with real earnest worshippers.

But what we want most is, that Jesus should come and dwell in it. Will you not pray for this, dear children? How it would rejoice us all to know that those who worked for the bell had a meeting in some good lady's parlor to pray for a blessing on this part of our city! We want you to cover your pennies all over with prayers.



AFRICAN TRAVELLING.

BY MRS. TYLER.

Some years ago this African picture was described in "The Missionary Herald;" but, as few of the children who will read this probably saw it then, I will tell you what it all means.

In the foreground you see a boy standing against a wheel, who, by his appearance, seems to explain at once that he is learning to use white men's tools; for what did he know about a wagon-wheel before the missionary went there? His only mode of travel was on foot. Another is sitting on a pile of wood; and this is not a very uncommon occurrence, even when the photographer does not wish to take his picture; for he knows he has cut wood enough for to-day, and, like his countrymen generally, "he takes no thought for the morrow."

Next we see six covered wagons, with twelve oxen for each, because the roads in that country are so bad, and the wagons so heavy, that this is the number usually required. You will wonder why they are all assembled here. It is a time of famine; and the owners have been to a distant place where they could obtain some corn, which they have brought to sell to their hungry friends. I have often seen more than that number of wagons standing in a yard, which the missionaries and their families have used to convey them to the annual meeting. A tedious, disagreeable way of travelling you will think; but the fifty children or more who sometimes were present did not think so. They were so happy to meet once a year, to join in various games, to talk over the events of the past year, and to form plans for the future, that they were always glad when the time came for the These wagons are fitted up with beds and provisions for the way; and, if the family is not too large, they ride comfortably at the rate of twenty miles a day. They have the advantage of getting fresh air, and a good view of the country through which they pass, which you have not in the railroad cars; and they can get out at any time to gather flowers and ferns by the way.

But I must speak of the most interesting portion of the picture,—the missionary's house, with its thatched roof, standing against the beautiful mountains in the distance, the place where the people far and near love to resort, not always to hear of Jesus, I am sorry to say, but to see their teacher, whom they love and respect most sincerely. I often used to think it must seem like an oasis in their dreary life to come occasionally into the brightness of a missionary's house; and, whenever I saw them in their own miserable huts, I left them with the determination to make their visits to us as pleasant as possible. If we could only bring the love of Jesus into their hearts, how much brighter even those dark huts would become! That is what the missionaries are trying to do; and we are very glad when the children help us by their prayers and efforts to send forth more teachers.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Maine. — Ellsworth. — "Prayer Circle," \$6.35; "Cup-Bearers," \$1.00. Waterville. — George and Frank Herrick, \$2.

New Hampshire. — Exeter. — "Cheerful Givers," \$3.50.

New Alstead. - A Little Worker, 50 cents.

MASSACHUSETTS. — Brookline. — Harvard Church, "Hattoon Geragosian," \$5; "Hope Circle," \$5; "Buds of Promise," \$5; "Gleaners," \$5.50; "Violets," \$5; "Cheerful Givers," \$7.25.

Boston. — Central Church, "Little Sunbeams," \$4.00; "Busy Bees," Benj. E. Bates, jun., Treas., \$8.00.

Cambridge. — "Jewel Seekers," \$2.50; "Willing Helpers," \$10.00. Hinsdale. — "Mountain Rill," \$6.02.

Holliston. - "Open Hands," \$12.44.

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Jamaica Plain. - Minnie Gilbert's Candy Money, \$3.50.

Millbury. - "Light Bearers," \$100.00.

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Somerville. - "Square Circle," \$200.00.

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Indiana. - Fort Wayne. - Plymouth Church Sabbath School, \$14.00.

WISCONSIN. - Gay's Mills Sabbath School, \$2.85.

Iowa. - Stellapolis. - Children's Missionary Society, \$7.00.

Independence. — \$1.06, the contents of little Jennie B's. bank, who went to the happy land nearly four years ago; 25 cents from Lizzie C.; 25 cents from Charlie B.; 14 cents from S. S.

CONNECTICUT. - East Hampton. - " Earnest Mission Helpers," \$5,00.

"WHAT LITTLE HANDS CAN DO."

"This motto, in large gilt letters, was placed on the wall of the Congregational chapel in Oakland, Cal., last Friday. The occasion was the annual fair of the young girls of the congregation in the interest of foreign missions. The ladies of the church, two years ago, formed a society auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions in Boston. A little later, a girl's mission-circle was formed to aid the same organization, and last November held a fair, netting about two hundred dollars. On Friday of last week, they made their second offering with gratifying success. In addition to the tables of the mission-circle, was one filled with the handiwork of the 'Busy Bees,' - a class of seventeen little girls, who have been working for the past six months. As a result of their labors, they find the sum total of their net gains to be a hundred and thirty-five dollars, which is certainly a most satisfactory showing. Among the articles offered

for sale was a crib-quilt, the work of the youngest hands,—little girls of five and six years old. This is made of tiny bits of Marseilles, sewed with infinite patience and skill, and afterwards quilted by older hands. Miss Rappleye, who, two years since, went from Oakland to Constantinople, has there successfully established a girls' boarding-school of a high order; and the 'Busy Bees' design, with her permission, to assume the expense of one of her pupils Their zeal, industry, and perseverance are worthy of the imitation of older Christians."

The above account was sent to us a few weeks since; and we are very happy to show our young friends the way in which "The Busy Bees" in California make golden honey for the missionary cause.

ENIGMA.

My 13, 3, 9, 6, 19, 16, 10, was one of the three divisions of Palestine.

My 1, 5, 11, 14, I hope no boy or girl who reads this is.

My 15, 18, 2, 17, 10, God sent to the Israelites in the wilderness.

My 12, 20, 8, is something of God's which is always upon us.

My 5, 10, 4, 1, 14, 11, was a great and good man who suffered persecution because he was faithful in prayer.

My 7, 19, 14, 12, 11, 20, tells us how God gives us blessings, and how we should give to others.

My whole is the name of a school for girls in a heathen land.

ANSWER TO ACROSTIC.

Missionary.

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the March number, from E. R. T., Bedford, N.H.; S. P. C., Southbury, Conn.; C. A. M., Darien, Conn.; and C. F. S., Boston, Mass. Also additional answers to the enigma in the February number from E. R. T., Bedford, N.H.; J. H. B., East Windsor Hill, Conn.; C. F. S., Boston, Mass.; and C. G., St. Alban's, Vt.

We acknowledge the receipt of new enigmas from C. A. M., Darien, Conn., and J. H. B., East Windsor Hill, Conn.



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TURKEY.

ORIENTAL SCENES.

BY MISS C. O. VAN DUZEE.

You will wonder from what out-of-the-way place I am writing. Well, it is an out-of-the-way place in real earnest. I don't believe it was ever put down on a map. Indeed, you cannot see the village until you are very near it; and then it has more the appearance of a cluster of huge ant-hills than any thing else. Nevertheless I am here in the "ant-hills," and find plenty of work to do among the inhabitants. Mr. Pierce and I, with a man to take care of our horses, left Erzroom on Monday, Jan. 20, and arrived here the next night, having travelled thirty-one miles.

During the first three days of my stay there was a wedding in progress. The bride was loaded down with silver ornaments hung on her forehead, ears, and neck in profusion;

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and fastened to her waist behind was a great quantity of black fringe. She wore a long red broadcloth garment, which reached nearly to her feet. On her head were several veils, - first, a red cotton handkerchief falling down to her feet; another in front covering her face and hands; a white muslin strip hanging down at the sides; then a red handkerchief again, just appearing under a yellow one, and both falling nearly to the waist. On the top of all was a sort of bead mat fringed with red and yellow tassels. Altogether she looked quite like a mummy; and I don't believe any American man could be persuaded to marry such a figure. The bridegroom was wonderfully arrayed in red silk and broadcloth garments coming nearly to the floor. There was a good deal of trouble in persuading the two to join hands; and they would not answer the questions at all.

After the ceremony, there were some congratulations to the friends of the couple; and they were then escorted to the house of the bridegroom's brother, which was to be their home. Instead of musical instruments and dancing, which are usual on such occasions among those of the old faith, we had sacred music. We of the bride's company had for our wedding-banquet eggs fried in butter, dried plums stewed with butter poured over them, sour milk, and cheese. While we ate, the bride sat just behind us, and did not touch a mouthful. Whenever any one entered the room, she arose, and did not sit down till told to do so; but, if either of her husband's brothers came in, she was obliged to stand till they left. When coffee was passed, I drank one cup, and gave the second to her. I knew that it was against their customs, but that they would excuse me for any breach of their etiquette. She passed it to her mother-in-law. They wanted me to have another; but I told them I should give it to her. They said she would not drink, because both of her husband's brothers were in the room: so I rose and held my shawl before her, which amused them so much, that they told her to drink.

Every day I have been to two or three houses, reading and explaining the Bible to attentive listeners, although generally to few at a time. They are busy at their work in the morning, and are obliged to see to their children in the evening, leaving only the short afternoons in which to do any thing. There is one thing that is troubling me very much, -I cannot bring the women and girls together in any one place. The girl who is just married cannot, according to their customs, go to meeting for a year. There is also one, who is engaged, who must not for any purpose enter the house of the young man to whom she is betrothed, or those of any of his relatives. For the same reason, his mother, sisters, and sister-in-law cannot go where they will see her, until they have given her a goldpiece of more or less value. They are too poor to give it: so there is an end to meetings where all shall be present. I tell them that such customs are wrong when they interfere with spiritual things. I am trying to persuade them to break over them, but think it doubtful whether I succeed. At the woman's meeting, Thursday, six or eight were present, and paid good attention. When I gave opportunity for others to pray, one of them repeated the Lord's prayer, and said, "There, I'm through; now, Mariam, you pray." She said it sincerely, without thinking it was improper.

We call our accommodations here good; but you will wonder with what I compare them to call them so. The room is large, with only a hard dirt-floor, partly covered with rush-matting: the last is the home for quantities of fleas. The light is from a hole above, some fifteen inches square, and covered with oiled paper; so that never a ray of sunlight can enter the room. The walls are of rough

stone laid in mud. The roof is of sticks, with straw and dirt on top; and every little while the dirt comes rattling through here and there, around the room: sometimes, in the morning, I find it in my hair. This is the home of our helper, his wife, child, and sister. The room is also the village schoolroom in the daytime; and there are over twenty scholars who come.

One of the best Protestant women in the village has just died, and, very happily, in a way that will do much good. One elderly woman said she never saw such a death before. It is the custom here for every one to go and see a sick person; so that people were constantly coming and going. The day previous to her death she talked in a whisper from morning till night. Some of the time she was saving the last words to friends, and then, again, preaching to those of the old church who were about her. The old belief is. that one must take the communion just before death in order to go to heaven. She wanted it, but did not urge the matter, and said to those around her, "The communion will not save one; for Judas took it, and went and hanged himself afterwards," adding, "my hope is in Jesus; don't pray that I may get well, but that I may go to be with Jesus." She left five children, and gave directions about them all; and also made presents to each one of her friends. All this is very unusual among the villagers. The funeral took place in three hours after death; and the body was only wrapped in a cloth for burial. Women never go to the grave, so that I had an opportunity to talk to over twenty; and the next day the same, for many came to sympathize with the friends.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

INDIA.

MAHRATHI BIBLE-WOMEN.

BY MRS. FAIRBANK.

AT the close of this old year (1872), I will endeavor to give you a short account of the Bible-women under my charge. Druipataba is still laboring with her associate, Vithabai, at Wadale and in the neighboring villages. Yamunabai and her associate Gangubai are at Barhanpur. During the past two months, these four hired a cart belonging to a Christian widow, and went on a preaching tour among villages fifteen, twenty, and thirty miles from their homes. One of the colportors of the Bombay Tract Society joined them as a sort of head and protector for the company. They were very successful in interesting the women. Even those of high caste invited them to their houses by night to tell them of Jesus, and especially to sing to them of him. These Hindus are very fond of songs, and will listen to them when they will not hear any kind of talking.

The colportor says that a great many women have heard of a Saviour for the first time during this tour. Sometimes they visited three villages in a day; and at others they were compelled to stay three days in one place. In one village, the women at first declared that they should have no dishes to use, as they did not wish to be defiled by persons who were in the habit of eating with the lowest castes. After a while, one woman thought better of it, and began to help them. This made the others angry; and they talked to her very bitterly. Just then an old woman came among them, who told them they were crazy; that these were God's people, and they must help them. To her they listened, and, when

night came, provided oil for a light, so that the Biblewomen could read and sing to them. Then they begged them to stay, and would hardly let them go after they had remained three days.

The Christian widow whose cart the women took on their tour said to me, "I had to stay by the stuff, and guard it, though I ached to go with them. The only time that I had any opportunity to hear them was when they had companies at night where we stopped. Once, when I told them that I did wish I could go with them, Yamunabai said to me, 'Yes, you go, and I will stay and guard.' But," said she, "I could not let her do it; for she was the leader of the others, and I cannot make much of a talk. But, oh, how I wish I had known of these things in my earlier days! I spent a great deal of money for my husband's sickness on these stone idols, and it was all for nought. If I had only spent it for the Lord, I should have rejoiced; but I did it in ignorance."

This preaching tour has been an experiment, and I wait to see what the result will be. The women seem to have enjoyed it highly; and I hear glowing accounts of the interest manifested on the part of their listeners. They will now return to their homes, and continue the regular routine of work in the villages near them. They go on foot to places from two to nine miles away.

Two other Bible-women — Rhadhabai and Gajibai — are employed in Ahmednuggur. It would do your hearts good to see Gajibai read her Testament. She is over sixty years of age; for she remembers the taking of this Ahmednuggur fort by the English in the beginning of this century. Her eyesight is so good that she wears no spectacles. She sits down with her New Testament, and acts it out with her hands as she reads. Many a time I have heard her say, "Oh, I wish I were a man, that I might get up in the great assemblies, and give them a piece of my mind!"

Rhadhabai is not to continue a Bible-reader any longer, as we think she is not quite the one for us to employ. It is a matter of no little thought and care to select the ones best fitted for this work. We want them well educated, and yet well reported of in the community. There are women who know how to make an excellent talk; but they cannot exemplify their teaching in their own lives. The average number that these Bible-women have addressed in the course of a month has been two hundred persons in seventeen visits. In the tour that the four women made, they visited thirty-two villages in a month; and their audiences numbered twelve hundred and forty-three persons.

I believe the day will come when we shall see a different state of things here. It seems as if the Lord was preaching to these people by his judgments. Last year we had famine, no rain; and a great many fields remained unsown. This year we had a good early crop; and the latter one was finer than any we have had for ten years: but in one night a hard frost cut down hundreds of fields, and dashed the hopes of many, many people. Yes, the Lord knows best what is good for you and for us; and he will work for his people.

CEYLON.

LETTER FROM MISS TOWNSHEND.

Our school was to have closed March 29 for the long vacation; but, as we heard that the new governor was to visit the station on the first of April, we prolonged the term a little, that he might see what we were doing in the way of instruction. He spent four or five days in this province, and showed much more interest in the missionary

and educational operations than has ever been exhibited by any governor before, calling at all the mission-stations, and visiting every boarding-school. The natives were nearly crazy with delight that he noticed them so much.

He came here about five in the afternoon, with nine gentlemen in his train. After a few minutes' chat, they went down to the schoolhouse, where the girls and teachers were in their places. We have a good many maps and charts, a fine large globe; and I ornamented the room with these as well as possible; there were some beautifully-executed examples on the board; and the pupils were a very bright, intelligent-looking company: so I do not think it was an empty compliment, when he said the Udupitty school was a fine sight. It has been a new experience in our schools for the last two years to receive grants-in-aid from government. They are examined annually by the appointed efficial; and the grant is made according to results. Last year this school of twenty-five scholars received twenty-three pounds sterling; this year I think it will be as much as a hundred and fifty dollars. The native examiner of schools for this region is an excellent Christian man, educated by this mission; and he is filling his position well. He spent a day in our school last month. The examination was a written one, and lasted from five in the morning till four in the afternoon. We do not know the result, as he is not allowed to show his marks.

The last term of school was quite a hard one, as there was some confusion in the family, and several of the girls were sick. One lovely young Christian, whom we have been keeping here vacations, because her father is determined to have her marry a heathen, lay on a mat for two months with a slow, lingering sickness. She was so patient and submissive under it all, that I was reminded of a mature saint rather than a young convert from heathenism. Once when I ex-

pressed my sympathy for her, she sweetly replied, that the Lord was correcting her life. She is well now; and her friends are so kind to her, that she is going home. Taken as a whole, we have had a very happy and prosperous year of school. The scholars have given as little trouble as the same number of girls could anywhere.

More than all else, the blessing of the Lord has been with us; and we have good evidence that the majority of the pupils have begun a new life. I say this with trembling, because I fear to boast of success. But I have heard one after another express the belief that they had found pardon for their sins, until there are not more than five or six left who do not have such a hope; and, as I watch the changed lives of these young girls, I cannot but feel that the Lord is with us. We are blessed in having a faithful Christian teacher, who converses personally with each girl once or twice during the term; and the native pastor is very watchful and helpful to them.

A few sabbaths before Mr. Smith went away, we had a very interesting day at the station. It was communion season, when all the Christians came in from the outstations; and two of the school-girls joined the church. One is an ardent little creature, full of life and affection, who has endured untold ridicule and abuse, and dared the hatred of her friends, in taking this step. She first called her father to her, and told him she had decided to profess Christianity, and she hoped he would not oppose her. A heathen uncle came in during the communion service, and was very angry that she presumed to do in his presence what she knew would displease him. Our older girls are fast finishing their course here, and dropping off to become the centres of domestic circles of their own. Three such bade us goodby this term, - dear good Christian girls, who have been a great comfort here, and of whom I have high hopes of usefulness in their future lives.

THE DACOTAH HOME.

BY REV. A. L. RIGGS.

A YEAR ago, an urgent appeal was made by the Rev. Mr. Riggs for the means to establish a boarding-school for girls in the Santee Agency, Nebraska. In the progress of civilization, the Indians have located in the farming districts; and their scattered condition demands such a school for the education of their daughters. At the time the request was made, the Woman's Board made an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose; and we are glad to give our readers the following account of the progress already made:—

"I gladly comply with your request to have some information about the 'Girls' Home' which we are trying to establish at this place. It was an unexpected pleasure when I heard that your society had identified itself with this new enterprise. We have no report to make, as yet, about the Home as a school; for the building is not completed. It is enclosed; the floors are laid; and the partitions are partly up. In the progress of the building we changed the plan, so as to secure room for six or eight more girls, if it becomes necessary. This will make our full accommodation sufficient for eighteen or twenty.

"It is not meant to have a boarding-school in the ordinary sense. We aim chiefly to reach those who are on the verge of young womanhood, and who need to be taken and trained a year or two, to save them from hasty marriages, or a worse fate, and to fit them to take charge of the homes they soon may have. In doing so, we shall be careful not to educate them out of the sphere in which they must live: consequently we mean to have every thing as

plain and economical as they should have it at home. We hope to teach them some of the arts and manners of living and housekeeping. Together with their instruction in the home industries, the girls will carry on some studies in the day-school of the mission. We have hitherto been doing what we can in this domestic training, but under many disadvantages. We have introduced sewing and knitting in connection with the day-school; and have also taught quite a number of women to make light bread, which they now prefer to their solid, greasy cakes. They, in turn, have taught others.

"During the winter term just closed, we had a sewingclass of fifteen, who attended regularly, and finished for themselves sets of quite useful garments. A little instruction in simple embroidery also delighted them much. Last fall we had several applications for admission to our Home from those at a distance, though only a rumor of what we were doing had gone out. Every day makes it more certain that we began this enterprise not a bit too soon. I most earnestly hope we may be able to open the doors of the new building early next autumn. Will you not make it possible?"

Under another date Mr. Riggs says, "As we depend largely on native helpers in the extension of our work, we must have the training of their wives. Only the other day, in talking with a young man whom we thought admirably fitted for an assistant at Fort Lully, we found a drawback in his incompetent wife."

THE little poem on the next page, written by one of our missionary teachers, gives a glimpse of inner life that cannot fail to touch a responsive chord in the heart of every mother and daughter who reads it.

A Daughter's Longing.

Five years to-day, dear mother,

Since last I saw thy face: Oh for one quiet hour with thee To-day in the dear old place! In the sofa's corner, mother, My hand clasped close in thine, I'd lay my head where it oft has lain, And tell thee, line by line, The history of these years, mother, -These pilgrim years, so long: "A stranger in a strange land, What easy words in song! I cannot write it, mother; I have no pen to trace The shadow of the sombre nights, Or sunshine of glad days. Above all's written, mother; And some time, if God please, Beside the living-water streams, Under the healing trees, We'll take that record, mother, And turn its pages o'er: We shall know their hidden meaning then As we cannot know before. There'll be leisure there, dear mother, And words we shall not need, As, with quickened heart-perceptions, then

Life's record-book we read.

And the Saviour'll be there, mother;

And the Saviour'll be there, mother And he will make it clear:

We shall thank him then for that which now Causeth the bitter tear.

I thank my God to-day, mother, For countless mercies shown: He hath not left me friendless here, A stranger and alone.

I've a happy home, dear mother, A blessed work to do;

And loved ones are around me still,
Though none can be like you.
I'll gird anew my armor,
And still pursue my way;

For hope and gratitude and trust Do fill my heart to-day.

Our Work at Home.

WE are sorry, and yet glad, to say that our receipts this month have crowded out other interesting home matter which we would like to have given our readers.

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CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS PORTER.

SUFFERING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE.

We make the following brief extracts from recent letters written by Miss Porter of Peking to the Evanston auxiliary:—

"Dr. Blodget and Mr. Smith spent nearly a month visiting places in the south-west portion of this province, where there are those who have heard the truth. They found a number of interested inquirers; and seven or eight persons were baptized. Last week a man came up from one of the villages to report two cases of persecution, and to beg some help from the missionaries. Two women who have heard the truth from the native Christians, and learned to love it, are very cruelly treated by their husbands on this account. The one of whom the young man especially came to tell us had been beaten again and again for refusing to worship the household gods; and her husband seems resolved to take her life if she will not comply with his wishes.

"Think of it, dear sisters!— a poor, ignorant countrywoman, unable to read a word, knowing only so much of the gospel as she has learned from the lips of converts who are themselves very far from being well instructed, and from the teachings of God's Spirit in her heart, enduring,

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without flinching, beatings which left her unconscious, apparently dying, rather than take the attitude of devotion before the gods of her people, to which, from her childhood, she has been taught to bow. Ah! shall they not rise up from the east and from the west to condemn us?

"It was hard to send the man back with no other message than exhortations to 'endure to the end;' but we have no power to help, save by our prayers. This may be the beginning of the sifting of our little church in China. We can trust God's ways of working, and only ask that we his missionary servants, and those among this people who are led to believe through our word, may wait with child-like hearts his will, ready to witness for him by lives of active service, or by suffering, and 'laying down our lives,' if need be, for his sake."

"PEKING, Nov. 16, 1872.

"The days go on quietly, not uneventfully, but marked by few incidents in our circle and our work of much interest to those outside of it.

"I think I wrote you of the good work which Mr. Blodget reported when he returned from the country. Among the persons baptized were several women in a little village near Li Chi, where there was before a number of professing Christians. Of all these not one can read; and there is no one to teach them. Dr. Blodget and I talked the matter over, and decided to send for a woman who was with me all last winter, and whom I spent a good deal of time in instructing, and see if she would go to them as a Bible-reader. She has only a little knowledge, but can read fairly the simplest colloquial books, and will be able to teach those still more ignorant than herself. She came into the city on Tuesday, and Wednesday morning started on her southward journey. We sent by her a letter to the little company of believers at Li Chi, recommending her to

their confidence and care. I hope, if she prove faithful and useful, the native Christians will be able to support her. She is a quiet, pleasant woman, and one in whom I have much confidence. Few events in my missionary life have given me more pleasure than being able to send off such a one to labor among her own people. Still with much hope there is mingled no little fear."

LETTER FROM MISS CLAGHORN.

MISS CLAGHORN of Foochow, China, sailed from San Francisco last October in company with a large number of missionaries of different denominations. In a recent letter announcing her safe arrival upon her field of labor, she refers thus to a brief visit in Japan:—

"Our stay in Japan was full of pleasure, sight-seeing, and meeting with the various missionaries stationed at different ports. A meeting which we all attended in Yokohama, sabbath evening, was as wonderful as it was pleasant. It was wonderful to see twenty-seven missionaries from the fields of Siam, China, and Japan, met together on that heathen shore to talk of what God has wrought, and to receive encouragement for the future. I felt that what I had missed in not meeting with more Christian friends before leaving America was made up to me in that meeting.

"Monday a party of eight went to Yeddo on the railroad. That day was crowded so full of novel sights, that it is difficult to recall any thing distinctly. But what shall I say of the loveliness we found as we voyaged through the inland sea of Japan, and at Kobe and Nagasaki, where we saw more Christian friends? 'Twas a delightful variety in the level life of the first part of our sea-voyage."

Of her arrival at Foochow she says, -

"'Twas sabbath evening when we landed in Foochow. The next morning Mr. Woodin and Dr. Osgood came over to escort me to Ponesang. Here, then, at noon, I found myself in Mr. Woodin's family, just two months from the time I left my father's house in America. I'm entirely content, and glad I came."

TURKEY.

LETTER FROM A BIBLE-READER.

Miss Bush of the Harpoot Mission has kindly forwarded to us this translation of a letter addressed to Miss Seymour and herself by a Bible-reader supported by our auxiliary in Alton, Ill.:—

Adish, Dec. 31, 1872.

Modest and desirable Benefactors,—Lo! it is nearly two months that we are at the village of Adish; but I have not done any special work. The reason is that there are no earnest people here, and, if there were, they would fear their husbands exceedingly, because many of them are at Constantinople; and if any one of the women is bold enough to come near us, or to learn to read, immediately the villagers write their husbands that they may not see the women's faces any more. With whomsoever I have spoken, and whomsoever I have invited to read, has given me this or a like answer.

The women of this village have almost lost their freedom. No one is able to do any work of herself. They are also very superstitious and miserable. They do not know any thing about their salvation: they have only learned a few things from their old creeds. What they have learned, they

keep with care. They know nothing about religion, and do not care to learn. They are so superstitious, that they put the sayings of the priest above those of God. They have not much idea of sin. Every one esteems herself righteous if she accomplishes certain things; that is to say, keeps fasts, and gives alms, &c. One woman said, "I am miserable. I have no money to give to the bishop, or to give alms, that I shall not go to hell. The rich are comfortable in this life, and in the coming one also, because they are able to give alms."

Another woman spoke these words when we were reading the word of God: "They have no use, those vain words that are written there." She esteemed the words of God as useless; and, when we said that God spoke them, she made it out that God speaks vain things. For this state of things we sorrow much, and are troubled.

We are comfortable and well, and desirous of your comfort and health. It is my special entreaty, that, for us and this village, you be prayerful, that the Lord may see a great work in this village. Although the people are many and superstitious, and sitting in darkness, yet they are all the more needy of salvation. You already know your scholar's weakness. Oh! my beloved teachers, sometimes remember me in your prayers, that possibly the Lord may encourage me, and make me hopeful, because in this village there is more work for me [than in the one where she formerly was]; for there are many women here. Almost four-fifths are women, and one-fifth men. Speak special salutations to Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Wheeler from me. Let them also pray for us.

I remain the one waiting for your prayers,

Your grateful scholar,

SULTAN BEDROSIAN.

Home Pepartment.

From Miss Evans of Painesville, O., we have received the following statement of the admirable plan adopted in the Lake Erie Seminary for awakening interest, and enlisting the co-operation of all the pupils, in missionary work:—

"My attendance upon the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions at Rockford gave the impulse to a more earnest effort in behalf of the missionary cause in our seminary family, — over one hundred in number. Hitherto we had observed monthly concerts of prayer for missions on the first sabbath evening of each month; teachers and scholars relating items of interest, and praying together with warm and tender hearts. But the interest of many of the teachers in the dear old American Board was so great, our Holyoke training had made us so familiar with its work and workers, and some of us have so many personal friends in its ranks, that we were in danger of forgetting other organizations. To avoid this danger, and to increase the interest of all our scholars, the following plan was formed, and has proved successful.

We have organized four branch societies, — the Congregational, with forty-two members; the Presbyterian, with thirty-one members; the Episcopal, eighteen; and the Methodist, eleven.

The officers of these societies are chosen from among the young ladies; though the teachers attend the meetings, and are members.

I attend the meetings of the Episcopal society, as there is no teacher of that denomination in the school, and have

been greatly interested in the plans of the Woman's Association, auxiliary to the Board of Missions, of that church.

The branch societies hold their meetings on the last sabbath evening of each month, study together the mission-fields and the history of the missions of their own denomination, communicate facts from their missionary periodicals, and appoint reporters for the monthly concert, still held on the first sabbath evening of each month, which is literally a concert in which the different branches unite.

Periodicals of the different woman's missionary societies are taken by nearly all our scholars. The monthly offerings are brought to these meetings, and accounts kept by the treasurer of each society. Last term the contributions were devoted to the cause of home missions in the different denominations, and to the freedmen, with an additional offering by the united family to the Bethel Mission School in Cleveland. During the remainder of the year, our gifts will all be for foreign missions.

By these methods we hope to excite in these young girls a wider and deeper interest in the cause of Christ at home and abroad, and to train them for efficient service in future years. Already some are looking at the foreign work in a new light, and considering its claims upon themselves. Wherever they may be, we hope that they will be missionaries.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM MARCH 15, TO APRIL 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

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East Cleveland.—Aux., to be appropriated to the Samokov school, Mrs. M. B. Lukens,

Corresponding Secretary, \$100.00 Elyria. — Aux., for salary of Miss Maltbie, by Mrs. G. H. Ely. 60.00

Hudson Aux., Miss Agues E.	Peru Aux., Mrs. E. M. Brew-
Scott, Treasurer, \$9.05	Peru. — Aux., Mrs. E. M. Brew- ster, Treasurer, \$7.72
Oberlin Aux., for support of	Providence Aux., by Mrs. H.
Mrs. Mumford, Miss Emily E. Peck, Treasurer, 50.00	B. Gulliver, 12.25
Teck, Treasurer, 50.00	Waverly. — Aux., to be applied to the support of Miss Evans,
Total, \$219.05	and, with previous contribu-
· · ·	tions, to constitute Mrs. J. H.
MIOHIGAN.	Brown, Miss Fanny A. Thayer,
Detroit. — Aux., for support of	and Mrs. Julia Sacket, L. M.'s,
Mrs. Coffing, \$82.36; from Second Cong. Ch., to constitute	Mrs. Julia Sacket, Treasurer, 25.00
Mrs. S. A. Carrier, Miss A. B.	Total, \$474.70
Clarke, and Mrs. L. N. Clarke,	10000, 41111
L. M.'s, \$63.15; from First	WISCONSIN.
Cong. Ch., to constitute Miss	Clinton S.S., for pupil in Miss
Anna E. Babcock and Miss Nettie A. Bissell L. M.'s, Mrs.	Porter's school at Peking, \$10 00
E. C. Hinsdale, Treasurer, \$145.51	Columbus Aux., Mrs. Mar-
Grand Rapids. — Aux., for sup-	garet Smith, Treasurer, 11.50
port of Bible-reader at Nico-	Delevan Aux., Mrs. R.
media, Mrs. J. B. Willson,	Coburn, Treasurer, 15.00
Treasurer, 23.00	Geneva Luke Aux., to be
Royal Oak Aux., by Mrs. E.	applied to the support of Auka of the Samokov school,
N. Porter, 6.00	Mrs. Price, Treasurer, 30.35
Total, \$174.51	Oakfield Aux., Mrs. J. Large,
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ILLINOIS.	Wanwatosa Aux., Miss S. G.
Amboy Aux., to be applied to	Warren, Treasurer, 5.00
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W. B. Andruss, \$18.00	Total, \$78.11
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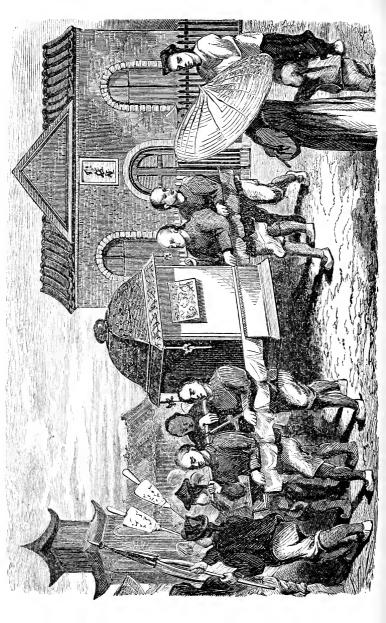
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PICTURE-TEACHING.

BY MRS. STURGIS.

F you will look on your maps, dear children, you will see in the Pacific Ocean a number of islands that make the country of Micronesia. For the next two or three months, we would like to call this first page the "Island Corner" of the "Echoes," in which you will find some little thing about their inhabitants. Mrs. Sturgis of Micronesia writes:—

"It is a great assistance to the natives here, in understanding the Bible, to have some pictures of animals, and learn something about them. One of our good deacons, a middle-aged man, learned to read the Gospels well enough to teach a few natives who met together every sabbath for worship. One day he taught them about Christ's entry into Jerusalem, and said he was riding on a sheep. A young girl in the congregation assured him it was not a sheep, but a kind of horse. The poor deacon was greatly mortified, and came twelve miles to us, bright and early on Monday morning, to inquire which was right."



CHINESE CHAPELS.

BY MRS. H. A. BALDWIN.

How funny it is to ride in a little house on men's It almost seems like children's play. away over the blue ocean, in China, where the tea grows, there are very many people who never ride in any other way; and a carriage-ride to them would be as great a novelty as a sedan-ride would be to you. I have never visited Peking, dear children, and so can tell you nothing from personal observation about the chapel on the right of this picture; but I know about those in other parts of China. The seats in the one of which I am now thinking were just unpainted benches without backs. The missionary used to fasten his text, written in large characters, on the wall behind him, so the people could see as well as hear it, and then talked to them in the strange Chinese language. I must tell you of a chapel at the Ponasang Station, Foochow. It has no stained glass, - not a bit, - nor cushioned seats, nor carpeted aisles, nor splendid organ. Still we thought it very neat, with its white walls and arched windows, and long rows of seats with backs; and we know it is far better than the houses of the poor people who come in to hear the preaching. It must seem to them like a kind of little paradise as they drop in on a warm summer's day. You would not notice much that is strange about this church, except the long row of blinds reaching from the platform down to the door. There is a row of seats behind this screen, designed for women, as it would be exceedingly improper for some classes of them to appear in public with men. I said the blinds would look strange; but the men would look stranger still, with their loose garments, thicksoled shoes, and their hair braided with silk in a cue, that is

sometimes wound about their heads, and sometimes dangles almost to their heels. You look around the room, and you see one poor man with his load. He was trotting along past the church, with his burden across his shoulder, when hearing the singing through the open doors, and feeling tired, he thought he would just stop a minute. He listens with a wondering stare at the curious-looking foreigner, who has now commenced preaching, and then puts down his load, exclaiming, "A' 'Kong pang wa," "He speaks our dialect"! Here are two men talking aloud; and the chapelkeeper is trying to make them keep still. Here is another man listening intently to what the preacher says; and now and then he nods his head, saying, "Yes," or "Of course it's so," or "It's reasonable." But a new thought strikes him; and, right in the midst of the sermon, he says to the missionary, "Teacher, how long is it since you came to this country?" The missionary stops preaching to tell him, that, after the service is over, there will be an opportunity for a chat. Behind the screen are a few women; and, as the Chinese are very fond of hair-dressing, these have theirs nicely arranged, and decked with flowers. One or two of them have small feet. There are also present several girls. Those who look so neat and intelligent are children from the boarding-school, carefully watched over by the foreign lady in charge, and by their energetic Chinese matron. The pupils who have been longest in the school have learned chapter after chapter in the Testament, besides many hymns. Will they grow up like the heathen around them? If you were a little heathen girl in China, what would you wish Christian girls in America to do for you?

[&]quot;Go tell of salvation so joyful and free, Procured when our Jesus expired on the tree."

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MAINE. - Tremont. - Katie P., \$1.

MASSACHUSETTS. — Brookline. — Harvard Church Sunday School, "Lilies of the Valley," \$5; "Charity Circle," \$5.

Boston Highlands. — Eliot Church, "Little Sowers," \$25; Charlie B., 62 cents.

Boston. — Old Colony Sunday School, \$30; Central Church, "Little Sunbeams," \$1.20; Missionary Circles, proceeds of Fair, \$863.29.

Hyde Park. - Nellie Tyler's Doll's Missionary Box, \$1.50.

Hatfield. - "Gleaners," \$25.

West Medway. - "Olive-Plants, \$3.50.

West Springfield. - "Mite-Gatherers," \$60.

Winchester. — Ellen C. Holton's Doll's Missionary Box, 50 cents. West Newton. — "Congregational Sunday School, \$30.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH. — Newark, N. J., "Dew-Drops," \$23.

Orange, N.J., "Orange-Buds," \$10.50. Paterson, N.J., "Mountain Crystals," \$3.30. Philadelphia, "Snow-Flakes," \$8; "Morning Star," \$1.20; "Carrier Doves," \$8.50; "Golden Links," \$75.

Baltimore, Md., "Baltimore Bees," \$160.

ILLINOIS. - Chicago. - " Faithful Band, \$1."

Evanston. - Sunday School, \$50; "Busy Bees," \$5.

WISCONSIN. - Clinton Sunday School, \$10.

Iowa. — Glenwood. — Mrs. Bosbyshell's Infant Class, \$1; Mrs. C Rockwell's Class, 60 cents.

Sibley. - "Osceola Helpers," \$5.

SOMETHING TO DO.

We hope the following account of a successful sale, sent us by a friend, will be suggestive to the little people, whose great want is expressed by the title.

I suppose many if not all of my young readers have heard the little Sunday-school song, —

[&]quot;There'll be something in heaven for children to do."

No doubt there will be something for us all to do there; for who could be truly happy with "nothing to do?" When I visited a little fair, or "Children's Sale" as it was called, held on April 2 at Central Church, in Boston, I thought to myself, "There is work for children to do for Jesus this side of heaven, which will, by the power of God, be made the means of leading many souls in distant lands to him."

It was pleasant to hear the sound of happy voices, and to see the young people running to and fro; and I felt grateful for the privilege of witnessing the pretty scene. Visitors at the fair who partook of the nice refreshments were promptly served by young misses in peasant costume,—members of the mission-circles. I said to a friend who sat by me, "Who is this one bringing me an ice-cream?"—"She is one of our 'Busy Bees.' You may know she loves flowers by the pretty nosegay she wears on her dress."—"Oh, yes! and she gathers honey too, or rather sweet enjoyment, in this labor of love."

Presently another attracted my attention; and I asked, "Is this another 'Bee'?"

"No. We have quite a swarm of little bees; but this is one of our 'Merry Workers.'"

"He looks merry; and I know he loves the work, he is so happy and gay."

"Yes," replied my friend, "it is as true of children as of ourselves, that labor for Jesus, and cheerful offerings for his sake, always bring us joy."

I said, "Do tell me about your other circles."

"We have one called 'Eugharpers.'"

"Oh! I shall remember that from the very oddity of it. Point out some of its members."

My friend showed me several of them running hither and thither, making their "willing hands" do the bidding of their "willing hearts." "It is pleasant," she said, "to recognize these happy bands by different names; but I assure you they are quite united in their noble work. We have still another circle, called the 'Little Sunbeams.'"

Ah! that brings thoughts of something we all know about. What would this world be without beams from the bright and glorious sun? May not these "Little Sunbeams" shed far abroad their rays of light from the "Sun of rightcourness" by their offerings and labors for the poor heathen in distant lands?

Both boys and girls worked earnestly before the sale, and made themselves useful in many ways. The children found kind friends, who had once been scholars in this sabbath school, to aid them in their work. Money and fancy articles were generously contributed. A post-office was temporarily erected; and every one who was willing to pay the required postage received a letter. Judging by the roars of laughter that followed the reading of some of them, I concluded they did not contain bad news. The fragrance and beauty of the rare flowers made one forget the chilling rain out of doors, and think of a perpetual summer.

"The old woman was there who lived in a shoe," and "had so many children she didn't know what to do." No wonder that one so burdened with family cares made up her mind to go to the fair, and try by her winning manner and pleasant face—which seemed young and fair in spite of her huge ruffled cap and ponderous spectacles—to induce kind people to adopt some of her little ones. All who took her children paid her money; but she—unselfish little woman—sent it all to the missionaries. So the united labors of mission-circles and Christian friends brought them in about eight hundred and sixty dollars, after paying all expenses. Wasn't that a nice sum to raise for our Woman's Board of Missions?

S. G.

ACROSTIC.

BY CHARLIE MEAD.*

My first is disagreeable in winter, and pleasant in summer.

My second is what the Bible commands children to do.

My third is a noted French general who died in 1759.

My fourth is a book in the New Testament.

My fifth is a country in North Africa.

My sixth is a farming-implement.

My seventh is a European sea.

My eighth is a State south of Washington Territory.

My ninth is a bird whose home is in the Marion Islands.

My tenth is one of God's messengers mentioned in the Bible.

My eleventh is a fruit coming from Africa.

My twelfth is a noted tree in Pennsylvania.

My thirteenth is in great demand in summer.

My fourteenth is a substance first used in Russia for ornamental purposes.

My fifteenth is the name of an ocean.

My sixteenth is the name of a man that once spent a night with St. Paul in an uncomfortable position.

My seventeenth was head and shoulders above his brethren.

My eighteenth is a cape in Smith's Sound.

My nincteenth is a river in South Africa.

My twentieth is the first explorer of mountain-tops mentioned in the Bible.

My twenty-first is a race of conquerors that flourished in the fifth century.

My whole is an organization that does a great deal of good.

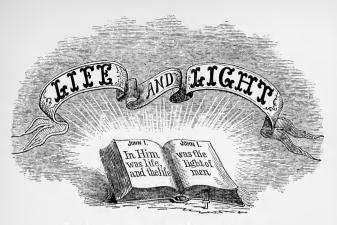
ANSWER TO BIBLICAL RIDDLE.

Manna.

We have received a correct answer to the biblical riddle in the April number from A. N., Pittsfield, Mass.; also additional answers to the acrostic in the March number from A. N., Pittsfield, Mass.; R. W. R., Homer, N.Y.; C. L. B., East Hampton, Conn.

We acknowledge the receipt of new acrostics from R. W. R., Homer, N.Y.; A. C., Auburndale, Mass.; and an enigma from S. W. S., Appleton, Wis.

* Only ten years old.



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TURKEY.

AMONG THE VILLAGES.

BY MRS. WHEELER.

About twenty miles to the south-east of Harpoot is the large village of Ichmeh, nestled close under the snow-capped summits of old Taurus. It takes its name from a beautiful fountain, said to be sacred to the Virgin Mary, that flows out of the ground under an old Armenian church. On reaching the place, I went into this church, black with the smoke, not of fires, but of candles. The pictures on the walls were so discolored, that we could with difficulty distinguish that one was the Virgin; and I think another was Christ wearing the crown of thorns. A candle was let down through an opening in the floor; and we saw the clear cold water gurgling up through what seemed to be a stony bottom. The people say that the water is warm in

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winter, and cold in summer: and we judge it must be so; for we saw the women standing in the outer basin washing. This is the great village wash-tub; and every Saturday scores of young women, rich and poor alike, are seen here busily at work preparing clean garments for the sabbath. We might not like such an arrangement; but it is the fashion, and these brides of from twelve to thirty years of age have a merry time over it. You will say that it is a strange place for brides; but all the married women are called such here; and it is not an easy thing to be one, even in a rich family. The hardest work is given to them; and they are the servants of the household. Even when a man loves his wife, he does not dare interfere with any of his mother's orders. Has she not been a bride in her day? "I am glad I was not born in Turkey" is often on the lips of foreign ladies; but, as we go among the people, we can see that things are changing, even in petrified Turkey.

The Saturday after our arrival was, as usual, baking and washing day; and, if we called at the houses, we must see the women in the kitchen, just as we saw the brides at the "wash-tub." We saw them making bread in their peculiar manner. One woman was forming the dough into balls, and passing it to another sitting before a low round table: she in turn rolled it out thin, and gave it to a third, who sat near an oven made in the earth. This oven had been heated; and the coals remained in the bottom while the bread was baked on the sides: when done, it was taken by still another woman, and placed on a clean cloth spread on the floor.

At the sound of the board used as a bell, we made our way to the Protestant chapel, which was well filled, although it was Saturday evening. The warm-hearted and beloved pastor greeted us very cordially; and the earnest prayers and remarks showed that God had some sincere

worshippers there. The sabbath brought a crowd to hear the gospel preached; so that the women literally trod one upon another. The windows were open, or we should have found it hard to breathe. After the noon service, the women met with me for a prayer-meeting; and I think there were two hundred and fifty present, including the children.

During the week I went with two of the sisters into quite a number of houses. The nearest one was "Prot. Markareed's," who was the first to become a Protestant among the women. She soon learned to read her Bible; and taking it in her apron, with her primer, she went from house to house to persuade others. They laughed at her; but it made no difference. She worked on till a pastor came, and a church was built; and now Prot. Markareed sits down with forty members at Christ's table. In another house there was a family of forty-seven souls that attracted me much. One of the young men became interested in the truth, causing no small stir; for this is the village where some have filled their ears with clay, lest they should hear about this strange religion of the Americans. Soon the mother of the young man was moved by the sweet words the son brought home from the preacher, and secretly went to hear for herself, crouching down behind a wall so as not to be seen by her brother-in-law. She was to be one of the earnest workers in that church; and we believe the Lord called her. She was the leader in a great house; and how could she find time to read? But Prot. Markareed had not labored in vain. A fire was burning in that mother's soul, that could only be quenched by the water of life from the fountain-head. She knew God's word would lead her to that fountain; and she took her primer with her to her daily toil, hiding it under the table where she rolled her bread, and drawing it out, when no one was

near, to find a few words to think of while she worked. Now she reads, writes, sings, and is an honor to any land or people. Her oldest son is one of the deacons of the Ichmeh church; another will be its second pastor; and her youngest is given to Christ. Her daughter-in-law is also a member of the church; and her husband told me he hoped soon to be of their number. The oldest brother's wife listened to the others, and longed to go to hear for herself; but her husband said, "If you do, I will beat you." The desire would not leave her, and she ventured to disobev: but who should meet her as she came from the house of prayer but her husband? She said to me, "I trembled, as, on reaching home, he took my hand in his, and a stick in the other; but I said not a word. I was very much frightened, because I knew I had disobeyed him; but, when he saw my fear, he smiled, and said, 'I won't beat you,' and dropped my hand." This woman is now a church-member; and Paul her husband will soon follow her to the Lord's table. All that keeps him away is his quick temper. Thus the little leaven has leavened that great house, till the old man of sixty or seventy years, and the little child of as many months, sing the sweet songs of the Christian together. Yes, they sing, "Oh, happy day that fixed my choice!"

To be continued.)

THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

BY MISS C. L. NOYES.

THE following letter was received from Miss Noyes, who left us in October last, purposing to go to Aintab to assist Miss Proctor. She stopped at the Constantinople Home, intending to take a few days of rest only; but the need of assistance at the home was so great, that, at the request of the mission, her stay has become permanent. After

speaking of her safe arrival and her kindly welcome, she says, —

"Your chief interest is doubtless in the school; and of that I will tell you as best I can. There is the same daily routine with us as with you, and little of note in the line of scholarship. Those readers of 'Life and Light' whose field of labor is in the schoolroom understand how slight the marks of progress are in most children, indicated, often, by things unnoticed by a casual observer, but sure signs of improvement to a teacher. The daily increase of attention to the details which make good behavior, the brightening of the eye when new ideas take possession of the mind, even the change in tones of voice, all tell in which direction habits are strengthening, and give encouragement as truly as the greater signs which are not seen every day. The school has been quite full; but, as hardly a week passes without applications for admittance, we have made arrangements to take one or two more, and are expecting them within a few days.

"If you could look in upon our girls at this time, the last hour on Thursday afternoon, you would find them busily sewing on various kinds of work. During these sewinghours, two afternoons in the week, the conversation is in English: consequently it is not always very animated, or continued long on one subject. They are a very industrious, pleasant company; and I know of no family where the members live more harmoniously: I have yet to hear of a quarrel, or an unkind word, among them. One day during the winter, Mrs. Riggs invited us to come with the girls, and make her a little visit, which we all enjoyed very much. Pride is wrong, I know; but I think we might be pardoned for being satisfied with the propriety of their conduct on that and similar occasions. Last week they came down into the parlor for a social evening. A part of

the entertainment was music by the girls; two playing the organ while we sang, and six performing on the piano. Some of them were only beginners, and favored us with the changes on do, re, mi, to quite a sufficient extent; but they did their best, and what more could they do?

"Looking upon this as a missionary school, you will wish for something concerning the spiritual interests of the institution. Instruction is faithfully given in the Bible, both from the Old and New Testaments; the hymns familiar to us all these many years are sung and repeated daily; and, besides the regular preaching by an earnest man of their own nation, Dr. Wood comes in on sabbath evenings, and speaks familiarly with them from some passage of Scripture, or relates some incident likely to interest them. They seem to love their Bible lessons, and, when told at vacation not to carry their books home, anxiously inquired if they might not take their Bibles. Several of them are in the habit of teaching their brothers and sisters, and little companions, the hymns and lessons they have learned at school; but, further than this, I do not know as we have evidence that more than one or two are true children of God. Much as we may pray, and faithfully as we may labor, we must wait God's time for results; and that is not always in the present. We greatly desire and hope, that, before they leave us, each one of these dear girls may learn to exercise saving faith in Christ."

AFRICA.

LETTER FROM MRS. EDWARDS.

MRS. EDWARDS of Inanda, South Africa, in a recent letter to one of our auxiliaries, thus writes of the remarkable religious awakening in her school:—

"Not long since we called the girls into the schoolroom, and asked those who were members of the church to rise. We knew who they were, but thought it best to make the request; and three rose. Then a call was made for those who believed themselves to be Christians, but who had not united with the church. Of these there were eleven. We appointed nine o'clock on sabbath morning to meet these fourteen, and learn something of their thoughts and feelings; also to know surely what first directed their attention to their lost condition, and turned them to a living Saviour. Three of them attributed their interest to conversations with different people; and all the others referred their awakening to the influence of the girls in the school: they had talked with them, and taken them out into a quiet place to pray with them.

"There remained twenty-four who were still in their sins. We met these in the afternoon, and, after a little conversation, requested those who were thinking about the matter, and who sincerely wished to become followers of Christ, to rise. Twenty-one stood up; their countenances indicating the truthfulness of the act. You can imagine the thrill of joy the last occasioned; and as they passed out one by one, the cheeks of some bearing evidence of their feeling, my heart said, 'I thank thee, Father, that I am here!'"

In another letter, Mrs. Edwards writes, -

"Seven of the youngest girls were missing yesterday when the bell rang; and I went to see what they were doing. I found them seated in the tall grass, holding a prayer-meeting all by themselves. They were singing a hymn very solemnly; and one of them had a few leaves of a Testament in her hand.

"I do not like to say that the foreign work is more important or pressing than the home work; but there is much,

very much, to be done here. Two sabbaths ago Miss Lindley and I went with James, the native pastor at Inanda, into the Umgeni Valley to hold a service with the people who might assemble. We stopped at a clump of trees that afforded a pleasant shade, and sat down on the grass to wait for a congregation. About a hundred gathered together, although we saw but three or four habitations on the way. Many young girls were there, whose only clothing consisted of aprons fastened around their waists by a cord, to which was attached behind a little piece of fringe. Yet they seemed eager to learn to read. Some of them could spell already; having been taught at the sabbath school here, or at the school in the Umzenyati Valley,—a distance of three or four miles from their homes."

SPAIN.

THE BARCELONA BOARDING-SCHOOL.

WE make the following extracts from a recent letter from Miss Blake, an English lady connected with the school at Barcelona under the care of Dr. and Mrs. Gulick:—

"Our school opened about six months ago in the hands of Dr. and Mrs. Gulick. We have had much interruption on account of not being able to procure desirable premises until within a month. An entire house has now been secured in the best locality possible for the work, which enables us to avoid the opposition of the Romanists, caused by coming in contact with them when living in flats, or, as they are called here, *Pisas*. Our girls, numbering twelve, are progressing favorably in their studies, when we take into consideration the short time they have been with

us, and the class to which they belong. The ignorance of the poorer people in Spain is something deplorable. Scarcely nine-tenths of the people can either read or write. With the blessing of God, a better day is dawning on Spain. There is perceptible a desire for instruction, and a growing improvement in the character of the girls of our school. They are fond of their Bibles, and it is an evident pleasure for them to attend meetings for worship; but as yet there is no anxiety evinced for their own souls.

"The week of special prayer with which this year commenced was a very refreshing time. It was our first in Barcelona, and has been a season to be remembered. Night after night we met in the different mission-rooms in turn. There was great simplicity and fervency in prayer on the part of the Spanish Christians and other brethren, and most solemn attention from the unconverted. Our missionaries, seeing so much interest, proposed a second week, with the addition of preaching services. The Lord was very gracious: the rooms were always well filled, sometimes crowded. Many heard for the first time in their lives the way of salvation, and evidently were much impressed. We have not heard of any immediate conversions; but we trust Him who has said, 'My word shall not return unto me void.'

"It is indeed a blessed boon to know there are dear ones in America remembering us in prayer before the mercy-seat of the God of all grace; and we are expecting great results in answer to your petitions for this poor, distracted, priest-ridden country, — a country, physically speaking, favored by God above any other in Europe. Oh for the sunshine of Jesus' love beaming in their hearts with only a tenth part of the strength with which the material sun beams on their glorious landscapes, vineyards, and oliveyards!"

LETTER FROM MRS. GULICK.

WE are permitted to make extracts from a private letter from Mrs. William Gulick, dated Santander, Feb. 3, 1873. After mentioning their unsuccessful search for a room in which to hold their sabbath services, she says,—

"Our meeting yesterday was in a grain store-room, which happened to be empty, on the first floor of this house. It was swept and dusted, and the seats arranged, although they did not more than half fill the room. At half-past two I went down, and found some twenty men and women in the front-seats. One of the women turned round to me, and said, 'Last Sunday we were the last in, so we did not see any thing: this Sunday we resolved to be in time.' I have no idea how long they had been sitting there. By the time the services commenced, the large room was filled; and some were perched upon a ladder standing in one corner, so that they could see and hear. The crowd extended out into the hall, and even into the street; many going away for want of room.

"You would have been surprised at the quiet and order which prevailed. Only once was there any movement; and that was when some persons whose curiosity was satisfied wished to pass out through the crowd. There was no attempt at counting the numbers; but we estimated that there were about two hundred and fifty in the room itself.

"Catholic churches, as you know, are filled with images of Christ, the Virgin, and the saints. One woman asked if we were not at least going to have a Christ to aid us in our prayer; for how could we pray with such fervor if Christ in his sufferings were not represented before us? Another, in looking around yesterday, remarked, 'They have not got their Christ yet.'"

Our Work at Home.

MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the W. B. M., which met in Baltimore April 16 and 17, was attended by about fifty delegates from the associate societies. A very kindly welcome was given by the president of the Baltimore society; and beautiful flowers added their greeting. The meeting was duly organized; Mrs. Burdett Hart of Philadelphia presiding. The receipts reported from the twelve associate societies reached nearly three thousand dollars; which sum it is confidently expected to complete, several life-memberships being offered in response to an appeal from the president, and other sums promised to supply the deficit.

A meeting for the mission-circles was addressed by Dr. Bush. Dr. Chester of the Madura Mission, and Dr. Bush, addressed a general missionary meeting in the evening. Miss West described her work in Turkey, and testified to the compensations in missionary labors. The "fellow-ship-meeting," which closed the session, was a new feature, and called out many suggestions, with strong desires to arouse greater interest in this precious work for heathen women.

Anna P. Halsey, Cor. Sec.

WE have also been cheered by a communication from this Branch, announcing that its members hope to raise a thousand dollars for the Constantinople Home in addition to their other work.

MEETING OF THE NEW-HAVEN BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the New-Haven Branch of the W. B. M. was held in the Centre Church, New Haven, Tuesday, May 6. The day was the most perfect of the season.

The morning session was opened with prayer, and a short address by Rev. John Chandler, who is soon to return to his native India to enter upon missionary labors there.

Reports for the year were given by the Recording and Home Secretaries and by the Treasurer; which showed a considerable increase in the number of auxiliaries and in the receipts of the Treasury. Mrs. Tyler of the Zulu Mission, about to return to Africa, was unexpectedly with us, and said a few words of farewell, and of gratitude for all the kindness that had been shown her. The remainder of the morning was devoted to hearing reports from our auxiliaries, in which were manifested a zeal and interest in the work very gratifying to all our hearts. At the opening of the afternoon session, Rev. Edward Chester of India roused us with his words of hearty approval, and held up before us the great work still to be accomplished. A letter was read from Mrs. Leonard of Marsovan, with extracts from the journal of Zahouhi, one of our Biblereaders, showing us something of the precious work she is doing in the villages of that vicinity. Mrs. Schneider of Turkey gave a thrilling account of the perils encountered by herself and husband in a village near Broosa. Though threatened with danger on every hand, they had been preserved from harm, and God had blessed them in the disarming of opposition, the gathering of a congregation, and the establishment of a school. The repeating of the Lord's Prayer in Mahratta, and the singing of the hymn,—

"I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger,"

in the same language, by some of our missionary ladies, gave a pleasant variety to the exercises.

Mrs. Baldwin of Foochow, China, then spoke of her work in the girls' boarding-school at that place, and of the indifference which still exists in the minds of the Chinese to the education of their daughters. She read extracts from letters, and closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in Chinese.

Mrs. Ransom, one of the officers of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of New York, attended the meeting, and expressed, through Mrs. Hubbard, the sympathy and interest of herself and her associates; showing, that, however different in name, the work is one.

The meeting was closed by singing a part of the hymn, -

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

ABBIE P. FERGUSON, Rec. Sec.

THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM APRIL 18 TO MAY 19.

MRS. HOMER BARTLETT, TREASURER.

MAINE.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.
4.7 A 35 TI D: 1.	Exeter. — " Cheerful Givers," \$1 00
Auburn Aux., M. E. Ride-	New Ipswich. — "A Friend," 10 00
out, Treasurer, \$37 00	Stratham. — Miss Annie E.
Bangor. — Aux., 69 35	Wiggin, 1 00
Portland Aux., Miss E. M.	
Gould, Treasurer, of which	Total, \$12 00
\$25 from Mrs. William H. Fenn to constitute L. M.	C. Home Building-Fund.
Mrs. Sarah D. Riggs, 353 75	Manchester First Cong Ch.,
	aux., Mrs. H. R. Pettee,
Total, \$460 10	Treasurer, \$60 00

VERMONT.	Clinton. — Aux., for Bible-
Ludlow. — Cong. Ch., \$12 00	Reader at Harpoot, \$38.04;
Montgomery Centre Miss	towards constituting L. M.
M. A. Paine, 75	Mrs. Emma T. Clark, \$20;
Springfield. — Aux., Mrs. H.	Miss Sawyer's infant school,
J. Cobb, Treasurer, to con-	for same object, \$5, \$63 04
	Dorchester Aux., addition-
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Herrick, 25 00	Carruth for salary of Miss
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Green, Treasurer, addition-	towards support of their pu-
al, \$2 00	pil in Const. Home, \$46, 172 00
St. Alban's By Mrs. Giles	Grafton. — Aux., 15 00
Merrill, 200 00	Hyde Park. — Nelly Tyler's
•	dolls' missionary-box, 25
MASSACHUSETTS.	Holliston. — Aux., Mrs. F. F.
A A N T C T	Fisk, Treasurer, for pupil
Ayer. — Aux., Mrs. J. C. Ten-	in Mrs. Bissell's school,
ney, Treasurer, additional,	Ahmednuggur, 30 00
to constitute L. M. Mrs. E.	Ipswich. — First Parish, a few
H. Sawtell, \$5 52	ladies, by Mrs. Morong, of
Billerica. — Aux., S. B. Work,	which \$25 to constitute L.
Treasurer, 13 00	M. Miss Lucy H. Brown, 30 00
Brookfield. — Mrs. A. C.	Littleton Aux, towards
Blanchard, to constitute	constituting L. M. Mrs.
L. M.'s Miss Abby F. Blan-	Shattuck Hartwell, 19 00
chard and Mrs. Annie E.	Leominster Mrs. C. H.
Blanchard, 50 00	Reckard, 5 00
Boston, — Mrs. D. C. S. Sa.	Lynn. — First Ch., S.S. class-
"A Tribute." \$5: "A	es of Mr. Horton and Mr.
"A Tribute," \$5; "A Friend," \$2; total, \$12.	Patten, for Bible-reader, 50 00
Berkeley-street Ch., \$31.30.	Montague. — Aux., 11 00
Mt. Vernon Ch., E. S. To-	Medway, - Aux., Mrs. T. R.
hey inn Treasurer Mrs	Fairbanks, Treasurer, of
bey, jun., Treasurer, Mrs. Henry W. Richardson, \$3;	
Mission-Circles' sale, for	which \$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. A. P. Phillips, 43 00
schools of India, \$360.12;	
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contribution, \$30. Shaw-	"A Friend," \$10, 15 00
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daughter), \$5, 441 42	man, \$100; "A Friend,"
Boston, East Maverick Ch.,	\$100; Miss M. Cook, \$1;
"Zulu Helpers," for Mrs.	Edwards Ch., aux., to con-
Edwards' school, 17 17	stitute L. M.'s Mrs. Gordon
Boston Highlands. — Eliot Ch., aux., by Mrs. R. Anderson, 10 00	Hall and Mrs. Sidney E.
aux., by Mrs. R. Anderson, 10 00	Bridgman, \$50, 251 00
Boston, South. — Phillips Ch.,	Nantucket. — Mrs. E. P. Fear-
aux., additional, 2 00	ing, to constitute herself
Cambridge. — Shepard Ch.,	L. M., 25 00
"An Offering," 1 00	Newtonville. — Mrs. Packard, 1 00
Chelsea. — Chestnut-street	New Bedford. — Pacific Cong.
Ch., Miss P. C. Engles's	Ch., ladies, to constitute L. M. Mrs. H. M. Stowe, 25 00
S.S. class, "Busy Bees." 5 00	L. M. Mrs. H. M. Stowe. 25 00

Plymouth. — Mrs. Jane B. Gordon, to constitute L. M.	Mrs. Alex. Strong, \$25; total, \$150. Inmates of
Miss Mary Lincoln, Hing-	Penitent Females' Refuge,
ham, Mass., \$25 00 Pepperell. — N. M. Murdock,	\$25, \$177 00
"An Offering," 1 25	Boston, East. — Maverick Ch., "Zulu Helpers," 100 00
Reading Aux., additional,	Boston Highlands. — Highland
Mrs. J. B. Leathe, Treas-	Ch., Children of Maternal
urer, 13 00	Association, \$1; Miss Hall's
Southbridge. — Mrs. S. M.	S.S. class, \$2; aux., \$7, 10 00
Lane, 5 00	Lynn — First Cong. Ch, Mrs.
Springfield. — Aux., balance	James Flint's S.S. school,
for Miss Talcott's salary,	"Mayflowers," 5 00
\$40; Mrs. Daniel Gay, \$1, 41 00 So. Amherst. — Ladies' Bene-	Northampton. — Edwards
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volent Society, to consti- tute L. M. Mrs. E. P. Cross-	Salem. — Tabernacle Ch.,
man, 25 00	aux., "A Friend," to con- stitute L. M. Miss Eliza F.
Swampscott. — Cong. Ch.,	Punchard, 25 00
aux., Rev. Henry W. Jones,	Wellesley. — Aux., additional, 23 55
to constitute L. M. Mrs.	Woburn. — Aux., Mrs. C. S.
Hannah E. Jones, 25 00	Adkins, Treasurer, 25 00
Saugus Centre. — "A Friend,"	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
to constitute L. M. Mrs.	RHODE ISLAND.
Francis V. Tenney, 25 00	Providence. — Martha, \$10 00
Salem. — Crombie-street Ch.,	CONNECTICUT.
aux., for Mrs. Edwards'	
school, Uxbridge, — "A Friend," 60 00	Enfield. — Mrs. L. P. Terry, \$5 00 Greenwich. — "Bearers of
Winchester. — Aux., Miss	Light," towards support of
Elizabeth D. Chapin, Treas-	pupil in Mrs. Edwards'
urer, of which Mrs. Charles	school, 25 00
Conant, \$25, and Mrs. M.	Middletown South Cong.
A. Herrick, \$25, to consti-	Middletown. — South Cong. Ch., Mrs. N. C. Stiles,
tute themselves L. M.'s.	Treasurer, of which \$75 to
\$100; "Seek and Save So-	constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Net-
ciety," Miss L. Jennie San-	tie H. Taylor, Mrs. Charles
derson, Treasurer, \$100, 200 00	F. Browning, and Miss M.
Worcester. — Union Ch., La-	A. Baldwin, 109 00
dies, by Mrs. Charles Wash- burn, of which \$25 from	Norfolk. — "A Friend," 5 00 New Haven. — Mrs. John Fitch,
Mrs. R. P. Dunn to consti-	for pupil in Mrs. Edwards'
tute herself L. M.; Mrs. C.	school, 30 00
F. Washburn \$25 to con-	Poquonock. — "A Friend," 5 00
stitute herself L. M.; Mrs.	
David Woodward \$25 to	Total, \$179 00
constitute herself L. M., 267 00	NEW YORK.
Wilkinsonville. — Mrs. W. R.	Flushing First Cong. Ch.,
Hill, to constitute herself	aux., Miss P. G. Quimby,
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Boston Berkeley-street Ch.,	Flushing. — Aux., First Cong.
Mrs. B. S. Snow, \$2; Union	Ch., Miss P. G. Quimby,
Ch., Mrs. Eliza Ford, \$125;	Treasurer, 20 00

IOWA. Maquoketa. — Mrs. C. L. Mc- Cloy. \$1 00	SOUTH AFRICA. Mapumulo. — Mrs. Sarah L. Abraham, by flowers, \$6 50
Ogden Station. — For support of pupil in Ahmednuggur, 32 00	Total, \$406.50
Total, \$33 00	Subscriptions, \$3,178 10 C. Home Building-Fund, 744 34 "Life and Light," 216 75 "Echoes." 57 53
Oakland. — Aux., towards support of Miss Rappleye of Constantinople, of which	"Echoes," 57 53 "Life and Light," due in 1872, 8 25 Bound volumes, 7 50
"Western Echoes," \$242, \$400 00	Total, \$4,212 47

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE

TELORITOR CONTRIDUTI	ONG INCIDITION DI TIII
TREASURER OF THE	NEW-HAVEN BRANCH.
APRIL, since 12th inst. New Haven. — College chapel, Miss Thacher, Treasurer, Mrs. T. D. Woolsey, for Con. Home, \$10; Mrs. S. I. Silliman, to constitute her- self L. M. (\$5 having been previously given), \$20; Mrs. Catherine Dill,	urer, \$147.50, \$35 of which from Mrs. Fairchild's S.S. class, \$179 50 Plymouth. — Aux., \$8; Taylor Ch., aux., \$3.50, 11 80 Northfield. — Aux., Miss Mary Peck, Treasurer, \$40.25; Temple-street Ch., aux., Mrs. M. E. Cassell, Treas-
to make herself L. M., \$25, \$500 Easton. — Aux., Mrs. Gris- wold. Treasurer, 20 77 East Haven. — Aux., Mrs.	urer, \$20, Branford. — Mrs. Anna Bab- cock, Treasurer, \$41.79; Dwight-place Ch., aux., \$11, \$25 of which to con- stitute Miss M. E. Baldwin
Thompson, Treasurer, \$70; \$16 of which from mission-	L. M., 152 79 East Haddam. — Aux., Mrs.
circle "Little Workers," 70 00 Littlefield. — Aux., Mrs. Elliot. Treasurer, 20 30	Amasa Day, Treasurer, 5 00 Meriden. — First Ch., aux., Miss Rosa Hinman, Treas-
MAY.	nrer, \$100.13; Centre Ch., aux., Mrs. F. T. Ives, Treas-
Riverton. — Aux., Miss Annie Alford, Treasurer, \$12; New- Haven College chapel, aux., Miss Thacher, Treasurer, Miss Mary P. Salisbury, \$20;	urer, \$40.00 140 13 Fair Haven. — Second Ch., aux., Miss Abbott, Treas- urer, 3 00
Church of the Redeemer, aux., Mrs. Fairchild, Treas-	Total, \$718 54

TREASURER'S ADDRESS.

PLEASE address Miss Emma Carruth, Acting Treasurer, No. 1, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston.



TURKEY.

A TRIBUTE OF LOVE.

THOUGH more than a year has passed since Miss Reynolds entered into rest, her memory is fresh in the hearts of many Bulgarian daughters. The question is often asked, concerning those who have devoted their lives to missionary work, but are soon called up higher, "Wherefore was this waste?" These extracts from Elenka's letter may help to show whether those precious lives have been a "waste."

More than that, the dear mothers, who, for Jesus' sake, have sent forth their daughters to labor in distant parts of his vineyard, may find comfort in the testimony of this one redeemed soul to the value of such service.

M. B. H.

ELENKA'S LETTER.

Dear Miss Reynolds' Father and Sister, — How I would love to write you this letter in English, because then truly I should feel that I talked with you! When we received the news about our beloved teacher, whom we had hoped to see once more among us, that she had gone to her heavenly rest, I sorrowed much, and deeply felt her loss. I loved her very much, and love her relatives: so I wanted to write to you to show that I sympathize with you.

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Although I am so far away, sometimes it seems to me that I am very near, — that there is a tie in my heart which binds me to some beyond the sea; and this has come about through the labors of your beloved daughter, who taught me to love my Saviour, and those who love him, of whatever nation they may be. I should like to tell you how Miss Reynolds led me to know my Saviour, in whom now I greatly rejoice.

I was one of her first pupils. I liked to go to her room and talk with her, but did not think she could separate me from the world I loved so well. I promised my mother, because she told me not to go often to her, that I would not become a Protestant. The first question she asked me was "Do you love Jesus?" As I heard this, I did not know what to reply, and said nothing. After two days, she called me to her side, and again asked me the same thing. I told her that I loved him very little. Then she showed me how blessed it is to love Jesus and live for him. She told me I must not delay, but give myself into the hands of Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

She did not leave me till she had kneeled with me, and committed me into the hands of Jesus. Oh, what did I feel! I went home, but had no peace. I constantly heard that question; and indeed it did not leave me till I felt that I did love Jesus, and wished to live for him.

How dear she became to me then! I had not a more precious friend on earth, and was happiest when, found close to her side, I heard her talk of Christ's love, and of the joy that awaits all who are bought with the blood of the Lamb. She labored not only for my soul, but also for my body. When she saw that I was sick, she let me leave my lessons, put me on her bed, and tried to get me to sleep with her light hand, which many times took the pain from my head.

As I look back, and see how she sustained and encouraged me, I cannot tell you how grateful I am that Miss Reynolds came and lived among us, and that God permitted me to know her. May God give you a hundred-fold in this life for what you have given for him!

Your unknown friend who loves you much.

ELENKA.

INDIA.

LETTER FROM MISS RENDALL.

THE following incidents of a tour are given by Miss Mary E. Rendall of Battalagundu, Madura Mission, India, in a letter received recently by the ladies of Union Park Church, Chicago.

The first date is "Veraparndie Village, thirty miles from home," Dec. 12, 1872.

"We have camped down in this large village, just where they hold their weekly fairs. All yesterday and today I have been surrounded by a crowd of most inquisitive faces; and my tongue and hands have been going at their utmost speed. Here I am an early riser from stern necessity; for I can do no more than complete a hurried toilet before a large congregation is waiting to see me. These are all of the poorer classes, doing coolie work, and are on their way to the fields. Their flow of questions about my history and my whole life forms such a steady stream, that I must let it run on, and empty itself a little, before I can begin to moralize. At last I tell them of the heavenly home, - a home prepared for every one who will enter it by the true way. It seems to me, that if any persons in the whole world would long for a change, and desire to enter such an Eden, these poor women must, who have no joy, comfort, or rest in this life: so I always describe

heaven to them. Toward noon the higher and better classes come. This is their leisure hour. Beautiful women many of them are, with necklaces of gold, ear-rings, nose-jewels, and other outer adornments in abundance. I almost always persuade them to come into the tent, and sit down.

"Last night, during a moonlight service held in the open air by my father and his helpers, I struck a sudden friendship with a merchant's wife. As I sat in the bandy, listening to the words said, a pleasant voice called gently to me. I turned, glad to have some one to talk to. The speaker had a bright, intelligent face; and we soon became familiar. She could not understand what I came to India for. I asked her if she knew about our Saviour, and the home he had prepared for us. She had never heard of these things; and I told her I had come to tell her about them. She listened quietly, and before we parted offered me some betel-leaf. This is always a sign of friendship, quite essential according to their rules of hospitality.

"Dec. 19. — Last Sunday I had a very interesting meeting, with the largest audience I ever spoke to. I visited an old woman who has learned to read since she became a Christian. She is a widow, and lives with her three sons. I went into their clean, large house, and perched myself upon an elevated place to which they motioned me. Before my old friend's lesson was finished, the room was filled with heathen women, all of the same caste. I should think there were sixty present. I told them of the best Friend, and why he was better and dearer than all others. Two white-haired old women listened without a motion, all through my talk, and said they would never call on Isparan again, but would say Jesus, and ask him to care for them, and help them, and take them to heaven. O that they may truly receive him as their Saviour!

Home Bepartment.

SINCE our Annual Meeting last November, the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior has added three names to the list of its missionaries, — Miss Martha J. Lindley, assisting Mrs. Edwards in her school at Inanda, South Africa; Miss L. C. Parsons, who is to be associated with her parents in work in Nicomedia, Western Turkey; and Miss Julia E. Dudley, who sailed early in March for the new and promising field of labor in Japan.

We have also taken up new responsibilities in connection with mission-school work, pledging ourselves to meet the expense of the boarding department recently added to Mrs. Coffing's school at Marash, Central Turkey, and also to furnish the amount required for the school in Erzroom, Eastern Turkey, together with the salaries of several native teachers connected with different missions.

With these additional calls upon our treasury, we watch with interest the statement of receipts published from month to month in these pages, trusting that it may prove that the pledge to raise fifteen thousand dollars during the current year, given with so much unanimity and enthusiasm at Rockford, was no mere form of words.

Half of our financial year closed with the first of May. Not quite half the sum pledged has found its way to our treasury. Though the advance upon the amount received during the corresponding months of the previous year has been considerable, yet, without prompt personal effort upon the part of our friends, the year may close without the attainment of the end at which we aim.

But these offerings of money — upon which God in his providence has made us, to some extent, dependents in the

work of making known the gospel of his Son—are not the only gifts which he requires, or that we have promised to bestow at his bidding. Our hearts, with their wealth of love and sympathy and prayer,—have they been given without reserve to Christ's service?

Does our observance of the sabbath-evening hour, so generally set apart by different denominations for prayer in behalf of missionaries and their work, testify to our devotion to the interests of Christ's kingdom, and the earnestness with which we watch for its full coming?

Does our sympathy and love for those whom God has honored as his messengers to those miserable homes, made cheerless and desolate by the blighting influence of Paganism or a corrupt Christianity, bring us often together to talk of their work, to listen to the record of their labors, to be cheered by their words of encouragement, or, feeling the pressure of their cares and burdens, to bear them on our hearts before him who is an almighty Helper?

We may make a record of our contributions of money, and perhaps estimate, to some extent, the amount of seed it will enable us to sow; but who can measure the boundless influence of these other gifts, or the value of the harvest, which, under God's blessing, they may secure to his glory, even from our slow and imperfect planting?

ANNIVERSARY SOCIABLE.

The following brief notice of the anniversary exercises of the Woman's Board of Missions of Missouri has been forwarded to us:—

The Anniversary Sociable of the Woman's Board of Missions of Missouri, given on Friday evening, April 11, in the parlors of Dr. Post's church, St. Louis, was an occasion of rare pleasure to all who attended.

Reports, speeches, and essays were agreeably interspersed with music suited to the occasion, and followed by an elegant and bountiful collation, prepared by the ladies of the several churches of the city connected with this Board.

The society has now been in operation for two years; and the Treasurer's Report shows the amount received from membership-fees and contributions during that time to be \$618.98. The Board has recently assumed the support of Miss E. A. Claghorn of Foochow, South China.

MISSIONARY ADDRESS.

THE forcible, stirring words addressed by Rev. J. H. Taylor of Lake Forest, Ill., to the Woman's Pres. Board of Missions of the North-west, at their recent Annual Meeting in Chicago, have been published in pamphlet-form. Through the kindness of the officers of that Board, we are enabled to supply members of our auxiliary societies, and others wishing for copies, at a trifling expense.

Orders addressed to either of the Secretaries of the W. B. M. I. will be promptly filled.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM APRIL 15 TO MAY 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

Belpre. — Aux., for support of pupil in Miss Porter's school at Peking, Mrs. S. B. Clarke, Treasurer, \$20 00 Kent. — Aux., Mrs. M. A. Bell, Treasurer, 15 26 Milan. — Mission Band, for support of Bible-reader under Mrs. Bissell, at Ahmednuggur, by Miss Eliza T. Wilbur, 45 57

MICHIGAN.

Hudson. — Aux., for support of Bible-reader in Marash, Mrs. E. M. Hubbard, Treasurer, \$9 00 Beuzonia. — Aux., Mrs. S. A. Waters, Secretary, 16 00 Total, \$25 00

ILLINOIS.

Alton. — Aux., for support of Sultan Bedrousin, Bible-

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reader at Harpoot, and for school at out-station. \$15.70	WISCONSIN.
school at out-station, \$15 70 Chicago. — First Ch., aux.,	Fond du Lac. — Aux., to be
for support of Miss Patrick	applied to Mrs. Coffing's
(of which \$13 from Mrs. C.	school at Marash, Mrs. M.
H. Whittlesey, with previ-	B. Barker, Treasurer, \$28 30
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tutes Mrs. Mary Ellen Whit-	Des Moines S. S. for sup-
tlesey a L. M.), \$42; New-	port of a pupil in Miss Por-
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THE HINDU CARPENTER.

BY REV. H. J. BRUCE.

N every Indian village of any considerable size, you may find the principal department of industry well represented. If you wish to call the carpenter, the blacksmith, the silversmith, the shoemaker, the tailor, the weaver, the potter, the shepherd, the dairyman, or the farmer, he will generally come at your bidding, and be willing to do your work for a very small compensation. But you must not expect

too much from any of them. Their work is generally very rude when compared with the skilled labor of Europe or America. For instance, if the carpenter knows how to build the simple houses in which his people live, to make and repair the ploughs and other tools of the cultivator, to erect the frames over the wells by which the water for irrigating the gardens is raised, and to do the other ordinary work of the villagers, he thinks it is all that he needs to know; and he is perfectly contented with his condition. There are, however, in the larger cities, a good

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many workmen who are able to do very good work; but they have probably, for the most part, acquired their skill through contact with Europeans.



You see in the picture the ordinary tools of the carpenter. A plane, saw, chisel, hammer, and adze constitute his principal outfit. With these slung in a bag over his shoulder, he goes off to his daily toil. His manner of using his tools is different from any thing you will see in this

country. If he wishes to plane a board, he first places it upon the smooth surface of the ground, or perhaps upon another board, and then sits down upon it, and pushes his plane before him. In this way he of course loses all the strength of his lower limbs, as well as the freedom of motion which the standing position would give him; and, to compensate for this loss, he must have another person to help him. The second person also sits down on the board, in front of the first, and seizes hold of a stick which is fastened across the forward end of the plane. While, then, the carpenter pushes, his assistant pulls; and, between them both, they succeed, at length, in making the board tolerably smooth.

Honesty does not always form a prominent part in the composition of the Hindu carpenter. I have often been obliged to count out the nails and screws and other materials placed in the hands of my workmen, and hold them responsible for every one, lest they should appropriate them to their own use, and then come back for more.

You will wonder what the man in the engraving can be doing, with his tools all piled up together upon a bed of flowers, and with a dish of food in his hands. He is offering to them his accustomed worship, and praying that they may help him to gain his livelihood. He feels that he is dependent upon his tools for his daily food; and so he regards them, as, in some sense, his god, and brings to them his offering of food and cocoanuts and roses. Although he may frequently pray to his tools, yet there is one day in the year when he is expected to bring a more formal offering to them. And not the carpenter only, but every Hindu who gains his livelihood by any kind of labor or trade, observes this festival day by worshipping that by means of which he gets a living. Thus the farmer bows down to his plough and hoe and harrow, the blacksmith to his

hammer and anvil, the learned Brahmin to his pen and ink and paper, and the banker to his money. You see that the chief motive in all this is, that they may "get a living." The description Paul gives of those "whose god is their belly" well applies to the Hindus; for although their gods and goddesses are innumerable, yet self is the principal one. A common proverb in their language is, "First the belly, and then god." How thankful we should be that the gospel of Jesus Christ gives us a higher and nobler motive to action, a more worthy object of worship, and the precious hope of a blessed immortality beyond the grave!

MISSIONARY PIGEONS.

BY MRS. EDWIN WRIGHT.

"What's the matter with my birdie?" asked Mrs. B. of her little daughter, whom she suprised, perched in the easy-chair, with feet tucked under her, head propped upon her hand, mouth drawn into a tiny pucker, and her eyes sad almost to the point of tears.

"I was thinking." And down flew the little feet; and with one bound she was in her mother's arms, tightly clasping her neck.

"Thinking what?"

"That I wished I could wake up to-morrow as big as you and Aunt Clara, so that I could sew things for the poor, and pray in the meetings as you and she do; and then, perhaps, Jesus might love me, and give me a name all my own on a white stone, such as the minister told us about the other day."

"Suppose you could do all this, and ever so much more, and still be our dear little pet, would not that answer as well?"

"Oh, yes! but how could I? I don't know how to sew, and can pray only such little bits of prayers that the ladies wouldn't ask me;" and the little lids drooped again, and the whole face saddened.

"We'll talk about it another time, dearie; but just now look out of the window at those beautiful pigeons. See what lovely colored feathers they have around their necks. Coo, coo! do you hear that contented, low murmur? It is all the noise they can make; and yet pigeons have sometimes been of great service."

"O mother! how could they?"

"Some of them can fly very high and swiftly; and, if they have been well fed and cared for, they dearly love their homes, and if carried even to very long distances, and then suffered to escape, will take a straight line of flight back to them again. Don't you remember that papa read to us, some time since, of carrier-pigeons that flew from Paris when it was surrounded by the German army, carrying news from the poor, besieged, suffering people?"

"How could they when Coo, coo! is all they can say?"

Those who used them fastened letters around their necks, and then let them fly. Up, up they went into the sky, and sailed along so innocently, that the enemy never suspected the mischief they might cause. Now, my little one, be satisfied to coo, and only coo, and maybe our dear Lord will find a way to make you as useful as the carrier-pigeons."

It was already Mary's bedtime; and she went to sleep with the longing to do some great thing all overlaid with the gentle cooing of the pigeons, who, though smaller than she, could do so much good. And now for the dream that worked its way in and out of the chambers of her little brain, touching here a spring, and there another.

See her as she lies sweetly sleeping. Just above her



head, one dear dove brooding over her, — for you know the Holy Spirit came to Jesus in the form of a dove; and the

Holy Spirit it is that suggests all our good thoughts, — and another sitting upon her very feet. This one seemed to say, "Here I am, Mary: tie your message around my neck, and tell me where to drop it; and I will carry it swift as the wind itself." And then the brooding dove said, "Message, Mary, and fly far away? What message is like, Jesus loves you, Jesus saves you? And, if a dove can fly swift as the wind, send him over the oceans, and bid him drop his good words in every land, until all the people can say, —

"'Jesus loves me, this I know; For the Bible tells me so.'"

The other little dove, assenting with coo, walked close to her hand, as though he only waited her pleasure.

As soon as she awoke, and recalled her dream, little Mary stole into her mother's bed, awoke her with kisses, and told her story. "Run to the table," said her mother, "and get the 'Echoes;' and I will try to help you understand it. See those winged little ones flying to us with a printed scroll, 'Go, preach the gospel to every creature.' They have wings like a dove; and yet they look very like little girls. I think it must mean a mission-circle; and see, on on this page, the name of one is 'Carrier-Doves.' Now, how would you like to gather the little girls together, and form a mission-circle, and, as you would not like the very same name, call yours 'Missionary Pigeons'?"

"O mother, mother! can I have one like the 'Willing Workers' in Mr. Day's church?" and the dancing feet and clapping hands evinced her great delight. Some time I think you will hear from the "Missionary Pigeons;" for their message will soon be on its way, borne by the white sails that in the distance look like doves skimming the ocean.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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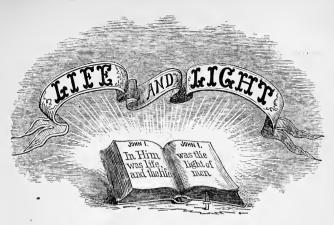
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AN IOWA MISSION-CIRCLE.

In this very little village, on one of these broad prairies, across the "Father of Waters," we organized, some months ago, a children's mission-circle; and since that time the little folks have been earning and saving pennies for the missionary box. At our last meeting, the pennies were counted; and, as the result, I enclose for your Board (W. B. M. I.) seven dollars. This is but a mite; but to these children, whose pennies are so scarce, it seems quite a sum.

They have resorted to various means for getting the money, such as missionary hens and ducks. Some did errands. Johnnie picked up chips and cobs. One little girl sold her piece of pie at dinner to her older brothers. Thus they have collected this small sum; and they have been rewarded in the growing interest they feel in the cause of missions. H. S. C.



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THE WEEKLY PLEDGE IN MARDIN.

BY MISS I. C. BAKER.

A YEAR and eight months ago some of our Protestant women in Mardin formed a benevolent society; each member pledging herself to give half a cent, a cent, or two cents weekly; the richest woman gave no more than two. The missionary ladies and teachers joined the society to encourage and direct the women. With the funds collected this year, besides giving an equal sum to the poor, we have supported a Bible-woman three days each week, who goes from house to house teaching women to read, herself reading the gospel, and praying when she is allowed to do so. At one time she had fifty pupils; but a number were so frightened by threats of excommunication from the church, that they gave up their lessons. She now has thirty-three

scholars, the majority of whom are papists. Twelve have begun to read the Testament, and are making fair progress.

Last week I went the rounds with this Bible-woman, visiting nearly all her pupils; and I was very much pleased with what I saw. Everywhere Saidie was cordially received. The women at once left their sewing, spinning, or house-work, bringing their Testaments or Primers to take a lesson; and, when she herself read and explained to them. they listened with quiet attention. By none was Saidie welcomed more gladly than by a widow and her daughter who are papists. The daughter had finished the Primer, and was about to buy a Testament, when some of the neighbors reported her to the priest. He at once asked her why she read with the "Prots," when her own church had four schools; and told her she must have no books belonging to the Protestants. She asked him for a Testament; and he gave her a book of prayers to the Virgin Mary, telling her, that, when she had read that, he would give her a Testament. He probably will not do it. How can men call themselves ministers of Jesus Christ, and yet withhold the bread of life from starving souls?

You in America cannot easily understand the ignorance of women in this land, even of those in the old church that are called by the name of Christ. One of these asked me, the other day, "Why did Christ die?" And when, in reply, I quoted, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins," telling her in simple language of the broken law, an offended God, and the need of one to "make peace" between man and his Maker, she said, "I never understood it before." I was amazed; but this is only one of many cases. All this fearful ignorance is owing to the absence of the Bible. As it gradually comes to be in the hands of the common people, there must be a change in the condition of things here.

I have great hope from Saidie's work. She is not educated, she is not strong mentally; but she reads the Word, God's chosen instrument in the salvation of men; she teaches others to read what God has said shall not return unto him void. Will you not pray that he will make this same Word the means of saving many souls through her efforts? Her work is not easy in any respect: she needs large patience and the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is also very wearisome to the flesh; for her pupils are scattered, and most of the streets of Mardin are very steep and rough. Besides these things, it is considered a reproach for a woman to go about as Saidie does; but for Christ's sake she takes up the cross and follows the Lord, if by any means she may win some souls to him.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM MISS ELY.

It is pleasant to recognize in the following extracts from Miss Ely's letters, and in the fact that she was supported by our late treasurer, Mrs. Bartlett, several links in the great chain of events by which the world is to be converted, — the generous gifts of those who remain at home, the patient, intelligent labor of the missionary, and the earnest though sometimes faltering work of the native Christian. Writing from Van, she says, —

"The door for the entrance of gospel truth in this city has, by repeated providences, and through light shed from neighboring fields, been widely opened. Scarcely a sabbath has passed since the arrival of the missionaries last October, without seeing a few at least, and often a goodly number, gathered to hear the word of truth. We have three meetings each week, attended by from two or three to more than a dozen women, who generally pay good attention. Nearly every day companies of women come to see us and our

houses. They are greatly interested in my piano; and we try to make the most of their visits by reading and talking to them. Their universal testimony is in favor of truth and righteousness; but they plead inability to do the things becoming godliness, and are in a sad state of coldness and indifference. We pray that the Spirit may come and quicken their stolid hearts, and teach them of a judgment to come.

"Our school in Bitlis has continued in session under the care of an assistant. We hear pleasant reports of our dear girls, and we are especially gratified at the letters we receive from them. The tone of many of them leads us to hope that they are striving more and more faithfully to live Christian lives, and to prepare themselves for usefulness."

In a letter dated Bitlis, April 22, Miss Ely says, -

"I am happy to improve the earliest opportunity to tell you of our safe return to our home and work here. It is a week yesterday since we arrived. We spent the preceding sabbath at Tadvan, a village five hours distant from Bitlis, where we had abundant opportunity to talk with the women, and to visit them at their homes.

"The sabbath was the one called by the Armenians 'The Day of Tree Ornaments,' because it occurs at the time that the willows and early-flowering trees begin to blossom. There is a curious rite celebrated on this day, of which I had heard indistinct accounts before; but at this village, where only a single house is Protestant, I saw the actual observance of it. The people carry bundles of willow-branches to their churches, where the priests read and pray over them; then each person receives a bit of willow, and takes it home with him to throw in among his stores of wheat, flour, and bread. The more ignorant believe that this 'blessed willow' will prevent the speedy exhaustion of their stores.

"On Monday morning we left Tadvan, and came to this city. The air was mild and balmy, — more like June than

April. The roads were dry, and prettily strewn by the side with flowers. There seemed no drawback to the joyful, grateful thoughts which were filling our minds. About noon we caught the first glimpse of the scattered city. A little later, before we had reached any of the houses, we came to groups of our scholars, who, with some of the sisters, had come out to meet us. Their greetings of welcome, and the sight of their faces bright with undisguised joy, did us good, and found, as you may readily imagine, a cordial response in our own hearts. Arrived at our house, one of the first to say, 'You have come in peace,' was a dear aged mother in Israel, who added, 'I have prayed the Lord to permit me to see your faces again before I died; and he has heard my prayers.'

"The helpers and their wives are just returning from their winter's work in the villages. Two new pupils from a distant part of our field have arrived, and appear quite contented in the school; another, who was with us two years since, has returned. We earnestly beg you will pray for the conversion of the scholars under our care, and for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the homes of our poor sisters in Bitlis."

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MAY MEETING.

THE Woman's Board of Missions held its usual meeting during anniversary week, at Mount Vernon Chapel, Thursday, May 29, at 10, A.M. Unlike former May meetings, which have partaken of the joyousness of spring, this one

was shrouded in funereal gloom, and became the sad memorial service of one of the most loved and valued members of the Board, — Mrs. Homer Bartlett.

The president, Mrs. Albert Bowker, in a voice tremulous with emotion, read the hymn, which was sung by the audience,—

"Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding O'er the spoils that Death has won, We would at this solemn meeting Calmly say, 'Thy will be done,'" &c.

The passage of Scripture selected for the occasion was the account, from the eleventh chapter of John, of the visit of Jesus to Martha and Mary after their bereavement. Allusion was made to the fountain of comfort opened in this record of our Saviour's life, and the streams of consolation which have flowed thence in every age to afflicted souls. "In it," said Mrs. Bowker, "how clearly are life and immortality brought to light. From the time of the utterance of these glorious truths until now, as often as a believer has slept in Jesus, surviving friends have heard the same assertion, and received the same challenge, 'I am the resurrection and the life: whose liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?' Yea, Lord, we believe. We rejoice to-day that Jesus still lives, and that he is with us as a sympathizing friend. He who groaned at the grave of Lazarus, who wept with the sisters of Bethany, is present in our assembly to hear our sighs, to count our tears, and to give 'unto them that mourn beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness.' We would gladly bear a message from our departed sister to this meeting; but the nature of her sickness precluded the possibility of our seeing her. Denied this privilege, we recall a significant incident that occurred during the past year. A short time before the last annual meeting of the A. B. C. F. M., while waiting in the dépôt, she intimated that she had a request to make; but not until the locomotive was in sight, when there could be no opportunity for explanation, did she give utterance to her wish to repeat the hymn "One sweetly solemn thought" at our meeting in New Haven. No one who heard it then will forget the pathos and power with which it was recited; and the recent providence would indicate that it was done under the influence of an almost prophetic inspiration. As we gather this morning, our hearts are truly bleeding under this sore bereavement; but we remember that, while we miss the loved form and presence here,—

"'On the golden streets the holy people
Are passing to and fro,
And saying, as they meet, Rejoice, another
Long waited for has come:
The Saviour's heart is glad; a weary sister
Hath reached her Father's home."

The hymn referred to was then chanted by a few ladies. led by Mrs. Caswell; prayer was then offered by Mrs. J. A. Copp, when Mrs. CAPRON, from India, turned the thoughts of the meeting toward the missionary field, and with her usual magnetism attracted to herself, and the work she represented, the heartfelt interest and sympathy of all present. Addressing the audience as under equal obligation to heathen women with herself, she proceeded to describe her methods of labor; the endeavor to lodge in darkened minds some seeds of truth which might finally bear fruit unto eternal life, and the discouragement arising from the frequent doubt and uncertainty respecting the results of longcontinued efforts. Giving many graphic incidents of missionary life, she closed by enforcing the personal obligation of each one to sustain by much prayer those whom they had sent out to do their work.

Mrs. Stanley of China, in a very interesting address, spoke of the work upon which she had entered eleven years ago, as having been one of seed-sowing; but that among the hundreds to whom they had spoken of their sinfulness, they often could not tell where the seed had lodged. She related facts showing eagerness to receive instruction, and alluded to encouraging news from their field, received by the last mail. Women from thirty to seventy years of age learn five verses a week in the Bible; and if, during that time, they forget a character, they will walk three good miles, and cross a river, to be sure they have made no mistake. Like the preceding speaker, Mrs. Stanley urged earnest, faithful prayer.

Miss West, from Turkey, drew a vivid picture of the Turkish Empire before "the dayspring from on high had visited them." Their so-called Christian churches were essentially corrupt; woman was a slave, and sunk in degradation; there was no sabbath of rest; little of love, and no Christian love; but when God's spirit was breathed over that great deep, woman came up; she rose in rank, was appreciated more and more; and now husbands and wives live together in love; they teach their little ones; and it is sweet to drop in upon such a family, and behold what a transformation the gospel of Christ has made.

After the hymn "Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee," Mrs. Edwin Wright introduced the following resolutions.

Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father to remove by death Mrs. Homer Bartlett, one of the founders of this Board of Missions, and who officially, with singular fidelity, has ever held a prominent position in all its work and counsels;

Resolved, That in this afflictive dispensation we mourn the loss of our esteemed associate, who, by a Christian walk with us of unswerving integrity, discretion, large-hearted benevolence,

missionary zeal, and unwearied labors,—scattering everywhere "the leaves of the Tree of Life for the healing of the nations,"—has won our sincere respect and heartfelt affection.

Resolved, That, in view of this bereavement, we will cherish the memory of our late beloved treasurer, emulate her virtues, and strive to imitate the bright example of one, who has made the world the better by having lived in it.

Moving the adoption of the resolutions, Mrs. Wright remarked, "They embody but very feebly our real feeling in regard to the dear friend who has just left us. What she was to us in counsel, in untiring devotion to her work, in enthusiasm respecting it, in liberality toward it, and influence for it, we cannot express; but it remains for us but to have faith and exercise it, that God may glorify himself through this deep trial. Sustained by the blessed word, 'I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me,' let each of us do what lies in our power to make good the place which she so nobly filled. Let those who have money be stimulated by her liberality, and give as God hath blessed them; those who have enthusiasm for the work, communicate it; those who have influence, use it; those to whom God has given power in prayer, pour forth their souls in their closets; and those who have words of encouragement, counsel and cheer, utter them in our midst. Thus may the seed, sown in the burial of this dear mortal body, spring again into newness of spiritual life, the harvests of which shall not be measured or fully gathered until we meet together, redeemed, around the throne of Him to whom the ends of the earth shall be given for his inheritance."

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the meeting closed with the doxology.

Mrs. J. A. Copp, Recording Secretary.



In Memoriam.

DIED, in Boston, May 27, 1873, Mrs. Louisa Fowler, wife of Hon. Homer Bartlett.

After a severe and protracted sickness, the beloved Treasurer of the Woman's Board fell into a long and heavy sleep, and awoke in heaven. Glad surprise!

"Her few brief hours of conflict past,
She finds with Christ deep rest at last;
She breathes in tranquil seas of peace:
God wipes away her tears; she feels
New life, that all her languor heals;
The glory of the Lamb she sees.

"A shoreless ocean, an abyss
Unfathomed, filled with good and bliss,
Now breaks on her enraptured sight:
She sees God's face; she learneth there
What this shall be, to be his heir,—
Joint heir with Christ her Lord, in light."

Mrs. Bartlett was a native of Albany, N.Y., where, in early life, she was distinguished for active benevolence. The Divine Spirit led her away from the gay world, whose unrefreshing streams failed to satisfy her craving soul. She made a public profession of religion in 1831; and in 1844 was united by marriage to Hon. Walter Hubbell, a Christian lawyer of Canandaigua, N.Y. Her home, ever characterized by refinement, culture, and the Christian graces, was blessed by the gift of a beautiful child of rare promise, a treasure lent for a few years, and then recalled. Subsequently, as wave after wave of affliction rolled over her, the foundation was laid in bitter soul-struggles for a fuller consecration of heart and life to Jesus, which resulted in a deep, rich Christian experience.

As friend, daughter, husband, and parent were successively torn from her embrace, she heard above the billows of grief her Father's voice, saying, "Be still, and know that I am God;" and in breathing, "Thy will be done," she found that

"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal."

Coming out of the depths of the sea of trouble, she longed to testify to the power of the cross, and that the love of Christ had brought her to the sweet haven of peace and rest in him.

Twelve years ago she came to Boston, as the wife of Hon. Homer Bartlett; and, during this lapse of years, their hospitable home, in its order, beauty, faithful ministries, domestic joys, and Christian atmosphere, has denoted the presence of a superior presiding genius. Regarding this city as the place of her adoption, Mrs. Bartlett united with the Old South Church, and became one of its most devoted and useful members. She identified herself with many benevolent enterprises, and, by an eminently social and genial manner, won the love and esteem of a large circle of appreciative friends.

The crowning work, however, of her life, opened before her in April, 1867. As tidings were being borne on almost every breeze from foreign shores, that barriers were breaking down which had impeded the giving of the gospel to heathen women, she recognized the guiding hand of her Father, and felt her responsibility, as never before, to obey the last command of her "risen Lord." Forming an acquaintance with a Christian sister, who had also received from the Holy Ghost the same call, she united with her in strenuous efforts to arouse an increased missionary zeal and activity among Christian women, in behalf of their sex in heathen lands. certed plan for correspondence and visitation was adopted. preparatory to an attempt to organize a work for this purpose throughout our American Zion. A stated meeting of prayer was held in her parlors to implore divine wisdom and direc-Eight months were spent in communication, by letter or personal calls, with the secretaries of foreign missionary societies, with returned missionaries, and the wisest counsellors of the churches. The American Board alone responded by formal propositions, showing how the Christian women of their churches could co-operate with them in attaining the proposed end.

In 1868 the Woman's Board of Missions was organized; and

Mrs. Bartlett was chosen Treasurer, an office she continued to fill with singular ability until her death. She brought to this service talents, means, influence, and enthusiasm; and to give "Life and Light" to heathen women became the glorious work which filled, expanded, rejoiced, and purified her soul. It is a great consolation to her bereaved associates that her official duties proved to her a powerful means of grace.

She possessed in an unusual degree the art of conversing and writing well, and greatly promoted our work by a constant home and foreign correspondence. One of our auxiliaries has furnished us with the following extract from a letter, written

by her just before her fatal illness : -

"Oh how delightful it will be when at home, from the everlasting hills, we recall the way we have been led to the dear spirits surrounding us; every thing which has seemed to make us to differ being removed, — prejudices of education, position, or peculiarities of temper and disposition, all dissolved in the great salvation, — and we meet rejoicing as redeemed souls."

To her intimate friends alone was revealed her interior life, from whence flowed all the outgoings of her being; and, if the nature of the spring is determined by the quality of the streams, shall we not judge that the fountain within was full of the "Waters of Life"? She could say with the Psalmist, "All my springs are in Thee;" but the "Angel" keeps the record, and we may not open the leaves. Nothing in the way of duty was too small for her to do well; and nothing too large, in the same order, for ner to attempt. With equal assiduity she would attend to a domestic obligation, or touch a chord the vibrations of which would be felt in distant lands.

Her most familiar co-laborers noticed, on many occasions during the past year, an earnestness of word and action, as though some angel voice whispered, "Work while the day lasts, for the night of death cometh." At the meeting of the Board in the autumn, at New Haven, she repeated in a very impressive manner the beautiful hymn of Phæbe Cary, —

"One sweetly solemn thought;"

and while with much pathos she slowly measured the words,-

"For it may be, I'm nearer home, Nearer now than I think," a fear was excited for a brief moment that they might prove

prophetic.

The tidings of her death will stir regret in many missionary circles; while in Bitlis and Van, Turkey, where Miss Ely, the teacher of her adoption, has successfully labored, her name will be mentioned with quivering lips, tearful eyes, and deep affection.

She has perpetuated her interest in our cause by the bequest of five thousand dollars to our permanent fund; while she has left us, in the formation and nurture of our enterprise, a deposit of sacred trust never to be forgotten, but to be preserved and developed for coming generations. To Christian women she will ever continue to speak in behalf of their heathen sisters by an example of steadfast faith, cheerful fidelity, and zealous, self-denying, persistent labors, so long as "Woman's Poards" exist.

When the consciousness is forced upon us that we shall see her no more, we mourn that our earthly communion is ended, but we rejoice that her fellowship above is perfected.

"Ay, for the God we know is on that shore,—
The God of whose attractions we know more
Than of those who may appear
Nearest and dearest here.
Oh! is He not the life-long friend we know
More privately than any friend below?

"So not alone we land upon that shore;
'Twill be as though we had been there before:

We shall meet more we know
Than we can meet below,
And find our rest like some returning dove,
And be at home at once with our Eternal Love."



WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM MAY 19 TO JUNE 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E.	BATES, TREASURER.
MAINE. Waldoboro'. — Miss Eliza Clays and Mrs. Sarah Demuth, \$1 each, Waterville. — Aux., Mrs. E. S. Cameron, Treasurer, with previous contribution, to constitute L. M. Mrs. E. S. Cameron, Total, NEW HAMPSHIRE. Campton. — Miss Eunice Bartlett, to constitute herself L. M., \$25 00 Portsmouth. — North Cong. Ch.	Boston. — Union Ch., of which \$15 from Mrs. Alex. Strong, \$22. Mt. Vernon Ch., "A Lady," \$1 50. Park-street Ch., collected by Mrs. J. K. Wiggin, \$214.50; Mrs. L. A. Baldwin, \$1; total, \$215.50. Berkeley-street Ch., additional, \$1. Shawmut Ch., Mrs. Stone, \$5; "A Lady," \$1; total, \$6. Miss Lydia Cook, \$3; "E. L. R.," \$2; "A Friend," \$40, Boston Highlands. — Eliot Ch., by Mrs. E. H. Anderson, Cambridgeport. — Aux., Mrs. Benj. Tilton, Treasurer, \$150; Prospect-street Ch., "Wiyuh
"Rogers Mission Circle," 30 00 Temple. — Female Missionary Society, 8 50	Workers," \$10.28, 160 28 Chelsea. — Chestnut-street Ch.,
Total, \$63 50	aux., Mrs. C. H. Newell, Treas., \$35.75; "A Friend," \$2; Central Ch., by Mrs. Ed-
	\$2; Central Ch., by Mrs. Ed- win Carr, \$100, 137 75
C. Home Building-Fund. Keene. — Sunday School of First Cong. Ch., \$100 00 VERMONT.	Clinton.—Aux., of which \$15 from Mrs. Winter's S.S. class, \$10 by the Society, to consti- tute L. M. Mrs. Eliza Sawyer,
Brattleboro' Central Ch. aux.,	\$6.70 towards the support of a pupil at Barcelona, Spain, 31 70
Miss J. Kuech, Treasurer, of which \$75 to constitute L. M.'s	Dedham Mrs. G. N. Farring-
Mrs. O. Slate, Mrs. J. Steen, Mrs. James F. Esty, \$78 60 St. Johnsbury. — South Cong. Ch., 6 05	Foxboro'. — Mrs. Daniels Carpenter, to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. C. E. Carpenter, Mrs. M. A. Prescott, Mrs. S. A. Alden,
West Townshend.—S. S., Willie Taft, Treasurer, 10 75	Mrs. A. F. Bartlett, 100 00 Grantville.—"Sallie, Fannie,
	and Helen," 5 00
Total, \$95 40	Hadley, South. — Mt. Holyoke Fem. Sem., Miss Elizabeth
C. Home Building-Fund.	Blanchard, Treasurer, for sal-
Burlington. — Aux., Mrs. J. H. Worcester, Treasurer, \$125 00	ary of Miss Fannie E. Wash- burn of Marsovan, of which \$25 from Miss J. E. Ward, to
MASSACHUSETTS.	constitute L. M. Miss S. Grace
Adams, North. — The Ladies' Benevolent Society, \$15 00	Peckham, Hampton, West Mrs. V. A. Jewett, 3 00
Benevolent Society, \$15 00 Amesbury. — Aux., Mrs. Edwin W. Osgood, Treasurer,	Hanover Mrs. Rev T. D. P.
win W. Osgood, Treasurer,	Stone, 1 00
of which \$25 to constitute L. M. Mrs. P. S. Boyd, 28 50	Haverhill. — Miss E. B. Knight, 5 00 Hubbardston. — S. S., towards
Amesbury, West Aux., 46 00	

Lawrence Central Ch., Mrs.	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Wheeler of
Benj. Coolidge, \$10 00	Lincoln, Mass., \$100; "E. L. R," \$2; "A Friend," \$25;
Leominster Mr. M. C. Bou-	R," \$2; "A Friend," \$25;
tell's S. S. class, towards the support of a pupil in Miss	The Mothers' Meeting of the
support of a pupil in Miss	The Mothers' Meeting of the Shawmut Mission, \$5; Union
Proctor's school. 35 40	Ch., S.S., \$100; Young Ladies'
Malden. — Aux., Miss Jennie E. Holm, Treasurer, for support	Mission-Circle, proceeds of
Holm, Treasurer, for support	fair, \$220; Mrs. Mary A. Bri-
of Marta, Bible-reader, Har- poot. 40 00	Mission-Circle, proceeds of fair, \$220; Mrs. Mary A. Bri- ant, \$5; "A Friend," \$50; "A dying remembrance," \$30, \$537 00
	Cambridgeport. — Mr. Chas. S.
Medway, West. — To constitute L. M. Mrs. Ellen B. Segur,	Williams, of which \$25 to con-
\$25; Mrs. Mary E. Ide, \$10, 35 00	stitute L. M. Mrs. Ella F. M.
Montague. — Aux., with previ-	Williams, 30 00
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L. M. Mrs. Edward B. Norton. 16 00	
Northampton "A Thank-Of-	Haverhill.—"A Friend," 200 00 Medford.—"McCollum Mis.
iering,"	Medford "McCollum Mis-
Paxton Aux., 10 00	sion-Circle," 35 00
Salisbury. — Aux., Mrs. E. A. Colby, Treasurer, 9 00	Newton Mrs. Alfred B. Ely,
Colby, Treasurer, 9 00	\$100; Eliot Ch, aux., Miss M. C. Howe, Treasurer, \$300, 400 00
Sherburn. — Mrs. Aaron Green-	C. Howe, Treasurer, \$300, 400 00
wood, \$2; Mrs. J. D. Coolidge, \$1, 300	Roxbury, West Mrs. John Pearce, \$25; Miss Joy, \$25, 50 00 Salem Miss Emma P. Newell, 5 00
Shrewsbury "Little Sun.	Salem Miss Emma P. Newell, 5 00
beams, 2.50	Somerville L. Gulliver, Esq.,
	to constitute L. M. Miss Evic, 25 00
Southampton. — Aux., Miss Jane Z. Judd, Treasurer, of	Wellesley Mrs. Pauline A.
which \$25 to constitute L. M.	Durant, 2:6 00
Miss Jane Z. Judd, 40 85	CONNECTICUT.
Spencer Aux., Mrs. S. C.	Hartford South Ch., Mrs.
Dyer, Treasurer, 10 00	Chas. H. Smith, \$10 00
Weymouth Mrs. Z. B. Loud, 5 00	Woodstock, No " A Friend," 10 00
Weymouth, South Aux., for	
support of a pupil in Mrs. Gulick's school, Barcelona,	Total, \$20 00
Spain, 40 00	G. Hama Building Found
Whitinsville Aux., Mrs. C.	C. Home Building-Fund.
E. Whitin, Treasurer, of which	New-Haven Branch Miss
\$25 from Mrs. Laselle, to con-	Henrietta W. Hubbard, Treas.,
stitute L. M. Miss Kate W.	Norwalk, aux., Miss C. E.
Laselle; also \$25 from Mrs.	Raymond, Treasurer, \$112.25;
Paul Whitin, to constitute L.	Bridgeport, aux., Mrs. Ed. Sterling, Treasurer, \$70: West
M. Miss Emily Fletcher, 90 00	Meriden, aux., Miss Emma
Wilmington. — Aux., to constitute L. M. Miss Lucinda E.	Meriden, aux., Miss Emma S. Butler, Treasurer, \$100.13;
Robie, 25 00	New Britain, aux., Miss Alice
Winchendon Aux., Mrs. C.	G. Stanley, Treas., \$111.05; Milford, Mrs. Sarah P. Benja-
W. Bowker, Treasurer, with	Milford, Mrs. Sarah P. Benja-
previous contribution to con-	min, \$5; New Haven, College
stitute L. M.'s Mrs. S. I. Hall,	Chapel, Mrs. S. D. Woolsey,
Miss Ella Balcom, Mrs. C. W.	\$10; Center Ch., Mrs. Swift, \$5; Third Ch., Mrs. Landfear,
Bowker, 16 00	\$2; Miss M. F.Mather, pledged
Yarmouth" Little Sea-Birds,"	last October, \$25; Appropri-
\$2.50; aux., Mrs. B. Hallett,	ated from General Funds by
Treasurer, \$8.50, 11 00	vote of the Branch, June 10,
Total \$1.657.48	\$559.57, \$1,000 00
Total, \$1,657 48	Haddam, East A legacy of
C. Home Building-Fund.	the late Mrs. Sarah B. Par-
Andover Mrs. H. N. Fay, to	sons, by Rev. H. M. Parsons,
constitute herself L. M., \$25 00	ex., 500 00
Boston Old South Ch., Mrs.	NEW YORK.
Alpheus Hardy, to constitute	Brasher Falls S. S., for sup-
L. M.'s Mrs. Samuel H. Tay-	port of pupil in Harpoot
for of Andover, Mass., and	Seminary, 10 00

Westmoreland. — Aux., Mrs. A.
M. Deane, Treasurer, additional, \$10 00

Wew York City.—"Cheerful
Workers," Miss Laura Whittemore, Treasurer, for support of Mrs. Chandler's Hindoo girls' school, Madura,
\$138; To the girls' boardingschool, Barcelona, Spain, in
memory of Dea. Henry C.
Hall, \$210,

Total. \$368 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

New York City.—"Cheerful
Workers," \$177 42

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia Branch.—Mrs. W. E. C. Wright, Treasurer, Washington, D.C. Mrs. S. C. Pomeroy, to constitute L. M. Mrs. W. P. Drew, \$25; Mrs. F. H. Smith, to constitute herself L. M., \$25; "Ivy-Leaves for Agawan," \$166.50; Woman's Missionary Society, \$25; Orange, N.J., aux., \$30; East Orange, Grove-street Ch., aux., \$37.50; Baltimore, aux., \$36.50; Collected at Annual Meeting, \$21.18; Newark,

N.J., "Workers for Jesus," for Mrs. Chapin's school, China, \$50; First Cong. Ch., aux., \$95; Philadelphia, Mr. Nelson F. Evans, to constitute L. M. Mrs. Evans, to constitute L. M. Mrs. Evans, Evans, Wrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Elwell, \$10 each, \$20; Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Coane, Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. C. A. Newman, \$5 each, \$25, \$631 68

C. Home Building-Fund.
Philadelphia Branch.—Jersey
City, "Earnest Workers,"
\$100; Philadelphia, Mrs. R.
W. Hart, \$10, \$110 00

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New Providence. — Miss becca Kerr,	Re- \$1 00
MINNESOTA.	
Northfield. — Cong. Ch.,	\$10 00
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"Life and Light" previous 1873,	27 25

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TO PATRONS.

Ar a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Board of Missions, held June 16, Mrs. Benjamin E. Bates was appointed Treasurer of the society in place of Mrs. Homer Bartlett; and Miss Emma Carruth, Assistant Treasurer. Letters may be addressed to either of these ladies, No. 1, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston.

In making out checks, it is very desirable that persons who remit money should add the title of Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer, to the name.



TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MRS. COFFING.

WE give this month, instead of short extracts from several missionary letters, a long letter from Mrs. Coffing, which illustrates some of the difficulties met by her in her efforts to awaken an interest among the village people, in the education of girls, and also the pressing demand for more laborers in that field, if work there is to be successfully prosecuted.

"We spent one week longer in Hadjin than we had intended, hoping that the commissioners appointed to form the church and ordain the pastor would come; but, having learned from Mr. Montgomery that they would not probably come till October, we left there Aug. 14.

"We came only two hours out that evening; the pastor elect and the teacher accompanying, and staying the first night with us. In the morning we parted with them, expecting to spend the night in Geksun. Rain prevented, however; and we camped out under some trees two hours from the village, and went in the next morning. We spent two hours at the house of a Marashite, the son of a man who once said there should never be two Protestants in Marash; yet he has lived to see two large churches built there, one of them nearly joining his own house.

"The son, in whose house we now found ourselves honored guests, has a daughter whom I have tried to get into our

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school. Again and again have I gone to his house, hoping to find him, but never had the pleasure of looking him in the face till I met him in Geksun. He had a generous breakfast prepared for us; and, while we were eating, I told him I was visiting the villages in the interest of education, and at the right moment asked him if he thought it a proper thing for us to go into these villages for girls, and leave his daughter in Marash uneducated. He replied that he was just going to ask that question himself. I assured him that the fault did not lie at my door. After taking coffee, some one of our number said we ought to be going. I said, 'No: I have not yet finished my work here. I want this friend to promise me that he will write to Marash, commanding that his daughter shall be sent to school this winter.' He answered, 'I will give her myself when I come.' We will see!

"We were so belated by this unexpected entertainment, that we did not reach Tarpooz till Saturday morning: but we were content; we were working by the way. Tarpooz is a village of about three hundred Mussulman houses, and seventy Armenian, and is seven hours west of Albustan. It has a small Protestant community; and a few men and three or four women are members of the Albustan church. But all the instruction they have had for five years is what a student could give them in two vacations of ten weeks each; and they have fallen into a miserable state. quarrelled with one another. Some have returned to the Armenians, because, they say, there is no union among the brethren; others because they have been oppressed by Protestants, and thus the name is in disgrace. We tried to talk with the Armenian women, but were so often told that the Protestant women were no better than they, that we heartily wished that work there had been delayed until it could be thoroughly prosecuted, and the people well grounded in the truth. The reasons for it thus being left

for five years were, first, the want of a proper man to send there; and the next, want of funds. But I think the true reason is, the missionaries have not known the actual state of things there, simply because they are so confined by their school duties, that it is impossible for them to give the out-stations the attention they need.

"We staid in Tarpooz till Wednesday evening, but were unable to get the promise of even one girl for the school. Among the Protestants there was but one girl old enough, and she was engaged. The girl is very anxious to go, and her father and mother are anxious to have her; but her intended husband is unwilling. Learning that they were not to be married for eighteen months, I called on him, and talked to him more than an hour, trying to persuade him to let her go for one year. After bringing forward all the reasons he could against her going, he said, 'You almost persuade me;' and finally rose up, saving he could not answer my arguments; they were all good and right, and he must go, or he should promise to allow her to go to school. So I was obliged to leave the matter. The girl is bright and good, and I am anxious to have her come on her own account, but more desirous because it would do the village good to have the ice thus broken. The example would be worth more than it would cost. The pastor here promises to go over again before school commences, and make one more effort; but I fear it will be a fruitless one.

"But, although no one was willing to send a daughter to Marash, yet all, Armenians and Protestants, pleaded for a female teacher, for a girls' school in their own village; and many of the women seemed anxious to learn to read. But what could I do for them? There is no home into which I could put one of our girls; and, if there were, I had not the means to support her. The brethren are poor. One of them said, that if six hundred piasters passed through

his hands in the year he thought he had done a fair business (twenty-two piasters make one dollar in gold). They promise four hundred piasters a year for a preacher. It would cost many times that sum to support a man among them; but I have no doubt that a really honest, working man would lead them to increase the amount paid for this purpose from year to year till the whole would be assumed by them. Shall the whole village be left to die in their sins, because eight men cannot at once pay the expense of a preacher? I think not; and I shall use all my influence to have a man sent there at once. And if one is sent, there will be a request presented to the Woman's Board for nine hundred piasters for a girls' school at Tarpooz.

"With all their faults, they deserve praise for having maintained sabbath services and faithfully paid their tithes up to the present time. They have nearly completed a chapel, to meet the expense of which they have already paid two thousand piasters. Silver and gold I have not now; but my prayers and influence, in the name of Jesus, I will use for them."

Home Bepartment.

THE opportunities afforded by the Annual Meetings of State Associations and Conferences held at this season, for communicating with pastors and with ladies from different parts of these interior States, with reference to our work for Christ in foreign lands, have been gladly improved the present year, and attended by many encouraging indications.

INDIANA.

The number of ladies from a distance attending the meeting held at Elkhart, Ind., May 16, was not large, but a good degree of interest was manifested. Many of the pastors connected with the Association expressed a strong desire to know more of the object of our organization and our plans for work. In compliance with an earnest invitation received from them, a statement relating to this subject was made before the Association.

Several pastors pledged themselves to take active measures at once for forming societies auxiliary to the W. B. M. I. in their own churches. One society of sixty members has since been reported as organized in Michigan City, the result in a great measure of interest awakened on that occasion.

MICHIGAN.

The following report of the meeting in Michigan has been forwarded to us by an officer of our Board, who was present, and took part in the exercises:—

"At the Ladies' Missionary Meeting, held in connection with the General Association, at Lansing, May 22, it was resolved to form a State Missionary Society 'for the purpose of aiding in the formation of local Woman's Missionary Societies auxiliary to the W. B. M. I.' A Central Secretary, Mrs. H. S. Hubbell of Ann Harbor, was elected, and committees appointed, consisting of four ladies from each local conference, whose duty shall be to correspond with some person in each church in which a Woman's Missionary Society is not already formed.

"Mrs. Dr. Walker of the Gaboon Mission was present, and gave us an interesting account of her labors in Africa; and Mrs. Saunderson allowed us a glimpse of the toils and pleasures of Home Missionary life."

ILLINOIS.

At the meeting held in Elgin, Ill., May 29, nearly one hundred ladies listened with close attention to Mrs. Smith's statement of the claims of woman's work in Missions upon the love and prayers and liberal contributions of the women of our Western churches. Mrs. Walker's sketch of the history of the Gaboon Mission, and incidents of her life while connected with it, awakened much interest.

Reports from several auxiliary societies were presented, and valuable testimony was given to the usefulness of "Life and Light" in preparing the way for new auxiliaries, and in maintaining an interest in missions where it had already been awakened. Twenty new subscriptions were received for the periodical; while a number of ladies promised to introduce it to their friends, and secure their names, if possible, as subscribers.

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The Executive Committee appointed by the ladies convened a year ago at Marietta addressed a circular, several weeks since, to the pastors of Congregational churches throughout the State, asking them "to advise the women of their churches to send one or more delegates to the meeting of ladies to be held in East Cleveland during the session of the General Conference." As the result of this and other efficient measures adopted by this committee, the representation at the meeting held June 11 and 12 was quite general from all parts of the State.

After the organization and introductory devotional services, the report of the State Committee for the year was presented. Then followed reports from twenty or more societies auxiliary to the W. B. M. I., some of them of great interest and quite suggestive. A half hour spent in prayer and conference at the opening of the afternoon ses-

sion gave tone to the exercises which followed. Mrs. Haskell's touching narrative of the faith and love exhibited by some of the native Christians in Turkey, and the fervid appeal of Mrs. Stanley for prayer in behalf of the perishing heathen, will not soon be forgotten by those who listened to them.

The length of time devoted to the meeting in this State, a day and a half being fully occupied with its exercises; the large attendance; the promptness with which expenses incurred by the Executive Committee in their work were met; and other practical expressions of love for the cause, — made this occasion one of marked interest and of special promise.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.		Painesville. — Aux., for support
AustinburgAux., Mrs. S. W.		of Miss Parsons, to constitute
Streeter, Treasurer,	\$26 00	Mrs. John F. Brooks a L. M.,
Cleveland University Heights		\$45.50; Lake Erie Seminary,
Ch., aux., Mrs. W. H. War-		Ella L. Edwards, Secretary,
	25 00	\$50, \$95 50
ren, Secretary,		Salem Mrs. D. A. Allen, 75
Edinburg - Aux., Mrs. L. M.		State Ex. Com To defray ex-
Geer, Treasurer,	10 00	penses of delegate from Chi-
Elyria Mrs. Heman Ely,		cago to Cleveland, 22 00
towards redeeming the \$15,000		Tallmadge Aux., Mary C.
pledge,	28 00	Ashmun, Secretary, 24 40
Lafayette Aux., Mrs. H. B.		Zishmun, Becretary, 24 40
Frazer, President,	10 00	Total, \$397 55
Madison Ladies' Benevo-		Total, \$397 55
lent Society, \$25; Ladies' Mis-		
sionary Society, \$13.90,	38 90	MICHIGAN.
Marietta Aux., for support		Armada Aux., to constitute
of Sitka Bible-reader at Samo-		Mrs. Elijah Burke a L. M.,
kov, and to constitute Mrs.		Mrs. E. W. Preston, Treas-
Charles A. Stanley a L. M.,		urer. \$25 00
Mrs. J. L. Mills, Treasurer,	25 00	Collins Mrs. J. S. Matthews, 2 00
Oherlin Aux., for support of		South Boston Aux., with
Mrs. Mumford, and to consti-		other contributions, to consti-
tute Miss Emily E. Peck a		tute Mrs. Lucy A. Wood a L.M.,
L. M.,	25 00	Mrs. S. McKinney, Treasurer, 13 00
Oxford Female Seminary,		mis. D. merenney, freasurer, 10 00
aux., by Miss Peabody,	67 00	Total, \$40 00
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ILLINOIS.	IOWA.
	GrinnellAux., \$94; S.S. \$31,
Canton. — Aux., Mrs. Harriet Vittum, Secretary, \$10 10	Mrs. E. S. Schuyler, Treas., \$125 00 Keokuk. — Aux., Mrs. R. A.
Chicago. — First Ch., aux., for support of Miss Patrick, \$25	Wesson, Treasurer, 10 00 McGregor. — Aux., for Harpoot field, Mrs. R. Grant, Treas-
of which from Mrs. Charles Culver, to constitute Mrs. Sa-	urer, 9 00
rah A. Manville a L. M., \$54; New England Ch. aux.,	Polk City. — Aux., Mrs. Charlotte Rogers, Treasurer, 7 50
for support of Miss Chapin, \$30.73; Union Park Ch.,	Sibley. — "A small offering for
aux., for support of Miss Ren-	the Lord from a young friend," \$15.60; another, 40 cents, 16 00
dall, \$69.50; 47th-street Ch., aux., \$10 of which, from "E. G. I. and M. L. P.," complete	Wittemberg. — Aux., Miss D. D. Hanger, Treasurer, 13 15
the support of a pupil in Miss Fritcher's school at Marsovan,	Total, \$180 65
\$25; Leavitt-street Ch., aux.,	MINNESOTA.
to constitute Mrs. J. M. Bush-	Duluth Aux., Mrs. J. Kim-
nell and Mrs. M. B. Doane L. M.'s, \$50, 229 23	ball, Treasurer, \$17 35
Elmwood Mrs. Lydia Hotch-	Minneapolis. — Aux., to be applied to the support of Miss
kiss, 3 00	Chapin of China, and to con-
Evanston. — "Little Workers," for children's work in Japan, 10 00	stitute Mrs. Lucy A. Gris-
Glencoe Mrs. S. C. Bartlett.	wold a L. M., Mrs. G. Conant, Treasurer. 40 00
for the school of Miss Porter in Peking, 25 00	Treasurer, 40 00 Wasioja. — Mrs. E. A. Shedd,
Jacksonville. — Aux., for the	to constitute herself a L. M., 25 00
support of Miss Evans of Tung	Total, \$82 35
Chow, China, Miss Emily Ad- ams, Treasurer, 10 00	
Rockford Second Ch., aux.,	MISSOURI.
Mrs. W. A. Talcott, Treas- urer, 30 14	St. Louis. — Woman's Board of Missions for Missouri, to com-
urer, 30 14	plete the first year's support of
Total, \$317 47	Miss Claghorn of China, of which \$25 from Mrs. Andrew
	Pierce, to constitute herself a
WISCONSIN.	L. M.; \$25 from Mrs. Emily
Bloomington Aux., Mrs. E.	P. Kimball, to constitute Mrs. T. M. Post a L. M., Mrs. N.
C. Tracy, Treasurer, 6 00 Delaware. — Aux., to constitute	R. Collins, Secretary, \$75 00
Mrs. P. A. Buchanan and Mrs.	
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LIFE AND LIGHT.

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NUMBERING HAIRS.



BY MRS. STURGIS.

RS. STURGIS, in one of her letters, describes a sabbath school in Micronesia, where the men in their calico shirts and cotton pantaloons, and the women in clean dresses, with their hair neatly twisted into a knot behind, sit on the floor in groups of six or eight, studying their Testaments and Primers, or singing hymns. Then she tells us one of the many queer ideas the natives have

about Bible verses, as follows: -

"After a short recess they came together, — the men in one room, and the women in another; and all who chose told what they could remember of the morning sermon. One man spoke of the interest he had felt in the explanation of the text, 'The hairs of your head are all numbered.' He said he could understand how God could number a person's hairs when they were all straight; but that he could do it when they were as curly as on some of their heads was indeed wonderful.

THE DYING BRAHMIN.

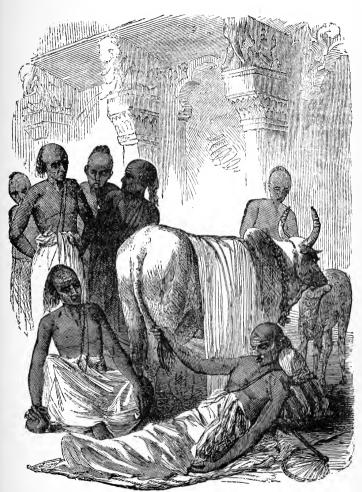
BY MRS. CAPRON.

This poor man has come to the hour of his death. Did you ever hear any one telling about the dying-hours of one whom you knew? When you heard how he seemed to find Jesus beside him, did it not seem to you safe and blessed? Many such have gone joyfully to heaven with Jesus as a present guide; and many in India have died and are dying as you see this heathen. His friends see that his last hour is come; and, if he is on a bed or on a mat, he must be removed, and laid on the ground, a cloth that has never been worn having been spread for him. The dying man is then made, if possible, to repeat certain prayers, which are supposed to secure forgiveness of sins.

Finally a cow is led into the room. This is a sacred animal among the Hindus, and is to lead the departing soul out of this world to whatever world it is destined to go. The cow is decorated with garlands; and on her horns are rings of brass or gold. A new cloth is laid upon her; and she is led to the dying man, who takes hold of her tail. When he is no longer able to keep his hold, his nearest relative aids him until the last breath shows that the soul has gone from this life. Prayers are chanted that the cow may conduct him by a blessed path to a better land.

Think of this strange, lonely death, and then think of the death of one whom Jesus loves, as he looks forward to seeing face to face his risen Lord.

[&]quot;Anywhere with Jesus, for it cannot be
Dreary, dark, and desolate where he is with me.
He will love me alway, every need supply:
Anywhere with Jesus should I live or die."



THE DYING BRAHMIN.

THE WORSHIP OF BUDDHA.

In the far-off land of India, of which the readers of "Echoes" have heard so much, the people worship a god whose name is Buddha. They say that he lived in four hundred millions of worlds before he came to this one; that he first made his appearance as a worm, then became a fly, a fish, some kind of an animal, and finally a man; that, when he was born, he immediately exclaimed, "Now I am the noblest of men. This is the last time I shall be born." What reasons do you think they give for his being a god? That he made this beautiful world, and every thing in it? That he is a kind and loving father to all his creatures? Not at all. They think he is divine because he was nine cubits high; because his ears were long enough to touch his shoulders; because his hands reached to his knees, his fingers were all of the same length, and he could touch the end of his nose with his tongue. When he was forty-five years old, as a reward for his great holiness, he was annihilated; and now his images must be worshipped until the



next Buddha appears, which will be in seven or eight thousand years. Some of these images are very large; and beautiful temples are built to hold them. To take care of these, and especially to dispose of the hundreds of offerings, requires a great many priests.

In the picture you see one of them as he sits waiting for worshippers. With a fan before his face, he is supposed

to be entirely absorbed in reading the sacred books, until he is called upon to assist in some ceremony. Often there are several of them reading aloud at the same time. Do you think there can be much solemnity about it?

In this next picture we see the priest as he goes abroad: and he looks like quite an imposing person. two cloths he has on - one wound about his body, and the other thrown over his shoulder - are of bright yellow; and he seldom wears any thing on his feet to protect them from the burning soil. He keeps the hair on his head and eyebrows shaved close to the skin. But he doesn't allow a barber to touch it; he is entirely too sacred for that: it must be done by another priest. Every morning, as soon as daylight appears in the sky, he takes a dish covered with a white cloth, and goes about from house to house for rice. No matter how poor



a family may be, they manage to lay aside during the day some rice or fruit or money for him the next time he comes. When any thing is put into his dish, the person who gives it stands with folded hands to receive a benediction, which is generally a promise of some reward for his goodness in feeding the priest.

Whenever he goes on a journey, he carries the circular fan which he has in his hand; and his religion requires him to hold it so near his face, that he cannot see more than a "bullock's length" of the road on which he is travelling. He considers himself superior to all human beings, never condescending to notice the people who bow reverently be-

fore him as he passes along; and no one is allowed to sit in his presence. When he goes to prescribe for a sick person, a chair is brought outside the house, covered with white cloth; and all stand about him, while one of the family kneels before him, or, standing behind his chair, whispers in his ear the complaint of the sick man. How would you like, dear children, to be obliged to treat your kind pastor with all this ceremony? Isn't it much pleasanter to have him take you by the hand, and listen kindly when you tell him about your studies, your trials, or your pleasures?

There is a very precious relic which was preserved at the time Buddha was annihilated, and is worshipped by millions of people, or, as the Hindus say, by three worlds. What do you think it is? It is one of his teeth! A large, bell-shaped building was erected near a temple to hold this wonderful thing; and, when it was put in its place, there was said to be a terrible earthquake, which made the hair of the spectators stand on end.



Here is a picture of the tooth; and I think you will say that it looks more as if it belonged to an elephant than to a man. It seems like nothing more than a piece of ivory very much discolored; but when,

on great occasions, the priests exhibit it to the people carefully placed on golden lotus-leaves, thousands throng to see it, making the most adoring gestures, and filling the air with their shouts.

I wonder if our little friends ever think of the simple beauty of our blessed gospel, and how much it helps them to grow into true and noble men and women. Will you not try, dear children, to send it to the millions of heathen boys and girls, who know no religion but the senseless, degrading mockery I have tried to describe?

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ENIGMA.

BY M. C. C.

I AM composed of thirty-two letters.

My 3, 2, 20, 9, was the grandmother of Timothy.

My 6, 7, 14, 4, 13, 28, was a religious poet.

My 19, 25, 17, 18, 27, 21, is not as desirable as a good name.

My 12, 5, 24, 31, was the beloved disciple.

My. 12, 16, 17, 29, 1, 11, 20, 31, 32, is the name of a lady missionary in Central Turkey, that we see in "Life and Light."

My 22, 30, 31, 32, 17, 18, 10, is a place in China.

My 8, 15, 22, 24, is the name of a book in the Old Testament.

My 16, 7, 23, is what some little girls do to get pennies for the heathen.

My whole is what we all should strive to be.

Morship of the True God.

WHILE heathen children vainly bow
To gods of wood and stone,
Our hearts in adoration now
Look up to Thee alone.

No smoking incense here we burn,
No lighted candles flame:
Our waiting eyes to heaven we turn,
And ask in Jesus' name.

And He who suffered on the cross Looks down in pity now; And God, for Jesus' sake, accepts Our penitential vow.

For Christ's dear sake our sins forgiven, Our hearts created new, We'll walk the narrow way to heaven, And beckon others too.

For, while we strive and watch and pray
To keep our actions pure,
God's Spirit in our hearts will stay,
To make the effort sure.

For all who hear the gospel call,
Oh, give us faith to pray,
That they and we may come to God
Through Christ, the living way!

ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

Inanda Female Seminary.

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the May number from A. B. H., Indian Orchard, Mass.; B. B. W., Hartford, Conn.; H. A. R., Boston, Mass.; S. P. C., Southbury, Conn.; "Little Pilgrims," Belleville Sabbath School, Newburyport, Mass.; C. F. S., Boston, Mass.; A. E. N., Pittsfield, Mass.; H. S. C., Williamstown, Vt.; W. W. H., Winchester, Mass.



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CHINA.

GLEAMS OF SUNSHINE.

BY MISS ANDREWS.

Two or three facts have come to my knowledge recently, which have greatly encouraged me, making me feel that the seed we are sowing is not all lost. We have need to count all the gleams of sunshine when there is so much of darkness all around us. A woman by the name of Sun, who has been sewing for us, and has learned to read a little, has manifested a good deal of interest in our religion. think, for some time past, that she has been fully convinced that what we teach is truth, and has had a desire to follow it. At the last Chinese new year, when the "kitchen gods" are always burned, and new ones set up in their places, she told me she had ceased to worship hers, and did not intend to have one in the house any longer. However, when the 17

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day came, her husband insisted on setting up the new god; and she was unable to prevent it. But her little girl, one of my Sabbath class, — a bright, independent child, yet always so restless and inattentive, that I had some doubts as to whether she had ever gained a single idea of the truth, — protested against it, telling her father that it was not a god at all, it was nothing but a sheet of paper with a picture on it; that it was wrong to worship it, and God would be angry. The mother and child at last gained their point; and the idol was destroyed.

Some time afterward, the youngest child in the family was taken very sick, so that they feared it would die. doctress that was called asked at once where their god was, and assured them, that, unless a new one was immediately set up, there was no hope of the child's life; telling them of a little girl whom we had taught to read, who had died four years before, undoubtedly because her mother had destroyed their "kitchen god." The father, greatly alarmed by this story, and fearing for the life of his child, sent at once for a new idol, and established it in its place, where it has remained ever since; though the mother refuses to worship it, and gives the praise of her child's recovery to God alone. She says she has prayed daily for a long time; and a few weeks ago, at one of our little weekly meetings for women, she offered a short, simple, earnest prayer that pleased me much. She had appeared unusually interested during the meeting, in our talk about the words, "Behold I stand at the door, and knock;" and, in a little conversation which I had with her afterward, she told me, with tears in her eyes, that she did want to be a Christian; but her husband would keep the idol in the house, and she couldn't help it. She seemed to think, that while the false god had its place in her home, even though unworshipped by her, God would not accept her service. She appeared greatly

relieved and very happy, when I told her, if it was kept contrary to her wishes, and she steadily refused to worship it, that its being there would not be counted a sin to her, and she could still serve the Saviour. Poor woman! She will not find it easy to follow Jesus in the face of her husband's opposition and the ridicule of her friends and neighbors; but she seems to have great strength of will. And, if she does indeed love the Saviour, I trust he will give her grace to live a Christian life, and to bear all for him. Pray for her.

During the past winter, my Bible-reader, Mrs. Tsua, has had a long and very dangerous sickness; so that for some time we did not think it possible she could recover: she herself feels almost as if she had been raised from the dead. She has frequently been very sick before, and has always manifested a great fear of death; but, all through this last sickness, her heart was kept in perfect peace, resting in the Saviour.

I think I must have written you last autumn of a Sabbath class of little girls which I had just started. I have kept it up during the winter and spring; and I think it promises well. Most of the pupils come from heathen families; and their parents are easily frightened by any thing they hear said against us. Once or twice I have lost about half my scholars through a few words spoken by some one who knew nothing about us, except that we were foreigners, and therefore to be feared or hated. times, after a few weeks, as the alarm passes away, the children come back; but I cannot, of course, expect to keep up a very regular class, so long as the parents have no interest in the truth, nor desire to have their children taught. The little girls seem to enjoy it very much; and the hour I spend with them is to me one of the pleasantest of the week. They are gathering up a little store of Bible

verses, learning one each Sabbath; and it pleases me to see how anxious they are to remember them. I have the verses written in Chinese on the picture-cards which I give them; and in this way a few of the precious words are finding entrance into their homes, to be read, it may be, by some to whose hearts they will come as a message from God. They are also learning the language of prayer, and something of its meaning, I hope; and slowly, very slowly, they are gaining a little knowledge of the great truths of the Bible. Will you not join with us, dear friends, in praying that the scattered seed may not be lost? It is a great joy to us to know that your prayers go up with ours for the coming of God's Spirit in this land.

TURKEY.

AMONG THE VILLAGES.

BY MRS. WHEELER.

(CONCLUDED.)

WE know our readers will be glad to join Mrs. Wheeler once more in her visits among the women in the village of Ichmeh. We regret that the account of them could not be continued in the last number.

"In one house we found an old lady from another village, who was quite haughty at first, saying,—

"'I am as good as you Prots. Of course, reading the Bible is a good thing: we have the Bible in our churches.'

"'Do you understand the ancient Bible when read?'

" ' No.'

"'Then I will read it to you in English. Do you understand that? But it is the Bible. Now I will give you the same in your spoken language. Do you know what I read?'

"'Yes.'

"After a while she became very kind and gentle, and listened earnestly as I told her we must look to Jesus as our only perfect example; that to be a Protestant was not to be a Christian; that we must be like Jesus Christ.

"In another house we saw an old woman, who was sure she should go to heaven, saying, 'I will take Christ by the collar, and go in. I will not stay out.' It is not of much use to try to influence such persons; but, as the room was partly filled with women who had come in to hear us, I talked with them about the way to heaven, repeated a part of the fourteenth chapter of John, and prayed with them. The old lady listened to all I said; and it is not impossible for God to bless the words spoken, even to her.

"We visited one place where we found poverty, it is true, but something also that refreshed our souls. It was the home of priest Emanuel, his wife, and six children. There were no carpets nor cushions, except a few that we should call rags; but every thing looked clean, even though the floor was of mud, and the house small. They brought a cushion from another room for me, probably a part of their bedding; and the mother received us with a cheerful smile. The father was not there. His work is weaving, for which he gets twelve cents a day. Once he was the respected priest of that part of the village; but the Protestant Bible found its way into the house. It was God's word, why shouldn't they read it? They hurried the little ones to bed; and, when no eye but God's could see, the priest brought out the concealed book, and read it with his wife night after night. The Holy Spirit blessed the words, and they wept over them together. But there was joy in heaven; and joy came to these weeping ones. Jesus' love was sweeter than the priest's office; and the noble wife said, 'Let us cling to the religion taught in the Bible. I will take your hand,

and beg from house to house, but will go to the old church no more.'

"Of course, this made a great excitement; and persecution followed. The people called 'Prot' after them wherever they went. The priests and vartabeds cursed them publicly. They were hungry and cold; but the Bible with all its rich comfort remained to them. Their relatives upbraided, and the people hissed at them when they went abroad; but they reviled not again. The persecution has ceased; but the good wife thinks they are still in danger. The hope of a large salary is held out to tempt him to return to the priest's office. He seems determined; but we feel that God alone can keep him. Several priests who became Protestants have gone back for the 'loaves and fishes:' but these have remained firm for five or six years; and we trust they will continue to the end. The wife said, 'We are weak; pray for us.' The cross which these 'little ones' are called to bear is a heavy one; but I am sure Jesus will help them.

"I will tell you of my visits to the three Kohars (jewels), and then we will leave Ichmeh for a time. One of these Kohars is almost blind, and cannot read God's word; but she is a member of the church here, and I have no doubt she is being polished for the Master's crown in heaven. She is a widow, yet gives her tenth, and has consecrated her little girl to Christ. She sends her to the village school every day, that she may be ready to go to the Harpoot Seminary when she is old enough. The second Kohar is quite an old lady, who also loves Jesus. A little boy from the school gives her lessons; and she is learning to read the Bible for herself. The third is a rather thoughtless young woman, who cares more for the things of this world, and thinks she has enough to do without reading. She belongs to that class who say, 'How can I attend to these things?

You who have nothing to do can be religious: I am a bride, and have to work.' So you see, Satan puts just the same falsehoods into the mouths of some here as he does in America, — 'No time to do what God requires.' Ah! this 'jewel' is lost in the rubbish of this world, when God intended it should shipe for ever and ever in heaven."

CEYLON.

LETTER FROM MISS TOWNSHEND.

Shall I introduce you to the first graduating class of the Udupitty Female Boarding School? Of the seventeen girls who joined the school at its opening, five years ago, seven only have remained to complete the regular course; perhaps I ought to say six, because the seventh has dropped back into another class. Their names are Rebekah Tunkum, Julia Sinnatunkutchy, Laura Sinachy, Eunice Sinnapille, Maria Tunkum, and Marnickum Catharine—all Christians, and all but Maria going back to heathen homes. Rebekah and Julia live in a large village about five miles from here, near the houses of our catechist and schoolteacher, who are the only Christian people there. Julia has already commenced a school in her father's house.

In the last one of the many class and general prayer meetings held during the closing week of school, each one repeated a verse for us to remember as her favorite passage of Scripture. Rebekah's was, "Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Oh, how much more she knew of the truth of the former part of this verse than we do! She is an orphan, living with her married sisters, who are very cold toward us when we go there; and we may be sure she

has little sympathy from them. Julia repeated, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

Laura, who lives near us, is a poor friendless little thing; her mother and many other relatives having died of cholera six years ago. She is ardent and earnest in her piety, and conscientious in all she does. It was a long time before she could hope that she was a Christian, because the good feelings she had when she was reading the Bible and praying "wouldn't stay." Her father is kind to her, but he is away much of the time; and her sisters are very bitter in their hatred of her Christianity. I wish I could give the story in her own words, - her distress about the salvation of her friends, her anxiety that she may be patient and strong under all difficulties, and her fear about the future. When she prays, it seems as though her very life would go out in petitions for help. Her verse was, "Love is as strong as death." Eunice, her cousin, lives near here also. She has no trouble at home, and is a quiet, sweet-dispositioned girl. She repeated, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Maria, whose parents became Christians soon after she did, is older than the others, and has always been a very faithful ally in all my work for the pupils or the women in the village. She is very fond of the Scriptures, and seems to know them almost by heart; though she could scarcely read when she came to us. When in school, she was continually putting Bible questions to the groups of girls about her; and when the scholars were seated together, sewing, she would often say, "Ammah, please ask us Bible questions." I frequently took her out with me to talk to the women in the village; and, though she thus violated the customs of the people, her evident piety and singleness of purpose prevented all remark. She was always glad to be

asked to go; and no one objected to it. Her talent for the work was quite remarkable. She would talk for fifteen or twenty minutes, without the least hesitation, so earnestly, so affectionately, and yet so clearly and simply, that women who had never had a dozen thoughts in their lives would listen with breathless attention; and then she would go to another place and do the same, without repeating any thing she had previously said. She knew whereof she affirmed when she testified for a living Saviour and to the vanity of idol worship. Her verse was, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Marnickum is an orphan, with no friends; her father and step-mother having died during the last year. She repeated, "I am thy part and thine inheritance."

I would rather these girls had left school to be married and mistresses in their own homes, than to return to the seclusion of their parents' houses. They can probably do more good as they are; but they will need more grace to conduct themselves wisely. The seventeen original members of the school are all scattered now: twelve of them belong to the family of Christ on earth. We hear most encouraging accounts of those who have left us before this time. Those especially who are in their own homes are doing an important work in inducing different members of the household to attend church, and renounce idol worship.

Here I must close. The women of the villages who hear the gospel from us and from others are usually attentive and respectful; but they often have an air of sufferance, as if they were doing us a favor by giving us an opportunity to discharge our duty. Oh! when I look about me, I feel that I have indeed gone down into the pit; and I look up to you who are in the light and atmosphere of Christianity for the succor of your prayers. Are you realizing our needs, dear friends, and asking for souls from Ceylon?

Our Pork at Home.

NEW BRANCHES.

WE are very glad to announce to our readers that a third branch society, connected with the Woman's Board, was organized on the 10th of June in Middlebury, Vt. About two hundred ladies were present; and after a few earnest words from Mrs. Gyles Merrill of St. Albans, and others, the vote of delegates from auxiliaries, on the question, "Shall Vermont be a Branch?" was in the affirmative. A constitution was adopted, and the following officers chosen: Mrs. Luther Daniels, President; Mrs. J. H. Goulding, Secretary; Mrs. George H. Fox, Treasurer. Rutland was selected as the place for the headquarters of the society. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the choice of a vice-president for each county, and other business, was postponed till the first meeting that should be called by the president. The prompt arrangement for a meeting at Rutland, July 30, gives promise of a vigorous prosecution of the work throughout the State. We wish to offer congratulations to our friends there, that they are sharing more and more in the privileges of missionary labor, and to bid them the heartiest of welcomes as the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.

The ladies connected with our auxiliaries in Maine also held a very interesting meeting at the State conference in Gorham, June 26; and a committee of five was appointed to take measures for the formation of a Maine Branch. As the requisite number of auxiliary societies is already obtained, we trust we shall soon have the opportunity of extending to them a formal recognition.

WHO WILL HELP?

BY MRS. DR. ANDERSON.

When we came together on the morning of our anniversary meeting, May 29, our hearts were bowed down in sorrow; for we had just heard of the death of our beloved treasurer. The words of King David came at once to mind. As he mourned for Abner, he said, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? And I am weak this day." So we may say to each other, "Know ye not that a princess has fallen this day? and we are weak." Not only are our hearts saddened, our hands are weakened. Mrs. Bartlett has been to us a tower of strength from the beginning of our work in this organization. She has not only taken the charge of all our financial business, which was no small task; but she has been wise in counsel, and always ready with her large warm heart to sympathize, to encourage, to aid the cause in every way in her power; and well may we say, "We are weak."

Where, now, shall we turn for aid? We must not falter in this work. It is the Lord's work; and, could our departed sister speak to us, how earnestly would she say, "Go forward: it is for the conversion of heathen women you are laboring."

Even with Mrs. Bartlett's efficient aid, we have felt the need of more strength in our executive department. We have willing hearts, devoted and efficient workers; but we have frail bodies, family cares, many social and church duties; and the work is great, — at times too heavy for us. We do not feel *alone* like Elijah; for we know there are seven thousand sisters in our churches whose hearts are with us, and who, with a little more sanctified courage,

would come forward; and then all the work could be well and easily done. There is a large amount of educated female talent in our churches which is unemployed, languishing and dwarfed for want of useful, healthful development.

We ask for volunteers, and can testify that this is a good service. Who has ever been heard to regret service done for Christ's sake? and who, in future ages, will regret having their name recorded in the history of the conversion of the world?

Very often the remark is made by younger Christians, "I desire to be more useful, but do not know what to do." When Saul was converted, he prayed with great sincerity and earnestness, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" If the daughters of our churches will in like manner ask the Lord what he would have them to do, and with consecration and earnestness will do the first and humblest duties that lie in their path, the Lord will assuredly lead them, in the ways of his providence, to abundant labors in his vineyard, in some way connected with the conversion of the world.

"NEARER HOME."

BY MRS CAPRON.

IN Rocky Hill, Conn., May 15, Mrs. J. C. Smith of the Ceylon Mission.

In Boston, May 27, Mrs. Homer Bartlett.

These two, who are now numbered among the sainted dead, had a part in the meeting of the Woman's Board in New Haven, never to be forgotten by some of us. All who were there will remember that crowded church. The missionaries' prayer-meeting had delayed the missionary

ladies until after the meeting had begun; and they all stood together in the centre aisle, already lined on each side with seats, every one of which was filled. But they were eager. Mrs. Smith was standing beside me; and we were, for the first time, comprehending these scenes of which we had heard. I had learned to love her in her Ceylon home. I found her in London bereaved of the daughter who was accompanying her to America. She found comfort in telling me all about the last days, and the ocean burial. It was like this mother to say to her dying child,—

"I have always thought that I should like to send messages to my friends in heaven; and, if you should meet any of them, you may tell them what I say." And so, the messages all delivered, the precious child laid them up in her memory saying, "I will remember, mother; but I shall give your love to Jesus first, because I know that you love him best." Another daughter was waiting to welcome her to her home in this country; and in one month she, too, passed into the skies.

It was while we were standing in the crowded aisle, and while I was caring for her little strength, that Mrs. Bartlett began to read a note which had accompanied a dying gift to the Woman's Board. It was from this daughter who had just gone to heaven; but the mother nerved herself to calmness, until Mrs. Bartlett, laying down the note, began in a singularly sweet, clear voice, quivering with feeling, as if it were an inspiration, to repeat the hymn,—

"One sweetly solemn thought."

Then, covering her face with both hands, she sobbed out her grief, while we all were hushed by that voice which went through all the lines, to the faith and trust of the ending. It was prophetic to them both; and the one, with her patient waiting ended, now walks beside the crystal sea with the other, whose life was so full of vigor, cheerful hope, and enthusiastic service for her Lord.

[The two articles above were sent us for the August number, but were omitted for want of room.]

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 18 TO JULY 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.	VERMONT.
Bethel North Parish, aux., \$10 00	Castleton Mrs. Maynard, \$2 00
Castine Aux., Mrs. L. S. Ad-	Plymouth Mrs. Abigail Bald-
ams, Treasurer, 59 89	win, 4 00
Ellsworth Prayer Circle, aux.,	St. Albans First Cong. Ch.,
Miss L. L. Phelps, Treasurer,	aux., Mrs. C. F. Safford,
\$6.25; "Cup Bearers," 60 cents: "Young Reapers," 50	Freasurer, of which \$150 to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Van
	Norden, Mrs. Ellen Chester
reeport, South. — Aux., addi-	Harris, Mrs. George McGow-
tional, to constitute L. M. Mrs.	an, Mrs. Abbie Clark, Mrs. C.
Ellen M. Ilsley, 21 50	D. Fuller, Mrs. W. P. Olms-
Saccarappa Praying Circle,	stead, 240 00
aux., 10 00	
Waterford Rev. J. A. Doug-	Total, \$246 00
lass, 2 00	C. Home Building-Fund.
Total, \$110 74	Pownal Mrs. Sereno Rood, 2 00
	Towns Interpretation
C. Home Building-Fund.	MASSACHUSETTS.
Gorham Aux., \$4, making,	Athol Depot Cong. Ch., \$10 00
with previous contribution of	Auburndale Mission - Circle,
\$26, \$30, 4 00	Miss Carrie Snow, Treasurer,
NEW HAMPSHIRE.	additional, 1 00
Hampton Aux., Miss O. W.	Baldwinsville. — Mrs. Stillman
Neal, Treasurer, semi-annual	Norcross, 2 00
amount towards support of	Billerica Mrs. Whitman, \$1;
pupil in Mrs. Edwards's	Mrs. Wright, \$2; Mrs. Ma- thews. \$1. 4 00
school, \$15 00	thews, \$1, 4 00 Boston. — Miss S. L. Ropes, \$10;
Henniker. — Cong. Ch., 9 00	"A Friend," \$5; Berkeley-
Keene. — Aux., 1st Cong. Ch., 41 00	street Ch., Miss Katherine L.
Mason Village. — Miss Carrie S. Tarbell, to constitute L. M.	Bates, additional towards the
Miss Eliza Barbour, 25 00	support of pupil in Mrs. Ed-
	wards's school, \$8; Mt. Vernon
Total, \$90 00	Ch., Mrs. Edw. S. Tobey, \$1;
C. Home Building-Fund.	Union Ch., Mrs. Sarah C. Rogers, to constitute herself L.
Nashua Pearl-street S. S., 29 10	M., \$25, 49 00
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Mission Society, Mrs. J. Ward Childs, President, towards support of pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Cambridgeport.—Mrs. W. H. Hidden, Clinton.—Aux., Miss Hattie M. Haskell, Treasurer, 16 63 (Coleraiae.—Miss Rebecca Allen, S. Tyler's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Tyler's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Tyler's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Tyler's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Tyler's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Solo, Fullmouth.—"A Friend," to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Amelia Upton, Mrs. Amelia Upton, Mrs. Mrs. Amelia Upton, Mrs. Mrs. Amelia Upton, Mrs. William Abbot, S.S. class, \$9.08; Willie Sanger's savings and earnings, 52 cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, and Mrs. John Duff, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, \$50; aux., Miss M. A. Brackett, Treasurer, \$204.35, Lakeville.—Mrs. C. L. Ward, \$10; "Friends of the Cause," \$6.03, Laworence.—Aux., Mrs. J. L. Partridge, Treasurer, of which \$50 to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Allen Wilson, Miss Persis B. Berry, Miss Louse M. Varney, Mrs. Laura w. Blossom, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, Laworence, L. M.'s, C. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the Constitute L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the Constitute L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the Constitute L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the Constitute L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the Constitute L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the Constitute L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the Constitute L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, with present the Constitute L. M. Mrs. C. H. Pelree, Treasurer, of which \$100 to the Constitu	Boston Highlands. — Eliot Ch., aux., by Mrs. R. Anderson, \$12; "Bird Seed" by two little cousins," 75 cents; "Star Cir- cle, \$9: total, \$21.75. Vine- street Ch. S. S., penny contribu- tion of Infant Class, \$6.50, Braintree. — Young People's	vious contribution, to consti- tute L. M.'s Mrs. Henry C. Hall of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Miss Delia C. Torrey, \$38 00 Newburyport North Ch. Mission Circle, for support of two pupils in Mrs. Edwards's school. 60 00
Cambridge — "Willing Helpers," additional towards support of pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Cambridgeport.—Mrs. W. H. Hidden, Clinton.—Aux., Miss Hattie M. Haskell, Treasurer, 200 Dedwam.—Sarah's mite-box towards support of pupil in Mrs. Tyler's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, Talmouth.—"A Friend," to constitute L. M. Mrs. Abby L. Hanford of Unionsville, N.Y., Fitchburg.—Aux., Miss Anna S. Haskell, Treasurer, to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. H. M. Tyler, Mrs. Samuel Hawes, Mrs. Amelia Upton, Haverhill.— West Haeninger's savings and earnings, 52 cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, and Mrs. John Duff, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, \$50 cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, and Mrs. John Duff, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, \$50 cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, and Mrs. John Duff, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, \$50 cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, \$100; Mrs. Daniel T. Coit, \$500. Shawmut Ch., Mrs. Frederick Jones, \$300; Mrs. H. H. Hyde, \$100; Mrs. Daniel T. Coit, \$500. Shawmut Ch., Mrs. Benj. E. Bates, \$100; Mrs. William Houghton, \$300; Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$50 constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Charles Scudder, \$50, 100; Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$50 constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lakeville.—Aux., to constitute themselves L. M.'s, Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lakeville.—Aux., to constitute themselves L. M.'s Mrs. Canan's S. S. class towards support of pupil in Ahmednuggur, \$200 constitute L. M. Mrs. Edwards's chool, \$30, Wricketter.—Wrs. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Edwards's chool, \$30, \$300 constitute L. M. S. S. S. Class \$100; Mrs. H. H. Hyde, \$500 constitute L. M.'s Mrs. C. L. Ward, \$100; Mrs. Milliam Abbot, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$100;	Mission Society, Mrs. J. Ward Childs, President, towards support of pupil in Barcelona,	Newtonville. —Aux., additional, Newton Centre. — "An Aged Friend," 50
wards's school, Cambridgeport.—Mrs. W. H. Hidden, Clinton.—Aux., Miss Hattie M. Haskell, Treasurer, 1662 Mrs. Colby's S. S. class towards support of pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester.—Village Ch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, Zulu Mission, Mrs. Ams. Alse Mrs. Anna S. Haskell, Treasurer, to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. H. M. Tyler, Mrs. Samuel Hawes, Mrs. Amelia Upton, Haverhill. — West Haverhill Beneficent Society, Mrs. West Haverhill Seneficent Society, Mrs. West Haverhill Seneficent Society, Mrs. William Abot, Total, S. S. class, \$9.68; Willie Sanger's savings and earnings, 52 cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, and Mrs. John Duff, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, \$50; aux., Miss M. A. Brackett, Treasurer, \$204.35, Lakeville.—Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. William Abot, Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. William Aboto, Mrs. Daniel T. Coit, \$500. Mrs. William Houghton, Wilson, Miss Persis B. Berry, Miss Louise M. Varney, Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$50, total; \$550. Union Ch., Mrs. Albert Bowker, 500 on Child, Mrs. Carles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$50, total; \$550. Union Ch., Mrs. Albert Bowker, 500 on Child, Mrs. Carles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$100; Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child	Cambridge — "Willing Helpers," additional towards sup-	teachers and pupils, to consti- tute L. M. Miss Mary B.
Haskell, Treasurer, 16 63 len, Dedham. — Sarah's mite-box towards support of pupil in Mrs. Tyler's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester. — Village Ch., for pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, 30 00 Fulmouth. — "A Friend," to constitute L. M. Mrs. Abby L. Hanford of Unionsville, N.Y., Fitchburg. — Aux., Miss Anna S. Haskell, Treasurer, to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. H. M. Tyler, Mrs. Samuel Hawes, Mrs. Amelia Upton, Haverhill. — West Haverhill Beneficent Society, S.S. class, §9.68; Willie Sanger's savings and earnings, 52 cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, and Mrs. John Duff, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, §50; aux., Miss M. A. Brackett, Treasurer, \$204.35, cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, and Mrs. John Duff, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, §50; aux., Miss M. A. Brackett, Treasurer, \$204.35, cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, \$10; "Friends of the Cause," \$6.03, Lenox. — Mrs. C. L. Ward, \$10; "Friends of the Cause," \$6.03, Lenox. — Mrs. Amos S. Washburn, Mrs. Laura W. Blossom, to constitute themselves L. M.'s Mrs. Allen Wilson, Miss Persis B. Berry, Miss Louise M. Varney, Mrs. C. Mrs. Mossion, East. — Maverick Ch., Mrs. Allert Bowker, 500 00 Ch., Mrs. Laura W. Blossom, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Amos S. Washburn, Mrs. Laura W. Blossom, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, Mrs. Canan's S. Mashburn, Mrs. Laura W. Blossom, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, Mrs. Canan's S. Mashburn, Mrs. Laura W. Blossom, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, Mrs. Canan's S. Mashburn, Mrs. Laura W. Blossom, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Amos S. Washburn, Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Amos S. Washburn, Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Constitute L. M.'s, Lenox. — Mrs. Amos S. Washburn, Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Amos S. Washburn, Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Amos S. Washburn, Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Lenox. — Mrs. Mrs. Canan's S. S. class, Le	Cambridgeport.—Mrs. W. H. Hidden, 5 00	Southboro'.—Pilgrim Ev. Ch.; Mrs. Colby's S. S. class to- wards support of pupil in
len, Dedhum. — Sarah's mite-box towards support of pupil in Mrs. Tyler's school, Zulu Mission, Africa, Dorchester. — Village Ch., for pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, 7 pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, 20 pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, 20 pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, 20 pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, 25 pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, \$30 pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, \$30 pupilin Mrs. Edwards's school, \$30, 38 pupilin Mrs	Clinton. — Aux., Miss Hattie M. Haskell, Treasurer, 16 63	
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Fitchburg. — Aux., Miss Anna S. Haskell, Treasurer, to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. H. M. Tyler, Mrs. Samuel Hawes, Mrs. Amelia Upton, Haverhill. — West Hawes, Mrs. Amelia Upton, Haverhill. — West Hawes, S.S. class, §9.68; Willie Sanger's savings and earnings, 52 cents; Mrs. Marcia B. Lincoln, and Mrs. John Duff, to constitute themselves L. M.'s, §50; aux., Miss M. A. Brackett, Treasurer, \$204.35, Lakeville. — Mrs. C. L. Ward, \$10; "Friends of the Cause," \$6.03, Lawrence. — Aux., Mrs. J. L. Partridge, Treasurer, of which \$75 to constitute L. M.'s Mrs. Allen Wilson, Miss Persis B. Berry, Miss Louise M. Varney, Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$50, total; \$550. Union Ch., Mrs. Charles W. Freeland, \$100; Mrs. Linus Child, \$50, total; \$550. Union Ch., Mrs. Allert Bowker, 500 00 Ch., Mrs. Allert Bowker, 500 00 Ch., Mrs. Allert Bowker, 500 00 Ch., Mrs. Laurer, 200 00 Lowell. — Aux., to constitute L. M. Mrs. Eden B. Foster, 250 Milbury, Aux., Mrs. C. 250 00 00 Milbury, Aux., Milbury, Aux., Mrs. C. 250 00 00 Milbury, Aux., Milb	Falmouth.—"A Friend," to constitute L. M. Mrs. Abby L.	Knowlton, \$8; Mr. E. H. San- ford, for pupil in Mrs. Ed-
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TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS PATRICK.

WE are permitted to make the following extracts from a letter from Miss Patrick of Erzroom to the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Congregational Church, Chicago, dated Aug. 20, 1872:—

"Perhaps you would like to know something of the city in which I live. The plain of Erzroom is about forty miles long, and is entirely surrounded by lofty barren mountains. Near the south-east end, and about three miles from the mountains, is the city of the same name. From a distance, it appears like a great brown spot upon the plain, relieved only by the minarets and towers which abound here, as in most Oriental cities.

"Erzroom is very compactly built, being only about a mile and a half in diameter, and containing nearly sixty thousand people. The houses are so closely crowded together, that it is difficult to tell where one begins, and another ends. They are built chiefly of stone and mud, but sometimes of sun-dried brick. The entrance of an ordinary house is dark and narrow, with no floor. Doors open from it into apartments occupied by different families. Every family has a doon, or cooking-room, which, in most cases, is covered with a conical-shaped roof, built of logs, and terminating in a small opening upon the outside roof, which furnishes light for the room.

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"At one side of the room, under the chimney-place, is a deep hole in the ground, in which they bake bread. High up upon the wall is a shelf, upon which their small collection of dishes is kept. Rows of large earthen jars are arranged around the sides of the room. If the occupants are poor, a small raised platform at one side of the room is appropriated to the reception of visitors. Here rugs and cushions are placed to make it as comfortable as possible. Others who can afford it have a small parlor in addition to this common family-room. The higher rooms jut out upon the roof very irregularly: indeed, there is not the slightest order in the arrangement of buildings in Turkey. Some of the streets are wide; while others are so narrow, that a tall man, standing in the middle, can touch the buildings on both sides.

"All the refuse matter of the city is thrown into the streets, and furnishes food for the dogs, of which there are thousands. Each dog has his own street-corner, where he lives. If he ventures into another street, he is immediately pursued by all the dogs upon whose domain he has trespassed, until he retreats in despair. During the summer they manage to obtain a miserable subsistence; but in the winter they die by hundreds. They do not much resemble our household pets at home; and from seeing them I can understand the extreme contempt with which dogs are referred to in the Bible. The Turks consider them holy, and do not allow them to be killed.

"Although, as I said, sixty thousand people are crowded into Erzroom, the living population is far outnumbered by the dead. It is sad to think of the thousands who have died without any knowledge of Jesus, and of the thousands who are now living in ignorance of him, yet whom we cannot reach."

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS CHAPIN.

ONE of our Christian girls in the school at Peking has recently been betrothed to one of the boys in the school at Tung Chow, who is studying with the hope of becoming a preacher.

All the girls who have hitherto gone out from our school have married heathen, and we have generally lost sight of them, or, if not, they have given us very little comfort. Often they have seemed to lose their interest in the truth; and, in cases where they have made some effort to maintain a Christian life, it has been against such fearful odds, that it has appeared as if nothing short of a miracle could keep them from falling. They are never allowed to come to church; and they visit us but seldom. In some instances, their Christian books are taken from them; so they have nothing to help them forward in their religious life, but every thing to hinder.

This girl who has lately been betrothed gives more evidence, we think, of being actuated by true Christian motives than most of our pupils.

A few weeks ago, her courage and adherence to principle were severely tested. An aunt of hers, of whom she was very fond, died. It is the universal practice among the Chinese, when any one dies, for all the friends to assemble at the house of the deceased, and spend days (weeks and months if they can afford it) alternately wailing and feasting. The aunt lived at the house of the girl's mother; and the friends were all very earnest to have her come home. As they were poor people, the mourning did not last more than three or four days. Miss Porter did not think it best, under the circumstances, to forbid the girl's going, but left

her to decide the question under the guidance of her own judgment and conscience. She knew that her refusal to go would displease her friends, and perhaps bring upon her the charge of lack of affection for her aunt. Besides that, most young people enjoy such times of excitement; and we should not have been at all surprised if the girl had decided to go. But she felt there would be danger of compromising her Christian character, and so made up her mind to go only for one day, when all the girls had a holiday, and most of them went home. She would not go even to the burial services, lest she should be required to take part in some heathen ceremony. We felt much encouraged by her firmness amid the influences which were brought to bear upon her. She let her friends know, too, that she was not prevented from going home by her teachers, but that the decision was her own.

We have strong hopes that the proposed union will be a happy one. We feel that every Christian home established in China must exert a powerful influence for good, and trust the time is not far distant when there will be many such centres of light scattered among these dark, degraded communities.

JAPAN.

SCENES IN YEDDO.

The general desire to know more of Japan and its people leads us to give the following items from a recent letter from a missionary of the Presbyterian Board, as illustrating some of the customs and superstitions of the country:—

"There is nothing imposing about the buildings of Yeddo, excepting the temples; and they are not visible from the streets, but must be approached by long avenues. There are many large parks surrounding the houses formerly occupied by the *daimios* and their retainers; but these are enclosed by high walls, with huge solid gates, so that it is impossible to see the interior without climbing some hill or tower.

"We visited the spot where once stood the castle of the Tycoon, which was burned during the late war. The situation is elevated; and from a tower, still standing, there is a fine view of the whole city and bay. The castle was surrounded by four high walls and moats. The outer one included a considerable part of the city; while the innermost one enclosed only the castle and grounds. The moats are to be drained; and workmen are now employed in tearing down the walls, and preparing the stone for building purposes. The grand old gates are taken down, and the bronze stripped from them. One cannot but regret to see these evidences of the former grandeur of the city so recklessly destroyed.

"On Saturday we went with a number of our friends to Asakusa, in the northern part of Yeddo, where there is a large temple. It is a favorite resort of the Japanese; and, as this was a festival day, there were crowds of gayly-dressed men, women, and children, in the streets and teahouses. Our first visit was to the temple. The god to whom it is dedicated occupies the most prominent position in it; but there are other minor deities stationed at various points. I was particularly interested in watching the people around a wooden lido called the 'pain god.' Any one with a headache, or pain in the arm or leg, or any other part of the body, comes and strokes the idol, and then, with the same hand, rubs the place where the pain is felt. The image has been rubbed so much, that the nose and other features are nearly obliterated.

"Another god, and the pillar near which it stands, are covered with pieces of paper. On these, prayers had been

written, after which they were chewed, and thrown at the idol. If they stick, it is a sign that the prayers are received, and will be answered; but, if they fall to the ground, the conclusion is, that the god will not grant the requests.

"Near the temple is a collection of what are called 'wax figures,' though they are really made of clay or something of the sort. They are arranged in groups, and represent scenes connected with the history of the god of the temple.

"Several times our progress from place to place was interrupted by the approach of a large car drawn by oxen; the people, sometimes even the children, assisting. Upon the car was borne the effigy of some person distinguished in Japanese history. One was the figure of a venerable old man, with long white hair and beard, carrying a baby under his arm. This, we were told, represented an officer of high rank, who, while the empress was gone to the war, took care of her baby for her.

"The missionaries in Yeddo, with their knowledge of the language, have great opportunities for usefulness. I enjoyed hearing a class of twelve girls chant the Lord's prayer, and sing in their own language.

J. H. S.

Home Bepartment.

HAS not the following letter some practical suggestions or many of our readers?

"Last evening, at our church prayer-meeting, a part of which was devoted to talk about missions, one of our ladies spoke of sacrifices for Christ, quoting the remarks of one who, at the State S. S. Convention a few weeks since, expressed her determination 'to wear one bonnet less, or to do with one dress less, this year,' that she might have more to give to the cause of missions.

"The instrument was a weak one, but it seems that the Lord used it; for to-day a precious little girl who gave her heart to Jesus last winter came to me, saying that her mamma was expecting to get her a new dress in the fall, costing two dollars a yard, but, hearing what was said at the meeting last night, she had concluded 'to do with one dress less,' and this for Christ's sake.

"Dear child! it brought the tears to my eyes as I told her it was noble, and God would bless her for it.

M. G. M."

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of The Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, will be held in St. Louis, Mo., on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 5, 6.

Secretaries of auxiliary societies are especially requested to bear this statement in mind, and see that delegates are appointed, and reports prepared to represent their respective societies on that occasion.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM JUNE 15 TO JULY 15, 1873.

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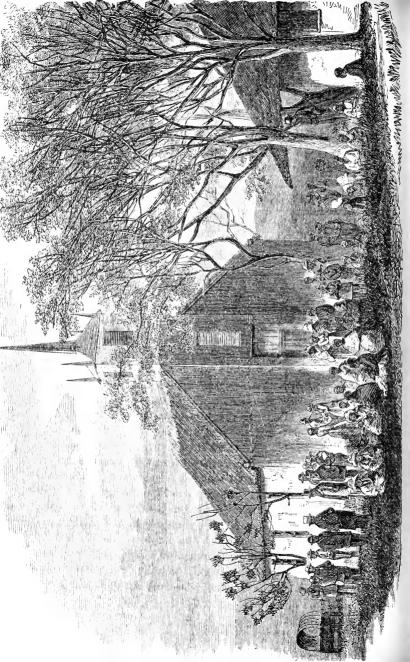
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AN AFRICAN CHURCH.

BY MISS M. W. TYLER.

N the next page, dear children, you will see a picture of the meeting-house at Amanzimtote. It is made of brick, is sixty feet long and thirty wide, and is neatly plastered and whitewashed. The roof is of thatch-grass, which is much used throughout the colony. It is especially interesting as being the first church built and paid for almost entirely by the natives themselves.

As a first step, all the men and boys upon the station — of whom perhaps two-thirds were between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one — agreed to two months' labor. During that time, they made and burned the brick, cut, rafted over the 'Umkomazi River, and drew to the station (a distance of twenty miles) all the timber, and laid up the walls as far as the windows. When the two months had expired, a number were obliged to return to their employers, whose service they had left for the specified time. The others remained, finished the walls,



thatched the roof, and completed the inside work. The wooden steeple was the gift of an English gentleman residing in Durban.

In this church was made the first contribution for the support of native missionaries, which has grown into an efficient home missionary society. Inside, the house is finished with a simple pulpit, plain but neat seats; and it looks like the country churches in America. The ceiling is composed of coarse matting made by the women for the purpose; and I used to think, as I gazed up at it, old and worn as it was, how acceptable a gift it must have been in the eyes of the Lord, as showing the love of the poor and humble towards him. The pews in this church are not sold; and those who enter in are gladly welcomed, and made to feel that there is room for all in God's house.

The view of the Amanzimtote station, from a hill near by, is most charming. Come, and enjoy it with me.

We look down upon the church, raising its spire towards the sky. Below it is the house of Rev. William Ireland, the principal of the boys' seminary, the white walls of which peep forth from a luxuriant growth of English ivy. Higher up on the hill is Mr. Pixley's house, also ivy-covered; and beyond is the new seminary, now the central object of attraction. The many who study there, we trust and pray, will go forth to tell of the Saviour, of whom they themselves have heard in the meeting-house at Amanzimtote.

It is nearly three years since I have visited this station, and there have been many changes since then; but, oh! how I wish you could have attended the annual meeting of the missionaries there in 1870! On Sunday, not only the church, but also the old seminary building (a part of which shows in the picture) and the little school-house, were crowded with attentive native listeners, eagerly

catching the words of those who addressed them from full and loving hearts. The afternoon communion service was also very touching, when native Christians, with the missionaries and their children, came together to commemorate Jesus' dying love.

I am sure that all that is wanting in beauty and elegance about the church you would at once forget, and think only of those upturned, earnest faces, upon which, thank God! the "light" has now "shined."

ORIENTAL SALUTATIONS.

I WONDER how some of the little readers of "The Echoes," who think it a great trial to be obliged to stop



long enough in their play to say "Good-morning," or to take off their hats when they enter a lady's parlor, would like to go through tiresome forms like these men in the picture. According to Oriental customs, when two most intimate friends meet in the street, the younger must take the hand of the elder, and press it to his

heart, his lips, and his forehead, with strong expressions of good-will. When any one enters a room in Turkey, all the people in it immediately rise, while he goes through this same form to each one; and, after he has taken his seat, the ceremony is repeated. Sometimes, when a room

is full, the man gives and receives as many as fifty salaams, before he is fairly seated and at his ease.

Two Arabs chancing to meet will kiss each other's hands ten times, each time asking the question, "How art thou?" In some places there twenty different ways of saying good-morning. Each expression has its own appropriate answer, as when a person says, "May your day be white!" The reply is, "May yours be like milk!" Perhaps one says, "Good-morning!" The other responds, "May your day be enriched!" "By seeing you," replies the first; and the other adds, "You enlighten the house by your presence."

Of course, all these forms are very foolish, and often used by those in a state of deadly hatred toward each other; yet I think we may learn a lesson of never-failing politeness even from the heathen. Then, too, the Bible tells us to "be courteous" and "kind one to another," "in honor preferring one another."

GATHERED PEARL.

BY MISS PAYSON.

I WOULD like to give you an account of a little blind girl connected with our school, who was taken from us by death not long since. Her name, Sik Chio, signifying "Gathered Pearl," was, I think, not wrongly given. Loving angels, I trust, bore her spirit up to heaven as a pearl gathered to add beauty to the Saviour's crown. In that day when he makes up his jewels, this little one may be to him as bright and precious as any. She was found on the hillside outside our mission compound, one cold November morning just three years ago. She was half-starved, as well as blind, and too weak to walk; though,

from a written paper found pinned to her ragged garments, we learned, that, according to Chinese reckoning, she was just five years old. Her mother was dead, so her father wrote; and he, being too poor to support the child, begged the kind foreigners to take pity on her.

The school-matron cared for the helpless little being with a mother's tenderness; and after some months she became comparatively quite strong and well. Kind and gentle in her disposition, she was a favorite with the older girls, who taught her many hymns and passages of Scripture. She had thus learned about seventy hymns, repeating one to me each Sabbath evening when the other pupils recited their Bible lessons. She could say the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments without hesitation, and also three or four chapters of the Gospel of Matthew. Her memory was very retentive; and she committed these things much more readily than older children in the school, who could see. She was taught to pray soon after she came here, and would never retire at night without repeating her little prayer.

One evening, not long before she died, on going to her sleeping-room to see how she was, I found her on the floor by the bedside unfastening her shoes; and, supposing she had already prayed, I lifted her on to the bed. But a moment after, as I turned to leave, I found her on the floor again, kneeling at her devotions. She took her meals by herself, her food being placed on a low bench in front of her little chair. As soon as it was brought, and the matron said, "Sik Chio, here is your rice," the little child, without waiting to be told, would cover her sightless eyes with her tiny hands, and ask God's blessing on her food.

We did not think that she would die, though she had been ill two weeks, till the day before she was taken away. She then refused to eat, could not hear a word that was said to her; and toward evening the little sufferer, without a thought of death, sank into a quiet slumber, from which, soon after midnight, she passed gently and unconsciously into that last long sleep that knows no waking. "little blind sister," as she was often called by the Chinese, was scarcely seven years old at her death, and so diminutive in size as to appear much younger. Her short life was a useful one, I think, in its influence on her schoolmates; and older persons could not fail to notice the look of patient cheerfulness which rested on her countenance. Children of her age are usually buried here without the least ceremony; the body being wrapped in an old mat or cast-off garment, and carried away - where, none but the rough grave-digger knows. But our Gathered Pearl had a Christian burial; a coffin neatly covered with white, her Sunday garments fresh and clean, and flowers between her folded hands

I miss the child in her accustomed seat and from the Sabbath evening's recitation; but I do not grieve that she was taken thus early from our midst. I rejoice to think of her as a white-robed angel, with opened, beaming eyes,—

"Who walks in soft, white, tender light About the golden streets."

Dear young reader, if ever you should go to heaven, you will find many "Gathered Pearls" among the Saviour's precious gems. Oh, it will be sweet to behold them as they shall shine forever to his praise! and sweeter still to find one set in Jesus' crown through your instrumentality, your prayers, your efforts, or your money.

"He who hath and will not give The light of life to all that live, Himself shall lose the way."

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ENIGMA.

BY JULIA H. BANCROFT.

I am composed of seventeen letters.

My 14, 2, 8, is the name of a man mentioned in the Bible.

My 17, 2, 13, is a personal pronoun.

My 9, 3, 13, 6, 4, 8, 9, 16, is the name of one of Longfellow's poems.

My 9, 11, 1, 10, is what God is.

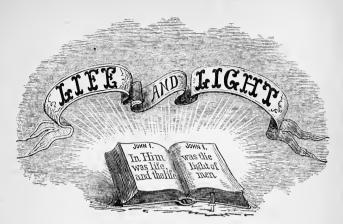
My 15, 9, 7, 5, is a fancy.

My whole is a promise from God to missionaries.

ANSWER TO ACROSTIC.

Woman's Board of Missions.

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the June number from B. E. B., Boston, Mass.; L. J., Montelair, N.J.; and H. F. P., Andover, Mass.



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CHINA.

THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

FROM MRS. CHAPIN'S JOURNAL.

THE people are preparing for the worship of the Queen of Heaven in a few days. I saw cars, priests, and banners to-day; and I hope I shall see the grand procession, for it promises to be very fine. The building in which we have held our English service is the Temple of the Queen of Heaven; and we have been obliged to leave it. My chair was kept waiting, this morning, for a mandarin and his long procession of waiters to pass. What fat, lazylooking fellows these mandarins are!

April 22. — The city is in a great commotion; the country people pour in; and the streets are crowded with worshippers. I went into the temple with Mr. Chapin. What a sight! The great court-yard, — roofed with matting, and

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hung with lanterns - was arranged for a theatrical performance. It was thronged with people; and all manner of things were exposed for sale. One could easily see that money, not worship, had drawn many of them to the place. The temple was filled with the smoke of incense; and the priests looked heated and tired. One was beating a large drum; and others were selling incense, sweeping, waiting upon the women who came to the service, and keeping back the crowd of loungers from the door. I saw no men taking part in the ceremonies: so I suppose they leave the worship of the Queen of Heaven to the women. Poor things! They would come in, prostrate themselves before the enormous image, then rise, take a bundle of incense-sticks, and go to the back-part of the room to worship other idols. On either side of the large one were arranged several others. One, called "the guardian of children," had a great many boys and girls around her, — on her arms, knees, and hands. Oh that I may be spared to teach even one little child that this dumb, senseless block can do nothing for him!

April 26.—The rain to-day makes some doleful faces, because to-morrow the Queen of Heaven is to go abroad; or, rather, the great image is to be taken out for its yearly airing. Balconies have been constructed all along the streets through which it is to pass; and great preparations have been made for the event. The tailor said he could not come to us to-morrow. I asked him if he were going to worship the idol. He said, No, the old woman did that; but he wished to see the procession.

April 27. — The Chinese have had their wish and their grand procession. I cannot begin to describe all I have seen this beautiful day. I had hard work not to be a Chinaman. I do not mean that I felt any disposition to worship the senseless idol; but I could not help catching

the spirit of the occasion. It has been a universal holiday. It was said that the image was to pass at one o'clock; and by that time the streets were densely packed with people. None but poor women walk any distance from their houses here; but the ladies were brought in chairs, and put in the stores, where seats had been arranged for them. The fronts of these stores can usually be taken down; and, as far as we could see, they were filled with women and children, while a great many men and boys were standing on the tops of the houses. I took my baby, and went into the chapel, and staid more than four hours. A screen was put up at a little front-window, where I could see, and not be seen; for, if I raised it, we soon had a crowd about us. I think baby and I could easily have started an opposition to the Queen of Heaven. Every thing eatable seemed to be in the street, and everybody appeared hungry.

All the afternoon the sights passed by. I should think it was much like a circus. There was a fine car, some thirty feet high, made of glass and wood, hung with beautiful lanterns, and containing a large censer. There were six or eight large birds (imitations, of course) twenty feet high, and enormous lions, - some in cars, and some represented as dancing. There were in succession nearly a dozen bamboo-poles, fifty or sixty feet high, decked with flags and canopies used by men in a variety of clever per-There were hideously-dressed stilt-walkers, men and boys dressed as women and girls, and bands that made any thing but music. I had quite agreeable company in some women who had a seat in our chapel-door. I feel that this day has done me good: it has not been mere sight-seeing. I have learned more of the people, their tastes and manners, than I could ordinarily in a long time; and I believe I have felt a new desire to bring souls to the knowledge of the true God.

Evening, ten o'clock. — We have just looked out once more. Still the crowd waits; still the players go by, and with them many things that look like the household furniture of the idol queen. Oh, such quantities of lanterns! — from magnificent ones down to little bits of things costing less than a cent.

April 28.—We are told that the idol passed at three o'clock this morning. Now the city will settle down to quiet again, and the dust settle on the senseless block of wood.

TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS CULL.

WE have received the following pictures of Turkish life from Miss Cull, who is stationed at Manissa, but who has been in Athens for a few months, pursuing the study of the Greek language:—

"One morning Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Baldwin, and I arranged to visit our Turkish neighbor next door to us. Taking with us Lizzie and Fannie Greene (two sweet little girls, both since taken to a better world), and Nectar, the pastor's wife, we set forth. We threw shawls over our shoulders, but wore nothing on our heads. As we stood waiting at the gate, Nectar told us that we must wear something on our feet that we could take off before entering the house; and we went back for rubbers, although they were not all necessary for the few steps that we had to walk. The door in the high wall enclosing our neighbor's premises stood open, as usual; but the old black man who generally sat just within was not visible. We entered; and crossing a paved yard, shut in on three sides with the

valls of a large building, we turned to the right, and, making our way through a little passage, came to another paved yard similar to the first. We had arrived, at last, at the part of the house occupied by the woman we wished to visit. The little heiress of the estate, a child of three or four years, was waiting to take her daily ride on horseback. When she rides, one man holds her on the horse, another leads the animal, and a little girl follows with an umbrella. Lizzie and Fannie ran up to her, and one of them offered her flowers; but she frowned, and turned away her head. The servant reproved her, telling her to take the flowers; and she at last accepted them with a very ungracious air.

"After going up some stone steps, and along a gallery, a servant approached, and conducted us into a room having in its centre a fountain playing into a marble reservoir full of water. A lamp was suspended from the ceiling just above it. There were eight windows in the room; and drawn to the side of each was a curtain made of some bright figured stuff, trimmed with a fringe to match. The sides of the room looked as though freshly whitewashed; the ceiling was bright yellow; and the floor was made of blocks of marble. There were niches and alcoves in the walls, on the shelves of which were dishes of candy and sweetmeats, tiny coffee-cups, and spoons.

"The woman who first came in made the usual salaam, touching first her breast, and then her brow, with her hand, and, seating herself in a chair on the opposite side of the room, soon busied herself with her crocheting. Soon the lady of the house entered. She was a very large woman, about forty years old, with an oval face, fresh, clear complexion, dark-gray eyes, straight black hair nearly covering her ears, and cut short in the neck. A kerchief of bright colors was arranged with graceful effect upon her head: for ornaments she wore ear-rings and a heavy gold chain. She

had on a long quilted sack of some bright material; and the dress appearing beneath was a purple merino, gathered around each ankle. Her yellow slippers, with pointed, upturned toes, she dropped upon the floor as she seated herself on a divan, and drew a chair toward her that she might rest her feet on its rounds. A servant brought her a cigarette, of which she drew a few whiffs, then smiled, and talked with great animation.

"We saw many servants moving about: one of them brought us candies, and, immediately afterwards, coffee in pretty porcelain cups resting in vases like silver holders. In the conversation between Nectar and the lady of the house, our religious belief was mentioned. An old woman sitting near the door exclaimed, 'Why, these are not idolaters! they don't worship idols, do they?' And then Nectar, in her pleasant, easy way, explained our Protestantism. An interesting young girl took us about the house according to the custom of the country. We went through large unfurnished halls out on a back gallery, and looked down on a plat of ground, with orange-trees scattered here and there. The large empty rooms, and every thing about the place, had a neglected, desolate look: we were not taken into the rooms occupied by the numerous household. After seeing what they chose to show us, we descended, bade adieu to the lady, Nectar kissing her hand, and took our leave.

"The next day we went to pay some visits in the Greek and Armenian quarter of the town. One of the houses at which we called belonged to a Protestant communicant named Zerio. His wife still retains her connection with the Armenian Church. A father with his two sons and their wives occupy the house; and we found the women busy at their work in a little room next the ground, the door standing open into a neat, pretty yard. Fastened to the wall on one side were a great many spindles full of cot-

ton; and just before them was a frame similar to the reed of a hand-loom. A little girl in the room was winding spindles; and in one corner was a loom close to the floor. father came in, seated himself at this loom, and, after a few seconds with his cigarette, began to weave. The work had been suspended when we entered; and we were about being taken to the little sitting-room, when we begged that we might have chairs in the vard. While Mrs. Baldwin talked with the woman in Armenian, they brought us an infusion of prunes in water that formed a very pleasant drink. ter a time, Zerio came in. He said that he was teaching his wife to read, and asked her to bring her book and let Mrs. Baldwin hear what progress she had made. Her face flushed, and she looked down shyly for a moment, but went for her book, and showed by her reading and spelling that she had made a good beginning.

"When we left, Zerio accompanied us a part of the way. As we passed into the street, a woman living in an adjoining house rudely accosted us, telling us not to come into that neighborhood again, because we made them sin. Nectar quietly replied that we could not make them sin, and told the woman that the wrong was with her. 'Why, what do I do?' she demanded. 'You meddle with your neighbors' affairs,' was the reply.

"As we passed along the streets on our way home, through open gates we saw many people sitting at their little hand-looms, or busy in other ways preparing their cotton fabrics: some were seated outside with their knitting. Many things relative to the domestic life of the people in this land differ from the impressions I had formed concerning them before coming here. There is much more of real comfort, more of neatness and industry, than I had expected to find. None the less painful is the lack of all spiritual life, the undisciplined will, the untrained intellect.

I think these deficiencies, this utter want of any true soul living, is felt the more keenly that outward appearances are at first so promising."

THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

REV. DR. Wood of Constantinople, in a recent letter, thus speaks of our home school in that city:—

"The annual examinations of the home school occurred July 18. The friends of the pupils and invited guests attended in such numbers as to crowd the apartments. The exercises were in the highest degree satisfactory; the girls being self-possessed, and acquitting themselves well. After the opening hymns and prayer, the time was occupied with recitals of passages from the New Testament, and questions on Old-Testament history. Then followed examinations in the various studies, recitations of poetry, reading of compositions, and playing on the piano and parlor organ. The exercises were also interspersed with singing in English and Armenian.

"At the close, brief congratulatory speeches were made by Rev. Dr. Hamlin, Prof. Hogopsos Djejisian of Robert College, and Pastor Garabed of Nicomedia. After a prayer, the company adjourned to the paved court in the rear of the house to witness an exhibition in calisthenics, which was quite astonishing to a large proportion of the beholders. The gratification of the parents and friends of the pupils was expressed in strong terms; and the impression on all was most favorable. The lady principal and her associates could not but feel rewarded for the patient and efficient toil which was needful for the progress in study, and which had produced the effects on manners and character attested by what was seen throughout the day."

SPAIN.

LETTER FROM MRS. GULICK.

Mrs. Luther Gulick has sent us the following communication from Barcelona. Speaking of the boarding-school there, she says,—

"We have had twenty different pupils, -ten in the boarding department, and ten day-scholars: they are bright, intelligent girls, most of them in advance of common Spanish women in general education. One is a member of the church: we hope that two others are Christians; and still others have expressed a desire to be such, although we do not see the evidences we wish in their daily life. The parents are very anxious that their daughters should improve in every variety of needle-work; but they think the time nearly wasted that is spent over their books. The girls have a sufficient appreciation of instruction on the sewingmachine, and are very glad to learn to play on the piano, and to read and speak English. They all assist in the domestic work of the family, showing commendable improvement in this respect. They are required to pay what they can, and perhaps have done as much as we ought to expect.

"Although unable to accomplish what I desire in the school on account of ill health, I have found visiting among the poor a benefit to me. For two months past I have been out several times a week for that purpose, besides having frequent meetings for the women in our own parlor. Oh! how thankful I am to be able to speak, though in broken language, of the simple plan of salvation! The attendance varies from twenty to forty. Indifference to Romanism we often meet, as well as infidelity. Both are more difficult to encounter, according to our experience, than open heathenism. Religious words are on every one's lips. 'May

God bless and reward you!' 'I'm well, thanks to God!' 'For the love of Jesus,' and like expressions, resound constantly in our ears, meaning absolutely nothing. We use the same precious words; and it is hard to make them realize that we do mean something by them; that the love of Jesus is a power within us, and we wish it to be so with them.

"Shall I tell you of a family living near us where I like to visit, though as yet we see no fruit of the seed sown? They are in a very small basement, only two steps down from the street; and the light comes in the one door. The occupant, a cobbler, has his utensils and low work-bench at one end of the room. He is an intelligent, thoughtful man. The worn face of his wife rouses my sympathy as she stitches monotonously on bands, bindings, and buttons, while her three little children hang round her knees.

"A pleasant word at the door, the other day, about the children, was quickly answered, and a willing assent given to a proposition to read a little in the Bible. The mother placed the only spare chair for me close beside herself. I began with the story of Nicodemus, because, at a previous visit, the man had said his creed was, 'Do good, do nothing wrong;' and, as he had always obeyed it, he believed he should be saved. So we read how Christ told the Jewish ruler that even he must be born again, and that the new birth was of the Holy Spirit. Like Nicodemus, this good man said, —

"'How can these things be? We are not able to understand these deep mysteries.'

"'Is it possible,' I replied, 'that God has made us, given us understanding for other things, and yet not endowed us with power to comprehend his word, which is also his gift?'

"He listened attentively; and I tried to press home the truth, urging him to read the Bible now that it was free to all. He said that he did not attend the Papal Church, nor believe in it; and yet he had had all his children baptized, for, if he did not, they would not go to heaven.

"'Why,' said I, 'will God punish our little children, if, through their parents' fault, they are not baptized?'

"'They will not be sent to the infernal regions,' he answered, 'but to Mount Olympa.'

"Again I referred him to the Bible, where no such teaching can be found, saying, —

"'There are but two places for souls after death; and the blessed Jesus saves the little ones who die, by his own precious blood. They are redeemed by him, although they cannot believe. We can and must believe if we would be saved; but we are no more able to work out our salvation alone than a helpless child.'

"The man occasionally stopped his work to listen and answer. The poor, wearied woman said nothing; but, taking the baby on her lap to quiet him, she sewed on in silence,—stitch, stitch, stitch. May the words reach her heart through God's blessing!

"I came in from my visits this afternoon with mingled feelings of sorrow and joy. We first went to see a woman who came to our house recently, after our Sunday meeting, to inquire what we believed concerning the Virgin Mary and the saints. Accepting, to-day, her invitation to call, we found her busy superintending work in a small factory, where balls of white and colored cotton were reeled, and stamped with a veritable 'Paris' mark. When I said, 'But it is not French cotton, is it?' she merely answered, 'No, but it is exactly the same; and everybody does it.'

"She kindly showed us her different specimens, and then took us into the room where several girls were busy reeling the cotton balls. After examining the work, I asked the woman if she had thought much of our conversation the other day about the Saviour and the Virgin.

"'Yes,' she replied; 'but I am too old to change my belief. I have always knelt and bowed in the church when the 'Hail, Mary' was sung, and worshipped her image in my room; and I want to rest in that.'

""But,' said I, 'why bow to Mary? She cannot save us; and, if she knows how people worship her, she is very sorry.'

"'Why so?' she asked in surprise.

"'Because she is only a human being. God made her; and she called Jesus her Saviour. She was truly "blessed among women." But she was only a woman; and we are commanded in the Bible not to worship any creature or any image: it is idolatry.'

"She gave polite attention to what I said; and the girls all listened eagerly, frequently stopping their wheels, and putting in a word of remark, or an explanation of my broken language. My proposal to read a little from the Bible in my hands she declined, saying there were many neighbors in the vicinity who would not like it; but the girls must come to our meeting, and learn some of these things. We had a few words about saints, and the importance of preparation for death, because there was no hope of a change afterward, no purgatory, and respecting confessing to sinners like ourselves, instead of to God alone. Do you wonder that we felt joy at the privilege of speaking in this way, while our hearts ached over the gross darkness of these precious souls?

"We are constantly meeting cases where the once worshipped image of the Virgin is now used by the children as a doll. Many have given up the confessional, and do not go to mass. The light is slowly spreading: the darkness will be gone when we all work with our might, continuing in prayer, and waiting for God's blessing. We long to see the harvest; but that is not for us: we can leave it safely with the blessed Master, the Lord of the harvest."

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A QUESTION.

Will you give your attention for a moment, dear reader, while we ask you one question? Have you paid for your "Life and Light" this year? If not, is there any thing to prevent your doing so at once? Fifty cents may seem but a trifle; yet, if the two thousand people who are owing it would send us even this small sum, it would make a most substantial addition to our treasury. Will you not see to it, dear friend, that your duty is done in this matter without further delay?

In Memoriam.

MRS. LOUISA F. BARTLETT.

"It may be I am nearer home,—
Nearer now than I think!"
Thy sweet sad words when last we met,
There, pausing on life's brink.
Thy eyes seemed gazing into heaven;
Tones tremulant and grave
Thrilled every heart. Ah! could it be
Thou wert stepping near death's wave?

And yet in this foreseeing mood
There was to thee no gloom:
A swift-winged presence hovered near,
And beckoned thee to come.
And the "sweetly solemn thought"
Which thou couldst not from us hide
Was glory of thy Father's "house"
That shone from o'er the tide.

Up rose the radiant towers
Of the "many mansions" bright,
As the longed-for heavenly city
Filled thy enraptured sight.
Near seemed the promised kingdom,
Swift coming, earth to fill:
Thy work was done; to lay life down
Was joy—at Jesus' will.

Missed from thy chosen life-work,
Garnered in useful prime,
Still live thy prayers and deeds of love
To bless full many a clime.
And "better it is to be with Christ,"
Loved one, — far better for thee;
But who shall bear thy mantle, and speed
Glad tidings o'er land and sea?

MRS. E. C. PEARSON.

you and Me.

BY MRS. EDWIN WRIGHT.

Eccl. ix. 10.

Days come and go; time flies apace:
What will the heavenly record be
For us, the heirs of truth and grace,—
For you and me?

What is our service? — each and all,
With talents gifted, great or small,
And heavenly wisdom full and free
To you and me.

The work we see, or hands may find,
Whate'er it is, where'er it be,
Faithful to do it, Lord, are we,
Both you and me?

Our strong supports, our earthly stays,

Have passed from 'neath our mortal gaze:

From out their graves what words shall be

For you and me?

"Although the pall of darkness droops
O'er mount and valley, land and sea,
Through you may yet uplifting be,"
Through you and me.

From her, exchanging cross for crown,

The mantle dropped, the work laid down,
This call is plain as plain can be

To you and me.

That influence, time, that "treasure lent"
To Him devoted, for Him spent,
Should be the offering glad and free
Of you and me.



INDIA.

LETTER FROM MISS HILLIS.

Our last letter from Miss Hillis was written from Batticotta, but, for various reasons, it has seemed best to change her location; and, under date of May 8, she writes thus, of the work among the women and girls of Tillypally and vicinity, to the Grinnell Woman's Missionary Society:—

"My chief perplexity, this year, has arisen in trying to decide upon the best plan for the out-work. Is it best to go from village to village, giving the truth once to many? or will more good be done by going often to a few villages, and giving regular instruction to a comparatively small number? This has been the constantly recurring question.

"Looking at the great multitude of women who could say with truth, 'There is no one who cares for my soul,' the first impulse is to try and reach all; but looking at the experience of others, and remembering how few even in Christian lands are savingly impressed by once hearing the truth, it has seemed best to adopt the latter plan; and, for some months, I have spent the greater part of the time in a few villages, holding only occasional meetings in other places.

"Half a mile from the mission-house is a carpenter village, in which I have been specially interested, and which I call my parish. Soon after I came to Tillypally, the teacher of

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the out-school went with me through the village, introducing me to the mothers of his pupils. Among these women I found one who had attended the station-school years ago, and had kept up her knowledge of reading, so that she could still read quite well in the New Testament. Two or three large girls, her relatives, were willing to be taught. I found, too, that one or two married women were also inclined to learn: so I offered to give her sixpence per month for each married woman or large girl whom she could persuade to join the class. Soon after she began to teach, her husband was taken sick, and died suddenly, leaving her with seven children to provide for. She was poor; and I suppose some of those who became connected with the class about this time were influenced by a desire to help her. But though this may, at first, have been the reason of their wishing to study, their interest has increased, and most of them have made good progress. The class now numbers fourteen: ten are married women with children always in their arms. Yet they sit down with the little ones in their laps, or clinging to them, and spell and read so patiently, and are so willing to be corrected and taught, that I have felt there was hope that the same docile, child-like spirit would lead them to listen to, and receive, the more important instruction which we are trying to give. Twice a week I examine them, and assign a new lesson, which the teacher assists them in preparing. Once a week she comes to the mission-house, and has a Bible-lesson.

"We have meetings also at the house of the teacher. Either the Bible-woman, or the wife of the native pastor, goes with me, and conducts these meetings; and, when I have been away, they have gone alone. I usually visit this village early in the morning, starting out about six, spending from one to two hours there, and returning before the heat is very great.

"This plan leaves the afternoon free for work in other places; and it is also the most convenient arrangement for the women. The custom of the country is to take food about eight o'clock, or later; and, as the breakfast always consists of cold rice prepared the night before, the women do nothing for two or three hours after getting up, and are always ready to give me their undivided attention. So these early morning talks, I often think, are the best part of the day's work. Usually there are from three to seven or eight women present, not unfrequently two or three men, and always children old enough to understand the simple yet grand truths of the gospel, even though uttered by such a stammering tongue as mine.

"While I see no evidence of the Spirit's saving power, there is a growth in knowledge, and a serious, earnest manner in listening and in asking questions, that has been very encouraging. At the last meeting I could not but contrast the quiet demeanor of all present with the almost rude behavior of the same women the first time they heard the Bible-women pray, a few months ago. There is an idea among the people, that only those who go to the boardingschools can become Christians; that the Bible and Christianity, and even reading, are only for the educated: so it has been a constant surprise to me that so many are willing to subject themselves to the ridicule which they are liable to meet. If they can read as boarding-school girls can, we hope they will see that they can also, like them, become Christians; and this has been one reason for teaching them. Study gives a stir to their thoughts, too, and will help them to shake off that mental torpor which is only a less hinderance to their receiving the truth than a sinful heart.

"In a Vallahla village I have a class of four, whom I see occasionally, and about a dozen girls in different places, who have studied in the station-schools, but are now too old to attend. Every year girls are leaving the school who have learned to read, and have had daily religious instruction beside attending the sabbath-school and church services. seems very important to follow up the impressions they have received before they are lost in the ignorance and darkness of their heathen homes; and I have tried to do something in this way. Many of the children are inclined to Christianity, but, leaving just as they become old enough to think seriously, are almost inevitably lost to the Church. I am more and more inclined to believe, however, that they may be brought to a decision before leaving us, if teachers are faithful, and if the Christian women can be led to take them into their hearts, and give them something of the sympathy and watch-care of mothers in Christ; and I do believe they will. When the teachers of the village schools awake to any thing like a true apprehension of their power and privilege, we may feel that the day is breaking.

"The mission built a small bungalow in the compound a few months since; and twelve girls meet there, whom I instruct two hours each day. This gives me an opportunity to become acquainted with the school-books and the methods of instruction in the out-schools. My moonshee relieves me when necessary; and I shall gradually give the teaching entirely into his hands. They are all promising girls, and I have enjoyed the time spent with them very much. They have a prayer-meeting every Wednesday, in which they manifest a lively interest; and I hope that two of them are really Christian children.

"Your assurances of interest in the work here, and the knowledge that you are praying for these women and girls, has been full of comfort and encouragement to me; and I think I never go to the villages without resting, to some extent, on them. Prayer is worth so much more than work! I have looked anxiously over the revival records of

the winter, hoping, that, through the quickening of the Church at home, the blessing might come to us. We only need the Spirit's influences, and the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water."

CHINA.

EXTRACTS FROM MISS PORTER'S LETTER.

THE following interesting items are gathered from one of Miss Porter's recent letters:—

"The Chinese new year occurred on the 27th of January, this year; and two days earlier we dismissed our school for the winter holidays. The printing of the New Testament had just been completed at our press; and Mr. Hunt bound a number of copies for me, that we might have them for prizes at the close of the term. I gave nine to the girls. How I wish you could have seen their delight! They actually embraced the books. One or two of them sat down on the floor, and rocked back and forward without saying a word, but looking so glad! The pleasure arose in very small measure from their appreciation of the sacredness of the word; but they were rich and proud and glad, — just as we were when we received our first Bible. I distinctly remember mine, and the feeling of awed delight with which I regarded it.

"Among the pleasantest features of our work this winter is the weekly class at the North Chapel. Miss Chapin and I take turns in conducting it. Five women are learning to read, all of whom are diligent and in earnest. After hearing their lessons we read and explain a few verses of Scripture to them, and have a familiar talk about what we have been studying.

"Among these women is the wife of a teacher employed in Mr. Holcombe's boys' school. The children of this family, including two little girls who are members of our school, were baptized a few weeks ago at the father's desire. I was much gratified to find that their mother made no opposition. I am sure her feeling toward Christianity has greatly changed within a few months; and I can but hope that her heart is opening to the truth. She told me an amusing incident, the other day, of her youngest daughter's endeavor to present the advantages of Christianity to her grandmother.

"The child is a bright little creature, eight years old, full of zeal in whatever she undertakes, and quite a pet with us all. She was walking one day with her grandmother, when she broke out abruptly, 'Grandmamma, when you die, you will go to hell; but, when I die, I shall go to heaven.' The old lady stopped, and, looking at the child, asked what she 'Why,' she said, 'people who worship idols can't go to heaven. You don't believe in the true God: how can he save you? But I pray to Jesus: so I shall go there.' The child grew so vehement, and her grandmother so indignant, as she went on, that quite a crowd collected about them; and they were obliged to stop talking to get away from them. A little thing, and certainly not at all in the way in which we like to think the children make known the truth; but God might use just such a word to awaken thought, and prepare the way for his message.

"After the Annual Meeting of the mission, which will be held in a few weeks, my brother and I are hoping to make a tour in the southern part of the province, where there are a good many women already baptized, and others who are interested in the truth."

Home Pepartment.

A VERY interesting report of the meeting held by our Iowa auxiliaries, in connection with the meeting of the General Association of that State, at Burlington, came to us too late for insertion with notices of similar meetings in other States.

As it has since been published in "The Missionary Paper," No. 21, we make but this brief reference to it here, and add the inquiry, whether it is not possible to secure a more general attendance upon such meetings, as they occur from time to time in different parts of our field, especially from the neighboring churches.

Personal intercourse with those who have themselves come in contact with heathenism, and endeavored to loosen its hold upon human hearts, and remove its terrible blight, will do more than almost any other means to dissipate the mist and vagueness, which, in many minds, hang about the work of Christ in distant lands and among strange people. Even those who are most deeply interested in the cause will find their love and faith and courage quickened by the opportunity for conference in regard to these great interests; and we have the precious record that the Lord listens to those who speak often to one another of him, and who think upon his name.

The treasurer of a small auxiliary in Illinois, enclosing five dollars, bears this testimony to the value of one department of our work:—

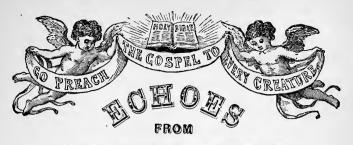
"This makes seventeen dollars for this year; nearly, if not quite, all of which I am confident would never have

found its way into the Lord's treasury had it not been collected for this purpose. May we have hearts to do more!"

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

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LITTLE MARTHA.

BY MRS. GULICK.

OME of our readers may remember a little Chinese girl who was rescued from death by Mrs. John Gulick, one of our missionaries, and taken into her family. Her adopted mother tells us the following story:—

"Our little Martha has learned some texts, such as, 'Ask, and ye shall receive;' 'Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father, in my name, he will give it you;' and I hope she is truly one of our Saviour's lambs. During our voyage

from England to New York, the engine broke while there was a severe storm; and we were aroused in the middle of the night. I told Martha to get up immediately, and dress, because an accident had occurred, and we didn't know what might be the result. She was very much alarmed and excited, and said, 'Mamma, why do you not pray to Jesus? He can take care of us. I want to pray to Jesus before I dress.'

"We knelt down, and together prayed that our Father would keep us from all harm. She then arose, dressed quite calmly, and lay down again. Soon afterward, we heard a noise that we thought might be the pumping of water from the hold; and the idea was suggested that the vessel was leaking. As soon as Martha noticed that we were alarmed, she said, 'Mamma, you are losing faith. We have asked Jesus to help us, and take us to dry land; and won't he?'

"God heard the prayer, and brought us safely to land.
'According to thy faith be it unto thee.' If any of you, dear children, should at any time be tempted for a moment to think that God doesn't answer your prayers, remember the promises, and pray more earnestly for faith."

A CHINESE GODDESS.

BY MRS. STANLEY.

YES, dear children, a Chinese goddess! and the very one, too, who is supposed by the Chinese to watch and guard little children like you. Think of calling such an uncouth-looking image mother! Yet this is her name (translated); and to her care the heathen mothers of China commit their babes, making her offerings of food, paper, or artificial money, with candles and incense. As soon as the little ones can walk and talk, they are taught to bow and worship before the shrine of "Neang-neang," thanking her for past mercies, and asking for health and long life; and thus they continue to do month after month, and year after year. At the age of sixteen they pass from childhood to manhood and womanhood. Though unlovely and unlovable, "Neang-neang" receives

honors and offerings above other gods and goddesses.



Sometimes she is represented standing. In one hand she holds a sharp sword: with this she is supposed to ward off

evil spirits who wish to bring harm to those under her care and protection. In the other hand is a horn, which calls to her aid a large company of assistant goddesses. She is also represented as you see in the picture. In every house she has a niche; and many handsome temples are reared to her in various cities of the empire. The fifteenth of the first month is her birthday; and mothers and children, from near and far, make pilgrimages to her temple. It costs a great deal of time and money to worship idols. Every day, when the money is counted out for the family marketing, an allowance is made for fresh incense to be burned before the idols and tablets in the house. Then there are the neighborhood deities: to these each family contributes regularly, to say nothing of feast-days and numerous costly processions. Think how full the Lord's treasury would be if every person in your village, town, or city, dropped in something every day, and, as they went to and from their homes, remembered that they gave to the Lord with their neighbors collectively, and then cheerfully cast in a thankoffering as a town and nation! How long would "darkness cover the earth, and gross darkness the people"? And now, children, as you look at this strange picture, I want you to compare your condition with that of the children of China. To the tender care of a loving Saviour your precious mothers commit you every day. Do you love and serve him as faithfully as the heathen children fear and serve their gods? If you do, your hearts will be filled with love and pity for them; and nothing that Jesus asks you to do for the enlightenment of these darkened ones' hearts will seem too much or too hard for you.

> "Children of this favored land, Give to Jesus heart and hand: Heart to love, and heart to do Whatso'er He findeth you."

TURKISH SCENES.

NUMBER FOUR.

BY MISS M. G. HOLLISTER.

[We know that the children who accompanied Miss Hollister on her trip to Aintab, in the January number of "Echoes," will be glad to join her once more on her way to Kerkhan and Marash.]

"After two days' journey from Aintab, we stand looking out over a long, narrow plain. In front of us — seemingly only a little way, but in reality three long weary hours distant — rise some mountains, hundreds and hundreds of feet high, — so high, and so bare of trees, that we wonder if any thing can live on them. Just at the foot of one of them you see a little dark spot with some green around it; and away up on the side, looking as if, some day, it might slide down into the valley below, you see another. One is Marash, a large city where some of our missionaries live; and the other is Kerkhan, a place where they go when they are tired of the hot weather in summer, when they put all the little folks in those boxes called mafas on the animals, and then, mounting their horses, set out behind the rest of the caravan to go to the mountains.

"Oh! it's fun to be little folks in those days, — to have a muleteer to lead the donkey, and pick all the wild flowers for you, till you have so many that you don't know what to do with them. It is so nice to sing all the way, while the animal in the lead goes swinging the melodeon against the rocks, and the next one throws off the load that has the crockery in it, and goes careering over the stones. But for some reason the grown people look very tired, as if they didn't like it quite so well. Then Kerkhan, you know, is the place where there are beautiful fountains full of cool, sparkling water coming down from the snows of the Tau-

rus. Out here in the vineyards, in the orchards, and around the fountains, Lizzie and Willie, with Marian and Lucia, Gricoe and Hagop, and — but I mustn't tell any more of their names, perhaps they might not like it — can build mud-houses, fly paper-kites, or sail mimic boats till Zera, the servant, comes out to tell them, 'Mamma wants you for a lesson.' But summer, with its cherries and peaches, plums and grapes, doesn't last the year round: so we must bid adieu to Kerkhan, with its little meetings of preachers, teachers, and missionaries, with its days of study in preparation for winter-work for the older people, and its fun and frolic for the rest.

"Coming nearer to Marash, and looking up to the city before us, how strange it seems, - great gloomy mosques, with their tall minarets, and here and there a few Armenian churches, the houses all looking like so many beehives built on the hillsides. Away off upon the steep mountain are vineyards and orchards. On another side are those sadlooking burial-grounds, with no trees or flowers, only crumbling stones. Oh! how it makes one think of the poor people who have no hope of one day rising again to live This burial-ground seems just like their with Christ! gloomy faith. Sometimes the priests go out to read prayers over the dead; and there, too, the women go to wail their sad, sad cries over those who have gone. Ah! if they only knew more of the Saviour who once stood by the grave of a friend weeping; how he said, 'Thy brother shall rise again; ' how he 'bore our griefs, and carried our sorrows,'-I think they would not wail over the graves so bitterly. I remember once, when there was a great drought, and people thought there would be a famine, how they went out in large numbers to the burial-ground, and prayed for rain. They seemed to think God would hear them sooner if they prayed among the graves."

MISSION-CIRCLES.

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GLADIOLUS-BULBS.

IF ever there was a mission-circle rightly named, we think it is the Seek and Save Society in Winchester, its members are so wide awake in seeking for large things, and so careful in using small ones. Their last endeavor was in this wise: a kind friend presented to half a dozen of them some gladiolus-bulbs, saying, "If you will plant these in your gardens, you will soon have some beautiful flowers; and in the autumn, when you take up the root, you will find two or three bulbs instead of one. You can sell these new ones, and we will have the money for our mission-circle." What a delightful and easy way of earning money! Before night every one was planted in the richest bit of soil that could be found; and never was tender blade watched for with more earnestness than those that sprung from these little brown bulbs.

But, of course, this couldn't be confined to a few. All the others wanted to do the same thing. The boys said, "The girls have it all their own way with the patchwork and the

aprons; but we can do this as well as they." So it came about that our friend's door was besieged with little people asking for bulbs; and it wasn't long before bits of money came flying back to the donor, lighting upon her in the street, in church, and all sorts of places.

Some of the results of this effort are brilliant flowers in many a garden and dooryard, many a loving thought and prayer for children in heathen lands called forth by them, and sixteen dollars in our treasury.

ACROSTIC.

BY MISS ALICE KIMBALL.

My first is a woman who had weak eyes.

My second is a child who came near dying for want of water.

My third is something God promised should never come again.

My fourth is one who was tempted by a serpent.

My fifth is the father of our race.

My sixth is the first ship-builder mentioned in the Bible.

My seventh is one of whom it is said that she made clothes for the poor.

My eighth was a female shopkeeper.

My ninth is a boy who came near being slain, but was saved through God's direct interference.

My tenth is the name of the Being we most reverence.

My eleventh is the mother who cut her boy's coats.

My twelfth is a place of worship.

My whole is an interesting magazine.

ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

Followers of Jesus Christ while young.

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the August number from S. P. C., Southbury, Conn.; H. M. G., Auburndale, Mass.; C. M. W., Milwaukee, Wis.; A. B. H., Indian Orchard, Mass. Also, to the one in the June number, from S. P. C., Southbury, Conn.



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TURKEY.

A TRIUMPH OVER DEATH.

BY MISS HATTIE SEYMOUR.

Since our school opened in April, Paris, one of the girls from our seminary, has left us to join the ransomed throng Her life and death give us no room to doubt that she is now one of that happy company. This was her third year with us; and I think we never had occasion to reprove her. Her lessons were always well learned, especially in the Bible and history classes. I used to tell the girls, that, when Paris failed, I knew, without asking, that there was a good reason for it. When I came home from Diarbekir in the spring, after an absence of six weeks, Paris was greatly altered. She had never been sick a day before; but she was now very much wasted, and her face 21

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was almost colorless. She had had chills and fever; and a cough had fastened itself upon her. Her home is just opposite the school; and, for a few weeks after its opening, she came over, though she had hardly the strength to walk. She was soon compelled to give up coming; and her mother told me, that, after she was obliged to lie in bed, she could hear the bells ring for the changing of classes, and would say, "Now the girls are going to the grammar class," or to such and such a recitation. She had a great desire for an education, and every day in school was precious to her; yet I never heard her murmur in her sickness. She seemed to be lifted above the world, and to be hungering only after more of Christ's presence.

It was soon evident to us all that she had quick consumption. She received very calmly the announcement that she would probably never be well, saying, "Last night I thought much about death, and the thoughts came very sweet to me." She was greatly troubled in breathing, and often looked up as if to heaven, and exclaimed, "When shall I go there? When shall I reach you?" The day but one before her death, she frequently said, "I go to my Lord. Jesus calls me, and I go to him; but, my mother, you must not cry: I do not wish you to. I go: my Lord calls me. This world gives no happiness to me: it is not necessary to me."

At evening she requested that Pastor Marderos might be called, and asked that these two hymns should be sung, "My days are gliding swiftly by," and "Jerusalem, my happy home." When the pastor had read the Twenty-third Psalm he asked, "Do you fear death, Paris?"—"Oh, no!" she replied, "not at all." She greatly delighted in a sweet Armenian hymn, often repeating it during her sickness. It was also one of Miss Warfield's favorites. The following is a translation:—

"Jesus, help me!
Very weak I am;
Gladly now I come to thee,
As thou bidst me come.

Jesus, help me!
Knowledge I have none:
Earnest prayer I make to thee
That thou my teacher be.

Jesus, help me!
Full of sin I am:
My wicked heart I give to thee,
That thou make it clean.

Jesus, help me!
What I need thou know'st:
Ever will I look to thee
For thy constant aid."

About fifteen minutes before her death, she asked that those around her should sing, "I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger;" then she said, "Come to me, mother." Her mother asked, "Do you wish some water?"—"No," she replied, "I do not need any thing: I am going to Jesus," and then added, "I come, because thou sayest, 'Come!" Thrice repeating the words, "I come, I come, I come!" her happy spirit took its flight to Him who was indeed calling her, and who was waiting to receive her. It did not seem like death to me, but was like a happy translation.

We had looked forward to a life of usefulness for her on earth, when her piety and talents should all be employed in her Master's service; but he himself plucked the flower, and we can only say, "It is well." We praise God that he takes from our number only those whom he has renewed by his grace. Rejoice, dear friends, that you have had some part in fitting this sweet girl for heaven. You need not be

ashamed of your work; and will you not pray that this glimpse into the heavenly world which has been vouchsafed to us may be the means of quickening both teachers and scholars?

A TRIP TO SUNGURLIO.

BY MISS GRISWOLD.

It was a bright day in November, and the distance was only twelve hours from Yozgat. We were very certain we could reach Sungurlio by nightfall, to attend the ordination of the pastor over the church there the next day. At dawn we were mounted; Mrs. G—— on her coal-black horse, with Marian, a little girl we were sending to Marsovan school, comfortably perched behind her, Garabed (our native attendant) and myself on horses that could scarcely be called fast, as the result of the day's journey will show.

Our way led over solitary mountains, on the edge of precipices, through deep valleys, and in one instance through a charming grove of trees. We overtook a Turkish officer, who accompanied us for a few hours, but who left us at a little village, nestled down among the hills, which was called half-way from Yozgat. It was nearly two in the afternoon when we reached this stopping-place; and, waiting only for a hasty lunch, we pushed on, hoping to arrive at Sungurlio the same night if possible. The prospect was becoming dubious. The shadows began to lengthen; and a passing traveller told us we were yet four or five hours from our destination. Our horses were growing weary, and ourselves no less so; yet we must not dismount, as that would delay us so long. At length we had the satisfaction of seeing the sun go down, seemingly quite heedless of our forlorn condition, while we were still plodding along, with

all hope of reaching our journey's end that night utterly extinguished. The stars came out one by one, and the pale moon shone on our pathway. We had already been eleven hours in the saddle; and it seemed as if we could scarcely sit on our horses much longer, when we saw a company of men, some on donkeys, some on foot; and, conquering the rising fear that possibly they might be robbers, we boldly asked them the distance to the next village. "One hour." Hope began to revive. We should have a place to lay our heads after all; and, straining our eyes, we imagined we saw a light in the distance. But it seemed like a will-o'-the-wisp: the more we tried to reach it, the more it seemed to recede.

Finally we came to the edge of a stream to be forded, not very deep or formidable, but whose steep banks certainly did not look very inviting to descend and scramble up in the dim light of the moon; but it must be crossed in order to reach the little mud village just beyond. Garabed preceded us, and seemed to be getting up the bank safely, although the sight of his horse sinking so deeply in the mud was not very inspiriting. Mrs. Gfollowed, and I brought up in the rear. When about halfway up the bank, Mrs. G---'s horse, annoyed by the brushing of Marian's dress against his heels, rendered her seat rather unsteady. With the instinct of self-preservation, she clung to Mrs. G---; and over they both went into the mud. At this juncture all the dogs arrived at the scene of the catastrophe, and commenced such a howling and barking, that it rendered our already-excited horses still more restive; and, considering discretion the better part of valor, I jumped off, and took my horse by the bit.

In this interesting predicament we caught sight of two or three men, whom Garabed asked to call off the dogs, and show us a room. After considerable urging, not to say ordering, they came leisurely along, and piloted us among the deep pits which indented the whole village, to the guest-room. To this we were refused admission, as it was already full. Was there no other room? In another part of the village was an old man who sometimes took in travellers: so we wended our way thither, and sat down on a wood-pile, while some one went for the key. The owner was not disposed to unlock the doors to such suspicious-looking travellers as we, but was finally persuaded, and we entered triumphantly. We were strangers in a Turkish village, and it would scarcely be safe to exhibit ourselves in our real characters: so we enveloped our faces with our white veils, and evaded as much as possible all questions respecting our relationship with each other.

It is needless to describe our room, - the usual mud floor and walls, a fireplace at one end, and exit into the stable at the other, a hole in the wall (about a foot square) for the window, and the room already taken possession of by the fleas. After what seemed an interminable time to us hungry ones, our host brought in a round table about a foot high, and placed on it something intended for bread, some soured milk, and grape-juice boiled down, which, with eggs, completed our repast. We then called for beds (which might have been filled with chips, for softness), and, committing ourselves to our heavenly Father's care, lay down to stay until morning. At last the dreary night ended, and morning dawned as serenely as though no sleepless traveller had longed for its coming. Not much time was wasted in breakfasting; but we were off as early as possible, and in three hours rode into Sungurlio.

We had a very interesting time at the ordination of the pastor; and our party, re-enforced by several native pastors and preachers, besides one missionary, started on the return trip, taking two days for it. We spent the night at the

house of a rich Turkish bey, whose lordly hospitality contrasted favorably with our former experience. In the morning we accepted a cordial invitation to visit his harem, in another part of the building, where we found a delicious breakfast, of bread with fresh cream, honey, and meat, awaiting us; and we were attended by the youngest of his four wives, a beautiful Circassian. They assured us they never left their apartments, and were delighted to see us, visitors were so rare. Receiving, at last, permission to withdraw, we again set out, visiting, on our way, some very interesting ruins. The bass-reliefs cut in the solid rock on every hand, the numberless caves here and there, and the picturesqueness of the scenery, invited us to linger; but the sun was riding high, and, tearing ourselves away, nightfall found us at Yozgat, worn and weary, and somewhat doubting the feasibility of another such adventure.

INDIA.

LETTER FROM MISS SISSON.

How rapidly the days and months have flown! I can scarcely realize that the anniversary of my leaving America is so near. I can never forget, how, when the last faint speck of shore faded from my gaze as the good ship bore us outward, the thought came to me, "Now, dear Jesus, I have only, only thee." Then, in the solemn hush of my own soul, came the sweet reply, "I will be all: fear not." And the trembling left me, and I was stayed on him. I think the record of that hour is on high; for I can truly say that I have lacked nothing since. My progress in the language is very slow; but every one is so patient with me, and most of all the dear Lord himself, that I feel encouraged to

think I shall eventually be fitted into the niche for which he has designed me. In the mean time, it is my delight to do those bits of work which he sends in my way.

I would like to tell you of my first city work. I had been out with Mrs. Chandler before; but one day I started out, alone with a Bible-woman who could speak a little English, to call on a young Brahmin woman who had sent an invitation to the Missi Amool to visit her. Her husband, an educated man, who frequently calls on the missionaries, had been often asked to allow his wife to come also; and at last she did so. She was a pretty, womanly body, and expressed great pleasure in her visit, saying she had been two years trying to persuade her husband to let her come. From that time she has been much interested in her books, studying with the greatest avidity. She bought a large copy of the family Bible, and began to read it in course. The Bible-woman suggested that she should commence with the life of Christ in the Gospels; but she said, No. She was determined to know it from the beginning.

Well, thither I went with my Bible-woman. Lukshama met us at the door of her room; and after salaams, shaking my hand heartily, and drawing it through her arm, she led me to a chair, and seated me, with as much cordiality and grace as any American lady. Think of this from a Brahminee, who, a few years ago, would have felt herself defiled by the least contact with a poor outcast like myself! I asked for the other wife, - as there were two of them; and she came forward with her books, well pleased that she also was to receive a share of my attentions. Being of a plain appearance, and less intelligent than Lukshama, she had not so much favor with her lord; and ill-usage had taught her to expect little from other sources. Oh the heartaches and the tragedies that are shut up in many of these Hindoo houses, where the wife is a slave, and the husband a tyrant!

Plainly Lukshama was mistress of the occasion; and her studies and needle-work must be examined first. "Now shall I read you a chapter in the Bible?" she said, evidently very proud of her treasure; for, lavish as they were with jewelry, to spend much money for books was a new idea to them. Then came the other poor little wife with her humbler attainments; but how she brightened as I commended her diligence and progress! My heart warmed towards the two young women upon such a different footing in that household, yet fellow-travellers to a judgment-seat before which, side by side, they must stand, and receive recompense for the deeds done in the body. I longed to tell them clearly of that only righteousness which can avail in that great day; but that was reserved for the Bible-woman. Almost before we were aware, twilight was stealing upon us, and we were obliged to leave. Many salaams, the interchange of good wishes, and my reception of fruit and flowers at their hands, preceded our departure. Lukshama had previously announced her desire to attend Mrs. Chandler's weekly prayer-meeting for women, and, in answer to my inquiry, replied eagerly that she should come the next afternoon. She accompanied me to the door, and gave me a warm invitation to call again.

After this Lukshama continued so diligent in the perusal of her Bible, that she excited the wrath of her sister, as she calls her husband's other wife, who told her that learning to read had spoiled her; that she did nothing but read that Christian book. But this did not seem to daunt her; and she wrote Mrs. Chandler a letter, saying that she was daily reading the Scriptures, and praying to the true God; and that she was giving lessons to three others. Later accounts speak of her refusing to obey her husband's command to offer sacrifice to idols, saying she believed there was only one true religion, and that was in the Bible. Her husband

said he did not object to her reading the Bible; but she must not believe in Jesus Christ,—that he would not allow. "Now," she says, "what shall I do? You tell me I cannot be saved unless I believe in Jesus Christ; and my husband forbids it." These poor, timid women, subject all their lives to every word of their husbands as if to the law of the Medes and Persians—what but the Spirit of the Lord can give them courage to fly in the face of it?

It is something appalling to me to think of the millions who daily bow the knee to senseless blocks of wood and stone and metal, and who, by their narrowness of intellect and impurity of heart, verify the word, "They that make them are like unto them." As we stand on these shores of time, thousands of these darkened souls daily cross the river, passing on to their eternity. Who are they, who, sitting comfortably at home, signed with the cross and the blood of Christ, have never gone so far as to ask the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Do they know what that cross and blood signify? A love unto death for the humblest, most abject child of man. "Ah," says one, "if I were only sure where the Lord wanted me in his work, and what he wanted me to do!" Dear child of God, if thou art fully consecrated to anything which he shall point out, and on thy knees inquiring, thou shalt know.

[&]quot;On stay not! time is passing; Work while 'tis called to-day: Thousands of heathen perish Each hour that you delay.

They die without the knowledge Of God's most holy word, Without the hopes you cherish In Christ our gracious Lord."

AFRICA.

REVIVAL INCIDENTS.

RY MRS. EDWARDS.

In a letter dated May 22, Mrs. Edwards gives some additional incidents of the revival in her school the previous winter, as follows:—

"One day I found seven little girls seated in some tall grass, with a few leaves of a New Testament, and two or three hymn-books, looking so grave, one would think they were at a funeral. One of them was so earnest in prayer, that some of the older girls said, 'It makes our consciences whip us to hear that child pray. We don't pray that way.' For two weeks, one of the pupils, a daughter of our pastor, seemed to be in the depths. To my question, 'How is it, Nemagugu, with your heart?' she replied in English, 'If I pray, oh, it is dreadful!' But there came a change; and her face was almost radiant. A week afterward five or six of the girls came to tell me how happy they were, how anxious they were for one member of the school who shocked them by the hardness of her heart and her wicked speeches. Lessons were better learned, and duties more faithfully performed. All had expressed a hope that God had, for Christ's sake, pardoned their sins; and the interest continued till the close of the term, when they went to their homes for three months.

"For several sabbaths some of the girls, accompanied by Miss Lindley or myself, and Mr. Dube, or one of the lay preachers, have gone down into the Umgeni Valley to meet a congregation of a hundred or more from the kraals; and only one man, beside the teachers, in European clothing. There are many young girls among them who wish to be Christians."

Out Work at Home.

Among the days of pleasant memories in the history of the Woman's Board, the 25th of August last will always be one of the pleasantest. In an "upper chamber" in the Congregational House, a few friends came together on that day to say farewell to five young ladies soon to sail as missionaries to different foreign fields.

Mrs. Albert Bowker presided: and at her right sat Miss Susan R. Howland, who was to join her parents in Ceylon, there to be associated with Miss Hillis in work among the women; Miss Corinna Shattuck, sent out by the Woman's Board of the Interior to assist Miss Proctor in her labors at Aintab, Turkey; Mrs. Cora Welch Tomson, rejoicing in restored health, which would enable her soon to take up her residence in the Home in Constantinople; Miss Sarah F. Norris, a medical lady who was to join Mrs. Harding's family in Bombay; and Miss M. E. Gouldy, destined for a new field in Japan. Mrs. Bowker read a portion of Christ's last discourse; and after a few exceedingly happy remarks on the fulness of Christ, his sufficiency in all times of trial and loneliness, a letter was read from Mrs. Dr. Anderson, containing congratulations and a hearty God-speed to her "young sisters in the missionary work." The missionaries under appointment then said a few words expressing the joy and fear of their hearts in the near prospect of entering upon their important work, and earnestly asked the prayers of Christians in America, that they might have wisdom, faith, and courage in every time of need.

Mrs. Gulliver, of the Woman's Board, in reference to

Miss Howland, spoke of the glad fruition of her mother's hopes, - expressed years ago when leaving her children in this country to be educated, - in the fact, that, during the present year, three of her children were to return to India as missionaries. Mrs. Schneider of Turkey carried Miss Shattuck with her in imagination on the way to Aintab, picturing to her the cordial welcome of Miss Proctor and her school-girls. Mrs. Bliss of Constantinople spoke of the great success of the Home in that city, assuring Mrs. Tomson that a warm place was awaiting her in the Home and in the hearts of the missionaries; and Mrs. Ballantine gave Miss Norris a mother's welcome to her daughter's home in Bombay, speaking of the great advantage her medical knowledge would give her in reaching the homes of the people. Miss Mary Susan Rice, whose feeble health would not allow her to sit through the meeting, came in, for a few moments, to say sweet words of cheer and counsel to her young friends, and to bear her testimony to the pleasures and privileges of missionary life. Mrs. Miron Winslow spoke of the delightful unity of the work, - that those at home and abroad could labor for the same great end, though continents lay between them. Mrs. Walker of Auburndale. whose heart and home are always open to missionary children, mentioned some of the compensations of a life in heathen lands, and closed by saying, that, if the way were open, she thought she could go alone to her chosen field.

At the close of the meeting the company adjourned to another room, where a collation was spread, and an hour or two was spent in social intercourse. The occasion was a delightful one in all respects, and will long be remembered by all who participated.

Farewell Meeting.

BY MISS H. WHITE.

THEY gathered in that cheerful, hallowed room, A goodly company, whose names and deeds Resound throughout the earth they strive to bless: They gathered there to meet a youthful band, Nurtured with tenderness, and gifted rare, Who—listening to the blessed Saviour's call, "Go, teach all nations," and to the answering cry From Eastern climes, where sin and ignorance reign—Had, with a calm resolve and cheerful trust, Yielded their services, their lives, their all, To seek their sisters in degraded homes, And lead them in the paths of truth and peace.

Yes, they had sacrificed the joys of home, Of kindred, culture, taste, and native land, All hopes of ease and comfort here below, Resolved to break fell Superstition's chain, And tell their sable sisters of the cross, And Him who died thereon their souls to save.

There were the service-worn in the same cause, Who told them of the need of patient toil, And of the sweet rewards that spring alone From bringing erring ones to paths of peace, And also of the joys to them assured, "The hundred-fold," in place of all resigned For Jesus' and the blessed gospel's sake.

The ascending Saviour's precious pledge was read, "Lo, I am with you," and the assurance blest, If they were faithful, with them to abide.

Oh! with what fervency was Heaven invoked To grant them strength for every trying scene, To bless and guide and guard them to the end.

Then with united voices, tremulous,
They sang that sweetly solemn, parting hymn, —
"I go in heathen lands to dwell:
"My native land, farewell, farewell!"

Go forth, ye loved ones, to your chosen work; Faint not amid the perils of the deep; Heed not the scorching rays of India's sun, The arid, barren sands of Afric's plains,

Nor yet the Papist's threat, nor Moslem's power, But leave your trusting souls in Jesus' hands; Cast all your trophies at his sacred feet. And should some sudden stroke cut short your days, Or in some fevered clime life ebb away; Or should your longing, anguished hearts e'er pine For kindred, sympathy, or native land, — Look upward, and behold your waiting crown, Glistening with precious gems so rich, so rare, Ill-shapen once, but found so beauteous there, — Souls but for you ne'er lighted with a ray Of earthly joy or heaven's eternal day.

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AFRICA.

SERVICE IN A NATIVE CHAPEL.

I have just returned from a service in the chapel, and think you will be interested in a description of the building, and of the people who worship there every Sunday.

The chapel was built by the Rev. Mr. Stone, who lived here twenty years. It is about sixty feet from the station-house, in a straight line. And now, as we are at the door, we will enter. If you have a long dress, I advise you to hold it up; for the floor is the earth, cemented with a preparation made from cow's dung.

The roof is thatched; but there is no ceiling. Next to the thatches are the heavy beams, not smooth and painted, but rough, just as they were taken from the woods. The walls are cemented. Six windows, three on a side, give us light. Around the sides, and scattered here and there, are benches made of rough planks, with sticks in each end for legs.

But our attention is called to those who occupy these benches every sabbath. On one side are the men, on the other the women. Here and there among them are unclothed people from the native kraals. But scan the stationmen, or believers. They, of course, are clothed; and in many of their faces you see energy, intelligence, manliness.

On the other side, the women would attract your eye in their neat calico dresses. They are of all ages, from the infirm old lady to the bright little girl by her side. If we turn to the heathen women, the sight is not so pleasant. Some of them are entirely destitute of clothing: others wear a small blanket fastened around the lower part of the body. Their faces are painted with red clay, from the ear to the chin, on both sides. Some paint, also, around the eyes and nose. Reeds or sticks a foot long, and as large round as your finger, are in their ears. Brass bands are worn on ankles and wrists; and bands of grass encircle the upper part of the arms. They grease their bodies from head to foot, and fix up their woolly hair in all kinds of shapes. The women bring their babies with them. They are always tied to the back of the mother with a piece of cow-skin, their little feet sticking out at each side.

But they have taken their places by this time; and we will see who is to speak to them from the word of God. It is a native by the name of David. He gives out a hymn; and they all stand and sing heartily native words to the tune of "Zion." They are fond of music; and many of them, with training, make good singers. David then gives, not what would be called a sermon, but a good Methodist talk. The congregation numbers sixty or seventy, and is very orderly. After another hymn, they go out.

The native pastor here is an energetic man of about fortyfive years of age. He has a great deal of ability, and has more influence with the people than a missionary could, because he understands them better. L. M. P.

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MRS. WALKER *

Fоосноw, Маy, 1873.

It will not take long to report all the visits I have made with Mrs. Osgood, Miss Payson, and Mrs. Hartwell. Once

^{*} Formerly Miss Claghorn.

we were invited into a house which we were passing, asked to sit down, and offered tea, and tobacco in a large brass pipe. The school-matron had taken some Scripture pictures, which Miss Payson showed to the crowd; for, as usual when foreigners call, the neighbors are called in, and a crowd of men and boys follow. The matron, who would make a good preacher, explained the pictures clearly and earnestly. It was interesting, to one who could understand few of the words, to watch the different expressions of countenance. That of the man of the house seemed full of sympathy at the story of the crucifixion.

When Mrs. Hartwell goes out to the Sanitarium on Mt. Kushan, I shall have charge of a day school of about eight pupils, taught by a Chinese girl. My chief work for a long time will be the study of the language.

We cannot go anywhere, in city or country, without encountering much that is unpleasant in the way of filth, stench, and vermin. If it is true that "you may estimate the civilization of a people by the quantity of soap they use," then these Chinese are far behind in civilization.

You wished to hear of the scenery about Foochow. While almost all the buildings are strange, the "eternal hills" are very like those at home, and yet, old as they are, always present a new and varied picture. Opposite us, on a branch of the Min, is Kushan, rising three thousand feet. Other mountains are fifteen hundred or two thousand feet high; but in the foreground are many smaller ones. It would never do for any one to come here with superstitious fears of death and the grave; for every hill is covered with graves of different forms, some of them quite extensive, and a very common form is the Omega shape. The Chinese have no superstitious fears, and, it would seem, but little reverence; for the children play among these graves, while the older ones gamble, or sell their wares, over them.

JAPAN.

LETTER FROM MISS DUDLEY.

AREMA, July 23, 1873.

. . . It seems hardly possible that we have been in Japan nearly four months. The time has been so filled with new sights and sounds, that it has passed quickly. My voyage of twenty-eight days on the steamer, with Miss Talcott, was pleasant; and our home has been at Mr. Davis's.

Of my first impressions of the country it seems late to speak now; but I can say that the beauty which at first surprised me grows with my life here. These mountains, covered with richest green, the countless streams and waterfalls, and, most beautiful of all, the blue water of the bay, dotted with the white sails of the *junk*, make a picture one cannot easily tire of.

In May we went with Mr. and Mrs. Davis to Kioto. A novel ride we thought it; the first twenty-eight miles by steamer, then the remaining forty by the little man-power carriages.

The exhibition was well worth visiting; but to us the whole country was little less so. There were fine lacquered and bronze pieces belonging to the Mikado, paintings and embroideries on silk, the weaving of magnificent silk brocade, and the making of china, that interested us much. The city is full of wonders. These grand old temples — oh, what churches they would make! We long and pray for the time, when, instead of the voices of the priests as they lazily drone over the prayers they but half understand, the blessed truth of a living, loving Saviour, may be spoken to this people. Few visit the temples; and the only religion they have seems to have but slight hold on them.

We returned to Osaca by little boats, on the River Yado. The Japanese, as a people, seem to live a free and careless life. But little is expected of the women. Most of them can read a little; and their bright, intelligent faces leave little doubt of their capability of learning. Some of the girls are very pretty. Their dress, with few alterations, will make a desirable one for this warm climate. The family of one of the ex-damios is quite interesting. They lost a little one in the spring. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were with them. We assisted in preparing the little body for the grave, as we would at home; and it was buried instead of burned. They seemed comforted as they listened to Jesus' words, "Suffer little children to come unto me;" and we pray that this little one, who, we believe, is with Jesus, may be the means of bringing those who loved her to him.

I do not find the language very difficult; have translated two easy little Readers into Japanese, and finished my first Japanese book of simple sentences. But we are advised to make it our first object to speak.

We read "Life and Light" with interest. That in every part of the world there are hearts that work and pray for this cause, is a comfort and help to us.

Home Pepartment.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

More than thirty years ago the wife of an American missionary in the East took into her family a little Syrian maid to wait upon her children, and to be taught, at the same time, of the way of the Lord. For three or four years the girl remained under the influence of her kind mistress; then ill-health compelled the missionary's return to his na-

tive land, where he was for many years a faithful pastor. Death removed him in the midst of his usefulness; but the lonely wife has found many ways of doing good in the community where she and her daughters have found a pleasant home. And to this home there has lately come a letter from the far-off land, from the hand of the little maid, now grown to the estate of a Christian matron. Thus she writes:—

"Many years have passed since we have heard from each other; yet you have not forgotten me, nor have I forgotten you. . . . I can never pay the kindness that you have showed me. You have taken me from darkness to light. I hope the Lord will recompense you in my place.

"I think you like to hear something about my family. The Lord has given me three daughters and four sons. Your namesake is about twelve years old, and is attending the American female school, which was under my care, but is now in the hands of three American young ladies, and my husband is helping them. They are doing good.

... "If you look back at 'little Lulu,' you will find her now a woman of gray hair, her children, like olive-plants around her, hoping that they may be the children of the Lord. Also I have an adopted son with my family. My brothers are spared to me, and love us all. It is the pleasantest time when we go and visit them. They ask about you often. This summer we spent in A——. I never went to it since the time I spent it with you, about thirty years ago. When I first saw the house you lived in, though it is changed, and much larger than it was, but the thought was fresh of all the pleasant hours we spent together, and of him who has gone to his Saviour. A—— is much changed. Thirty European families of different kinds were spending the summer in it; and the carriage-road is in the midst of it. The country is changing, and the light is

spreading on the plains and on the mountains. There are about twelve Protestant churches. We have a large one in B——, near the old mission-house, after the fashion of American churches, and a town-clock sent from America for the tower. The present missionaries are reaping the seed that the first missionaries have sown with fatigue. It is pleasant to see that their labor is not gone in vain."

After writing of the sabbath and day schools, she adds in closing, "Since you left me, the Lord has taken me up and given me the kindest of husbands." Promising to "tell more of the particulars of this country and of the works of the Lord in it," she subscribes herself, "Your child, Lulu A."

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of the Interior will take place in St. Louis, Mo., on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 5 and 6. Auxiliary societies will please appoint delegates to that meeting, prepared with brief written reports of their work for the year.

SEPT. 19. — Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Post, the Annual Meeting will be transferred from St. Louis to Chicago.

MISSIONARY MEETING IN CHICAGO.

WE have only space to mention the meeting at Unionpark Church, Sept. 12, when Mrs. Edkins of Peking, China, told us of her Girls' Boarding School, and also reported the kindred work of our own dear young ladies there. She belongs to the London Missionary Society; and our grateful interest will follow her home to England and back to China. We wish that all our country-women could be electrified by her zeal.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM Aug. 16 to SEPT. 15, 1873.

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Porter, L. M.'s, Mrs. G. L. Lathrop, Treasurer, \$100 00	KANSAS.
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MISS CORINNA SHATTUCK, who sailed on Aug. 27, 1873, for Aintab, Turkey, has been adopted by the Woman's Board of the Interior.



LIFE AND LIGHT.

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1873.

VISIT TO A COUNTRY SCHOOL.

BY MISS PAYSON.

O-MORROW," said I to Mrs. Tsua, the matron of my boarding-school, "we will start early, and go to see the school in Kuai Seu." Mrs. Tsua said, "Ho," which meant about the same as "Very well, I'll be ready: " so next morning, bright and early, off we started. This village is six miles from my house, and, of course, I had to ride. In a carriage? Oh, no! We do not have such things here. I

haven't seen a carriage for more than four years. I rode in a sedan-chair, fastened to two long bamboo-poles, which two Chinamen carried on their shoulders. For nearly a mile we went through such narrow, crowded streets, that, if you had taken a morning's walk through them once, you would never wish to do it again. At last we came to the long stone bridge which crosses the river, and was built years and years ago. Under it were a great many Chinese ships, called "junks," with narrow red flags flying from their

masts, and two round, staring eyes painted on each side of the prow. The Chinese think it is not safe to sail in a ship without eyes, because it cannot see which way to go.

It was early in the day; and, as we took the road along the river's bank, we met numbers of country people, men and women, with poles on their shoulders, at each end of which were well-filled baskets, some with oranges, some with flowers for the idol temples, others with vegetables or live chickens and ducks. The people here have no oxen or horses to carry their heavy loads, but do every such thing themselves. When they carry building-stones and tea-chests that are very weighty, the pole is carried by two men, the burden hanging between them. Sometimes the load is a squealing black pig, tied to the middle of the pole, and hanging down from it in such a fashion as no pig, however good-natured, would like very long. Now and then my chair-bearers stopped to rest at the tea-houses by the roadside. They smoked their pipes, drank one or two cups of tea, and then were ready to go on again.

After a ride of nearly two hours, we entered the village where the school was kept. It was not a very pretty place; not one white cottage, not a flower-garden in it, nothing in front of their houses but hard trodden earth, where children, dogs, and pigs scrambled round together, happy enough perhaps, but not very clean. How we did wind about to find the house! Up one street, and down another, till, in the narrowest and darkest of the lanes, — so it seemed to me, — we stood suddenly before the open door of the schoolroom. It was kitchen and sitting-room besides; as the teacher and her husband lived there, and had only one other room, which was a sleeping-apartment.

Going in, I found ten children, — five girls and five boys, — sitting on high stools without backs, and studying aloud, as is the custom here. The teacher, a pleasant Christian

woman, about thirty years old, seemed quite glad to see us, but ran at once into her bedroom to put a bunch of articial flowers in her hair. The Chinese women are very particular about their hair, which is perfectly black and glossy; and they never like to see guests till they have pinned a small bouquet on each side of their heads. ten children stopped their studies when we went in, and stared at me with all their eyes. The teacher asked a neighbor, who had followed us in, to hold her baby, that she might begin immediately to make a cup of tea. As soon as it was made, she gave it to me, and then brought a pipe, which I declined, but which Mrs. Tsua took gratefully, and, I presume, felt quite rested on account of it. She had walked all the six miles; was tired and footsore doubtless, because, much of the way, she had carried her shoes in her hand, that she might not wear them out in walking.

After I had eaten a cake from the plateful which the teacher had sent out and bought, I said, "Now I would like to have the scholars repeat their lessons." Each recited alone: so, one by one, they came up to me; and turning their backs, as is the Chinese custom at recitation, they rattled off their lessons at railroad speed. They seemed to have learned them by rote, and not to know much about the meaning of them. Two or three of the youngest were learning to read, and only pointed out a few characters from the book, just as children in America do, who are studying the alphabet. I cautioned the older ones about reciting so fast, and then preached a sort of little sermon to them all, about loving Jesus, and being careful to say their prayers, not to deceive, or tell lies. After this we sang two or three hymns, such as "Come to Jesus," "Jesus loves me."

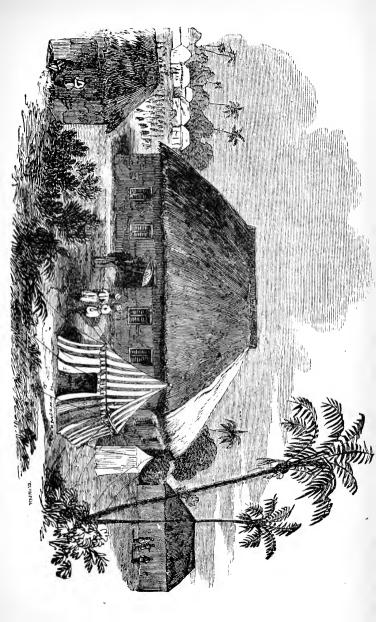
Several outside women had come in, and were whispering to one another about my dress and looks, while I urged them to worship the true God. When I rose to go, they followed me to the door, saying, "Walk slowly, walk carefully." I found my chair-bearers in the street, and we were soon on our way home.

MISSION-CHURCH IN INDIA.

BY MRS. E. E. WASHBURN.

This picture represents a building such as is used in the Christian villages of India for a schoolhouse during the week, and a church on the sabbath. It is covered with a straw thatch, the upper ends of which are bound together into a ridge at the top. The little windows have no glass in them, nothing but coarse Venetian shutters; and the floors and walls are of mud. A table, a chair, and a lamp, with the addition of a few mats for the people to sit upon, constitute the furniture of the church.

The missionaries, on their visits to the villages, make these churches their headquarters; and in them they examine schools, receive the people, give medicine, and hold meetings. From these centres they go out among the people to tell them of Jesus and his love for them. The children in India have not Christian parents to instruct them, as you have, dear children. Their fathers and mothers teach them to say the names of their favorite deities as soon as their lips can utter any thing; and their mouths are filled with false and impure stories. The grown people make offerings to their gods, and perform a variety of ceremonies in their worship; and the children learn to do the same. These gods are without number. Everywhere along the roadside, and at the corners of the streets, you see images set up for the worship of the passer-by; and each one of these has its



priest, who daily anoints it with oil, twines a garland of fresh flowers around its neck, and smears it with sacred ashes.

They know not a better way. Of the Saviour who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and who, when upon earth, took them in his arms, and blessed them, they have never heard, except as they have been told of him by the missionaries sent to them from Christian lands. Will you not, then, my little friends, give your pennies, your prayers, and yourselves to the great work of making known the love of Jesus to the perishing ones in India?

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MAINE. - Bath. - "Little Rills," \$15.00.

Whiting. — Four little boys, .50.

New Hampshire. — Kensington. — "Willing Workers," \$10.00.

Massachusetts. — Grantville. — Sallie, Fannie, and Helen.

Holliston. — "The Open Hands," \$31.25.

Wellesley. — "Penny Gatherers," \$5.25; Lizzie Fuller's Missionary

Wisconsin. - Viroqua. - Juvenile Missionary Society, \$16.38. Waukesha. - Four little girls, \$5.00.

WATERING AND BEING WATERED.

As this is the season in which we hope many of our young friends are planning the winter's work for their mission-circles, we think they may find suggestions in the following gleanings from an article in "The New-York Observer," sent us by a friend: -

Some months ago sixteen young school-girls connected with the congregation of the Broadway Tabernacle Church

in this city (Rev. Dr. Taylor's), of their own motion formed an association for the purpose of doing something to promote the cause of missions. They agreed each to pay into the treasury of the association two cents a week; but honorary members were allowed to be enrolled, without taking part in the meetings, on the payment of two dollars a year. After conference with the Woman's Board, they engaged to become responsible for the support of a school for girls at Madura, in India, and immediately set themselves to work with their own hands to provide the means. They met regularly once a fortnight at first, and after a time once a week, to prepare useful and fancy articles for a domestic fair, receiving contributions and aid from various friends, but retaining the responsibility and management of the whole affair in their own hands. They became deeply interested in their work, and also in the object, as the result will show.

The fair, to which only the congregation of the Broadway Tabernacle were specially invited, was held in the social parlors of the church; and a large assembly was present to testify their interest in this youthful undertaking. Every thing was conducted with the utmost propriety, and it was in all respects a pleasant social gathering. As one of the results, the young ladies realized from the articles sold six hundred dollars above all their expenses.

But one of the most precious fruits of this enterprise is yet to be mentioned. As these young ladies began to work with their hands for the daughters of the heathen far away, as they talked and thought of the object they had in view, their own hearts became more deeply touched with a sense of the need of a personal interest in that Saviour whom they were seeking to make known to others; and, of the sixteen who compose the association, seven, within these few

months in which they have been thus engaged, have given evidence of conversion, and have been admitted to the communion of the church, the most of them on the last sabbath. So speedily has the promise been fulfilled, "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

We make this record to show what youthful hearts and hands may do in a good cause, and, commending the example to others, would express the hope that it may be followed in the same spirit, carried out with the same propriety, and attended with the same blessed results.

ENIGMA.*

I AM composed of twenty letters.

My 3, 11, 5, 9, was a good old patriarch.

My 1, 5, 2, 12, was a wicked king of Israel.

My 15, 7, 18, 5, 19, 12, was the name of a great people.

My 12, 10, 18, 4, is a name of God.

My 6, 19, 1, is an answer to the first clause of the third verse in the sixteenth chapter of Job.

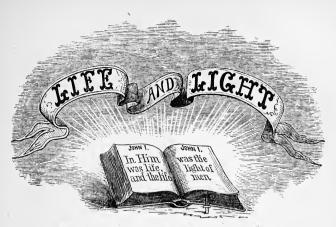
My 4, 5, 20, 15, 19, 12, was the name of one greatly beloved of God. My whole is the nursery of the church.

ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

"Lo, I am with you alway."

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the September number from C. A. M., Darien, Conn.; S. C. B., Belleville, N.J.; A. H. K., Auburndale, Mass.; E. E. A. and A. E. N., Pittsfield, Mass.

^{*} Composed by two little boys aged six and eight years.



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TURKEY.

THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

LETTER FROM MISS RAPPLEYE.

In a letter dated July 8, Miss Rappleye gives the following report of our Constantinople Home:—

"With true gratitude to the Preserver of life and health, I am happy to record the fact, that no serious sickness has visited your Home in Constantinople; neither has any difficulty in disciplining its members arisen to mar the peacefulness of its daily routine. Occasional visits have been received from friends in America, and from those interested in the work of training the young in this land. These visits have done much to induce the pupils to be thorough in their studies, and to give them more intelligent views of Christian benevolence.

"The number has not exceeded twenty-five, as we had not

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room for more; but some of the applicants were of a desirable class. We had one from a Turkish family, and several from among the Greeks. The signs are hopeful that such patronage will come to us even before we are ready for it; and this strengthens our faith in the tottering and speedy downfall of the mighty power of Islamism, that keeps so large a part of the human race in bondage.

"We are now about moving to a larger house in Scutari. I confess that I should have much more enthusiasm in making a change, if we were going to our new and permanent home; but it seems best to take this intermediate step: hence I can undertake it. The healthier climate and larger accommodations in Scutari are so desirable, that other considerations must yield.

"We do not forget, during the busy days of school-life, that the aim of all our efforts should be to inspire a love and respect for higher spiritual life in the hearts of all over whom we have any influence. This responsibility, if fully realized, would be crushing; but sustained by your prayers, and the encouragement of so many of God's dear ones in all parts of our native land, we work hopefully and cheerfully. The daily growth is hardly perceptible; but, when comparisons are made between periods of time months remote from each other, the result is often very gratifying. Our first pupil - an awkward, cross-eyed, uninteresting child, and even very ill tempered — is now a pet in the school. saw her mother not long since; and she was filled with wonder at her daughter's improvement, especially in dispo-The child said to her one day, 'Love Jesus? Of course, I love Jesus; and I love everybody, because I love Jesus.

"The first hour in the morning, during which familiar conversation upon the practical duties of Christian life is encouraged, is perhaps the most satisfactory of any in the week, except the one on sabbath morning, when we all assemble for social prayer. The evidences given then, and at other times, make me hope that many of the pupils, I think I can say a majority, have really begun to have experimental knowledge of the better way."

LETTER FROM MRS. BLISS.

Mrs. Edwin Bliss, for thirty years connected with the mission in Constantinople, now in this country, has kindly sent us a short sketch of the aims and practical workings of the Home. After a brief history of its commencement, she says,—

"For the first year, Miss Rappleye's imperfect knowledge of the language prevented her from accomplishing what she desired; but at the last examination, in July, all were delighted. A larger number of natives were present than on any previous occasion. One pastor was heard saying to another, 'There never was such an examination in Constantinople before;' to which the other replied, 'No: it is won-Miss Rappleye is indeed remarkably efficient, both in general management and in instruction. She allows nothing done half way; and by example, as well as precept, teaches what is needed more than book knowledge, - a prompt and unhesitating performance of every duty. We feel that the school is accomplishing more than we could have hoped. A missionary lady of some experience was amazed as she visited it, and said she would not have believed it possible that Armenian girls could be trained to such promptness and accuracy.

"The building first occupied would only accommodate twenty-five pupils, and the last year applications have been refused. It was then proposed that a building be erected for the school. A suitable place was found, and terms agreed upon; but to arrange the titles, in connection with a government like that of Turkey, would require months at least. A house was therefore rented for the time; and by our last information Miss Rappleye had taken possession, and was succeeding in arranging it very attractively for her school. The new place is in Scutari, on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus. It is believed to be in one of the most healthful portions of the city; and the house is located in the midst of the most respectable part of the Armenian population. It is but three doors from the place where they hope eventually to have the school, and will accommodate double the number they have hitherto been able to receive.

"At present the school is necessarily confined to Armenian girls. Much desire is felt to receive other nationalities, who already apply, especially the Greek; but such an arrangement would be difficult for want of a common language. The matter is still under consideration; and it is earnestly hoped that some way will be devised to meet the perplexity. The school differs from others in being a paying school. Every pupil is expected to be paid for by somebody; but the terms are low, and not now equal to the expense.

"The common branches of an English education are given to the girls, together with religious instruction, singing, and needle-work. They frequently write letters and compositions in English; and the handwriting of some of the pupils is remarkable. Particular attention is paid to giving the pupils correct and lady-like manners; and calisthenic exercises are a new and very attractive feature to those who visit the school.

"There is hardly time yet to speak of results. One pupil has gone out as a pastor's wife, and is, I understand, filling well her place. None have yet completed the course

of study; but we are hoping the time is not far distant when some of the older pupils will be prepared to become wives and teachers, reflecting credit upon their instructors, and aiding in the spread of an enlightened Christian womanhood in Turkey."

LETTER FROM REV. DR. SEELYE.

To the foregoing letters we are glad to be allowed to add the testimony of Rev. R. H. Seelye of Haverhill, Mass., who gives us his impressions of the Home and its prospects, as follows:—

"It was my good fortune, in May last, to spend a few days in Constantinople; and, during that period, I passed a night on the premises purchased as a site for the Home, at Scutari, across the channel from the old city, as Brooklyn is from New York. It comprises about half an acre of ground in the midst of the sixty thousand inhabitants that compose that part of the city; and I was charmed with the spot. It seemed to me that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find in that vicinity a more sightly, beautiful, healthful, and convenient location, a property so extensive, so valuable, and at the same time so cheap at the price, as that which your friends had then bargained for. was evident, that while laboring in spiritual things, and devoting themselves to untiring effort for the upbuilding of a kingdom which is not of this world, our missionary brethren at Constantinople were not wanting in practical business capacity and worldly wisdom.

"It was also my happiness to attend a morning session of the Home school, which was then in the Stamboul quarter of the city, under the charge of Miss Rappleye. I shall not soon forget the delight I experienced in witnessing the exercises of the pupils. After reading the Scriptures in

Armenian and in English, they recited, from memory, different portions, especially of the New Testament; and one of them gave the whole of the eighteenth chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. Some of them wrote in English, on the blackboard, exhibiting a neat and beautiful chirography, as well as a proficiency in this (to them) foreign language. An exercise in geography interested me exceedingly. The lesson on maps of different quarters of the globe was given them in the form of a game; all that took an active part exhibiting a lively interest to the end, with much and minute knowledge of the subject. When I reflected that this was in the capital of the Turkish empire, - from which a pasha had been sent to Jerusalem, who had expressed his belief that 'the sacred rock under the dome of the mosque of Omar, on Mount Moriah, lies on the top leaves of a palmtree, from the roots of which spring all the rivers of the earth,' - I could not but feel that these young ladies, drawn as they were from the different nationalities and grades of society, might yet have an important part to perform in the regeneration of Turkey. It is evident that such a training as they are receiving in the truths and duties of religion, in Christian thought, morals, and manners, in Christian ideas of the household, the domestic state and relations. must lead to results both wonderful and blessed in the future of those young women, and in the society of which they are members.

"I understood that the school was but one feature of the work undertaken by the Woman's Board in Turkey,—a work which in its several branches was and is greatly needed, and which no other organization can so well perform. I wish I could impart, especially to those who have the means at their command, my own sense of the importance of the operations of the Woman's Board at Constantinople. I am confident that in that case its treasury

would not long be without the sum needed for the erection of the contemplated building and the energetic prosecution of the work.

"That your society may have means in abundance, and be greatly prospered in its undertakings, is my sincere and earnest prayer."

"REJOICING IN TRIBULATION."

BY MRS. C. R. ALLEN.

IF, as the shades of evening shut out the day, you will, in imagination, go with me to the village of Porchenj, five miles from the city, and enter the humble abode of a poor widow, you will see something to cheer you, and strengthen your faith. The room is varnished with the soot of many years; and the dim light in the centre does but little towards dispelling the darkness that reigns. Here a company of fifty have already gathered. On an elevated place by the side of the fireplace, which consists of a hole dug in the earth, sits a woman of some fifty years. She is supported by hard cushions, and has over her emaciated limbs - a quilt, shall I call it? rather the remains of one. But please mark well her countenance. A holy joy beams from every feature as she takes my hand, and, raising her eyes to heaven, exclaims, "Praise the Lord for his goodness to me! How good he has been to me! I praise him for the special favor of this evening: I cannot understand it, it is wonderful!" There are gatherings for prayer every evening; and it so happens, that, now that the time has come to have one at her house, the missionaries are present.

The meeting begins with a hymn and prayer; and Mr. Allen reads the fourteenth chapter of John. She joins him,

repeating to herself, word for word, to the middle of the chapter; and all through the exercises she seems to be on the mount of transfiguration. The children's favorite hymn says, "There is a happy land, far, far away," which may be true in the abstract; but surely there are times when

"Heaven comes down our souls to meet, And glory crowns the mercy-seat."

At the close of the meeting she takes Mr. Allen's hand, and, with tearful eyes, thanks him for bringing the gospel to her, and again thanks her Father in heaven for remembering her, a poor, ignorant woman.

This woman has been an invalid for years. The brethren took turns in carrying her on their backs to chapel on the sabbath as long as she was able to go. They remarked to me, that they considered it a privilege to do this, for her presence was a blessing to their souls. The past year she has been confined to the house, patiently waiting for the Master's call. She is extremely poor, being dependent on the charity of the church for her daily bread; but the constant testimony of her lips and life is, that God has been good to her; and now, in her poverty and weakness, she cheers herself with the prospect of what is before her. She longs to behold that Saviour who has redeemed her, but is willing to wait and suffer so long as her heavenly Father wills. Her lamp is trimmed and burning: she only lingers to hear that the "Bridegroom cometh." She cannot read, though she has repeatedly tried to learn; yet she seems familiar with the word of God, repeating from the Gospels and Epistles with the readiness of one who has searched the Scriptures from early youth. A few years since she was in comparative darkness. "How ignorant I was," said she, "till the missionaries came to our village, and preached the gospel! I did not know I was a sinner, and I might have died in my sins, and been lost; but God in his mercy thought of me, and revealed to me the way to be saved." This seemed to impress her, that God had singled her out, among so many. She was such a "poor, ignorant creature." how was it that he had remembered her?

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS PAYSON.

On our last communion sabbath, the first day of June, my heart was filled with more glad and grateful thoughts than I can express; for on that occasion five of my school-girls were baptized, and publicly consecrated themselves to the Saviour. The sight amply repaid me for the many sad and discouraging days which have come to me in this heathen land; and from my inmost heart I thanked God, and took courage. These five girls are all over thirteen years of age; are quite intelligent, especially so far as Bible truth is concerned; and they are rather attractive in looks and manners. I am also glad to say that there are at present thirty pupils connected with the school, — all the building will accommodate.

One of the graduates, who left three years ago, has been the subject of frequent prayer on the part of some members of the mission, lest she should be compelled to become the wife of a heathen. Her relatives, greedy of gain, have been determined to marry her to the highest bidder, irrespective of his moral character, or fitness as regards age or education. When she entered the school, ten or twelve years ago, these relatives gave a written promise not to betroth her without the approval and consent of the missionaries. But they have been quite unmindful of this promise, and would have married her long since to a heathen, could they have found one able and willing to give the required sum. —one hundred and forty dollars. Reports had come to me so many times, that Mi Chio's fate was decided, - that she was immediately to be betrothed to some worthless person, - that I had almost given up expecting any thing better; and my faith in praying for her had grown very weak. Not long ago, however, she became engaged to a Christian, a literary man, in every way worthy of her; and three weeks since she was married to him. If we had chosen the husband ourselves, we could hardly have secured a better one for her. cannot help seeing God's hand in all this, and feeling that he has graciously answered our prayers. How disinclined we are to wait for God's blessing to come! How impatient are we often if our prayers are not answered at once!

I made a call recently on a blind man, who has, in years past, suffered greatly from inflammatory rheumatism, so that his hands are quite distorted, rendering him incapable of doing any thing for his own support. His feet, also, are somewhat deformed. He usually receives what I have to say in a half-jocose way, and invariably replies, "What I need is cash, not doctrine." He is very poor, but not worse off than his neighbors. He has one brother, who makes tobacco-pipes of bamboo for a living, and earns enough to furnish the blind man with a sufficiency of food and tolerable clothing. During this call, I urged him to pray to the true God, who had great pity for him; then I told him of my sisters in the far-off foreign country, and that I had written to them about him. "I told them," said I, "that you were blind and lame, and did not yet believe in Jesus. I received an answer a few days ago, saying they had prayed for you very often, and asking if you had not begun to love your Saviour. It seems strange to me, that, though people

on the other side of the world care so much about your soul, you are unwilling to pray for yourself. I should be so very glad if I could write to my sisters, and tell them you had done so." His only answer was, "I don't know how to pray." - "But I will teach you," I said. "You need only say a few words; just these, - 'I beg thee, O Lord, to pity me a sinful man." -- "Oh," he replied, "I cannot remember it." But he made the remark good-naturedly; and, while we were talking to some other people near the door, I heard him say to himself several times, "Write letter, write letter!" as if the fact that any one took sufficient interest in him to write about him had touched his heart. I left him with a half-discouraged feeling; but still I hope some day, if not just now, the words of that little prayer may be the rift in the cloud by which the light of heaven may shine down into his soul.

A Mother's Farewell.

This slittle poem, written by the mother of a missionary, was sent us as a response to "A Daughter's Longing," in the June number.

Our from my hands, my arms, my sight,
Out from my sheltering care,
But into the tender hands of God,
My darling, I leave thee there.
If in the darkness there were no light,
Revealing the form divine,
I could not, I could not, withdraw my claim:
My daughter would still be mine.
But One I behold with crown of thorns,
And hands where the nails were driven:
His tender, beseeching eye reminds,
My life for them was given.

Under that gaze so mournful, sweet, I sink, submissive still. Take, dearest Lord, my life, my all, And work out thy perfect will. So, dear delight of heart and home, Bright, joyous, and loving child, Remember, that when thy mother gave, Through blinding tears she smiled. The ebbing life may the sooner waste, The trembling heart grow still: But rest and blessedness will come In suffering all God's will. Come close to me once more, my child. And receive my last embrace, While tearfully, yearningly, I gaze On that dear, beloved face, -That face that came like light from heaven To brighten our earthly way, And brighter, lovelier, dearer still, Has seemed to us every day. Out of my anguished heart I cry To Him, all good, all wise, "Dear Lord, accept the gift I bring, My precious sacrifice." And still I hold thee; flesh is weak, And heart-pangs rend me sore; And I am sorrowing most of all That thy face I shall see no more. But go, my darling: upon thy head I lay my blessing down: There it shall rest till both of us Obtain the heavenly crown. There let it rest, - thy mother's prayers, Thy mother's hand of love, -

Till, after a while, that mother's hand Shall beckon thee up above.

Our Work at Home.

This number of "Life and Light" closes its first year as a monthly; and we wish to thank our friends for the patronage and encouragement we have received. Its circulation has increased from seven to eleven thousand; and although, with the large expense of the frequent issue, and so small a subscription-price, it cannot be pecuniarily profitable, yet we feel that the cause has been benefited by a more general dissemination of missionary intelligence. The same increase in subscribers another year will place the magazine on a firm footing; and we earnestly hope our friends will assist us in accomplishing this object.

The "Echoes" also have met with much favor with the children; but we wish to have them more generally introduced into sabbath schools. We shall send specimen copies to the superintendents; but, through the multiplicity of the cares of these officers, we fear they may be consigned to the waste-basket, and we wish to ask you, dear reader, to attend to the matter in your own school. If each one considers this request addressed to her neighbor, it is useless to make it. Do it yourself, dear friend, and do not wait for others. It would be better for the superintendent to have a dozen reminders than none at all.

THE RHODE-ISLAND BRANCH.

It is with sincere gratitude and pleasure that we announce to our readers the formation of the fourth branch of the Woman's Board, in Rhode Island. Although there are

but a small number of churches under its jurisdiction, the friends who have labored with untiring zeal for this result were rewarded by its successful organization on the 9th of October last, with the following officers, — Mrs. William J. King, President; Mrs. Constantine Blodgett of Pawtucket and Mrs. Jeremiah Taylor, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. H. W. Wilkinson, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Charlotte E. Leavitt, Recording Secretary; Miss Ellen M. Haskell, Home Secretary; Miss Anna T. White, Treasurer. The head-quarters are to be in Providence, where all but one of these ladies resides.

We wish to offer our congratulations to this new branch, and to bid its members a most cordial welcome to the labors, the blessings, and the privileges of work for heathen women. Of their future prosperity we cannot doubt, if we may judge from the earnest spirit exhibited in their first Annual Report, which closes as follows:—

"When each church in our State is represented by earnest, loving hearts, even if only the mites are added which to our heavenly Father were so precious, then, and then only, can we, by united prayer and effort, hope to do all the Master requires of us."

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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TURKEY.

WOMAN'S WORK IN MARASH.

[Mrs. Coffing's Report, 1872-73.]

... AT Jerebakan, Eve Avakiyan has taught a small mixed school and eight women; also working faithfully from house to house.

In Hadjin the Bible-reader has given lessons to twentyfive women, visiting at least twenty of them daily; and the girls' school has averaged twenty-five for six months, some of the girls being quite large. Both these workers have had their strength taxed to the utmost, reading and explaining the Scriptures to real, serious inquirers; while the women who regularly attend the chapel services have increased from eight to twenty-nine since last July; and our last letter from there gives us the hope that some of them have passed from death to life.

In October, 1872, we sent one of our high-school graduates to Albustan. When she had been there a month, the pastor wrote that she had over thirty girls and fifty women. We at once wrote that she must drop the women, as no human being could do justice to so many. The school has kept its numbers; and though we cannot speak from personal observation, as we do of the other places, all our reports have been most favorable.

At Zeitoon, a graduate of the middle school teaches a mixed school of fifty-five scholars; some of the boys being 24

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larger than herself. But she retains perfect control of them, and has them all well classified. Not more than twenty of these are the children of Protestant families; yet thirty of them attend the sabbath school, and Miss Williams says she has succeeded in teaching them to sing better than any native she has seen.

The Bible-reader has seventeen regular scholars. These she visits in their homes four days in the week. On Wednesday they all come to her; and, having read their lessons, they have a general exercise in reading, figures, and singing, after which they have a Bible-lesson (Old Testament) and a prayer-meeting. Most of the seventeen have either finished the primer, or are now reviewing it. When a woman has reviewed the primer, her husband gives her a hymn-book.

The teacher, on entering a house, asks, "Have you prepared your lesson?" If the answer is a negative one, she replies, "Then I have no work here," and, turning, goes on to the next house. In these visits she finds opportunity to read to ten or twelve other women almost every day. Sabbath morning, in the chapel, she gives them a lesson from the catechism; at noon she meets them in a private house, going to a different one every sabbath, and thus reaching many who would not come to the chapel. The sabbath we were there, twenty-six were present at this meeting. The lessons are from the New Testament. In the afternoon all again attend the preaching at the chapel. The women who regularly attend now number twelve, some of whom give good evidence that they love Jesus. The success of these girls in the out-stations more than meets our highest expectations. . . . To raise up more such workers is our chief work. In many of our out-stations they are our only hope; for we, not having Armenian, and the women understanding no Turkish, can do little for them directly. We feel, how

ever, that we ought not only to go and start them in the work, but ought to visit them once or more during the year. They are too young and inexperienced to be left for nine months or a year without oversight. We shall therefore need to spend a larger sum in touring than we have spent hitherto.

In the city of Marash ten females teachers have been employed, the people paying eight of them; and the school committee also promises to assume the salary of one teacher in the high school, from Jan. 1, 1874.

Home Bepartment.

MEETING AT MINNEAPOLIS.

THE fifth public meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the A. B. C. F. M., was held at the Centenary Church, Thursday morning, Sept. 25, 1873, Mrs. Moses Smith of Chicago, presiding.

The meeting was opened by singing, -

"Kindred in Christ, for his dear sake A hearty welcome here receive," —

followed by the reading of part of the seventeenth chapter of John. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Bowker, President of the Woman's Board of Missions, who also gave the opening address. She presented the salutations of the Boston Board, and expressed their sympathy in the common cause; and then gave a concise review of the formation of the various women's foreign missionary societies throughout the land. The inquiry often made, "What need of woman's

boards?" was satisfactorily answered; and it was stated that, as heathen women are now accessible, the condition of the unevangelized world demands them; the Church, Christian women (the children of the Church), need them; and the great Head of the Church has inaugurated them. An interesting account of the work that has been accomplished by them, both in the home and foreign departments, was given, showing great success in each, which was attributed to the divine blessing. In closing, Christian women were earnestly urged to consecrate themselves anew to this cause, and to unite in strenuous efforts to secure an auxiliary in every church; then will these "Women's Boards" prosper gloriously in the work whereto they were called.

After singing, "Come, Holy Spirit, come," the audience listened to Mrs. S. C. Bartlett of Glencoe, Ill., former president of the W. B. M. I. She gave interesting statistics of the work being done by this Board. She said, that, two years ago, the Board resolved to raise fourteen thousand dollars; but they did not work hard, and at their annual meeting at Rockford, last fall, found they fell short of that sum. At that meeting they passed no resolution to try, but pledged themselves to raise fifteen thousand dollars this year. The year would close in November, and they lack four thousand dollars; but the harvest-time is not ended. And she closed with an appeal to all who had not done all they could, to come up to their help, and redeem the pledge.

A letter was then read from Miss Chapin of North China, giving an account of the baptism of a little girl, and urging the young women of this land to consecrate themselves to the work of missions.

Mrs. Capron of the Madura Mission gave an intensely interesting account of her labors. She said she had no "success" to report; but, after she had finished, some of

her auditors felt, that, if this was not success, the word had higher meaning for her than for them, especially after her touching story of the poor pariah girl, who entered her school to the great disgust of the old scholars of higher caste, but who left it at length to become a power among the women of the city, among whom she organized a prayermeeting, which she still leads.

Mrs. Washburne of the Madura Mission gave in a few words some items of great interest, as showing the superstition of the Mohammedans. They had at one time a flourishing school, composed largely of such; but on re-opening the school, after the Christmas festival, none of these were present. On inquiry, they found that it had been reported that the missionaries put something into the Christmascakes to make them all Christians; and it was months before the idea could be removed, and the pupils allowed to return.

Mrs. Walker of the Gaboon Mission, Africa, spoke of the difference in the work of this mission from that of others. When they began their labors, there was no written language. They still have no literature nor science: but the African has now the light of intellect in his eye; while their audiences, at first meagre and scarcely clothed, are now large, appropriately "clothed, and in their right minds."

Mrs. Robbins of Zulu Land felt like exclaiming, "All hail the power of Jesus' name!" She ascribed the wonderful change among that people of Africa, not to missionary-labor, but solely to the wonderful power of that "name above every name." She said, that, when her little daughter died, the natives, who had been fond of the child, did not come to the funeral; and she wondered why. But the day following they came, two by two, and sat in the yard in silence for a little time; then left, and others took their

places. It was their customary way of expressing sympathy, and reminds one of the friends of Job.

Mrs. Thomas Riggs, who has just joined the Dacotah Mission, not yet counting herself worthy to be called a missionary, spoke of her joy at being sent forth, and asked for some one to join her in the labor and reward. Mrs. Capron instantly rose, and, coming forward, said, that, if she was not pledged to India, she would gladly go, and be a mother to her.

Miss Anderson of Michigan, under appointment to Mexico, spoke of happiness in accepting her work, did not count herself a martyr in any sense, and begged the prayers of those present, who were equally responsible with her for her success.

Wolcott's hymn, "Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring," was then sung; and Mrs. Rhea of Persia was introduced. She spoke with her wonted enthusiasm of Persia's connection with Bible history, its natural beauty, its fearful famine. In that famine the Lord came. American money bought bread for Persia: American missionaries distributed it, telling the poor people first, midst, and last, of the Bread of life. The famine was the wedge to the Persian empire.

The closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Prof. Bartlett; and the Doxology closed a meeting of deep and lasting interest.

In the absence of the recording secretary of the W. B. M. I., on account of her illness, we are indebted for the report from which the above notice is taken, to Miss Emily J. Gray of Minneapolis, who was appointed secretary for the day.

Miss Lizzie Bishop of Northfield, Minn., responded to the call of Mrs. Riggs at Minneapolis, and has gone with her to Fort Sully to be an assistant teacher among the Dacotah Indians.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM SEPT. 15 TO OCT. 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

оніо.	tute Mrs. Hannah A. Messen-
	ger L. M., \$26 00
Atwater Aux., Mrs. A E.	Doubland Asses Man A T
Hutchinson, Treasurer, \$8 00	Gipe, Treasurer, 30 00
Belpré. — S. S. Missionary So-	
ciety, 40 00	Total, \$56 00
Cleveland Heights Mission-	1000, 400 00
ary Society for school at Ma-	ILLINOIS.
rash, Mrs. W. H. Warren,	
Secretary, 20 00	Blue Island Aux., \$12 89
Elyria - Aux., \$75 for salary	Canton Anx., Mrs. C. J.
of Miss Maltbie; \$40 from S.	Graham, Treasurer, 30 00
S. for pupil in Miss Maltbie's	Chicago Union Park Ch.,
school, 115 00	Aux., for support of Miss
Kent Aux., Mrs. M. A. Bell,	Rendall, \$51.95; 47th St. Ch.,
Treasurer, 15 00	Aux., to constitute. with other
Lafayette Aux., for work at	contributions, Mrs. L. Moody
Samokov, Mrs. E. J. Phinney,	a L. M., \$i0; Plymouth Ch.,
Treasurer, 7 50	Aux., \$29.75; Tabernacle Ch.
Madison. — Aux., to constitute	"Faithful Band," \$2; 1st
Mrs. M. M. Laird a L. M., Mrs.	Ch., Aux., for Miss Patrick's
H. E Hendry, Treasurer, 25 31	salary, \$5; from Mrs Boying-
Oberlin. — Aux., for salary of	ton, completes the life-mem-
Mrs. Mumford, and to con-	bership of Miss Lottie Boy-
stitute Mrs. Henry Vreits a	ington, \$99, 197 70
L. M., Mrs. E. E. Peck, Treas-	Champaign Aux, for the
urer, 35 00	Samokov school, Mis. 1. W.
Total #965 91	Plank, Treasurer, 10 00
Total, \$265 81	Chesterfield Aux., Miss L. M.
MICHIGAN.	Lawson, Treasurer, 9 50
East Saginaw Aux., for sal-	Geneseo - Aux., \$9.25; "Mis-
ary of Miss Corinna Shattuck	sionary Rill," for pupil in Mrs.
of Aintab, \$95 00	Coffing's school, \$7 70,
Grand Rapids Aux., for sal-	Galesburg Aux., Mrs. H. S.
ary of Bible-reader in Nico-	Hurd, 55 58
media, Mrs. J. B. Willson,	Jacksonville Aux., for salary
Treasurer, 26 52	of Miss Evans, Mrs. M. E.
Kalamazoo Aux., for school	Woodard, Treasurer, 50 00
at Marash, Mrs. L. Cahill,	Jefferson. — Aux., \$3.44; "Will-
Secretary, 38 00	ing Workers." \$2.50, 5 94 Mendota. — Aux , Miss W.
Owosso Aux., to complete	Mendota. — Aux, Miss W. Blakeslee, Treasurer, 10 00
the support of school at Talas	Payson. — Aux., Mrs. Ellen
for 1872, 26 26	Thompson, Treasurer, 14 15
S. Boston. — Aux., Mrs. S. Mc-	Princeton. — Aux., Mrs. Con-
Kinney, Treasurer, 8 00	verse, Treasurer, 11 50
Vermontville Aux., for a	Rockford. — Aux., for pupil in
printing press for Mr. Wat-	Bridgman school, Mrs. Hard-
kins, missionary at Gaudala-	ing, Treasurer, \$40; seminary
jara, Mrs. H. G. Barbour, 36 17	teachers and pupils, \$44; for
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Total, \$229 95	pil in Bridgman school, 125.50, 249 50
INDIANA.	Roseville Aux., for pupil in
Michigan City Aux., for pu-	Samokov, Mrs. J. A. Gordon,
pil in Samokov, and to consti-	Treasurer, 8 75

Wheaton. — Aux., Mrs. J. M. Chapman, Treasurer, \$6 00	cock a L. M., Mrs. F. A. Guernsey, Treasurer, \$40 00
Total, \$599 56	vious contributions to consti-
WISCONSIN.	tute Mrs. Jane R. Pogue a L. M.,Mrs. D. Hanger,Treasurer, 10 05
Gay's Mills.—S. S., by Mrs. T. W. Gay, \$6 33	Total, \$354 89
Geneva Lake. — Aux., for salary of Anka of Samokov school, 20 00	MINNESOTA.
Milwaukee Spring-street Ch.,	Claremont. — Mrs. Dodge and children, \$4 00
Aux., for Marika Geuchova's support, Mrs. I. H. Booth,	Minneapolis. — Plymouth Ch., Aux., Mrs. E. H. Allison, Sec-
Treasurer, 17 00 Ripon. — Aux., to constitute	retary, 83 00
Mrs. Julia Phelps a L. M., 25 00 Waukesha — Aux., with previ-	Wasioja. — To constitute Mary Alice Pardee and Lizzie Em-
ous contributions to consti-	ma Alden L. M.'s, by their grandmother, 50 00
tute Mrs. Vernon Tichenor a L. M., 20 00	Winona Aux., for salary of
Whitewater. — Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, \$15; Willing	Miss Van Duzee, Miss Hatch, Treasurer, 75 00
Workers, .75, 15 75	Total, \$212 00
Total, \$104 08	MISSOURI.
IOWA.	St. Louis Woman's Board of Missions for Missouri, for the
Belle Plaine. — Aux., Mrs. E. J. Lane, Treasurer, \$10 00	second year's salary of Mrs. Ada Claghorn Walker of
Clinton First Congregational Ch., Aux., Mrs. E. D.	China, Mrs. N. R. Collins.
Woodworth, Treasurer, 20 00	Secretary, \$250 00
Des Moines Plymouth Ch, Aux., for Miss Hillis's salary,	Total, \$250 00
Mrs. M. R. Miles, Treasurer, 45 00 Denmark. — Aux., \$28; to con-	Cawker City. — Aux., Mrs. H.
stitute Mrs. Philip James a	H. Barr, Treasurer, \$1 50
L. M., \$15.50 from the children's society, Miss Brackett,	Total, \$1 50
Treasurer, 43 50 Garner. — Mrs. E. R. Wells, 5 00	MAINE. Andover.—Cong. Ch., for salary
Green Mountain.—Aux., Mrs. N. S. Chase, Treasurer, 12 00	of Miss Hillis, by James L. Hill, \$13.68
Grinnell Aux., for Miss Hil-	
lis's salary, Mrs. E. S. Schuy- ler, Treasurer, 65 00	Total, \$13 68
Independence. — Aux., Mrs. M. A. Ross. Treasurer, 12 25	East Hampton. — "Earnest Mission Helpers," for a pupil
Lyons. — Aux for salary of Miss Day, Mrs. D. S. Balch,	in the Bridgman school, \$5 50
Treasurer, 40 00	Total, \$5 50
Monticello. — Aux., Mrs. J. R. Stillman, Treasurer, 13 65	NEW YORK.
Ocheydam, Osceola Co. — Union S. S., Emma M. Boyd, Treas-	Angola. — For the salary of Mrs. Ada Claghorn Walker,
urer, .80	of Foochow, by Mrs. G. W. Vining, \$7 00
Oscaloosa. — Aux., to consti- tute Mrs. Kate A. Trask a	Total, \$7 00
L. M., Polk City. — Aux., Mrs. C. C.	CALIFORNIA.
Rogers, Treasurer, 5 00 Sibley. — Aux \$1; a wedding-	Santa Barbara. — Aux., to con- stitute Mrs. Charles E. Huse
fee, \$2; children's box, \$4.64, 7 64	a L. M., by Mrs. J. W. Hough, \$25 00
Staceyville.—Aux.,\$25 of which constitutes Mrs. Charles Han-	Total, \$2,124 97
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THE MORNING PRAYER TO A MUD GOD.



BY MRS. CAPRON.

E are in India, and taking a walk in early morning. We are come to the bank of the river. Everybody else seems to be there also. Women are filling their vessels of shining brass or red earth with water, and, stopping perhaps for a little gossip, raise them to the tops of their heads, and walk away to their houses. The washermen are come with

their great bundles of clothes, and we hear the splash as they beat them upon the smooth, flat stones. Here and there a morning bath is going on; and not in all the long, hot day to come will there be such a busy time as now.

But here are some men * who are worshipping idols; and we may go near enough to hear and look on. These two men are worshippers of the God Siva. We know this by the three marks that we see on the forehead and arms.



They, however, mumble so rapidly all that they say, that we could not distinctly understand them, did we not know that all these men say the same thing every single time. Let us watch one of them. He takes some water from the ground, and mumbles,—

"Reverence to thee, Siva! I take this lump of clay." Shaping it in his hands, he addresses the image, —

"Siva, I make thy image. O god! enter into this image; take life within it. Constant reverence to thee, whose form is radiant as a mountain of silver, lovely as the crescent of the moon, resplendent with jewels. Approach, rest and tarry here."

The image being now formed, he places it on the ground, and presents water to it. He has also other offerings, which we see him spread before it. Then kneeling, and folding his hands, he prays,—

"I offer thee water from the Ganges to wash thy feet. Praise to thee, Siva. I bring thee water to wash thy hands. Smell this sandal-wood. Take these flowers and leaves. Accept the incense and flame. Consume this offering of mine."

Now he offers flowers all around the image, beginning at the east. As an act of merit, he repeats the name of Siva as often as he can, keeping account on his fingers. Now he bows, folds his hands, strikes his cheeks, and finally we see him gather together all the flowers, and throw them into the water.

He takes the image in his hands, and prays it to bless him for the day; and then he throws it away. If we go to find it, we find the soft mud crumbled in pieces.

He has finished his morning prayer; and, filling his vessel with water, he walks away to his house, satisfied, and even proud of his faithful devotions.

And we, as we turn thoughtfully away, — shall we not remember the words of the Lord Jesus? —

"But, when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them."



TRAVELLING IN CEYLON.

BY REV. J. C. SMITH.

This picture represents a kind of carriage, somewhat similar to those used in Madras and Madura, drawn by an ox or by a pair of oxen. Passengers sit on a mat or rug on the bottom of the vehicle: the driver sits on the tongue in front, near the oxen, and often urges them on by pulling their tails. A more common and convenient style of carriage for travelling in Ceylon is much like an ox-cart in this country. When it is used by the missionaries on their tours, they put straw in the bottom for springs, and a

mattress upon the straw; thus fitting up a sleeping-place, sitting-room, and parlor. Sometimes it answers for a pulpit, from which they preach to those who gather round them by the way.

In 1862 I travelled a hundred miles on the road from Jaffna to Kondy in company with another missionary. We had each an ox-cart of the kind described, and an extra one to carry provisions and baggage. There being no hotels on the road, it was necessary to carry not only our food and bedding, but also kitchen-utensils, and crockery for the table, as we do not adopt the native custom of eating with our fingers from a leaf. We preferred sleeping in our own apartments to any we found on the way. Our cooking arrangements and dining-place were extemporized in the shade of large trees; while for tables and seats our boxes were our only resort. If any of the children are envious of the missionary who can thus travel in a foreign country, let them go some day, and try it for themselves.

BRINGING RAIN.

BY MISS CLOSSON.

SHALL I tell you how troubled we have all been in Talas, fearing there might be great suffering among the poor? In the winter we had very little snow, and this spring almost no rain; so that there is no prospect of raising any wheat. There has been quite a panic; and the people have been trying all sorts of ways to bring rain.

A short time ago a boy went through the streets with a sieve on his head; and all the people went out with buckets of water, which they poured through it: as that had no effect, they went about, and collected seventy small stones,

wrote something on them, and threw them into the water: still no rain. They burned seven insects, and afterward some snakes; but all in vain. A Mussulman took the bones of a buffalo, and, after writing on them, burned them on a mountain. Some Greeks went up on a mountain near here, and fasted and prayed; and then the Greeks and Armenians did the same thing together, hoping there might be one good man among them whose prayer would be answered; but they were disappointed. Finally they said, that if the Protestants would go with them, and if their prayers were heard, they would believe them to be in the right way, and would join them. Some said that our being here was the reason of the drought.

There was a very strong south wind, and every thing was dying. The leaves of the trees turned yellow; and those who had wheat and flour asked such a price for it, that the government forbade its being sold. There really was great suffering. Everybody asked us to pray, saying that our prayers would be answered. Last week the rains began. Although just in this region the wheat is all spoiled, there will be enough raised in other parts of the country to supply the wants of the people.

It has made us very sad to see what ideas the people had of God, and to see the spirit of those who had the flour in their possession. They were just as anxious not to have rain as the others were for it. One man made a cradle of dough; and, every time the wind and clouds came up, he had his wife put it in the window, and rock it, to scatter the clouds. Another dug up a skull, and threw it in the water. Thank God every day of your lives, dear children, that you were not born in Turkey. You cannot be too grateful for all he has done for you. Pray for the women and children here; and pray for me, that I may be more earnest and faithful in working for them.

KILLING EACH OTHER.

BY MISS BAKER.

In our school at Mardin, Turkey, are some very queer little girls. As the Arabic has it, they "kill" each other a great deal, meaning they quarrel. They said, "At the other school the teacher used to kill us when we acted so; but here we know you won't kill us, and we do worse." Then we told them that the next time we heard of their killing each other, those who had any part in it could not come to school for a week. At this they opened their eyes very wide, and we have heard no complaints since.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.*

MAINE. — Ellsworth. — "Cup-Bearers," .50; "Young Reapers," \$1.05. Union. — "Little Workers," \$1.00.

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* Λ donation of \$5.00 from the "Little Helpers," in Springfield, Mass., should have been acknowledged in the October number.

IOWA. — Denmark. — "Children's Society," \$15.50.
Sibley. — "Children's Box," \$4.64.
Ocheydam, Osceola County. — Union Sabbath school, .80.
CONNECTICUT. — East Hampton. — "Earnest Mission Helpers," \$5.50.

Busy Hands.

Busy hands, with hearts awake, Something do for Jesus' sake. Work for Jesus, here and there, Crowds our pathway everywhere; Deeds of kindness to be done, With loving words for every one.

In our work and in our play Jesus sees us every day; Watches every action true; Sees the motive through and through, Watches like no other friend, Ever near us to the end.

Let us return his loving thought; Think of Jesus as we ought; Do for his sake what we know Will please the blessed Saviour so; And in study, work, or play, We may serve him every day.

ANSWER TO ACROSTIC.

"Life and Light."

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the October number from L. L., Hartford, Conn.; E. R. T., Bedford, N. H.; L. A. L., Spencer, Mass.; N. B. H., Winchester, Mass.; M. J. W., Holliston, Mass.; and A. E. N., West Pittsfield, Mass.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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PRESENTED AT

Its Annual Meeting,

IN PARK-STREET CHURCH, BOSTON,

JANUARY 6, 1874.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Board of Missions the sum of, to be applied to the Mission purposes set forth in its Act of Incorporation, passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts in the year 1869.

ANNUAL REPORT.

By the swift progress of time we are brought to the close of another year, and, under the hand of a beneficent Providence, have been enabled to prosecute our work with augmented means and results.

As we again assemble in this familiar spot, we are painfully reminded of the absence of one who has, until now, been a "partaker of our joy" on these anniversary occasions, and whose unfailing presence has added interest to our meetings, as her indefatigable labors have contributed materially to our success. The official title appended to the name of Mrs. Homer BARTLETT by no means measured her service to this society. "Instant in season and out of season" in every endeavor to carry forward its work, she was more than its TREASURER, and, while she carefully guarded as a sacred deposit the gifts intrusted to her keeping, was lavish of her own; and whether the demand was upon her time, her pen, her voice, or her purse, she gladly honored every draft. We can never forget her earnest appeals at some of our public meetings, when "grace was poured upon her lips," and overcame her natural reluctance to speak; nor the magnetic effect of her great love to Christ, which was not less emotional than steady, and which, though briefly expressed, brought heart after heart into quick sympathy with her own. Sharing largely in the preliminary work which resulted in the organization of this society, watching with others, unto prayer, for the developments of Providence, her attachment to it was deep and abiding; and every intimation of duty in regard to it was at once accepted as a privilege. A young missionary in India thus writes: "Mrs. Bartlett expressed herself to me as being powerfully influenced by the hopes of the gospel, saying with tears she did not know how to be sufficiently grateful that Christ had 'brought life and immortality to light.' This thought of bliss beyond seemed to speed her in all her efforts to win souls to Christ and heaven." It was hard, indeed, to resign to the grave this valued member of our Board, and much-loved personal friend; but we may not repine, since her Father and ours hath required it.

And yet again, even since the preceding sketch was penned, we have been called to surrender to the grasp of death one of the fairest ornaments of our assemblages, and one of our most efficient helpers. Descended from an honored missionary ancestry, Mrs. George Gould possibly inherited that love for the work which led her to consecrate herself to it in her youth, - a love which she did not yield, though called in the providence of God to relinquish the work. In the midst of social, domestic, and maternal duties, which she faithfully and wisely discharged, she was quick to respond to every call resulting from her official connection with our Board. Her voice, silent now, has, in our public meetings, fallen like clear, sweet music upon our ears; her heart, now motionless, has throbbed in sympathetic joy or sorrow with ours: but that heart beats with unknown joy, and that voice rings with yet clearer tones, as she joins the heavenly host in ascriptions of praise to her Redeemer.

MEETINGS.

The meetings of the society have been well sustained during the past year, and have been greatly favored by the presence of returned missionaries, whose stirring addresses and interesting narratives have imparted valuable information, and awakened increased sympathy for their work. Indeed, missionaries who return home seeking rest often find it in other forms of labor; and they perhaps accomplish some of their most useful results by making "missionary tours" among the churches, and arousing them to a sense of their duty to the heathen.

The monthly meetings of the executive committee, having been found insufficient for the objects in view, are now held semi-monthly; being very punctually attended, and highly prized as a means of spiritual enjoyment and refreshing.

Farewell services were held in August, in behalf of five young ladies who were about to sail for their distant fields in Ceylon, Turkey, India, and Japan. Missionary matrons were there with words of counsel and encouragement to their youthful sisters. Two female seminaries, one of them intimately connected with the missionary work, were represented by present and former principals; and, as these led in prayer, it seemed as if the ends of the earth were brought together, and our fellowship with Christ, and his followers all over the globe, was complete.

Grateful mention should here be made of the pleasant and commodious room in the new Congregational House, generously assigned for our use by the Prudential Committee of the American Board. Convenient of access, as well as in appointments, it admirably serves our purpose, and has been the inviting centre where the friends of our Board have loved to gather.

TREASURY.

The receipts of our treasury * increase with each year, but do not meet the demands of the advancing work. We are sorry to say, that, as yet, we have but one-half the sum necessary for the building of our new Home in Constantinople. Were but a small portion of the money which is expended on the costly fabrics of the East devoted to the nobler purpose of

instrumentally providing its millions with the "robe of Christ's righteousness," how soon should we hear the click of the needed twenty-five thousand dollars dropping into our hands!

"LIFE AND LIGHT."

The more frequent issue of "Life and Light," entered upon last year, we believe has been very acceptable to our subscribers. The increased labor in preparing the publication has been cheerfully given; but we acknowledge considerable discouragement in consequence of the insufficient number of subscribers to defray the cost. Many of those already on our roll are apparently forgetful that the very insignificance of the price makes it the more necessary that it should be punctually received. Let us imitate our Western sisters in the pledge at their recent annual meeting, that each subscriber should secure one more; then, if all promptly pay, our expenses will be met, and we shall be spared further embarrassment.

BRANCHES.

It is our privilege to report the addition of four new branch societies during the year. That in Vermont, organized at Middlebury in June, has been remarkably successful, owing to the vigor with which its measures have been prosecuted. By circulars widely distributed, they elicited, at their annual meeting in October, a representation, by letter or delegate, from nearly every county in the State; and a vice-president for each county was elected, who pledged herself to see that application should be made to every church in the county. The Rhode-Island Branch was formed, at the cost of much persistent effort, in October last. With patience of hope, and unquenchable zeal, they have surmounted the many difficulties in their way, and are neither least nor last in the sisterhood of State organizations. It is pleasant to refer this result to the interest excited by our first public meeting in connection with the

American Board at Norwich, Conn., and to know that the fire kindled at that altar has been communicated from one to another, till at length a large portion of the State is aglow with love to the missionary work. Under the disadvantage of a severe storm, the Maine Branch was organized in Portland, Nov. 12; and, although the number present was necessarily small, it is thought that a foundation was laid for thoroughlyorganized work throughout the State. On the succeeding day, Nov. 13, at a large and enthusiastic meeting of ladies from all parts of the State, at Portsmouth, the NEW-HAMPSHIRE Branch was formed, with the determination to secure an auxiliary in every church. The annual meetings of the Philadelphia and New-Haven Branches, held respectively in Baltimore and New Haven, were occasions of great interest, embracing in their influence a large circle of churches. The public meetings of so large societies will hereafter form a proimnent feature in the extension of our home-work; and it is with gratitude to God that we acknowledge the great encouragement and support we have already derived from our six important branches.

Second only to branches in influence and contributions are a number of strong auxiliaries, composed of several churches. That in Hartford continues its generous aid; and the six churches in Springfield have united in an auxiliary, which has raised during the year more than fourteen hundred dollars; and, with the approbation of their pastors, they are putting forth vigorous efforts to form a branch. In Lowell and Worcester similar auxiliaries have been formed, with promise of similar results.

Our Mission-Circles are marvels of efficiency; their contributions for the last twelve months amounting to nearly seven thousand dollars.* If the devotion of these young workers grows with their growth, we may safely leave the cause of mis-

sions in their keeping, and in the mean time might ourselves learn a valuable lesson from their example.

MISSIONARIES.

The number of our missionaries has considerably enlarged during the year. Besides sending out six young ladies, we have adopted several married ladies already in the field, who are doing special work among the women. Those who have gone out are, —

Miss E. S. TALCOTT and Miss M. E. GOULDY, for Japan.

Miss Sarah F. Norris, M.D., Bombay.

Mrs. Cora Welch Tomson, Constantinople Home.

Miss Carrie E. Strong, Mexico; and

Miss Susan R. Howland, who returns to her parents in Ceylon, to be associated with Miss Hillis in her work for women. We cannot help sympathizing in the joy that must pervade that distant home as those toil-worn parents welcome their daughter, as they have recently welcomed a son, to their hearts not only, but to their work, — a work which they doubtless love the more as the time draws near when they themselves must lay it down. It is an interesting fact, that Miss Julia Gulick of the Sandwich Islands, under appointment for Japan, is to be accompanied by her father and mother, who will join their son already there. How wonderfully rich is the experience of that aged pair, who, after being permitted to witness, and bear a part in, the Christianization of one nation, are suffered to behold the planting of the cross by their children in another!

The faithful labors of our missionaries in their various fields have been attended with encouraging results, and in some instances, under special outpourings of the Spirit, have been rewarded by numerous conversions. Mrs. Edwards writes from Inanda, South Africa, "The year has been remarkable for the amount and earnestness of prayer on the part of a few Christian girls, and the professed conversion of the remaining twentysix." At a later date she says, "We are now enjoying in a

special manner the favor of our blessed Lord. The girls hold daily prayer-meetings; and the feature which is most encouraging is the evidence of concern for wrong-doing. It is delightful teaching when we have the present state of feeling." Miss Townshend writes from Ceylon, "The blessing of the Lord has been with us; and there is good evidence that a majority of the pupils have begun a new life, one after another expressing the belief that they have found pardon for their sins, until there are not more than five or six who do not have such a hope. As I watch the changed life of these young girls, I cannot but feel that the Lord is with us." Miss Payson, from Foo Chow, says, "At our last communion sabbath, my heart was filled with more glad and grateful thoughts than I can express; for on that occasion five of my girls were baptized, and publicly consecrated themselves to the Saviour. The sight amply repaid me for the many sad and discouraging days which have come to me in this heathen land; and from my inmost soul I thanked God, and took courage."

The female mind seems gradually awaking from the stupidity of generations; there being increased readiness to hear the truth, while the desire to learn to read is becoming more common. We hear by Mrs. RAYNOLDS from the city of Van in Turkey, that "the work among the women is very pleasant, and a good deal encouraging. It is the seed-time, and we rejoice in the opportunities constantly afforded to scatter the Word." Mrs. Chapin of China says, that, during a recent trip, "we ladies met and talked with a great many women. Some heard most eagerly. We long to go to them again. There is promise of just as much work as we can do. Miss Andrews has lain upon her bed, and planned it for the coming year, every hour of which is laid out, if God gives her strength." Mrs. GILES writes from Cæsarea, "There never was a time in this field when so many were anxious to learn to read. We are employing some of our scholars to teach them, that the Bible-women may have more time for their legitimate work." Mrs. Wheeler,

speaking of Ichmeh, a place a few miles distant from Harpoot, says, "The sabbath brought a crowd to hear the gospel preached, so that the women literally trod one upon another; and after the noon service they met me for a prayer-meeting, two hundred and fifty being present, including children." With so much blessing upon their efforts, we do not wonder at the content and satisfaction they feel in their work. One says, "I have no personal burden or grief in all that makes life to me in this dark land, only a growing sense of the great privilege of being Another, "As I sat surrounded by those dear girls, some of whom were rejoicing in childlike faith, I felt I could ask for no greater earthly bliss than to labor in just such a work as this; and my heart was full of praise for the unspeakable privilege. Miss TALCOTT, who has within the year left us for Japan, says, "I do believe that missionaries are the happiest people in the world, or that only those who are wholly devoted to Christ's own work at home or abroad are really happy. I never realized until lately how rich is the Saviour's promise to those who give up home and friends for the gospel's sake. It is not to make it all up to them, but to give them a hundred-fold in this life."

It is well that we should be reminded that scarcely a letter comes to us from missionary ground that does not contain an urgent plea for prayer. Let the closet of each one of us bear witness, in the year to come, that this plea has not been in vain.

HOMES.

The lease of the building occupied by the Home at Constantinople having expired, another one of larger size, and in a healthier location, has been hired for two years. It is very near the site of the new Home to be erected so soon as a perfect title to the land which it is to occupy can be secured. It is earnestly hoped, that, by the time it shall be required, our building-fund will have reached the estimated cost of the work.

The school, under the able management of Miss Rappleye, has won for itself an enviable reputation; and its advantages are so much appreciated as to render its accommodations insufficient for those who have already applied for admission. Commendable proficiency in their studies is made by the Armenian girls, some of whom are of brightest promise; while the attention given to the religious instruction imparted each day has awakened the "hope that many of the pupils have really begun to have experimental knowledge of the better way." The importance of the institution as "an aid in spreading an enlightened Christian womanhood in Turkey" cannot be overestimated; and we have testimony to this effect from missionaries in the region, and from Christian travellers, who have become familiar with its management and results.

The breaking-out of the small-pox, last fall, at the Santee Agency, has retarded the opening of the Home in Dakota: some who were to have entered it have been removed to their home above. The girls who are here to be trained for domestic life, it is hoped, will contribute materially to the elevation of their race by exemplifying in their own well-regulated homes the beneficial effects of Christianity. In the day-school connected with the mission, this training has been attempted; and sewing, knitting, and the making of bread, have been taught to a number of girls, who, in turn, have taught others. Says Rev. Mr. Riggs, "Although only a rumor of what we were doing had gone out, we have had several applications for admission; and every day makes it more certain that we began this enterprise none too soon."

SCHOOLS.

The year has witnessed considerable expansion in the department of schools. Thirteen seminaries and twenty smaller schools are now on the list of those supported by our Board; and our work in this direction is assuming great importance. Reports given from time to time of the higher

schools carry the conviction that they are conducted with singular ability and fidelity. It is true that the teachers sometimes faint under physical weariness and temporary discouragement; yet, with a heroism worthy of their work, they persevere in their efforts to plant the precious seed, and, as might be expected, are frequently permitted, here and there, to bring in their sheaves with rejoicing. The progress in knowledge made by the pupils is amazing; and, as religious and moral instruction underlies it all, the graduates usually go forth preachers of righteousness, as well as teachers of knowledge. Indeed, in many instances, vacations are spent by older girls in teaching women and children to read; and, assisted by some native teacher or Bible-woman, they often hold meetings for prayer and instruction.

Let Miss Proctor, who, besides her school at Aintab, has the general superintendence of fourteen others, tell us of one - taught for the last three years by graduates of Aintab whose examination she recently attended. She says, "As a result of three years' labor, a class of five have graduated, having completed their books on arithmetic, geography, physiology, and grammar; reading Turkish both in the Armenian and Arabic character; and having had excellent Bible-lessons. They have no schoolhouse, and so have met under a tree in summer, and, in winter, in a shed-like room, whose only comfort is a huge fireplace. The examination was held under a large walnut-tree. A few boards had been arranged against the fence, on which were hung blackboards and maps. On a long bench in front of these sat fifteen girls and eight boys, neatly dressed; and, on mats, a company of eighty or ninety spectators. Near the trunk of the tree was the teacher's table, with its vases of flowers and its bell. As for the rest, imagine any well-trained American school, - perfect obedience to the little bell. good recitations, excellent compositions, and lively dialogues and singing." Miss Proctor adds, "I think I have not had so satisfied a feeling since I came to

Turkey." In Harpoot, at a recent examination of one of the schools under the care of Miss Seymour and Miss Bush, the first class were questioned in Bible history, in reference to the kings and the prophets. "They gave, from memory, the names of the kings of Judah and Israel, and the prophets contemporary with them; giving, also, a short account of the character and history of each, and ended with the carrying of the ten tribes into captivity. They know a good deal more about the Bible," says Miss Seymour, "than do many graduates from schools in America."

The development of Christian character is in some instances quite remarkable. During the exercises of a day of prayer in the same school, one said she was "longing for the days to hasten on, that she might go to her village, and tell of the love of Christ;" another, that she had had "such a view of Christ's mercy and love, that it seemed as if her heart could not contain it, and she wished she could tell to all the world what a love he had." Still another says, in a letter translated by her teacher, "I greatly desire to labor in the work of the Lord, and now already I have begun so to do. I beseech, that, if you please, you be prayerful for me, that I may be able by my good example to lead others to Christ, and that I myself may be a fruitful laborer."

Beautiful instances of resignation in sickness, and triumph over death, are not uncommon, giving extreme testimony to the power of religion to disarm death of its sting,—the more impressive from their contrast to similar scenes in heathenism. Miss Townshend says of a girl who lay on a mat for two months with a lingering sickness, "She was so patient and submissive under it all, that I was reminded of a mature saint, rather than young convert from heathenism. Once, when I expressed my sympathy for her, she replied that the Lord was correcting her life." Of one who died in Harpoot, her teacher said, "It did not seem like death to me, but was like a happy translation."

How complete this record! and what may we not expect from such scholars! When we consider their number and character; their proficiency in learning and biblical knowledge; their love to Christ, and their great desire to communicate that love to others; their present influence in the homes of their parents; their future influence as teachers, and heads of families, — it is difficult to estimate the good to be accomplished through the instrumentality of our forty-five schools; and, if we do nothing more than sustain their faithful teachers, it would be sufficient object for the organization of the Woman's Board of Missions.

BIBLE-WOMEN.

The labors of the Bible-women, though humble, bear no unimportant part in the dissemination of the truth. A letter from one of them will suffice as an example:—

"When I first came to Egin, all was quiet: but, when I commenced to teach the women to read, a storm of persecution arose; and men, women, and children called after me in the streets, using very improper language, and sometimes throwing stones. I often felt discouraged; yet I ceased not to labor as I had opportunity, giving lessons to the women, who came unwillingly at first. But blessed be our Lord, who leaves not his people comfortless or unrewarded, now I am very joyful that these once cold sisters come with great joy to their lessons, and are very zealous in learning to read. They are also present at all the early morning prayer-meetings, which they very much love. We have seven sisters and nine brethren who are firm. Ten women and six girls come daily to me for lessons; and the work is very sweet to me."

The success which has attended the work of this society during the year suggests special thanksgiving to Almighty God, and calls for renewed activity in an enterprise which he has so signally blessed. Many women in heathen lands are this day in the enjoyment of the equal rights and privileges of Christian homes, who owe their improvement to the instrumentalities put forth by this and kindred societies. In humble dependence upon the divine blessing, let us, in the time to come, redouble our efforts to multiply such homes; and may the diligent hand never fail, till the whole wilderness of heathendom "shall blossom as the rose"!

MRS. J. A. COPP, Rec. Sec.

REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

[The following condensed reports of auxiliaries were originally prepared as a part of the report of the annual meeting, to be published in "Life and Light," but were excluded for want of room. — RECORDING SECRETARY.]

Mrs. Hooker, reporting the Springfield auxiliary, said that the Holy Spirit had laid upon their six churches, not a burden, but a labor of love. They had assumed the support of Miss Talcott of Japan, and were taking measures for the formation of a branch.

Mrs. Thompson, representing the six or seven churches united in the Hartford auxiliary, reported a contribution of \$992.00, supporting Miss Townshend of Ceylon, three Bible-readers, and a pupil in Miss Townshend's school. She spoke of the blessedness of using all our talents in the service of Christ, and, in view of the shortness of time, the importance of doing with our might what our hands find to do.

Miss Johnson of the Framingham auxiliary, which had been organized two years, said their receipts had been more than doubled the last year, and that \$50 had been contributed to the Constantinople Home.

Miss Wood, formerly of the mission at Antioch, reported for Keene, N.H., that an auxiliary of more than one hundred members had been recently formed, and efforts would be made at the coming conference, in June, to secure a county auxiliary.

A juvenile society has also been formed, which meets twice a month for work, having assumed the support of a native teacher.

The Bridgeport auxiliary, reported by Mrs. Pettingill, secretary, was organized in November, 1872; and was an outgrowth of the meeting of the Woman's Board, held in connection with the meeting of the A. B. C. F. M. in New Haven the month previous. In a few weeks they enrolled three hundred and nine members, and, the following year, assumed the support of Miss Andrews in China. A mission-circle was formed in February, under the name of "Willing Workers," which had raised, since that time, nearly \$400.00, chiefly by means of a fair, conducted entirely by themselves. Notwithstanding the financial panic, which has, perhaps, affected Bridgeport as much as any place, they intend to continue Miss Andrews's support indefinitely, and this in a place where very little interest has been previously felt in missions.

Miss Borden reported the FALL-RIVER auxiliary, organized four years ago. Assuming the support of Miss Seymour at Harpoot, they had said to her, "Ninety-seven sisters, members of the Fall-River Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, rejoice in the privilege of calling you their missionary, and wish to assure you of their love, their warmest sympathies, and their prayers." Quickly came the response, "Ninety-seven new sisters! How my dear Lord is fulfilling to me the promise of the hundred-fold!" This was the beginning of a correspondence which has been a source of joy and blessing. Since their organization, they have been going on systematically, paying their missionary's salary one year in advance; and have formed a children's band under the banner "Willing Helpers," who support two scholars in Harpoot female seminary. This band is under the charge of young ladies appointed by the society, who have been diligent in efforts to instruct and interest the children, and in helping them to raise money. For two years delightful entertainments have been given, for which original dialogues were prepared, and mingled with singing, recitations, &c. On one

of these occasions a motto-exercise, arranged with emblematical flowers and Scripture-texts, was beautifully rendered. The contributions of the auxiliary and mission-circle for the five years, including \$700.00 for the Constantinople Home, have been \$3,010.00.

Newburyport auxiliary, Miss Susan N. Brown, secretary, has been organized nearly five years, with a growing interest in the work. They have contributed \$200.00 to the Constantinople Home building-fund, besides assuming the support of Mrs. Tomson at the same Home. By a visit to them, Mrs. Tomson has personally enlisted a deep sympathy with herself, and interest in her work. Four mission-circles are connected with their society, whose joint contributions amount to \$276.00, which, with the auxiliary, make the year's contribution from Newburyport \$751.00.

The Jamaica-Plain auxiliary, S. R. Wendell, secretary,—under affliction in the loss of their beloved president, Mrs. George Gould,—report their most prosperous year; having, by the introduction of the weekly pledge system, increased their annual contributions from less than \$100.00 to \$356.00; and have assumed the support, in part, of Mrs. Bissell at Ahmednuggur. Their increased interest is largely due to the loving influence and heartfelt enthusiasm of Mrs. Gould; and her death casts a shadow over their prospects for the future.

Connected with the MAVERICK CHURCH, East Boston, are three organizations: the first, the "Madura Auxiliary," composed of adults, contributing \$348.00 towards the support of Miss Sisson, missionary in India; second, the "Zulu Helpers," composed of young ladies, who, by means of a novel and interesting public entertainment, have raised this year \$117.00; third, the "Maverick Rill," comprising children of both sexes, who have contributed more than \$20.00, which, with \$500.00 for the Constantinople Home, makes the whole amount nearly \$1,000.00.

Melrose auxiliary, Mrs. L. A. Randall, secretary and treas-

urer, was formed two years since, with fifty-five members, the contributions of the first year having been appropriated to the support of a native teacher at Harpoot.

Broadway Church, Norwich, Conn., reported by Mrs. F. G. Hutchison, has been organized three years, with sixty members, and raised \$107.00 last year by means of missionary-boxes placed in the church. They were addressed at their annual meeting in May by Mrs. Capron, who left a lasting impression: they hope to do more the coming year.

Spencer (Mass.) auxiliary was formed ten months since in consequence of interest awakened by the circulation of "Life and Light," and the faithful and persistent efforts of one lady amidst many discouragements, who had been renewedly baptized with a missionary spirit at the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions.

CAMBRIDGEPORT auxiliary, Miss H. L. Burrage, secretary, is composed of Prospect-street, Pilgrim, and Stearns-Chapel Churches, with a membership of one hundred and thirty-seven, and contributed the last year \$150.00, besides \$75.00 for the Constantinople Home.

The Winchester auxiliary, Mrs. N. W. C. Holt, secretary, has maintained its organization the past year with its usual efficiency, numbering seventy-four members, and contributing \$253.00, which has been the spontaneous offering of hearts joyfully enlisted in the work of missions. The "Seek-and-Save" society among the children is their active coadjutor, their offerings having been \$127.00; and the two support Miss Hattie G. Powers at Aintab.

Wellesley auxiliary, Miss A. Chaffin, secretary, was organized more than five years since, numbering fifty-eight members, with much increase of interest and contributions. The sabbath school connected with the church contribute \$50.00 for the support of a Bible-reader. The "Penny-Gatherers" of the same place, Mrs. Dana, president, hold meetings of an hour once a fortnight, and bring to the mission-box their pennies;

and an earnest effort is made to awaken an intelligent interest in the missionary work.

WALPOLE auxiliary, Mrs. M. B. Johnson, secretary and treasurer, enlists the sympathies of most of the female members of the church, and comprises thirty-eight members, remitting, this year, \$75.00.

NEW-BEDFORD auxiliary, Mrs. George W. Ellis, secretary, is composed of ladies of the three Congregational churches, numbering a hundred and fifty members, with an outgrowth of a mission-circle, named "Union Workers," whose activity has made up for the waning zeal of the older persons.

DORCHESTER VILLAGE CHURCH auxiliary, Miss Josephine Wright, assistant secretary, formed two years ago at a meeting addressed by Mrs. George Gould, comprises forty-six members, supporting a Turkish widow, now in Constantinople Home, preparing for a teacher.

Greenwich (Conn.) auxiliary consists of one hundred and twenty members, and has raised more than \$100.00.

CAMBRIDGE-UNION auxiliary, consisting of Shepherd-Memorial, North-Avenue, and East-Cambridge Churches, has contributed \$263.00 for the support of Miss Bliss at Sivas. Three mission-circles — "Little Workers," "Willing Helpers," and "Jewel-Seekers" — have given \$65.00 during the year.

MANCHESTER (N.H.) auxiliary, Mrs. Thomas Dunlap, secretary, has been organized a year and a half, with a membership of sixty. They are becoming thoroughly aroused to the work, and hope to do much the coming year. A mission-circle of "Ready Helpers" has just sent its contribution of \$5.00.

Darien (Conn.) auxiliary, Mrs. Mead, secretary, started a year since with six members, and now numbers thirty-eight. They support two pupils in Mrs. Edwards's school at Inanda, and another in Mrs. Blake's school at Barcelona, at a cost of \$100.00. They rely on the weekly pledge, which, in addition to a membership-fee, is paid at their monthly meetings. A mission-circle connected with the sabbath school, named "Busy

Bees," though small in numbers, is very enthusiastic in the work.

Bangor, Mr. Meetings of this auxiliary have been held monthly, and have been very interesting. The attendance has been small, and the interest rather in the earnest affection of the few than in the general attendance of the many. Much interest is felt in the Dakota mission through frequent communications from Mrs. Riggs, a sister known and loved by them all. Other missionaries with whom they are personally acquainted also favor them with letters.

SOCIETIES AUXILIARY TO THE W. B. M.

Albany, N.Y.: Mrs. Isaac Edwards, Pres.; Mrs. John E. Bradley, Sec'y; Mrs. William L. Learned, Treas.

AMESBURY, MASS.: Mrs. David Batchelder, Pres.; Mrs. Edwin Osgood, Sec'y and Treas.

AMHERST, MASS.: Miss Mary I. Cooper, Sec'y.; Mrs. M. A. Allen, Treas.

AMHERST (SOUTH), MASS.: Ladies' Benevolent Society, Miss Emily Dickinson, Treas.

Amherst (East), Mass.: Congregational Church Sewing-Circle.

Andover, Mass.: Mrs. Caroline L. Smith, Pres.; Mrs. Emily C. Pearson, Sec'y and Treas.

APPLETON, WIS.: Lawrence University.

Ashby, Mass.: Miss Ellen S. Parker, Sec'y.

Assabet, Mass.: Mrs. L. Maynard, Sec'y; Mrs. S. M. Stone, Treas.

AUBURNDALE, MASS.: Miss Hattie Gulick, Sec'y.

AYER, MASS.: Mrs. J. C. Tenny, Treas.

BARRE, VT.

Bedford, Mass.: Mrs. Edward Chase, Pres.; Mrs. Charles Lunt, Sec'y and Treas.

Bedford, N.H.: Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Charles Gage.

Belle Valley, Penn.: Mrs. George J. Russell, Sec'y.

Belpré, O.: Congregational Church.

Berlin, Conn.: Mrs. Martha B. Hallock, Sec'y; Miss Lena Woodruff, Treas.

Beverly, Mass.: Mrs. Joseph Abbott, Pres.; Mrs. W. R. Gordon, Sec'y; Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas.

BILLERICA, MASS.: Mrs. Sarah B. Work, Treas.

Boston, Mass.: Berkeley-street Church.

BOSTON, MASS.: Central Church, Miss Myra B. Child.

BOSTON, MASS.: Mt. Vernon Church, Mrs. B. F. Brown.

Boston, Mass.: Park-street Church, Mrs. M. H. Simpson.

BOSTON, MASS.: Old South Church, Mrs. Charles Stoddard.

Boston, Mass.: Shawmut Church, Mrs. J. S. Ambrose.

BOSTON, MASS.: Union Church, Mrs. Charles Scudder.

Boston (Highlands), Mass.: Eliot Church, Mrs. Rufus Anderson.

Boston (Highlands), Mass.: Highland Church, Mrs. H. L. Howell.

Boston (Highlands), Mass.: Vine-street Church, Mrs. J. O. Means.

Boston (Highlands), Mass.: Sabbath-school Class of Mr. William Callander, Miss Mary J. Rouell, Sec'y and Treas.

Boston (East), Mass.: Maverick Church, Mrs. L. A. Wright, Sec'y; Miss E. Hammet, Treas.

BOSTON (SOUTH), Mass.: Phillips Church, Mrs. Jeremy Drake.

Boston (South), Mass.: E Street Church, Mrs. Daniel F. Wood, Treas.

Bozrah, Conn.: Mrs. Albert G. Avery, Sec'y; Miss. A. A. Maples, Treas.

Bradford, Mass.: Academy, Miss Mary G. Giles, Sec'y.

Braintree, Mass.: Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Mrs. A. B. Keith, Pres.

Braintree (East), Mass.: Monatiquot School, Miss R. A. Faxon.

Braintree and Weymouth, Mass.; Mrs. J. W. Loud, Pres.; Miss H. M. Rhines, Sec'y and Treas.

Brookline, Mass.: Mrs. William T. Eustis, Pres.; Mrs. J. W. Tyler, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Langdon S. Ward, Sec'y; Miss Mary G. Stoddard, Treas.

Burlington, Mass.: Mrs. L. R. Hudson, Pres. and Treas.; Miss M. A. Butler, See'y.

Cambridge, Mass.: Mrs. A. McKenzie, Pres.; Mrs. L. R. Pearson, Sec'y; Mrs. Perley Morse, Treas.

CAMBRIDGE (EAST), MASS.: Miss L. Munroe.

Cambridgeport, Mass.: Mrs. W. S. Karr, Pres.; Mrs. Philip Greeley, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. H. T. Burrage, Sec'y; Mrs. Benjamin Tilton, Treas.

Castile, Wyoming Co., N.Y.: Miss Kittie V. Cochran, Sec'y.

CHELSEA, MASS.: Chestnut-street Church.

CHELSEA, MASS.: Broadway Church, Mrs. J. A. Copp.

CLEARWATER, MINN.: Mrs. L. M. Stearns, Sec'y.

CLEVELAND, O.: First Congregational Church, Miss Sarah E. Sheldon, Sec'y; Mrs. M. A. Loomis, Treas.

CLINTON, MASS.: Miss S. M. Haskell, Sec'y.

COLCHESTER, CONN.: Mrs. S. G. Willard, Pres.; Mrs. W. E. Gillette, See'y; Mrs. J. B. Wheeler, Treas.

CONCORD, MASS.: Second Congregational Church, Miss Mary Munroe, Sec'y.

CONCORD, MASS.: S. S. Missionary Association.

CONCORD, MICH.: Miss Ida Keeler, Treas.

Conway, Mass.: Mrs. M. S. Eastman, Pres.; Mrs. H. D. Perry, See'y; Mrs. Arthur Shirley, Treas.

Darien, Conn.: Miss E. A. Rice, Pres.; Mrs. M. E. Mead, Sec'y; Mrs. N. Gleason, Treas.

Dedham, Mass.: Miss M. C. Burgess, Pres.

DORCHESTER, Mass.: Miss Ellen Carruth, See'y; Mrs. E. H. Preston, Treas.

DORCHESTER, MASS.: Village Church, Mrs. William B. Clarke, Pres.; Mrs. S. Louise Hurd, Sec'y; Miss H. D. Hutchinson, Treas.

East Cleveland, O.: Mrs. F. E. Tuttle, Pres.

East Hampton, Mass.: Mrs. Samuel Williston, Pres.; Mrs. A. M. Colton, Sec'y and Treas.

Elmira, N.Y.: Female-College Christian Association.

EVERETT, Mass.: Mrs. Charles Atwood, Sec'y; Miss E. Whittemore, Treas.

FAIR HAVEN, MASS.: Mrs. W. S. Hawkes, Pres.; Miss Georgic Fairfield, Sec'y; Miss Susie P. Wilcox, Treas.

Falmouth, Mass. : Miss Susie Taylor, Sec'y.

FALL RIVER, Mass.; Miss Carrie Borden, See'y; Mrs. S. J. Brayton, Treas.

FAYETTEVILLE, N.Y.: Miss Alice Lee, Sec'y.

FITCHBURG, MASS.; Miss Anna T. Haskell, Treas.

FLINT, MICH.: Ladies' Missionary Society.

Flushing, L.I.: Miss P. B. Quimby, Pres.; Mrs. A. M. Prentiss, Sec'y; Mrs. M. L. Williston, Treas.

Foxborough, Mass.: Mrs. Bernard Paine, Pres.; Miss Sarah S. Carey, Sec'y; Mrs. Asahel Dean, Treas.

Framingham, Mass.: Mrs. J. W. Clark, Pres.; Miss M. B. Marshall, See'y and Treas.

FRANKLIN, MASS.: Mrs. William M. Thayer.

Franklin, N.Y.: Mrs. Charles A. Douglass, Sec'y; Mrs. Simon P. Smith, Treas.

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Twice during the past year (at Baltimore and Montelair) the Philadelphia Branch has met in full session, and reported its progress, seizing the occasion for taking counsel together, and having meetings each time, "where friend held fellowship with friend around one common mercy-seat."

Our territory is so large, that we sometimes fear the missionary spirit loses force in diffusing itself over so great an extent, including many States and several degrees in latitude and longitude. Started in Philadelphia, it "takes root downward," even to our country's capital, and "bears fruit upward" among the churches in New Jersey. We would fain report some additions as to still further enlarged borders, so aggressive are we; but some of our new churches plead for a longer exercise of the "charity that begins at home." Delaying only our desired welcome to new auxiliaries, we now give ourselves to the work

of "lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes" already fixed, thus hoping to grow firmer in our own foundations, more strongly fastened in the parent stock, and, closely abiding in "the true Vine," seeking to "bear fruit" for the Master.

Our "knocking for admittance at Japan's old doors" has resulted in having them opened to us; and Miss Gouldy, who won our love and trust before leaving home, is already stationed at Osaka, learning the language, and working for us there. Her support is mainly provided by the "Golden Links and Montclair Blossoms," both circles so deviceful and zealous in their efforts, that the means thereby attained are not surprising.

Miss Proctor and her school at Aintab we count as our especial missionary possession. From her own lips our societies and mission-circles are soon to have the privilege of hearing how it fares with her pupils, many of whom her pen has already graphically described to us.

Our sympathies turn strongly towards the Constantinople Home, in which we already have some shares; the branch hoping to furnish some rooms from the coming year's contributions. One society proposes to take a room there on its own account.

The societies report increased membership, and larger contributions; one secretary mentioning the adoption of the envelope system as a help towards a larger and surer collection. In our mission-circles we see the most vitality, proving to us, their seniors, that "a little child shall lead them." Honorary memberships are solicited by many of them from their older friends; one circle counting forty. With fairs, festivals, sewing-circles, and many other forms of active and the sometimes harder passive service, these earnest workers for Jesus, whether they be Buds, Blossoms, or Leaves, with their honey-gathering Bees, Snow-Flakes, Dew-Drops, or Crystals, utilize their powers, and show themselves all desirous to be Helping Hands in the common cause, and Carrier-Doves to bear the gospel message to "earth's remotest nations."

"Life and Light" is welcomed this year among us by several

new subscribers; and some of its precious words to the homeworkers come with unction from the earnest lips which speak them.

The Philadelphia Branch owes its existence largely to the faithful efforts of Mrs. Burdett Hart, who consents, though removed from the centre, still to cultivate it; and the following visible results witness her success.

Mrs. Wright, the Treasurer, reckons the offerings made for the past (our third) year as \$3,010.23; making a steady advance of \$1,000 for each year.

May our hopes for a great increase "change to glad fruition"!

Anna P. Halsey.

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The ladies of the New-Haven Branch, while still desiring something better, and more in accordance with the greatness of the "land to be possessed," are happy to be able to report a membership of about three thousand, with eighty-seven lifemembers.

We have at present forty-six auxiliaries; and, as we are constantly adding to the number, do not think it too much to expect one from every church in our part of Connecticut.

From our treasurer we learn, that, during the eight months of the current year, we have received over four thousand dollars; and that, by *special donation*, the fifteen hundred dollars of Mrs. Bradley's legacy has been made up.

We support two missionaries, five Bible-readers, one native teacher, thirty-eight pupils in boarding-schools; and have given, the past year, \$1,575.00 to the Constantinople Home.

During the year, five missionaries have gone from our branch, four directly from New Haven, to labor for Christ in foreign fields.

Three of the number went out single, leaving their pleasant homes and large circles of friends; but, with firm faith and unwavering zeal, are devoting themselves to the service of the Master.

The largest of our auxiliaries has three hundred and nine members. Many copies of "Life and Light" are taken; one hundred and eighteen reported from one organization. One hundred and fifty-six out of the two hundred and ninety-four Congregational churches of the State we have already communicated with by letter. These letters contained appeals to the women and children of these churches for help in sending the gospel to the women and children in heathen lands. Aid was also offered in organizing auxiliaries, hopeful indications fostered, wavering purposes established, and many letters answered. First among helpful influences has been the frequent forwarding of missionary letters to our auxiliaries. As many as two hundred and twenty-five have been sent by one of our vice-presidents.

We wish to acknowledge the importance of our mission-circles, as well as their material aid, — eighteen already connected with our branch; and we hope their number will continue to increase.

We not only find ourselves more zealous and more earnest in our great work by the love and patient perseverance of these fresh young spirits, but when we consider the influence upon themselves, and upon every life that shall in any way touch theirs, who shall dare to estimate the result? and who will not desire to turn the attention of the "lambs of the fold" to commence at once in this sweet service for the Master?

Our meetings are held monthly, except during midsummer, and with an increasing interest and attendance. They have been rendered interesting by reports from auxiliaries, by constant communications from missionaries and pupils supported by us, and by pleasant addresses from a number of missionary ladies.

The close of the third year of our existence as a society leads us to pause, and look back over the way in which the Lord has led us. The last year has been one of growth and blessing: we have been able to extend our labors, and can now clasp hands in Christian love with many more than we did a year ago. We never expected such hearty, joyous responses as have come from our appeals, such gratitude for opportunity to share in the work, such desire to know more of it, such efficiency in devising and executing plans for its advancement.

In looking out upon the year that lies before us, and upon all that we hope to accomplish, we would also look up to Him without whose blessing we labor for nought; and, above all, let us pray for those who have gone to the front, that the Lord will strengthen their hands and their hearts, and work in them and through them to the saving of many souls.

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In the month of June, 1873, a meeting was called by the women of Vermont, at Middlebury, to decide upon the practicability of forming a branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, which resulted in the organization of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions. Its first annual meeting was held at Rutland, in October; at which time its auxiliaries numbered but fourteen. A full and enthusiastic meeting at that time awoke in many hearts a desire to do more for the loving Master than they had ever done. Immediately on the return of the ladies present to their homes, there began to be seen the fruits of the meeting by the formation of new auxiliaries in various places; and the interest has been steadily increasing, till the number has reached thirty-seven.

At its annual meeting, the branch became responsible for the payment of three hundred dollars for the support of the Misses Ely of Bitlis, Turkey; and pledged the mission-circles for three hundred dollars more, to be divided between the school in Udupitty, Ceylon, under the care of Miss Townshend, and the one in Foochow, China, under Miss Payson. A large delegation from Vermont attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Board in Boston, and were so deeply interested in its proceedings as to pledge themselves to pay five hundred dollars for the finishing and furnishing of the dining-room in the "Constantinople Home."

The vice-presidents, one for each county, feel deeply the responsibility of interesting all the churches in their respective counties to form auxiliaries. Since the formation of the branch, its treasurer has received \$1,345.89, \$102.00 of which is for the Constantinople Home, and \$214.00 for different mission-schools. The society has but just made a beginning; but it is hoped, that, before another year shall come around, the sympathies of a large number will be enlisted to join in this glorious work.

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" Busy Bees.

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" Pearl-Seekers.

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REPORT OF THE RHODE-ISLAND BRANCH.

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The Woman's Board of Missions, ever since its organization, has had the earnest support of a few in Rhode Island, who have tried to awaken an interest throughout the State. At a crowded and very enthusiastic meeting of the W. B. M., held in connection with the annual meeting of the American Board at Norwich, in 1868, an urgent appeal was made, that those present should carry home the spirit of Christ's love that seemed to fill all hearts, and, as far as possible, to form auxiliaries to co-operate with that society in the glorious work of teaching heathen women. Several ladies from Providence were present at that meeting; and, as a result, an auxiliary was formed in the following January.

Mr. Snow's visit at the second annual meeting of this auxiliary will long be remembered. From that time, a new era seems to have dawned upon the society. A large attendance is reported at each meeting; and the interest manifested in the churches greatly increased. During the year 1871 the support of Miss Harriet S. Ashley of Ahmednuggur was assumed, and the intimate relation thus established with the mission-work

created a deeper consciousness of personal responsibility and obligation to it.

During the past year, efforts have resulted in the formation of twenty-two auxiliaries and mission-circles in the State; and at the annual meeting in October, 1873, a branch was organized in accordance with the provisions of the parent society. The amount of money received in 1873 amounted to \$1,317; and the branch has pledged for the coming year the support of Mrs. S. W. Tyler of South Africa, Miss Harriet S. Ashley of Ahmednuggur, India, seven out-station schools under the care of Miss Proctor of Aintab, two scholarships in the school at Foochow, China, and the amount necessary for the finishing and furnishing of one of the parlors and the bath-room in the Constantinople Home.

Through the branch organization, more efficient work and greater success is hoped for than ever before. When each church in the State is represented by earnest, loving hearts, even if only the mites are added which to our heavenly Father were so precious, then, and then only, can we, by united prayer and effort, hope to do all that is required of us.

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During the last few years, an increasing interest in the Woman's Board of Missions has shown itself by the formation of auxiliaries in different parts of the State; and the desirableness of concerted action has made itself felt more and more. At the Maine Conference of Congregational Churches in June, 1873, a meeting of these scattered societies was held to consider the subject of forming a State branch. It was decided to organize such a society; and the work of preparing a constitution was left with a committee. In November a meeting was held in Portland, the constitution adopted, and the officers chosen. A vice-president was taken from each county in the State, and there was assigned to her the work of interesting the churches in her

county in the formation of new societies, and it was also made incumbent upon her to see that at least one missionary meeting should be held in connection with the county conference. In this way, it is hoped to bind together all parts of the State into one circle of concentrated effort; while the secretaries will keep the communication open between the auxiliaries and the fields of labor.

It is almost too soon to see the fruits of our labors, as the first county meeting was held only so lately as January, 1874, in connection with the Cumberland Conference, at Portland. Still this meeting, though in rather an inaccessible part of the city, was largely attended, and full of interest; and we can but hope that the cause of missions has received a fresh impetus.

As to our distinctive work: we have chosen the schools at Mardin and Umzumbe, and the girls' school of the Japan mission; the whole cost of these being \$1,010, which is as much as we can pledge for the coming year. Let us trust, that, during the course of it, there may be so much done among us that we may reach out to greater work, and, in so doing, have our hearts open to receive the greater blessing.

MARIA D. GOULD, Home Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH.

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New Hampshire has not yet much to report but an earnest spirit to bear her part in the great missionary enterprises of the day.

The auxiliary of Portsmouth sent letters to the auxiliaries of the State and to other churches, inviting Christian women to a missionary conference in November. Many came; and, under the pressure of the great motives presented on that occasion, a branch was formed, under which the churches could work more efficiently and sympathetically than they could otherwise do.

Circulars have been sent out. Several new auxiliaries have been formed. Each large auxiliary is extending its influences to the churches round; and much systematic work is laid out for the coming year. The branch has assumed the support of Miss Sarah F. Norris, medical missionary in Bombay, India, and the expense of finishing and furnishing one of the parlors in the Constantinople Home, beside the other pledged work of some of the auxiliaries. Wherever it is understood, the branch bas been cordially welcomed; and we confidently expect that the Christian women of our State will be behind no others in Christian consecration and generous giving.

H. C. Knight, Secretary.

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- Francestown: Mrs. R. B. Fairbanks, Pres.; Mrs. E. J. Donnell, Sec'y and Treas.
- GREENLAND: Mrs. Robie, Pres.; Miss Mary Holmes, Sec'y and Treas.
- HAMPTON: Mrs. James Perkins, Pres.; Miss L. E. Dow, Sec'y; Miss Ora Neal, Treas.
- HAMPTON FALLS: Mrs. George H. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. George A. Hogg, Sec'y; Mrs. John W. Fogg, Treas.
- HANOVER: Mrs. S. P. Leeds, Pres.; Mrs. E. D. Sanborn, Sec'y; Miss S. L. Smith, Treas.
- KEENE: 1st Church, Mrs. E. Cook, Directress; Miss L. M. Boies, See'y; Mrs. S. A. Gerrold, Treas.
- Keene: 2d Church, Mrs. Leach, Pres.; Mrs. N. R. Cook, Sec'y; Mrs. Rand, Treas.
- KEENE: "Young Ladies' Mission-Circle," Mrs. Richardson, Pres.; Miss Etta Humphrey, Sec'y; Miss Edna Richards, Treas.
- KENSINGTON: Mrs. Anna Hobbs, Pres.
- MANCHESTER: Mrs. Horace Pettee, Pres.; Mrs. Holmes R. Pettee, Treas.; Miss B. B. Shepherd, Sec'y.

- Nashua: Mrs. John Lane, Pres.; Mrs. R. T. Smith, Treas.; Miss S. W. Kendall, Sec'y; a juvenile circle also, called "Messenger Birds."
- NORTH HAMPTON: Mrs. T. Y. Haines, Pres.; Mrs. Abraham Drake, Sec'y; Mrs. M. H. Smith, Treas.
- NEW IPSWICH: Mrs. Newton Brooks, Pres.; Miss Mary Locke, Treas.
- PORTSMOUTH: Mrs. F. W. Rogers, Pres.; Mrs. Kimball, Sec'y and Treas.
- PORTSMOUTH: "Rogers Mission-Circle," Miss S. Rogers, Pres.; Emma Grace, Sec'y.
- Plaistow: Mrs. C. Terry, Pres.; Miss Hettie Terry, Sec'y; Mrs. A. Kimble, Treas.
- RAYMOND: Mrs. H. Sargent, Pres.; Mrs. F. George, Treas.
- SALMON FALLS: Mrs. Mallory, Pres.; Mrs. Fernald, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. J. I. Converse, Treas.; Mrs. George E. Butler, Sec'y.
- STRATHAM: Miss Nettie Bartlett, Pres.; Mrs. John M. Tompson, Sec'y; Miss Olivia Lane, Treas.
- West Lebanon: Mrs. Samuel T. Wood, Pres.; Mrs. Hiram Orcutt, Sec'y; Mrs. Carpenter, Treas.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1873.

ZULU MISSION.

" Miss Gertrude R. Hance, for 1874, 4	41 00
General expenses of Mrs. Edwards's School at	
Inanda, for 1874,	41 00
Salary of Mrs. Laurana W. Mellen,	41 00
" Mrs. Susan W. Tyler,	41 00
Girls' School at Umzumbi, 1873, 1874,	77 00

Salary of Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, for 1874.

\$2,982 00

EUROPEAN TURKEY.

Mrs. Isabelia G. Clarke,

\$363 00

\$363 00

WESTERN TURKEY MISSION CON-	STANTINOP	LE HOME.	
Salary of Mrs. Cora Welch Tomson, for 1874,	\$484 00		
" Miss Julia A. Rappleye, for 1874,	484 00		
" Miss Charlotte L. Noyes, for 1874,	484 00		
Male teacher, for 1874,	146 00		
Female "	175 00		
Rent for Home Building, for 1874,	726 00		
Books, &c.,	60 00	40 *** 00	
Total for Home,		\$2,559 00	
NICOMEDIA.			
Salary of Miss Laura Farnham, for 1874,	\$363 00		
CÆSAREA.			
Salary of Mrs. Elizabeth Giles, for 1874,	363 00		
" Miss Sarah A. Closson, for 1874,	303 00		
MARSOVAN.			
Salary of Miss Eliza Fritcher, for 1874,	303 00		
"Miss Fannie E. Washburn, for 1874,	303 00		
Girls' Preparatory School, for 1874,	175 .90		
Girls in the Boarding-School, for 1874,	872 00		
General expenses of the Boarding-School,	247 00		
Salary of Mrs. Amelia A. Leonard,	303 00		
Three Bible-women,	120 00		
sivas.	120 00		
	303 00		
Salary of Miss Flavia S. Bliss, for 1874,			
Girls' School, for 1874,	175 00		
MANISSA.			
Salary of Miss Phebe L. Cull, for 1874,	363 00		
" Miss Ursula C. Clarke, for 1874,	363 00	4,556 00	
Total, Western Turkey,	,	1,000 00	\$7,115 00
CENTRAL TURKEY A	AINTAB.		
Salary of Miss Myra A. Proctor, for 1874,	\$363 00		
" Miss Hattie G. Powers, for 1874,	363 00		
Female Boarding-School, twenty-four girls,	two		
teachers, steward, matron,	823 00		
Fourteen village schools,	303 00		
		1,852 00	
MARASH.			
Salary of Miss Mary S. Williams, for 1874,	\$400 00	400 00	
Total, Central Turkey,		400 00	2,252 00
EASTERN TURKEY	RITLIS.		
One-half salary of Misses C. and M. Ely, for 18			
Bible-woman,	24 00		
Three common schools for girls,	77 00		
Girls' Boarding-School, assistant teacher,	60 00		
Incidentals,	45 00		
Eight pupils,	110 00		
		648 00	

HARPOOT.

HARPOOT.			
Salary of Miss Harriet Seymour, for 1874,	\$332 0)	
" Miss Caroline E. Bush, for 1874,	332 0	0	
Five Bible-women,	128 0)	
Female Seminary, twenty girls, in part,	440 0	0	•
" twelve women, in part,	204 0		
Assistant teacher,	40 0	0	
Incidentals,	31 0		
Salary of Mrs. Caroline R. Allen,	332 0		
Salary of Mrs. Susan A. Wheeler,	332 0		
MARDIN.		- \$2,171 00	
	A000 0		
Salary of Miss Olive L. Parmelee, for 1874,	\$332 0		
" Miss Sarah Sears, for 1874,	332 0		
Two Bible-women, for 1874,	48 0		
Girls' school, fifteen pupils, for 1874,	330 0		
Five women, for 1874,	85 0		
Assistant teacher, for 1874,	30 0		
Salary of Oosee, for 1874	60 0		
Miscellaneous,	95 0		
Total, Eastern Turkey,		- 1,412 00	\$4,131 00
MAHRATTA MISSIO	N.		
Salary of Mrs. Mary E. Bissell, for 1874, Ahmed-			
nuggur,	\$551 0	0	
Salary of Miss Harriet S. Ashley, for 1874,	5 51 0		
" Mrs. Anna M. Park, Sholapoor,	551 0		
" Miss Sarah F. Norris, M.D., Bombay,	551 0	0	
Miss Ashley's assistant teacher, Pundit,	66 0	0	
Bible-women,	440 0	0	
Girls' school, teachers,	200 0	0	
Pupils, \$276; incidentals, \$20,	296 0	0	
		•	3,206 00
MADURA MISSION			
Salary of Mrs. Sarah B. Capron, for 1874,	\$551 0	0	•
" Miss Elizabeth Sisson, for 1874,	441 0	0	
Five Bible-women,	140 0	0	
Girls' Boarding-School, fifty pupils,	388 0	0	
Two teachers,	112 0	0	
Hindoo Girls' School, Madura,	290 0	0	
Mrs. Charlotte H. Chandler,	551 0	0	
		-	2,531 00
CEYLON MISSION.			
Salary of Miss Eliza Agnew, for 1874,	\$551 0	0	
" Miss Harriet E. Townshend, for 1874,	551 0		
" Miss Susan R. Howland,	551 0	0	
Three Bible-women,	120 0	0	
Oodoopitty Female Seminary,	551 0	0	
		-	2,324 00

FOOCHOW MISSION.

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Salary of Miss Adelia M. Payson, for 1874,	\$545 00	
Girls' Boarding-School, for 1874,	800 00	
Salary of Mrs. Lucy E. Hartwell,	485 00	
		\$1,830 00
NORTH-CHINA MIS	SSION.	
Salary of Miss Mary E. Andrews, for 1874,	\$485 00	
Assistant teachers,	85 00	
One female helper,	61 00	
One remaie neiper,		631 00
JAPAN MISSIO	N.	
Salary of Miss Eliza Talcott,	\$606 00	
" Miss M. E. Gouldy,	606 00	
Three teachers, \$91 each,	273 00	
Girls' school,	121 00	
diris solitori,		1,606 00
MEXICO MISSIO	on.	
Salary of Miss Carrie M. Strong,	\$300 00	
balary or miss carrie are one,		300 00
SPAIN MISSIO	N.	
Salary of Mrs. Alice G. Gulick,	\$660 00	
Balary of Mis. Africe G. Guilca,		660 00
DAKOTA MISSI	on.	
Matron, \$400; general expenses, \$500,	\$900 00	
mutten, wrote, general expenses, woot,	—	900 00
Total appropriations,		\$30,831 00
Outfits and travelling-expenses for missionarie	s,	2,517 55
Invested from Permanent Fund,		4,757 50
HOME DEPARTM	ENT.	
Publishing "Life and Light," including service	es	
at office,	\$6,578 63	
Printing and advertising, postage and incidenta		
Weekly Pledge envelopes,	86 00	
() coming I longe envelopes,		7,593 19
Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1873, of which	\$4.137.82 is	1,000 20
reserved for outfits, travelling-expenses,		
stantinople Home Building-Fund, and		
for Constantinople Home Building-Fund,		
invested,		31,678 98
		\$77,378 22
RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOAR		IS FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DE	U. 31, 1873.	

\$11,695 09 36,706 90 5,000 00

Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1872, Subscriptions and donations in 1873, Legacy of Mrs. Homer Bartlett,

Legacies and donations for Constantinople Home Building-Fund,	\$16,346	13
Receipts from back dues on Quarterlies,	521	
Receipts from "Life and Light" and "Echoes,"	6,056	97
Interests received on temporary investments,	1,001	80
Weekly Pledge envelopes,	49	67
	\$77,378	22

JAN. 3, 1874. — I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, and find them correct; showing a balance, in addition to the Permanent Fund, of thirty-one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight and ninety-eight hundredths dollars due the society.

J. W. DAVIS. Auditor.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

ZULU MISSION.

- Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, Inanda. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.
- Miss Gertrude R. Hance, Umvoti. Supported on General Fund.
- Mrs. LAURANA W. MELLEN, Umzunduzi. Supported on General Fund.
- Mrs. Susan W. Tyler, Umzunduzi. Supported by the Rhode-Island Branch.

EUROPEAN-TURKEY MISSION.

Mrs. Isabella G. Clark, Samokov. Supported on General Fund.

WESTERN-TURKEY MISSION.

- Miss Flavia S. Bliss, Sivas. Supported by the Auxiliary in Cambridge, Mass.
- Miss Ursula C. Clarke, Manissa. Supported by the Auxiliary in Dorchester, Mass.
- Miss Sarah A. Closson, Cæsarea. Supported by the Auxiliary in Windham. O.
- Miss Phebe L. Cull, Manissa. Supported by the Auxiliary in South Boston, Mass.

- Miss Laura Farnham, Bardesag. Supported by the Mission-Circles in Central Church, Boston, Mass.
- Miss ELIZA FRITCHER, Marsovan. Supported by the Auxiliary in Syracuse, N.Y.
- Mrs. ELIZABETH GILES, Cæsarea. Supported by the Auxiliary in Clinton, Mass.
- Mrs. Amelia A. Leonard, Marsovan. Supported on General Fund.
- Miss Charlotte L. Noyes, Constantinople. Supported by the Auxiliaries in Norwich, Conn., and Winchendon, Mass.
- Miss Julia A. Rappleye, Constantinople. Supported on General Fund.
- Mrs. CORA W. TOMSON, Constantinople. Supported by the Auxiliary in Newburyport, Mass.
- Miss Fannie E. Washburn, Marsovan. Supported by Mount-Holyoke Female Seminary.

CENTRAL-TURKEY MISSION.

- Miss Ellen M. Pierce, Aintab. Supported on General Fund. Miss Hattie G. Powers, Aintab. Supported by the Auxiliary in Winchester, Mass.
- Miss Myra A. Proctor, Aintab. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.
- Miss Mary S. Williams, Marash. Supported on General Fund.

EASTERN-TURKEY MISSION.

- Mrs. CAROLINE R. ALLEN, Harpoot. Supported on General Fund.
- Miss Caroline E. Bush, Harpoot. Supported by the Auxiliary in Rochester, Mass.
- Miss Charlotte E. Ely, Bitlis. In part supported by the Vermont Branch.
- Miss M. A. C. Ely, Bitlis. In part supported by the Vermont Branch.
- Miss OLIVE L. PARMELEE, Mardin. Supported by the Auxiliary in New Bedford, Mass.
- Miss SARAH SEARS, Mardin. Supported on General Fund.

- Miss Hattie Seymour, Harpoot. Supported by the Auxiliary in Fall River, Mass.
- Mrs. Susan A. Wheeler, Harpoot. In part supported by the Auxiliary in Bath, Mc.

MAHRATTA MISSION.

- Miss Harriet S. Ashley, Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Bhode-Island Branch.
- Mrs. MARY E. BISSELL, Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Auxiliary in Jamaica Plain, Mass.
- Miss Sarah F. Norris, M.D., Bombay. Supported by the New-Hampshire Branch.
- Mrs. Anna M. Park, Sholapoor. Supported on General Fund.

MADURA MISSION.

- Mrs. Sarah B. Capron, Mana, Madura. Supported on General Fund.
- Mrs. Charlotte H. Chandler, Madura. Supported on General Fund.
- Miss Elizabeth Sisson, Madura. Supported, in part, by the Auxilliary in East Boston, Mass.

CEYLON MISSION.

- Miss Eliza Agnew, Uduville. Supported on General Fund.
- Miss Susan K. Howland, Udupitty. Supported on General Fund.
- Miss Harriet E. Townshend, Udupitty. Supported by the Auxiliary in Hartford, Conn.

FOOCHOW MISSION.

- Mrs. Lucy E. Hartwell, Foochow. Supported on General Fund.
- Miss Adelia M. Payson, Nantai. Supported by the Auxiliary in Newport, R.I.

NORTH-CHINA MISSION.

Miss Mary E. Andrews, Tungcho. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

JAPAN MISSION.

- Miss MARY E. GOULDY, Osaka. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.
- Miss Julia E. Gulick, Osaka. Supported on General Fund.
- Miss Eliza Talcott, Kobe. Supported by the Auxiliary in Springfield, Mass.

MISSION TO SPAIN.

Mrs. ALICE GORDON GULICK, Santander. Supported on General Fund.

MISSION TO MEXICO.

Miss Carrie M. Strong, Monterey. Supported on General Fund.

SCHOOLS SUPPORTED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

ZULU MISSION.

- SCHOOL AT INANDA, under care of Mrs. Edwards. Supported by Scholarships.
- School at Umzumbi, under care of Mrs. Bridgman. Supported by the Maine Branch.

WESTERN-TURKEY MISSION.

- THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME, under care of Misses Rappleye,
 Noyes, and Tomson. Supported by Scholarships and
 General Fund. Native male teacher, supported by the
 Sabbath School in Reading, Mass.; native female teacher,
 by the Auxiliary in Winchendon, Mass.
- School in Marsovan, under care of Miss Fritcher. Supported by New-Haven Branch and Scholarships. Native teacher supported by the Auxiliary in Beverly, Mass.
- PREPARATORY SCHOOL in Marsovan.
- School in Sivas, under care of Miss Bliss. Supported on General Fund.
- School in Talas, under care of Miss Closson. Supported on General Fund.

CENTRAL-TURKEY MISSION.

- School at Aintab, under care of Miss Proctor. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.
- FOURTEEN VILLAGE SCHOOLS, under care of Miss Proctor. Supported, in part, by the Rhode-Island Branch.

EASTERN-TURKEY MISSION.

- School at Harpoot, under care of Misses Seymour and Bush. Supported by Scholarships.
- School at Mardin, under care of Misses Parmelee and Sears.
 Supported by the Maine Branch.
- School At Bitlis, under care of Misses Ely. Supported by the Auxiliary in Peabody, Mass. Native teacher supported by Belleville Mission-Circle, Newburyport, Mass.

MAHRATTA MISSION.

School at Ahmednuggur, under care of Mrs. Bissell. Supported by Scholarships.

MADURA MISSION.

- School at Madura, under care of Mrs. Chandler. Supported by the New-Haven Branch, and the Auxiliary in Montreal, Canada.
- HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOL AT MADURA, under care of Mrs.
 Chandler. Supported by the "Cheerful Workers," in
 Tabernacle Church, New-York City.

CEYLON MISSION.

School at Udupitty, under care of Miss Townshend. Supported by Vermont Branch, Scholarships, and General Fund.

FOOCHOW MISSION.

School at Foochow, under care of Miss Payson. Supported by Vermont Branch, Scholarships, and General Fund.

JAPAN MISSION.

School at Osaka, under care of Miss Gouldy. Supported by the Maine Branch.

DAKOTA MISSION.

HOME AMONG THE DAKOTA INDIANS. Supported on General Fund.

NATIVE TEACHERS AND BIBLE-READERS.

EUROPEAN AND WESTERN TURKEY MISSION.

Ghulu Dudu, at Cæsarea. Supported by the Auxiliary in Newton, Mass.

Mariam Dudu, at Nigdi. Supported by a Sabbath-school Class in Winchester, Mass.

Zahouhi, at Marsovan. Supported by the New-Haven Branch. Horessima, at Marsovan. Supported by the New-Haven Branch. Excipit, at Marsovan. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

CENTRAL-TURKEY MISSION.

Turfanda Boghosyan, at Killis. Supported by a Sabbath-school Class in Lynn, Mass.

Mariam Varzhoohee, at Aintab. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

Mariam Varlarasyan, at Aintab. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

Mariam Boghosyan, at Aintab. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

Hanum Bagdoyan, at Aintab. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

EASTERN-TURKEY MISSION.

Mariam, at Harpoot. Supported by the Auxiliary in Northampton, Mass.

Marta, at Arabkir. Supported by the Auxiliary in Malden, Mass. Varta at Shuhagi. Supported by the Auxiliary in Chelsea, Mass. Susig, at Ichme. Supported on General Fund.

Mariam, at Hoghi. Supported by the Auxiliary in Middlebury, Vt.

Bible-Reader, at Chemsigesek. Supported by the Auxiliary in Clinton, Mass.

Two Bible-Readers, at Mardin. Supported on General Fund. Bible-reader, at Bitlis. Supported on General Fund.

MAHRATTA MISSION.

Ahilabai, at Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Auxiliary in Middlebury, Vt.

Subabai, at Ahmednuggur. Supported by Mrs. R. P. Reed, Chelsea, Mass.

Krishnabai, at Mandogan. Supported on General Fund.

Zanakabai, at Mandogan. Supported by the Auxiliary in Greenwich, Conn.

Pritabai, near Ahmednuggur. Supported by the South Church, Hartford, Conn.

Samanabai, at Wadale. Supported by the Auxiliary in Norwich Town, Conn.

Gangabai, at Satara. Supported on General Fund.

Drupatabai, at Wadale. Supported by the Auxiliary in Brunswick, Me.

Drupatabai Uarayan, Rahuri. Supported on General Fund.

Balubai, at Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Auxiliary in Grantville, Mass.

Ashabai, at Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Sabbath School in Weathersfield-avenue Church, Hartford, Conn.

Sitabai, at Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Auxiliary in Newton Centre, Mass.

Shetiba Phakira, at Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Auxiliary in Framingham, Mass.

Babajee Ramjee, at Ahmednuggur. Supported on General Fund.

Jamanabai, at Bombay. Supported on General Fund.

Kasubai. Supported on General Fund.

Yesabai. Supported on General Fund.

Gyanakabai. Supported on General Fund.

Bahebai, in South District. Supported on General Fund.

MADURA MISSION.

Gnanaperahasen, at Madura. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

Samathanum, at Madura. Supported by the New-Haven Branch. Annamal, at Battalagundu. Supported by the Auxiliary in Claremont, N.H.

Annamal, at Mandapasalie. Supported on General Fund.

Parkeum, at Pasumalai. Supported by the Auxiliary in Hartford, Conn.

Parkeum, at Madura. Supported by the Auxiliary in Malden, Mass.

Anatye, at Madura. Supported on General Fund.

CEYLON MISSION.

Sarah K. White, at Uduville. Supported by the Sabbath School in Wellesley, Mass.

Mary Smith, at Uduville. Supported by the Auxiliary in Greenwich, Conn.

One Bible-Reader, at Uduville. Supported on General Fund.

NORTH-CHINA MISSION.

Mrs. Tsua, at Tungcho. Supported by the Tabernacle Church, Salem, Mass.

CONSTITUTION OF THE W. B. M.

ARTICLE I. — The officers of this Corporation shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, two or more Secretaries for Correspondence, a Treasurer, twelve or more Directors, and an Auditor, who shall be a gentleman. The Presidents of all Branch Societies shall be Vice-Presidents of the Woman's Board of Missions. All these officers, with the exception of the Auditor, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. Honorary Vice-Presidents may be appointed, with the same privileges as the above-named, except that they will not be members of the Board of Directors. All the foregoing officers shall hold their offices until the first Tuesday of January following the time of their election, or till others be chosen.

ART. II. — The Secretaries and Prudential Committee of the American Board will constitute an advisory board; and all missionary candidates will be referred to them for approval before appointment by the Directors. Missionaries supported

by this Board will be required to make frequent reports to the Corresponding Secretaries.

ART. III. — Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors will be held on the first Monday of every month. Meetings of the Society for business, the communication of intelligence, and suitable religious exercises, shall be held in Boston on the first Tuesdays of January and April, Thursday of Anniversary Week, and the first Tuesday in November. The January meeting shall be observed as an anniversary; when the Annual Report, prepared by the Reording Secretary, shall be read, and officers elected. Notice of the hour of the day, and the place of holding these meetings, shall be inserted once previously in "The Congregationalist."

ART. IV. — Special meetings of this Society may be called at any time, by order of the Board of Directors, by a notice published once in said "Congregationalist," publication of said notice to be at least one week before the day of holding said meetings.

ART. V. — The Board of Directors shall have full power to do all matters and things necessary to carry into effect the objects and purposes of this Society as set forth in the third section of its act of incorporation; and the acts and doings of said Board of Directors shall have the same validity and effect as if done and transacted by the Corporation itself at any regular meeting.

ART. VI. — The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership; and twenty-five dollars, life-membership.

ART. VII. — Any number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually may form a society auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions, by the appointment of a Director, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall constitute a local Executive Committee; the particular name and terms of membership to be fixed by each society for itself. Auxiliary societies, not less than twenty in number, may become a branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, with powers to choose such officers, or make such regulations, — not inconsistent with this Constitution, — as they may wish.

ART. VIII. — Recognizing the duty of educating our youth in the spirit of missions, this Society will encourage the formation of mission-circles among the children and youth in our churches, to collect funds, and disseminate missionary intelligence. Any number of Sunday-school children, or any class in a Sunday school, that shall contribute annually not less than five dollars, may form a mission-circle, under a name of their own choosing, by appointing some one of their number to act as Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. IX. — All persons who became life-members of the Woman's Board of Missions by the payment of twenty-five dollars, under its organization as it existed before the passage of said act of incorporation, shall be considered life-members of this Society, with the same rights and privileges as the payment of a like sum would now confer under this Corporation.

ART. X. — This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; notice of their intention to propose any alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. — Every meeting of the Society and of the Board of Directors shall be opened with prayer and the reading of the Scriptures. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read and approved, unless otherwise ordered.

ART. II. — The Board of Directors shall appoint annually, at the meeting in February, a Publishing and Editorial Committee, also Committees on Finance and Nomination. The Finance Committee shall have a general supervision of the finances, and shall devise and recommend measures for increasing the receipts.

ART. III. — It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to invest the funds of the Society in the safest and most productive form; but no investments shall be made or changed by her without the concurrence of the Finance Committee.

ART. IV. — All bills for current expenses shall be approved either by the Treasurer or President.

Art. V. — Branch societies, and auxiliaries not connected with branches, shall be required to present their annual reports to the parent society on or before the first Tuesday in December.

ART. VI.—All branch societies, and auxiliaries not connected with branches, will be held responsible for work assumed by them until due notice shall be given to the parent society. Branch societies shall make remittances as often as once a quarter to the Treasurer of the parent society.

ART. VII. — The financial year shall close on the fifteenth day of December.

ART. VIII. — No business shall be brought before a public meeting of the Society that has not been previously submitted to the Board of Directors.

ART. IX. — These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directers by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE I. — This Society shall be called "The Woman's Missionary Society," auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions.

ART. II. — The officers of this Society shall be a Directress, Secretary, and Treasurer, chosen annually.

ART. III. — The object of this Society shall be the collection of money for missionary purposes, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit among its members.

ART. IV. — All money raised by this Society shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, for the purposes of their organization.

ART. V. — Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of ——— annually.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION-CIRCLES.

ARTICLE I. — An association of youth remitting annually not less than five dollars to the Treasurer of W. B. M. shall constitute a Mission-Circle.

ART. II. — A Circle raising sufficient funds to sustain a Native Bible-Reader, or to educate a pupil in any of the Mission-Schools, can specify any field occupied by the A. B. C. F. M.

ART. III. — Each Circle shall be designated by an appropriate name; and shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, to whom due acknowledgment can be returned by the Society.

PLEDGE FOR MISSION-CIRCLES.

WE desire to help in sending the gospel to heathen children, that they may learn about Christ, who died to save them.

We promise to give one cent a week to the missionary-box, and to come together once a month to work for the cause, and to hear about missions.

(Signed)

PUBLICATIONS.

The following leaflets have been issued by the Woman's Board, designed to assist those who wish to promote the work of the Society. They will be furnished gratuitously in small quantities: when ten or more are desired, they may be obtained at very reasonable prices.

Historical Sketch of the Woman's Board.

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