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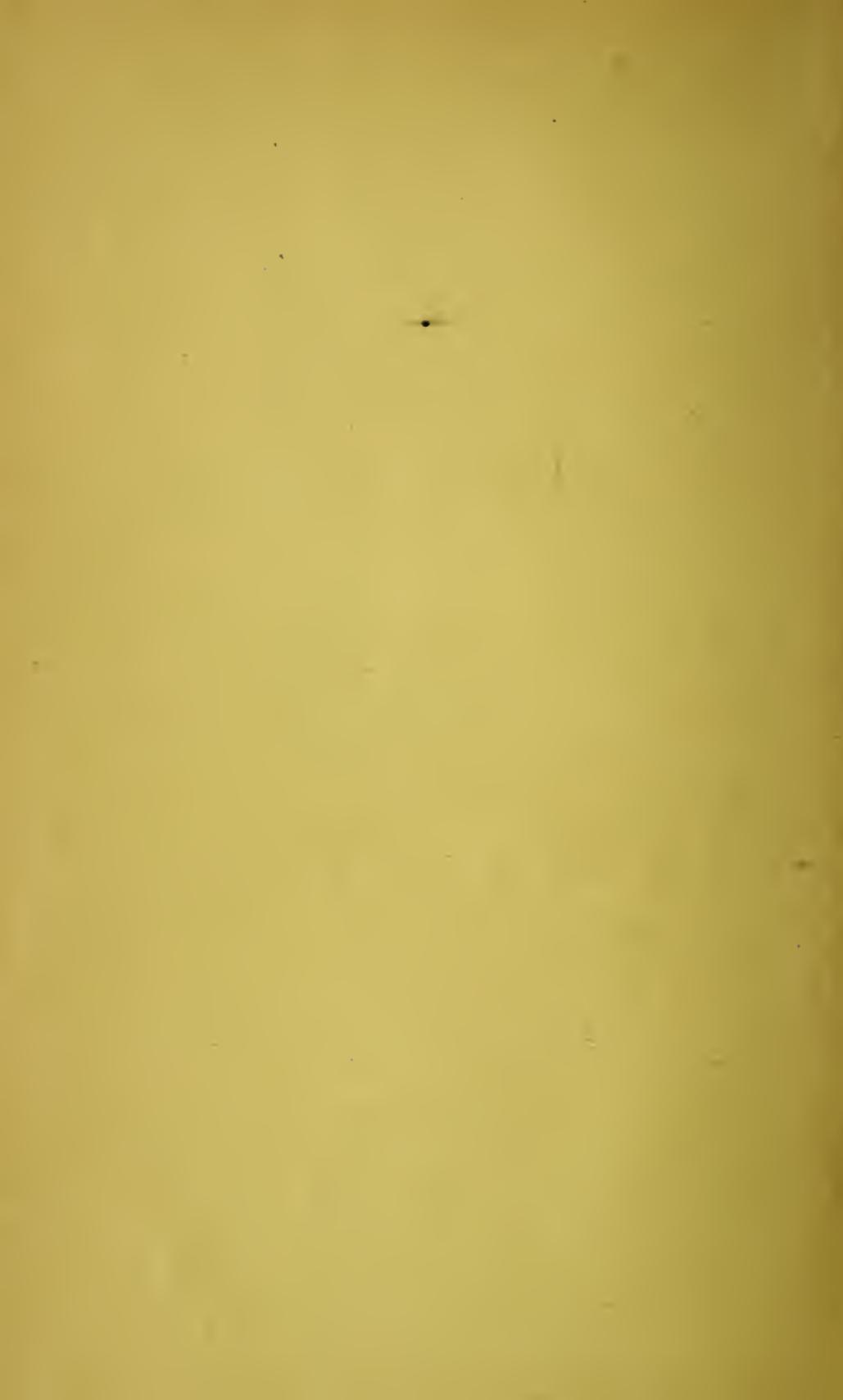


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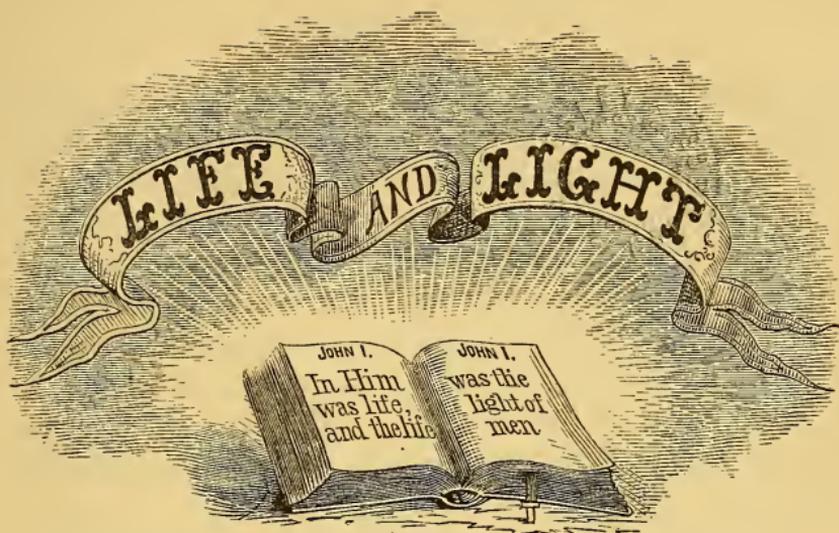
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TURKEY.

HARPOOT FEMALE SEMINARY.

BY MISS C. E. BUSH.

WE are indebted to Miss Bush for the glimpse into our school at Harpoot, given below, and for the translation of the native letter that follows:—

“We have had a very pleasant school this summer, with twenty-nine pupils in all, eighteen of whom are boarding-scholars. Fourteen or fifteen are yet without Christ. These last are mostly new members of the school; and we believe that the Lord will yet hear our prayers for their conversion, even as he has so often for others’, bringing them one by one into the kingdom. We need the earnest prayers of all interested in our work; for, though God has been so gracious as to take only one pupil from us since I have been

here, and that one an earnest Christian, I do not wish to feel that our efforts or prayers can be less on this account.

“The spirit manifested by our older girls has been very sweet this year. They are progressing well in their lessons, showing new ambition and interest. The English scholars can hardly talk as fluently as their American teachers; neither have those in music yet commenced composing; but we cannot expect these girls at once to reach the standard of those at home; and we are thankful, if, little by little, they creep on in knowledge, and, above all, if they become Christians.

“I wish somebody from the home-land could come into our morning exercises, and see the bright, sweet faces and the loving smiles that await us. The soberest countenances quickly change expression at our approach; and, on the other hand, it is not often that any gloom can be so deep upon our faces, that they do not brighten at the sight of those loving smiles. I wish you could hear Miss Seymour’s Bible-class recite the story from Genesis to Isaiah; then come and see the long, beautifully executed examples in interest or in algebra; after that to be present at the recitation in geography, and hear them describe rivers, bays, lakes, and cities, — these scholars who have never been out of Harpoot, and have seen neither river nor lake. They would describe a camel to you; or tell you that the Turk with green on his turban is a descendant of the prophet, and that the one adorned with white is a sign that the owner is a reader; they could tell the process of baking bread in the thin, flat loaves that adhere to the sides of the round, heated, underground oven: but it is hard for them to imagine a railway or a ship.

“The girls enjoy composition days. It is a peculiar fact, that the younger ones always deem it necessary to give good advice and do a great deal of moralizing in their

essays. They read them with a very satisfied air, to the amusement of some who have learned the difference between religion of the tongue and that of the heart. But some of the older girls do well, and often exhibit thought and growth in their writing. We have had many women present from outside on our composition days this year, and they have manifested much interest in our school.

“I send a letter from Prapion, one of our scholars who went to labor among the Koords, thinking some of our friends may like to read it. I hope those who feel interested in our school will pray for it more and more. We must have the conversion of those who are out of Christ.”

PRAPION'S LETTER.

MY PRECIOUS INSTRUCTORS, — Truly it is a long time since I wrote you, although I was debtor. And I esteem myself at fault for not writing; and I know that your hearts are full for me, because, while I have been separated from you, only one letter have I written, and have not sent answers to what you have written.

But do not think that I have forgotten you; not at all. How am I able to forget such benefactors as you! I am not able wholly to forget, because there is such a love within me as forces me to love you; and that love within me does not allow my love for you to grow cold. Although ingratitude and meanness sprinkle water that this love grow cold, they do not also extinguish it, because pity, honor, and duty — these three coming together — stand behind the wall, holding a bottle of oil in their hands, secretly pour it upon this failing love, and thus cause it to kindle. I am experienced in this, and by my experience know that it is so.

Oh, my beloved benefactors! my love is great for you, and will grow still greater, although you think it little; yet the

Lord knows. Perhaps you will say, and you have a right to say so also, "If she loves, it is necessary that she reveal her love by deeds;" that is to say, by writing letters. I entreat that my not writing may not sadden you, and make you believe that truly I have forgotten you, and do not love you. Trouble, pain, and gloom have made me forget. On every side there is pain and gloom because of separation from relatives and friends, and beloved companions, and from great blessings; especially because of separation from the Lord's work, which is a greater pain and very severe.

Oh! my soul is filled with sorrow. To whom shall I tell it? or upon whom shall I cast my sorrow? I have no one upon this earth, who, if I told my grief, could remove it. I have only One, who dwelleth above, who is called the Comforter of the sorrowing, the Helper of the troubled, and who gives every thing to men. Blessed be his name and his will! He does every thing well to men, though they think it ill.

I think you have heard about our condition. Those caring for Koordistan care for their work in this way. Since we came from Harpoot, they have given us no salary: not one piece of money have they sent. We have cared for the rent of the house and the road-expense; and, however many letters we have written, they have sent no answer. Neither Yes nor No have they said. Seeing they remained silent, and could not care for us, we left, and came to Haine. It is more than a month since we came here; and we have written a letter that they may send us a reply, either Yes or No [that is, whether they shall work, and expect support from the Koordish society in Aintab, or not]. Blessed would it be if they altogether abandoned the work in Koordistan, or, since they have put their hands to it, see to it well. If in this way it is cared for, I am well persuaded that the work will not go forward at all.

What can two persons do in such a place? While we

staid there this winter, no one came near us to tell us his troubles, and receive advice. They fled far from us, saying that we were Koords; while they themselves are Koords. They are very wretched, and have altogether lost their Armenianism. There is no difference between them and the Koords. Only by their keeping fast do they differ, and are they known as Armenians. They worship idols as in idolatrous countries; and they worship and honor these more than God. Wherever we walked in Farkin [the place of their stay], I did not see a single stone or tree that was not called holy; a name being given to every one. Every tree is filled with dirty rags. Whoever has a pain has gone and tied a rag on it, as if he had tied the pain on it. They even worship the graves of the Turks, saying they are holy. There are two prominent ones which they specially worship. We went to see these, which are more than two hundred years old, having stones piled upon them, and a wall built around. You see them filled with hundreds of lamps, and vessels that spread incense. They burn the lamps at night as an honor to the holy ones. There are many other things which I am not able to tell with my pen: every man must see with his own eyes, that he may believe. But why is it necessary that I tell you and the scholars at the seminary of this wretchedness? You know it. Therefore pray to God that he may come to help these wretched ones. I entreat, also, that you pray for me, because I am in great need of prayer.

Give my salutations to all the ladies. To Bertie, Susie, and Annie, give my loving kiss. I send my beloved sister's [a schoolmate now in Van] letter: it is very sweet to me. As often as I read it, it causes the tears to flow from my eyes. When you write to her, write my salutations, and say, "As is the lily among thorns, so is my beloved among the daughters."

LETTER FROM MRS. PARMELEE.

ERZROOM, TURKEY, Sept. 18, 1873.

WITHIN the last month I have made my first tour with my husband in the interesting region of Khanoos. Doubtless my sisters in this great work can recall with vividness all connected with their first experience of the kind, — the elation with which they set out, the impressions received all along the way, the fund of amusement afforded by the *patois* of the villagers, and, above all, the saddening sense of the greatness of the harvest and the fewness of the laborers.

Three days under an August sun brought us to Chevermeh, a village of about fifty houses, on a branch of the Euphrates. Our nondescript caravan seemed not to impress these phlegmatic Orientals, although the peculiar looking horses, with their more peculiar looking loads — such as tents, camp bedsteads and chairs, huge leather bags called “*hoorjies*,” with here and there a frying-pan, or copper water-pot tied on, making music as we went — were objects of constant interest and amusement to us. Our good Protestant brothers and sisters soon crowded around to bid us welcome; and when we had spread our tent, and unpacked our possessions, the multitude came to do *tamasha*, as they say, — that is, to *see*; and, while we staid, we never had the slightest cause to complain of neglect in this particular, by day or night. Miss Van Duzee accompanied us; and we visited from house to house, conversing with the women while about their work, which is so pressing, at this season, that we could rarely gather them together for a meeting. When urging them to learn to read, the discouraging reply often was, “Why, we are villagers! How can villagers learn to read?”

Would my more favored sisters in the home-land like to

know how the time of these poor women is spent during the summer? Twice in the day they milk their cows, making the milk into butter and cheese, both of which processes differ widely from our own, as do the results of the labor. As soon as this is finished in the morning, bread is to be baked, food cooked, and carried to the male members of the family at work in the fields, often a long way from the village. Then the hour for milking the flocks of sheep and goats is at hand; and the poor creatures put a heavy earthen vessel in a bag, which they sling over their shoulders, and walk, sometimes a whole hour, under the mid-day sun. This they repeat at about four o'clock in the afternoon. Some spin as they go, using a small wooden implement, somewhat resembling a spindle; while others, who have no one at home with whom to leave the baby, carry it with them. On their return, they have a little time to rest and to eat. One young woman, named Zartar, told me that she, unassisted, milked sixty sheep twice in a day, bringing the milk home on her back.

I have not described an exceptional day; for they are all alike; Sundays, even, scarcely differing from the rest of the week. There is no food to be carried to the fields on that day from the Protestant houses: but there is an impression that bread one day old is not eatable; and we find it almost impossible to convince them to the contrary. What the fathers have done, back to the days of Abraham, that must the children do. But I rejoice to say that there is progress even in Turkey. There are village-women who are learning to read and to love the Bible. Will you not, dear friends in America, while thanking the Lord that you lead lives so different from those of your darker sisters, remember to pray earnestly for them, and continue to send teachers to open to them the book of life?

Having visited four villages, we felt that we must return

to Erzroom: so we "folded our tents like the Arabs," set our little girl on her loaded animal, dropped our baby into her basket, mounted our good horses; and after travelling three days, and sleeping two nights, in wild Khoordish regions, we found ourselves once more in our pleasant home.

As I have intimated, this is not a favorable time of year for touring; but I hope some little good may have been accomplished. I think often of something that was said as we crossed the high ridge that forms the watershed of the Aras and Euphrates Rivers. Some one remarked, "A drop of rain falling here, the lightest breath of wind decides whether it shall pursue a long southerly journey to the Persian Gulf, or travel eastward to lose itself in the Caspian Sea." In like manner, may we not hope that some word of ours, insignificant in itself, breathed upon by the Holy Spirit, may turn some soul from the broad road that leads to death into the strait and narrow way that leads to life eternal? Pray for us that we be not altogether barren and unfruitful in the vineyard of the Lord.

AFRICA.

HEALING THE SICK.

BY MRS. A. B. ROBBINS.

ONE command of our Saviour to the seventy was, "Heal the sick." This the missionary, also, is often expected to do. I recall an instance from our own experience. One day there came to our door a tall, unsightly-looking Zulu boy. He was ill, and none of the native doctors could help

him. "I have come," he said, "to beg some medicine for sores." Removing the dirty scrap of a blanket that covered his shoulders and neck, we saw at once the nature of the disease that had wasted his flesh, and was now even threatening his life. As it was evident that a long time would be required to cure him, we could promise to give no medicine, except on condition that he remain at the station with us. This he consented to do. So we received him into our house, although his disease was an exceedingly offensive one, fed, clothed, and doctored him until he was cured. On his recovery, he returned to the kraal of his heathen father, and brought back with him his mother, two brothers, a sister-in-law, and a nephew. They had come to live at the station, because we had cured the son and brother whom they had never expected to see again in health. These were some of the earliest settlers at Umzumbe. The young man who was healed is now a teacher in one of our schools; the mother a bright gem in the church; and one of the brothers has learned to read with fluency, although in other respects he is not all that we could wish. The "medicine-man" is an important character among the Zulus. If successful, he sometimes acquires almost unlimited wealth and influence. The missionary who gives away his medicines, and charges nothing for attendance or advice, surely does not grow rich by the operation; but he gains a hold on the people, which, perhaps, could be obtained in no other way. Every act of kindness recommends the gospel with new power to the intractable heathen heart.

Is not this enough, dear sisters, to justify the missionary's wife in making, as she often does, a hospital of her kitchen, where she may receive the sick and suffering, and minister to their infirmities? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Our Work at Home.

CONSECRATED TALENT.

BY MRS. DR. ANDERSON.

[Written by request of a member of one of our auxiliaries.]

JESUS said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." But where are the reapers? They are busy, here and there, doing that which is like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up. There are many who say, "I go, sir;" and go not. They do not lift up their eyes, and not seeing the extent of the fields, nor the urgency for labor, have no settled purpose in effort. They are like a person intending to go abroad, dreaming of distant lands and of the enjoyment and profit yet to come, but making no definite preparation. Let that person rouse up, and decide to go in the next steamer, and what a change! The thoughts are taxed, inquiries are made, the steps are quickened.

There are many Christians thus planning indefinitely, and dreaming. Let them "lift up their eyes, and look on the fields." How white, and how extensive! Let them resolve *to-day*, "I will enter upon my work;" and at once they will see many departments of benevolence sadly needing volunteers, and many weary workers that would hail with joy any new talent to augment their strength. If any are ready to enter upon the missionary work, let them be assured that there is a great variety of work to be done both at home and abroad. The mind, the heart, the pen, the needle, can all be brought into use. The most gifted and the most obscure can all find something to do in this blessed

cause. But first there must be the willing mind, the firm resolve to begin *now*.

Then there must be the desire, nay, the determination, to get knowledge. Christians should know the progress that is being made in converting the world to Christ. There is a variety of rich and valuable reading in this connection. Let them put away their fiction, and their reading simply for entertainment, and take the true and animated stories of heroic deeds done for the good of others. The more you know, the more you will be interested. Find out what others are doing, and connect yourself with some band of workers. Here you will see the value of organization. If your work is to be at home, and there is no organization in your vicinity, ask guidance of the Lord, get your mind well furnished, and set yourself to interest others. You will feel your need of wisdom and of help continually; and you will find a union, a communion, not known before.

The reward often comes very soon, even before success; but persevere, and success will also come. Go on trying to warm other hearts, and devising liberal things, and your mind and heart will both expand. If you can get a few associated with you in interest and prayer, and a desire for knowledge, form a society in your own church, and then let it be connected with some larger association. Keep yourself informed, and keep others informed, of the progress made, and of the means to be employed to secure progress. The field will widen as you advance. Your visionary, profitless thoughts will give place to high and noble purposes, and you will have neither time nor taste for the ordinary chit-chat of the day. A world is to be saved, and you will feel that you have a share in the responsibility.

For those who hold the pen of a ready writer here is work in abundance. A lady who could not go out for

active labor wrote a hundred and forty letters last year to enlist and facilitate the labor of others. Essays and leaflets are needed; and there are many letters from missionaries, of stirring interest, for which there is not room in our periodicals: these can be copied and distributed with very good effect.

Aside from intellectual and spiritual labor, there is much that is secular, but which is just as necessary, and will be as acceptable to the Master, if done from love to him. Money must be raised; and here all ingenuity of mind and skill of hands can be brought into the service of adding new offerings to the treasury. Think of the condescension of the Lord in accepting the work of our hands in some trivial offering, and then arranging his providential plans so that we may find hereafter we have been aiding to save a soul.

One great and beautiful department of this work is the training of children, so that, in their own simple ways of doing and thinking, they may take their part in works of benevolence. How happy it makes them to give to heathen children some of the blessings they enjoy! Some sabbath-school teachers find great delight in forming their classes into missionary circles, giving them knowledge in regard to the wants of the world, and finding a reward in their warm-hearted interest and cheerful offerings. And how many ladies could gather a few children or young people around them, and cultivate their benevolence, and enrich their minds by missionary reading, while helping them also to work for others! So, in an endless variety of ways, the undeveloped talent can be brought out; and elevation, happiness, and holiness will be the result.

“For the heart grows rich in giving;
All its wealth is living grain:
Seeds which mildew in the garner,
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.”

NOVEMBER MEETING.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, held in Pilgrim Hall, Congregational House, Nov. 4, was one of special interest. Encouraging reports were given of the growth of the society, and addresses made by Rev. Mr. Edkins, English missionary to China, Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Miss Sarah L. Wood of Turkey, and Mrs. Dr. Miller of Edinburgh, Scotland. We are sorry that our limits forbid a more extended account.

MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

THE Semi-annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions was held at Montclair, N.J., in connection with the New Jersey General Association. Henceforth the autumn will be the time of the Annual Meeting of this Branch, because it is believed an impetus will be thus given to the associate societies there represented by delegates, at the beginning of the working season. The adult societies reported a pressing forward to the work, with much courage in assuming it. The mission circles are gaining on their seniors, and vie with each other in their devices for raising money, and spreading interest in the work.

With the full indorsement of Miss Proctor's fruitful work at Aintab, which Mr. Trowbridge's experience thereof enabled him to offer, the privilege of helping that work seemed greater. Miss Gouldy, the new missionary to Japan, was heartily adopted; her support mainly assumed by the "Golden Links" and "Montclair Blossoms."

The resignation of Mrs. Hart as President, because she had removed beyond the bounds of the Philadelphia Branch,

tinged the meeting with sadness; but, with an overpowering refusal to accept the threatened severing, Mrs. Hart was retained as head; Miss A. P. Halsey being appointed to assist her as acting Vice-President.

The welcome to their new and beautiful church, followed by the collations so bountifully spread in the church parlors, together with the home hospitality of Montclair, gave token of a hearty spirit, which is also manifest in their zeal for the cause of missions.

May the blessings there enjoyed be imparted to every member of the Branch!

A. P. H., *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW BRANCHES.

ONCE more it is our privilege to announce the formation of new branch societies connected with the Woman's Board. The Maine Branch was organized in Portland on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

A severe storm prevented a very large attendance at the meeting; but some were present who are veterans in woman's work for missions; and we have not a doubt that a foundation was laid for thoroughly organized labor throughout the State.

The New Hampshire Branch was formed on Thursday, Nov. 13, at a large and enthusiastic meeting in Portsmouth. The morning session was devoted to business; and, after a bountiful collation at noon, the audience assembled to listen to Mrs. Capron, who interested all with her pictures of missionary life. The ladies, who were present from all parts of the State, returned to their homes with a full determination that auxiliaries should be formed in every church in New Hampshire.

With our work now thoroughly rooted in every New-England State, and with strong auxiliaries in other States, it is with thankful hearts that we give to our branches and to all our readers the joyous greeting of the glad new year.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM OCT. 18 TO NOV. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

<i>Auburn.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. E.	
Rideout, Treas.,	\$33 00
<i>Waldoboro'</i> .—Ladies of 1st	
Cong. Society,	16 50
<i>Waterville.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. C.	
Cameron, Treas.,	44 00
Total,	\$93 50

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>Exeter.</i> —“Cheerful Givers,”	\$1 00
<i>Goffstown.</i> —Miss Eliza Kennedy,	10 00
<i>New Ipswich.</i> —Children's Fair,	1 00
<i>Portsmouth.</i> —Aux., of which	
\$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Helen	
C. Knight, and \$15 to complete	
life-membership of Mrs. Dea.	
Joshua Brooks,	61 13
Total,	\$73 13

VERMONT.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Mrs. Geo.	
H. Fox, Treas. Springfield,	
Aux., \$8; Middlebury, Aux.,	
Mrs. C. H. Ladd, Tr., of which	
\$75 to const. L. M.'s Mrs.	
Thomas Merrill, Mrs. Julius	
Beckwith, Miss Mattie Barrows,	\$105.97;
Mrs. C. H. Ladd and	
Mrs. C. K. Webber, \$80; Mrs.	
Asa Severance, \$35 for Aga-	
mise, at Constantinople Home;	
S. S. for Bible Woman at	
Hoghl, Turkey, \$16.52; Corn-	
wall, Ladies' Society, by Mrs.	
D. Ladd, \$12.50; Pittsford,	
Aux., Mrs. A. M. Caverly, Tr.,	\$21;
Chester, Ladies' Society,	by Mrs. J. G. Hale, \$5; New-
bury, Aux., Mrs. W. R. Shedd,	Tr., of which \$25 from Mrs. E.
Hale to const. herself L. M.	\$33.50; Sheldon, Cong. Sab.
School, \$50.	
Total,	\$367 49

MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Ashby.</i> —Ladies of Cong. Ch.,	\$2 25
<i>Ayer.</i> —S. S. classes, towards	
support of pupil in Miss Pro-	
ctor's sch.,	21 45
<i>Boston.</i> —Berkeley St. Ch., \$21;	
Mrs. W. Willett, \$1; “Rebec-	
ca,” \$10; Two Aged Friends,	\$45,
	77 00
<i>Boston Highlands.</i> —Walnut	
Ave. Ch., Mrs. Stone,	5 00
<i>Boylston, West.</i> —Aux., to const.	
L. M. Mrs. Sarah Barstow	
Johnson,	25 00
<i>Burlington.</i> —Ladies' Prayer	
and Miss. Soc., Mrs. H. A.	
Hudson, Treas.,	28 00
<i>Cambridge.</i> —Union Aux., of	
Shephard Memorial, North	
Ave. and East Cambridge ch's,	
support Miss Bliss, \$263;	
“Willing Helpers,” with prev.	
contri. to const. L. M. Mrs.	
Geo. P. Saunders, \$5,	268 00
<i>Carlisle.</i> —Mrs. Lydia S. Patten,	10 00
<i>Clinton.</i> —Aux., Miss H. M.	
Haskell, Treas.,	26 02
<i>Conway.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Arthur	
Shirley, Treas.,	20 00
<i>Fitchburg.</i> —Central Cong. Ch.	
Aux., Miss A. S. Haskell,	
Treas., \$10; Rollstone Cong.	
Ch. and Soc., \$23,	33 00
<i>Framingham.</i> —Aux., to const.	
L. M. Mrs. L. R. Eastman, jun.,	25 00
<i>Groton.</i> —Mrs. Ellic Shumway,	
to const. L. M. Mrs. Nathan	
Gallott,	25 00
<i>Hopkinton.</i> —“Little Workers,”	7 00
<i>Lakeville.</i> —Mrs. C. L. Ward,	
with prev. contri., to const. her-	
self L. M.,	15 00
<i>Lunenburg.</i> —Mrs. Geo. A.	
Jewett,	1 00
<i>North Bridgewater.</i> —“Mes-	
senger Birds,”	70 00

<i>Peabody.</i> — Pennies from the purse of a departed boy,	\$0 35
<i>Reading.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. B. Leathe, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Taunton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Geo. M. Woodward, Treas., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Geo. P. Atwood, Mrs. Harrison Tweed,	50 00
<i>Wellesley.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Chas. Dana, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Fannie Currier, \$25; from Mrs. L. W. Dana, to const. L. M. Miss Mary L. Dana, Portland, Me.; \$30 for the support of pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.; \$50 for the Decotah Home; \$70 for the work in China and Japan,	200 00
<i>Westford.</i> — Ladies of Cong. Ch.,	5 25
<i>Winchester.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 from Mrs. D. N. Skillings to const. L. M. Mrs. M. A. T. Chapin; \$10 from a Friend in Rochester, N. Y., for the support of Miss Hattie Powers,	60 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — Mrs. M. C. Spaulding,	3 00
<i>Yarmouth.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Bangs Hallett, Treas.,	16 50
Total,	\$1,008 82
Boston, Legacy of Mrs. Homer Bartlett, by Rev. Dr. P. H. Fowler, Ex.,	\$5000 00
<i>C. Home Building-Fund.</i>	
<i>Boston.</i> — Miss Bessie Brewster Ely on her third birthday,	\$3 00
<i>Framingham.</i> — Aux.,	1 00
<i>Somerville.</i> — "H. M. G."	15 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — "Seek and Save" Society,	5 00
CONNECTICUT.	
<i>Berlin.</i> — Aux., Miss A. Hubbard, Treas.,	\$24 00
<i>Goshen.</i> — Cong. S. S. for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	30 00
<i>Hartford.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Chas. C. Jewell, Treas., Mrs. Douglass, \$5; Windsor Locks, Mrs. B. R. Allen and Mrs. H. R. Coffin to const. themselves L. M.'s, Miss Olivia Pierson to const. L. M. Miss Edith Allen,	80 00
<i>Southport.</i> — S. S. of Cong. Ch., towards support of pupil in Harpoot Sem'y,	30 00
<i>South Windsor.</i> — A Friend, to const. L. M. Miss M. A. Willey,	25 00
Total,	\$189 00
<i>C. Home Building-Fund.</i>	
<i>Windsor Locks.</i> — Mrs. L. P. Dexter, to const. herself L. M.,	\$25 00

NEW YORK.

Smyrna. — S. S. Miss. Soc. 1st Cong. Ch., towards support of pupil in Harpoot Sem'y,

\$30 00

Total, \$30 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

Malone. — Miss Mary Fleming,

\$1 00

NEW JERSEY.

Montclair. — Cong. S. S. for support of pupil in Harpoot Sem'y,

\$40 00

Morristown. — Rebecca Kerr,

1 00

Total, \$41 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia Branch. — Mrs. W. E. C. Wright, Treas., Philadelphia, Mrs. Nancy Webb, \$5; An. Memberships, \$12; Golden Links, \$100; for advertising, \$8; Vineland, N. J., Aux., \$2; Washington, D. C., Aux., \$47; Orange, N. J., Aux., \$41; "Orange Buds for Rebecca," \$20; Jersey City, Aux., \$11; Baltimore, Aux., \$37.87,

\$281 87

Total, \$281 87

OHIO.

Cleveland. — Ladies' Miss. Soc. 1st Cong. Ch., of which \$30 to educate Bible Reader in Harpoot,

\$38 00

Medina. — Young Ladies' Miss Soc.,

10 00

Total, \$48 00

KANSAS.

Grasshopper Falls. — Mrs. B. P. Hillyer,

\$1 00

Total, \$1 00

CALIFORNIA.

Oakland. — 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., Mrs. B. E. Cole, Treas., balance of Miss Rappleye's salary,

\$200 00

Total, \$200 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

Oakland. — 1st Cong. Ch., Aux.,

\$100 00

Subscriptions,

\$2,333 81

C. Home Building-Fund,

150 00

Legacy,

5,000 00

"Life and Light,"

376 76

Weekly Pledge,

6 30

Total, \$7,866 87

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, Assist. Treas.



ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior was held in Racine, Wis., Nov. 5 and 6, 1873.

The exercises began at half-past nine, A.M., Nov. 5; the President, Mrs. Moses Smith, in the chair. After the reading of part of the sixth chapter of John, and prayer by Mrs. Clapp of Waverly, the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Francis Bradley, was then presented, announcing the fulfilment of our pledge to raise \$15,000 within the year. To appreciate the effect of this announcement, it must be remembered, that, two months ago, we needed \$4,000 to complete this amount. Tears of surprise and joy filled many eyes. Some felt rebuked for their want of faith; and all joined heartily in Mrs. Patton's fervent prayer of thanksgiving.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, on account of illness, the Annual Report was presented by Mrs. E. W. Blatchford.

Invitation to delegates from other Boards, to report, was responded to by Mrs. Hoge, President of the Woman's Presbyterian Board, and Mrs. Harris, President of the Woman's Baptist Board. Mrs. Arnold also spoke in behalf of our Baptist sisters; and a letter was read from Mrs. Tolman, their Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Hoge, being introduced, said she had been separated so short a time from this Board as still to feel herself one of the family. She said, that, when the Presbyterian ladies withdrew from the original society, the act seemed to her suicidal; but she acknowledged her joy in the fact that the sum of the receipts of the two Boards the past year had been nearly three times as great as the amount raised by them before they became two bands.

A cordial letter from Miss Halsey, received too late to be read at the meeting, conveyed to us the greetings of the Philadelphia Branch.

A letter from Mrs. Hume was read, expressing the kindly sympathy of the New-Haven Branch in our common work. This was followed by the Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Missions of Missouri, a branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior.

The sad announcement of the death of Mrs. Dr. Post of St. Louis was made by Mrs. Blatchford, after which a meeting for prayer, led by Mrs. Hubbell of Ann Arbor, Mich., occupied the time till noon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

A lunch, both elegant and bountiful, was served in the lecture-room, and succeeded by an hour of social intercourse, after which we again convened in the church. After devotional exercises, Miss Bliss of Constantinople offered the greetings of the women of the missions in Turkey to their sisters assembled here, and told something of the work in Constantinople and Aintab. Extracts from a touching letter from Mrs. Arthur Smith of China were read by Mrs. Haven.

A paper written by Miss Evans of the Lake Erie Female Seminary at Painesville, O., was read by Mrs. Bradley.

Subject, "The Unapplied Talent of the Women of our Churches, compared with the Work opening before them." An animated discussion on this subject followed.

Reports were then presented from the following auxiliaries, — Beloit, Delavan, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jackson, Mich.; Michigan City, Ind.; First and Second Churches, Rockford, New-England and Plymouth Churches, Chicago, Ill.; and Hudson, O. The meeting then adjourned.

Arrangements had been made by Mr. Pierce, pastor of the church in which we met, for a public meeting in the evening. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Sawin of Racine, and followed by addresses from Rev. Mr. Hitchcock of Kenosha, and Près. Chapin of Beloit, Wis.

Près. Chapin took for his text the 11th verse of the 68th Psalm. "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Of this text he gave the following exegesis: "The Lord shall give the word: the women that publish it shall be a great host." He stated that this reading was suggested to him by a veteran missionary, who was engaged in translating the Bible into the Dakotah language; and he found he was sustained in it by Alexander, and other commentators.

The evening closed with a brief sociable in the lecture-room, which was enlivened by the exhibition and sale of exquisite Chinese flowers, the gift of Mrs. Williams of Kalgan. The sales then and since have realized \$51.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises, the revised form of the constitution was read by Mrs. Haven, and, after free discussion, was adopted by the Board. The principal change in the constitution is the provision for State secretaries. This, it

is hoped, will meet a want long felt by the officers of the Board, by supplying means of pressing the duty of missionary work more directly upon the churches, and affording the churches more help in organizing and sustaining auxiliary societies, without affecting the relations heretofore existing between these auxiliaries and the Board.

The Committee on Incorporation reported, that, the preparatory work of the committee having been done, the Board was virtually incorporated, although the certificate of incorporation had not yet been received from Springfield.

The Committee on Place of Meeting designated the city of St. Louis as the place of the next Annual Meeting, and Elyria, O., as alternate.

The Committee on the Secretary's Report heartily indorsed it, calling special attention to these three points, — Formation of Branches, Scholarships instead of Scholars to be supported by Auxiliaries, and Individual Responsibility.

Mrs. Bradley wished she could explain to the auxiliaries some of the perplexities caused to the officers of the Board in the endeavor to gratify the wishes of auxiliaries in the application of their funds to specific objects, as, for instance, the support of a pupil. She begged them not to be too strenuous on this point, but to be willing to give their contributions into the general fund, specifying only the school or mission to which they wish them applied.

The subject of "Life and Light" was presented by Mrs. Potter, who read a statement prepared by Miss Child of Boston. The President urged upon all present increased efforts to enlarge the subscription-list. After remarks by Mrs. Woodward of Ripon, Mrs. Patton proposed that each member of the Board pledge herself to obtain one new subscriber; which pledge was entered into by nearly all present, the ladies rising to signify their promise.

A letter was read from Miss Metcalf of Hudson, O., the letter accompanying a little gold locket, — a gift to the Board from a bereaved mother. It had belonged to her dear young daughter, who had early consecrated herself to the work of missions, but whose “beautiful life” here had closed at the age of seventeen.

The remaining three-quarters of an hour were given to devotional exercises.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At two o'clock the ladies came together again; and, after prayer and singing, short addresses were made by Mrs. Cole, formerly of the Mendi Mission, West Africa, and Mrs. Walker of the Gaboon Mission. It was pleasant to grasp the hands and look upon the faces of a few of the great “host of women publishing” the word of the Lord in distant lands.

An admirable paper was read by Mrs. S. J. Humphrey, on “Children’s Work for Missions,” and an article on the same theme, by Mrs. Clapp of Waverly, both of which will be printed. Remarks were made by Miss Henry of Fox Lake, Wis., and by Mrs. Millard of Milwaukee, on the same subject.

Reports were made from the mission band of Janesville, Wis., and from Olivet, Vermontville, and Charlotte, Mich.

A resolution was presented, thanking the people of Racine for the hospitable entertainment and great kindness accorded to the Board; which resolution was adopted by a rising vote. The meeting closed with singing the doxology, and with prayer.

In Memoriam.

DIED in St. Louis, Nov. 4, 1873, FRANCES A. POST, wife of Rev. T. M. Post, D.D.

The announcement of this event, made early in the Annual Meeting, produced an impression of profound sadness, and gave a tender and profitable tone to many of the subsequent exercises. Mrs. Post has been from the beginning connected with our Board, and, for the last two years, President of the State Branch in Missouri. Her rare character and commanding influence render our loss peculiarly severe.

The following action was unanimously taken by the Board: —

“*Whereas* the tidings have come to us of the death of our dear and valued associate, Mrs. T. M. Post of St. Louis: therefore

“*Resolved*, That we, as individuals and as a Board, are oppressed with grief at our loss; that we shall long miss her wise counsels, her unaffected interest, and her loved presence, from among us; and that we trust the influence of her example may incite us to greater faithfulness in the work she loved.

“*Resolved*, That we express to the St. Louis Board, of which she was the President, our deep appreciation of the loss they have experienced.

“*Resolved*, That we offer to her family our heartfelt sympathy in their sore bereavement, while we commend them to the special consolation of the divine Comforter.”

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

FROM OCT. 15 TO NOV. 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Edinburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. B. E. Bingham, Treas.,	\$20 00
<i>Hudson.</i> — Aux., Miss L. W. Brewster, Treas.,	12 64
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to const. Mrs. C. T. Rogers, Miss Rose Kinney, and Mrs. J. A. Newton, L. M.'s, Mrs. E. E. Peck, Treas.,	65 00
<i>Painesville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons, and to const. Miss Fannie French and Mrs. Dr. Beardslee L. M.'s, Mrs. H. E. Mosely, Treas.,	50 00
Total,	\$147 64

MICHIGAN.

<i>Ann Arbor.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. E. Thatcher and Mrs. E. Van Slyke L. M.'s, and to be used for the home with which Mrs. Thomson of Constantinople is connected, by Mrs. H. L. Hubbell,	\$63 00
<i>Charlotte.</i> — Aux., for printing-press for Mr. Watkins at Gaudalajara, Mexico, Mrs. E. S. Lacey, Treas.,	40 04
<i>Detroit.</i> — Aux., for Mrs. Cof-fing's salary, Mrs. E. C. Hinsdale, Treas.,	70 00
<i>Jackson.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Lewis Nash, Mrs. C. S. Pratt, Mrs. Thomas Beebe, and Mrs. James Whitney, L. M.'s, Mrs. Lathrop, Treas.,	100 00
<i>N. Adams.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. C. Aylesworth, Sec.,	7 00
Total,	\$280 04

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> — Aux., Church of the Redeemer, Mrs. E. M. Pierce, Treas.,	\$15 40
<i>Amboy.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. B. Andruss, Treas.,	14 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — Leavitt St. Ch., Aux., to const. Mrs. A. H. Foster a L. M., Mrs. J. R.	

Dewey, Treas., \$25; Taber-nacle Ch., Aux., Mrs. A. E. Foss, Tr., \$14.62; Union Park Ch., Aux., for Miss Rendall's salary, \$53.70; "A Friend," towards redeeming the \$15,000 pledge, \$46.29; 1st Ch., Aux., Two Friends, towards redeeming the pledge, \$65; New Eng-land Ch., Aux., for Miss Chapin's salary, \$306.69; M. E. B., for furnishing the Samokov school, \$92.60,	\$603 90
<i>Danvers.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. Has-tings, Treas.,	3 75
<i>Elgin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas.,	35 97
<i>Evanston.</i> — Aux., for Miss Por-ter's salary, \$10 of which is from Mr. Mark De Coudres, \$144.40; S. S. for Dr. Chester's school at Dindigul, \$37.50; "Little Towel-Hemmers," for the Bridgman school, \$11.48,	193 38
<i>Farmington.</i> — Aux., \$10 of which completes the L. M. of Mrs. S. B. Newell, Mrs. M. G. Erwin, Treas.,	40 00
<i>Galesburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. S. Hurd, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. E. Coe, Treas.,	12 25
<i>Hoyleton.</i> — S. S. Miss'y Soc.,	10 00
<i>Lisbon.</i> — Aux., L. S. Langdon, Treas.,	13 00
<i>Odell.</i> — Aux., for the Samokov school, Mrs. B. F. Hotchkiss, Treas.,	15 50
<i>Oak Park.</i> — Aux., for school at Manissa, Mrs. Thomas Aikin, Treas.,	45 51
<i>Ontario.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. Crane, Treas.,	16 00
<i>Payson.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Treas.,	3 25
<i>Princeton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. B. Converse, Treas.,	9 50
<i>Quincey.</i> Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. E. Littlefield, Treas.,	26 00
<i>Rockford.</i> — 2d Ch., Aux., \$25 of which constitutes Mrs. L. J.	

Foltz a L. M., Mrs. W. A. Talcott, Treas.,	\$127 53
Roseville. — "A thank-offering from a Friend, for A. G.,"	5 00
Waverly. — Aux., for Miss Evans's salary, and to const. Miss Louise Tupper a L. M., Mrs. J. Sacket, Treas.,	25 00
Total,	\$1,234 14

WISCONSIN.

Appleton. — Aux., Mrs. A. L. Smith, Treas.,	\$28 47
Beloit. — Aux., Mrs. A. L. Chapin, Treas.,	15 00
Delevan. — Aux., Mrs. J. Collin, Treas.,	13 03
Fort Atkinson. — Aux., Mrs. F. H. Montague, Tr.,	14 70
Menasha. — Aux., Mrs. A. E. Rounds, Treas.,	2 10
Milwaukee. — Mission Band of Spring St. Ch., for the support of Marika Geuchora of Samokov, Miss Ida F. Shadbolt, Treas.,	20 00
Sparta. — Aux., for the school at Manissa, and to const. Mrs. J. M. Carmichael a L. M., Mrs. H. E. Kelley, Treas.,	25 00
Wauwatosa. — Aux., Mrs. S. G. Warren, Treas.,	5 00
Whitewater. — Aux., \$19 for salary of Miss Taylor, Cong. S. S. for a pupil in Miss Taylor's school, Miss M. V. Hall, Treas.,	49 00
Total,	\$172 30

IOWA.

Anamosa. — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. J. S. Stacy, Mrs. J. B. Fiske, Mrs. J. C. Kimball, and Miss Jennie H. Chapman, L. M.'s, Miss Chapman, Treas.,	\$10 30
Decorah. — Aux., \$6.50, Mrs. H. H. Eaton's S. S. class, \$4, Mrs. G. R. Willett,	10 50
F. Arfield. — Aux., Mrs. D. Webster, Treas.,	5 25

Glenwood. — Aux., \$21.50, Bee Hive Miss'y Circle, \$3.20, Mrs. Hanson's S. S. class, \$1,	\$25 70
Grinnell. — Cong. Ch. Miss'y Soc., for Miss Hillis's salary, Mrs. E. S. Schuyler, Tr.,	30 50
Iowa City. — Aux., for Miss Hillis's salary,	25 00
McGregor. — Aux., to complete the support of their Bible-Reader in Harpoot, Mrs. R. Grant, Sec.,	17 00
Ogden. — Aux., for support of a pupil in Mrs. Bissell's school at Ahmednugger, Mrs. Palmer, Treas.,	15 00
Sabula. — Aux., to const. Mrs. H. H. Hudson a L. M.,	10 00
Tabor. — Aux., for support of Miss Townshend of Ceylon, Mrs. U. C. Bosworth, Sec.,	37 00
Toledo. — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Cofling's ass't teacher, Mrs. E. N. Barker, Treas.,	16 85
Waterloo. — Aux., \$50 from Mrs. Miller for the support of a Bible-Reader in Zeitoon, \$50.16 for Mrs. Cofling's school at Marash, \$3.31 from S. S. class of boys, Band of Hope,	103 47
Total,	\$306 57

MINNESOTA.

Northfield. — S. S., for the Bridgeman school at Peking, \$25 of which is to const. Miss Lizzie Bishop of the Dakotah Mission a L. M.,	\$35 00
Rochester. — Aux., Mrs. M. W. Porter, Treas.,	21 00
Total,	\$56 00

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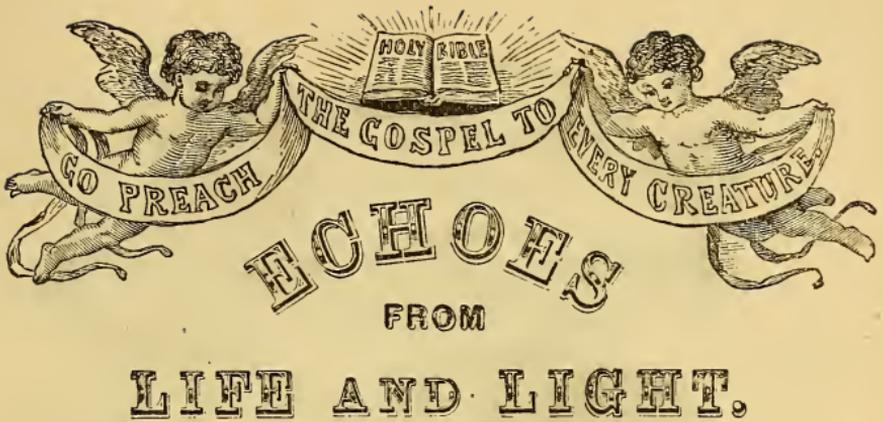
Yankton. — "Willing Workers,"	\$4 68
Total,	\$4 68

CONNECTICUT.

"A Friend,"	\$1 00
Total,	\$2,202 37

EVANSTON, Nov. 15, 1873.





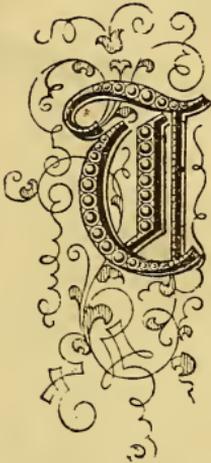
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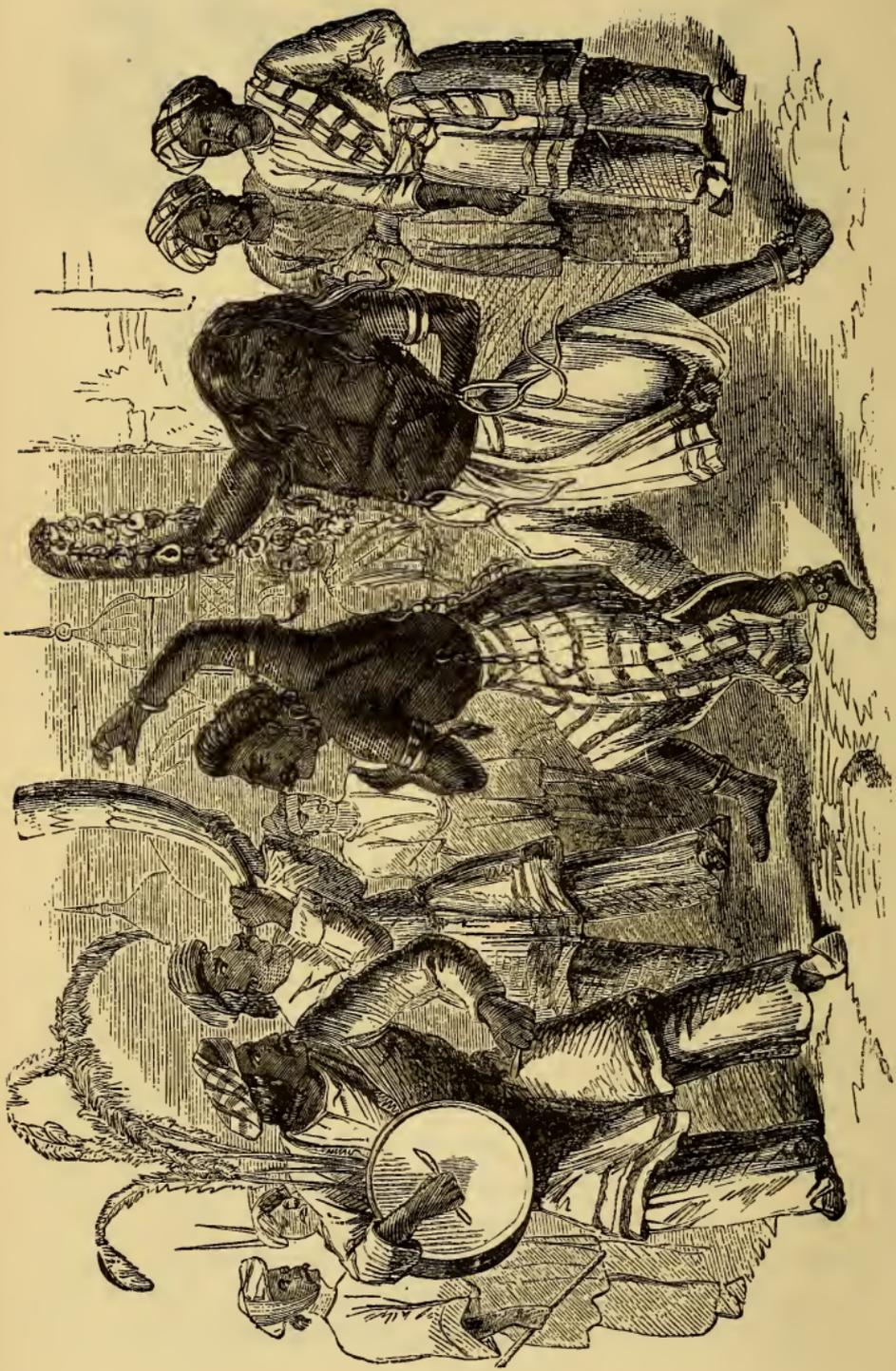
THE GODDESS KALI.

BY MRS. H. I. BRUCE.



HIS goddess is one of the most popular deities of India; but she is more especially worshipped in Bengal. She is represented as most hideous and cruel, and is called "The Bloody Goddess;" so that those who wish to commit the most dreadful deeds of wickedness imagine, that, besides the indulgence of their own passions, they secure the favor of Kali.

Her form is said to be that of a woman, larger than human stature, and painted of a black or dark-blue color. She has four arms, one of which grasps a sword, and another a human head held by the hair. Her hands and her head are of gold; and so is her necklace of skulls. Her girdle is of bleeding hands cut from her foes. Her eyes are red; and her mouth streams with blood. One of the sacred books of India contains the following description of this abominable idol: "If a devotee should scorch some member of his body by applying a burning lamp, the



act would be very acceptable to the goddess; if he should draw some of his blood, and present it, it would be still more delectable; if he should cut off some portion of his own flesh, and present it as a burnt offering, that would be most grateful of all: but, if the worshipper should present her a whole burnt offering, it would prove acceptable to her in proportion to the supposed importance of the animated beings thus immolated,—that, for instance, by the blood of fishes or tortoises, the goddess is gratified for a whole month after; a crocodile's blood will please her three months; that of certain wild animals, nine months; a guana's, a year; an antelope's, twelve years; a rhinoceros's or tiger's blood, for a hundred years; but the blood of a lion or a *man* will delight her appetite for a thousand years; while, by the blood of three men slain in sacrifice, she is pleased a hundred thousand years."

Kali is the patroness of thieves and robbers. There is a lawless class of men in India, such as exists nowhere else upon the face of the earth, who trade in blood, following murder as a profession, and even performing it as a religious duty. And these Thugs (Deceivers) as they are called, imagine that this goddess delights in the groans and dying agonies of the wayside travellers whom they suddenly surprise and destroy.

The most famous temple of this goddess is at Kali-Ghat, a village on the south side of Calcutta. It stands near the River Ganges; and here the people wash away their sins, as they suppose; here they bring the sick to die; and hither they bear the dead to be burned. At one side of the temple, forked stakes are fixed in the earth, through which the heads of goats or buffaloes are passed to be severed by the axe of the sacrificer; and below is a mound of Ganges mud to catch the blood of the victims. The soil is ever wet with gore from the daily sacrifices; and at

certain seasons the whole place runs with the blood of the multitudes of victims offered at the shrine of this demon.

During the month of October several days are given up to the celebration of this idol. Sometimes her image is borne through the streets of Calcutta in proud procession, accompanied by bands of music and tens of thousands of frantic followers: at other times, it is said, multitudes of people, dressed in holiday robes, stream towards her temple-gate, and, casting down their offerings, press within the court, and to the temple itself, to catch a sight of the great goddess. Some are only spectators; while others appear as devotees, ready to fulfil the vows they may have made in some time of trouble. Several blacksmiths stand with sharp instruments, ready to pierce or cut any member of the body which may be presented for that purpose, after which iron rods or canes are thrust through the wounds. Then, on a sudden, at a signal given, commence the bleating and lowing and struggling of animals slaughtered in sacrifice. At the same instant a cloud of incense ascends. Those having the musical instruments send forth their loud, discordant sounds; and those who were transpierced begin to dance in the most frantic manner, pulling backwards and forwards through their wounded members the rods and the canes, till their bodies seem streaming with their own blood; while, above all, rises from the thousands of applauding spectators shouts of "Victory to Kali! Victory to the great Kali!"

In the picture on the second page we cannot see this hideous idol; but some men seem to be dancing before her temple, with the iron hooks and cords inserted in their flesh. And there are the musicians and spectators,—few in number, yet representatives of very many in that dark land who shout the praises of Kali, rather than hosannas to our blessed Jesus, whose right it is to reign in India.

A BABY MISSIONARY.

BY MISS RAPPLEYE.

BABY is only six or seven months old ; but she does real missionary work. Would the children in America like to know how she does it ? She goes up the Bosphorus with her mother, on a steamer which stops at various places for passengers. A through passenger like our baby missionary can do much good in her way. Her way is to open her large blue eyes, and look with interest and smiles on those around her ; and her fair skin, her sweet face, her neat dress, and her loving ways, are sure to attract attention. People soon begin to talk with the mother, who improves this introduction to tell them about Him who was once an infant in Bethlehem. When these friends that the baby finds leave the steamer, their looks of awakened interest call forth a prayer from the mother's heart that must be recorded in heaven, and must some time bring a blessed reward to the little innocent worker.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

THE CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY CONCERT.

ON the first sabbath evening of the month, when the ministers and deacons and grown-up people are gathering in their vestries to talk of Christ's kingdom, and pray for its coming, we at home, beside our library-fire, hold a little *echo* meeting ; and though it is, perhaps, the smallest missionary concert held that night, we think it one of the pleasantest.

It has no stereotyped order of exercises. Sometimes the

children lead the meeting, and quite as well, too, as their elders.

It begins, generally, with singing. We don't sing very well: but we mean it; and the melody is in our hearts, if not on our lips.

Then, perhaps, the leader says, "We will repeat Bible verses, missionary verses if possible; and let them begin with the letters that spell 'Thy kingdom come.'" So, taking each letter in turn, we repeat such verses as shall spell the text.

Reports from mission-stations come next in order.

Papa has a fresh letter to read every month from our friend Mr. Holcombe in China; and we walk the streets of Peking with him, or ride in jolting ox-carts as he goes to the distant villages to tell the Chinese of Jesus.

Mother's field is India, — chosen, perhaps, because of dear Mrs. Capron's homelike letters.

Ned is always finding destitute chapels and needy schools here and there, for whom he makes stirring appeals. Ida takes all Africa under her wing, "because she loves negroes;" while Mamie picks up stray items that are shortest to learn, and easiest to repeat.

We make it a point that all localities shall be found on the map, and try in every way to make the places and scenes realities to the children.

The exercises are varied by reciting poetry, repeating the names and titles of Christ, quoting Bible promises, and saying the Apostles' Creed.

Then our little deaconesses pass the contribution-box, — an office in which they greatly delight, as they do, also, in counting the money afterward to see how it has grown. Public opinion is so strong in this small meeting, that no head is turned away when the box is passed, and no hand withholds its offering.

At the close, unless strangers are present, all, from papa down to the youngest, in turn, ask God's blessing on the missionaries and those whom they have gone to teach.

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 TURKISH PRINTING.

"The Harpoot News" informs its young friends, that, in Arabic and Turkish books, generally the consonants only are printed; and readers must supply the vowels. As different words frequently have the same consonants (e.g., hat, hate, hot; dog, dig), the exact word is to be inferred from the connection. It is amusing to see Turkish readers puzzling over some doubtful word.

Perhaps our young friends, also, would like to try their hand at a little English in this style of printing.

nd th brght yng chldrn t hm, tht h shd tch thm; nd hs dscpls rbkd ths tht brght thm. Bt, whn Jss sw t, h ws mch dsplsd, nd sd nt thm, Sffr th lttl chldrn t cm nt m, nd frbd thm nt; fr f sch s th kngdm f Gd.

This does not look very difficult, being printed to be read from left to right. But the Turkish is printed to be read from right to left, and has no capital letters. We now give two verses in this style, and are quite sure of offering our young friends a puzzle which they will find it hard to solve. If any of them can read the following without the least assistance, and without looking out a single word in the Bible, we should like to know it.

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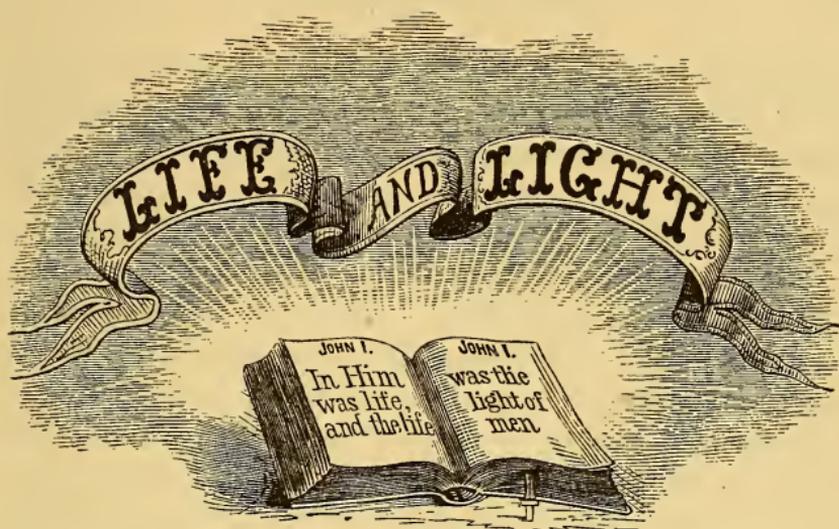
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ANSWER. TO ENIGMA.

Sunday school Children.

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the November number from M. M. F., Winchester, Mass.; M. R. C., West Amesbury, Mass.; S. P. C., Southbury, Conn.; S. F. W., Leverett, Mass.; A. E. M., Pittsfield, Mass.; C. G. G. R., Dorchester, Mass.; A. H. K., Auburndale, Mass.; E. C., Greenwich, Conn.; H. H., Winchester, Mass.; M. R. C., West Roxbury, Mass. Also additional answers to enigmas in the August, September, and October numbers from S. P. C., Southbury, Conn.; M. R. C., West Roxbury, Mass.; C. A. M., Milton, Mass.; C. T. H., Cambridge, Mass.; E. L. W., Springfield, Mass.



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TURKEY.

A TOUR IN THE MOUNTAINS.

BY MISS M. A. PROCTOR OF AINTAB.

ON the 10th of July, a week after the close of our school, Mariam Varzhoohee and myself started for a month's tour in the mountains west of Aintab. Our object was fourfold, — to examine the various schools, and secure girls for the next term of our boarding-school; to obtain signers to a pledge against the use of tobacco; to look after the work among the women in all the villages; and to labor directly for the conversion of the young.

We went somewhat out of our way to visit first the town of Killis, thirty-six miles south of Aintab. Here three of our graduates were at work, — one as the wife of Pastor Giragos, and two as teachers. We noticed with pleasure a new schoolhouse for the boys, which the people had

recently finished; also the signs of healthy growth manifested in the interesting Friday evening prayer-meeting, and in the unusually large congregation on the sabbath, — one hundred and seventeen women, and eighty men. Satan generally has his wits about him; but last spring he so overstepped his bound in Killis as really to do service for Christ. For the past fifteen years, the Armenians have been building a very large and costly church, which was dedicated in May. As a finishing touch, above the altar was placed a picture of God. The Father, holding the world in his hand, is represented as the "Ancient of Days," with a long, white beard; the Son, standing beside him, as a young man; and the Spirit, as a dove hovering over them. After twenty years of Protestantism in Killis, this was too much even for Armenians; and several of the more enlightened at once declared they would not enter the church again as long as the picture remained. As a result, they come to our service for the present; and we hope they will find such food for their souls in God's word, that they can never again go back to a formal worship in an unknown tongue.

Killis was the point we had specially in mind in preparing the tobacco pledges; for almost every man in the village smokes, notwithstanding they are so poor that they can pay only half their pastor's salary, and but two-thirds of their school-expenses. The girls readily took the pledge; but, when we came to the boys, number one objected that he couldn't see that smoking was injurious to health. After a little instruction from the teacher and myself, he was convinced, and came forward and signed the pledge. Number two had "not considered the subject." Number three started to come forward, but, on being reminded that the pledge was for life, returned to his seat. Number one, forgetting all school-proprieties, immediately

commenced a private discussion with these two. Several then came forward and signed; but soon we found a little fellow of nine years, perhaps, who was "obliged to smoke on account of his eyes," and another who smoked "for his stomach's sake." Before we were through with these cases, numbers two and three, convinced by the eager arguments of number one, were ready to take the pledge. The boy with weak eyes went away from school that afternoon, declaring he would smoke; but the moral sentiment of the school had made a sudden rise, and was altogether too much for him. The one with the weak stomach was soon brought over by number one, his older brother; and then Master Weak-Eyes stood alone. The boys were victorious. The next morning his pipe was broken, his tobacco scattered to the winds; and he was put on probation for a week, before being allowed to sign the pledge.

After four days spent in Killis, we went to Eybez, situated in the lower part of the mountains, forty-five miles north-west from Killis. By nature it is a charming little nook, although the village is small. The Roman Catholics, ever present, have made large purchases, and are building up a school with foreign and native teachers. Protestantism commenced there twelve years ago; but there has been almost no growth. This has been owing principally to the smallness of the force we have been obliged to employ there. With one man, himself weak, acting as preacher and teacher, and with his uneducated, untrained wife, what fruit could be expected? I am ashamed to tell you in what state I found the school, especially as I had visited it twice, and endeavored to bring it up to a higher standard. This is the way we found it, — three grown-up young men, studying Arabo-Turkish, sat apart, chatting and laughing, and learning their lessons together. Five boys, using one borrowed book,

made another social group, learning arithmetic. A row of girls from five to twelve years of age sat along the wall, on the mats, none of whom could read fluently. In front of these was a row of little boys, several of them burdened with nothing but a shirt; and prominent among them were a pair of twins, looking exactly alike, bearing the ancient names, Jacob and Esau. These children went out or came in, whispered or talked aloud, as best suited their fancy, notwithstanding the professional "*soos*," ("silence") and the thumps of the ruler, which came quite regularly from the teacher.

However, there is a ray of hope for Eybez. An earnest young man had arrived to act as preacher; and we are just sending another to teach the school. Our little girl from Eybez is going from house to house during the long vacation, teaching the women to read. May the time soon come when we can send an earnest Christian woman to work in Eybez!

The village of Keller is a disagreeable little place, just up the first rise in the gorge of the mountains north of Eybez. It has very little water, almost no trees; and the high wind sweeping through the gorge keeps the dust so constantly flying, that ophthalmia is universal. There has never been a preacher in Keller; but, for a year or two past, an Armenian teacher, formerly a Protestant, has taught a school there, and read the Bible in Turkish to all who came to listen on the sabbath. A Protestant shoemaker from Killis has also resided there two years, and has followed up the readings with public and private discussion, till a spirit of inquiry was aroused. Two men are known as Protestants. They sat with us and with our steward, who is a Christian man, four hours on the sabbath, without rising, asking questions, and listening to Bible testimony. Neither of them could read; but they made a

great effort to remember the chapter and verse of each proof-text. During the three days and a half that we remained in this village, we held six meetings with the women, and three separate ones with the children. On the sabbath, the Armenian teacher invited me to "preach." I told him I would talk to the women and girls, while he preached to the men. His audience numbered about forty-nine, — thirty-six besides little ones.

Monday morning, July 28, we began to climb up, up, up, into the clouds. A ride of seven miles brought us to Has-san Beyli. The church was formed there in the autumn of 1867, and the pastor ordained about six months later. One of his most effective ways of doing good is visiting from house to house with his wife, and talking privately with people. His success in this direction so aroused the envy of the Armenians, that they tried last spring to enter into an agreement with him that neither party should give religious instruction outside of their respective places of worship; but, although the discussion ended in a beating of the pastor, no compromise was made.

One of our special errands here was to attend the examination of the school, which has been taught one year by the pastor's oldest daughter, and two years by his second daughter; both graduates of our seminary. As a result of these three years' labor, a class of five have graduated from the middle school course; having completed their books on arithmetic, geography, physiology, and grammar, and obtained considerable knowledge of Armenian. They read Turkish, both in the Armenian and Arabic character, and have had excellent Bible lessons. The younger scholars have also made good progress. They have no school-house, and so have met under a tree, in a booth, or, in winter, in a shed-like room, where the only attraction is a huge fireplace. The examination was held under a large walnut-

tree. A few boards had been arranged against the fence, and the blackboard and maps hung on them. In front of these was a long bench, on which sat fifteen girls and eight boys neatly dressed: a company of eighty or ninety spectators sat on the mats. 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, lively dialogues, and singing. I think I have not had such a *satisfied* feeling since I have been in Turkey. All the graduating class, three girls and two boys, expect to come to Aintab for further training.

The day after the examination closed, the teacher and her mother, with several others, accompanied us to Kishnez, a very pleasant village four miles from Hassan Beyli. Here there are no Protestants; and the people seemed as afraid of us as if we had been lepers or wild beasts. Hagop, a helper who was with us, took us to the booth of his cousin. She scowled, but spread a mat for us, and then turned to her weaving. After a little time of rest, and pleasant talk with her about her manner of weaving, we asked if she would not stop a little, and listen to God's word. "No," was the decided answer. "I don't believe your books," said another. "What do you believe?" — "The priest's books." — "Isn't the priest's book the Bible?" — "I don't know;" then, softening down a little, she added, "The four books are all true." — "What! do you accept the Koran?" The Moslems divide revelation into four parts, — the law, the prophets, the gospel, and the Koran.

They were so ignorant, it was very hard to find a place to begin; but gradually two or three gave very serious attention while we explained the way of salvation. One said, "It is a pity for you to waste your breath; for we won't be Prots." But another remarked sadly, "Of what

use is it for you to teach us a little, and then go away and leave us?" This brought down upon her a severe reproof from the mistress of the house.

In all the places above mentioned, except the last, we held from two to four meetings with the young people. About a hundred different ones listened, some for the first time, to a simple and practical explanation of their individual responsibility to God, of what constitutes a true Christian, and of the way in which they themselves can become true Christians. Some listened carelessly, some earnestly, a few tearfully. Oh, pray that the seed sown may bring forth at least its thirty-fold!

THE SOWER REJOICING.

MRS. S. M. SCHNEIDER.

READING in Miss Proctor's letter an account of the school-examination in Hassan Beyli, my thoughts recurred to a visit made in that village six years ago. My first exclamation was this, "Would that those scholars could have been photographed as I saw them at that time!" their appearance in barbarism forming a striking contrast with their present intelligent faces, neat dress, and gentle manners. Then, either nude or in filthy garments, they ran wild as the animals of their mountain homes. They little knew that their darkened minds and hearts saddened us even more than the sight of the vermin rioting on their persons, painfully disgusting as the sight was. Many of their parents had been highway robbers; and we were told, that, a few years previous, it would have required an armed band of fifty to have taken us in safety through those mountains.

Their animals shared the family room, entering the same door, and were separated only by a low temporary railing.

Toil and hard labor in the fields had obliterated all traces of intelligence from the faces of many of the women; although I saw some gentle, lovable ones standing in a dark corner, — there were no windows in their hovels, — waiting for their husbands to finish their meal before partaking of their own. These same women, deemed worthy of church-membership, but unaccustomed to equality of rights, did not approach the table of our Lord with their husbands until I brought them forward.

None of the women could read, and but one girl, whose name was Myream. Her mother brought her to us, saying, "I give my child first to the Lord, and then to you." I well remember our introduction to her in that half-cave, half-hovel, which furnished us shelter; the hill forming two sides of our home, and a rude stone wall the remainder. We took her to Aintab, and she has since finished a four-years' course in the female seminary.

No stretch of imagination then could have foreseen the present state of elevation attained by these same wild mountain boys and girls, studying their lessons in physiology and philosophy by torchlight. What hath not the gospel wrought!

CEYLON.

LETTER FROM MISS TOWNSHEND.

THOSE of our readers who remember Miss Townshend's pleasant account of the graduates of her school in the September number, 1873, will be glad to know more of their history.

"Maria Tunkum, one of the six girls who graduated at our school last term, is now teaching very successfully near

her father's house. She writes me, 'The committee visited my school, and praised it very highly. I ascribe all to the praise of God. Although I am here, my thoughts are much with you and the school. My ardent desire and prayer is, that God's blessing may constantly descend upon you. I know that they that wait on the Lord shall not want any good thing.' Julia Sinnatunkutchy is also teaching very successfully. Her pupils are very orderly, and remarkably well trained in singing. Two of the other graduates are teaching; and two are living Christian lives in more retired circumstances, but not less true to their God.

"At our last communion season, four of these graduates spent the sabbath with us. I was very anxious lest this re-union of old schoolmates on the sabbath should cause the day to be too much given up to unsuitable conversation. I was greatly pleased, and I must say surprised, that, of their own free will, the time was mostly spent in social prayer, and private conversation about their own experience. When we gathered in the evening prayer-meeting, every heart was glowing with unwonted love and fervor. It was a precious time.

"Last week we heard the sad news of the death of a girl whom we all loved very much. She was married and left us almost a year ago, expecting to teach on the frontier of the mission-work. She was very happy in the thought of going to labor for Christ; but the dear child was called to serve him in a manner very different from her hopes. She very soon contracted a malarial fever, and for nine months was very ill. She was patient and submissive to the last, though her sufferings were very great. She died a triumphant death, often saying, during the last week, 'I shall soon go to Jesus.' Her last words were in answer to the doctor's question, 'Yes, I am well now;' and in a moment she was gone.

“Perhaps some of our friends may remember Anna, who was married to a heathen against her will. I am sorry to say that she has yielded to the very untoward circumstances in which she was placed. She has been staying at her father’s house recently with her two little children. I now go to their house every sabbath afternoon to teach her and her two sisters. It is laboring under difficulties, however: indeed, the first time I went, I thought I could do nothing on account of the children. It seemed to be a patriarchal family; and children of all ages were constantly running about. The oldest sister’s boy would stay nowhere but in her lap; and both of Anna’s babies, one a year old and another two, clung to her all the time. By exchanging books and babies, we managed to have quite a lesson. Anna almost always joins us at these times: but her little ones never seem to leave her free for a moment; and, with poor health, I can hardly wonder that she has little or no interest in books. It is wonderful to see these young mothers, who have never been trained to self-control, so patient with their very troublesome children. They never show any weariness or anger, but seem to love them with all their hearts.”

MISSIONARY ITEMS.

MOVEMENT IN BITLIS. — In a letter dated Oct. 15, 1873, Miss Ely writes, —

“Two or three months since, there was a remarkable stir among the Armenians of this city. Fifty families at one time came forward and declared themselves Protestants. This movement caused great consternation among the Armenian rulers and ecclesiastics, who were the more vexed, because some of these new-comers were persons of

considerable ability and wealth. The chief ruler of the Armenians summoned some of the principal men, and inquired why they had left their religion. To this they gave prompt and straightforward answers. At length the ruler, out of patience with them for their persistent replies, sneeringly said, 'Ah! you have turned "Prot." for seven piastres,' alluding to the difference in the tax paid by the Protestants. This unjust thrust drew forth the words, 'We will become Jews, Jacobites, Greeks, Roman Catholics, Turks even; but never will we return to the Armenian religion again.'

"Quite a number of these new-comers are men who have been convinced of the truth for years; but they have not been bold enough to come out singly, or have been greatly persecuted whenever they have tried to do so. Since they formally avowed themselves as Protestants, — about three months ago, — very few have turned back; while those who remain are bringing others to join their ranks."

WORK BY THE WAYSIDE — Mrs. Chandler of Madura, India, in a recent letter, says, —

"Last month Mr. Chandler took the tent to Salevundan, thirteen miles from Madura, and I went with him for two days. I took one of the teachers and five of the larger girls with me; and we had a very good opportunity to work among the women. The teacher and girls, two together, went out, and were absent four hours. When they returned, they were all glowing with the delight they found in reading and singing to those who listened with eagerness. Later in the day the catechist's wife, by invitation, took me to the house of a goldsmith. His relatives were numerous; and all came in, though the place was close and small. Many gave good attention; and the next day I was sur-

prised to hear a careless girl repeating most of the commandments, remembering what I had said.

“On the sabbath we had services in the tent; and all the afternoon companies of women and children, as well as men, came to see us. In the evening a few high-caste men, who had manifested a haughty spirit during the day, called, and begged us to accept a few flowers and limes in token of appreciation of the trouble we had taken to visit them. Another high-caste man sent a deputation to invite me to visit the females of his household. May the Lord bless the seed sown!”

Our Work at Home.

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 Total, \$376 15

C. Home Building-Fund.

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. Joel B. Haven, \$100 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Amherst.—Aux., Mrs. M. A. Allen, Treas., \$88 10
Athol.—Two Aged Friends, 50
Auburndale.—Aux., 12 00
Boston.—Mrs. J. C. Gordon, \$4; Miss Dicks, \$1; Mrs. H. B. Hooker, \$5; Park St. Ch., Miss Millett, \$1, 11 00
Boston Highlands.—Eliot Ch., by Mrs. R. Anderson, 10 00
Conway.—To const. L. M. Mrs. Arthur Shirley, Treas., 25 00
Dorchester.—Village Ch., Aux., towards support of pupil in Constantinople Home, 50 21
East Braintree.—Mrs. H. J. Holbrook, 3 00
East Middleboro'.—A Friend, 50
Grantville.—Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, 5 00
Groveland.—Sarah Tuttle, 5 00
Holbrook.—Aux., Miss Sarah J. Holbrook, Treas., \$25 of which by Mrs. E. N. Holbrook to

const. L. M. Miss Lizzie Bigelow; \$25 by Mrs. E. Everett Holbrook to const. L. M. Jennie Louise Holbrook, \$64 00
Holliston.—Aux., Mrs. F. F. Fisk, Treas., towards support of pupil in Miss Seymour's school, 10 00
Leominster.—Evan. Cong'l Ch., 10 50
Lincoln.—Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Maria Fiske, Weston, 27 00
Lowell.—Aux., Mrs. Geo. Stevens, Treas., to const. L. M. Mrs. Chas. D. Barrows, 25 00
Pepperill.—Cong'l Church, 50
Springfield.—"Little Helpers," Flora M. Castle, Sec'y, \$5; Memorial Ch., Mrs. Hooker's Bible Class, to support Myrium Talass, \$40; Amanda A. Hooker, \$1; Mrs. David P. Smith, to const. L. M. Mrs. Edw. A. Reed, \$25, 71 00
South Weymouth.—Aux., towards support of pupil in Miss Townshend's school, Ceylon, 15 00
Taunton, East.—Ladies of Cong'l Church, 6 00
Westfield.—Ladies of Cong'l Ch. and Soc., of which \$25 from Mrs. Mary E. Richardson to const. herself L. M., 127 00
Westboro'.—"Willing Helpers," proceeds of fair, of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Hattie F. De Forrest, Miss Louisa S. Rice, \$60 for two pupils in Miss Townshend's school, Ceylon, 110 00
Weymouth and Braintree.—Aux., Mrs. H. M. Rhines, Treas., add'l, 12 50
Winchendon.—Mrs. S. I. Hall, Treas., towards salary of Miss Noyes, Constantinople, 100 00
Winchester.—Aux., Miss Elizabeth D. Chapin, Treas., add'l towards salary of Miss Powers, 30 00
 Total, \$818 81

C. Home Building-Fund.

Boston.—Mrs. J. S. Ambrose, \$25; Mrs. D. T. Coit, \$25, \$50 00

CONNECTICUT.

Burnside.—M. Jancette Elmore, \$1 50
Columbia.—Ladies of Cong. Ch., 5 00
Hartford.—Aux., Mrs. J. W. Jewett, Treas., Wethersford Ave. S. S., for support of Bible Reader, \$36; Centre Ch., of which \$25 from Mrs. L.

Root to const. L. M. Mrs. S. B. Capron, and \$25 from a Friend to const. L. M. Mrs. H. P. Stearns, \$246; Fourth Ch., \$9 20; Pearl St. Ch., of which \$25 from Mrs. E. A. Hubbard, to const. L. M. Miss Sarah F. Spencer, \$131; with prev. contri. for the salary of Miss Townshend, Ceylon, \$422 20

Huntington.—Miss O. G. Beard, 50

New Haven.—Mrs. M. A. T. Armstrong, 10 00

New Haven Branch.—Miss Henrietta W. Hubbard, Treas., Receipts from Sept. 29 to Dec. 15.—Birmingham, Aux., Miss E. K. Hawley, Tr., to support two pupils, one in Mrs. Chandler's sch., and one in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$60; Bridgeport, Aux., Mrs. Edward Sterling, Tr., balance of Miss Andrews's salary, of which \$25 from Mrs. Alex. Hawley to const. herself L. M., and \$25 from Mr. S. C. Kingman to const. L. M. Mrs. Emily Kingman, \$215; Mission-Circle, "Willing Workers," Miss E. A. McGrath, Tr., \$30 for pupil in Mrs. Chandler's sch., and \$30 for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.; Cheshire, Aux., Miss H. E. Calhoun, Tr., towards support of Samathanum, Bible Reader, Madura, \$6; Colebrook, Aux., Mrs. Henry Russell, Tr., towards support of Horepsima, B. R., Marsovan, \$10; East Haven, Aux., Mrs. Ellsworth Thompson, Tr., of which \$4 from Mission-Circle, "Little Workers," to complete support of pupil, \$56.81; Easton, Aux., Mrs. Lewey Griswold, Tr., 12.61; Fair Haven, 1st Ch., Aux., Mrs. Willis Hemingway, Tr., of which \$25 from Mrs. Hemingway to const. herself L. M., and \$6 from "Pearl Seekers," Miss H. Higgins, Tr., \$98; Meriden, 1st Ch., Aux., "Cheerful Givers," to support pupil at Harpoot, \$30; Centre Ch., Aux., Mrs. F. T. Ives, \$10.96; New Milford, Aux., Miss C. C. Mygatt, Tr., towards payment of one-half Mrs. Edwards's salary, of which \$25 from Mrs. Ives to const. L. M. Miss Lotie B. Bennett, \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Agnes Beach, \$185.31; New Haven, Centre

Ch., Aux., Miss S. L. Bradley, Tr., of which \$40 from Mrs. Julia Dickerman to support pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch., \$25 from Mrs. and Miss Apthorp, \$10, from Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss, \$5 from Mrs. H. C. Kingsley, towards support of Zahoubi, B. R., Marsovan, \$10 from Mrs. E. C. Scranton, towards support of Geranaperahasen, B. R., Madura, \$25 from Mrs. S. Wells Williams, Pekin, China, to const. L. M. Miss C. E. Chandler; Church of the Redeemer, Aux., Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, Tr., \$72.36; College St. Ch., Aux., Mrs. W. R. Guernsey, Tr., of which \$75 from Ch. and S. S., to support Exapat, B. R., Marsovan, "Cheerful Workers," Miss M. Bryan, Tr., \$30 for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$35 private donation to support theol. student, Marsovan Sem'y, \$143; Davenport Ch., Aux., Mrs. F. W. Parder, Tr., of which \$40 from S. S. to support pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch., \$70; Howard Ave. Ch., Aux., Mrs. E. S. Minor, Tr., \$56.75; North Ch., Aux., Mrs. A. McAlister, Tr., of which \$10 from Mrs. Richard Rice, towards support of Guanaperahasen, B. R., Madura, \$70, from "Silver Bells," to support pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch. for two years, \$153.50; Temple St. Ch., Aux., Mrs. Hubbard Beebe, Tr., of which \$27 from Mrs. Wm. A. Ives, towards support of pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch., \$106; Yale College Ch., Aux., Miss A. Thacher, Tr., of which \$10 each from Mrs. Prichard and Mrs. Woolsey, \$5 from Mrs. S. I. Stilliman and Mrs. Dana, for support of Zahoubi B. R., Marsovan, \$149; New Preston, Aux., Miss Ellen M. Averill, Tr., to balance of support of pupil in Mrs. Chandler's sch., \$2.15; Northford, Aux., Mrs. E. B. M. Page, Tr., \$28 65; Oak Hill Sem'y, Aux., West Haven, Mrs. E. W. Atwater, Tr., to const. L. M. Mrs. W. S. Wright, \$25; Westbrook, Aux., Mrs. Elizabeth Kimball, Tr., of which \$40 for pupil in Miss Payson's sch., \$25 from Mrs. Keuben Stannard to

const. herself L. M., and towards support of pupil in Mrs. Chandler's sch.; West Haven, Aux., Mrs. H. L. Pect, Tr., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. R. Q. Brown, \$42.50; Mrs. Wadsworth, Trinity Ch., New Haven, \$1; Mrs. Betsey Norton, Troy, N.Y., \$2; private donations, \$35, \$2,015 53
Norwich Town. — Lathrop Memorial Soc., Miss Wm. R. Potter, Treas., with prev. contri. for the support of Bible Reader in the Maharatta Mission, 15 20
South Britain. — J. H. Platt, 1 00
West Killingly. — Mrs. Geo. Danielson, 50
Whitneyville. — Cong'l Church, 4 00
 Total, \$2,475 23

C. Home Building-Fund.

Hartford. — Aux., South Ch., by Mrs. Chas. Smith, \$10 00
New Haven Branch. — Bridgeport, "Willing Workers," \$100; Fair Haven, 1st Ch., Aux., Mrs. Wm. J. Morris, to const. L. M.'s herself, Mrs. Lyman Woodward, Mrs. Eliza R. Fowler, Miss L. Isabella Woodward, \$100; New Haven, 3d Ch., Aux., Mrs. R. S. Childsey, \$5; Plymouth, Aux., Mrs. Horace Fenn, Tr., \$5.80; Mrs. John Benjamin, \$3.60, 214 40

NEW YORK.

Clinton. — Mary D. Williams, \$1 75
Franklin. — Aux., Mrs. L. A. Smith, Treas., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. A. S. Chamberlain, Mrs. M. P. McKoon, 50 00
Fredonia. — Mrs. Susan A. Gilbert, \$1; Miss Betsy Nichols, \$1; Miss Mattie Fairman, \$2, Miss Martha L. Stevens, \$5, 9 00

Syracuse. — F. S. Britton, \$2 00
Whitney's Point. — Aux., 6 45
 Total, \$69 20

OHIO.

Portsmouth. — S. S., by P. B. Gaylord, toward support of pupil in Harpoot, \$30 00
Wellington. — 1st Cong'l Ch., 2 00
Windham. — Young Ladies' Mission Band, balance of half salary of Miss Sarah A. Closson, 90 50
 Total, \$122 50

MINNESOTA.

Chatfield. — Pres. S.S., towards support of Gila, in Mrs. Bissel's sch., Ahmednuggur, \$22 00
 Total, \$22 00

KANSAS.

Junction City. — Mrs. S. Jacobus, \$5 00
 Total, \$5 00

CANADA.

Montreal. — W. D., \$1 00
 Total, \$1 00

Subscriptions, \$4,155 23
 C. Home Building-Fund, 374 40
 "Life and Light," 727 30
 "Echoes," 44 50
 Bound Vols., 4 75
 Weekly Pledge, 2 91
 Interest on Baldwin Fund, 450 00
 Total, \$5,759 09

[We acknowledge, also, the receipt of a box of useful articles for our Dakota Home, from the Young Ladies' Missionary Society in Braintree, Mass., valued at \$16.80.

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Miss Carrie M. Strong, recently appointed by the Woman's Board to the Mission in Mexico, left New York for Monterey, Dec. 12, 1873, in company with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Herrick.

Mrs. Cora Welch Tomson arrived in Constantinople the last week in November.

In Memoriam.

MRS. GEORGE GOULD.

BY MRS. DR. ANDERSON.

THE heart and the pen almost refuse to record so soon the death of another member of our Board. Perhaps it will soften the sorrow if we change the language, and say, instead, that on Saturday, Dec. 20, our heavenly Father called our beloved secretary, Mrs. George Gould, to a higher service in that bright world where there is no more weariness, sickness, or death. To her all is gain; to us the loss is great. She has been with us from the beginning, and was always hopeful, earnest, and devoted.

It was not necessary to kindle her zeal for missionary work when the Woman's Board was formed: she had devoted herself to that work years before. On the mountains of Lebanon she had shown that devotion in her early labors for the daughters of that land; and, though called by Providence to return to her home, she lost none of her love for the missionary cause. She entered upon her duties as secretary of this Board with the same quiet decision that was manifested in her going abroad.

She was never more enthusiastic in this work than at the last meeting she attended, — early in September. Her heart seemed to glow with interest; there was an unwonted ardor in her expressions; and thus we remember her as giving her last loving smile to cheer us in our work.

How many will remember the pleasant tones of her voice, as, at our meetings, she read or told us of the success or trials of missionary life! and how many will miss her letters of encouragement and sympathy! for she held the pen of a ready writer, and from experience knew how to meet the wants of her missionary sisters. There was a sort of sunshine in her friendship; and her earnest expressions of affection called forth a response in other hearts.

Not only in the missionary work, but in all departments of benevolent labor that came within her influence, will she be missed; for she was ready to aid in every good work.

Many hearts will be stricken as tidings of her death shall spread, not only in this, but in other lands. In our sorrow let us remember that her life-work was planned by infinite wisdom; and precious in the sight of the Lord is the *death* of his saints. Then cometh the crown of life that fadeth not away.



CHINA.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MISS CHAPIN.

PEKING, May, 1873.

MY DEAR FRIEND, — . . . Since writing you last, our Annual Mission Meeting has been held. Our meeting was very pleasant, unusually harmonious, and consequently unusually short. Our ladies' prayer-meetings — held daily from twelve to one o'clock — we all enjoyed, they seemed to draw us so near to one another. Before we separated, a schedule of subjects for daily prayer was made out, which we all intend to follow during the year. It will be a bond of union between us to know that we are day by day pleading for the same objects; and I trust, too, we may bring down the answer promised when "two or three agree as touching any thing they shall ask." I will send you a list of the subjects; and, if you and other ladies of the Board feel disposed to join our concert of prayer, we shall be most happy to have it so.

Subjects of prayer during the years 1873-1874: —

Sabbath. — Prayer for blessings on the labors of the day and on the multitudes yet unreached by the truth.

Monday. — Missionaries and their children.

Tuesday. — Those who bear, or once have borne, the name of Christ; also their families.

Wednesday. — Children under Christian instruction.

Thursday. — Native helpers, and those in training for Christian work.

Friday. — Especial work for women.

Saturday. — Those in our employ and under our personal influence.

INDIA.

LETTER FROM MISS TAYLOR.

THIS year I can report one new thing, which is, that five or six girls were brought to me by their parents, without any solicitation from me. It still remains to be seen how many of them will return for another year. If they should all return, I shall feel encouraged to think that the school has had an influence upon the people in respect to the education of their daughters.

Two girls, sixteen or seventeen years of age, the daughters of catechists, were regularly dismissed at the end of last term, after being in the school three years. Of these, one did not know even her letters, and the others could only spell words of one syllable, when they were taken into the school. When this is the case, I find it necessary for them to remain that length of time to become fluent and intelligent readers, and to acquire strength to resist the influence of unfavorable circumstances at home. Aside from a knowledge of the elements of arithmetic, grammar, reading, writing, and spelling, they have studied thoroughly, "Line upon Line," the life of Christ, the parables and miracles, and to Joshua in the Old Testament, omitting all that is not narrative. They are both church-members, and, I think, truly Christians. I only insist

upon one thing to their parents; and that is, that they give them in marriage only to *Christian* men who can read.

I am very careful not to have them form habits which shall unfit them for their sphere of life. Only two warm meals a day are given them, from which such as choose to do so save some for a third. One of these is of rice, to economize time; and the other, of the most wholesome of the common grains, which they prepare themselves by pounding it. Their cloths are of the coarsest, and worn as long as they can be mended. The four large girls, assisted each by two smaller ones, formed four circles, which, in turn, did the entire cooking for a school of forty. The floor of the girls' school is of mud, and twice a week is rubbed by them, according to their custom, with a peculiar substance for preserving and cleansing it. The boys wash the floor of their schoolhouse with water once a week.

The government examination took place in March; and the school received a grant of 147 rupees. Twenty-eight were examined in three standards. The class of seven boys, belonging to the third standard, I intend to keep to complete the fourth. It is desirable that the intelligent boys who have been in the school some time be retained on account of their influence upon the new ones. Six from this advanced class, at the urgent request of their parents, — who pay double fees, — are studying English. There are three boys, fourteen or fifteen years of age, who have been with me almost since the beginning. These take the oversight of the work, the care of the books and of the younger boys. With the exception of two boys, who, with Mr. Herrick's approval, were sent to Dr. Tracy's school at Tirupvanum, all others have returned to their villages, after being with us two or three years.

TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS PARSONS.

THIS sprightly letter is the first that has appeared in "Life and Light" from one of our new missionaries.

BAGHCHEJUK, Sept. 1, 1873.

Three months have already passed since I reached home, and yet I have let duties and pleasures steal the time without my writing.

After a delightful trip of two months, we sailed down the Bosphorus; and then the sights began to look familiar. I tried to feel like a missionary just coming out to work among a strange people; but the sight of the *hamars* (porters) quarrelling for the baggage, and the long graceful boats swarming like so many bees around a sweet flower, and Constantinople itself towering upon all sides, only made me realize that I had reached my old Turkish home; while the five years that I had been away seemed like a pleasant dream.

When I arrived in Baghchejuk, I was very cordially received by every one. It was a sight, Sunday, as I shook hands at the close of meeting; and the crowd that followed me in the streets! They seemed really glad to see me back; and they requested me to stay, and not run away again.

But, oh, what streets we have to go through! There is no name for the disagreeable, sticky mud and odors, and the close old houses, — the streets so narrow, sometimes, that two holding hands can easily reach across.

And these natives enjoy sitting in such streets rather than in their houses. It is with a good deal of risk that we pass by without running over or knocking down some little child, — poor ragged-looking things, but pretty:

indeed, some are handsome. You talk to them about better ways, they say, "Yes, we are not doing right;" but that is all. The street-doors are always open, and a group of women and girls are seated on the doorsill or outside, sometimes on a rug, but generally on the bare ground; some spinning, but the majority talking or staring with hands folded. Nearly every one has a child on her lap, and one or two playing in the mud. Our passing affords them a topic for conversation. Every thing we have on is criticised. At times the streets fairly seem crowded with people. The men spend their time in the coffee-shops.

There are no gardens in the village; but outside are extensive mulberry-gardens and vineyards. Every summer we are invited to spend a day in one and another vineyard, and enjoy the beautiful grapes.

Our school has begun to-day under Miss Farnham's superintendence. There are no desks now; but we hope to receive some from Boston soon. When they come, we expect to have a grand schoolroom. We have a handsome set of maps, a long blackboard extending half across the room, — which is twenty-nine by thirty feet, — a good organ which a Sunday school in Morristown kindly sent us, a clock with a strong voice, and a hundred-and-eighty-pound bell overhead. We hope it will stir up the people to go to work and *do something*, and not spend their time in ignorance and shameful poverty. The time *will* come; but it "may be long on the way."

The school began with sixteen. There are three boarders: we expect six. The people have been looking forward to this, and seemed anxious to have their daughters come.

In about two weeks I go to the Home in Constantinople to give my "two mites" towards helping the teachers there, as Miss E. Richardson does not return next year.

WHO CAN FILL THE HOUSE AT THE LEAST
EXPENSE?

A TAMIL STORY.

[Translated by Miss Pollock.]

A CERTAIN man who had accumulated the sum of thirty-five thousand rupees, when he knew that the time of his death drew near, called to him his two sons. Having given each of them five cash, he said, "I will give my wealth to the one who will expend that money so as to fill the house." The elder brother took his five cash, and having bought the dried stalks of the sugar-cane, and other cheap trash, tossed it into the house, and began to spread it out. But the younger bought a wax taper, lighted it, and placed it where the light would fill the house. The father, seeing this, willed his riches to the younger. "The wiser will be the greater."

The moral we draw from it is, that light always costs less, materially, morally, and spiritually, than darkness. And "Life and Light" costs less than any fashionable magazine you can introduce into your home. Will you not send it to a friend?

Home Department.

A FEW QUESTIONS.

WHEN this comes into your homes, the week of prayer will have come and gone. Your own little Evangelical Alliance will have met, and Jesus will have met with you. While your own hearts have been warmed and melted by the influences of that week, which has become to us the be-

ginning of months, have you remembered those who have no week of prayer? Have you thought upon assemblies into which Jesus is never *asked* to come, and where they cannot ask him, because they see him not nor know him? Have you thought how he stands beside them, unseen, unfelt, but sorrowing? how he waits for his children to make him known, that he may succor those for whom his soul travailed?

Have you read well the lessons of the year that is past? Have you remembered that it is another golden apple plucked from the tree of your life, and laid away in the Master's storehouse? Was it a well-ripened fruit? Was it sweet to the core with the love of God, and mellow with the love of souls? or was it sour and bitter with petty envyings and strifes? Was it gnarled by ignoble motives, and shrivelled by selfishness? Have you done all that you could? and have you done it out of the fullness of your love for Christ?

“SHE hath done what she thought she couldn't,” said Mrs. Freeland at Racine; and she gave us a kernel of thought as rich as a Brazil-nut. The invigorating power of earnest effort, the strength that is born of a great purpose, the development of unsuspected power, and the rousing of latent enthusiasm, are all suggested. To know that we shall meet indifference, and yet try to awaken interest; to know that some will be jealous, yet ignore it for Christ's sake; to know we are criticised, and, bitterest of all, to know that the criticisms are just, and still go on,—these things are an education in themselves. To make mistakes, to fail, to suffer mortifications, to feel our own deficiencies in all their length and breadth, and yet do our little best, is a *bitter* draught, but a strengthening one. The eye

learns to discern more clearly the footsteps of Christ; the feet walk in them more firmly; the hands grow strong; and the heart leans more trustingly on God. One of the best of England's lady-writers says, "If you want to *learn* to do good, *do* good."

There is, too, a little under-note of joy and triumph in that opening sentence. She has faced the prejudices of others, and has overcome. She has done battle with her own shrinking and self-distrust and fears and tremblings, and come off victor. She rejoices not only in things already done, but in the consciousness of power to do more; not only in results which outwardly appear, but in the unseen approval of her Master.

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

FROM NOV. 15 TO DEC. 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.	WISCONSIN.
<i>Tullmadge.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. C. Ashman, Treas., \$7 80	<i>Baraboo.</i> — Mrs. A. A. Avery, to constitute herself a L. M., \$25 00
Total, \$7 80	<i>Depere.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. J. Wheeler, Treas., 7 35
INDIANA.	<i>Green Bay.</i> — S. S. of Pres. Ch., for the Bridgman sch at Pekin, 40 00
<i>Indianapolis.</i> — "May-Flower," by M. S. Whitehead, \$4 00	<i>Janesville.</i> — Wright Mission Band, to const. Miss Ella J. Cutting a L. M., 25 00
Total, \$4 00	<i>Ripon.</i> — Aux., to constitute Mrs. Elisabeth Clark a L. M., Mrs. M. M. Clark, Treas., 25 00
MICHIGAN.	Total, \$122 35
<i>East Tawas.</i> — Aux., Miss Anna Hickey, Treas., \$17 00	NEW YORK.
<i>Royal Oak.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. M. Porter, Pres., 2 50	<i>Angola.</i> — Aux., for Mrs. Ada Claghorn Walker's salary, Mrs. G. W. Vining, Treas., \$6 00
Total, 19 50	Proceeds of the sale of Chinese flowers given to the W. B. M. I. by Mrs. Williams of Kalgau, N. China, \$57 00
ILLINOIS.	Total, \$241 80
<i>Dover.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. M. Allen, Treas., \$15 00	EVANSTON, Dec. 15, 1873.
<i>Peru.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. M. Brewster, Treas., 10 17	
Total, \$25 17	



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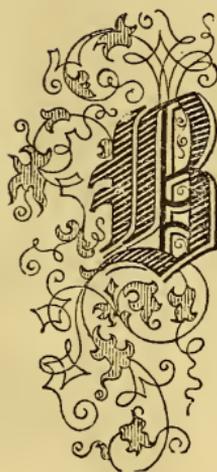
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DOGS WON.

FROM THE HARPOOT NEWS.



IZMISHIN, a village about ten miles west of Harpoot, is notorious for the number, size, and fierceness of its dogs. Woe to the stranger who enters one of their mud-built homes with no friend of the dogs to give him an introduction, or a stout cudgel in hand for self-defence.

But the wife of the Protestant preacher there has discovered a new way of managing dogs. Filling her pockets with bread when going abroad, she began from the first to give each dog a crumb, and so, by degrees, won her way from house to house; till at length all the canine race recognize Shimone as their friend. And, better still, some of their mistresses, once more hostile even than their dogs, have begun to welcome her as one bringing them the bread of life.

Would it not be well for Christian workers elsewhere to learn wisdom of this woman?



WOMAN IN INDIA.

BY MRS. CAPRON.

THESE women are near the door of a missionary's house or the station church. When they return home, they will let the end of the long mantle which is wound so prettily about the form fall from the head; and it will be brought around under the right arm, and tucked in at the waist, leaving the arm uncovered. This mantle, or "cloth" as we call it in India, is from eight to twelve yards long, and is generally the only garment worn. Some of the women like to wear short-sleeve jackets and skirts made from bright calico. Even then "the cloth" is also worn. These in the picture, with the broad, bright border and stripes, are probably nice cloths.

All Hindu women are fond of jewelry; and finger-rings, toe-rings, anklets, bracelets, necklaces, nose-jewels, and ear-rings, are made from lead, brass, silver, and gold, according to the means of the wearer. Bracelets are also made of large coral beads and sealing-wax. The sealing-wax is of various hues, and ornamented with brilliant tinsel. Slender bracelets of spun glass, often ten or twelve on each arm, are also worn. Necklaces of glass beads are common; and sometimes five or six are seen upon the neck.

The faces of the Hindu women are often pleasing. The mark on the forehead is in India ink, and was made when these women were infants, and is a badge of heathenism. On the foreheads of heathen women, this straight mark is often of red paint. It indicates that the woman is a worshipper of the idol Vishnu; while a red dot, like a wafer, shows that she worships the idol Siva.

We need not be in doubt about these women as to whether they are idol-worshippers or not; for the book set-

bles the question. But, unfortunately, the mark remains indelible, like the tattooing which foolish boys sometimes put upon their arms.

Many women in India are now learning to read; and the Bible in their hands, which they can read for themselves, is a bright light to lead them toward heaven. I once heard a woman pray, "I thank thee, heavenly Father, that I can read. However poor I may become, no one can take away from me the wealth of having learned to read."

Dear little reader, if there is any question on this picture, which you would like to ask, write to Echoes, and you shall have an answer.

[FOR THE LITTLE GIRLS.]

FATIMA.

BY MISS PROCTOR.

I HAVE just returned from Aleppo, one of the out-stations near my home, in Aintab, Turkey; and in my journey I saw many things that made me thank God for my happy childhood's home.

Just this side of Aleppo, we crossed a very wide plain, where, for thirty-five miles, there was not a stone or bush large enough for the least one of you to hide behind. On this plain are a great many villages; and we spent the night at one of the best of them, and at one of the best houses to be found. The yard, as I entered it, looked precisely like a barn-yard. On one side were the stables and a guest-room, which had no window: on the other side was the house, — a very long, one-story building, with only one window, with a broad shutter, and no glass.

While a place was being prepared for us, a bright-eyed

little girl of eight or nine was examining my muff and tip-pet, and other clothing, asking in Arabic, "What's this?" and "What's that?" Although inquisitive, she was not rude, and I tried to talk with her; but she answered in Arabic that she did not know Turkish, and, as I couldn't speak Arabic, we didn't say much to each other. She told me, however, that her name was Fatima. When her father came, we asked him how many children he had; and he said, "Three." We looked surprised; for there were three little boys playing about, and here was Fatima, and two girls older. "Oh!" said he, "I have three girls besides." You see, he didn't count the girls.

Fatima's home looked very nice in the inside, for a village house, as they had white-washed the walls throughout; but there were no mats on the earth-floor, no chairs, no tables, no books. The family spread down some rugs at one end of the room, put their beds on them, and all slept together. Fatima's father asked a good many questions about my school; and at last I said to him, "Won't you send Fatima? She looks very bright." — "Oh!" said he, "she is very satanic;" by which he meant about the same as if your father should say, "Oh! she is wide awake, and full of mischief."

On our return we stopped there again; and in the morning I amused myself with watching the family while our animals were being loaded. The father took the two-years-old boy, and sat down with us; and I noticed that every now and then he would kiss the child's dirty face. The mother took her work, and sat on the ground in the sunshine to sew. Fatima and the little boys were playing with a smooth stick; and I was very glad to see that she was very kind to her brothers. The parents, too, spoke kindly to the children usually; and, when we paid him, the father gave each of the boys a five-para piece, — about hal a cent.

I think, on the whole, that I never saw so pleasant and happy a family in any of the Mussulman villages I have passed through; yet we said to each other as we passed out of the yard, "What a life to live!"

Who of you would be willing to exchange homes, even with Fatima?

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Bath*. — "Little Rills," \$10.00.
Ellsworth. — "Prayer Circle," Aux., 6.50; "Young Reapers,"
.50.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Claremont*. — "Merry Workers," \$50.00.
Nashua. — "Life and Light Society," \$15.00.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Springfield*. — "Little Helpers," Flora M.
Castle, sec., \$5.00.
Grantville. — Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, \$5.00.
Westborough. — "Willing Helpers," 110.00.
- CONNECTICUT. — *New Haven Branch*. — *Bridgeport*. — "Willing
Workers," \$160.00.
Meriden. — "Cheerful Givers," \$30.00.
East Haven. — "Little Workers," \$56.81.
Fair Haven. — First Church, "Pearl Seekers, \$6.00.
New Haven. — College-street Church, "Cheerful Workers,"
\$30.00; North Church, "Silver Bells," \$70.00.
- INDIANA. — *Indianapolis*. — "May Flowers," \$4.00.
- WISCONSIN. — *Janesville*. — Wright Mission Band, \$25.00.

LITTLE BESSIE.

BY MISS MIRON WINSLOW.

LITTLE BESSIE was early put into the missionary work. When two weeks old she was made a life-member of the Woman's Board by her grandmamma; and, when three

months old, she was made a life-member of the American Board by her mamma.

She is now a very lively little girl, and has begun to do her own mission-work. On her third birthday she brought to the Woman's Board a thank-offering of three dollars,—one dollar for each year of her life. She said quite distinctly, "This is for the poor heathen children." A money-box was given her; and for several months she has been collecting pennies in it for these children. On sabbath morning, immediately after family prayer, she takes the box to each member of the household to get "a money." Bessie never forgets the day, or to come around with her box, though the contributors often have to slip out of the room to bring their forgotten pennies.

Bessie likes to put each piece into the box herself; but, before doing so, she takes it quite cannily between her thumb and forefinger, turning it over as though carefully examining each side. If the cent or five-cent piece is bright and new, her eye sparkles with pleasure as she says, "This is a nice, clean money." She thinks her work not done until she has seen her mamma write on the under-side of the box the sum given, and return the same to its place. Her little doll named Alice has lately been counted in the family circle, since Bessie said with an emphasis, "Oh! Alice must give a cent too."

The birthdays, the Christmas and New-Year's Days, are adding dolls to the circle. They will all duly become contributors to the Woman's Board of Missions. When moneys, as little Bessie calls them, are given to her during the week, they are saved for the box on the following sabbath-day. The time taken by this young collector is a very few minutes, and the moneys are very little moneys gathered by a very little girl.

When you, dear children, look at the grand rivers and

the smaller streams that refresh the earth, and make it bring forth the beautiful flowers and fruits, you will remember that many little streams make the larger ones, and each one can be traced to beginnings as small as these few minutes and these little moneys.

CROSSWORD ENIGMA.

I AM composed of twenty-four letters.

My first is in *time*.

My second is in *hour*.

My third is in *rhyme*.

My fourth is in *flower*.

My fifth is in *roam*.

My sixth is in *wall*.

My seventh is in *home*.

My eighth is in *fall*.

My ninth is in *light*.

My tenth is in *hand*.

My eleventh is in *write*.

My twelfth is in *land*.

My thirteenth is in *love*.

My fourteenth is in *strive*.

My fifteenth is in *dove*.

My sixteenth is in *drive*.

My seventeenth is in *send*.

My eighteenth is in *pour*.

My nineteenth is in *rend*.

My twentieth is in *roar*.

My twenty-first is in *fair*.

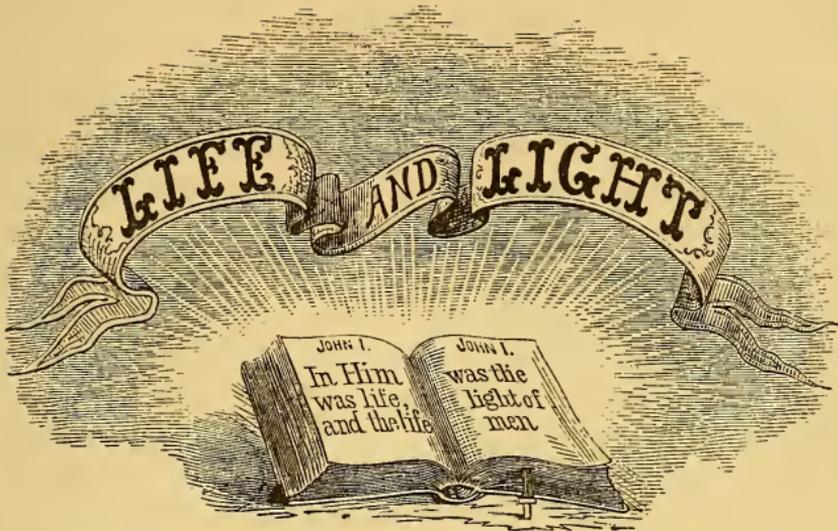
My twenty-second is in *fear*.

My twenty-third is in *care*.

My twenty-fourth is in *near*.

My whole is in the nineteenth Psalm.

WE have received additional answers to the enigma in the November number from N. M. and N. W., Montclair, N.J.; F. L. B., Ludlow, Mass.; L. L., Hartford, Conn.; and E. R. T., Bedford, N.H.



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AFRICA.

A ZULU SABBATH.

BY MRS. S. W. TYLER.

THE many friends of Mrs. Tyler who met her during her recent visit to this country will be glad to learn of her safe arrival at Inanda, and to read the following from her pen:—

“A sabbath in Inanda, in contrast with those so recently spent in our own favored land, rose vividly to my mind yesterday as I sat with a company of Zulu worshippers under the veranda of the girls’ boarding-school. It is two years since they have had the convenience of a chapel for their services. In pleasant weather it is not disagreeable to assemble under the shade of a tree or veranda; nor is it any more laborious for the preacher, if he is a native, because he is accustomed to speak in loud tones. On rainy

or windy days, however, the inconvenience is felt, and the attention of the hearers is much distracted by efforts to keep themselves warm, by the seeming undue length of the exercises, or the endeavors of one to quiet another. The preacher, who has the advantage of his hearers, in being expected to move about, does not feel the cold, and appears unconscious of the cause of all the disturbance, prolonging his talk, and going over the whole ground a second time, if he has nothing new to say. Now and then, as occasion requires, he stops to suggest to the mother of a crying child what is needed, or to march off peremptorily to another seat a company of little boys who were huddling together to keep themselves warm.

“At last, when the final prayer has been made, and the hymn sung, the cold is for a time forgotten: pleasant inquiries are exchanged, and the snuff-box passed from one to another; then comes a regular shaking of costumes, a gathering-up of books, hats, and babies; and the procession moves slowly through the yard, dispersing in various directions to their homes for dinner. Some time I hope to get a peep into the dining-room, to find out whether the subjects of conversation are as different from the employments of the day, as is often the case in more enlightened families. I have discovered one thing, however: they do make an extra effort for their Sunday dinners; and the most unimportant member of the family is expected to stay at home, and take charge of the cooking.

“Dinner being over, a portion of the family only return to an afternoon service, which is conducted, according to the mind of the leader, by a succession of prayers interspersed with remarks, or a long talk from himself; singing coming in frequently to relieve the monotony. This latter part, as you have been told before, consists in making a ‘joyful noise,’ without much regard to taste or correctness, unless

carefully guided by a teacher. At the close of this service, the assembly again retire to their homes; the usual quiet of the station is restored; and we take our children around the yard for a walk, or pace the veranda, talking of some pleasant sabbath we have so highly enjoyed in America. After tea we have reading and singing, and retire early with the consciousness that it has really been a pleasant day of rest, although the circumstances and surroundings are so wholly unlike those from which we have so recently come."

Our Work at Home.

ANNUAL MEETING.

It must have been a love that many waters could not quench which brought three hundred or more ladies through the storm to the Park-street Church, on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 6, to celebrate the anniversary of the Woman's Board of Missions.

The Doxology, —

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,"

was the appropriate opening; after which the President, Mrs. Albert Bowker, read from Isa. xlv. the prediction concerning Cyrus, and from Ezra the account of its fulfilment; dwelling upon the fact, that when Cyrus, recognizing the call, set about the work, the Lord went before him to fulfil. The glory of the first and second tabernacles having passed away, we are permitted to assist in raising the gospel temple, and are as truly called to and girded for

our work as was Cyrus ; and, obeying the call as he did, we will receive the same gracious aid. When prayer had been offered, and a hymn sung, the Annual Report was rendered by the Recording Secretary, which gave a cheering account of the progress and enlargement of the work, especially in the department of schools ; the labors of the teachers having been attended with marked success.

Mrs. Benjamin E. Bates, Treasurer, in presenting her Annual Report, paid a merited tribute to her predecessor, Mrs. Bartlett ; and, noticing some special contributions, gave the receipts for the year as follows : —

Total Receipts for 1873	\$65,683.13
General Funds	36,706.90
Constantinople Home	16,346.13
“Life and Light”	6,578.63
Legacy of Mrs. B.	5,000.00
Int. Temp. Invest.	1,001.80
Weekly Pledge	49.67

Miss White of Ipswich Female Seminary read an account of a missionary tour by Miss Proctor of Aintab, and, by way of contrast, one from Mrs. Schneider, describing a similar tour made by herself ten years ago ; the sower and the reaper now rejoicing together. Miss Sarah A. Closson from Cæsarea presented in a brief address a very encouraging view of the work in her field ; the women showing great eagerness to hear the truth, and readiness to accept and obey it. Aided by two Bible-readers, instruction is given in the methods of domestic life, care of the sick, &c. ; and mothers’ meetings are established, which are largely attended and very useful ; the first question of a mother, when she is converted, being, “What can I do for my children ?” Graduates from their schools also perform very efficient service as teachers ; and everywhere the field is white unto the harvest.

The roll of delegates having been called for, it was found that there were fifty-four delegates, representing thirty-nine auxiliaries, who were invited, with others, to partake of a collation in Pilgrim Hall at the close of the meeting. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

A solo by Miss Pease, with organ accompaniment by Miss Wright, and prayer by Mrs. Robie of New Hampshire, opened the afternoon session. Mrs. Luther Wright of the Committee on Nominations, appointed in the morning, reported a list of officers for the ensuing year; all of whom were elected. Notice was given by Mrs. Wright of her intention to propose, at the next public meeting, a change of so much of Art. 7 of the Constitution as pertains to the formation of Branches.

BRANCHES.

Mrs. Sickles of Newark, representing, incidentally, the PHILADELPHIA BRANCH, gave a report of Belleville Avenue auxiliary, from which she was a delegate.

The Branch was further reported by letter from Miss Halsey, Secretary, who sent a hearty greeting to all the other Branches, with the hope that there may be a wholesome emulation between them, "provoking one another to love and good works." They have little to report except progress. A hopeful, brave spirit was manifested at their autumnal meeting; and much was promised the coming year. Their mission-circles show great vigor, and a development of missionary spirit and zeal which must strengthen the faith of all faint hearts. Two of them, the "Golden Links" and "Montclair Blossoms," are the chief contributors to the support of Miss Gouldy of Japan, recently adopted by the Branch. The NEW HAVEN BRANCH reported through Mrs. Cady forty-six auxiliaries, with a

membership of three thousand, and eighty-seven life-members. During the eight months of the current year, they have received over four thousand dollars; supporting two missionaries, five Bible-readers, one native teacher, thirty-eight pupils in boarding-schools, and have given \$1,575.00 to the Constantinople Home. The women and children of more than half the churches in the State had been appealed to for help in sending the gospel to the women and children in heathen lands; and their expectations had been exceeded by the hearty, joyous responses to these appeals, the gratitude expressed for opportunity to share in the work, and by the efficiency in devising and executing plans for its advancement. Special notice was taken of the material aid, as well as the great encouragement derived from their eighteen mission-circles. During the year five missionaries have gone from the Branch — three of them directly from New Haven — to labor for Christ in foreign lands. The VERMONT BRANCH was represented by Mrs. Goulding, Secretary, as having existed but six months, numbering twenty-eight auxiliaries, and raising, during four months, \$518.00. 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.

Miss White of the RHODE ISLAND BRANCH mentioned the formation of twenty-two auxiliaries and mission-circles, contributing during the year \$1,317.00 in a State embracing but twenty-four Congregational churches, and where there have been many providential hinderances in the prosecution of the work. They are animated by the hope of doing more in the year to come, as the women of the churches realize more fully the honor conferred upon them

by being allowed a part in the glorious work. The MAINE BRANCH was reported by Miss Spofford as organized on a similar basis with that of Vermont. A vice-president for each county had been elected; and they were now ready for general work. The women of Maine, accustomed to surmount difficulties and obstacles, could do something, although many of their churches were not self-sustaining, as they believed the way to keep the gospel was by giving it away.

Mrs. Robie, President, reported the NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH as having been so recently organized that work had scarcely been commenced. They had sent out printed circulars to the churches, and hoped to form an auxiliary in each. At their meeting in Portsmouth, they adopted Miss Sarah F. Norris, M.D., of the Bombay Mission, and were confident that not only a deep personal interest would be felt in this missionary daughter of New Hampshire, but that love for the Lord Jesus would lead the Christian ladies of the State to make sacrifices for him and the interests of his kingdom. Mrs. Rev. Dr. Burns, one of seven delegates from MONTREAL, CANADA, reported their auxiliary as formed just three years ago with twenty members; the number being now increased to fifty, representing seven churches. Although their object had not been so much to raise money as to create a missionary spirit in the women, they had supported for one year Miss Smith's school in India, giving five hundred dollars; and, since the failure of her health and consequent return to this country, they had transferred their contributions to Mrs. Chandler's school in Madura.

On account of limited space, condensed reports of the following auxiliaries, which have been prepared for this paper, will be given in connection with the annual report soon to be published, — Springfield, Fall River, Holliston,

Framingham, Melrose, Dorchester, Spencer, Newburyport, New Bedford, Walpole, East Boston, Billerica, Greenwich, Winchester, Winchendon, Cambridge, Cambridgeport, Worcester, Lowell, Harrison Square, and Jamaica Plain, Mass; Hartford, Bridgeport, Greenwich, Madison, Darien, and Norwich, Conn; Central and Beneficent churches, Providence and Pawtucket, R.I.; Portland and Bangor, Me.; Rutland, Bradford, Middlebury, and St. Alban's, Vt.; Greenland, Manchester, and Keene, N.H.; Belleville, N.J.

Questions having been by request sent up for discussion, the first one, "What need of the separate organization of the Woman's Boards?" was responded to by Mrs. Dr. Anderson, who said, "What need was there, when our Saviour was on earth, that woman should minister to him? He had twelve disciples associated in his labors: could they not do all that he desired? Why should the names of Mary and Martha be mentioned so often? Could not their brother have sufficiently represented the family? And, in the days of Paul, why were women so constantly at work uniting their labors with the apostles and others? Phebe is spoken of as having important business connected with the interests of the Church; and many others are recorded as fellow-laborers in the Lord. But why should woman do such work? It is her high privilege; and her Saviour condescends to accept and commend it; and no one speaks more highly of the service of woman than Jesus, the Lord of heaven and earth." Mrs. Anderson then noticed the providential leadings to the organization of our Board, the results already accomplished at home and abroad, and closed by saying, "In view of the large amount of money raised, the thousands of workers enlisted, the increase of sympathy and prayer, the missionary intelligence disseminated, the revived interest in training the

children to continue the work when we are called to leave it, is it not desirable that there be Woman's Boards?"

The following preamble and resolutions were presented by Mrs. Gulliver:—

"Whereas the demand for woman's work in the foreign field has so greatly increased that the present supply of means and laborers is entirely inadequate; and since organization at home will greatly facilitate our work: therefore,

Resolved, That we will endeavor during the present year to form a society auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions in every Congregational church in New England.

Resolved, That we will seek to secure such organizations in the female seminaries of our denomination."

Supporting the resolutions, Mrs. Gulliver said, that "these resolutions express the purpose of the branches of the Woman's Board of Missions, in which we greatly rejoice, and from which we expect glorious results. Organization is the soul of effort, and is our prime need to-day in the missionary work. If it were only for our own sake, for the quickening and growth of our home churches, we need to be bound together in earnest efforts for the conversion of the world. These organizations may be simply missionary, or ingrafted upon the ladies' prayer-meeting or sewing-circle. Whatever the mode, seek to obtain a full acquaintance with every mission-field, and strive to enter into sympathy with the mission families, sharing their joys and sorrows, as of brethren and sisters honored and beloved. In forming auxiliaries, let no thinly-populated town or feeble church be passed by. Early in the history of the W. B. M. I. a letter was received from a feeble church in Kansas, reporting the formation of an auxiliary, but saying they were so few, and their contributions would be so small, that they ought almost to apologize for their existence. In a few months another letter came, enclosing ten dollars, and

saying, 'We have a plan whereby we hope every lady in our little church, though scattered over an area of several miles, will become a member of our missionary society.' Is not that grand success? and shall not this be our keynote, — every lady-member of our churches an enrolled helper in the missionary cause? Let us lend our energies to this result, and let us not in our efforts pass by the scattered districts and hill-towns. We want, with the wealth and enthusiasm of our crowded cities and villages, the 'strength of the hills which is His also.' In our seminaries let the lesson of Christian consecration hold the highest place; and let special efforts be made to interest pupils in Christ's work at home and abroad, that women of the best ability and highest culture may be ready to embrace the glorious privilege of co-operation with Christ."

Resolutions adopted.

In answer to the questions sent up for discussion, "What, in the experience of the Board, has proved to be the best means of raising money?" Mrs. Edwin Wright remarked, that no uniform plan could be applicable to all in their varied localities and circumstances, but that the weekly-pledge system had been, perhaps, the most successful, as determining at the commencement of the year the contribution of each member, and thus giving opportunity for special appropriation to some field or school, and at the same time enlisting the sympathy and prayers of the contributors. While the system is not designed to supersede the large contributions of the rich, it is well adapted to gather up the smaller offerings of those who find it easier to lay by, "as the Lord hath prospered them," a small sum from week to week, and which at the end of the year amounts to more than could be spared at any one time from limited means. Mrs. Wright also mentioned other methods, of which we have room to notice but one. This was sug-

gested by a letter from an auxiliary in Campton, N.H.; viz., to have an annual sale or auction of articles raised or contributed by each man, woman, and child in the parish, including vegetables of every description, mints, herbs, needle-work, and a variety of other things. The results socially and financially were very satisfactory.

Invitation having been given to delegates to meet the Board at Pilgrim Hall in the evening, the meeting adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

The vestry of Park-street Church was the hallowed spot where the Saviour met the company of his friends who assembled on Wednesday morning to spend an hour in communion with him and with each other. Nothing daunted by the continued storm, the same interested faces—grown familiar the preceding day—were recognized; and, although the names of few were known to each other, all sweetly realized that we were “one in Christ Jesus.” The allotted hour was too short, and many would have gladly lingered; but its precious savor remained, and was a fit preparation for the more public services of the day.

At eleven o'clock Mrs. Bowker called the meeting in the church to order; and after the singing of “Must Jesus bear the cross alone?” and Scripture-reading, Mrs. Thompson of Hartford offered prayer.

Mrs. S. C. Bartlett, representing the WOMAN'S BOARD FOR THE INTERIOR, after a short congratulatory address, said, “Our work at the West is progressing. Bright spots of verdure are discernible here and there; and some fields show the harvest whitening for the reaper. An interest has been awakened, prayers are offered, and alms given by those, who, a short time ago, cared for none of these things.”

Disappointed by the announcement that Mrs. Capron was

providentially prevented from fulfilling her engagement to address the meeting, the audience — after joining in prayer, led by Mrs. Gulliver — listened with much interest to a letter from Miss Talcott, read by Mrs. Wright; and to a continuation of the narrative of missionary work, given yesterday by Miss Closson of Cæsarea. A paper was read by Miss Borden, in reply to the question, “How can we work among the children?” “A question of greater interest,” said Miss Borden, “could scarcely be propounded before us to-day. As we come together with our banner draped in mourning for the standard-bearers who have fallen by our side, the question comes up with great pertinency, Who shall carry on the missionary work when those now in the ranks shall have finished their labors? Will the mothers pardon me if I am presuming in saying, first of all, the work must be done in the sanctuary of the children’s home. The moulding, animating power must be there. They should be instructed in missionary knowledge, and then taught to act from motives of duty; and may the All Wise so guide each mother in teaching her children, that this acting from duty shall become an inspiration! Diligence should be made to organize mission-circles in every church; and the aim should be to make the children individual and responsible workers. If any ladies who have charge of mission-circles are tired, perplexed, and sometimes discouraged, because the work is difficult, let them be cheered by the assurance, ‘Your labor is not in vain in the Lord;’ for, however hard the work may be, good far beyond our estimate is accomplished in helping to support even one heathen child in a school which teaches her to make a happy home on earth, and to be ready for the home in heaven.”

A vote of thanks was passed to the proprietors for the use of Park-street Church during the two days of the ses-

sion; and, on motion of Mrs. Daniels of Vermont, a similar vote was passed in behalf of delegates, in view of hospitalities offered them.

The meeting then adjourned till the afternoon.

The pleasant gatherings for refreshment and social intercourse in Pilgrim Hall, between the services of each day, and the reception of delegates and friends by the Board on Tuesday evening, will not soon be forgotten by the participants; and the acquaintanceship there made will long be a pleasant reminder of the sixth anniversary of the Woman's Board of Missions.

MRS. J. A. COPP, *Recording Secretary.*

The children's meeting Wednesday afternoon will be reported in the "Echoes."

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM DEC. 18 TO DEC. 31.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.			
<i>Amherst.</i> — Mrs. H. S. Loring,	\$2 50		
<i>Harpwell Centre.</i> — Ladies of Cong'l Ch., \$3; "Little Helpers," .60,	3 60		
Total,	\$6 10		
NEW HAMPSHIRE.			
<i>New Allston.</i> — Mrs. Mary Fay,	\$0 50		
Total,	\$0 50		
VERMONT.			
<i>Vermont Branch.</i> — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Trea.; St. Johnsbury, North Ch., of which \$25 from Mrs. Horace Fairbanks, to const. L. M. Mrs. H. Martin, \$62.25; Sheldon, Cong'l S. S., \$6; Rutland, Aux., \$7; \$75.25. Mission-Circles of the Branch: Rutland, "Willing Helpers," \$1.91; "Little Gleaners," \$6.03; "Wayside Gleaners," \$1.24;			
		"Willing Hands," \$11.84;	
		"Little Sowers," \$5.90; "Busy Bees," \$5.53; "Busy Larks," \$5.33; "Pearl-Seekers," \$2.58;	
		"Cheerful Givers," \$7; "Children of the Light," \$5.70;	
		"Loving Hearts," \$5; Juvenile Class, \$5, — for schools in China and Ceylon, \$74.26. Vergennes, Aux., Miss Mary J. Strong, Tr., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Ira Bingham, and \$46 from the "Cheerful Givers," — six little girls, — \$100. Burlington, Aux., Mrs. J. H. Worcester, Tr., of which \$25 from Mrs. B. S. Nichols to const. L. M. Miss Mary H. Nichols, and toward support of pupil in Miss Townshend's school, Ceylon, \$30,	\$279 51
		<i>Orwell</i> — Aux., Mrs. O. H. Bascom, Treas.,	10 00
		Total,	\$289 51

MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Andover, North.</i> — Lucretia L. Mitchell,	\$1 00
<i>Boston.</i> — A Friend, \$10; A Friend, \$30; Park St. Ch., Miss Sallie Worcester, \$4,	44 00
<i>Braintree.</i> — "Montaliquot Circle," for the Dakota Home,	45 70
<i>Cambridge.</i> — "Shepard Band of Little Workers," for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school	30 00
<i>Chelsea.</i> — Chestnut St. Ch., Aux., \$12.50; Miss M. E. Brooks, Treas., \$12.50; Winnisimmet Church, \$7,	32 00
<i>Clinton.</i> — Aux., Miss H. M. Haskell, Treas.,	25 22
<i>Dorchester.</i> — Village Ch., Aux., Miss H. D. Hutchinson, Treas., balance of support of pupil in the Constantinople Home,	18 79
<i>East Abington.</i> — "H. B. B. L.,"	1 00
<i>Holliston.</i> — Mrs. G. M. Adams, \$3; "Open Hands," Miss Eliza Cutler, Treas., \$11,	14 00
<i>Hinsdale.</i> — Mrs. E. Stebbins, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>Leominster.</i> — Aux.,	46 00
<i>Lee.</i> — "Young Ladies' Mission-Circle," Miss H. H. Ball, Tr.,	35 00
<i>Littleton.</i> — Mrs. Ann C. Manning, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>Milton.</i> — Two Friends,	5 00
<i>Middleboro'.</i> — Miss S. R. Kingman's S. S. class,	1 35
<i>Norton.</i> — Wheaton Fem. Sem., to const. L. M. Miss Maria L. Mellus,	25 00
<i>Somerville.</i> — Young Ladies' Mission-Circle, Miss O. M. E. Rowe, Treas.,	50 00
<i>Southbridge.</i> — Mrs. S. M. Lane, \$5; Mrs. S. Marsh, \$1,	6 00
<i>Springfield.</i> — Aux., Miss H. S. Buckingham, Treas., \$450; Hope Chapel, "Earnest Workers," \$2.25,	452 25
<i>Swampscott.</i> — Mission-Circle, by Miss Mary Fowler,	4 00
<i>Townsend.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Emma Spaulding,	35 65
<i>Winchester.</i> — Aux., Miss Elizabeth D. Chapin, Treas., balance of salary of Miss Powers, \$38; "Seck and Save" Soc., Miss L. Jennie Sanderson, Treas., \$10,	48 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — A Friend, .50; Salem St. Ch. \$6.15; A Friend, .50; Old South S. A., to be used in Mardin, \$60; Piedmont Ch., 15; Mrs. Sarah Knowlton, \$2,	84 15
Total,	\$1,054 11

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Auburndale.</i> — Mrs. M. A. Alden,	\$2 00
<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Highland Ch. S. S., Mrs. Cogswell's class,	7 00
<i>Cambridgeport.</i> — Prospect St. Ch., Mrs. Tilton, Treas.,	75 00
CONNECTICUT.	
<i>Colchester.</i> — "Young Peoples' Mission-Circle,"	\$62 00
<i>Columbia.</i> — Miss Orilla Fuller,	1 00
<i>Darien.</i> — Aux., Mrs. N. E. Gleason, Treas., with prev. contri. for support of two pupils in Mrs. Edwards's sch., and one in Mrs. Blake's school, \$90; "Busy Bee Soc.," \$9,	99 00
<i>Falls Village.</i> — A Friend,	4 18
<i>Hebron.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Geo. S. Dodge, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Jasper Porter,	42 26
<i>Killingly.</i> — Dayville Y ouths' Mission-Circle, Lucie G. Jencks, Treas., to const. L. M.'s E. Frances Jencks, Clemmie E. Bachelor, Alice M. Day, Emma Short,	100 00
<i>New Haven.</i> — A Friend,	2 00
<i>New London.</i> — Second Cong'l Church,	85 75
<i>Old Lyme.</i> — Aux., for Bible-Reader in Van, Turkey,	29 00
<i>Putnam.</i> — "Our Mission Workers," proceeds of fare to be used in Mrs. Bissell's sch.,	52 00
<i>Simsbury.</i> — Aux., Miss Lizzie Hoskins, Treas.,	14 50
Total,	\$491 69
NEW YORK.	
<i>Crown Point.</i> — Mary Emma Harwood, towards support of pupil in Harpoot Fem. Sem.,	\$30 00
<i>Syracuse.</i> — Plymouth Ch. "Bee Circle,"	15 00
Total,	\$45 00
OHIO.	
<i>Salem.</i> — Mrs. D. A. Allen,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00
ILLINOIS.	
<i>Jacksonville.</i> — Cong'l S. S. towards support of teacher under Mrs. Thomas Smith, Ceylon,	\$10 00
Total,	\$10 00
VIRGINIA.	
<i>Poplar Mount.</i> — "Five Little Vermont Virginians,"	\$0 50
Total,	\$0 50

MINNESOTA.		Donations,	\$1,905 41
<i>Faribault.</i> — Plymouth Ch.,	\$3 00	C. Home Building-Fund,	84 00
		"Life and Light,"	309 50
		"Echoes,"	32 11
Total,	\$3 00	Total,	\$2,331 02

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 TO JAN. 18.

MAINE.		Catharine L. Bates, balance of support of pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$8, and to const. herself L. M., Mrs. "J. W. H.," \$2; Mrs. C. C. Barry, \$20; Miss Hattie Boleman, \$2; Mrs. Stevens, .50; Weekly Pledge, from other ladies, \$6.35, — \$38.85,	105 85
<i>Bath.</i> — Central Ch.,	\$99 50	<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Mary B. Fifield, \$4; Mrs. A. E. Warner, \$5; Mrs. Sarah Johnson, \$1; Eliot Ch., Aux., — by Mrs. R. Anderson, \$35.50; "Eliot Star Circle," \$6.75; Mrs. A. C. Thompson, to const. herself L. M., \$25, — \$67.25,	77 25
<i>Gorham.</i> — Aux.,	21 00	<i>Bridgewater.</i> North. — Porter Ch., "Messenger Birds,"	8 00
<i>North Yarmouth.</i> — Miss Hattie Sweetser,	50	<i>Brookline.</i> — Mrs. Geo. G. Gove,	1 00
<i>Portland.</i> — A Class of Boys,	1 75	<i>Cambridge, East.</i> — Emma F. Holt,	21
<i>Union.</i> — "Little Workers,"	8 00	<i>Cambridgeport.</i> — Clara F. Grover, \$1; Frankie Grover, .23,	1 23
Total,	\$130 75	<i>Charlestown.</i> — Mrs. Herbert Curtis, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
NEW HAMPSHIRE.		<i>Danvers.</i> — "Cheerful Givers," for pupil in Marsovan,	40 00
<i>Fisherville.</i> — Mrs. M. A. W. Fiske,	\$5 00	<i>Danversport.</i> — Miss E. P. Putnam,	15 00
<i>Haverhill.</i> — Miss Merrill's S. S. Class,	2 00	<i>Dorchester.</i> — Village Ch., Aux.,	9 00
<i>Keene.</i> — Second Cong'l Ch., Aux., of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Elisha Rand, Mrs. Isabella Gould,	51 00	<i>East Boston.</i> — "Maverick Kill," Master Zero Cummings, Tr., \$21.63; "Buds of Promise," Mrs. Morrison's cl., \$2,	23 63
<i>Mason.</i> — Mrs. Betsey Cragin,	1 00	<i>East Hampton.</i> — Aux.,	49 55
<i>Nashua.</i> — "Children's Missy Club,"	24 19	<i>Everett.</i> — Mrs. G. M. Farrington, \$5; Mercy Whitcomb, to const. L. M. Mrs. Dr. L. S. Hobbs, Fort Smith, Ark., \$25,	30 00
<i>West Lebanon.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Sam'l Wood, for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	30 00	<i>Full River.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Seymour, \$363; "Willing Helpers," \$45; Mrs. Richard Borden, \$25,	\$433 00
Total,	\$113 19	<i>Foxboro'.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Dea. E. B. Leonard, \$25; Mrs. Daniels Carpenter, to const. L. M. Mrs. Catharine Payson, \$25,	50 00
VERMONT.		<i>Framingham.</i> — Aux.,	10 00
<i>Vermont Branch.</i> — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas.; Cornwall, Aux., \$5; Middlebury, "Green Mts. Hills," towards support of pupil in Const. Home, \$30; Franklin, Aux., Miss Carrie Shedd, Tr., \$5; New Haven Aux., Mrs. Edson A. Dowd, Tr., \$20; Dorset, Aux., Miss Carrie G. Pratt, Tr., with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Philetus Barrows, Mrs. Geo. W. Farewell, \$41,	\$101 00	<i>Framingham, South.</i> — Mrs. F. M. Bean,	5 00
Total,	\$101 00	<i>Greenwich.</i> — Aux.,	14 00
MASSACHUSETTS.		<i>Haverhill.</i> — Miss E. B. Knight, \$20, Mrs. T. W. Knight, \$3, Mrs. C. M. Hide, \$2, to const. L. M. Mrs. H. S. Hubbard,	25 00
<i>C. Home Building-Fund.</i>		<i>Brimfield, Mass.,</i>	
<i>St. Alban's.</i> — Mrs. A. M. Plant, \$5; S. S. Class, \$5,	\$10 00		
<i>Acton.</i> — Cong'l Ch., to const. L. M. Mrs. Frank P. Wood,	\$25 00		
<i>Andover.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. C. Pearson, Treas.,	42 25		
<i>Boston.</i> — Miss Rebecca P. Reed's S. S. Class, \$40; Mrs. Geo. B. Hide, to const. herself L. M., \$25; Mrs. S. Farrington, \$2; Berkeley St. Ch., — Miss			

<i>Lincoln.</i> — "Cheerful Givers,"	\$5 00
<i>Lynn.</i> — North Church,	50 75
<i>Marblehead.</i> — Mrs. Henry Hooper,	3 50
<i>Medway.</i> — Aux., Miss Harriet Ashley's Ass't Teacher,	66 00
<i>Medway, West.</i> — Miss Mary E. Ide,	10 00
<i>Medfield.</i> — Miss M. D. Chenery,	1 00
<i>Middleboro'.</i> — Aux.,	12 00
<i>Natick.</i> — Two Friends,	2 00
<i>Newton.</i> — Aux., Addie L. Sears, to const. L. M.'s herself, Mrs. Emma E. May, Miss Sarah E. Spear,	75 00
<i>Newton, West.</i> — Aux.,	1 50
<i>Peabody.</i> — "Morning Star Mission-Circle,"	150 00
<i>Quincy.</i> — Aux., Miss Helen A. Bates, Treas.,	61 00
<i>Reading.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. B. Leathe, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Spencer.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. O. J. Brewer, Treas.,	43 50
<i>Springfield.</i> — A Friend,	50
<i>Walpole.</i> — Aux., M. B. Johnson, Treas., of which \$50 to const., L. M.'s Mrs. Emily M. Seymour, Mrs. Delia C. Stetson,	73 00
<i>Waverly.</i> — Mrs. Daniel Butler,	1 00
<i>Wellesley.</i> — A Friend,	5 00
<i>Williamstown.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. S. Chadbourne, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. A. C. Sewall,	34 30
<i>Woburn, North.</i> — Mrs. Peter Green,	5 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — Mr. Pomeroy Knowlton,	8 00
<i>Wrentham.</i> — Aux.,	32 00
<i>Yarmouth.</i> — "Little Sea-Birds,"	3 00
Total,	\$1,648 02

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Boston.</i> — Mrs. Ann Newman, \$100; Union Ch., A Friend, \$50; Mt. Vernon Ch., Mrs. E. W. Hale, to const. L. M. Miss S. Louise Hale, \$25,	\$175 00
<i>East Boston.</i> — Maverick Ch. S. S.,	100 00
<i>Framingham.</i> — Mrs. J. W. Clark's contents Miss'y Box for '73,	18 62
<i>Medway.</i> — "Medway Gleaners,"	29 54

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Glastenbury.</i> — Ladies of 1st Cong'l Ch., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Francis R. Scudder, Mrs. Catharine W. Welles, Miss Mary C. Scudder, Miss Mary E. Williams, Miss Sillian J. Andrews,	\$125 17
<i>Hartford.</i> — Windsor Ave. Cong. h.,	4 26
<i>Norwich.</i> — "Dew Drops," towards support of pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., Ceylon,	25 00
<i>Sharon.</i> — "Busy Bee Circle,"	39 00
<i>Waterbury.</i> — A Friend,	50
Total,	\$193 93

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>New Haven Branch.</i> — Miss H. W. Hubbard, Treas.,	43 07
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NEW YORK.

<i>Norwich.</i> — Ladies of Cong'l Ch.,	10 00
<i>Rochester.</i> — Plymouth Cong'l Ch. Mission Band, of which \$40 for pupil in Miss Bush's sch., Harpoot,	80 00
<i>Syracuse.</i> — Plymouth Ch. S. S., to const. L. M. Mrs. M. W. Hanckett,	25 00
<i>Union Falls.</i> — Mrs. Fannie D. Duncan, \$5; Eliza B. Duncan, \$3; Margaret B. Duncan, \$2,	10 00
<i>Watertown.</i> — Mrs. Susan H. Morgan,	1 00
Total,	\$126 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Malone.</i> — J. C. Daggett,	2 00
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OHIO.

<i>Moss Run.</i> — A Friend,	50
Total,	50

ILLINOIS.

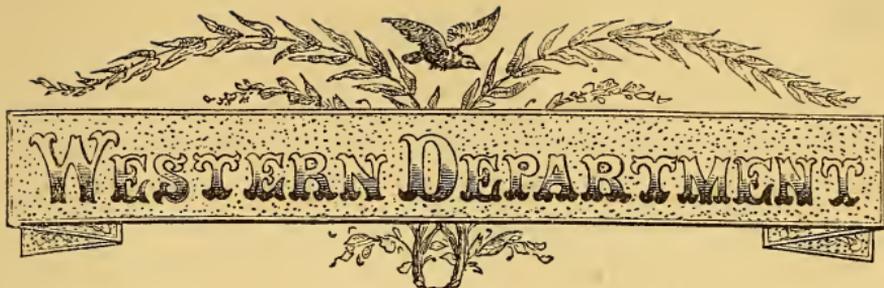
<i>Rockford.</i> — Mrs. Harriet Harding,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00

CANADA.

<i>Montreal.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Geo. W. Winks, Treas.,	\$189 12
Total,	\$189 12
Donations,	\$2,507 51
<i>C. Home Building-Fund,</i>	378 23
"Life and Light,"	935 65
"Echoes,"	191 68
Weekly Pledge,	14 35
Total,	\$4,027 42

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

CORRECTION. — In the receipts of the New Haven Branch in the February number, the report of the Temple St. Church Aux. should be, Mrs. M. E. Caswell, Treas., \$4.50; and that of the Third Church, Mrs. Hubbard Beebe, Treas., 111 00, of which \$27.00, &c.; instead of Temple St. Church Aux. Mrs. Hubbard Beebe, Treas., &c.



CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS DIAMENT.

KALGAN, Oct. 17, 1873.

. . . THE language has been, as I expected, a hard, slow work. At first I tried the Pekinese dialect, as that was what the others were studying, and a good teacher could be had. He was rather unfaithful, and frequently left me. I began to feel that I was not getting near to this people. I frequently met women whom I could no more understand than if they were Mongols. This was discouraging. I returned from my visits with the feeling that I did not want to go again.

About a year ago I changed my teacher; found one who speaks the Paonam dialect, which is very much like the Yücho. I find great benefit from the change, and sometimes think another might be an advantage. In this place, we say, "Every man has his dialect."

I still spend my mornings in study, and my afternoons in teaching the women on the place, and in visiting. I now have a Christian woman to accompany me, and find her a help and a comfort. We hold a weekly prayer-meeting with the women at home, but have not yet begun any regular meetings outside. We visit wherever we are invited; and the number of invitations is regularly increasing.

Two women whom we have taught to read have a very

clear idea of the way of salvation; and we have sometimes hoped they were Christians: but I fear their hearts are still untouched. One has ambitious plans for her daughter, and fears to compromise her position. If the daughter is not married soon, I fear the mother will lose her soul.

There are now three Christian women here. Our helper, who came from below Peking, is a lone widow; another has a family of little children; the third is very old, quite feeble, and nearly blind. Her mind is almost equally dark; but I trust a little ray of divine light has entered it. What little knowledge she has, she received from her son, who died more than a year ago. Before his death, he promised to come back and tell her the truth about the future state; but, as he has not come, she is full of doubts. I tried to set her mind at rest, but know not with what success, for she has not spoken of it since.

I plan making a tour next week to a small village two days distant. One of Mrs. Williams's Chinese girls is married, and lives there. Her brother-in-law and his wife and my Christian helper will go with me. We shall be gone six days, spending two days there. This is my first tour; and I undertake it with fear and trembling. It is a happy thing that I have a stronger Arm than mine to lean upon.

“I travel through a desert drear and wild;
Yet is my heart with such sweet thoughts beguiled
Of Him on whom I lean, my strength, my stay,
I can forget the sorrows of the way.”

“Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

TURKEY.

REVIVAL SCENES.

BY MRS. COFFING.

MARASH, Nov. 2, 1873.

SATURDAY evening, Oct. 25, the Holy Spirit came to our house in a marked manner. The girls had had their usual Saturday-evening prayer-meeting, at which Miss Williams was present. (We teachers go into this meeting by turns; but it is conducted by the girls.) It was interesting, but no more so than the meetings of last year. When the hour was up, the smaller and most of the girls went out, and part of them were soon asleep. But six of the larger ones did not leave the room where the meeting was held.

Some time afterwards Miss Williams, passing the room, heard words like the following:—

“Girls, you must come to Jesus now. Come *now*. If we leave this room without the blessing, I fear we shall never get it. It is easy to come to Jesus. Only submit *all* to him. That is all.” This was Gohar’s voice.

Rakel said, “Every morning, I give myself to Jesus, and say I will live for him; but, in a little while, temptation comes: I yield, and my good resolution goes for nothing. There is something wrong in this. I wonder what I must do.”

Gohar. — “The trouble is, we do not give up our whole wills.”

Karatoon Mariam. — “Yes, that is so: that is so. There is something wrong in our submission. I find it just so every day.”

Gohar. — “Only take hold of Jesus’ extended hand, and pray that you may not let go of Jesus’ hand.”

Panosyan Mariam. — “That is easy, very easy. All of us can do that.”

Another Voice. — “But where must we commence? what do first?”

“We must live as our teachers do. No, no! We must live like God. Our teachers tell us that Jesus is our example. They tell us not to look to them, but to Jesus.”

Miss Williams now passed on, but, soon returning, heard one of the girls praying very earnestly. As the prayer closed, she stepped into the room; and the six girls cried with one voice, “Come. We are seeking something, but cannot find it. Show us how.”

She tried to lead them to Jesus, they crying, “Now let the blessing come! now let us find salvation!” and begged her to pray with them that Jesus would come.

Here the girls began to pray aloud; and, one by one leaving the room, Miss Williams thought they had gone to bed; but they only passed into the large, and, at that hour, dark schoolroom. Then, in different parts of the room, they fell upon their knees, and began to cry for mercy in such a way I feared the neighbors would hear the crying, and come in, thinking that some one was dead or dying. “Jesus, can you forgive us?” “Jesus, come now!” “Hear us now!” “I am dying;” and many more such expressions they used. Teacher Eva and I both tried to lead them in prayer; but we could not make our voices heard in the midst of their cries. Teacher Turvanda had been unwell for days, was under orders to keep quiet, and had at this time retired.

I now went to her, saying, “You must get up and help us.” She came down stairs; and each of us five teachers (other girls had now joined the first six), taking one or two into a separate room, prayed, and, with such words as the Spirit gave us, tried to show them, that, although their sins

were great, their Saviour was greater. I found myself at Raket's side.

"Can Jesus forgive so great sins as mine? Why have I wasted so much time? Why did I not come to him before? Can he, will he, forgive me now?" Thus we spent some time. About ten Gohar called out, "Raket, be of good courage! There is light: there is peace. It is coming." Raket answered, "Yes, I begin to see it." And soon she began to cry, "What a blessed hour! How sweet! Why did we not submit, and find this before? Why did we wait a whole year in this school?"

One, coming up to me, said, "Mrs. Coffing, what do you think? have we submitted?" Then a third said, "I see light; I have some peace; but I fear to say it, lest it go from me." Then all six began to rejoice; and, singing and rejoicing, we let them go to their beds. But it was after *two* in the morning before they and the three native teachers went to sleep.

The next day the house was full of prayer and praise. Those who had found Jesus could not rest till they had told it to others. And now to-day I hear prayer in every corner of the house. Oh, such pleading with those who still seem hardened! Our home is so very different these last eight days. The six, I have no doubt, are changed girls. In every way they show it. Others seem very hopeful. Yes, Raket is a Christian. Let all have the news, and rejoice as she and we do; as the holy ones in heaven do.

I ought to say, that, for one or two of these six, I have for months had a hope that they were Christians; but they have never hoped for themselves till now.

They are changed girls, I say; but you know, dear sisters, that does not mean *perfect* girls: so do not forget to pray for them and us.

Home Department.

MISSIONARY-MEETINGS IN CHICAGO.

By invitation of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior, Miss Rankin, so long a missionary in Mexico, spent the week of prayer in Chicago, and addressed meetings in some of the more prominent churches in the city and vicinity. These meetings were largely attended, interesting, and fruitful of much spiritual good.

What Miss Rankin said to us was not a formal address, but a testimony, grand in its simplicity, to the *power* of the written word and the truth of the written promises. It was the unadorned story of a "Yankee school-mistress," engaged in teaching in the Southern States at the close of the Mexican war in 1846, who had endeavored by her pen to rouse Christians in the United States to do something more for the ignorant Mexicans than to conquer them in the interests of slavery. Failing in this, in 1847 she went to the frontier, alone, unaided, without support from any missionary board, without any sympathy from Christian friends, and set her face to the work of Christianizing a nation. The command, "Go ye," was her appointment; the Bible, her outfit. With scarce a hope of success, her great desire was, that in the judgment, if *all* the Mexicans should come up upon the left hand, she might be clear from the blood of their souls.

But God honored her obedience and her faith. Nine years passed before she saw her first converts. The storms of civil war, of revolution, and of French intervention, swept around her. She has been threatened, driven from

her home, and imprisoned. She has seen times when the "very air seemed thick with curses," yet lives to tell of seminaries built, of Bibles scattered far and wide, of converts gathered, and of churches established.

Truly "the kingdom of heaven *is* like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

THE native Christians in the city of Marash have assumed the support, for this winter, of nine teachers from the girls' seminary. The only cost to the Board is the food of two of them, given for their work in the domestic department of the seminary.

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

FROM DEC. 15, 1873, TO JAN. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.		INDIANA.	
<i>Atwater.</i> — Aux., Miss A. A., Hutchinson, Treas.,	\$12 00	<i>Angola.</i> — Aux., by Mrs. E. C. Andruss,	\$10 00
<i>Austinburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. W. Streeter, Treas.,	10 00	Total,	\$10 00
<i>Belpre.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Miss Porter's school at Pekin, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, Tr.,	20 00	MICHIGAN.	
<i>Huntington.</i> — A Christmas Of- fering from a Friend,	2 00	<i>Galesburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. F. Day, Treas.,	\$6 50
<i>Lodi.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. H. Rob- bins, Treas.,	5 00	<i>Grand Blanc.</i> — Mission-circle, by Mrs. G. R. Parker, \$25 of which constitutes Mrs. J. V. Hickmott a L. M.,	40 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for Mrs. Mum- ford's salary, and to constitute Mrs. James Monroe a L. M., Miss E. E. Peck, Treas.,	25 00	<i>Kalamazoo.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing's assistant teacher, Mrs. L. Cahill, Sec.,	38 00
<i>Oxford.</i> — Female Seminary, Aux.,	65 75	<i>Lowell.</i> — Ladies of,	6 60
<i>West Farmington.</i> — Aux., Miss Emily Page, Treas.,	5 00	<i>Vermontville.</i> — Aux., for print- ing-press for the Gaudalajara Mission, Mrs. H. G. Barber, Treas.,	38 83
Total,	\$144 75	Total,	\$129 93

ILLINOIS.

<i>Blue Island.</i> —Aux., Miss Ella Massey, Treas.,	\$13 48
<i>Canton.</i> —Aux., Carrie Graham, Treas.,	30 00
<i>Champaign.</i> —Aux., Mrs. P. W. Plank, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Chesterfield.</i> —Aux., Mrs. L. M. Lawson, Treas.,	11 60
<i>Chicago.</i> —1st Church, Aux., for Miss Patrick's salary, Mrs. C. H. Whittlesey, Treas., \$65; Union Park Ch., Aux., to complete Miss Rendall's salary for the year 1873, of which \$25 from Mrs. S. A. Kent to constitute her daughter, Helen L. Kent, a L. M., Mrs. Geo. Sherwood, Treas., \$208.03; Leavitt St. Ch., Aux., to constitute Mrs. J. R. Dewey a L. M., \$25,	298 03
<i>Evanston.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Porter of Pekin,	53 30
<i>Glencoe.</i> —Aux., Mrs. S. T. Lockwood, Treas.,	8 10
<i>Hudson.</i> —Aux., Lydia M. Brewster, Treas.,	6 20
<i>Naperville.</i> —Aux., \$19.09; S.S. \$9.68, for salary of Miss Dudley of Japan, formerly of Naperville,	28 77
<i>Quincey.</i> —Aux., for Miss Evans' salary, Mrs. E. Littlefield, Treas.,	50 00
<i>Sandwich.</i> —Aux., \$30 of which is for salary of Balubai,	56 53
<i>Sycamore.</i> —Aux., L. J. Alden, Treas., \$11.50; "Forn Leaves," \$4,	15 50
Total,	\$581 51

WISCONSIN.

<i>Fond du Lac.</i> —1st Ch., Aux., Mrs. W. B. Barker, Treas.,	\$12 50
<i>Fox Lake.</i> —Female College, Aux., Eva Gould, Sec.,	10 00
<i>Gan's Mills.</i> —S. S., for the Bridgman School,	2 75
<i>Koshkomong.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor of India, and to constitute Mrs. Smith of Lima a L. M., Mrs. Abel Slocum, Treas.,	26 37
<i>Mondovi.</i> —Aux., by Sarah A. Neal,	5 00

<i>West Salem.</i> —Aux., to constitute Mrs. H. Palmer a L. M., Mrs. Mary L. Clark, Treas.,	\$27 41
Total,	\$84 03

IOWA.

<i>Charter.</i> —Cong. S. S., for the support of the girls' school at Albuquerque, Turkey,	\$35 00
<i>Dubuque.</i> —Miss Calista C. Rogers,	5 00
<i>Monticello.</i> —Aux., Mrs. J. R. Stillman, Tr.,	4 65
Total,	\$44 65

MINNESOTA.

<i>Clearwater.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. M. Walker, Treas.,	\$21 00
Total,	\$21 00

MISSOURI.

<i>Windsor.</i> —"Merry Workers," to constitute Miss Belle Harrison a L. M., Mrs. Mary E. Bailey, Treas.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

KANSAS.

<i>Manhattan.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. F. Moses, Treas.,	\$28 00
Total,	\$28 00

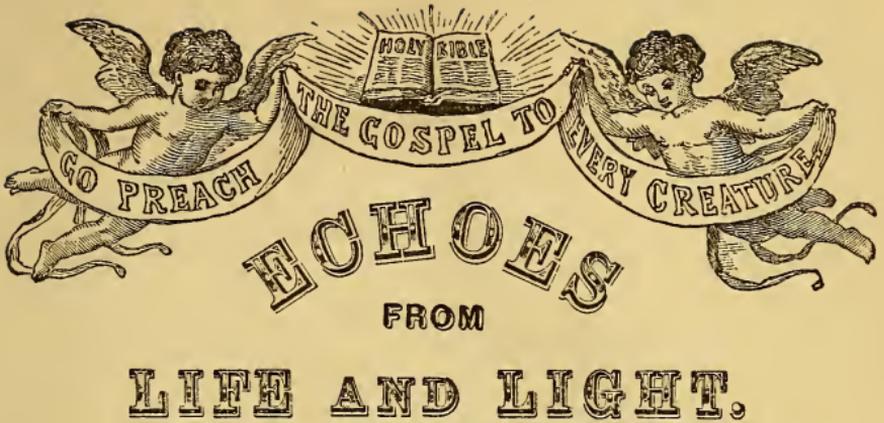
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<i>Yankton.</i> —"Willing Hearts," a Christmas offering, \$51.35; Aux., for support of Bible-Reader in Harpoot, and to const. Mrs. Thomas Bray a L. M., by Mrs. Sarah F. Ward, \$41.17,	\$92 52
Total,	\$92 52

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of Chinese flowers contributed by Mrs. Williams of N. China,	\$5 00
Total,	\$1,166 39





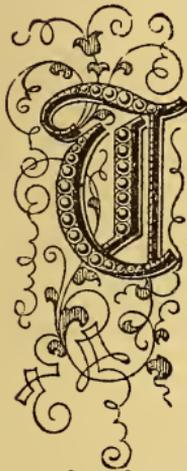
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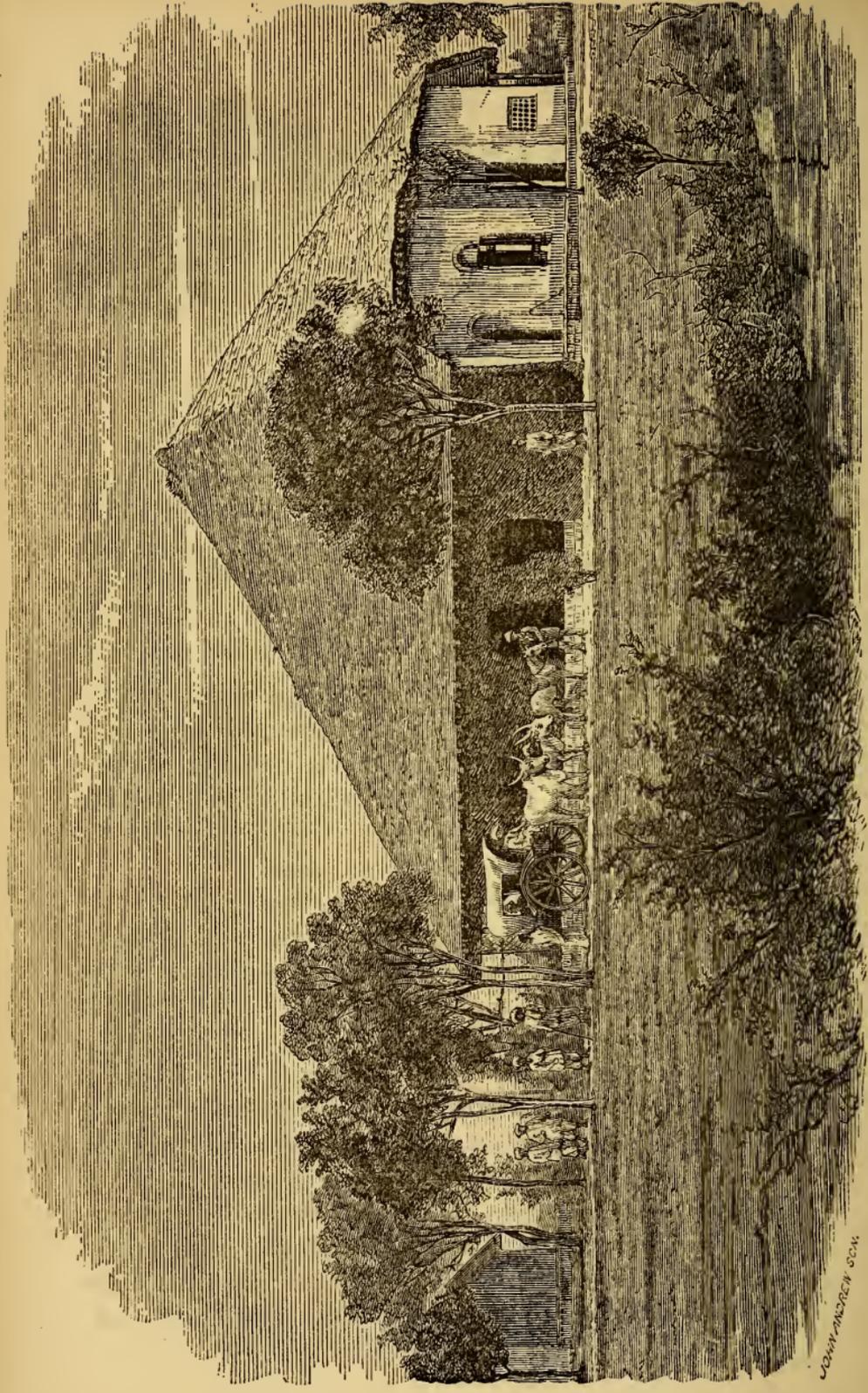
THE MISSION-HOUSE AT RAHURI.

BY MRS. H. J. BRUCE.



THE mission-house at Rahuri, which you see in the picture on the following page, was a very pleasant spot to us in India, because there, although surrounded with a heathen people, we were favored with many of the comforts of a Christian home.

I suppose the little readers of the "Echoes" often wonder how things look across the ocean. You have heard descriptions of the people, the mountains, and rivers; but how about the little things? As the Hindus sometimes ask us in reference to America, "Do the trees, grass, and stones look like what we have here?" Yes, their general appearance is much the same. Look at the luxuriant vine in the picture, completely covering the trellis in front of the veranda, hiding the doors and windows on that side of the house. See, too, those fine shade-trees. How natural they look! You could not guess their names; for they are almost all different from those growing in a temperate climate: these are



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nimb, pimpal, and acacia, or gum-arabic trees. In the picture, you also see us just starting out for a ride in our bullock-cart. This will give you an idea of a missionary's conveyance in India, and the manner in which we travel about, especially during the "touring-season." The inside of the cart is conveniently fitted up for storing away baggage; and the thick top affords protection from the sun.

Between the house and that little out-building in the corner was our flower-garden, where oleanders and other plants could remain in the ground the whole year. The land in front of the shade-trees was usually devoted to some kind of grain. On the right of this field was an orchard of pomegranates, and the garden where we raised vegetables, with here and there a sprinkling of fig, orange, and papaw trees. Besides these, one whole side of the garden was bordered with plantains, or bananas; and beyond were guavas and limes. Opposite them were more common vegetables; such as egg-plant, onions, radishes, and sometimes peanuts.

So much for the externals of our bungalow, as our houses are generally called: now let us take a view of the inside. I wish I could invite you into our pleasant sitting-room to see for yourselves; but, as that cannot be, I will mention a few things that the natives particularly admire when they call on us. Accustomed only to their mud-walled houses and bare earth-floors, they are much surprised at our white-washed walls, nicely-matted floors, and well-furnished rooms. "But what is the mission-house made of?" some one asks, perhaps. It is built of common Indian materials, put together something like the houses in America. Our floors are of earth, to be sure; but what matters it, if, after being pounded hard and smooth, they are concealed by straw-carpeting? The ceiling above is composed of a single thickness of strong white cloth. The roof is covered

with the common thatch, six or eight inches thick, and is the best protection we could have from the heat of the sun.

A few paintings and photographs that hang on the walls attract the attention of our callers; and they listen, well pleased, while we explain them. The American clock, with its alarm, is a great wonder; and they often stop before a mirror to admire the beauty of their persons. In the dining-room they notice our large table, and inform each other that that is where we sit to eat; whereas they sit on the floor, and eat with their fingers. Next, some curious eye peers into the sleeping-rooms, and is surprised that we all have bedsteads. They sleep on the floor, spreading their mats or mattresses at night, and rolling them up in the morning to put away in some corner. Hence it is not a difficult thing for a well person to take up his bed and walk, as the Saviour told the man whom he had healed to do.

Our Hindu friends are astonished at the beauties of a little kaleidoscope whenever it is shown them, and remark that a bouquet of roses set in moss on the table, or something equally insignificant, is our God; perhaps, because they have a plant which they esteem sacred. But the most extraordinary of all, they think, is the sewing-machine, which, if not actually a god itself, must have been made by one. This gives us occasion to point out the difference between the Hindu and Christian religions, and to show how God blesses with intelligence and skill the people that honor him.

The exhibition of a little toy carriage, drawn by two white horses, which, when wound up, runs around the table, affords them as much delight as it would children; and this simple plaything has been the means of attracting a great many people, thus giving us an opportunity to preach the gospel to them.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Harpwell Centre.* — “Little Helpers,” .60.
 VERMONT. — *Vermont Branch.* — *Rutland.* — “Willing Helpers,” \$1.91;
 “Little Gleaners,” \$6.03; “Wayside Gleaners,” \$12.44; “Willing
 Hands,” \$11.84; “Little Sowers,” \$5.90; “Busy Bees,”
 5.53; “Busy Larks,” \$5.33; “Pearl-Seekers,” \$2.58; “Cheerful
 Givers,” \$7.00; “Children of the Light,” \$5.70; “Loving
 Hearts,” \$5.00; Juvenile Class, \$5.00.
Vergennes. — “Cheerful Givers,” \$46.00.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — *Braintree.* — “Monatiquot Circle,” \$45.70.
Cambridge. — “Shepard Band of Little Workers,” \$30.00.
Holliston. — “Open Hands,” \$14.00.
Springfield. — “Earnest Workers,” \$2.25.
 CONNECTICUT. — *Darien.* — “Busy-Bee Society,” \$9.00.
Putnam. — “Our Mission-Workers,” \$52.00.
 NEW YORK. — *Syracuse.* — Plymouth Church “Bee Circle,” 15.00.

FROM JAN. 1 TO JAN. 18.

- MAINE. — *Union.* — “Little Workers,” \$8.00.
Portland. — A class of boys, \$1.75.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Nashua.* — “Children’s Missionary Club,” \$24.19.
 VERMONT. — *Middlebury.* — “Green Mountain Rills,” \$30.00.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — *Boston Highlands.* — “Eliot Star Circle,” \$6.75.
Bridgewater, North. — “Messenger Birds,” \$8.00.
Cambridgeport. — Clara F. Grover, \$1.00; Frankie Grover, .23.
Danvers. — “Cheerful Givers,” \$40.00.
East Boston. — “Maverick Rill,” \$21.63; “Buds of Promise,”
 \$2.00.
Lincoln. — “Cheerful Givers,” \$5.00.
Peabody. — “Morning Star Mission-Circle,” \$150.00.
Yarmouth. — “Little Sea-Birds,” \$3.00.
 CONNECTICUT. — *Norwich.* — “Dew-Drops,” \$25.00.
Sharon. — “Busy-Bee Circle,” \$39.00.
 MICHIGAN. — Grand Blanc Mission-Circle, \$40.00.
 WISCONSIN. — Gay’s Mills Sunday School, \$2.75.
 IOWA. — Chester Sunday School, \$35.00.
 MISSOURI. — Windsor “Merry Workers,” \$25.00.
 DAKOTA. — Yankton “Willing Hearts,” \$51.35.

THE CHILDREN'S MEETING.

"WHERE there's a will there's a way," even though that way lies through drenching rain, and over wet, slippery sidewalks: at least, so it proved on the day of the children's missionary meeting in Boston, on the first Wednesday in January. Busy men and women who passed by Park-street Church between two and three on that day wondered what had gathered so many children together in such a storm.

The boys and girls knew well enough why they were there. For days and weeks they had been talking about their missionary meeting; making their plans to go in true martial style, each mission-circle rallying around its banner; and now were they going to stay at home for the weather? No, indeed! Come they would, and come they did, nearly filling the whole body of the church; although there were, doubtless, many disappointed little ones for whom it wasn't safe to brave the storm.

It was in reality a children's meeting. Parents and friends crowded the galleries, or sat on seats in the aisles; while the children occupied the pews, with their banners perched high above them. Such a pretty sight as it was! There were banners of blue-and-gold, of scarlet, of royal purple, of white with many-colored trimmings, and one lovely one ornamented with fresh green leaves and flowers. The pretty names on them added to their beauty, and told of many happy-hearted workers in the mission cause. In the gallery opposite the pulpit, gathered from two churches, were fifty little singers, finely trained by a young lady friend of the Woman's Board; and we thought they well deserved the name on their banner, "The Little Warblers."

As we have said, it was a children's meeting; and the opening address was given, not by a grave and reverend

doctor of divinity, but by Master Ciro Cummings, a manly little fellow about thirteen years of age. If we mistake not his bright black eye and earnest manner, if his heart is given to the Saviour, we shall hear of him again, some day, working for the Captain of whom he spoke so well. Master Flynn, a wide-awake boy of twelve, recited a little poem taken from "Echoes," called "Oh, let me ring the bell!" Best of all was the floral recitation. At the back of the pulpit was an evergreen arch, on which were the letters "W. B. M., Jan. 7, 1874." Hanging from the arch was the motto, "All for Jesus," in letters made of flowers; and a little globe after the word "all" made it read, "All the world for Jesus." The recitation was beautifully rendered by twelve boys and girls, each representing one of the fragrant letters; and the closing speech was given by Master Holland Spaulding, whose earnest, intelligent way completely won the hearts of all.

We must not forget the older people who came to help the children in their meeting. Mr. Treat, the secretary of the American Board, was there; and the best wish we can have for our boy-readers is, that they may some day be as much honored and respected as this good man. Mr. Marshall Scudder made it very plain that some of the most wonderful things in the world had very small beginnings, — much smaller than this children's meeting. Mr. Moses Sargent explained how the smallest child there could do something for the conversion of the world, even as the little ones of old brought sticks to kindle the fires on the altar of the Lord; and then our kind friend Dr. Clark, who had had the charge of the meeting, said a few stirring, hearty words, that sent all the children home determined to do more for the missionaries than ever before.

We wish every one of the eight thousand readers of the "Echoes" could have been at the meeting, because we

would like to see them all face to face. Mr. Scudder told us that he had made a discovery; that he had found out who ruled the households in this nineteenth century. It was not the father or mother, the oldest son or daughter, but "the baby." So the Woman's Board would like to adopt all the babies and children in the country into the missionary family. It would be a large family, we know; but we know, too, that fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, would follow in troops, and we should have the grandest band of missionary-workers the world ever saw. Will you come?

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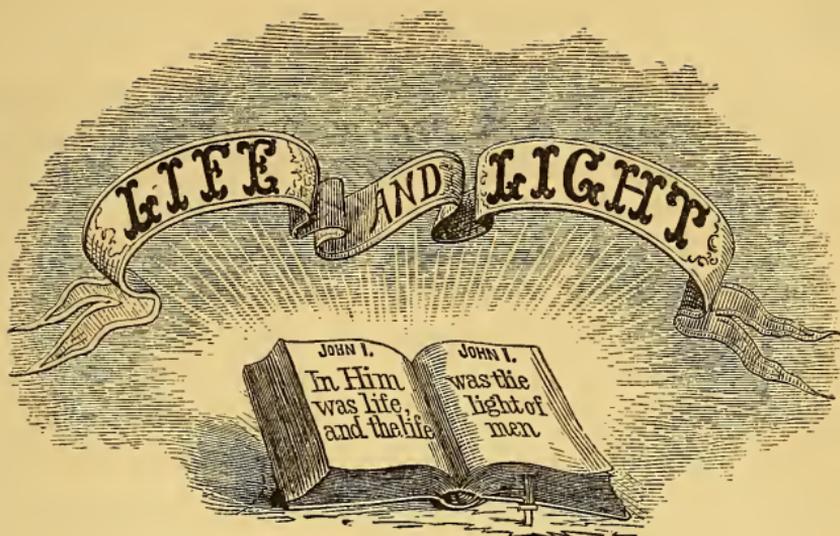
BY MISS AMY E. NEATE.

1. AN island in the Pacific Ocean.
 2. The name of a Zulu chief of South Africa.
 3. One of the books of the Old Testament.
 4. One of the sons of Methuselah.
 5. A lake in the southern part of Florida.
 6. A man that was struck dead for a falsehood.
 7. One of the names of our Lord.
- My whole is a Hindoo idol of Southern India.

TURKISH PRINTING.

THE Turkish printing in the January number reads as follows: "But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child girded with a linen ephod. Moreover, his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice."

We have received the above correct reading under the prescribed conditions, from J. E. B., Fair Haven, Conn.; S. P. B., South Byfield, Mass.; W. F. E., Claremont, N.H.; A. E. N., Pittsfield, Mass.; F. B. A. and M. A., Angola, Ind.; M. J. H. S., Winchester, Mass.; A. S. C., Salisbury, N.H.; and Mrs. T. M. V., Dorchester, Mass.



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LETTER FROM MISS NORRIS.

NEVER before have we been so much impressed with the way in which the nations of the earth are brought together by the ease and rapidity of locomotion, as on the receipt of a letter, on the 5th of February, from Miss Norris, our medical missionary in Bombay. She was with us in August last; and it seems but yesterday since she sat by our side in a farewell meeting, earnestly asking our prayers for success in her new field of labor. When the first missionaries of the American Board went to Bombay, it was nearly a year before tidings could be received of their safe arrival. Now, in five short months, there has been time for word to come back to us, not only of the journey accomplished, but of work really begun.

Missionaries' wives have long felt the great advantage their slight knowledge of medicine has given them in gaining access to the hearts and homes of the people; and now, from the letter given below, we are convinced that a thoroughly educated female physician has opportunities for usefulness in missionary work that are truly wonderful.

After speaking of her safe arrival, Miss Norris says, —

“I have been here only three weeks, and the work is opening up wonderfully. A great many patients have come to the house; and I have visited as many others at their homes. They have been mostly women of high caste, who would never see a male physician. They seem much pleased to see me; and their husbands can hardly find words enough to express their satisfaction. One man brought his wife all the way from Broach, — a place two hundred miles from here. Another young man came for me to visit his wife, who is only fifteen years old. He told me, on the way to his house, that his wife's family were very ignorant; and he feared they would not allow me to do any thing for her. I found her very low, and in need of immediate treatment; but her father said she had an evil spirit, and he had heard of a man who would cast it out in fifteen days, so that he could not permit me to do any thing. If she lives until the fifteen days are over, I think they will send for me again. My heart ached for the little creature; and I sincerely hope I may yet have an opportunity to do her some good.

“A native physician, a very intelligent man, has called me twice to examine cases that were quite unapproachable to him. I have been very kindly treated by the physicians here: several of them have visited me, including one Hindu, and one Parsee. These wealthy families give me a fee; and I think I shall be able to pay for my medicines, and some of the extra expenses. I commenced the study

of Marathi soon after my arrival, and am getting along very well with it. If my practice continues to increase, I shall not have as much time for study as I ought. There is an immense amount of work to be done. I only hope my heavenly Father will give me strength to do my part of it."

CEYLON.

A MEETING OF THE EDUCATED WOMEN OF JAFFNA.

THROUGH the kindness of Mrs. Capron we are able to give our readers the following extract taken from "The Morning Star," a weekly paper published in Jaffna, Ceylon, and edited by Christian natives, in the Tamil language. The movement mentioned originated entirely with the native Christian women; and the committee of nine were chosen from their own number, with the exception of Mrs. Hastings, who is the wife of the mission treasurer. It is with sorrow that we call to mind how much their jubilee will be saddened by the absence of Mr. Spaulding, who died on the 13th of June last. Amid the patient waiting which is the experience of so many of our missionaries, such an event as the one given below, showing substantial results, is full of encouragement. When we consider the great seclusion and subordinate position of women in India, the intelligence and self-reliance, as well as the thorough appreciation of the advantages of education, which they exhibit, is very remarkable.

The extract says, —

"We are glad to give publicity to a meeting held this month by some of the educated women of Jaffna. The meeting was convened by several of the graduates of the

Oodooville Female Boarding-School, and held on the 18th inst., at Manipay. The Oodooville school, it will be remembered, is the oldest institution of the kind in the province. It was commenced in 1824. At that time there were but very few native women who could read or sew; and those were such as had been taught by missionaries. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding, who have the charge of the school at present, took charge of it in 1833; and Miss E. Agnew became associated with them six years after. Ever since, these three devoted missionaries have been at work in enlightening the female mind, and giving it a shape and character. Among those who met the other day at Manipay, we are informed, were some who belonged to the very first class of 1824. These, next to Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding, know what pleadings, what entreaties, and even what bribings, were necessary at that period to persuade mothers to send their girls to school. We were informed that there were none but women in the meeting. After singing a hymn, of which they are fond, and after other devotional exercises, the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted. Wishing them a hearty God-speed, we make room for a translation of the resolutions as put into our hands:—

“We the educated women of Jaffna, being deeply sensible of the benefits we have derived from the labors of Protestant missionaries, and feeling special gratitude to our much beloved and venerated instructors, Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding, who have with parental love and care spent more than half a century in self-denying labors for our good and the good of our people, and to our highly esteemed teacher, Miss E. Agnew, who for a third of a century has been untiring in her efforts to promote female education, desire to express in some definite and permanent form our respect and affection for them, and our gratitude for their labors,

and desire at the same time to perpetuate their memory. With this object in view, we therefore *Resolve*, —

“‘1. That we will raise a fund, to be called the Spaulding and Agnew Fund, the interest of which shall be placed at their disposal while they live, and afterwards shall be used for the education of girls needing aid in the Oodooville Female Boarding-School.

“‘2. That as the coming year (1874) is the Jubilee Year of the above-mentioned institution, and as it is hoped that arrangements will be made for the suitable celebration of it, we will invite all who have been connected with the institution to meet on that occasion, and formally present the fund which shall be collected.

“‘3. That a committee of nine — consisting of Mrs. Mary Page, Mrs. Mary John, Mrs. Lucy Fitch, Mrs. Louisa P. Simon, Mrs. Mary Anketell, Mrs. Abby Ann Rice, Mrs. Julia Strong, Mrs. Emilia Forman, and Mrs. Martha Asbury — be appointed to secure this object, of whom the first and second shall be joint secretaries; and that Mrs. E. P. Hastings be requested to act as treasurer of the fund, receiving and acknowledging donations in “The Morning Star.”

“‘4. That the proceedings of this meeting shall be published in “The Morning Star,” for the information of our educated sisters abroad, and that each be earnestly solicited to contribute to the fund as liberally as her circumstances will permit. It is hoped that most will be able to contribute not less than ten rupees (\$5.00) each.

“‘5. That donations will be thankfully received from others, both Europeans and natives, who may be disposed to contribute to the fund either from interest in the institution, or from respect to the venerable Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding and Miss E. Agnew.’”

TURKEY.

SOIRÉE AT THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

WE are indebted to Mrs. Edwin Bliss for the subjoined account of an evening at the Constantinople Home, from the pen of Mr. Henry Dwight:—

“ I wish you could have been at a *soirée* at the Home last week at which I was accidentally present. We were visiting there, and something was said about the monthly *soirée*; but, supposing it was a kind of junior exhibition, I didn't think much more about it. After tea, one or two settees and chairs were brought in, and arranged around the room. Soon the door opened; and in came the pleasant-faced Armenian teacher, followed by the entire school in Indian file, — boarders, day-scholars, and all; some thirty of them. They marched along one side of the room, to where Miss Rappleye was standing, shook hands with her, and then came on, still in rank, to where we were; each one pausing in the march to shake hands with us, and say ‘ Good-evening!’ in English.

“ After each of the teachers' hands had been duly shaken, everybody sat down; and, while I was waiting for the exhibition to commence, it began to dawn upon me that this was a *conversazione*; for each of the teachers was making a great effort to entertain the girls in her immediate vicinity with conversation. The law requires all the pupils to speak only in English at such a time, and also requires them to keep the ball of talk rolling, allowing no awkward pauses. You would never have imagined that there was any law about it, from the hearty, easy manner in which every one spoke to her neighbor; and I rather rubbed my eyes to be sure that these were Armenian girls. True, the *matter* of the conversation was not exceedingly

interesting; but it was limited by the vocabulary. One would say, 'Evnige, how can you spell knowledge?' Evnige would spell it successfully, and then answer, 'Virginia, how can you spell Mississippi?'

"After a few minutes, Miss Rappleye asked one of the girls if she would favor the company with some music. She went to the organ as quietly, and as much at her ease, as if it was an every-day occurrence for Armenian girls to play on the organ for a company. At the same time, and without any visible sign of direction from Miss Rappleye, six or eight girls went to their places at the organ; and, while the first one played, the others sang in a very spirited manner a hymn, 'Work, for the night is coming,' in Armenian. In this way the evening was passed, — little intervals of talk, and then a song, a recitation, or a piece from an opera on the piano, — all as smooth and natural as if it was *impromptu*; although, of course, Miss Rappleye must have arranged it previously. Once eight little girls stood up, and sang, 'Little drops of water,' by verses alternately in English and Armenian. The piano, by the way, is an abomination: it was old when I was young; and another ought to be obtained for use on such occasions.

"After a time came nuts and raisins, a plate to each; and the tongues rattled merrily while the eating was going on. The plates were soon taken away, and then one or two games were in order. I forgot to say that Dr. Wood and his wife had come in meanwhile; and it was with enormous satisfaction that the school found Dr. Wood and myself obliged to pay a forfeit: of course, the forfeits were of an entirely unexceptionable character; but the fun on all sides was just as great. During the whole evening, only English was spoken in the room; and it was done without hesitation. I was exceedingly pleased, especially as it was not an exhibition, but just a good time, which Miss Rappleye

gives the girls every month by way of teaching them social manners.

“ After singing the Doxology, the party broke up, marching past in single file, again to shake hands and say ‘ Good-night!’ I enjoyed the evening very much. Don’t you think it was worth a great deal?”

JAPAN.

LETTER FROM MISS TALCOTT.

WE give below an extract from one of the first letters from Miss Talcott, who left us in April last for her field of labor in Japan. After speaking of her great enjoyment in the beginning of her missionary life, she says, —

“ You will naturally ask, as we do ourselves, what has been accomplished since the commencement of the work here. We see some results in the ninety interested listeners who come to the sabbath service, in the daily attendance at morning prayers, in the increasing confidence in the missionaries among the natives, in the fact that no foreigners can so easily obtain favors from the Japanese officials, while, not unfrequently, the missionary’s advice is sought by their business-men. Mr. Davis has also seen results in the interest he found awaiting him in Sanda, a town about twenty miles distant, among the mountains. It was the former home of an *ex-daimio*, who with some of his attendants are now living in Kobe, and are interested in the Bible. Mr. Davis remained two weeks in Sanda with his family; but, not being permitted as a foreigner to spend the winter there, he goes up every Saturday, returning on Monday, without opposition.

“ Last sabbath he had an audience of twenty, and

among them a young man, who came to him privately afterward, to tell him he had heard enough about the new way to make him wish to follow it. He wanted to know if it would be wrong for him to burn incense in the temple before a tablet of his father, or to put flowers or food before it on the anniversary of his death. Mr. Davis explained to him that it would be wrong to worship his father, which is the meaning of the Japanese custom; while it would be quite right to remember him. He seemed to understand his first lesson in following Him who said, 'Deny thyself.'

"We had much hope from the return of the embassy; but as yet they have effected nothing. The result of their observations cannot be entirely lost on the country, however; and we must not be impatient that this nation, but just awakened from its Rip Van Winkle sleep, does not at once stand beside the civilized nations of the earth. Dr. Brown of Yokohama, who spent a day with us recently, said that his teacher had seen a copy of the document sent to the governors of the towns of the empire, — how extensively I do not know, — telling them not to be afraid of this religion of the Bible; that it was not a dangerous thing. The missionaries have felt sure for some time that Christians would not be persecuted by the government; but the Japanese are evidently afraid of it. It makes us rejoice all the more in those who fearlessly express their interest in the truth; and, when they publicly declare themselves Christians, we shall consider it no light matter with them. We are looking forward to this now very hopefully. I am quite sure my teacher is a Christian, believing, as he says, as far as he knows; and there are four or five more, who, if not in the kingdom, are near it. When we consider the very short time that the missionaries have been here, we feel that God has been very gracious."

Our Work at Home.

FAREWELL MEETING.

As many as could be crowded into the committee-room of the A. B. C. F. M. came together on the morning of Jan. 27, for a farewell service held by the Woman's Board in behalf of two young ladies, Miss Sears and Miss Pierce, who were soon to take their departure, — the former to Mardin, in place of Miss Baker; the latter to the female seminary at Aintab.

The president, being in the chair, read from Matt. xii., "Behold my mother and my brethren; for whosoever shall do the will of my Father, the same is my brother and sister and mother," showing that Christ took the opportunity to exalt the Christian tie above that of kindred. The tender relationship he declared to subsist between himself and those who do his Father's will was dwelt upon as specially encouraging on such an occasion as this; and it was remarked, in closing, "Let the keynote of the meeting be, Jesus the Elder Brother, — your brother, my brother, our brother."

The thought was continued in the hymn which was sung; after which Mrs. Wright led in prayer. Mrs. Bowker referred to the farewell services held in August; when five young ladies were present who have since gone out under the care of the Woman's Boards. Intelligence of the safe arrival of all of them had been received. Mrs. Tomson had received a delightful welcome at Constantinople, and already derives much enjoyment from her work.

A few words were spoken by Miss Sears, expressive of self-diffidence, but of love for the work, which she had felt from childhood. Mrs. Gulliver, her former teacher, remarked that one who had been so faithful to duty and to Christ, as she had been in Holyoke, would surely not fail in the mission-field. Mrs. Gulliver alluded to Miss Parmelee, one of our earliest missionaries, with whom Miss Sears is to be associated, as a teacher on whom she had always rested, and from whom Miss Sears would receive a warm welcome. "But," said Mrs. Gulliver, "should earthly friends fail her, she will find the ONE ever near."

Several returned missionaries being present, they were invited to give their younger sisters the benefit of their experience; in response to which Mrs. CAPRON from India remarked, that what she would say to the missionaries could be summed up in these words, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." That means the sweet flowing of heart to Christ as a personal friend. The most we want of a friend is faithfulness; and he is faithful to fulfil his promise: as surely as we are at work, just so surely comes the result, in the measure that we abide in him. She envied these young ladies the sweet surprises, which, under the same loving care, would come to them all along their way. Mrs. WARD, who had been in Aintab a short time as associate teacher, said that Miss Pierce would be surprised at the cordial greetings she would receive from the natives as well as the teachers, and she could not fail to enjoy it. She was met on her arrival by many of them, each of whom presented a flower, or sprig of green, in token of welcome. Miss WOOD, from Antioch, alluded to Mrs. Capron's text as being the one her pastor gave to her on her departure, and testified that Christ had proved himself true to his promise. She spoke of her own warm reception,

and the affection shown both by the natives and missionary sisters: every mail, too, brought a beautiful note of welcome from all the missions. Among such a band of brothers and sisters, so united among themselves and to the work, they can but prosper. There may be discouragements; but bright days will come. "Go," said Miss Wood, "and the Lord will bless you, and you will receive more than you relinquish." Miss CLOSSON of Cæsarea spoke of the encouragement derived from the words of comfort and cheer which she had received in her field from the Woman's Board. Going out before the existence of the Board, she had early been adopted by them, but had never comprehended the privilege till she had learned it by personal fellowship and sympathy since her return. Mrs. WINSLOW said she found missionary ground nearer heaven than any other place. It was delightful to be in such an atmosphere of love. They also received wonderful answers to prayer, the simplest request being heard; for, although they were often disappointed, the seed came up. Only one thing was lacking while she was in India, — there was no "Woman's Board."

Mrs. Anderson then gave, by request, the fellowship of the Board as follows:—

"The word adopted is a fitting one for the Woman's Board. When the Prudential Committee propose a young lady as candidate for a missionary, we become interested in her, — in her early history, her characteristics, her health, her education. If we adopt her as ours, as soon as the vote is passed, and her name is enrolled, she comes into the family: she is ours, and is adopted into our hearts. We are interested in her outfit, her leaving home; and our thoughts follow her across the ocean, as she enters upon her work, and all along in her trials and successes. We do not forget to pray for her whenever we meet here in this

room, as we do twice in a month for business. We say business; but those meetings are to us a means of grace. We feel that our business is connected with the interests of the kingdom of Christ. It is comforting to think of Christ as an Elder Brother, and of his experience with all the details of earthly life. With all his elevation, refinement, and sensitiveness, he came to earth, and lived with very much the same Oriental people as those to whom you are going; and, when you find things uncongenial and repulsive, you may think that the Saviour understands it all. Any thing that is of consequence enough to trouble you may be committed to him in prayer.

“Our hearts will go forth with you to your work. Write us often of your wants, your trials, your joys. Again let me assure you of our sympathy and of our prayers, and that you are adopted into our hearts.”

A consecrating prayer was offered by Mrs. Gulliver, when the hymn, “Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim,” &c., was sung, which, with the Doxology, closed the meeting.

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

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 18 TO FEB. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.
<i>Maine Branch.</i> — Miss Ellen M. Dana, Tr.; Falmouth, Aux., \$10; South Freeport, “Snow-Birds,” \$10, \$20 00	<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> — Miss Abby McIntire, Treas.; Plaistow, Mrs. Dr. Kelley, \$10; Exeter, Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Charles S. Barrows, Cæsarea, Turkey, \$28.31; infant class, .50 \$38 81
<i>Cumberland Centre.</i> — Miss Mary S. Rideout, 2 00	<i>Bedford.</i> — Ladies of Pres. Ch., to const. L. M. Mrs. John H. McAfee, 25 00
<i>East Machias.</i> — Mrs. S. F. Bates, 1 00	<i>Exeter.</i> — Miss Cora L. Kent, for “Virginia,” Asst. Teacher, Mana Madura, 30 00
<i>North Yarmouth.</i> — Mrs. Sweetser, .50; Miss M. Holt, \$1, 1 50	<i>Manchester.</i> — Deacon Daniel
<i>Waterford.</i> — Rev. J. A. Douglass, 2 00	
Total, \$26 50	

Mack, to const. L. M. Mrs. Edward G. Selden, \$25; Mrs. Dunlap's S. S. Class, \$5.25,	\$30 25
Raymond. — Aux., Mrs. C. A. Shepard, Treas., balance for 1873,	1 50
Temple. — Cong'l Ch. and Society,	6 20
Windham. — A gold ring,	1 00
Total,	\$132 76

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch. — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas.; Springfield, Aux., Mrs. H. J. Cobb, Tr. \$10; Georgia, Aux., \$16.25; Brattleboro', Aux., \$20.00; Walingford, Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. John Miller, Miss Lucretia Kelley, \$59,	\$105 25
Benson. — Miss Juliette Kent,	2 00
Castleton. — Cong. S. S. toward support of pupil at Marsovan,	35 17
Fairlee. — A Friend,	50
Grafton. — Friends,	5 50
Hartford. — "H."	15 00
Plymouth. — Mrs. Abigail Baldwin,	4 00
St. Johnsbury. — So. Cong'l Ch.,	16 80
Total,	\$184 22

C. Home Building-Fund.

Vermont Branch. — Miss J. Gibson Johnson of Rutland, \$10; Four Ladies, \$1 each, \$4; St. Alban's, Mrs. Gyles Merrill's S. S. Class, \$30.00,	\$44 00
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MASSACHUSETTS.

Andover. — Aux., Mrs. E. C. Pearson, Treas., \$56 50; Mrs. William Abbott, \$2,	\$58 50
Ayer. — Aux., Mrs. J. C. Tenney, Treas.,	10 00
Bedford. — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Sarah Webber,	25 00
Beverly. — Dane-St. Ch. Aux., Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Adeline Norwood, Mrs. Rebecca L. Dodge, Miss Sarah D. Cleaves, \$75; A Friend, to const. L. M. Miss Sarah A. Glidden, \$25; Centreville Mission-Circle, toward support of pupil in Harpoot, \$30,	130 00
Boston. — Mrs. H. J. Haberstroth, \$1; Mrs. L. C. Wetherbee, \$5; A Friend, .88; E. A. Nickerson, \$2; Mrs. T. N. Fiske, \$10; Mt. Vernon Ch., Miss M. E. Beck, \$1; Mrs. Jas.	

W. Kimball, \$25; Old So. Ch. Mrs. Alpheus Hardy, of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. A. K. Teele, Milton, Mrs. Mary Anne Clifford, Webster, N.H., \$100; Mrs. M. J. Simonds, to const. herself L. M. \$25; Mrs. Mary H. Baldwin, \$5; Central Ch., "Little Sunbeams," \$4; Berkeley-st. Ch. Mrs. K. Smith, \$5; Ladies' Monthly Collection, \$12; Family Miss. Concert, \$10; Mrs. Willett, Mrs. Lewis, \$1 each, \$2,	\$207 88
Boston, South. — Aux., Mrs. Jeremy Drake, Treas., Mrs. Alvan Simonds, to const. L. M. Mrs. Adeline G. Heald, Belmont, \$25; Miss Mary E. Simonds, to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary S. Hinckley, Chelsea, Vt., \$25,	50 00
Boston Highlands. — A Friend, \$1.38; Walnut-ave. Ch. Aux., Mrs. A. W. Tufts, Treas., Mrs. C. O. Tufts, \$5; Mrs. Davenport, \$10; Mrs. A. W. Tufts, \$5; Fourteen Ladies, \$1 each, \$14; Vine-st. Ch. S. S. towards support of pupil in Harpoot, \$24,	59 38
Brookline. — S. A. & E. H. C.,	50 00
Brookfield. — Cong'l Ch.,	5 00
Cambridgeport. — "Wiyuh Workers,"	9 49
Charlestown. — Winthrop Ch., Mrs. B. W. Gage, \$1; Miss S. S. Tafts, \$1,	2 00
Chelsea. — Mrs. S. N. Tenney, Mrs. L. B. Tenney, \$1 each,	2 00
Chicopee. — Five Friends, .50 each,	2 50
Clinton. — Aux. Miss H. M. Haskell, Treas.,	49 46
Concord. — S. S. Miss'y Asso. for pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch. Ahmednuggur,	30 00
East Hampton. — Aux., Mrs. A. M. Colton, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Samuel Williston,	37 25
Falmouth. — "Seaside Gleaners," S. H. Taylor, Treas., of which \$50 towards pupil in Const. Home; \$40 for Bible-reader in Cæsarea, \$40 for pupil in Harpoot,	150 00
Frammingham. — Plymouth Infant S. S.,	7 00
Franklin. — A Friend,	50
Groveland. — Mrs. Laura S. Atwood,	1 00
Hanover. — A Friend,	50
Harwich. — Tamesin Brooks, \$1; Mrs. Levi Long, \$5,	6 00

<i>Hopkinton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. E. Plympton, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Lee Clafin,	\$38 00
<i>Lee.</i> — “Young Ladies’ Mission-Circle,” add’l for support of pupil in Miss Payson’s school, Foochow,	5 00
<i>Leominster.</i> — “Earnest Workers,”	5 75
<i>Lexington.</i> — “Hancock Sewing-Circle,” Aux., Miss Fannie E. Baker, Treas., of which \$30 for the support of pupil in Miss Townshend’s sch., Ceylon,	50 00
<i>Lynn.</i> — Mrs. Wm. F. Hill,	1 00
<i>Malden.</i> — Aux., Miss Martha Sylvester, Treas., for “Marta” Bible-reader, Turkey,	40 00
<i>Melrose.</i> — Aux., for native teacher under Miss Closson in Talas,	65 00
<i>Middleboro’.</i> — Aux.,	3 00
<i>Middletown.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. M. Merriam, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Sarah A. Phelps,	28 32
<i>New Bedford.</i> — “Union Workers,” towards Miss Parmelee’s salary,	40 00
<i>Northbridge.</i> — Mrs. William D. Mascroft,	5 00
<i>Paxton.</i> — Aux.,	27 00
<i>Roxbury, West.</i> — Aux., Mrs. R. B. Smith, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Salem.</i> — “Willing Helpers,” Tabernacle Ch., Miss Mary A. Perkins, Treas., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards’s school,	30 00
<i>Salisbury.</i> — Miss Annah E. Colby,	7 00
<i>Saugus Centre.</i> — Cong’l S. S., Weekly Coll. of two classes, \$7.50; A Friend, \$7, by Mrs. Tenney,	14 50
<i>Springfield.</i> — Miss H. H. Cooley, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>W. Hampton.</i> — A Few Ladies,	8 00
<i>Weymouth.</i> — Mrs. J. W. Loud’s S. S. Class,	5 00
<i>Weymouth and Braintree.</i> — Aux.,	25 00
<i>Williamsburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. E. Bardwell, Treas., for pupil in Miss Townshend’s sch.,	30 00
<i>Winchendon.</i> — No. Cong’l Ch. S. S., to const. L. M. Miss Emmor L. Parks,	25 00
<i>Woburn.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Adkins, Treas., \$3.75; “Woburn Workers,” towards pupil in Miss Townshend’s sch., Ceylon, \$20,	23 75
Total,	\$1,404 78

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Boston.</i> — Central Ch., Mrs. Wm. Houghton, for dormitory in the Home, \$150; Union Ch. Mrs. J. T. Bailey, for room in Home, \$100,	\$250 00
<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Highland Ch., Mrs. Howell’s Bible Cl., \$4.25; Miss Folsom’s S. S. Cl., \$2,	6 25
<i>Ipswich.</i> — “U. V. W.”	1 00
<i>Watertown.</i> — Aux., C. A. Green, Treas.,	29 00

RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> — Miss Anna T. White, Treas., East Providence, Aux., \$7; North Scituate, Aux., Miss Maria L. Harris, Treas., \$6; “Little Wilkinsons,” Anna Reed Wilkin- son, Treas., \$10; Pawtucket, “Penny-Gleaners,” M. A. Richardson, Tr., \$6; “Chcer- ful Helpers,” Maggie Clapp, Treas., for pupil in Mrs. Bis- sell’s sch., \$30; Central Falls, Aux., S. Tracy, Treas., of which \$25 by Mrs Jos. Wood, to const L. M. Mrs. James H. Lyon, \$80; Central Ch. Aux., Prov. Mrs. A. D. Lockwood, Mrs. J. W. Danielson, Miss Lockwood, to const. L. M. Mrs. Anne D. Barker, Calais, Me., \$25; “Little Sunbeams,” Susie Flagg, Treas., \$5; Cov- entry, Mrs. Oren Spencer, \$3; Gloucester, Aux., Miss Ruth Irons, Treas., \$10; Elmwood, Aux., Miss Taylor, Treas., \$2,	184 00
<i>Newport.</i> — Aux., towards sal- ary of Miss Payson, \$265.89; S. S. for the same object, \$195.11,	461 00
Total,	\$645 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> — Provi- dence, Beneficent Foreign Mission Circle, Anna Mason, Tr., proceeds of fair, of which \$400 to furnish parlor and bath- room in the Home, \$425.60; Peacedale S. S., \$5.20,	\$430 80
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CONNECTICUT.

<i>Cromwell.</i> — Miss M. G. Sav- age’s Bible Class,	\$5 07
<i>Hartford.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. W. Jewell, Treas., Park Ch., \$23; Windsor-ave., \$4.50; Pearl-	

st. Ch. \$1; South Ch. S. S., for pupil in Miss Townshend's class, \$30,	\$58 05
<i>Higganum.</i> — Mr. S. Hine, to const. L. M. Miss Clara Stone Hine,	25 00
<i>Middletown.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Mary B. Hazen, Treas., of which \$15 from Mrs. E. H. Goodrich, to const. L. M., Mrs. Milly Norton, Syracuse, N.Y.,	32 00
<i>Norwich.</i> — Aux., 2d Cong'l Ch., Mrs. Charles Lee,	4 50
<i>New London.</i> — Ladies of 1st Cong'l Church,	144 25
<i>Putnam.</i> — Aux.,	19 51
<i>Somers.</i> — S. S. "Willing Workers for Jesus,"	3 00
<i>West Hartford.</i> — Mrs. Charles Boswell, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>Wapping.</i> — Aux.,	10 00
<i>Wolcottville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. G. H. Welch, Treas.,	20 00
Total,	\$346 38

NEW YORK.

<i>Elmira.</i> — Elmira College, Young Ladies' Christian Asso. for pupil in Harpoot,	\$40 00
<i>Flushing, L. I.</i> — Aux., Miss P. G. Quimby, Treas., for pupil in Miss Payson's school,	40 00
<i>Franklin.</i> — Cong'l S. S. towards Bible-reader in Harpoot,	15 00
<i>New York City.</i> — "Cheerful Workers," for support of Hindu girls' sch., Madura,	138 00
<i>North Walton.</i> — Woman's Mis. Society,	13 00
Total,	\$246 00

NEW JERSEY.

<i>Morristown.</i> — Rebecca Kerr,	\$5 00
<i>Newark.</i> — A Friend,	50
<i>Vineland.</i> — M. A. Tomlinson,	1 00
Total,	\$6 50

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia Branch. — Mrs. W. E. C. Wright, Treas., Phil. An. Memberships, \$4; "Carrier-Doves," for Agavne, at Const. \$16; "Golden Links," for Miss Gouldy at Japan, \$61.20; Plymouth S. S., \$5.15;

Jersey City, Aux., \$21.50; Montclair Col. at Meeting, \$50; Mrs. Samuel Holmes, to const. L. M. Miss J. A. Hemingway, \$25; Mrs. S. Wilde, to const. L. M. Mrs. Dr. Butterfield, \$25; Mrs. Sweet, to const. L. M. Miss Sarah T. Van Lenop, \$25; "W. M. S.," \$31; East Orange, Aux., \$25; Paterson, Aux., \$8; "Mountain Crystals," \$7 50; Washington, Aux., \$20 60; Orange, Aux., \$20 55; "Orange-Buds for Rebecca," \$9.50; "Montclair Blossoms," for Miss Gouldy at Japan, \$256.95,	\$611 95
Total,	\$611 95

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

<i>Washington.</i> — "M. B. F."	\$2 00
Total,	\$2 00

OHIO.

<i>Randolph.</i> — A Friend,	50
Total,	50

MICHIGAN.

<i>Northville.</i> — A Friend,	50
Total,	50

WISCONSIN.

<i>Princeton.</i> — Mrs. C. D. Richards,	\$1 00
<i>Shopiere.</i> — Rev. H. P. Case,	1 50
Total,	\$2 50

KANSAS.

<i>Burlington.</i> — Mrs. E. M. Knapp,	\$1 00
Total	\$1 00

Donations,	\$3,610 59
C. Home Building-Fund,	761 05
"Life and Light,"	1,172 50
"Echoes,"	152 50
Interest on Baldwin Fund,	120 00
Weekly Pledge,	10 21
Total,	\$5,826 85

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Ass't. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

TURKEY.

EXTRACTS FROM MISS SHATTUCK'S LETTER.

AINTAB, Dec. 13, 1873.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—I have hardly been here four weeks yet (arrived Nov. 18), though I sailed Aug. 27. My journey was a very pleasant one; for I found my travelling-companions of the missionary party more like old friends than entire strangers, and all others very kind and thoughtful in regard to my comfort and happiness. I had no opportunity to feel the loneliness I feared. I can truly say the peace which I felt so sweetly during the weeks of preparation for the journey, and at the trying hour of departure, has, thus far, been abiding.

We enjoyed delightful scenery along the coast of Ireland and the River Clyde, before landing in Glasgow. We spent one day in Edinburgh, thoroughly enjoying the city, both for its present beauty and historic associations. Several days were spent in London. I had the privilege, among other things, of hearing Mr. Spurgeon, and attending the communion-service at his church. It was all *very precious*. After spending the sabbath in Paris, and one day besides for a glimpse at the city, we hastened on to take our steamer at Trieste, going by way of the Mont Cenis Tunnel, Turin, Milan, and Venice,—a very interesting route, though we made no stop for sight-seeing, save one day in Venice. Such a strange city, with its water-streets, and gondola omnibuses!

We had the misfortune to be quarantined five days at the Dardanelles, which was quite a trial to us, as we felt the need of hastening. But we were in comfortable quarters aboard "The Hungaria," with plenty of room, as we three were the only cabin passengers.

I was three days in Constantinople with missionary friends, and had an opportunity of visiting the Home, attending my first prayer-meeting among the natives, and seeing Robert College from the Bosphorus. I bade my missionary friends all good-by, and started again among strangers for Latakia, but found very agreeable companions in two ladies who had started for a tour through Palestine and Egypt. We had a fine view of Patmos, which seemed a fit place indeed for the vision seen there, so isolated is it. We touched at Rhodes and at the ancient port of Tarsus, spent a day in each of the ports Smyrna and Alexandretta; and I landed at last in Latakia, bidding farewell to the sea for many years, I hope.

Dr. Nutting, from Kessab, met me on board the steamer; and after spending two or three days there with missionary friends, who gave me a most hearty welcome, we started on the inland journey. We were but one day and a half making the first forty miles. We stopped for the night at a little *khan*, which I need not describe. One must really sleep in one, or make the attempt, in order to get a full understanding of them.

I remained at Kessab two and a half weeks, hoping Miss Powers, the other assistant in the school, would be able to come here with me; but she was too weak, for she has had a long and severe illness this autumn. We were just one week on our way from Kessab here. Dear Miss Proctor left, three days after my arrival, for America. I am almost useless, of course, until I get my tongue, and Miss Powers not here. There was no other way to do than to suspend,

the seminary proper for a time. There are thirteen girls in the family, attending the schools of a lower grade, under native teachers, preparing to enter the seminary when it shall open. I have visited several of the schools of which Miss Proctor had the supervision, with my teacher, Varteni Mariam, seeing all there was to be seen, and hearing or understanding all I could. I am busy with the language and anxious to be at work as soon as possible.

I am boarding with Mrs. Marden these first few weeks till Miss Powers comes; when we shall keep house at the rooms of the school establishment. I go to the city every day to study, and to see the girls, and have them feel that I have an interest in them. They help me all they can. It will, of course, be slow work with me, the getting of Turkish; but I do feel that my Father is helping me in the *littles* as well as in the great matters. Do not cease to remember me in your prayers. We are so short of men! — only five for a field larger than all New England; and one of these is here for the winter only. Another, Dr. Nutting, is too feeble to be much depended upon.

“THEY SHALL PERSECUTE YOU.”

THE following account of a visit to one of the Bulgarian villages was written by Elenka Hadji Evanora, assistant teacher in the girls' school at Samokov, European Turkey:—

“We started the 15th of July, and arrived at Paneurishty the 16th, at ten o'clock, P.M. Our friends were glad to receive us, and I found a comfortable room all ready for me. The people in that village are opposing the truth very much; but the Lord has little ones, and has given them grace to stand and endure all for his sake cheerfully. As soon as they heard we were there, the priests in every church anathematized us, and commanded the people not

to go near us; for they said, 'They have come to deceive you.' The poor people were frightened, and did not dare to come for some days; but they could not stay away long, they were so curious to see us, and hear what we talked about. Some of them wished to tell us that we were deceiving ourselves.

"Our singing attracted their attention very much: so, when we went to the houses of our friends, we sang very many hymns; and sometimes a good many would come and listen. They used to say, 'It sounds so sweet, we wish to come and hear you sing.' After hearing us sing about Jesus, they used to say, 'How is this that the priests tell us about them? They say the Protestants do not love God; but they do not talk of any thing else but Christ, and God's love to us: then, too, they sing such holy hymns!'

"One young man, an only son, loved to hear us sing, but did not dare to come into the house at first. He would stand under the window, and listen. At last he came into the yard. Then some boys ran and told his mother that 'her child was *with the Protestants.*' Oh! how she rushed in, and besought him to go home! She cried because he would not hasten away from the cursed people. He told her he had not come to hear any thing bad, but to learn something about his soul, and that we sang so beautifully, he could not stay away. The next day he came again.

"After singing, we could talk with those present; and hardly a day passed that some did not come to see us and learn about the great salvation. It seemed very strange to hear that *only* Jesus can save sinners. When I asked the women, 'How do you think you can be saved?' they replied, 'If we pray to the saints to intercede for us, fast, and make the sign of the cross, we shall be saved.'

"I staid five weeks, and was very glad that I was able to tell them about the Saviour I have found so precious.

Oh, how different my condition is from theirs! and only the truth of the gospel has made it so. There has been much persecution there; and, when any one goes to labor there, it is worse. The first sabbath when we went to meeting, it seemed as if every boy and girl in the village had been told that the hated Protestants had come. As soon as we went out of the gate, the street was filled with boys, girls, and women,—about two hundred, I should think. Some went ahead of us; while others followed behind, screaming at the top of their voices, throwing stones, sand, and every thing they could get hold of. This was very trying; but we remembered Him for whom we were suffering.”

SOUTH AFRICA.

LETTER FROM MISS LAURA A. DAY.

UMTVALUMI, Nov. 21, 1873.

MY DEAR MRS. LEAKE,—Your kind letter has been too long unanswered, but I trust not too long to secure another; for I should not like to feel that communication with my Chicago friends was at an end. Though I saw the faces of few of the dear ladies who so generously assisted me in my preparations to come to this land, I saw their kind hearts in their liberal gifts, and shall never cease to be grateful to you all. I appreciate more and more what I received. I must necessarily have been obliged to make underclothing before this time, but for the supply from Chicago, which relieves me of this work, and gives me more time for the people, and more time to read and write. The time for writing and reading is limited. A little rest after dinner enables me to do my afternoon teaching more satisfactorily. I often think, when I sit

down to read for a little while, of the stitches I must needs be taking, but for the help of your society.

. . . The last term of the school at Amanzimtote closed Nov. 4. During the last term, — July to November, — I have had charge of the boys' boarding-establishment, and have eaten in the room with the boys, to teach them some proprieties at table. This was no light task; yet I had the satisfaction of seeing a little improvement. Their tendency was, if any thing was wrong about the food, to settle the difficulty then and there, by loud words, and blows with fork, knife, spoon, or any thing that chanced to be at hand. Restraint in this, they have found that they must exercise. Not to scatter food on floor and table, and not to leave the table till all had finished, were hard for them to learn at first. Leaving their dishes unwashed, and the food scattered about the room, from one meal to another, has heretofore been a great nuisance. I had the satisfaction of seeing the dishes washed, and the dining-room neatly swept, three times a day, and this done very willingly, after a little time. I hoped to exercise a much greater influence in taming them and helping to make them good boys. Oh that we might see a general turning to the Lord! unmistakable evidence of a genuine change of heart. Do pray for us, that we may see these dear boys coming to Christ.

Nov. 5, I left Amanzimtote for Umtwalumi, — fifty miles; spent the night at the house of an English sugar-planter, reaching Mr. Wilder's at five, P.M. I am very happy here, and find pleasant employment teaching the school-children songs and hymns; and the people who find time to come together at the chapel are learning some new tunes. The girls who assist in Mrs. Wilder's and Mrs. Pinkerton's kitchens are learning some new English songs from a new Sunday-school singing-book which Mrs.

Pinkerton has lately received. Two days this week, I have been to a little school four miles from the station. There were fifteen scholars, all children of one man who has four wives. He cultivates coffee, is anxious his children should be educated, has built a schoolhouse, and offers to pay half the teacher's salary.

Mr. Wilder is doing a good work for the people in setting them the example of cultivating the sugar-cane. He has received a sugar-mill from America, and is making nice sugar from cane raised by a native. This is encouraging many to take hold of the work here and at other stations, which must prove a blessing to them; for here, as in other places, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." I hope this new industry will help the people to live better Christian lives.

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

FROM JAN. 15 TO FEB. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.			
<i>Akron.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Sarah W. Ashmun, Treas.,	\$10 00	constitutes Mrs. John Gilbert a L. M.), Aleen Hurd, Treas.,	\$42 65
<i>Cleveland Heights.</i> — Aux., for the school at Marash, Mrs. Fannie Lamson, Treas.,	25 00	<i>Michigan City.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. M. Kent, Treas.,	26 84
<i>Edinburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. B. E. Bingham, Treas.,	14 00	Total,	\$69 49
<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux. for salary of Miss Maltbie, Mrs. G. H. Ely, Treas.,	60 00	MICHIGAN.	
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. T. C. Jones a L. M.,	25 00	<i>Armada.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. Doblacere, Treas.,	\$10 00
<i>Tallmadge.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Mary C. Ashmun, Treas.,	15 44	<i>Charlotte.</i> — Aux., to constitute Mrs. M. T. Williams a L. M., Mrs. A. C. Lacey, Treas.,	25 39
Total,	\$149 44	<i>Detroit.</i> — Aux., to complete the salary of Mrs. Coffing for the year 1873; \$25 from Mrs. Warner, to const. Miss Mattie Warner a L. M.; Mrs. Lizzie S. Henderson and Mrs. Charlotte T. Curtiss are constituted life-members by the 2d Cong. Ch. Miss. Soc.,	120 30
INDIANA.		<i>Grand Rapids.</i> — Aux., to com-	
<i>Fort Wayne.</i> — Aux. (of which \$25, from Miss Martha Hough,			

plete the salary of their Bible-reader in Nicomedia, for 1873, Mrs. J. B. Willson, Sec.,	\$17 48
<i>Jackson</i> .—Aux., for salary of Marienè of Harpoot (of this sum, \$25 from Mrs. W. M. Bennett constitutes Mrs. H. H. Bingham a L. M.; the remainder constitutes Mrs. G. M. Cady and Mrs. D. W. Taylor life-members), Mrs. Geo. H. Lathrop, Treas.,	75 00
<i>Kalamo</i> .—Aux., by Mrs. W. Ackley,	2 41
<i>St. Johns</i> .—"Praying Helpers," by Mrs. L. F. Bickford, for school at Manissa,	3 30
Total,	\$253 88

ILLINOIS.

<i>Chicago</i> .—47th-St. Ch., Aux., for the Bridgman School, \$33.80; New England Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, 68.14; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$30.90; Union Park Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Rendall, Mrs. R. E. Jenkins, Treas., \$100,	\$232 84
<i>Evanston</i> .—"Little Towel-Hemmers," for the support of a pupil in the Bridgman School, by Mrs. A. Wood,	8 52
<i>Elgin</i> .—Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley of Japan, Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas.,	36 51
<i>Geneva</i> .—Aux., Mrs. Alice E. Coe, Treas.,	8 60
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<i>Granville</i> .—Aux., Mrs. Larena K. Warren, Treas.,	13 00
<i>La Salle</i> .—Aux., Mrs. E. B. Treat, Treas.,	4 00
<i>Payson</i> .—Aux., Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Treas.,	4 00
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<i>Rockford</i> .—2d Ch., Aux., of which \$25 is from Mrs. G. A. Sandford to const. Mrs. F. P. Woodbury a L. M., Mrs. W. A. Talcott, Treas.,	34 29
<i>Springfield</i> .—Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. C. M. Salter, Treas.,	50 00
<i>Waukegan</i> .—Aux., Mrs. H. E. Partridge, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Wheaton</i> .—Aux., \$14.16; "Busy Bees," \$2.47,	16 63
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<i>Depere</i> .—Aux., Mrs. H. J. Wheeler, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Ripon</i> .—Aux., Mrs. M. M. Cook, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Kenosha</i> .—Aux., to be applied to the Zulu Mission, \$25 of which const. Mrs. Hannah Fluskey a L. M., Mrs. H. O. Durkee, Sec.,	30 00
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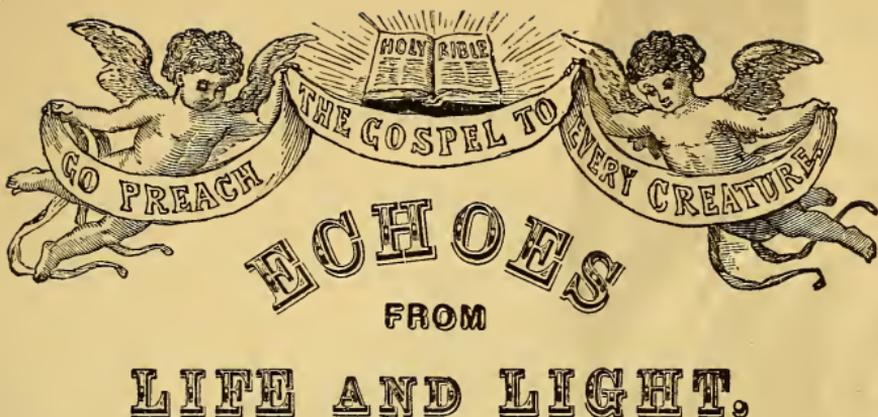
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<i>Osage</i> .—Aux., Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Treas.,	3 80
<i>Ogden</i> .—Aux., Mrs. A. W. Palmer, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Waucoma</i> .—Aux., Mrs. Joseph Hurlbut, Treas.,	12 00
Total,	\$216 70

MINNESOTA.

<i>Lake Preston</i> .—Aux., Wells Kellogg, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Plainview</i> .—Woman's Cent. Soc., Mrs. J. Baldwin, Treas.,	6 00
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<i>Ashland</i> .—"Little Workers," by Mrs. M. A. Farwell,	20 15
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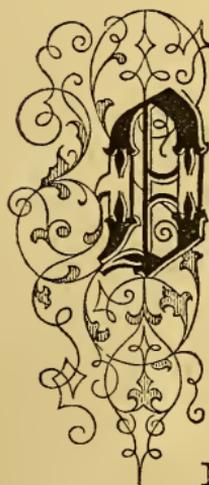


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THE PARSEES.



IN the following page is a picture of a Parsee woman and her child. Her ancestors lived in Persia at one time, but were driven from their country by the persecution of the Mohammedans. I presume this woman lives in Bombay, where there are thousands of Parsees. You would call her a heathen, I think; but, if you should ask her if she worshipped idols, she would say, No, indeed! that she thought it very foolish to bow down to wood and stone. Her special God is the fire; but she also worships the sun, moon, earth, water, and winds. She has no temple nor church to go to; but when she wants to atone for any wrong she has done, or to show her devotion, she takes an animal, and asks one of the Magi, or priests,—the same sort of men as those who visited the Saviour in the manger,—to go with her to the top of a high mountain, where the service is performed.

The Parsee Bible is called the Zend-Avesta. In it we learn that Oromasdes, the author of all good, sprang from



light, and Areimanios, the author of evil, sprang from darkness; that Oromasdes created six gods, who are now the archangels, and then Areimanios created as many more to oppose them; that Oromasdes afterward created twenty-four gods, and put them in an egg, and immediately Areimanios called into being as many more, who broke the egg; and so we find good and evil constantly mingling in the world. By and by, however, Areimanios will perish from the pestilence and famine brought into the world by himself; evil will disappear from the earth; and happiness will reign.

In another part of the Zend-Avesta the Parsees announce their gods as follows: "I worship Hermazd, the pure master of purity. I worship Zoroaster, the pure master of purity. I worship all the long existences. I worship all the pure celestial and terrestrial angels. I worship all the fountains of water, both flowing and stationary. I worship all the trees and the trunks and lofty branches and fruits. I worship the whole earth. I worship the whole heaven. I worship all the stars, the moon, and the sun. I worship the primeval lights. I worship all the animals, both aquatic and terrene. I worship all the mountains, the purely pleasurable. I worship all the fires."

Poor Parsees! How uncomfortable they must be to see a god in every animal they despise, in the fishes in the sea, in the very fruit they eat, and in the water they drink! I don't think the children in America are half glad enough that they have such a holy religion. Thank God for it every day of your life, little reader, and be sure to follow its pure and beautiful precepts.

"Why not tell them of the Saviour
Who was nailed upon the tree,
That by tasting death for sinners
They might be from death set free."

TWO STORIES.

“AND they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But, when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the



kingdom of God. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.” So runs “the sweet story of old;” but you have heard it so often, dear children, I am afraid you don’t stop to think how very sweet it is.

Listen to another story, — just as old, perhaps, but, oh, so different! A Chinese mother said to her child, “You

have done wrong; your god is very angry with you: come to his temple, and pray to him, that he may not send dreadful punishment upon you." Ever since he could understand any thing, he had been told of the terrible judgments sent by his gods; and no wonder that he trembled all over with fear when he came into the presence of one whom he had offended. And such a god! His eyes that could not see, his ears that could not hear, his lips that could not speak, were all made of cold, hard metal; and he sat on a huge block of stone. His limbs were immovable; and he could not take the children in his arms if he would. Yet to this god the boy must come, even though too young to sit alone, like the little fellow in the picture. His father held him in a proper position, and taught him to repeat over and over again some prayer, of whose meaning he had no idea; while his grandfather and grandmother looked on to see that all was done as it should be.

Now, dear friends, when your mammas have tucked you into your little white beds at night, when you have said, "Now I lay me down to sleep," and "Our Father," won't you offer one short prayer for the heathen children, that they, too, may know and love your blessed Saviour?



DAKOTA GIRLS.

BY MR. A. L. RIGGS.

I WOULD like to introduce to the young people who read "Life and Light" the girls who are pupils in our Dakota Home. There are eight in attendance now, as we have opened the Home but recently. We shall have twenty as soon as the rooms are made ready for them. I call them girls; but perhaps, as their ages run from fourteen to nineteen, I ought to speak of them as young ladies.

They have all of them been attending some time the mission day-school; and now, before they graduate into homes of their own, we wish to give them the training which will make them better housekeepers and better women. And it is for this work that you who are contributors to the Woman's Board of Missions have built this Dakota Home.

Let us step into the large and pleasant working-room of the Home, and see the girls. I will introduce them first by their Dakota names, that you may see what fanciful names Dakota parents choose for their children. You notice first that girl with a laugh always on her face, the youngest of the family, and around everywhere. That is *Miss Metal-re-appearing*. It is rather difficult to get at the idea of this name; but it seems to be that of some bright metal glancing into view. Next you see a rather heavy but jolly girl; that is *Miss Circling*: she ought to have been named Circumference instead. Here is *Miss Cloud-Shaker*, whom you would say was one of the quietest of the group. The only fitness in her name lies in her bright, starlike eyes. Now *Miss Singing-as-she-goes* comes along. Hers is a very good name indeed, except when she gets the sulks; and then the tune changes. That tall, ladylike girl is *Miss Sweetness*; and here in the corner you see *Miss Draped-in-Blue-Clouds*. Pensive and silent, she seems blue enough at times; and little wonder: for the small-pox last fall took her to death's door, while two sisters and a brother passed through; and, though she lives, she bears the sad marks in her face.

So here you have the family of the Home as it is at present. Half the day the girls attend to their books at the mission day-school; and the rest of the time they are at their work at the Home. Come in some evening, and pop corn with them, or join with them in singing their Dakota hymns. The ladies in charge, Mrs. Ingham and Miss Haines, will welcome you.

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 LULU'S LETTER.

IN the last number of "Echoes," the Woman's Board offered to adopt all the babies in the country into its missionary family. Almost before the words were written, there came to the secretary at the Congregational House two sweet little printed letters, — one from "Lilian Estelle," and one from "Lulu," who, if not exactly babies, are very little girls. As one of the letters shows how even the smallest and weakest can do something for the missionary cause, we give our readers the benefit of it.

DEAR "LIFE AND LIGHT," — I found out those verses in your last number without looking in the Bible for a single word; and nobody helped me a bit. I am six years old, and a cripple: I have never walked. Sometimes mamma feels bad because I am not strong like other children; but I tell her not to be sorry, because it must be good for me to be sick and weak, or else God would not let me be so; and by and by my Jesus will take me up in his arms, and then I'll never be sick or tired any more. Won't it be nice? I wish every one loved my Jesus, don't you? I shall never be strong enough to be a missionary: but Jesus tells us to pray that laborers may be sent into the harvest; and I can do that, can't I? This is the first letter I ever wrote, and sister helped me.

LULU.

ENIGMA.

BY E. E. A.

I AM composed of twenty-four letters.

My 5, 19, 18, 12, is a person who occasioned great grief to both father and mother.

My 4, 8, 10, 4, 23, was refused by King Samuel.

My 6, 15, 14, 17, is an injury to sight.

My 11, 2, 12, 21, 3, 18, 14, 10, 2, 22, is what Christ is sometimes called.

My 1, 24, 18, 9, 7, is what we all need.

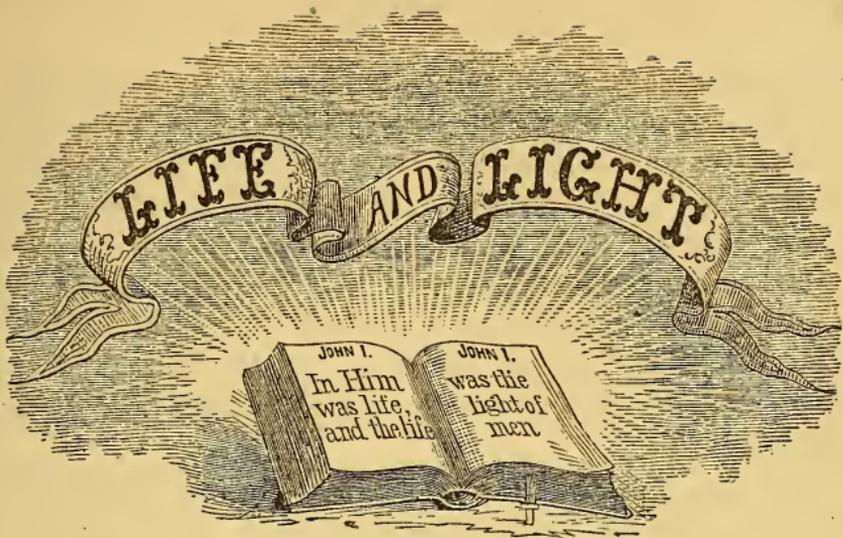
My 13, 20, 16, 23, was made from the bones of the king of Edom.

My whole is a prayer.

ANSWER TO CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

"The Law of the Lord is perfect."

We have received correct answers to the cross-word enigma in the February number from H. S. C., Williamstown, Vt.; M. R. S., Bennington, Vt.; H. A. M., Norway, Me.; A. E. N., Pittsfield, Mass.; S. W., Waltham, Mass.; P. L. G., Haverhill, N.H.; G. F. H., Millbury, Mass.; L. D. S., St Paul, Minn. Additional readings of the Turkish printing in the January number have also been received from E. A. F., Springfield, O.; M. J. R. and C. B. P., Taunton, Mass.; H. S. C., Williamstown, Vt.; A. B. H., Phillipston, Mass.; M. M. F., Winchester, Mass.; M. H., Boston, Mass.; K. S., Gloversville, N.Y.; L. M., Bloomington, Wis.



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TURKEY.

AN EARTHQUAKE IN EASTERN TURKEY.

BY MISS C. E. BUSH.

ON Wednesday, Jan. 14, we felt two quite severe shocks of an earthquake in Harpoot; and I have thought you might be interested to hear about it. I was standing by our fire, at nine o'clock in the morning, when, all at once, the room began to rock like a ship. The pictures, hanging-plants, and bell-cord swung back and forth; the leaves of the plants moved as if in the wind; and the creaking timbers sounded as though we were in the cabin of a ship. We held our breath, and looked at each other in amazement; having never experienced such a sensation before, and exclaimed, "It is an earthquake!" A second shock, slighter than the first, soon followed. Some of us

were made quite dizzy and uncomfortable for some hours by this motion, and all day long imagined we felt it again.

But our experiences here have been nothing compared with those in other places. Sarakamish, a village eight hours distant from Harpoot, is in ruins: only five or six houses are left standing; and those are really unsafe on account of the great cracks in the walls. I wish you could hear Mardiros, the preacher there, tell the story, and see how old and worn and changed he looks after that dreadful experience.

He says there was a slight shock Tuesday night; but the next morning, just as some were eating their breakfast, — although most of the people had gone out to the fields to catch partridges in the newly-fallen snow, — a sound like a terrible wind came from the mountains, and the earth began to tremble. He seized one of his children; and, telling another to follow, they managed to fly from the house before it came down. Once in the street, he attempted to go farther; but timbers and bricks were falling on every side. Thrown about by the motion of the earth as he tried to run, he could only stand still, and cry to God. The screams of the people, the noise of animals, and the sound of crashing buildings, was fearful; and he thought the day of judgment had come.

Finally the earth ceased rocking; and having found Yecsa, his wife, he left the two children with her, and rushed back to his house for his babe, only seven days old. This child he rescued before another shock; but one of his little boys could not be found: some one had seen him go into the stable just before the earthquake. Mardiros could not leave him there: so, in spite of the danger, he ran back, and entered the house. The boy called; and he tried to comfort and encourage him, and to find a way to reach him. A wall had fallen down in front of the door, and

there seemed no way in which the child could make his exit; but the father, strengthened by the exigency of the moment, opened the door at the top sufficiently to pull the boy through, and he was thus saved from being buried alive. While Mardiros was working to rescue his son, a second shock was felt, and he thought that all was over for them; but God spared them. Soon after, as the people collected in a safe place, he commenced preaching to them; and they listened with tears running down their cheeks, ready enough to hear God's word in view of his judgment. Fifteen persons were buried under the falling buildings, of whom four died. The chapel was destroyed.

One family was saved in a remarkable manner. They rose from their morning meal to fly as they felt the first shock; but, on reaching the door, it was dangerous to pass out on account of the falling bricks and timbers; and they drew back, saying, "Let us die together." But God kept them safe; and they came out unharmed when the rocking ceased. Every day since, many shocks have been felt in that same village. It is said they have occurred every hour. The preacher has brought his family to Harpoot. He goes back to comfort the sick and homeless sufferers, and seek to lead them out of this trouble to Christ.

In Haboosi buildings have been injured, and between thirty and forty shocks felt, — none so severe as the first. Besides Sarakamish, two or three villages were destroyed, mostly Turkish; while places near by were left unharmed. In Ichmeh, the spring of water on which they depend stopped running for two or three hours. Of course, the people in Sarakamish are homeless; and those in Ichmeh and Haboosi have left their houses, and live in the street. They sleep on the snow in this bitter cold weather. To-day the Ichmeh pastor's family, weary with fear and watching, came to the missionaries here for shelter. They tell

of great suffering among the people. The shocks in the villages on the plain have been many and severe. We have been sensible of them here but twice; though the people speak of feeling slight ones in the night.

It is said that the Turks are very much afraid, and are proceeding to do justice to any whom they may have wronged: the government has even released from prison men who had been unrighteously sentenced. The court was in session at the time of the first shock. The members rose to fly; but the pacha called them back, saying, "Can you fly from God?" But at the second shock he was ready to go too.

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS ANDREWS.

PAN SHAN, NORTH CHINA, Aug. 23, 1873.

To the Ladies of the Woman's Board of Missions.

DEAR SISTERS, — I wrote you last from the midst of our annual meeting at Peking. Since then God has granted us some blessings, in which I think you will rejoice with us. On the first sabbath in June we had the joy of receiving four women to our little church in Tungcho. They were Mrs. Chao and Mrs. Si, wives of our two Christian teachers, Mrs. Tsua, the daughter-in-law of our Bible-reader, and Mrs. Sun. The latter has been listening to the truth for about a year only: the other three have been under Christian teaching for several years; and, as they have been the subjects of much earnest prayer, their confession of Christ was the greater joy to us. I have long had the hope that Mrs. Chao and Mrs. Tsua did indeed love the Saviour; but, shrinking from the reproach which a public profession would bring upon them, they

have wished to postpone it till advanced years should make it respectable and proper for them to appear in public. We feel, that, in thus taking upon themselves the name of Christ, a real victory has been gained, and that the Church has taken a step forward; since no women so young have ever before united with us. A month later five little ones were dedicated to God in baptism, marking that as a bright day in our little church.

Early in June Mr. and Mrs. Chapin and I, with our Bible-reader, and one of the schoolboys, as helpers, made a tour of eight days, visiting cities and villages east of Tungcho. We found the most interest at Chicho, where we arrived Saturday afternoon, and spent the sabbath. The first afternoon Mrs. Tsua, having received an invitation, called on the family of the innkeeper in a court adjoining the inn. She failed of obtaining an invitation for us, or in inducing any of them to come in and see us; but she herself had a long, pleasant talk with the women of the family and a few of the neighbors; some of them listening, as she thought, with much interest. During her absence Mrs. Chapin and I waited for visitors, for a long time in vain, as no one appeared; but, just as we were giving up the hope of seeing them, one woman came in, soon after followed by another; and these two sat a long time, listening to the truth that we tried to explain to them. The one who came in first seemed especially eager to hear, forgetting even to ask questions about our clothes and food, though she had never seen a foreign lady before. She seemed to be a bright, intelligent woman, though belonging to a low class, and understood the truth with remarkable readiness. She remained till nearly dark, and returned the next day, bringing with her a good many other women, and again staid several hours, listening eagerly, and asking questions as if she were really anxious

to understand, and make the truth her own. "Your words have made me hungry," she said; and she did indeed seem like one hungry to be taught. It was pleasant to hear her telling the other women what she had heard the day before, showing how well she remembered our words. A great many women visited us that afternoon; so that we were all kept busy, teaching and talking to the different groups, till the gathering darkness sent them away. One old woman, who had been listening and asking questions, said, as she rose to go, "I shall tell all my daughters what you have told me, and have them worship the true God." She had three daughters married, — one of them the wife of the petty mandarin. Many of our visitors asked us how to worship God, and seemed much interested in the subject of prayer.

. . . We shall not soon forget the sabbath at Chicho; and I have written especially of the interest there, because it was more manifest than anywhere else, although we had very pleasant talks with a great many women at other places. During the eight days of our trip, a large number of people heard of God, and the glad tidings of salvation, for the first time. We can only pray that the scattered seed be not lost; that this little knowledge of the Saviour may be to salvation, and not to condemnation. Pray for us, dear friends, that this may be a year of the manifestation of God's power in the salvation of many souls.

AFRICA.

LETTER FROM MRS. TYLER.

IN the March number we gave our readers a portion of a letter from Mrs. Tyler, containing an account of a Zulu sabbath as it appeared to her after her return from America.

In the same letter she writes of the progress of education in Inanda as follows : —

“The village schoolmaster, as yet a mere boy, and one who loves his ease quite well, had so neglected the girls under his care, that their parents complained of him, and threatened to keep them at home. Mrs. Edwards, shrewdly looking forward to the time when she should wish them to occupy the seats of her graduates, offered to take them now, and prepare them for her school, with the aid of her advanced pupils. She also thought it would be well to have a monthly examination of the village school; and last Monday was the second time that the master came in procession with his twenty or thirty boys, and a few unpromising girls with babies on their backs. They soon filled the seats provided for them; and we at once observed the contrast in their external appearance to the girls who had been under two or three years’ training. I thought, as I stood before them, that Mrs. Edwards needed no words to prove to her what she had accomplished in this short time. When I referred to it, she pointed to the most attractive girl in her school, saying she could remember that this little Patekile, when she first came to her, was just as untidy and repulsive in appearance as any of these children. We are often disheartened that so many days and weeks pass by without any visible results; but an occasion like this shows us that something has been effected. If Christ were here speaking to us, I have no doubt his word would be, ‘O ye, of little faith!’

“The examination was no more satisfactory than we expected; but the teacher excused himself by saying it was hard work, — as if we did not know this by experience, — and the boys staid at home two days or more out of the five. We pitied him for his discouragements; but we wished most heartily that he had some of the energy and

zeal we had been accustomed to see in America. We were sorry, too, that the parents had not a greater appreciation of the value of their children's school-days. They all went home at last; and next month they are to come again.

“Mrs. Edwards has had an unusual number of little trials of one kind and another for nearly the whole year. There is a great deal to be done out of school, — such as cutting and making clothes, attending to the employments and enjoyments of the girls, and various other things. She has regular work appointed for each; but there is a want of respect, sometimes, on the part of the pupils toward those whom she makes monitors, or whom she directs to see that things are done in an orderly manner. This is an annoyance, although it is what may be expected. The girls take each a week in their work, and seem to enjoy the change. Sometimes, however, they come to their recitations without having learned their lessons; and their excuse is, that they had ‘too much work:’ this occurs when any thing distasteful falls to them. Then, again, they complain of the treatment received when they have to report untidy rooms. All these little things need constant patience on the part of the teacher, and consume a great deal of time, as any one similarly situated knows; but it pays.

“Not long since there was great complaint made of Nomtimba, who is really a good scholar, but did not seem to care about her lessons. Her little sister Patekile seemed sorry that Mrs. Edwards should be troubled by Nomtimba; and, writing to her father one day, she referred to it. As all their letters are inspected, I had an opportunity to copy it. I will send you the whole, as a specimen of the idiom.

“MY DEAR FATHER, — I send my letter to you, dear father. I ask if you are well. I am well indeed. I write to tell you what I have. I have two nice dresses my dear

teacher give to me and all little children that are in the school. We have no trouble. But Nomtimba, she is very naughty girl. No one girl sick except Sophie: we don't know what she have; but she is at home now. I and Rachel we have little work to do. We clean in the garden. Now our teacher buy for us meal and beans and rices (rice), we are very happy indeed. I am naughty sometimes too. I ask when my mother will dig her garden. Most of the people here now dig their garden. I wish you to bring back my letter to me (i.e. reply to it). Nomtimba send love to my mother and to Clara and Mafika and Piweyo. I ask you, dear father, how is the people. I ask if they all alive and well, and you too. Nomtimba, Nomagugu, and Rachel, we have pretty dresses and belts too, our teacher buy for us in Durban. The money for all was fourshillings. You see how much our teacher loves us. That is all what I have to tell you.

“With very much love to mamma and to you all,

“I am your affectionate daughter, PATEKILE.

“INANDA.’

“This little girl has been with Mrs. Edwards about two years, and neither knew English when she came, nor how to read well in her own language; but she is quite attentive to her studies, and a real comfort to her teacher. It is truly delightful to see some of the same girls whom I first knew here five years ago, awkward, and unable to read well even in their own language, now studying ancient history, geography, and grammar, translating Wilson's Fourth Reader, and writing a very legible hand. Yet we need to learn lessons of patience, — patience to work, and patience to wait; so, when you pray for us, please ask for a large amount of this grace, and a continuance of love for the souls of these poor people for whom Christ died.”

JAPAN.

LETTER FROM MISS TALCOTT.

IN a letter dated Dec. 16, 1873, Miss Talcott writes, —

“It is now eight months and a half since I reached Japan; and already the strange sights and sounds have become so familiar, that I begin to feel quite like an old inhabitant. Several new missionaries have arrived recently, all of whom staid with us a few days. Miss Gouldy was among them; and, of course, I felt especially interested in her, as she comes under the auspices of the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman’s Board. She shared my room, during her visit, and I was very sorry to let her go; but I knew they needed her yet more in Osaka.

“One of the new features of our work here is our sabbath school, inaugurated on the 7th inst., the day appointed for special prayer for missions, — an unintentional but pleasant coincidence. Mr. Berry has charge of the school; four of our ladies, and four Japanese young men, acting as teachers. Mr. Greene offered to assist any of the young men in the preparation of the lesson on last Saturday night; and, as we gathered around the table with our Bibles, it seemed very like a home teachers’ meeting. The questions asked would have impressed any one with respect for this class of Japanese men. Mr. Greene was talking with his teacher, not long since, about marriage, recommending it; when the teacher replied, that there were no women fitted to be the wives of intelligent men, betraying the purer ideal he had gained of marriage as a union of hearts. I hope this may not long be said of the women. Our girls’ school ought to do something toward elevating the standard of womanhood; and it is pleasant to see the conscious dignity which even a slight knowledge of Christianity gives to our pupils.

“The school established three weeks ago now numbers seventeen scholars. Most of them come for the English reading, and sewing, to which we devote some time. A lovely young woman of twenty-two, however, the wife of one of the Christian young men, answered my inquiry as to whether she was coming to our school, that she hadn't much time, and English was so difficult, that she wanted, instead, to give all her attention to studying the Bible. On my explaining that we should use the “Peep of Day” for a Reader, and that she might find the school a help to her study of the Bible, she decided to attend. We have only an afternoon's session of two hours; but we feel greatly encouraged by the punctual attendance and manifest interest of the pupils. They are of all ages, from eight to over thirty; and there are five married women among them. The wife of the *ex-damio* of whom I have spoken comes with her little girl, the youngest of the flock. I wish you could see them as they gather daily: I am sure you would think it an interesting sight. Our schoolroom is a pleasant one, just on the outskirts of the town, facing south, with the whole front of sliding glass windows looking out over the houses to the bay beyond. It was offered us at a very low rent, and answers our present purpose very well. We open with singing and prayer in Japanese; then give an hour or more to English reading and conversation, closing with Old Testament stories in Japanese, and another hymn. My teacher has read the first part of Genesis in Chinese; and I persuaded him to tell me the stories while I prompted him, and suggested the moral. The story that I tell the scholars one day, I hear from them the next; and some of them give it in so much clearer language than I can use, that all must understand it.

“Miss Dudley and I went out after school to-day to call on the wife of a native physician, who wants us to teach

her to sew, but thinks she is too old to learn English; being twenty-eight years old. We were very politely treated to the daintiest cups of tea, — each little china cup standing on a bronze tea-leaf, — and some Japanese confectionery. The other day, as I was passing along the main street of Kobe, one of my little girls came tripping up, saying, ‘This is my house. Won’t you come in?’ Of course I couldn’t refuse such an invitation. Just within the door was the usual bit of bare ground, where the wooden shoes are left on stepping up, about a foot, to the straw matted floor of the house. I declined to step on this on account of my boots, taking her protestations that it was of no consequence if I wore them in as only Japanese politeness. She then called her mother and grandmother, who were near at hand. Giving me a chair upon the ground, — the only one they had, I think, — they seated themselves on the mats before me, making low obeisance, touching the mats with their foreheads, then quickly ordered tea, confectionery, and pears. I sat and sipped the tea, tasted the confectionery, and tried to say pleasant things. On leaving, I was accompanied by a servant, who carried the pears and confectionery home for me.

“It is something thus to have access to the homes of the people, and an opportunity to show our interest in them; but I am impatient for a ready use of their language, that I may more readily reach their hearts. Do pray for us that we may be filled with the Spirit of God, and for our school, that Jesus may become very precious to every one of our pupils.”

LETTERS have been received from Miss Gouldy, who left us in August last, speaking of her safe arrival in Osaka, and of encouraging progress in the study of the Japanese language.

Our Work at Home.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM FEB. 18 TO MARCH 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

Maine Branch. — Mrs. Ellen W. Dana, Treas., Searsport, Ladies of 2d Cong'l Ch., \$15; Augusta Cong'l Ch., by Miss A. B. Craig, \$30, \$45 00
Bethel. — Mary A. Cummings, 1 50
Wells. — 2d Cong'l Ch. S. S. Cl. of little girls, 71
 Total, \$47 21

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Gilmanton. — "Cheerful Helpers," \$5 00
Manchester. — Hanover St. Ch., "The Reapers," 5 00
 Total, \$10 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

Claremont. — Cong'l S. S., should have been acknowledged in November, \$10 00

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch. — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Vergennes, Cong'l S. S., for pupil in Harpoot, \$40; Pittsford, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Newton Kellogg, \$25; Sheldon Cong'l S. S., \$3, \$68 00
 Total, \$68 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

Vermont Branch. — Bradford, Mrs. P. S. Prichard, to const. herself L. M., \$25; Vergennes "Cheerful Givers," \$35 20. West Haven, Mrs. H. K. Hunt, \$5; Springfield, Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Mary B. Woolson to const. herself L. M., \$29; Rutland, Miss Mary A. Burnham, \$2; towards finishing and furnishing the dining-room in the Home, \$96 20

MASSACHUSETTS.

Auburndale. — Aux., Mrs. Thos. Hill, \$1.55; Mission-Circle, Carrie Snow, Tr., \$5, \$6 55
Ayer. — S. S. with prev. contri. for pupil in Miss Proctor's sch., 18 04
Boston. — Mrs. Freeman Allen, \$200; "E. L. R.," \$2; Park St. Ch., contents of Charlie and Eddie Spring's miss'y box for 1873, \$1.35; Central Ch., "Busy Bee Soc.," \$5 47; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Weekly Pledge, \$11.50; Shawmut Ch., Mrs. James Stone, \$10; Miss Catharine Knapp, \$5; Mrs. C. Galloupe, \$5; Mrs. Stephen Emery, \$5; annual col., \$60.50, 305 82
Boston Highlands. — Elliot Ch., "Little Sowers," by Miss E. Backup, 5 00
Bradford. — Aux., Miss A. Hammond, Treas., 23 50
Chelsea. — Chestnut St. Ch. S. S., for B. R. Jamanabai, \$60; Mrs. Allen, Miss S. R. Brooks, Miss Gracie B. Allen, \$1 each, \$3, 63 00
Clinton. — Aux., 21 20
Chicopee Falls. — Mrs. P. Swetland, 20 00
Dorchester. — Aux., Mrs. E. H. Preston, Treas., of which \$50 from Mrs. Nathan Carruth to const. L. M.'s Miss Frances E. Baker, Lexington, and Miss Emma Carruth, and \$50 from Mrs. John Tolman to const. L. M.'s Mrs. John Foster and Mrs. Amasa Davenport; for salary of Miss Ursula C. Clarke, Manissa, Turkey, \$363.00 — \$445.65; Mrs. Clarissa Williamson, \$1.50, 447 15
Everett. — Mrs. Dea. Burt, 1 50
Fitchburg. — C. C. Ch., Aux., Miss Anna S. Haskell, Treas., 10 00

<i>Hadley.</i> — M. A. Adams,	\$10 00
<i>Hanover Four Corners.</i> — Mrs. Susan M. Stone,	5 00
<i>Holyoke.</i> — Mr. James H. Newton, to const. L. M. Mrs. Newton,	25 00
<i>Hopkinton.</i> — Aux., add'l,	2 00
<i>Grantville.</i> — Sallie, Fannie, & Helen,	5 00
<i>Ipswich.</i> — "U.V.W.,"	1 00
<i>Jamaica Plain.</i> — Aux.,	177 70
<i>Lexington.</i> — Aux., Miss Frances E. Baker, Treas., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. M. H. Merriam,	12 00
<i>Longmeadow.</i> — Ladies' Sewing Soc.,	31 00
<i>Middleboro'.</i> — Aux., Mrs. G. H. Shaw, for pupil in Miss Payson's sch.,	40 00
<i>Middleboro', East.</i> — Mrs. F. G. Pratt,	1 00
<i>Newburyport.</i> — Belleville Mission Band, of which \$30 for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., and \$61 for teacher in the sch. at Bitlis,	91 00
<i>Newtonville.</i> — Ladies of Cong'l Ch., by Miss E. H. Goodale,	19 50
<i>North Adams.</i> — "Little Helpers,"	5 15
<i>Peabody.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Abel Proctor to const. herself L. M.,	160 00
<i>Pepperell.</i> — Mrs. Oliver's S. S. cl.,	15 00
<i>Reading.</i> — Aux.,	7 00
<i>Somerville, East.</i> — "P,"	5 00
<i>Springfield.</i> — "Little Helpers," Flora May Castle, Sec'y, towards pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	10 00
<i>Ware.</i> — Aux. Mrs. W. Hyde, Treas., of which \$25 by Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, to const. L. M. Mrs. A. E. P. Perkins,	87 10
<i>Weymouth, South.</i> — Union Cong'l Ch. Aux., Mrs. C. S. Fogg., Treas., add'l for pupil in Miss Townshend's sch.,	15 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — Mrs. Abby E. Whitcomb, for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	30 00
Total,	\$1,676 21
<i>C. Home Building-Fund.</i>	
<i>Peabody.</i> — Aux.,	\$18 73
<i>Woburn.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Adkins, Treas.,	25 00
RHODE ISLAND.	
<i>Warren.</i> — A Friend,	\$0 50
Total,	\$0 50

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven Branch. — Miss H. W. Hubbard, Treas., Bridgeport, Aux., Mrs. Alex. Hawley, Treas., Mrs. Edward Sterling, to const. herself L.M., \$25; Cheshire, Aux., Miss H. E. Calhoun, Treas., Bible-class towards support of Samathanum, B. R. at Madura, India, \$12; Cornwall, Aux.; Mrs. H. C. Munson, Treas., of which \$31 towards support of pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch., "Hillside Workers," \$30, to support pupil in Mrs. Chandler's school, \$61; East Haddam, Aux., "Wilding Helpers," Miss Nellie Gates, Treas., towards support of a pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch., \$30; Fair Haven, 2d Church, Aux., Mrs. L. P. Mallory, Treas., \$44.45; Litchfield, Aux., Mrs. H. B. Elliot, Treas., 20; Meriden, 1st Church, Aux., "Cheerful Givers," add'l, to complete support of pupil in Miss Seymour's sch., \$10; New Britain, Aux., Miss A. G. Stanley, Treas., to support three pupils in Mrs. Chandler's sch. (\$18 of which from "Little Givers" of the 1st Cong. Church), \$100; New Haven, Centre Church, Aux., Miss S. L. Bradley, Treas., \$11.75; Church of the Redeemer, Aux., Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, Treas., \$25.25; Dwight Place Church, Aux., Mrs. D. C. Pratt, Treas., of which \$10 from Mrs. C. S. Bushnell towards support of Gnanaperahasen, B. R. at Madura, India, \$37.65; North Church, Aux., Mrs. A. McAlister, Treas., \$26 50; Third Church, Aux., Mrs. Hubbard Beebe, Treas., of which \$10 from Mrs. Daniel Wilcox towards support of Gnanaperahasen, B. R. at Madura, India, \$20 from S. S. towards support of pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch., \$25 from infant-class, towards support of pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch., \$63.50; Mrs. Russell Hotchkiss, \$1; North Branford, Aux., Miss N. W. Bunnel, Treas., \$6; Plymouth, Aux., Mrs. Horace Fenn, Treas., "Arbutus Gleaners," \$20; Mrs. Delia R. Marsh, \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Julia W. Hillard, \$45; Riverton, Aux., Miss Annie Alford,

Treas., \$13; Southbury, Aux., Mrs. Mary A. Hooker, Treas., for support of pupil in Miss Payson's sch., \$40; Washington, Aux., Mrs. Lucy P. Colton, Treas., of which \$30 to support pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., \$36; West Haven, Aux., Mrs. H. L. Peet, Treas., of which \$25 from Mrs. Geo. Tuttle to const. L. M. her daughter, Miss A. E. Tuttle, \$44; Woodbury, Aux., Mrs. John Ward, Treas., add'l to complete support of pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., \$12; Thomaston, Aux., Miss Abbie Potter, Treas., \$10; South Britain, Aux., \$10; \$684.10. Of this contribution \$333.76 is for Const. Home, and \$100.34 for expenses, &c., leaving a balance of \$250 00

Birmingham.—Junior Miss Circle, Ida L. Otis, Treas., for work in the Zulu Mission, 18 50

Colchester.—Aux., Miss J. B. Wheeler, Treas., 66 00

Lisbon.—Cong'l Soc., 12 20

Stafford Springs.—Aux., Mrs. S. M. Dennis, Treas., 13 15

West Winsted.—Aux., Miss M. P. Hinsdale, Treas., 25 00

Wethersfield.—A Friend, 1 00

Total, \$385 85

C. Home Building-Fund.

New Haven Branch.—Cornwall, Aux., "Hillside Workers," \$16.00; New Haven, Centre Church, Aux., \$15.00; Sharon, Aux., Miss Lina S. Roberts, Treas., \$10.00; Dividend from the Scranton estate, \$375 24; donations acknowledged above, \$333.76 \$750 00

Guilford.—Kate M. Dudley's S. S. class, 6 00

NEW YORK.

Buffalo.—R. W. Bancroft, \$25 00

Flushing. L.I.— "Macgregor Hall Gatherers," \$7.55; "Birds' Nest," \$1.45, towards pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., 9 00

Homer.—Aux., Mary W. Keep, Treas., 70 00

Rensselaer Falls.—Mrs. E. M. Rockwood, 8 40

Upper Aquebogue.—Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Geo. F.

Wells and Miss Melinda Young, \$50 00

Warsaw.—S. S., 35 00

Watertown.—Miss P. F. Hubbard, 1 70

Westmoreland.—Aux., Mrs. Emily C. Johnston, Treas., 12 00

Total, \$211 10

C. Home Building-Fund.

Albany.—First Cong'l Church, aux., \$100 00

MICHIGAN.

Ann Arbor.—Aux., for general expenses of the Home, \$63 00

Total, \$63 00

IOWA.

Naquoketa.—Mrs. C. L. McCloy, \$1 00

Ogden.—Aux., 15 00

Tabor.—Aux., 37 00

Total, \$53 00

MINNESOTA.

St. Pauls.—Pres. S.S. House of Hope Miss'y Soc., for Mrs. Coffing and Mrs. Giles, \$65 00

Total, \$65 00

KANSAS.

Ft. McKavett.—Lieut. Chas. E. Jewett, 10th Inf'y, for work under Miss Hance, \$25 00

Total, \$25 00

CANADA.

C. Home Building-Fund.

Montreal.—Proceeds of Floral Festival for finishing and furnishing the guest-chamber in the Home, \$400 00

Donations, \$2,604 87

C. Home Building-Fund, 1,405 93

"Life and Light," 644 75

"Echoes," 129 08

Weekly Pledge, 6 53

Interest on Baldwin Fund, 330 00

Total, \$5,121 16

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

In Memoriam.

MRS. DANIEL SAFFORD.

1802-1874.

By MRS. J. P. COWLES.

IN her early and beautiful girlhood, Mrs. SAFFORD, then ANN ELIZA BIGELOW, was drawn to religion by seeing how good and how happy it made one of her older sisters. Consecrating to the Redeemer, not only her mind and affections, but her hands and voice, her time and money, she was, from the happy hour that fixed her choice to that in which she rendered up her mortal breath, — more than half a century, — always and everywhere loyal to him. Earthly good and worldly pleasures were to her only shadows; God, souls, and the endless life, her realities. This faith in the invisible was fed by the study of God in his word and providence, and by communion with him in prayer. She appropriated the Scriptures to her own case. "I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward," was the voice of God to her as really as though her own name, instead of the patriarch's, had been prefixed to it. Believing most thoroughly in answers to prayer and in special providences, when she asked counsel of the Lord, she expected wise guidance, and looked for it in her Bible-reading, in mental suggestions, or in the ordering of events. She would sometimes venture to tell the Lord that she would take a specified contingency as a token of his will on an important pending question which she had to decide. Her prayers were talking with God as friend talks with friend.

Early in the history of this Board, Mrs. SAFFORD saw a gospel in it; and though, from failing health, she could not give it active service, she rejoiced in its success, and blessed it with her prayers.

As long as Deacon SAFFORD lived, Mrs. SAFFORD, in aiding Christian enterprises, was carrying out his will not less than her own. Hand in hand they dispensed to the poor, befriended the orphan, and comforted the afflicted. He bought a large house, that they might entertain the Lord in the person of his ministers and missionaries. In that house, No. 3, Beacon Street, the Mount Vernon Church may be said to have been born.

During the eighteen years of her widowhood, Mrs. SAFFORD thought she often found the will of the Lord in answer to the question, "What would Mr. SAFFORD think?" Near to one another all these years invisibly through Christ, whom both have been worshipping, — he in heaven, and she on earth, — they now, with faces bowed, but radiant, cast their crowns together at his sacred feet, and again join in singing,

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Department of the Interior.

MEXICO.

IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION.

THE fact, that, since this letter was written, the missionary Stephens, friend and co-laborer of Mr. Watkins, has been assassinated at the instigation of the priests, will give a sad interest to this account, from the pen of Mrs. Watkins, of the beginning of the persecution.

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, June 24, 1873.

Many are reading the word of God now in Guadalajara, and many more are desirous of obtaining this precious treasure; but they have not the means. This cry for spiritual food would make your hearts ache, could you hear it, and not have the means to supply it. While there is great encouragement in our work, there are also many drawbacks. The spirit of Romanism is the same here to-day as in the time of the Inquisition; but the power (thank God!) is much less. One young man was here, endeavoring to work for Protestantism, but dared not speak or write any thing publicly, and at last had to flee for his life. It would be the same with us, had we not made so many friends in the first few months, even among the Romanists themselves. Three times have my husband and myself been stoned on the streets; but only once did we receive any harm. At that time two stones struck Mr. Watkins in the back, which confined him to his bed for three or four days. We are obliged to take every precaution, both in and out of the house, as these deceived fanatics are at no

loss for numerous means to accomplish their deadly ends. But, when God is for us, why should we fear what man will attempt to do unto us? The governor and his officials give us all the protection in their power; and the majority of the army, with all the liberals, are in our favor: but, of course, the priests with their fanatical party, to which most of the lower class belong, are bitter enemies. In a town not far from here, the priest told the people, from the pulpit, when they saw the Protestants entering the town, to receive them with stones and hot water. Also in Leon, a town nearly as large as Guadalajara, the priests told the people, that, when the Protestants should go there, the bells would all ring, and that they were to come together with stones, large knives, &c., and make a quick despatch of them. One day, shortly after this advice, the bells rang out loud and long; and the people, supposing the Protestants had come, were gathering from all points, well armed, but were greatly disappointed when they found it was only a fire. Thus are the priests preparing to receive the Protestants all through the country. We have printed two replies to a priest here who has written against us, which have been received with much favor, even by some of the fanatical party. We also publish a weekly paper, one of the largest in the city; and it now has more subscribers than any of the others, although this is but its second month. It is edited by a man who was once a priest, and who is considered one of the best writers in Guadalajara. This editor left the priesthood several years ago; and now he writes most effectively, knowing all its mysteries. The priests here have offered him a large sum not to write against them; but he will not sell his conscience. He is a true and helpful worker, I can assure you. One of the chief among the priests came here about two weeks ago, with the proposition that we should write no more against

the Romish Church, and that they also should keep silence. Mr. Watkins asked him, "The Church as it is now, or as it was in the time of St. Peter?" He sheepishly answered, "As it is now." Mr. Watkins told him it was impossible to promise that; for if he preached the simple truth only, as it is in the Bible, he must necessarily expose the errors in the Romish Church. This looked much like fear on their part, as they established eight new newspapers within a few days, for the sole purpose of combating us. Insults and abuse have not hurt us; but the truth has hurt them, and weakened their ranks. Pray for us, that there may be a great ingathering of souls from this city into the kingdom of the redeemed.

INDIA.

MENA, THE CHILD-WIDOW.

THE following is from a recent letter from Miss Rendall to the ladies of the Union Park Church, Chicago, describing a tour up the Kambam Valley:—

"I met a young widow of high caste in that region, whose history I am sure you would like to hear; and you will remember her, and pray for her especially, will you not? Dear Menah was married when she was only eleven years old; but, her husband dying a few months after, she became a widow,—the most fearful calamity that can ever befall a poor Hindoo woman. But she, brave girl, had a mind of her own. She would not let them shave her head (the first necessary disfigurement), neither would she leave off all her pretty jewels and gay cloths, simply because her young husband had died so untimely; though, how she carried every thing her own way, I'm sure I cannot tell. More than a year ago she heard of Christianity and of the

good results coming from that fountain source; viz., education, schools, good customs, &c. Her sensible mind took it all in, and she began to learn to read. We had not pitched our tent there more than half an hour, before she heard of my coming, and ran to see me. She kissed my hands, caught hold of my dress in a frantic manner (which, as it happened to be a freshly-starched one, suffered considerably from the embrace), and fell at my feet. I told her I was perfectly delighted to see her; and she replied, 'I have waited and longed, and waited and longed, for you, and now my eyes are satisfied!' All this was intended to be very affecting. She read me all of the twenty-first chapter of Revelation, and the fourteenth chapter of John, and asked many questions about the verses. I thought it a wonderful feat for her thus to master reading amid the constant hoots and tantalizing names her heathen sisters poured upon her. She told me she just let them make fun of her: it was a satisfaction to them, and did not hurt her. I believe she may be near the kingdom; and I pray that she may be wholly brought in before the day passes. She does not rub ashes at all now, and has not done so for some time. I wish you could see her bright, open face! I think she is beautiful. She has enough of property to make her quite independent; and with her quick, teachable, well-balanced mind and happy nature, what a useful woman she would make, if only she were a child of God, and all her actions guided by a heavenly hand!"

ERZROOM. — The latest intelligence from Erzroom comes to us in a letter from Miss Patrick. She has been making successful trips to Trebizond, Ordo, and Gooklah, near the Black Sea, and to Todoveran and Komatsoov, about thirty miles from Erzroom.

Home Department.

A THANK-OFFERING.

THE letter from which the following extract is taken came to us from the wife of one of our home missionaries beyond the Mississippi. The thank-offering of ten dollars alluded to was saved from the marriage-fees which her husband sometimes receives.

“I send this last with tearful eyes. The little one for whose coming we had watched and waited this winter never breathed this earthly air. I did not feel as if I could give the thank-offering I had hoped to send. But, a few weeks after, another mother passed through a similar experience, and, three days later, yielded up her own life, leaving two little girls, just the age of my own, motherless. So now, each day, I look at my dear ones, and thank the kind Father who lets me stay with them a little longer. Our auxiliary has now twelve members, including every female member of the church except two, who are out of town this winter, and will, without doubt, join us on their return. My Children’s Meeting has but just started. I hope to report better things hereafter.”

WORK WAITING. — The American Board has offered us the privilege of supporting the new Girls’ School at Kobe, Japan. We accept gratefully. No scholarships are yet taken. Who will work and pray for it?

“WHAT CAN LITTLE HANDS DO?”

THE following little incident from Miss Eddy, teacher in the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, in Delavan, Wis., shows how readily children respond to the claims of those who have no knowledge of the way of life: —

“I was in a geography class composed of deaf-mutes. Our subject was China. I had no thought of giving religious or missionary instruction. My mind was intent upon making the country, its people, and their life, a reality to these children, who knew nothing by the hearing of the ear, and whose minds were just opening to a knowledge of a world outside of what they had seen or felt. So I told them the story of a poor old Chinaman, who was feeling oppressed by a sense of sin, and having vainly sought relief in idol-worship,—hearing a rumor of strangers from a far country who were teaching about a new God,—travelled many weary miles seeking them. To my surprise, the class seemed roused by the feeling that such things ought not so to be; and the question was eagerly pressed upon me, ‘What can we do?’ After the class was dismissed, before I had left the room, one little boy returned, an indigent pupil, bringing ten cents, which he had earned Saturday afternoons,—the only time when he was free to go where he chose,—blackening boots in the shoe-shop. He wanted me to give it where it would help send the Bible to China. The little gift was more than simply ‘of his own accord:’ it was eagerly, joyfully pressed upon me, with an earnest desire to do more.”

This, also, from the secretary of another little society, illustrates the same point: —

“One day, when I was very busy, I heard a tap on the

kitchen-door, and opened it to admit a motherless little fellow, about seven years old, whom I had always classed among the 'irrepressibles.' 'Miss T., I am going to give you my gold dollar and ten cents to help the heathen boys and girls;' and, pulling out a little pocket-book which was tied with a string, he handed me ten cents. Seeing my puzzled look, he explained: 'My father was reading to me about the heathen boys, and about a little boy who gave his money to help them; and I said, "I am going to give my gold dollar." My father wouldn't let me give it now, because my mother gave it to me. He said I must keep it until I am older, and then, if I want to give it, I may. But I am going to give it when I am older.' The generous little hearts will give their best treasures, if we only teach them they are needed."

NEW MISSIONARY. — Miss Pinkerton of Iowa, a lady well fitted for her work, has offered to go to the Zulu country, where she is greatly needed. We want new bands of praying women to organize speedily for her support.

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

FROM FEB. 15 TO MARCH 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.			
<i>Atwater.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. A. Hutchinson, Tr.,	\$8 00	<i>Painesville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons, Mrs. Beardslee, Tr.,	\$25 00
<i>Clarksfield.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. Barnum, Tr.,	7 00		
<i>Cleveland.</i> — Euclid-ave. Ch., aux., to be applied hereafter, Mrs. M. B. Lukens, Tr.,	200 00	MICHIGAN.	\$248 35
<i>Hudson.</i> — Aux., Mrs. L. W. Brewster, Tr.,	8 35	<i>Hudson.</i> — Aux., for support of a Bible-reader in Marash, Mrs. A. A. Finney, Treas.,	\$20 00
			\$20 00

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> —Aux., Miss Ellen M. Pierce, Treas.,	\$13 55
<i>Chicago.</i> —1st Ch., aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, Mrs. Whittlesey, Treas., \$117; New England Ch., aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, Mrs. Hjortsberg, Treas., \$36.78; Tabernacle Ch., aux., Harriett E. Tuttle, Sec., \$13,	166 78
<i>Galesburg.</i> —Aux., to constitute Mrs. M. L. Williston a L. M., Mrs. H. L. Hurd, Sec.,	26 55
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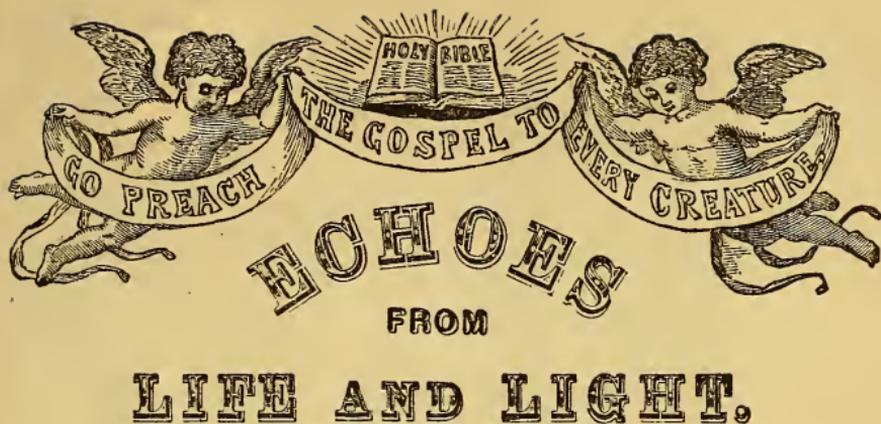
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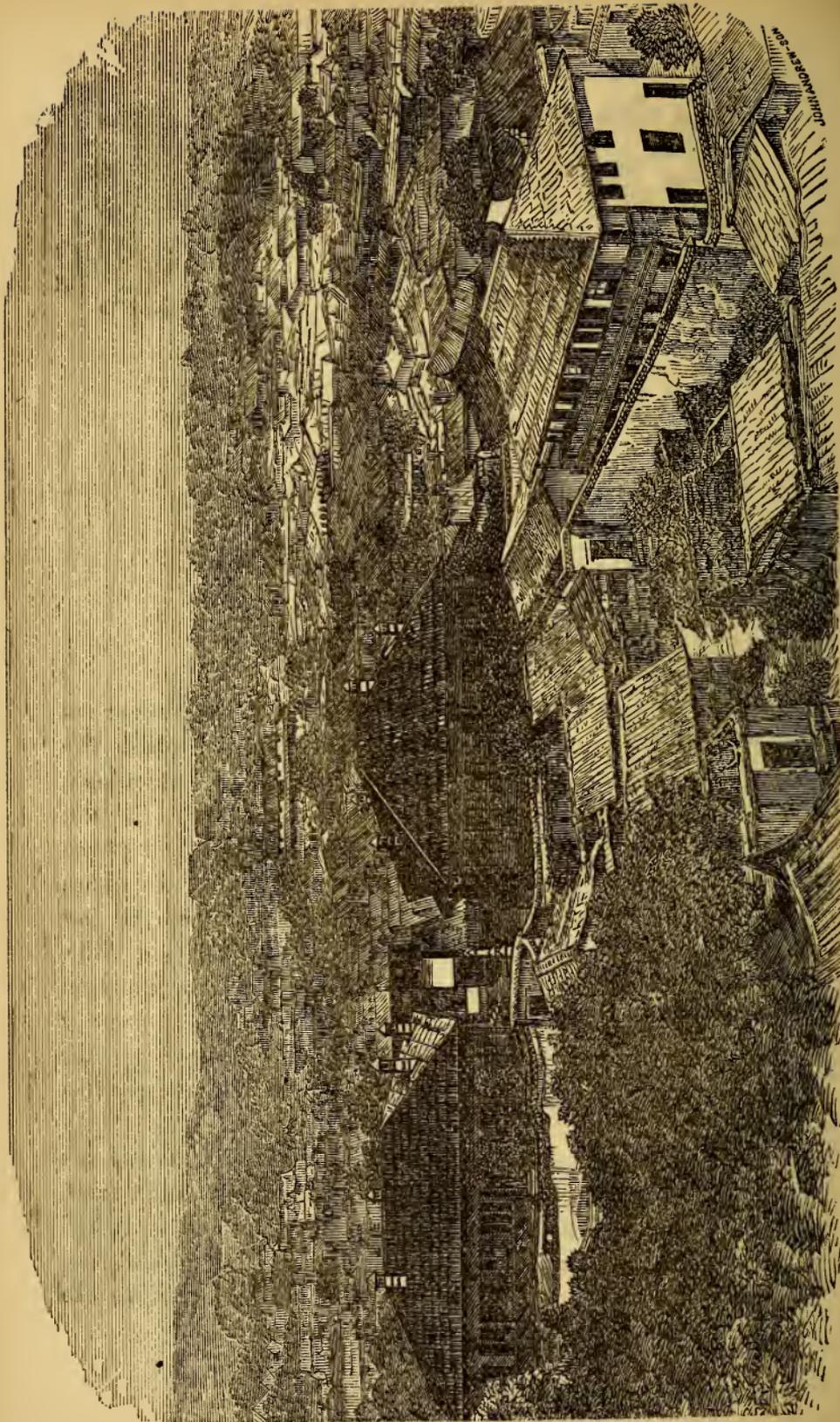
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FOOCHOW.

BY MISS A. M. PAYSON.



THE two largest houses in the picture on the following page are those in which the missionaries live, and are called bungalows, because they are only one story in height. These dwellings are quite cool and pleasant, having wide verandas on two sides, with long shutters which keep out the hot sun. These verandas, so long and wide, make a fine place for children to run and jump and play. Here you will often see a swing for the use of the little people, and a rocking-horse or velocipede, the gift of some kind uncle or grandpapa in far-off America. There are seven or eight rooms in each of these houses, and two wide halls. The windows are like doors, the upper part being of glass, and the lower of wood; and on a hot summer's day they are all stretched wide open to catch every passing breeze. In the winter, carpets are used; but in summer they make the rooms too warm: so the prettily-painted floors are left bare.



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In the yard of the house, on the right, shrubs and vines may be seen, which in the early spring are very beautiful. There are white and red roses; and honeysuckles cover the wall, filling the air with fragrance; geraniums, heliotrope, and other flowers also, keeping fresh and green during the whole year. A wall, too high to see over, surrounds each house, and has a large double door, opening into the street, which is always kept locked to shut out thieves and vagabonds. Outside this wall are hundreds and thousands of native houses, low and dingy, containing usually only two or three rooms. They are most of them unpainted, have no glass windows, and, as a rule, are washed only once in a year. It is not strange, that, when the women who live in such houses call on the missionaries, they all exclaim, "Oh, what a fine house! How clean it is! Look at the painted floors! How very, very clean!"

The first house on the right of the picture is a school-building for student helpers; but at present there are none in it. This is not a bungalow, like the others, and has only one veranda, which is on the second story. The trees on the left of the picture are mock banyans, and are very large and handsome. The branches are long and spreading; and many of them hang nearly to the ground. These drooping branches are sometimes called, "the whiskers of the banyan." These trees keep green through the year; and there are so many of them about Foochow, that it has received the name of Banyan City. In the early morning, hundreds of little sparrows are frequently seen flitting about among their branches, chirping and twittering, seeming to enjoy life too much to keep body or throat still for a moment.

Opposite these mission-houses of which I have spoken are two tall pagodas, not seen in the picture: one of them is called the white, and the other the black pagoda. The long

building which may be seen in the centre of the picture is a large covered gateway, being, like all the city gateways, much higher than any of the surrounding buildings. The city walls are twenty feet high; and the gates, seven in number, are closed at dark, and opened at daybreak; so that any one who reaches the gates after they are shut must use a ladder to get into the city.

It is thought that there must be three or four hundred thousand people within the city walls; and, alas! only a very few of this great number have learned to love the Saviour. They still put their trust in idols of wood and stone. I hope the dear children in America who read the "Echoes" will pray for these poor heathen in Foochow, that God will take away the darkness from their minds, and the blindness from their eyes, that they may see their sin, and feel their danger, before it is forever too late.

AN IDOL KILLED.

BY MR. W. B. CAPRON.

A HINDOO newspaper gives an account of an attack by a few fanatical pilgrims upon a famous idol in Western India named Vittoba:—

"On the 11th, at about ten in the morning, five devotees entered the temple of Pundarpore on the pretence of visiting the idol; and, evading the notice of the guards and others inside the temple, one of them threw a black stone at the idol, which struck the ankle-bone of his left leg. This produced a great sound, but did not attract attention; when another stone was thrown at the idol, and a piece as large as a big shell was split off from the left leg. The devotee and his companions were soon apprehended by the

guards of the temple, and given over to the police. The news spread everywhere, causing much excitement among a large number of Vittoba's worshippers and the poor people who throng his temple. They all raised an alarm, which was enough to rend the canopy of heaven, crying piteously, 'O King Vittoba! art thou going away, leaving us, thy poor children, all alone? O God! where shall we go now, without thee? Who will take care of us besides thee? Thou art our Father; thou, our Protector. Without thee, this treasure-house is emptiness: this place, though inhabited, is but a desert. Just as the moon, — who on the day of full moon appears brilliant, and makes dark nights as bright as day, — when eclipsed by the giant, spreads darkness upon earth, so thy absence will spread darkness upon Pundarpore.' Thus they were all wailing and moaning."

Alas for poor Vittoba! the wound was fatal. A man might lose a limb, and still live; but such a wound to an idol can never be healed. The only thing to be done is to get a new idol; and what will he know in comparison with the idol which has stood there and received worshippers for hundreds of years? Perhaps the new idol will not listen to their prayers, and, if he does, will lack knowledge and experience. At any rate, it will take time for him to get used to the people, and for the people to get used to him; and it must be many years before a hundred thousand people gather from great distances to worship the new idol as they did the old.

It is very sad to have any thing die that we love, — a dog, or a canary-bird, much more a friend or a parent. But, dear children, what would you do if any thing should happen to God, and for days and weeks you should have no one to pray to, and none to care for you?

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“So the little gathered here,
Mites from childhood’s willing hand,
Go some aching hearts to cheer,
In a dark and distant land.”

ARBUTUS-GLEANERS.

THE name of "Arbutus-Gleaners," taken by a mission-circle in Plymouth, Conn., makes us think of pleasant rambles in the woods, lovely pink blossoms under the dried leaves, and fragrant bunches made and sold for the benefit of the mission-circle treasury. We are glad to give our readers the benefit of the thought just at this season. Arbutus-Gleaners in Plymouth do not feel obliged to confine their labors to the spring-time, however, as will be seen by the following account, sent us some time since, but crowded out of our pages till now: —

"Shall I tell you about a pleasant little sale that was held in my parlors, a few nights before Christmas, by four little girls under twelve years of age? Last August these girls began to prepare for a sale, 'To help Miss Talcott in her work,' as they said. Miss Talcott has gone as missionary to Japan within a year; and as she was a member of our church, and teacher in our sabbath school, of course the girls were greatly interested in her, and in what she was going to do. As I am the mother of one of the little girls, I thought it best to encourage their missionary spirit, and assisted them in carrying out their plans. They worked faithfully until the time appointed for the sale.

"We displayed the fancy articles in two booths, decorated the room with evergreens; and when it was lighted, I am sure, if you could have seen it, you would have thought with me it was very pretty. The evening, unpleasant outside, was delightful within; and, when the money was counted at its close, it amounted to twenty dollars for the Woman's Board, and two dollars for a 'nest egg.' We heard, last week, of a sale held by little girls in a larger place, where they made sixty dollars, having started after hearing what our little girls were doing.

Thus eighty dollars have gone into the treasury of the Woman's Board of Missions through the enterprise of these four children. We have sent the money forth with our prayers. May it call down a double blessing, — on the cause in which it may be used, and in the hearts of these dear girls who have enlisted so early in the service of the Master!

“Perhaps I will tell you some other time what plans they have for work in the future; or, possibly, you may guess what they are, when you hear the name they have chosen, — ‘Arbutus-Gleaners.’ Will you who read the ‘Echoes’ try to do something for the missionary cause? I hope so; for, after you have made one effort, you will want to make another, and so the missionary spirit will grow within you.”

E. A. L.

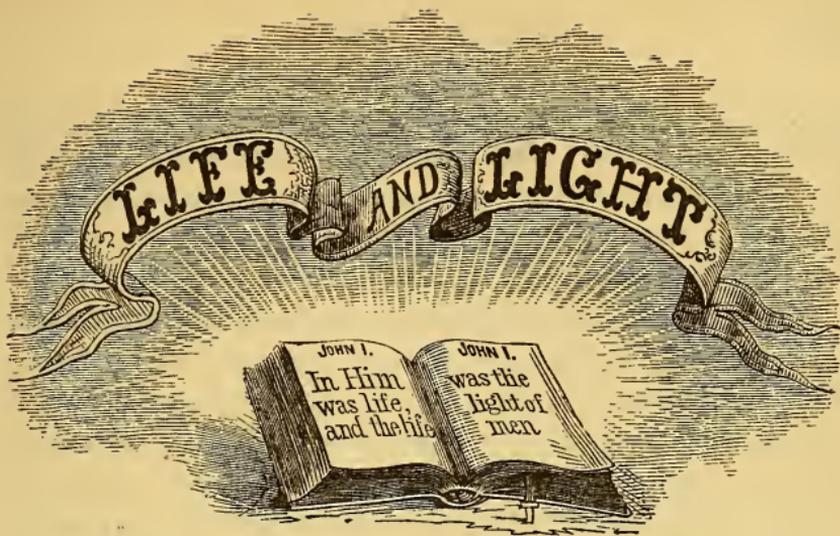
ACROSTIC.

1. A word dear to all hearts.
 2. A city where Paul preached.
 3. Something taught all through the Bible.
 4. An important person in the Roman-Catholic Church.
 5. A priest mentioned in the books of Samuel.
 6. The principal river of Germany.
 7. A name applied to the enemy of souls.
- My whole is what all should be in the mission cause.

ANSWER TO ACROSTIC.

Pulliar.

We have received a correct answer to the acrostic in the March number from N. W. C. H., Winchester, Mass.; additional answers to the cross-word enigma in the February number, from M. E., Winchester, Mass., and M. J. M., Bedford Centre, N.H.; and a reading of the Turkish printing in the January number, from A. G. S., Yankton, D. T.



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TURKEY.

A VISIT TO MOSUL.

BY MISS O. L. PARMELEE.

I HAVE had a strong desire, all the years I have been in Turkey, to see Mosul, that great city opposite old Nineveh, sometimes called Nez Nineveh. Around it cluster many interests relating to the city itself, and connected with the lives of those precious missionaries whose graves lie all unmarked outside the walls. We left home on Saturday, Nov. 1, going eight miles to the north-west, that we might spend the sabbath and Monday with the little flock at Kulluth. As usual in the villages, I found, that, during the summer, the women had neglected their reading, and some of them even the sabbath services. In this land, the rule for those who give any thought to the subject is; " ' Seek ye first the kingdom of God ' in the winter only : in the summer, seek

ye first the things of this world, — gardens and vineyards and harvest-fields." My Kulluth women were all ready to confess their failings; and most of them promised from that day to remember that the winter had come, and that it was time for a change.

We spent the second sabbath in Hassana, where our neighbors of the Persian mission have a hopeful work. We could not understand a word of their language; yet it was good to worship with a people of such simple, earnest piety, so free from any taint that the world with its luxuries brings. They are very, very poor, and dreadfully oppressed, as are all the mountain Nestorians; but they serve God with what they have. The contribution-box is passed every sabbath; and he who has nothing more to give puts in an egg or a wee ball of cotton-yarn. Oh that our own people had more of this spirit! But it is the old trouble, — the more men have, the more they want to keep it, and the harder it is to give up any of it, even to the Lord.

We reached Mosul about noon of the thirteenth day from home, and, according to the pleasant Oriental custom, were met, about an hour from the city, by the pastor and quite a number of the Protestants. The church and community are quite small (less than ninety souls in all, men, women, and children); but there was among them an amount of intelligence, refinement, and general cultivation, that was very pleasing to us who have lived so long with a ruder people. We spent four weeks there, and, as far as the heavy rains would allow, visited in their homes, making ourselves familiar with their state, their progress, and their needs. One wonder, at first, that after all these years of missionary labor, and much faithful pastoral work, there is no more evidence of growth. A little closer observation, however, reveals a reason for such a state of things, and makes one thankful, that, through the grace of

God, the Church has been able to hold her own in the face of such opposition. The Papists have made Mosul their centre of work for all this region. Padres and nuns have flocked to the city in large numbers. They have a printing-press that does very superior work. Free schools have been opened, in which books, and all things necessary, are furnished to those who come; and the attractions of embroidery, music, and the languages, are used to win pupils. Of course, these schools are fully attended. We even found some Protestant children had been drawn into the snare. Mosul is a wealthy, worldly city: fine clothes and good living are a necessity; and to lose caste in good society, almost as dreadful a thing as in India. The Papacy walks hand in hand with all these worldly luxuries and honors. It is no wonder that a large number of those who are fully convinced of gospel truth cannot consent to yield their pride, and love of the world, and cast in their lot with the everywhere abused and despised Protestants. These things saddened us exceedingly; and yet we found much to encourage us. Gospel truth has been widely scattered; and a large number need but the heart-convincing power of the Spirit to be brought into the community.

One of our first rides outside the city was to the solitary spot where our missionaries sleep in Jesus, resting from their labors in the noisy, crowded city. So much indignity was shown to the graves, in the way of marring the stones, that it was found necessary, some years ago, to place all the stones under ground, and level off each resting-place; so that there is nothing to mark the spot as other than common earth. Yet here lie Dr. Grant, Dr. Lobdell, Mr. Hinsdale, and others. I was inexpressibly saddened by this visit, although I could scarcely tell why. They were all of the blessed dead "who die in the Lord;" and to this day "their works do follow them." I know that there is a strong

feeling in the church at home that these precious lives were all wasted, or, at least, that they might have been much more profitably spent in some more favorable climate. I confess that a very little of that feeling had found a place in my own heart; but I came away without a remnant of the thought left. It was easy to understand why they were all so ready to spend, and be spent, even unto death, if, by any means, they might win even a few of so interesting a people to the service of the Lord Jesus. There is abundant proof that their labors were not in vain. To leave behind them a church so well rooted and built up in the faith of the written Word, that all its adversaries cannot shake or overthrow it, is a monument that any Christian, or number of Christians, might well covet. Such an intelligent, interesting Bible class as I attended every sabbath noon while there, I never met in America; and yet no missionary has lived among them for twelve or thirteen years. This is all the fruitage of that first sowing.

Another day we rode across the Tigris, and spent several hours in Nineveh, — noticing the line of the old city wall, a low mound on which husbandmen were ploughing, and sowing the seed, in the most commonplace manner; diving into dark caverns from which Dr. Layard carried away the marks of ancient Assyrian grandeur, which so astonish the world as they are seen in the British Museum; and standing surprised ourselves before two colossal stones which guarded some old gateway, on which were carved the sacred bull with the face of a man, and the wings of an eagle. The *débris* of centuries has been removed from above them; the rains have washed the marble clean; and the carving with the full inscription stands out as distinctly as though done yesterday. It was difficult to believe that twenty-five centuries had passed since the gateways were in their glory. Now and then, time finds something he cannot

easily conquer: in the main he triumphs wonderfully; and his triumphs are destructions. Save for a few blocks of marble, all traces of Sennacherib's glory and pride, as of Jonah's more mighty preaching, have passed away. Nineveh — "that exceeding great city of three days' journey;" "the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, 'I am, and there is none beside me;'" "the bloody city, full of lies and robbery," — "how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down!" "Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them." God's word standeth sure: not one jot or one tittle shall fail till all be accomplished. This was the lesson of that memorable day; and it comforted our hearts, making them more patient to wait for the spiritual harvest, which God has said shall surely come from all this spiritual sowing.

LETTER FROM MRS. TOMSON.

IN a recent letter to our Auxiliary in Newburyport, Mass., Mrs. Tomson speaks of her arrival at the Constantinople Home as follows: —

"Mr. Bliss met me at Constantinople, and took me safely through the custom-house. A short ride through the Golden Horn, or Harbor at Scutari; a pleasant ride in a cab, instead of on the anticipated donkey, — and at last we reached the outer gate of the 'Home.' There was nothing to be seen from the street but a high stone wall and a ponderous wooden door. This door swung open as Mr. Bliss pulled a little string; and, standing in a porch at the end of a long gravelled walk, I saw Miss Rappleye. It was a real getting home after my long journey. The cordial welcome I received from my associates, and the

graceful greeting from the Armenian scholars, each handing me a lovely pink rose, made me feel that my cup was running over with the goodness and tender loving-kindness of the Lord. I arrived Tuesday; and Thursday was Thanksgiving, — a beautiful day with these new missionary friends.

“Miss Rappleye has done a good work in the school connected with the ‘Home,’ — a missionary work, I mean; although the intellectual progress of the girls is wonderful, and fills me with admiration. Every time I listen to their English compositions and recitations, I think of my scholars in America, who, after years of school training, would suffer by comparison with these girls, who, at the most, have had only two or three years of any mental training or discipline. There was much religious interest in the school just before vacation; and we were all sorry to have the girls go home for the Christmas and New Year’s feasts, well knowing how easy it is for serious impressions to be dissipated. My heart warms towards these pretty girls; and I long for the time to come when I can visit in their homes, and, through the children, gain access to the parents.”

INDIA.

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN.

THE following, from the pen of Miss Sisson, is taken from the Annual Report of the Madura Mission for 1873: —

“The work among women in this city seems to me to be one of much promise, although it is but recently that the thick veil of prejudice which hides these poor heathen wo-

men from our missionary ladies has been lifted at all, and although our work is still in its infancy. Female education carries with it much ignominy in the mind of the Brahmin; and there is no doubt, that, in those households where the women have begun to learn to read and write, they have sometimes suffered from the contempt and petty persecution of their bigoted friends. Yet new houses are opening to us continually; and the need of a larger native agency presses on all sides. My own experience in the work is but limited. Less than six months since, I began to visit the women in their homes, examining their progress in study, and endeavoring to impart to them some knowledge of the true God, and the way of salvation through Christ. It is wayside sowing apparently, among a people whose consciences sleep the sleep of death; yet I never return from a visit, without feeling my own heart encouraged and warmed in the work, praising God that the Word which returns not void has been taught, and knowing that the Spirit of all grace shall yet make the barren waste to bud and blossom as the rose. Without this faith, our work would indeed be heart-sickening. The apathy of those who listen unmoved to the awful threatenings or the glorious promises of the Word is not more discouraging than the case of some whom we have found, hearing with quickened interest, seeming to partially embrace the truth, only to arouse the hostility of their friends, and forbid the entrance of either Bible-woman or missionary lady to the house.

“A case of this kind has moved us deeply. A young Brahminee, whose application and eagerness to learn surpassed that of any other woman I have seen in India, became interested in the stories of the Bible, and purchased a copy, making it her daily companion. She read often in the Old and New Testament, anxious — she said, when

urged to read the New first — to ‘know it all.’ By its pure light she naturally became disgusted with the vile histories of Hindoo gods, and refused to worship them any longer. She was allowed by her husband to read the Bible, with the injunction not to believe on Christ: all things else she might accept. ‘Very bewildering,’ she said, when we told her there was salvation in no other name. But her troubles had only begun; for older relatives came, and Hindooism again asserted its sway: she was not only forbidden to see us, but even to read. We commend her to the prayers of those who have power with God.

“In a house I often visit, there is an audience, at times, of ten or more women, not one of whom reads, or cares to learn; yet they hear the Word with gladness. The head of the family, an aged woman with hair like snow, seems a sincere seeker for truth, asking many questions, and showing, a rare thing among Tamil people, a sense of sin, and a conscience burdened with guilt. She confesses with grief that her efforts to make herself better have been unavailing. With a mind darkened by a long life of sin, and weakened by age, she seems to stand upon the verge of the grave; groping feebly for her Lord, feeling after him, if haply she may find him. Oh that the life and light and strength that are in Christ may yet be hers!

AUSTRIA.

LETTER FROM MRS. SCHAUFFLER.

WE give below extracts from a letter recently received from Mrs. Schaufler, addressed to the Woman’s Board, knowing that our readers will rejoice with her in the opening for work among the women in Prague.

“Not long since, I went to a hospital to visit a young servant-girl, who, a little more than a year ago, knew nothing of the gospel, and had never seen a Bible, but who has since died a peaceful death, trusting in Christ alone. A very pleasant-looking nun was attending the sick girl; and my heart went out to her immediately. With her permission I walked down the room; and, as she accompanied me, she asked if I was not afraid.

“‘Why?’ I inquired: ‘are you?’ And then I added, ‘Don’t you think Jesus takes care of his children wherever they go?’ She stopped in her walk, and looked long and searchingly at me. ‘Does he not help you in your hard work?’ I asked. Again that searching look.

“‘What are you?’ she said at last.

“‘A Christian woman, who wants to help all the poor souls she can.’

“‘Are you Protestant?’

“‘Yes.’

“‘Are you not like us?’

“‘What do you mean by that?’ I asked.

“‘Oh,’ she replied hesitatingly, ‘religious.’

“‘If you mean that you wish to live to please the Saviour, who lived and died for you, and to be guided by the light he has given in the Bible, then we are alike,’ I answered.

“‘The Bible?’ she said wonderingly.

“‘Yes. Have you ever read the Bible?’

“‘Yes,’ she replied hesitatingly. ‘Have you one here?’

“I had the Gospel of St. John, which I had brought to the sick girl, and took it out carefully. She seized it, exclaiming, —

“‘Oh, give it to me! Lend it to me! May I read it first? I will surely give it to the girl?’

“‘Will you read it carefully?’

“ ‘Every word,’ she replied; and she did so, giving it to the sick girl the next morning. She asked, at another time, if that was the whole Bible, plainly showing her ignorance. She would not let me go; but, holding the door, she asked me question after question, revealing a hungry soul longing for gospel light, of which not a single ray seemed to have penetrated her heart. She gave me her address and her cloister name, begging me several times to come to her room, ‘and talk more about these things.’ Afterwards she became more guarded, and put off my intended visit. I hope to see her yet; and I shall try to have a whole Testament in my pocket. A young girl who has charge of one of the departments of the hospital took possession of the German St. John, and sent me word that I could have it if I would send her a Bohemian book like it.

“ I think I may safely say, that not one day passes which does not bring just such interesting cases to my notice. If I am confined to the house with sick children, they come to me, even into the sick-room, seeking earnestly the very things we came to bring them. There is a very devout Catholic here, who forces her little ones to pray to the Virgin, and who reads every book I send, before allowing the children to commence it. One of them ran with tears to her governess the other day, crying, ‘Oh, see! Mrs. Schaufler has lent me a book; and she says it tells about Jesus;’ and she fairly jumped for joy. To-day a young girl came with conscience thoroughly roused by reading ‘Pilgrim’s Progress,’ though held back by all her friends. Her family were once very cordial to us, but are now bitter in their opposition to every sign of seriousness in her; though her mother is reading my Testament, which she quietly borrowed.

“ About three months ago I invited two or three children in the neighborhood to join with mine in a ‘Bible Hour’ on

Sunday afternoon. I wish you could have seen the smiling faces of the sixty-four children who gathered one sabbath before a great storm! Over eighty have already been here; and some, kept away by the nuns, have re-appeared after a few weeks. They are rich and poor, Bohemian and German. From the first, the Bohemian portion grew much more rapidly than the German. The eagerness of some of the dear children to come and to learn was so great, that, in many cases, those who did not understand a word of German asked others to teach them their verses in that language, before we had procured cards in Bohemian. Many of them have learned long hymns, and sing them with unction. They find it hard to wait for the day for the lesson to come. An hour before the time, my parlor is taken possession of; and I notice that clean hands and faces usually appear the second Sunday in place of the soiled and neglected ones of the first-comers. Not unfrequently the parents and older sisters come with them.

“Dear mothers and sisters, we need your prayers, your help. I wish you were here on the spot: there is more work than any one whose family cares are large can ever hope to do. There is scope for every energy; there is play for every faculty; and there is every opportunity for serving the Master, and preaching, as he did, the gospel to the poor. I rejoice with great joy in every blessed day given me to work here, and only hope that you will bear the women of Austria on the prayers of your faith, and in the arms of love, to Him whose promise is, ‘Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.’”

UNDER date of April 3, the Woman's Board received an urgent call from the missionaries in Prague, to send two single ladies to this field to labor among the women. Who will go?

Bearing the Cross.

MATT. x. 38.

[Through the kindness of Miss Seymour, we received, some time since, the following lines, written by Baron Garabed, an Armenian graduate of the Harpoot Theological Seminary. His illness for years with lingering consumption has prevented his occupying the place of a pastor; but his patience under suffering, and his lovely Christian character, have given him great influence in favor of our religion. For the metrical arrangement, we are indebted to Mrs. J. H. Means.]

JESUS first a cross uplifted;
 He gives to me a cross to wear:
 Oh! help me, Lord, with loving heart
 To take my cross, and joyful bear.

Although my cross ignoble be,
 And it is hard to bow content,
 Yet help me, Lord, with loving heart
 To humbly take what thou hast sent.

Although my cross makes lack of bread,
 Takes all my gold, and leaves me poor,
 Yet help me, Lord, with loving heart
 All want to bear, in thy love sure.

The heavy cup, the bitter cup
 (I know that blessings in them lie),
 Oh! help me, Lord, with loving heart
 To bravely bear without one sigh.

Though sorely grieved my soul may be,
 And all my frame is worn and weak,
 Yet help me, Lord, with loving heart
 And patient trust thy strength to seek.

Not yet the icy hands of death
 Have sealed my lips, and closed my eyes;
 Oh! help me, Lord, whate'er betides,
 To clasp my cross, and joyful rise.

Our Work at Home.

APRIL MEETING.

ALTHOUGH the severe storm that ushered in the day for the quarterly meeting of the Woman's Board on the 7th of April detained many in their homes, yet the attendance of a large number of ladies from towns from fifteen to thirty miles from Boston showed, at least, that the society had some earnest friends.

The Home Secretary reported the prosperous growth of the society during the three months previous; and it was shown that this increase was due, in a great measure, to the stimulating effect of the Annual Meeting in January.

A thrilling address by Mrs. Capron, of the Madura Mission, made the meeting very interesting and profitable.

 WE think many of our readers must forget that the terms of "Life and Light" are fifty cents a year *in advance*, as, although five months have passed since the beginning of the year, more than half our subscriptions remain unpaid. Undoubtedly the failure to pay is mostly through forgetfulness; but our friends will remember that our bills must be duly met. Fifty cents is but a trifle to an individual; but our aggregate dues at this time make thirty-five hundred dollars difference to our treasury. The statement of the deficit of six hundred dollars last year made at our Annual Meeting called forth pledges from our Branches and Auxiliaries to increase the circulation in order to meet expenses. A very encouraging increase has been made in this regard; but a large list only adds to our difficulties, unless the subscriptions are promptly paid.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM MARCH 18 TO APRIL 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas.; Waterville, Aux., \$25; Brunswick, Aux., Miss Sarah P. Newman, Tr., \$59; Skowhegan, Aux., Miss Sarah Gilman, Tr., to const. L. M. Mrs. Webster Woodbury, \$25; Ellsworth "Prayer-Circle," Aux., Miss L. L. Phelps, Tr., \$5.45; "Young Reapers," .65; Gorham, Aux., Mrs. C. F. Smith, Tr., \$7; Thomaston, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. H. C. Ludwig, \$25; Bangor, Aux., Mrs. E. G. Thurston, Tr., \$72; Portland, Aux., High St. Ch. (of which \$25 by Mrs. Wm. H. Fenn to const. herself L. M., and \$25 by Mrs. John P. Brown to const. herself L. M.), \$137.75; State St. Ch., \$80.55; Plymouth Ch., \$54.33; Bethel Ch., \$35.76; 2d Parish Ch., \$33.50; St. Lawrence St. Ch., \$8.80; Williston Ch., \$7.56; 4th Cong'l Ch., \$1,		\$578 35
<i>Biddeford.</i> —2d Cong'l Ch., Mrs. Mary H. Merrill,	5 00	
Total,	\$583 35	

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> —Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., to const. L. M. Mrs. Enoch Pond,	\$25 00
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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Miss Abbie McIntire, Treas; Frankestown, Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. R. B. Fairbanks, \$42; S.S. cl., \$1.15; Exeter, Aux., \$22.44; Infant cl. of boys, .50,		\$66 09
<i>Campton.</i> —Mrs. Joseph Cook,	5 00	
<i>Candia.</i> —Young Ladies' Mission-Circle,	5 00	
<i>Claremont.</i> —Mr. Edw. L. Goddard, to const. L. M. Alice Goddard Pierce,	25 00	
<i>Hollis.</i> —Birthday offering by		

friends, to const. L. M. Miss C. Abbie Hurge,	\$25 00
<i>North Hampton.</i> —Mr. Rufus Dolton,	1 00
Total,	\$127 09

VERMONT.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas; North Craftsbury, Aux., \$6; Townshend, Mrs. Ira Batchelor, to const. herself L. M., \$25; Orwell, Aux. (of which \$25 by Mrs. Asa Young to const. L. M. Mrs. Ellen L. Young, and \$25 by Miss Louisa Root to const. L. M. Mrs. Sarah L. Wright, Weybridge), \$60,		\$91 00
<i>Wallingford.</i> —A Friend,	25 00	
Total,	\$116 00	

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Manchester, Aux., Mrs. Mary Barnes, Tr., \$6.50; Brattleboro, Mrs. Admiral Green, to const. herself L. M., \$25; Ludlow, Young Ladies' Mission Soc., \$5; Burlington, Aux., Mrs. Worcester, Tr., \$40; St. Johnsbury, Mrs. Horace Fairbanks, \$150; for finishing and furnishing the dining-room,		\$226 50
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MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Amherst.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. A. Allen, Treas., Miss E. W. Beaman, to const. L. M. Miss M. D. Beaman,		\$25 00
<i>Andover.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. C. Pearson, Treas., twenty-five ladies, \$5 each, for support of Protestant girl in Const. Home,		125 00
<i>Auburndale.</i> —Eddie M. Hill, .42, Lizzie C. Hill, .43,		85
<i>Barre.</i> —Mrs. Arnold Adams,	10 00	
<i>Boston.</i> —Miss Bessie B Ely, \$6; "A Widow's Mite," \$1; Park St. Ch., Mrs. Thos. F. Chase, \$5; Shawmut Ch., Miss Susan F. Lethbridge, \$25; Add'l \$4; Berkeley St. Ch.,		

Mrs. Hillard, \$10; Miss Hillard, \$5; Weekly Pledge, \$12.50; Oh. Coll., \$15; Old Colony S. S., for Elizabeth Makerbals, pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, \$30; Old South Ch., Miss Abbie B. P. Walley, Tr., \$296,	\$409 50	\$40 for pupil in Harpoot Fem. Sem.,	\$48 86
<i>Boston, East.</i> — Maverick Ch., Aux., Miss E. Hammett, Tr.; Miss E. Hammett, \$70, of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Misses Ella E. and Emma G. Fales; Mrs. Albert Bowker, to const. L. M. Mrs. Edwin Bliss, and Mrs. Langdon S. Ward, \$50; Mrs. Paul Curtis, 25; Mrs. Luther Wright, \$15; Mrs. Fales and Folts, \$10 each, \$20; Mrs. Gregory, James, Brown, Hall, Demond, Gogins, Waldron, and Dimick, \$5 each, \$40; Mrs. Barton, Sarah Delano, Robbins, Robinson, Miss Ellen Robbins, \$3 each, \$15; Mrs. Hilliard, Delano, Colesworthy, McPherson, Peirce, Collamore, Denham, Goodman, Misses Tenney and James, \$2 each, \$20; seventy ladies, \$1 each; total towards salary of Miss Elizabeth Sisson,	325 00	<i>Cambridge, North.</i> — "Rose Buds,"	5 00
<i>Boston, South.</i> — Phillips Ch., Aux., Mrs. Jeremy Drake, Treas.; Mrs. Sarah Doherty to const. L. M. Mrs. Emily A. Doherty, Mrs. Medcalf to const. L. M. Mrs. A. B. Hight, Mrs. Calvin Shephard to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary E. Roach, Miss Lucinda Smith to const. L. M. Miss Rebecca H. Bird, Mrs. Jeremy Drake to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Maria L. Swett and Mrs. Annie J. Deane, \$150; other subrs., 233; "Willing Workers," Miss Clara Smith, Tr., \$10; "Willing Hands," for pupil in the Dacotah Home, \$50,	443 00	<i>Chelsea.</i> — Chestnut St. Ch., Mrs. Joseph Sweetser, \$5; "BuzzyBeeMission-Circle," \$5,	10 00
<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Eliot Ch., Aux., Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Treas., \$13.50; Walnut Ave. Ch., Aux., Mrs. Tufts, Treas., \$2,	15 50	<i>Dorchester.</i> — Village Ch., "Band of Faith,"	5 00
<i>Braintree.</i> — With prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Annie Childs,	10 00	<i>Easthampton.</i> — Mrs. John Wright, to const. L. M. Mrs. Emily B. Clark,	25 00
<i>Brookline.</i> — Harvard Ch. Mission-Circles, "Buds of Promise," \$5; "Violets," \$8.50; "Lilies of the Valley," \$5; "Moss Roses," \$6.66; "Cheerful Givers," \$7.15; "Orioles," \$5; "Sparrows," \$5; "Excelsior"(boys), \$6.55; of which		<i>East Charlemont.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. H. Leavitt, Treas.,	12 00
		<i>Everett.</i> — Mrs. G. M. Farrington,	2 00
		<i>Falmouth.</i> — A Friend,	5 00
		<i>Greenfield.</i> — Ladies' Benevolent Soc., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. F. A. Warfield, Miss Lucy A. Sparhawk,	50 00
		<i>Groveland.</i> — Sarah Tuttle,	5 00
		<i>Hinsdale.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Otis Taylor,	25 00
		<i>Haverhill.</i> — Aux., of which \$23 for Anatye, Madura,	48 50
		<i>Jamaica Plain.</i> — Infant cl. Cong'l S. S., by Miss C. Gilman, 7.70; "Buds of Promise," \$2.15,	9 85
		<i>Leicester.</i> — By Mrs. Z. Nelson and others, to const. L. M. Mrs. Harriet M. Coolidge,	25 00
		<i>Leominster.</i> — Mrs. A. G. Rechar,	5 00
		<i>Lowell.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. J. N. Marshall,	25 00
		<i>Medfield.</i> — Mrs. F. D. Ellis, Miss Mary F. Ellis,	2 00
		<i>Medway, West.</i> — "Olive-Plants," contents miss'y bank for Miss Seymour's sch.,	4 00
		<i>Monson.</i> — Mrs. N. M. Field,	1 50
		<i>New Bedford.</i> — Aux., Mrs. K. N. Bartlett, Treas., with prev. contri. for salary of Miss Parmelee, Mardin,	292 00
		<i>Newton, West.</i> — Aux., add'l,	50
		<i>Springfield.</i> — Mrs. John Loveland, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
		<i>Westboro'.</i> — Mrs. J. L. Smith, to const. L. M. Miss Fannie L. Smith,	25 00
		<i>Weymouth, North.</i> — Arthur M. Dorr, and little sisters,	55
		<i>Winchester.</i> — Aux., Miss Elizabeth D. Chapin, Treas., of which \$25, by Mrs. N. W. C. Holt, to const. L. M. Miss M. M. Holt, North Yarmouth, Me., and \$12.80 by Miss Nellie B. Holt, with prev. contri., to const. L. M. Miss Emeline A. Millett, Norway, Me., \$75; "Seek and Save Soc," Miss L. Jennie Sanderson, Tr., \$100,	175 00

<i>Worcester.</i> —Aux., Miss M. F. Sweetser, Treas.; Union Ch., Mrs P. L. Mocer, of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. M. C. Cutler, \$50; Central Ch., Mrs. M. F. Jennison, \$25; "Seek and Save Soc., \$5,	\$80 00
<i>Yarmouth.</i> —Woman's Miss'y Circle, Mrs. Cyrus Ryder, Treas.,	6 35
Total,	\$2,281 96

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Boston.</i> —Union Ch., by Mrs. G. Hubbard Davis, jun., Tr., \$137.50; Shawmut Ch., Mrs. R. H. Stearns, \$50; Mt. Vernon Ch. Mission-Circle, Miss C. Cushing, Treas., total for monthly contrl., proceeds of sale, and \$10 from Mrs. D. C. Coit for finishing and furnishing a teacher's room, to be called Mt. Vernon Room, \$351,	\$538 50
<i>Brookline.</i> —Harvard Ch., Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Moses Withington to const. L. M. Miss Susie E. Withington, and \$25 by Mrs. J. W. Tyler to const. L. M. Mrs. Thomas Flint, and \$25 by Mrs. B. L. Saville to const. herself L. M.,	243 00
<i>Woburn.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Adkins, Treas., of which \$25 by Mr. Thos. Richardson to const. Mrs. Richardson L. M., towards dormitory in the Home,	40 00

RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> —Miss Anna T. White, Treas.; East Providence, Aux., Mrs. Wm. Ellis, Tr., for the Aintab sch., \$21.65; Elmwood, Aux., add'l. \$50; Pawtucket, Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Dr. Blodgett to const. L. M. Alice L. Tolman, towards Mrs. Tyler's salary, \$215.50,	\$237 65
Total,	\$237 65

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Berlin.</i> —C. H. W.,	\$50 00
<i>Groton.</i> —Cong'l S. S., for pupil in Miss Townsend's sch.,	30 00
<i>Hartford.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Chas. Jewell, Treas.; Asylum Ave. Ch., \$100.50; Park Ch., 31; Centre Ch., for Mexican Mission, \$2,	133 50

<i>Norwich.</i> —Aux., 2d Cong'l Ch., Miss Araminta Kinne,	\$3 00
<i>Putnam.</i> —Aux., add'l,	85
<i>Wapping.</i> —Miss Julia Bane,	1 00
<i>Waterbury.</i> —A Friend, for girls' sch. at Marsovan,	20 00
Total,	\$238 35

NEW YORK.

<i>Aburn.</i> —Mrs. C. Dewey,	\$10 00
<i>Catskill.</i> —Julia R. Day,	25 00
<i>Franklin.</i> —Mrs. S. P. Smith, Treas., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. B. L. Bowers, Mrs. Alice T. Noble,	50 00
<i>Syracuse.</i> —Plymouth Ch., Aux., Miss Myra Fritcher, Treas., of which \$303 for salary of Miss Eliza Fritcher of Marsovan,	317 00
<i>Troy.</i> —D. L. B., for Miss Farnham's sch.,	100 00
<i>Walton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. I. J. St. John, Treas.,	14 50
Total,	\$516 50

NEW JERSEY.

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Bloomfield.</i> —Z. B. Dodd,	\$20 00
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OHIO.

<i>Coolville.</i> —Aux.,	\$15 00
<i>Medina.</i> —"Missionary Gleaners,"	3 00
<i>Toledo.</i> —A Friend,	5 00
<i>Troy.</i> —First Presb. S. S., for Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	120 00
<i>Zanesville.</i> —E. M. Buxton,	10 00
Total,	\$153 00

MINNESOTA.

<i>Faribault.</i> —Lily L. Frink,	\$3 25
Total,	\$3 25

CANADA.

<i>Sherbrooke.</i> —Mrs. Rev. Arch. Duff,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00

Donations,	\$4,262 15
C. Home Building Fund,	1,093 00
"Life and Light,"	337 00
"Echoes,"	26 22
Weekly Pledge,	7 31
Interest on Bartlett Fund,	150 00
Total,	\$5,875 68

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

EUROPEAN TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS MALTBIE.

SAMOKOV, Dec. 21, 1873.

I AM thankful that the Lord keeps some of his children in reserve, and close by him, to pray for us in the field, who are so filled with the planning and doing of the Master's work. My letter must be the bearer of sad tidings; for the Lord has afflicted us deeply, in the death of one of our dear girls, Setka. She has been with us four years; and six months ago we sent her, with much hope and joy, to work for Christ in Yamboul. She was one of the most faithful, consistent Christian girls that has ever been with us. She was succeeding finely in her school, and doing much good among the women, when she was suddenly stricken down. It is an exceedingly mysterious Providence; yet we cannot doubt that our Father's hand has done it, and that he will be glorified even in this. In her life, sickness, and death, the power of grace was most beautifully exemplified. She still lives in her influence. In the midst of the most intense suffering she was peaceful and happy, saying sweetly, "I have given every thing into the hands of my Saviour: I have no anxiety for any thing now." When she could no longer speak, the smile upon her face, and her uplifted hand, told the friends by the bedside that all was well: Jesus was near.

Mrs. Mumford will be greatly disappointed; for, the day before we received the telegram announcing Setka's death,

she left us, expecting to visit Setka's school. She will find only her grave, and her weeping scholars and friends, who are sorely bereaved. Her brother, a graduate of Robert College, has been almost persuaded to become a Christian; and we pray that this affliction may be the means of bringing him to Christ. Since her death, we have heard from another brother of hers, who is a pope (priest: they call them popes here); and he expresses himself very much dissatisfied with his present employment, and would gladly leave the priesthood, could he do so without disgrace. Last summer we visited the monastery where this man lives. We were very kindly welcomed and entertained, although they knew we were Protestant missionaries. They allowed us to enter the church, examine its pictures and ornaments, and even look at the embalmed hand of the wonderful St. John, who founded the monastery a thousand years ago. We visited, also, the tower where the monks lived before the present buildings, which are very spacious, were built; and they say this has stood a thousand years. We entered a small church on the grounds, which is consecrated to the bones of those whose souls claim an interest in the prayers of the monks in the church. The friends of the dead bring the bones, especially the skulls, of their loved ones, and hire the priests to pray for them. These bones are arranged in rows, upon shelves, and are prayed for according to the amount of money paid. Those that pay the most money get the most prayers. This monastery is very rich, and beautifully situated among the mountains. I hope it may become a theological seminary some time, and its wealth used in fitting men to preach the pure gospel of Christ. God is able to cause even this to be.

The man who first translated the New Testament into Bulgarian lives there. He is a man of scholarly appear-

ance and gentlemanly manners. Of course, he is unpopular there; but his influence must be felt, and tend to the elevation of the people. He is now preparing a dictionary of the Bulgarian language.

It is exceedingly interesting to live among a people just awaking out of the sleep of ages, and watch their development, and note the changes which come over them. But it is also an exceedingly responsible position. Oh! *pray for us*. In God is our strength.

EASTERN TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS PATRICK.

WE take this, by permission, from a letter to the ladies of the First Congregational Church, Chicago:—

ERZROOM, Jan. 21, 1874.

Last fall I visited Trebizond and Ordo, on the coast of the Black Sea. About twelve miles from Trebizond is a charming little place called Gooklah, where we have many friends; one young man from the village being a student in the Theological Seminary at Erzroom. The road leading from the seashore, up over the hills, to Gooklah, is very wild and romantic, but so steep and stony, that I think our horses must have been almost discouraged. The hills were covered with trees and bushes of nearly every description, among which were chestnut-trees. The frost had opened the burrs; and we gathered a few, reminding me of the time when, a little girl, in my old New-England home, I wandered over the hills in search of chestnuts. There were also many filbert-orchards. Filberts are one of the chief products on the coast of the Euxine. Thousands of

tons are exported every year. After climbing up for about four hours, we arrived at Gooklah; and, although I had always heard it spoken of as a lovely place, I found it much lovelier than I had expected. We could look down upon the sea dotted with sails; and in the distance it looked blue rather than black, and so quiet and peaceful, it seemed little like Turkey. As we only spent the sabbath, I had but one meeting with the women. They speak Turkish mostly; and I found some difficulty in making them understand, but, by using simple Armenian, succeeded pretty well. They were so anxious to be taught, that it was a pleasure to talk to them. The men in the villages near the Black Sea have a curious habit of spinning. They carry little spindles in their hands, and walking in the streets, or sitting in their houses, improve their time. It is particularly amusing to see them spinning; since they leave their wives to do the greater part of the work in the stables, and consider it a great disgrace to milk a cow.

Monday morning we left them, hoping we had encouraged their hearts, and done something to turn their thoughts towards heavenly things. Since my return, I have been to Todoveran and Komatsoor, villages about thirty miles from Erzroom, where I found a great deal to do. At one or two places where I called, I was summarily invited to leave; but generally we were warmly received.

By a letter recently received from Constantinople, we learn of a remarkable development of the work among the women in the Bardesag field. We had already most interesting reports from that region; but now comes the additional item, that Mrs. Parsons has a Bible-class of two hundred women under her special care and instruction.

Home Department.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

EVERY church ought to have some method of interesting its children in the work of missions. A formal organization, with long list of officers, is not necessary. Having been asked lately the question, "How would you go to work to start a children's missionary meeting?" I will tell those interested how we started here on the frontier. Some of you know, that, as soon as a Western railroad town springs into existence, all sorts of societies and organizations — lodges, granges, and lyceums — are starting too. In Christian things there must be the same activity. And while all the efforts of ministers and members are given to establishing, on a firm basis, preaching services, sabbath schools, and prayer-meetings, the missionary work must not be forgotten or deferred. The children are always ready for what is new. So, as soon as we were established in the unfinished parsonage, I invited all the children in town (there were not more than twenty) to come to a children's missionary meeting. Fifteen came. It was a new thing to them all. After simple preliminary exercises, I said, "Now, do you know what a missionary meeting is?" No: they didn't. So they were told, — "A meeting to learn about missionary work." The children repeated it together. "What is a missionary?" was the next question. One little voice answered, "Somebody who goes to teach the heathen." — "Is it a man, or a woman?" They finally thought it might be either. "Who are the heathen?" came next; and, with a little help, they gave

a correct answer. "Any heathen in this country? Why not?" — "Because here everybody has a chance to read the Bible, and learn about Jesus, if he will. The heathen are those who have had no chance." — "Why ought we to teach the heathen?" — "Because Christ has commanded it." Then we repeated the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "How can children obey that command?" By this time there was no waiting for answers: "We'll all go as soon as we're old enough!" — "Yes, but what *now*?" — "Give pennies to send those that can go." — "Yes, pennies and *prayers*." So we went on for a half-hour, making a sort of missionary catechism, which has been reviewed, improved, and enlarged at each subsequent meeting.

But this questioning is only a part of our exercises. We sing a good deal. I am making a little collection of missionary hymns suitable for children's meetings, and by and by, when "the ship comes in," mean to have it printed. Passing the missionary-box, counting the money, and telling how they earned it, is the most interesting part of the meeting, and comes last. Starting with the idea that they must not ask their parents for money, they resort to various devices to earn it. "Going without molasses on pancakes," was one answer last week, from a little girl who deposited her five cents with a happy face.

Here is our way to prevent interruptions from tardiness. Clocks differ in this region. Three o'clock is the hour for meeting; but the children are invited to come at two, and the first hour is spent with games and picture-books. As a consequence, at three they are all in their places, and ready for the opening prayer.

Dear sisters, there is a real pleasure in this work among the children. You feel that it is sowing seed which shall bring forth fruit in after-years. It is work which any

Christian woman *can* do; and the disposition, it seems to me, is enough to constitute a call. You may not be a minister's wife, or deacon's wife, or a sabbath-school teacher; but, if your heart prompts you to this work, you need not fear you have no talent for it. Begin in the strength of Him who has said, "Feed my lambs," and wisdom from above will be given to suggest ways and means.

SIBLEY, Io.

E. P. D.

MISSIONARY BOX.

THE ladies of the First Congregational Church of Chicago, with some aid from friends outside, have just completed a valuable box for the Zulu Mission. It contains articles, not so much for the personal use of the missionaries, as for service in their work. Dr. Bliss sends two dozen copies of "Sunshine," his new Sunday-school singing-book.

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

FROM MARCH 15 TO APRIL 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.	MICHIGAN.
<i>Centre Belpré.</i> — Union Centre S. S., by Mrs. E. M. Goodnow, \$20 00	<i>Bedford.</i> — Aux., by Mrs. A. M. Crane, \$10 00
<i>Charlestown.</i> — Aux., by Mr. H. Smith, 5 20	<i>Benzonia.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. A. Waters, Treas., 16 00
<i>Lowell.</i> — Aux., Miss Sarah Otis, Treas., 16 00	<i>E. Saginaw.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Shattuck, Mrs. J. L. Hadyn, Treas., 95 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to const. Mrs. Alvord and Mrs. Streeter L.M.'s, Miss E. E. Peck, Treas., 50 00	<i>Owosso.</i> — Aux., for school at Talas, Mrs. E. F. Guile, Treas., 31 10
<i>Oxford.</i> — Aux., of Female Sem., by Miss L. K. Peabody, 65 75	<i>Royal Oak.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. M. Porter, Treas., 5 50
Total, \$156 95	<i>Vermontville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. G. Barber, Treas., 25 00
	Total, \$182 60

ILLINOIS.

<i>Aurora.</i> —Aux., Mrs. G. F. Ruggles, Treas.,	\$8 32
<i>Champaign.</i> —Aux., for the support of Tsuka Urdakora, Mrs. J. Bragg, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Chesterfield.</i> —Aux., Miss L. M. Lawson, Tr.,	12 60
<i>Chicago.</i> —1st Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, Mrs. C. H. Whittlesey, Treas., \$61; Plymouth Ch., Aux., Mrs. J. S. Haven, Tr., \$21,	82 00
<i>Danvers.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Mabel Hastings, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Evanston.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Porter, \$117.90; S. S. for salary of Miss Porter, \$42.75; "Little Towel-Hemmers," for a pupil in Miss Porter's sch., 7.25,	167 90
<i>Genevose.</i> —Aux., \$15; "Missy Rill," \$5, for Mrs. Coffing's sch., Mrs. A. H. Nourse, Tr.,	20 00
<i>Geneva.</i> —Aux., for Miss Porter's ass't teacher, Mrs. A. E. Coe, Treas.,	8 00
<i>Glencoe.</i> —Aux., Mrs. S. T. Lockwood, Treas.,	14 00
<i>Jacksonville.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, by Abbie E. King,	50 00
<i>La Salle.</i> —Aux., by Mrs. R. P. Bascom,	6 00
<i>Moline.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. L. Bullen, Treas.,	24 00
<i>Oak Park.</i> —"Willing Workers," for a scholarship in the Maussa school, Miss Emma Roy, Sec.,	12 50
<i>Oneida.</i> —Mrs. Sophia W. Ford,	5 00
<i>Paxton.</i> —Aux., \$12.25, Cheerful Givers, \$2,	14 25
<i>Princeton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Converse, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Peoria.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. M. Hansel, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Rockford.</i> —2d Ch., Aux., Mrs. W. A. Talcott, Treas.,	41 88
Total,	\$505 45

WISCONSIN.

<i>Clinton Junction.</i> —S. S., for Miss Porter's school at Pekin, by Leonard Bronson,	\$30 00
<i>Depere.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. J. Wheeler, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Fox Lake.</i> —Female College, Aux., Miss Eva Gould, Sec.,	8 60
<i>Genoa Junction.</i> —Aux., Miss Mary B. Moores, Treas.,	21 00
<i>Plattsville.</i> —Aux., Miss Ella Marshall,	17 00

EVANSTON, April 15, 1874.

<i>Wauwatosa.</i> —Aux., to const. Miss Susie G. Warren a L.M., Miss Warren, Treas.,	\$6 50
Total,	\$88 10

IOWA.

<i>Davenport.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. James J. Merrill a L. M., Mrs. M. R. Smith, Treas.,	\$27 35
<i>Grinnell.</i> —Aux., \$49.50; Cong. Ch. Miss. Soc., \$20.50; Mrs. C. L. Schuyler, Treas.,	70 00
<i>Hampton.</i> —Woman's Cent Soc., Mrs. Anne Beed, Treas.,	5 33
<i>Independence.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. A. Ross, Treas.,	24 00
<i>Iowa City.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis, Mrs. J. E. Griffith, Sec.,	30 00
<i>Lansing Ridge.</i> —Ladies' Cent Soc., of German Cong. Ch., Mrs. Peter Weidmann, Tr.,	3 00
<i>Montour.</i> —Aux., Mrs. J. R. Hurd, Treas.,	12 55
<i>Muscatine.</i> —"Seeds of Mercy," for a pupil in Mrs. Coffing's sch., by Mrs. M. S. Robbins,	25 00
<i>Sib'ey.</i> —Mary Jane Keeler,	10 00
<i>Tabor.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. A. Todd, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Waterloo.</i> —Aux., for Mrs. Coffing's school, Mrs. S. H. Cross,	24 10
<i>Wittemberg.</i> —Aux., Mrs. D. D. Hanger, Treas.,	5 10
Total,	\$251 43

MINNESOTA.

<i>Grove Lake.</i> —"A Mother and Children,"	\$5 00
<i>Austin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. W. W. Brownson, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Minneapolis.</i> —Plym. Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Miss C. H. Allison, Treas.,	75 00
<i>St. Paul.</i> —Pres. S. S., \$32.50; Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. W. P. Stedman, Tr., \$25,	57 50
<i>Winona.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Van Duzee, Miss Hatch, Treas.,	100 00
Total,	\$252 50

KANSAS.

<i>Cawker City.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Emma Harris, Tr.,	\$4 00
Total,	\$1,440 93



ECHOES
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A DEVOTEE SEARCHING FOR JOY.



IN India there are a great many men, called devotees, who give themselves up to miserable lives, hoping by that means to obtain great happiness when they die. They spend all their time wandering from place to place, and making long pilgrimages to the temples of the gods, begging their support on the way. Their hair, beard, and nails grow very long; they wear scarcely any clothing; their bodies are covered with ashes; and their whole appearance is hideous and repulsive. They sometimes torture themselves, you know, by lying on sharp iron spikes, by holding their limbs in one position till they are unable to move them, and in many other ways. Some of these men are really sincere in denying themselves for their religion; but many become devotees because they think it is a respectable and easy way of earning their living: they are willing to bear tortures to obtain money and honor. Most of the people fear more than they respect them, thinking some evil will follow if they displease them. The picture represents a



A DEVOTEE SEARCHING FOR JOY.

devotee named Seethambrum, of whom "The Missionary News" tells the following story :—

"Inflamed with a desire to pay homage to Siva as a pilgrim, Seethambrum, an intelligent young Hindoo, set out, visited the most sacred places in the South, but found no happiness. He then became an ascetic, left his relatives, lived in celibacy, and subsisted on the alms of the pious. Wandering from one holy place to another, he wore the yellow dress, — a sign that he had renounced the world, mortified the flesh, and was spending his days in the contemplation of Siva. He associated with men of kindred devotion for five years. The result was, disappointment and anxiety. A little book was providentially given him, exposing the errors of Hindooism, and making known the gospel. He found in it more pleasure than in all the ceremonies and sacred places of Siva and Vishnu. Still it did not satisfy his soul. He must know more of Christianity, must read the Bible, and derive his knowledge from the fountain-head. No sooner had he done this than he was at rest. Its perusal filled him with joy. The gospel alone contained that which he had vainly sought among the idols and temples of India. Casting away his ascetic clothes, he sat at the feet of Jesus, and determined to devote the remainder of his life to making known the glad tidings to his fellow-men."

Did any of you, dear children, ever seek for happiness for one day, searching for it from morning till night? If you have, I think you must, like the man in the picture, have sat down discouraged many times before the day was over. The more you seek for joy and happiness, the more will they fly from you: but if, like Seethambrum, you turn to the Saviour, doing all you possibly can to serve him, almost before you know it, they will come to you. Who will try this better way?

ZULU PRIZES.

BY MRS. A. B. ROBBINS.

DEAR CHILDREN, — I would like to tell you something about the little Zulu boys and girls as we found them at the beginning of our labors in Africa. When they came to see us, as they often did, they put on no fine dresses for the occasion, indeed, sometimes they came with no dresses or clothing at all, simply because they had none; but we could get along with that. We received them with kindness just the same, and gave them a cordial invitation to come and be taught to read: many accepted. They came from different kraals, as their villages, or homes, are called, and at different hours of the day; keeping me very busy often from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon. But I was glad to see them; and, to encourage them in their efforts to learn, I promised to give each one a present when he or she had learned the alphabet: and what do you think it was, children? — a new shirt. A strange present, you will think, but it was a useful one; and under this rule I have given away hundreds, — all *first shirts*, which Zulu boys and girls prize as much as boys and girls in America do *first boots* or *first dolls*. Among my scholars, there were some boys who carried long sticks with little notches cut in them: I did not at first know what this meant. They would often remind me that they had read so many days. I said, "Yes, you are good boys; and, if you keep on, you will soon know how to read." The same thing was repeated again and again, until, one day, a little boy, rather more bold than the others, after counting the notches on his stick, looked up and said, "We have so many days," mentioning the number: "what are you going to give us?" Then I understood what the notches meant.

They had been reading only to please us, and expected to be paid by the day for the entertainment. Each notch represented a day's service charged to our account. But they soon learned that it was a good thing for them to be taught, and were quite delighted when they were able to write letters to their friends, and get them in reply. This was a wonderful accomplishment; and it made the old people put their hands on their mouths in mute astonishment.

If you like, dear children, I may tell you at another time something more about the Zulu boys and girls.

A POP-CORN FESTIVAL.

VERY little, but earnest "in works of labor or of skill," are a certain mission-circle of Busy Bees, who, not content with golden treasure gathered from gardens, or in dolls' missionary-boxes, or even under prickly chestnut-burrs, lately undertook to gather a fresh supply for the Woman's Board from a Pop-Corn Festival.

For days before, the "Bees" were in most industrious mood, humming gayly over their anticipated pleasure, as they popped the corn, or cracked the nuts, or flew all over town with their little gilt tickets, until nobody was left in doubt as to when and where the grand event of the season was to take place.

The evening came at last, and with it a goodly company of kind friends to enjoy the pleasant sight, and to encourage the hearts of the young workers. Pretty pen-wipers, mats, and holders, the work of small fingers, with other articles for ornament and use, were arranged in the most attractive manner; while in an adjoining room, pop-corn, peeping daintily out of gay paper boxes, and baskets with candy and cake and other good things in inviting profu-

sion, added their irresistible appeal in behalf of the children and the Bible-reader they were trying to make their own.

The Busy Bees were not disappointed. One would have supposed pop-corn a new delight; the candy — home-made it all was too — a marvel of confectionery; while tiny boot-pincushions, sachets, and all sorts of cunning devices, found no less appreciative and liberal purchasers.

The end of it all is, that, when the evening closed, the mission-circle treasury was enriched with the sum of twenty dollars, which, with the weekly pledge of the six or eight little workers, will give them the desired amount.

But, better than this, the little effort thus made has awakened in the children's hearts a world of interest in *their* Bible-reader. They have had to find on the map of Turkey the exact town where she lives. They wonder what she is doing from day to day; if she will write them a letter, and if they may write her; if she knows how splendid it is to have a pop-corn festival, and have a Bible-reader all for her very own; and no end of things beside, that only such funny little Busy Bees would ever think of.

But, better than all, they are learning to "wrap their pennies in their prayers;" and every day they have promised to ask the dear Lord Jesus to bless and comfort *their* Bible-reader, as she does for them *their* work in bringing gospel light and joy to one of the dark places of earth.

“A grain of corn an infant's hand
May plant upon an inch of land,
Whence twenty stalks may spring, and yield
Enough to stock a little field:
The harvest of that field might then
Be multiplied to ten times ten,
Which, sown thrice more, would furnish bread
Wherewith an army might be fed.”

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Ellsworth*. — “Prayer-Circle Aux.,” \$5.45; “Young Reapers,” .65.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Exeter*. — Infant class of boys, .50.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Auburndale*. — Eddie M. Hill, .42; Lizzie C. Hill, .43.
- Boston*. — Bessie B. Ely, \$6.00.
- South Boston*. — “Willing Workers,” \$10.00; “Willing Hands,” \$50.00.
- Brookline*. — “Buds of Promise,” \$5.00; “Violets,” \$8.50; “Lilies of the Valley,” \$5.00; “Moss Roses,” \$6.66; “Cheerful Givers,” \$7.15; “Orioles,” \$5.00; “Sparrows,” \$5.00; “Excelsior” boys, \$6.55.
- Cambridge, North*. — “Rosebuds,” \$5.00.
- Chelsea*. — “Busy-Bee Mission-Circle,” \$5.00.
- Dorchester*. — “Band of Faith,” \$5.00.
- Jamaica Plain*. — “Buds of Promise,” \$2.15; Infant class, \$7.70.
- Medway, West*. — “Olive-Plants,” \$4.00.
- Winchester*. — “Seek-and-Save Society,” \$100.00.
- Worcester*. — “Seek-and-Save Society,” \$5.00.
- OHIO. — *Medina*. — “Missionary Gleaners,” \$3.00.
- Centre Belpré*. — Union Centre S.S., \$20.00.
- MINNESOTA. — *Faribault*. — Lily L. Frink, \$3.25.
- ILLINOIS. — *Evanston*. — Sabbath school, \$42.75; “Little Towel-Hemmers,” \$7.25.
- Geneseo*. — “Missionary Rill,” \$5.00.
- Oak Park*. — “Willing Workers,” \$12.50.
- Paxton*. — “Cheerful Givers,” \$2.00.
- WISCONSIN. — *Clinton Junction*. — Sabbath school, \$30.00
- IOWA. — *Muscatine*. — “Seeds of Mercy,” \$25.00.
- MINNESOTA. — *St. Paul*. — Presbyterian Sabbath school, \$32.50.

SEVERAL Mission-Circles have each pledged to furnish a room in our Constantinople Home. Shall we not hear from others?

ACROSTIC.

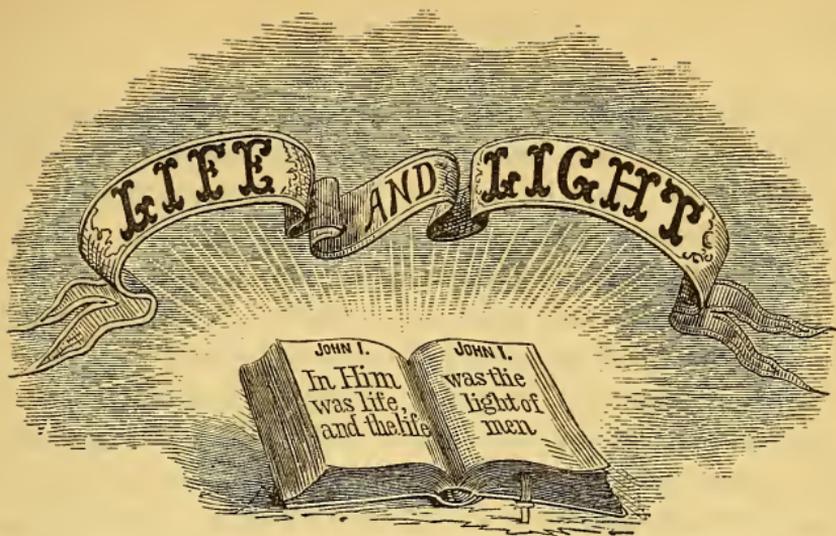
BY M. E. G.

MY first knew the Scriptures from a child.
 My second was hung on a very high gallows.
 My third Jesus calls easy when worn by his disciples.
 My fourth was swallowed up by an earthquake.
 My fifth means "the glory has departed."
 My sixth was a leper.
 My seventh was destroyed by fire and brimstone.
 My eighth was the only sister of twelve brothers.
 My ninth was celebrated for its gold.
 My tenth "sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word."
 My eleventh was a noted mountain.
 My twelfth was poured upon the feet of Jesus.
 My thirteenth means "strife."
 My fourteenth tempted her husband to sin.
 My whole is part of our Lord's prayer.

ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

"God be merciful to me a sinner."

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the April number from J. P., Manchester, Mass.; R. B., Mankato, Minn.; H. P. M., Cleveland, Ohio; A. F. M., Milwaukee, Wis.; A. E. N., Pittsfield, Mass.; S. W., Waltham, Mass.; J. M. H., Rutland, Vt. A correct reading of the Turkish Printing has also come to us from L. F. R. Menosha, Wis.



FOR WOMAN.

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TURKEY.

AMONG THE VILLAGES.

NUMBER THREE.

BY MRS. S. A. WHEELER.

I WOULD like to tell you about my first tour alone. Mr. Wheeler could not leave the Harpoot work for the villages, till the snows would make it impossible for me to accompany him; and, as we had married helpers in all the different places, I determined to go alone with my faithful servant Garabed, to do my special work among the women, leaving Mr. Wheeler to visit the churches later.

We went directly to Ichmeh, twenty miles away, where we have a large, flourishing church, and a very earnest pastor. When we reached the pastor's house, before I had time to dismount, he was at the door to welcome me to his new house that had been built during the summer. I told

him I had come to spend a few days in his family, and I hoped he would not look upon me as a stranger. "We are not afraid of you," he replied: "you are our mother." I sat with them on a cushion around their low table without a table-cloth, took the wooden spoon, and ate from the common dish of rice and meat, soup, cracked wheat, or soured milk. This good pastor and his wife have lived in a small house for years with very few comforts; but not a murmur has reached our ears. Sometimes we have sought out their wants, and have always been more than repaid by the real gratitude expressed to us, and yet more earnestly to our heavenly Father. Now they have a good house with five rooms; and I hope it will soon be comfortably furnished by his people, with what aid we are able to give. I was much pleased with the interest shown in the truth here by the women and the young men. The latter meet four times in a week for an evening-school; and the evening I spent with them fully repaid me for coming to Ichmeh. When I saw the young men so much awake, I felt sure the work was well grounded.

. . . I went with Pastor G——to a village where none of the women had learned to read, although eight or twelve came to the Protestant service. The preacher was delighted to see us, but said, "It is an unfortunate day for the Hanum, as we have had a wedding for three days. The men are at home, and have been drinking so much, I am afraid they will say some improper thing to her." — "I am not afraid," I replied, "if I can only persuade some of the women to read. Let us go and call." We were soon in a large, cellar-like room; and five young women gathered around me, all brides in this patriarchal family. Several young men also came in. They gave me a large Bible, newly brought into that home; and I read to them of the "many mansions" in our "Father's house," telling them

they could all read these sweet words for themselves if they would learn. They replied, —

“You commenced when you were young.”

“No: I was twenty-nine years old when I learned your language; and I, too, had domestic cares, and little children to care for.”

“But you have servants.”

“In this house how many women are there?”

“Six.”

“My house is larger, and I have many rooms to keep in order; I do not give my sewing to the tailor when I need a garment for my children or myself; I must be the teacher for my children, as I have no school for them; and I have only one woman to help me, unless I call in another in times of extra work: yet I have time to read your language, to hold meetings with the women, visit schools, and come here to your village to encourage you. Why do I do all this? Because Jesus has put his love in my heart; and I desire that you, too, may share in this love with me.”

“But our mother-in-law will not give us time to learn to read. If we should take time for it she would say, ‘You are lazy, and don’t finish your work.’”

“You must not be lazy: reading doesn’t make people lazy. Show your mother-in-law that you can and will do more work, and be better brides. The Bible teaches you to be diligent in all things.”

Here the mother-in-law came in; and in a whisper one of the women said, “Ask her.” I needed not to be introduced; for the rising of all the brides, and the hushed voices, showed me that the female head of the house had come in. I said, “You look young to have so many brides.” She smiled, and sat down beside me. I told her what I had been saying to the daughters-in-law, and asked her if she objected to their learning to read. “Why should I?” she

asked: "is not reading a good thing?" I knew this was only a polite way of answering me; but I thought best to make use of it by taking her at her word. I called for a primer which one of the young men was reading, and began to give the oldest bride a lesson. She knew most of her letters, but said, "My husband will not let me read." Just here he came in. I rose, and greeted him as the head of the house, and asked him to sit beside me on the cushion, as mine was the only one near. He refused, saying, "I have been drinking wine, and am not fit to sit by you."

"I will forgive you this time," I replied: "I wish to talk to you about reading." He smiled, and sat down; and I said, "I have been persuading the women in your house to learn to read; and some of them wish to do so if you give your permission. I can read; yet I am obedient to my husband, and I can do more work. The Bible tells women to be obedient."

"Let them read if they wish," he said; "but let none of them speak to me." It would be very improper for any of these women to speak to this elder brother except his wife and mother. "If they become better," he added, "I will be a Protestant, too, and go to the chapel."

I talked with him pleasantly a few moments, and then asked the mother to take me to see some of her neighbors. She took me to the house of feasting, being a relative. Most of those who were "well drunken" had left; but many women and some men still lingered. The elder brother was a Protestant and a very good man. He expressed great joy at seeing me, and gave me an honorable seat. The helper told me that one of the women in the house prevented the others from learning to read. "Let Altoon [Gold] learn to read," said the others, "and we will begin."

“Why do you not learn to read, Altoon?” I asked.

“My husband has not given his consent,” she answered; “and the Bible says, ‘Obey your husbands.’”

“But your husband’s brother, who is the head of the family, urges you to read, and says he will provide books, and stand between you and your husband. Where is your husband?”

“Gone out.”

I did not see him to ask his permission; but I saw that it was lack of interest that made Altoon so careless; and I said, “Your name is Gold; but we will henceforth call you Lead, because you do not wish to shine. You can’t be Gold; for that shines. Now, Shushag [Susan], I wish you to read, even though you have several children, and show Altoon how careless she is.”

“Oh! you like her because she has your name,” said the laughing Altoon; “but you call me Lead.”

“Well, you don’t wish to shine when you can; and why should I not call you Lead?”

Food was then placed on a round copper table; and the elder brother with several others, Hohannes the helper, and the pastor from Ichmeh, sat down around it, placing a cushion for me. But I said, “It is not your custom to eat with women: I will go and eat with the sisters at the other end of the room.” — “Oh, no!” exclaimed several at once; and so I took my wooden spoon, and dipped into the common dish with them.

That evening we went to Shuhajie, several brethren following us some distance out of the village, and sending us away with many thanks. After crossing the Euphrates we had a steep ride for an hour, and then arrived at Shushaji, a large village situated under a high peak of old Taurus. The people were just coming out of their place of worship, and gave us a most cordial welcome.

(To be continued.)

THE STOLEN SALT; OR, NORAH'S TRIAL.

BY MISS C. E. ELY.

WHILE spending a few days recently at Havadorick, — a village on the steep mountain side near the city of Moosh, — I met with many interesting incidents. The history of Norah, an earnest Christian woman, impressed me very much; and I will try to tell you a little about her.

Norah was one of the first among the poor, ignorant women of that village to receive the truth; and about two years ago she joined the little church there. Norah's husband, who is very poor, is a shepherd, having the care of some flocks belonging to a monastery near Moosh, while Norah and her children stay at their rude mountain home in Havadorick. During my late tour, while Pastor Simon and I were there, Norah came to tell us of her trials. She said she felt very anxious about her husband and about her own soul. Then, with quivering lips and tearful eyes, she told us that she had a little salt in her house, which her husband had brought home on one of his visits; and she was sure it had been stolen from what had been given him to feed the sheep under his care. She said, "When my husband brought it home, I asked, 'How is it you have brought salt? Does the Vartabed know about it?' To which he replied, 'Why should he not know?'" But poor Norah knew better, and with a heavy heart laid it away, wishing she could find some way of restoring it without incurring the wrath of her husband or his employer. Said she, "That stolen salt has become a great burden to me; and I cannot enjoy my food or sleep while it remains in my house." She felt that the Lord had sent us to help her, and begged Pastor Simon to take it to the monastery.

After thinking the matter over, Pastor Simon said, "I

will go and tell the Vartabed all about it; and, if he wishes the salt, I will come and take it to him." Accordingly he went, and told Norah's story of the salt, and how sad and burdened she felt. The Vartabed, greatly astonished at the errand of the Protestant pastor, earnestly replied, "Do not bring it: I do not need it." The pastor requested the Vartabed not to put the shepherd in such temptation again, and not to let him know of their conversation, lest he should be angry with his wife, and beat her. The Vartabed readily promised, and expressed great surprise at what seemed to him the unusual conscientiousness of the "Protestant woman."

Pastor Simon had an interview with the shepherd, and, as gently as possible, begged him not to take any thing from the monastery for his own use. At first he was very angry, and said passionately, "I shall take and send all I choose; and I will turn the woman out of my house if she does not receive and use it. I will beat her! Is she making me out a thief?" After a little further talk, the man softened his tone, and said he would think about it. Norah, waiting with intense anxiety to learn the result of her confession, was greatly rejoiced to hear that the Vartabed had forgiven her; and when the burden, that had grown to be almost greater than she could bear, rolled away from her soul, she shed tears of joy.

I was greatly encouraged to see how earnestly this poor woman tried to do what was right. Many of her neighbors testified to her gentle, loving conduct in their midst. We earnestly bespeak the prayers of the friends of missions for Norah, and for many others who, like her, are trying to lead Christian lives in this dark land.

A letter just received from Miss Ely, speaking of an interesting revival in her school, will be given in the next number.

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS PAYSON.

WE make the following extracts from a letter written by Miss Payson of Foochow, to our auxiliary society in Newport, R.I. After speaking of the encouraging condition of her school, she says, —

“I went out to-day with my school-matron to visit the wife of a trunk-maker, who lives near our chapel. The poor woman is ill with consumption; and I have called upon her twice before, hoping to teach her something of the heavenly way. During my first call, while I was reading and talking to the wife, the husband, observing, I suppose, that I was trying to proselyte her, thought it his duty to indoctrinate me with his religious belief. He politely begged me to accept two small tracts containing idol prayers, and directions in regard to worshipping the divinity that presides over the sun: he also gave me some dried leaves which are used as a medicine in warding off the ill effects of the extreme heat of the solar rays. As I rose to leave, he called my attention to a row of shelves on which were arranged twenty or more diminutive idols, three inches in height, and ornamented with every hue of the rainbow. He also showed me a large idol in a niche, all the time having an air of great self-complacency, as if to say, ‘You rarely meet with so fine or large a collection in one house.’ To-day, when I called, I found the room almost filled with tables and shrines on which incense sticks were burning; flowers were shedding fragrance; and rows of cups and plates containing tea and various kinds of food were doing silent homage to the idols large and small.

“The supreme divinity Buddha received worship to-

day; and it was in his honor that this display of incense, flowers, and viands was made. I was convinced that this preparation was all the work of the man and not of the woman; for, when I told her it was of no use, she assented, and listened attentively to what I said to her of Christ and heaven, frequently repeating it to two of her neighbors who had come in.

“A short time ago I went to call on the family of a native preacher, who has just moved into a district where we missionary ladies had never visited. The apartment into which I was conducted was very small, but proved capable of holding about forty women and children, who crowded into it the moment I was seated, occupying every inch of standing-room. They came solely to see what I looked like, and how I was dressed; but I had my Bible pictures with me, and took good care that their idle curiosity should, on this occasion at least, prove a benefit to them. They were all greatly interested in the pictures, and listened with attention to my explanations and descriptions.

“I inquired of one dispirited-looking woman if she had ever heard of Jesus; and when she replied, ‘No: I never have,’ I wondered to myself what my life would have been if the light of my Saviour’s smile and the sound of his name had never illumed and cheered it. It gave me great pleasure to speak to them of their Saviour and Redeemer. ‘There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth;’ and I think something akin to that joy thrills my heart when I am privileged to be the first to bear to some poor soul the good tidings of Jesus and his love.

“One of my pictures represented Christ restoring sight to a blind man; and a young mother, on seeing it, said in earnest tones, ‘I have a little blind child at home. If I ask

Jesus, will he make him see?" She was so eager, that I was quite grieved to tell her that such miracles were not performed now as when the Saviour was on the earth. I tried to console her by telling her to pray to Jesus to give skill to our missionary physician, and perhaps he could remove the child's blindness. I hope many of these ignorant women may yet learn to love this Saviour, of whom they have just heard.

"It strengthens and encourages me greatly to know that my work is so much in your thoughts and prayers. The stronger our faith and the more frequent our petitions, the sooner will come the blessing, — even salvation to these lost ones."

INDIA.

LETTER FROM MISS NORRIS.

RECENT letters from Miss Norris give encouraging accounts of her continued success in practising among the natives. During the first three months of her residence in Bombay, she had made over four hundred prescriptions, and visited about a hundred different people. She relates some of her experiences as follows: —

"My patients seem very glad to see me; and some of them are affected to tears when I tell them I am ready to do the best I can for them without pay. The rich people expect to give me a fee; and I am quite ready to take it, as it enables me to buy medicines and other comforts for the poor. I feel greatly encouraged in my work, from the fact that no missionary has ever had access to any of the houses I have visited. If I can first gain their confidence and gratitude, I may be able to exert a great influence over them.

“I must tell you about a death and burial scene that I witnessed not long since. The wife of one of Mr. Harding’s servants, who has been an invalid for some time, died last week. Mrs. Harding and I did all we could for her, visiting her many times during the day, and often in the night: but human means were of no avail; and, while we were with her one morning, she suddenly dropped away. They have a superstition that no one can die on a bed: so, when I told them she was dying, they took her off the poor little bed, and held her in a sitting posture on the floor, the old mother pounding her own head and screaming, meanwhile, to such an extent, that her husband, out of respect to us, commanded her to be silent. As soon as we left they called their friends together, and began to prepare the body for burial. They carried it outside the house, and kept little fires burning around it, while they were bathing it. I presume they burned some sort of incense. Then they wound a piece of bright yellow cloth around the body like a robe, and, throwing a red powder over the head, placed it on a rough bier constructed on the spot. The bier was carried to the burial-place on the shoulders of men, one going in advance with the incense, and the rest following. The husband walked bareheaded at the end of the procession, with a basket of rice and other food, which was to be thrown away when they were half way to the burial-place. The women remained sitting on the ground, wailing in a distressingly mournful manner, until one of the neighbors threw a pail of water over the mother, completely drenching her. She then went into the house; and no more was heard of her. I do not know why they drench with water; but it is one of their customs. I pitied these poor women: they have a weary time in this world, and no hope of a life beyond.

“This woman’s husband attends the mission chapel, as

all the servants do; and she herself often came to Mrs. Harding's prayer-meetings, but nothing had seemed to move her. We can none of us know what visions she may have had at the last; but let us hope that she saw clearly what had been all darkness before."

In a letter dated March 2, 1874, Miss Norris writes, —

"Last Friday I was called to visit a sick woman living in the family of a Brahmin priest who owns a miserable little temple near the house. He stood by my side while I prescribed for her, and seemed to approve of my treatment. But the young Brahmin who came for me kept the carriage waiting before the temple while he rang up the god to ask him to assist me in the cure. He has since been to tell me that his mother was better; but I do not know whether her recovery will be attributed to the god or to myself."

"I think I wrote you about the young woman whose parents thought she had an evil spirit,* and trusted to a native to cast it out. When they found that he was unsuccessful, the young husband forced them to bring her to me. I was able to benefit her in a very short time; and she is now quite well. Since then her mother and two other relatives have been to consult me about themselves; and the father assures me there are several more to come. They appear to have great confidence in me, and come and go as freely as though they had never refused me admittance to their house. The young husband, who is a teacher in Surat, is quite overcome with gratitude, and writes a long letter every week, telling me how much he wishes to do for me. He has no sympathy with the superstitions of his people; and I have hope that he will ultimately become a Christian."

* See April number.

Our Work at Home.

THE last report of the Home Secretary contains the following items that may be of interest to our readers:—

The Woman's Board has recently published seven leaflets, entitled, "The Need of Woman's Boards;" "Historical Sketch of the Woman's Board;" "An Organization in Every Church;" "The Best Modes of Raising Money;" "The Children's Army, How shall We Lead it?" "Go Forward;" and "She hath Done what she thought she Couldn't." As their titles suggest, they contain important information in regard to the past history of the Society, many valuable hints for the practical workings of auxiliaries; and it is hoped they may encourage some of the faint-hearted to do what they think they cannot. That they meet an urgent need, is proved by the fact that orders were received for more than twelve hundred in less than a month after their publication.

The weekly-pledge system seems to be growing in favor. In less than a year, nearly four thousand large envelopes, with the corresponding number of small ones, — forty-eight thousand, — have been sent out to different societies. Wherever the plan has been tried, the expression of approval has been almost universal.

The progress toward thorough organization in the home field is also quite encouraging. The branches, working through county vice-presidents and conferences, are looking forward to the time when there shall be a society in every church under their jurisdiction. Unless there is special reason to the contrary, it is recommended that all the auxiliaries that shall be formed within the limits of a branch

should become connected with it, and the money collected be sent through its treasurer. In this way the work is simplified, and the branch officers saved from embarrassment in providing for the work they have assumed.

The demands made upon the Woman's Board are constantly increasing; and to meet them the home workers will need all the wisdom and energy that can be brought to bear, all the appliances of system and organization, and, more than all, an earnest spirit of consecration and devotion to the cause.

MISSIONARY ITEMS.

ARRIVAL OF MISS PIERCE.

A LETTER, dated March 2, has been received from Miss Ellen M. Pierce, who left America for Aintab on the 7th of February. We make the following extracts:—

“Our slow and wearisome journeyings have come to an end at last; and I am really in Aintab. We reached Scanderoon on the 17th, and commenced our overland journey the next day. I found it much less fatiguing than I anticipated, although I had no just idea of the roughness of such a mode of travelling at this season of the year. When we forded the first river, the water came up to our stirrups, and the current was very strong. After this there was a constant succession of similar streams; and at one time, as far as I could see, there appeared to be nothing but water. Mr. Perry asked if I thought I was going to sea again on horseback; and it did seem much like it. But God has brought us safely through it all without the slightest accident. If I am successful in learning the language, I think I shall enjoy the work here very much. My heart is more and more filled with the importance of missionary labor, and the great results arising from it.”

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM APRIL 18 TO MAY 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.	
Dennysville.—Mr. Peter E. Vose,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.	
<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas.; Exeter, Aux., \$2; No. Haverhill, Plaistow, and Atkinson, Aux.'s, to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary B. Terry, \$25; Amherst, Miss L. F. Boylston, \$10; No. Haverhill and Plaistow, "We Girls," to const. L. M. Miss Harriette M. Terry, 25,	
	\$62 00
<i>Hopkinton.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Meriden.</i> —Mrs. Mary A. Bryant,	5 00
<i>Sullivan.</i> —Cong. Ch. by Mrs. S. S. Drake,	8 35
Total,	\$80 35

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Keene, Aux., 1st Cong. Ch., \$25; Exeter, Aux., 1st Cong. Ch., \$32.60; 2d Cong. Ch., \$34; Three ladies of Francestown, 2; Manchester, Hanover St. Ch., towards dormitory, to be called "Memorial Room," \$100,	
	\$193 60

VERMONT.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas.; St. Johnsbury, So. Cong. Ch., Henry Fairbanks, Treas., \$21.75; Georgia, Aux., \$5.30,	
	\$27 05
Total,	\$27 05

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Lower Waterford, Aux., \$12.50; Rutland, Mrs. V. Terry, \$3,	
	\$15 50

MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Andover.</i> —Aux., towards Bible-reader in India,	
	\$50 00
<i>Boston.</i> —Howard and Walter Field, \$1.53; Central Ch., Miss E. A. Fay, \$10.00; Berkeley St. Ch., "Weekly Pledge," \$11.75; Family Miss'y Concert, \$10,	
	33 28

<i>Boston Highlands.</i> —Highland Ch., Mr. Wiswall's S. S. Cl., towards pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	8 25
<i>Cambridge.</i> —"Little Jewel Seekers" of 1st Cong. Ch.,	5 00
<i>Charlestown.</i> —Charles W. Stoddard, \$1; Winthrop Ch., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Mary Anne Trowbridge, \$32,	53 00
<i>Clinton.</i> —Aux.,	13 66
<i>Dedham.</i> —Aux., Miss Emma H. Browne, Treas., for native teacher in Japan,	91 00
<i>Dorchester.</i> —Village Ch., Aux., for support of Erfdem,	64 45
<i>Easthampton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. M. Colton, Treas.,	4 50
<i>Everett.</i> —"Crusaders," by Emma F. Reed, towards pupil in Harpoot Fem. Sem.,	27 85
<i>Foxboro'.</i> —A. K.,	1 00
<i>Holliston.</i> —Aux., for pupil in Miss Ashley's sch., Mahratta Mission,	30 00
<i>Ipswich.</i> —1st Parish Aux., Miss L. A. Caldwell, Ass't Treas.,	25 00
<i>Jamaica Plain.</i> —Central Cong. Ch., S. S. "The Young Climbers," towards Miss Seymour's sch.,	2 50
<i>Lexington.</i> —Hancock Ch. Aux., Add'l.,	6 00
<i>Littleton.</i> —Ladies Mission Circle, Mrs. Jas. C. Houghton, Treas.,	13 00
<i>Lowell.</i> —Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Sullivan L. Ward,	25 00
<i>Ludlow.</i> —Aux.,	38 00
<i>Marblehead.</i> —"Youths' Christian Association," towards pupil in the Madura Mission,	7 00
<i>Montague.</i> —"Mission Helpers," for general expenses of the Const. Home,	17 75
<i>Newton.</i> —Elliot Ch. Aux., for salary of Mrs. Capron,	551 00
<i>North Brookfield.</i> —Cong. Ch. to const. L. M. Mrs. J. E. Porter,	25 00
<i>Salem.</i> —Crombie St. Ch. towards two pupils in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$50; So. Ch. "Juvenile Soc.," to const. L. M. Miss Susie Driver, \$25,	75 60
<i>Somerville.</i> —Free-will Offering,	2 00

<i>Spencer.</i> — Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. S. C. Dyer,	8 50
<i>Springfield.</i> — Aux., Miss H. S. Buckingham, Treas., of which \$25 by Mrs. D. P. Smith to const. L. M. Miss Margaret Bliss, towards salary of Miss Talcott,	450 00
<i>Springfield, West.</i> — 1st Cong. Ch., "Mite Gatherers," of which \$60 for two pupils, one in Mrs. Edward's sch., one in Mrs. Bissell's sch., Ahmednuggur,	63 00
<i>Westminster.</i> — A Friend,	5 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — Woman's Miss'y Asso., F. W. Sweetser, Treas., Plymouth Ch., \$36; Union Ch., of which \$25 by Miss Fannie J. Willis to const. herself L. M., \$25 by M. W. Brown to const. L. M. Miss Mary Brown, \$25 by Mrs. L. J. Knowles to const. herself L. M., \$25 by Mrs. C. Washburn to const. L. M. Miss Melinda Rankin, \$27.25,	311 25
Total,	\$1,986 99

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Highland Ch. Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Sam'l W. Hall; \$25 by Mr. Moses H. Day, to const. L. M. Mrs. Day; \$25 by Mr. Stockwell, to const. L. M. Mrs. Stockwell; \$25 by Mrs. Bond, to const. herself L. M.,	127 00
<i>Middleboro'.</i> — Aux., by Mrs P. B. Drake,	32 00
<i>Woburn.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Adkins, Treas.,	25 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Colchester.</i> — Aux., add'l, Miss J. B. Wheeler, Treas.,	1 10
<i>Darien.</i> — "Ox Ridge Mission Circle,"	1 00
<i>Greenwich.</i> — "Bearers of Light," towards pupil in Mrs. Edwards' sch.,	26 00
<i>Middletown.</i> — Aux., So. Cong. Ch., Mrs. N. S. Stiles, Treas.,	67 00
<i>Norfolk.</i> — A Friend,	1 00
<i>Portland.</i> — Martha White,	5 00
<i>Watertown.</i> — Of which \$175 from Friends to const. L. M's. Emily M. Hotchkiss, Susan Hotchkiss, Nellie Baldwin, Mary Jane Minor, Mary E. Allyn, Sarah M. Baldwin, Henrietta Eldridge,	200 00
Total,	\$301 10

NEW YORK.

<i>Camden.</i> — Mrs S L. Smith,	\$5 00
<i>Saratoga Springs.</i> — 1st Cong. Ch., Aux.,	7 00
Total,	\$12 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Philadelphia Branch.</i> — Mrs. W. E. C. Wright, Treas., East Orange, Aux., \$12.50; Montclair, Aux., \$50; Mrs. Fred. Bull, to const. L. M. Miss Mary Laman Van Lenno, \$25; "Montclair Blossoms," for Miss Gouldy at Japan, \$25; Philadelphia, "Golden Links," towards salary of Miss Gouldy, \$80; Mrs. Chas. Burnham, to const. L. M. Mrs. L. O. Smith, \$25; "Carrier Doves" for Agave at Const. \$10; "Snow Flakes," \$2; Baltimore, Aux., \$80; Orange, Aux., \$18.68; "Orange Buds," for Rebecca, \$10; Jersey City, Aux., \$50; Washington, Aux., \$59; Paterson, "Mountain Crystals," \$5; Mrs. Burdett Hart, \$10; Mrs. Souder, \$2; Mrs. Sinclair, \$10; Mrs. Sheppard, \$4; Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, \$1; Three ladies, \$3; An. Members, \$13,	\$495 18
Total,	\$495 18

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Philadelphia Branch.</i> — Montclair, N. J., Mrs. Edward Sweet,	\$100 00
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OHIO.

<i>Geneva.</i> — Mrs. S. Kingsbury to const. herself L. M.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

WISCONSIN.

<i>Monderi.</i> — Woman's Miss'y Soc.,	\$1 00
Total,	\$1 00

MINNESOTA.

<i>Rushford.</i> — Arthur Snell and his little brothers,	\$1 00
Total,	\$1 00

Donations,	\$2,934 67
C. Home Building-Fund,	493 10
"Life and Light,"	293 50
"Echoes,"	42 50
Weekly Pledge,	11 00
Leaflets,	10 08

Total, \$3,784 85

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

DAKOTA MISSION.

LETTER FROM MISS BISHOP.

FORT SULLY, April 10, 1874.

It is nearly six months since I arrived at Fort Sully in company with Mr. and Mrs. Riggs. For the past four months we have been on the west side of the Missouri, in the comfortable little log-house at Hope Station. There are two Indian villages quite near. The natives, in their gay apparel passing back and forth, and often calling, especially at meal-time, do not give us much time to feel lonely. The days pass quickly, filled with work, much of which is of necessity very commonplace. But each day and week brings also its special duty. Sometimes it is a woman or girl desiring to be taught our way of doing work: again, it may be some sick one to be visited. Not a day passes but those call to whom our sympathies go out, and toward whom are extended the expressions of interest and good-will that can be given with very few words. They well appreciate and know how to give a smile. The offer of a chair, the sight of the pictures in my album, with the few words of explanation I am able to give, highly gratify them. I long to be able to speak their language: they so much need to know the story of "Jesus and his love." The sewing-class on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons of each week is a busy, enjoyable gathering. The number in attendance is not large, varying from five to fifteen. With the cutting, basting, and oversight of each girl's work, one could not well attend to more. The bell is rung

at two o'clock, the hour to begin work. However, they do not always wait for the signal, occasionally getting even a day ahead. For instance, this week they came on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. First arrived five girls, the oldest fourteen years of age. I said, "To-morrow is the day;" but, as they were quite anxious for the work, I told them, with the aid of signs, that, after I had completed the washing of the dinner dishes, they should have it. One, Madaline, who has learned something of our ways, then offered to wipe the dishes; and they were soon finished. She then went with me up-stairs to the little white trunk where the work is kept. As I took out the bundles, she received and carried them to the sitting-room. The work is now distributed, each one receiving the bundle to which is attached her name written on a slip of paper. Then one girl is assisted in putting the skirt and waist of a dress together. Others have dresses cut sack shape, needing basting. Another is putting together the patchwork she has made; and suitable squares must be found. Others arrive till the number is a dozen. Now a dress is cut and basted for a woman to make for her babe. It is an odd-looking 'sewing circle; but there are those among them that I love; and all are interesting. The brightly painted faces of some, the long and heavy ear-jewels of bone and beads, the necklaces similarly made, the gay red, green, black, or blue blankets, the short, scant, ill-fitting gowns, but most of all the faces, hands, and clothing that have not felt cleansing soap and water for a long time, remind me forcibly that I am among a heathen people. Occasionally our hearts are gladdened by signs of improvement. Mrs. Riggs says, "Be-ji-hu-ta-win has washed her own and her baby's face."—"Yes; and some of the girls are coming with cleaner faces, and hair smoothly combed." One woman's dress is *clean* to-day, washed, but not ironed. Madaline is a half-breed, and seems to desire a

different life from that she is leading, living in an Indian family. A few days ago she came to borrow a flat-iron, — which was gladly lent her, — saying she had washed a dress, and wished to iron it. After an hour or so, she came back arrayed in smooth, clean clothes. You would appreciate this if you could see the many dirt-brown dresses, and know that they were originally white cotton cloth.

You say, "Tell us how we can help you." By praying for these people, especially for those that are looking towards a better life. I also feel the need of your prayers, that I may abide in Christ, and he in me.

CHINA.

EXTRACTS FROM MISS PORTER'S LETTERS.

You remember I had planned to send Mrs. Ho's brother to Shantung for her, and perhaps to have her go to be with Mrs. Williams as a servant, pupil, and helper in the work for women. Various detentions occurred; and it was not until about a month ago that they reached here. To my great surprise, they brought with them their sister, Mrs. Chang, of whom I wrote you as being such an interesting Christian. She said she had come to receive further instruction, and had brought means for her own support. I was exceedingly surprised that her husband had allowed her to leave home; but she assures me that she came with his entire consent. She staid here with me for a week or two. I gave as much time as I could each day to reading with and teaching her; and then I took her to Tung Cho to be under Miss Andrews' care. She is studying very diligently. Her sister went at once to Kalgan; and Mrs. Williams finds her a real help both in the family and in the outside work. Pray for these sisters, that they may be

taught of the Spirit, and so prepared to do much for Christ among their own people.

Jan. 24, 1874. — Soon after Mr. Stanley's return he visited the villages in Shantung where my brother and I went last summer, and baptized several of the persons in whom we were interested. Perhaps you remember the family of one of the church-members, Mr. Heu, where the women staid half the night to listen to the truth. The oldest daughter was betrothed to a heathen, and felt she could not profess her faith in Christ without exposing herself to much suffering. Her only answer to what I said about it was, "I *do* love Jesus; but what can I do?" Her mother, two aunts, herself, and a younger sister were all baptized by Mr. Stanley.

The most hopeful feature of our work this winter is the interest of a number of persons in the country district south of Pau-ting-fu, the capital of the province of Chi-li. Mr. Pierson and Dr. Treat, who have been living at Pau-ting-fu, have made several tours in that direction; and five or six persons have been baptized. Mr. Holcombe and Mr. Myron Hunt are now, with Mr. Pierson, making an effort to secure premises in that city. We hoped to have a place there before the next annual meeting; but as yet nothing has been accomplished. They are unwilling either to sell or to rent to foreigners. But we never expect to gain a footing anywhere without *long patience*. If God will to commence the building of the spiritual house in that region, in his own time the way will be opened for the residence of his servants.

We had an interesting week of prayer. The meetings both for foreigners and Chinese seemed to me warmer and more full of feeling than in former years. We held daily meetings with the women and girls; and I had some pleasant talks with those who hope they have this last year given their hearts to the Saviour.

TURKEY.

LAST WORDS OF SETKA.

BY MISS MALTBIE.

SETKA was a Bulgarian Bible-reader who died at Yamboul, European Turkey, Dec. 2, 1873. Some account of her is given by Miss Maltbie in the June number of "Life and Light."

"When the friends began to consider Setka's illness dangerous, Triako, a helper, asked her if she felt willing that God's will should be done in regard to her. She replied, 'Whatever Jesus wills to do, I am ready. I have never been so sick before. Perhaps God wishes to try me by this sickness. Let him try me. Let his will be done.' When some one referred to her suffering, she said, 'Jesus lightens my sickness.' Triako asked her if she wished to leave her work, and go home to heaven. She replied, 'I do not wish to leave my work.' — 'Do you wish to stay here, or go to Jesus?' — 'I am ready to go or stay.' — 'Which would you choose?' — 'To go to Jesus.'

"In answer to the question, 'Is Jesus near?' she said, 'Yes, very near.' — 'How do you know that he is near?' She said, 'Because he has never withdrawn himself from me.' — 'But will you not separate yourself from him?' — 'I am always *drawn* near to him.' At another time, 'Have you peace?' — 'I have.' — 'In whom?' — 'In God is my peace. In my conscience I have not peace; but in Jesus I have sweet peace.' Once she asked Triako to pray that her death might be to the glory of God. Her last prayer was, 'Sanctify me, thou all-perfect One.' Her message to the girls was, 'Be watchful;' to her brother, — a graduate of Robert College, and unconverted, — 'If I could, I would write him that I have lost *nothing*, but have

gained the most precious treasure, *Jesus.*' When apparently dying, some one asked, 'Are you afraid to die?' She said, 'No. Death is not fearful: it is pleasant, because Jesus my dear friend is near: he sustains me. Do not the Scriptures say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"?' — 'Is it dark about you?' — "'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.'" Triako asked if he should not pray to Jesus to take her to himself. At first she said 'Yes;' but when he knelt to pray she said, 'Wait. It will not do to pray so. When Jesus wills, *then.*'"

INDIA.

CHRIST, THE BURDEN-BEARER.

BY MISS S. POLLOCK.

THE way in which the native Christians of India speak of Christ shows that they lay hold upon him as a present help.

In that country a burden is almost invariably carried upon the head; and, if very heavy, it is almost impossible for the burden-bearer to lift it to its place herself; some friend must help her. So when the burden is once raised, she dare not lay it down, because she is not able to lift it up again. Therefore we often see by the roadside two rough slabs of stone driven into the earth, about the height of a woman's head, with another slab laid across the top. The weary one can draw near this stone, transfer her load to this support, and rest her aching head and neck.

This they use as a figure of Christ, calling him "the Stone that bears the burden."

Home Department.

THE EVANSTON WORKERS.

OUR work has been aptly compared to a river of many sources, — many silver threads; and we head our little article with the name of one of these tributaries. It rises in Evanston, Ill., and is no sluggish stream. It does not “gloom nor glide,” nor lose itself in desert sands, but is a swift, active brook, with a strong current. We saw it a few weeks since, just at its confluence with the main river, when it was gathering up its strength in one of those annual freshets called fairs. Lovely flowers adorned its banks; and fair maidens cast in as offerings the work of their hands. It bubbled and laughed and sparkled; and when the goddess who presides over these streams, and who is called, in deference to this practical age, the treasurer, counted up the proceeds, they amounted to over one hundred dollars for the school in Kobe, Japan, and a delightful evening for all in attendance.

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

FROM APRIL 15 TO MAY 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.	MICHIGAN.
<i>Cleveland Heights.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Fannie Lampson, Treas., \$22 00	<i>Charlotte.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Eva A. Hickok a L. M., Mrs. A. C. Lacy, Treas., \$25 63
<i>Lafayette.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. J. Phinney, Treas., 10 00	<i>Detroit.</i> —Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing: \$96 from 2d Ch. Aux., to const. Mrs. Nancy A. E. Nutting, Miss Sarah A. Cochrane, and Mrs. Ellen F. Kitchum L. M's.; \$50 from 1st Ch. Aux., to
<i>Marietta.</i> —Aux., for the support of Paucha Dachora of Samokov, M. E. Shipman, Treas., 25 00	
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const. Miss Adelaide E. Coe and Miss Jerusha Sylvester L. M's.; Mrs. E. J. Hinsdale, Tr.,	146 00
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ILLINOIS.

<i>Aurora.</i> —Aux., \$17.67; Little Workers, \$4.50; Mrs. Ruggles and Mary K. Ames, Treas's,	\$22 17
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<i>Evanston.</i> —“Nimble Fingers” and “Little Workers” of the Cong. Ch., for the Home in Ko- be, Japan,	120 00
<i>Granville.</i> —Aux., Mrs. L. K. Warren, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Jefferson.</i> —Aux., Mrs. S. C. Bu- nard, Treas.,	6 75
<i>Payson.</i> —Aux., Ellen Thomp- son, Treas.,	9 20
<i>Peru.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. M. Brew- ster, Treas.,	6 85
<i>Princeton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Converse, Treas.,	6 50
<i>Roseville.</i> —Aux., for a scholar- ship in the Samokov Sch., Mrs. John A. Gordon, Treas.,	7 70
<i>Wheaton.</i> —Aux., \$14.50; “Busy Bees,” \$3; for salary of Miss Dudley of Japan, Mrs. J. M. Chapman, Treas.,	17 50
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<i>Berlin.</i> —Aux., Miss L. White, Sec.,	\$10 80
<i>Broadhead.</i> —Mrs. Ursula W. Matter,	5 00

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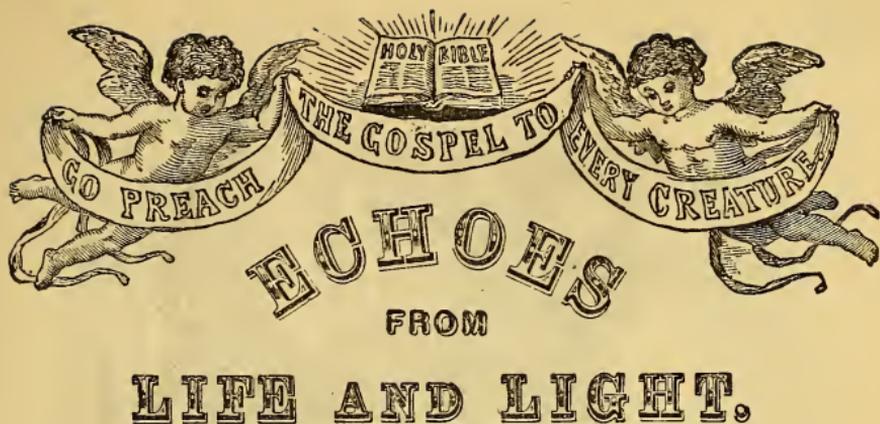
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<i>Milwaukee.</i> —Spring St. Ch. “Mis- sion Band,” to be applied to the salary of Mrs. Watkins of Mexi- co, and with other contributions to const. Mrs. Wm. Millerd, Mrs. Mary H. Streckewald, Miss Fanny Burnell, and Miss Ida Shadbolt L. M's., by Miss Helen F. Brace,	80 00
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<i>Breckenridge.</i> —“Earnest Work- ers,” Ella Pierce, Treas.,	\$5 00
<i>Chester.</i> —Aux., for support of Teuna of Samokov,	19 00
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<i>Fairfax.</i> —Aux., Mrs. L. M. Hedges,	32 00
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<i>Kellogg.</i> —Mrs. A. N. Hassell, <i>Keokuk.</i> —“A few ladies,” by Mrs. R. A. Wesson,	16 00
<i>McGregor.</i> —Aux., \$11; Anne P. Daniels sch. prize money, \$1; for support of Bible-readers in Harpoot, Mrs. R. Grant, Tr.,	12 00
<i>Osage.</i> —Aux., Mrs. T. O. Dou- glass, Sec.,	6 11
<i>Seneca.</i> —Mrs. S. A. Littlefield,	4 50
<i>Toledo.</i> —Aux., for the sch. at Hadjin, Mrs. E. N. Barker, Sec.,	15 70
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<i>Minneapolis.</i> —Plym. Ch. S. S.,	\$40 00
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RESCUE OF A CHINESE CHILD.

BY MRS. J. W. TYLER.

THE captain and mate of an English ship, waiting for a cargo in a Chinese port, took a small boat one day, and went on shore to explore the beautiful land of flowers, which looked so charmingly from the harbor. The Chinese are very fond of flowers, and cover some of their hills with many varieties of brilliant-colored azalias, poppies, pinks, honeysuckles, roses, and other lovely flowers, which fill the air with spicy fragrance. The captain climbed the steep bank upon the beach; and the strange group in this picture came in view. Three Chinamen with spades were hastily shovelling the sand and stones upon the beach, in which they had made an excavation to bury an infant child alive. The captain and mate shouted, and waved their hats, as they heard the cries of the child; and one of the men looking around saw the strangers approaching, and gave the alarm to his companions, who paused in their dreadful work until the captain



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E. WILKINSON P.

reached them, and, sword in hand, rescued the child, restoring it to the arms of its faithful nurse, who stood near by in helpless grief, beholding her innocent charge in the horrible sand-pit screaming in vain for relief.

The father and mother were at a little distance, standing with their sacrifice of cooked meats and other offerings to be placed upon the grave, and afterward taken home to be eaten by the men who had buried their child. The captain ascertained that the parents were poor people, and did not wish to provide for this little daughter's wants; and, as their government tolerates the destruction of girls by burying alive or drowning, unless they prefer to sell them for slaves, these ignorant parents had chosen to take their child's life in this way.

The mother, not entirely unmindful of her little daughter's future welfare, according to Chinese custom had brought clothing and perhaps money to be burned upon its grave.

The Chinese believe that money or any thing they choose to make in their bamboo paper, and burn upon the graves of their friends, will be transferred to them in smoke, and turn into the articles they represent, in the spirit world. They prepare model houses and lands, paper horses, sedan-chairs filled with outfits of paper clothing kites, lanterns, fans, and every thing they imagine will contribute to celestial comfort and happiness. Only think, dear children, of the strange customs of these people, and what a sad fate a little girl may have in China! They do not know who loves little children, and who died to save them. They have never heard

“that sweet story of old, —”

When Jesus was here among men,
How he called little children as lambs to his fold;”

or that other song that you sing in sabbath school, —

“Around the throne of God in heaven.”

Will you not remember these poor Chinese children, and give some of your money to buy Bibles for them, and help us send missionary ladies to teach about Jesus, who has prepared mansions and robes and crowns and harps for all his dear children in heaven ?

A CONVERTED MOHAMMEDAN.

BY MISS S. L. WOOD.

A CONVERTED Mohammedan, as seen in the picture, is one who formerly worshipped Mohammed, the false prophet, but who now believes in Jesus Christ, the true prophet and Saviour of the world.

Many strange stories are told about Mohammed. His followers believe that when he was born he raised his eyes to heaven, and said, "God is great. There is no God but one; and I am his prophet;" that, at one time, the angel Gabriel took him to Jerusalem on a wonderful white horse that could talk, where he was shown many strange things: from there he was taken into heaven on a ladder of light, and, standing in the presence of God, received instructions for the new religion. Fifty prayers were given him for his followers to repeat each day. The number was afterward reduced to five, which are still used.

There are many mosques or churches built by them, some of them very beautiful, with tall, slender minarets, from which the muezzin — the man appointed to this duty — calls out the time of prayer at sunrise, noon, three o'clock, sunset, and an hour and a half after sunset. Various forms are used. In the morning these words may be heard, always in Arabic: "God is great. Come to prayer;" "There is no god but God; and Mohammed is the prophet of God. Come to prayer;" "Prayer is better than sleep: come to

prayer." Many pay little heed to these calls, just as in this country only the few seem to hear the bells as they call the people to the house of God. Men are often seen,



however, kneeling by the roadside, their faces turned toward Mecca, the city where Mohammed was born twelve hundred years ago. At times they bow their heads to the ground,

then stand erect with hands outstretched to heaven, then again pour water upon their hands, all the time repeating prayers from the Koran, the Mohammedan Bible.

The Mohammedans are neither Christian nor heathen. They worship God, but do not believe in Christ the Son of God. Instead of the Bible, they have the Koran. They give a great deal to the poor, and are very kind to dumb animals; all such acts being expected to add so much to their reward in the other world. Many will place little stone troughs by the side of the street, keeping them full of water for the dogs.

Now the missionaries are sent to the people among whom the Mohammedans live; and we read in "Life and Light" and "Echoes" of the wonderful success God has given them. Some of the gospel truth will reach the poor deluded followers of this false religion, and may bring them to believe on Jesus as their Saviour. Bring your offerings, then, dear children, and do not forget to pray that these people may be inclined to read the Bible instead of the Koran, and to come to Him who alone can forgive their sins.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

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Marblehead. — "Youths' Christian Association," \$7.00.

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ECHO FROM EVANSTON.

EVANSTON, ILL., May 11, 1874.

DEAR ECHOES, — Word came to us a little while since, that it was proposed to establish a “Home” in Kobe, Japan; and we want you to echo back this message: that “Nimble Fingers” and “Little Workers” would like to contribute the first hundred dollars towards starting this “Home.” We have earned all this money by our own work; and at first some of us thought we had better use it for the benefit of little forlorn children in Chicago, of whom there are a great many, who would either grow up in ignorance and wickedness, or perhaps die of neglect, if kind people did not care for them.

But, when we remembered how *many* good people there

are who are glad to teach the ignorant and relieve the misery of those right about them, we thought perhaps it would please the dear Saviour if we sent *our* contribution far over the water, to teach those who have never heard the name of Jesus, of his almighty love for them. So here it is, nearly a hundred and twenty dollars, the result of our winter's work.

We want very much to know more about these little Japanese girls; and we are going to ask some of them to write to us. And they need not ask their teachers to translate these letters, either, before sending them; for we have a Japanese boy in our Sunday school who can read them to us; and we want real Japanese letters.

We hope you will be able to echo back a great many similar messages about this "Home" in Kobe, and that all the money needed for it may soon be sent.

ENIGMA.

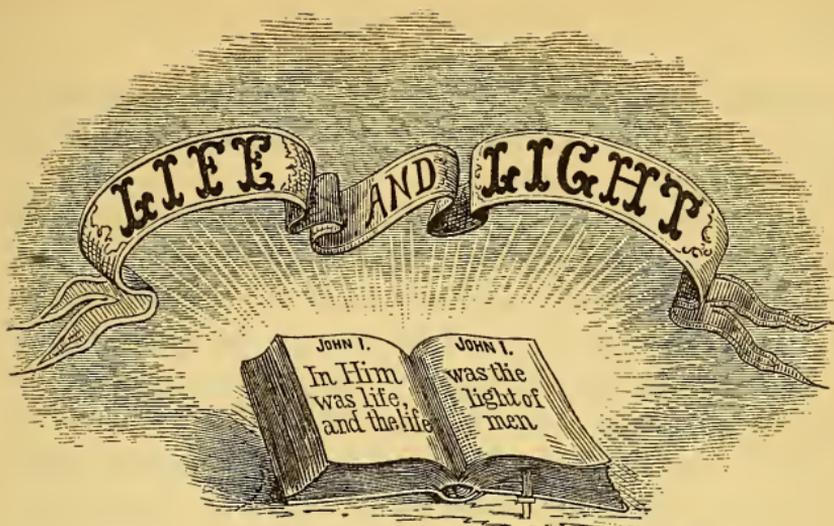
BY M. E. G.

I AM composed of 28 letters. Give your 17, 9, 25, 11, 12, to Jesus to keep; your 24, 10, 15, 16, 28, to him to use; your 13, 21, 6, 28, to him to wash away; your 1, 5, 19, 3, to him to destroy; your 8, 18, 4, 20, to all who need it. Think not of 23, 14, 2, 6, for yourself in this world, or of the 27, 14, 22, 7, 9, 11, which may come to you in his service; but use all your powers to 1, 21, 26, soldiers for his army. If all the little readers of the "Echoes" do this, I know they have my *whole*, and are earnest workers in the missionary cause.

ANSWER TO ACROSTIC.

Helpers.

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the May number from A. F. M., Milwaukee, Wis.; M. F. K., Mt. Vernon, N. H.; also an additional answer to the enigma in the February number from A. D. B., Detroit, Mich.



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TURKEY.

REVIVAL IN BITLIS BOARDING-SCHOOL.

BY MISS M. A. C. ELY.

You will all rejoice to hear that a precious revival is in progress in the school under our care. Hoping that some of the details will be welcome, I will try to give a particular account of this awakening, which has become a cause for fervent thanksgiving to us, and has greatly brightened hopes long cherished in regard to our beloved scholars. The week of prayer in January was observed here with considerable interest; and there was a good attendance on the daily prayer-meetings. It seemed then as if the Holy Spirit were near; but, after the regular meetings had ended, no others were held, and we saw no signs of quickened Christian living among professed disciples. We began to fear a little that the winter would pass without a

refreshing from above; yet we enjoyed sweet confidence in prayer, and felt very hopeful that our school would be blessed before very long.

Early one morning in the latter part of February, the assistant teacher came over, and desired to talk with us. She said, "There is a great awakening in school," and then told us, that, the evening previous, the girls had been unable to observe study-hours. As they were seated at supper, several of them exclaimed, "I'm a great sinner: my soul will be lost. I cannot eat." They all left their food, and went up stairs, many of them weeping, and saying, "I am a great sinner. I shall be lost." The teacher told them to be calm, and go away each by herself, and pray. The evening was spent in this way; and the next day we arranged to have lessons suspended, that the time might be given to prayer, and conversation with the girls.

I will speak of the experience of a few of these "little ones" individually, to give an insight into the present condition of the school. Aznit, the younger of two sisters from Moosh, had been, for weeks previous to the general awakening, in a state of great fear. She had appeared very strangely, had complained of headache, and had been sick in bed two days. For a long time she concealed the cause, but finally acknowledged that it was mental distress on account of her sins. She could not believe God would forgive them, and accept her as his child. She walked about sad and burdened, with a pale, weary face most pitiful to see, was unable to learn her lessons, and at times seemed almost insane.

At a Wednesday female prayer-meeting, the assistant teacher asked the women to pray for Aznit, saying she considered her in a very dangerous condition. During the meeting I noticed that she appeared disturbed, and

lifted up a silent petition that God would soften her heart, and help her to accept salvation through his Son. After a while she spoke briefly, alluded to her experience, and asked to be prayed for. Light began to dawn upon her soul from that hour. The next sabbath morning she said, "I believe my sins are forgiven, and that Christ has accepted me;" and her changed countenance bore accordant testimony. Now radiant, with the old color returned, she is as joyful as she was sad before. Her assurance of forgiveness is most beautiful and touching, especially as it follows her former experience of the depth and bitterness of sin. "Pray for me, that I may understand all my duty, and do it," is the burden of all her requests.

Aznit's older sister, Sophie, a girl of less firmness of character, has had an experience similar in kind, though far less powerful. She has been greatly troubled on account of her sins, — "sins against the light." On one occasion she said, "I am in constant fear: I do not dare to go from one room to another alone: I see my sins as a shape, a black form, which follows me closely everywhere; and I am in terror." Her trembling form and appearance accorded with what she said. We told her that sin was indeed a thing to be feared, but urged her to look believingly upon the "Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world." Praise to the wondrous compassion of the Lord, he led her, too, to put her trust in him; and she is now resting in the joyful hope of being saved by the merit of his blood.

I will also tell you a little of Goolgaz, a girl from a village on Lake Vau. She has been in school about a year and a half. When she came, almost wild, from her home, we scarcely knew what to do with her. For many days she cried almost all the time, declaring she must go home, — she would run away. After she had been in the

school a week or two, I said to her one day, "Now, I am going to my house for an hour: you may sit down here as the others do, and I do not wish you to get up till I come back." Just before entering the school-yard, lo! I saw our new pupil up in a mulberry-tree, eating mulberries. I called her down, and had a serious talk with her; and from that time she began to be more tractable.

She remained till fall, and then went back to her village. The next spring she returned to school, but was homesick again, and so persisted in her wish to go home, that we began to think, if she did not soon become cheerful, we should be obliged to send her. She had been feeling better for a little time, when one day, on seeing her brother, who had come from their village, her old desires came back to her, and she declared she *must* go home. After a while she was persuaded to stay; and from that time her progress in study, and her deportment, were very exemplary. So utterly changed did she appear as the weeks passed by, that we had some hope she was a new creature in Christ Jesus. During the first weeks of the present awakening, Goolgaz was very sorrowful; and, when I asked her the cause, she answered that she felt very sad, and she didn't know whether her sadness was sent by the Holy Ghost or by Satan. I explained to her, as well as I could, the difference between godly sorrow, and sorrow of the world. At the close of our conversation, she looked up with a beaming face, and said, "I am so glad I know now that to cherish this sad spirit is not right! I thought, perhaps I needed to do so." She hopes she has been a Christian for some months; but that hope has become clearer, firmer, and more joyful during these past few weeks.

Some of the scholars have arranged a little twilight prayer-meeting, which we hope will eventually become a sort of Holyoke "recess meeting." One dear girl, speaking

of the change in her, said, "I used to dread the sabbaths and the meetings, the time seemed so long and gloomy; and I would say in my heart, 'Oh! when will this hour end, that I may go on with my work?' Now I love the hour of prayer, think it short, and wonder what has become of the time."

My sister and I spoke to the deacons of the Bitlis church, the pastor being then absent at Moosh, desiring special prayer for the scholars, asking them to come and hear their simple experiences, and give them Christian counsel. From time to time a number of the brethren have visited the school, and been much gratified with the spirit manifested. There is hope, that, by the blessing of the Good Shepherd, some of these lambs will be gathered into his visible fold here.

I am not able, within the limits of a single letter, to give a tithe of the pleasing and cheering incidents connected with this sweet refreshing from on high; but I hope, my dear friends and co-laborers, you will all be encouraged by this little account, imperfect though it be, to pray more and more for the rapid progress of Christ's kingdom in this field. Particularly do we desire your prayers for these "little ones." They are young, inexperienced, and exposed to many temptations; but we trust God will perfect the work of grace already begun in their hearts. For this, for their wide usefulness in the whitened fields awaiting them on every hand, we beseech you again ever to pray; for us, too, that a large measure of wisdom and patience may be given us to direct and guide them faithfully and gently in the ways of loving obedience and service for our dear Lord and Master.

"All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

INDIA.

MARATHI BIBLE-WOMEN.

BY MRS. M. E. BISSEL.

THE time has come to send home a half-yearly report of the Bible-women under my care. These women are Zanakabai and Krishnabai at Mendogan, Subabai and Pritabai at Ahmednuggur, and now Gangabai and Rangubai, who have been employed since the first of April in the north-western part of our district.

Krishnabai is new in the work, but, with Zanakabai as an associate, has made a very good beginning. They visited villages during the cold season, where the women had never heard a word of the truth. In one place, on the great road traversed by pilgrims going to Pandharassen, they found a crowd assembled to do homage to a man who was paying a vow by measuring the distance thither with the length of his body. It was observed that these women, and a colporteur who was with them, did not bow down, nor do reverence, to the man whom the others deemed so holy. Some Brahmins called upon them for an explanation. They hesitated, saying they did not like to address such a crowd; but they were promised that none should be rude to them, and all should listen in silence. So these feeble women preached Christ, and salvation through his name, alone, in the midst of that throng of pilgrims and villagers of all castes. They then sang an appropriate hymn to one of their own tunes. The exercises were followed by many tokens of assent, and expressions of pleasure. The pious devotee, who was lying full-length upon the ground before them, was the only one who seemed displeased. He could not give up the idea of his own merits,

and began to make some rude answer; but the crowd with one voice shouted, "*Huryo*," a term of contempt; and, very crestfallen indeed, he was obliged to go on his way. Afterward a report came, that, in a village through which he passed, he was found guilty of some immorality, and placed in confinement for a month. This would help to carry home conviction to the hearts of those who heard the Bible-women. So there are some triumphs of the truth.

Subabai and Pritabai have been on one or two extended tours, besides frequent trips to villages near. On one of these they went to Mendogan, stopping at the intervening villages on the way. These intelligent, dignified women were indeed a rarity in that distant place; and they were welcomed by high and low. Pritabai's singing is a great attraction: she sings with the spirit, as well as with her fine voice. I am convinced that their work in Ahmednuggur is not in vain. Faith in the old systems must be losing hold on the hearts of many women. But they have peculiar difficulties; and we must not expect many to come out as Christians very soon.

Of Gangabai and Rangubai, a word must be said. The native helpers in the north-western district have long been urging me to send them Bible-women. The encouragement that Zanakabai received among them last fall decided me to comply with the request if women could be found. Soon after, Gangabai, one of the earlier Christians, applied for the work. She said she would try walking, although she had not been much accustomed to it for a long time. She could not read well, because her eyes had been dim for a few years; but, when I bought her a pair of spectacles, the words came back, and a little practice will make her quite a good reader again. Rangubai is a young widow, a former pupil in our school. I brought her back for three months to freshen up her reading, singing, and Bible

knowledge; and now the two are at work. I hope they will prove acceptable. Women with no family encumbrances, and fitted for the work, are few in number.

I have assured all these women that they have the prayers of friends in America for their success, as well as the means to prosecute their work.

Our Work at Home.

MAY MEETING.

BY MRS. E. C. PRATT.

THE May anniversaries, it is said, are dying out; but the groups of ladies wending their way at an early hour toward Mount Vernon Chapel, on the morning of May 28, showed that the youngest sister among the societies — the sister whose birthdays number only six — was not dying out, but just starting into new, vigorous life.

The chapel was too strait for the throng that filled it; and the meeting adjourned to the church above. This, too, was speedily filled, even to the aisles and pulpit-stairs.

After the invocation, the President, Mrs. Bowker, read the forty-eighth and eighty-seventh Psalms, saying it was the earthly Jerusalem, with its towers, its bulwarks, and its palaces, that the Psalmist saw foreshadowing the better spiritual Jerusalem; and we to-day behold those wondrous realities which the prophet only foresaw through the vista of ages. After singing and prayer, Miss Child, the Home Secretary, read the Quarterly Report, in which she said

that the copious showers we experienced at the Annual Meeting had been but typical of the showers of blessing which had since descended on our branches and auxiliaries, quickening them into fresher life and interest. The Treasurer, Mrs. Benjamin E. Bates, after reporting receipts, mentioned that a large number of the rooms in the Constantinople Home had been taken since the first of January. A letter was read by Mrs. Scudder, from Miss Ely of Bitlis, telling of a very interesting revival in their girls' school.

The deepest interest of the occasion centred around the three missionary ladies present, who were about leaving for their fields of labor, — Mrs. Robbins, who returns to her work among the Zulus; Miss Pinkerton (under the care of the Board of the Interior), who is to start a school at Umzumbi; and Mrs. Capron, who is soon to go back to Madura, India.

Said Mrs. Robbins, "It is but little of my twelve years' experience among the Zulus that I can give you in the few minutes allowed me: I will only speak briefly of the condition in which we found them, of our method of working, and the state in which we left them. We began our labors in the 'regions beyond,' among a people having no idea of God, except, perhaps, as one who originally made things, but, whether living now or not, they did not know. "Of our sabbath congregations, numbering from one to two hundred, not one was clothed, not one could read. Much of our work at first necessarily consisted in supplying bodily wants. When the sick were brought to us for healing, we kept them at the mission-station till they were cured; and they would sometimes come back to us, bringing whole kraals with them. We put up a mud house of three rooms, with white-washed walls and cloth ceiling; and when they came crawling to the door on their hands

and knees, as they were accustomed to enter their own dark huts, and started back, dazzled by the brightness, we told them of the gospel light they might have in their homes.

“We worked for six years before seeing one convert; and I well remember the first prayer I heard from our people. That repaid me for all the sacrifices I had made. It was the promised ‘hundred-fold.’ “I was called to see a sick woman. She was lying in a heathen hut, on a straw mat, with no pillow; but her soul was trusting in Jesus, and we knew she went straight from that dark, cheerless place to Jesus’ home. Here, again, was the ‘hundred-fold.’ We left a neat chapel, a church of twelve members, and a native pastor. From the hillsides one can see white cottages, where morning prayer and praise may be heard; and we go back gladly, joyfully, strengthened by your prayers, which we know go with us.”

Miss Pinkerton charmed all hearts by her unaffected, earnest bearing. She said she had no experience to give, and could only speak of what she hoped to do. She expected to find minds darkened and ignorant: she hoped to be able to lead them to love purity and truth, and, above all, to love their Father in heaven.

After another hymn, Mrs. Capron, whose graphic word-pictures have so often thrilled us, said she had no farewell to say, only prospects to speak of. Scarcely were they out of sight of land, on their way home, when a disastrous fire came to Mana Madura, sweeping through the Brahmin streets, and destroying eighty houses. In a letter received from there, the writer said, “I have one thing to tell you, — these Brahmin people are not going to rebuild on their old spot: so many were killed, that their spirits will haunt the place, and make it unfortunate. But they are all coming to build on the land opposite your gate. It may be a

great blessing. If Master likes, he can pray that it may be a blessing."

"And so," said Mrs. Capron, "this wonderful thing has come about, that a whole town has moved up to the missionary. In that field which I have so often seen sown with canary-seed are now one hundred houses, occupied by those very Brahmin women whom I used to cross the river to see. Formerly, when I would ask for their daughters for my school, they would say, 'They cannot cross the river:' *now* they are at my very door. Said one, 'I am afraid this new town will shut out your view of the sunset;' but what do I care for that, if I can lead some of these women to see the golden city beyond the sunset? This, then, is my prospect: I turn back to that lovely home, and find all those familiar faces right across the street.

"I want to lay this burden on your hearts. Remember me in the morning when I wake, and find them at my very door, and at evening, when I am hearing the rattle of the drum, and the tiresome tom-tom just as you are going to your evening meetings and your concerts. Can you not watch with me one hour?"

Thus, with the concluding prayer and the Doxology, closed another of the delightful meetings of the Woman's Board.

MEETING OF THE NEW-HAVEN BRANCH.

THE New-Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions celebrated its third anniversary in that city on Tuesday, May 12.

About four hundred ladies were present at the meeting; and a most delightful and profitable day was spent. The morning was occupied by secretaries' reports, and tidings from the fifty-one auxiliaries of the Board. A bountiful

collation was spread, which gave a golden opportunity for sociability ; then followed a precious season of prayer and thanksgiving for the good tidings this day heard both from home and abroad.

In the afternoon Mrs. Bruce of the Mahratta mission, and Mrs. Robbins of the Zulu mission, interested and profited the ladies by glimpses of the work in the far-off vineyards.

The removal to another city of the zealous and much-esteemed President made it necessary to find a new leader ; and Mrs. Burdett Hart, who has been at the head of the Philadelphia Branch since its organization, was unanimously elected to fill Mrs. Hubbard's place. Miss Halsey, by letter, gracefully proved the good-will and fellowship of the Philadelphia Branch, for whom she wrote, " by consenting to share with the New Haven Branch their best gift, — their beloved President."

The beneficiaries of this society are four missionaries, thirty-four pupils in the schools of the Board, one school at Broosa, five Bible-readers, and one native teacher.

THE WORK IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE Woman's Board in New Hampshire is everywhere meeting a cordial reception from both pastors and people. Missionary meetings in behalf of the work have been held at six of the county conferences. Christian women from different churches met each other for the first time ; and, as they took counsel together about our common interest in the Redeemer's kingdom, " Ah," said so many, one to another, " does not this new sense of fellowship warm our hearts as they have never been warmed before ? This is indeed to prove a rich blessing to ourselves."

Mrs George Wm. Burleigh of Great Falls was elected Vice-

President in Stoughton Conference; Mrs. Richardson of Keene, Vice-President for Cheshire County; and Mrs. Edward Goddard of Claremont received a similar appointment for Sullivan County. One result of the work must be to bring larger numbers to the conferences whose general exercises will amply reward attendance.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM MAY 18 TO JUNE 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

Maine Branch.—Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas.; Searsp't, Miss M. C. Pendleton, Tr., \$12.75; Rockland, Aux., of which \$2⁵/₈ to const. L. M. Mrs. J. E. Hall, \$38; "Golden Sands," by Miss Spofford, \$2; Auburn, Aux., \$42; Mrs. Samuel Pickard, to const. L. M. Mrs. A. P. Tinker, \$25; South Freeport, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Abbie Torrey, \$25; "Snow-Birds," \$4; Waterville, Aux., Miss Clara T. Allen, Tr., \$26, \$174 75

Total, \$174 75

C. Home Building-Fund.

Maine Branch.—Portland, Miss M. E. Barrett, to const. herself L. M., \$25 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Hampshire Branch.—Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas.; Troy, Aux., 10; Nashua, Aux., \$2.74; "Children's Missionary Club," \$1.20; "Messenger Birds," of which \$53 for support of a Bible-reader in Mardin and one in the Mahratta mission, \$129 25; Pearl St. S. S., \$3.81; Plaistow, Mrs. Mary B. Kelly, with prev. con. to const. herself L. M., \$15; Hampton, Aux., towards pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$15; Manchester, Aux., 1st Ch., \$62.50; Candia, Aux., \$24.50; Greenland,

Aux., 21.50; Kensington, Aux., \$5; East Boston, Mass., Mrs. Louisa P. Weeks, to const. L. M. Mrs. Edward Robie, Greenland, \$25; Portsmouth, "Roger's Mission-Circle," towards two pupils in Mrs. Bissell's sch., \$30; Hampstead, Cong'l Ch., \$7.82, \$353 32
Henniker.—Cong'l Ch. and Society, 6 25

Total, \$359 57

C. Home Building-Fund.

New Hampshire Branch.—Hampton, Aux., \$25; Hampton Falls and Seabrook, Aux., \$10; Nashua, Aux., \$50 towards parlor in the Home, \$85 00

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Lyndon, Aux., \$20 25
Underhill Flat.—"Mountain Daisies," 1 50

Total, \$21 75

C. Home Building-Fund.

Vermont Branch.—Middlebury, Aux., A Few Ladies, \$5; Ludlow, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary C. Cook, \$25; Waterbury, Aux., Mrs. R. M. Forrest, Tr., \$25; Burlington, Aux., Mrs. J. H. Worcester, Tr., \$25; Pittsford, Aux., Miss Abby Stevens, Tr., \$12; Wallingford, Mrs. John Scribner, \$1, \$93 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Amesbury.</i> —Aux., Miss A. M. Boardman, Tr., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Emilie A. Osgood,	\$30 75	<i>Medway, West.</i> —Emma S. Thayer,	\$1 25
<i>Amherst, South.</i> —Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. C. A. Puffer,	25 00	<i>Middleboro'.</i> —Aux., add'l, \$6; S. S. Miss S. R. Kingman's Cl., \$1.50,	7 50
<i>Andover.</i> —Aux., Mrs. B. B. Edwards,	5 00	<i>Montague.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Beverly.</i> —Dane St. Ch., Aux., Mrs. Betsy Butman, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00	<i>Natick.</i> —A Friend,	50
<i>Boston.</i> —Miss Mary Harris, of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Sarah Sears of Mardin, Turkey, \$50; Thank-offering from a Friend, \$1; Central Ch., of which \$50 by Mrs. Bates to const. L. M.'s Miss Julia DeWitt and Miss Sarah Frances Bates, \$330.37; "Children's Sale," balance of Miss Farnham's salary, \$50.63; "Eughapers," \$16.35; Park St. Ch., by Mrs. J. K. Wiggin, Tr., \$110; Mrs. J. W. Field, \$50; Shawmut Ch, Mrs. Frost, \$10; Mrs. Gilbert, \$10; Mrs. A. D. Webber, to const. L. M. Mrs. S. G. Webber, \$25; Mt. Vernon Ch., Mrs. L. P. Howe, \$200; Miss Lydia Cook, \$3; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Weekly Pledge, \$9.35,	865 70	<i>Newburyport.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. A. Ingraham, Tr., towards Mrs. Tomson's salary,	100 00
<i>Boston, South.</i> —Phillips Ch., Aux., add'l,	6 00	<i>Newton Lower Falls.</i> —A Friend,	10 00
<i>Brockton.</i> —Aux., Miss J. A. Packard, Tr.,	165 00	<i>Norton.</i> —Wheaton Fem. Sem., byteachers and pupils, to const. L. M. Mrs. C. C. Metcalf,	25 00
<i>Brookfield, West.</i> —Young People's Class, Cong'l Ch., Miss Hattie A. Partridge, Tr.,	15 00	<i>Northampton.</i> —Edwards Ch., Aux., Miss Isabella G. Clarke, Tr., of which \$32 for Bible-reader in Harpoat,	99 40
<i>Cambridgeport.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Benj. Tilton, Tr.,	150 00	<i>Peabody.</i> —Aux., A Friend, with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Eliza C. Wheeler,	20 00
<i>Clinton.</i> —Aux.,	14 86	<i>Plymouth.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Geo. G. Dyer, Tr., Soc'y of the Pilgrimage, of which \$25 by Mrs. Timothy Gordon to const L. M. Mrs. Geo. A. Tewksbury,	50 00
<i>Easthampton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. M. Colton, Tr.,	13 20	<i>Reading.</i> —Aux.,	8 00
<i>Fitchburg.</i> —C. C. Ch., Aux.,	12 00	<i>Southampton.</i> —Miss S. S. Edwards's Infant S. S. Cl., for children in India,	1 00
<i>Franklin.</i> —Mrs. S. M. Warfield, \$5; Mrs. Anna C. Daniels, \$5,	10 00	<i>Springfield.</i> —"Olive-Branch Mission-Circle,"	5 00
<i>Granville.</i> —Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Frances L. Perkins,	5 00	<i>Shrewsbury.</i> —"Little Sunbeams,"	3 00
<i>Greenwich.</i> —Aux.,	6 00	<i>Uxbridge.</i> —Mrs. Charles Hillis,	1 00
<i>Haverhill, West.</i> —Ladies' Beneficent Soc'y,	28 48	<i>Weymouth, North.</i> —"Wide Awake Workers,"	6 00
<i>Hinsdale.</i> —"Mountain Hills,"	24 30	<i>Whitinsville.</i> —Aux., Miss Clara Fletcher, Tr.,	53 00
<i>Ipswich.</i> —Aux., 1st Parish, Mrs. Z. Cushing, Tr., to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary T. Farley,	25 00	<i>Wilkinsonville.</i> —Miss Carrie W. Hill, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>Lynn.</i> —1st Cong'l Ch., "Mayflower Mission-Circle,"	5 00	<i>Williamsburg.</i> —"Juvenile Mission-Circle,"	70 00
<i>Malden.</i> —Aux., for Bible-reader in Madura Mission,	40 00	<i>Wilmington.</i> —Cong'l Ch.,	25 00
		<i>Winchester.</i> —"Seek and Save Soc'y," from sale of gladiolus-bulbs,	12 00
		Total, \$1,998 94	
		<i>C. Home Building-Fund.</i>	
		<i>Boston.</i> —Central Ch., Children's Sale, for dormitories in the Home,	\$623 50
		<i>Boston, East.</i> —Maverick Ch., Mrs. Luther Hall, with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Miss Alice Gertrude Hall, a thank-offering towards dormitory in the Home,	20 00
		<i>Newburyport.</i> —From Mrs. Z. P. Grant Banister, a birthday souvenir from her pupils and friends, for finishing and furnishing a recitation-room to be called the Grant Room, and a	

dormitory to be called the Banister Room,	\$400 00
<i>South Hadley.</i> — Mt. Holyoke, Fem. Sem., for a teachers' room in the Home,	446 00
<i>Woburn.</i> — Aux.,	10 00

RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Slatersville.</i> — Ladies' Benevo- lent Soc'y,	\$10 00
Total,	\$10 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Bozrah.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Albert Water- terman, \$33.25; Mrs. Fannie Raymond, to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Clarrissa Haughton, Mrs. Harriet Haughton, Mrs. Alice A. Maples, Mrs. L. M. E. Avery, \$100,	\$133 25
<i>Darien.</i> — "Busy Bee Circle," proceeds of pop-corn festival, towards Bible-reader in Mar- din, \$20; "Ox Ridge Mission- Circle," \$1.50,	21 50
<i>Falls Village.</i> — Cong'l Ch. and Soc'y,	8 50
<i>Greenwich.</i> — Aux., for Zanaka- bai Bible-reader,	47 00
<i>Hartford.</i> — Aux., Park Ch., for Mexican Missions, \$60; Wind- sor Ave. Ch., of which \$12 for Mexican Mission, \$18.83; East Granby, Weekly Pledge, \$5.65,	84 48
<i>New Haven Branch.</i> — (Since March 12.) Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Branford, Aux., Mrs. Anna Babcock, Tr., \$15.75. Bridgeport, Aux., Mrs. Alex. Hawley, Treas., on account Miss Andrews's salary, \$200. Cheshire, Aux., Mrs. John M. Wolcott, Treas. (of which \$32 towards support of Samatha- num, Mrs. Paddock's Bible- class, \$16, wishing to support a pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school to be trained for a Bible-reader), \$48. Cornwall, Aux., Mrs. H. C. Monson, Treas., to complete pay't for pupil in Miss Fritcher- er's school, \$9. Derby, Aux., Miss Anna M. Sperry, Treas., \$52. East Haddam, Aux., Mrs. Amasa Day, Treas., towards Miss Strong's salary, \$24 25. East Haven, Aux., Mrs. Caro- line Thompson, Treas., \$28. East Hampton, Aux., Mrs. Wm. H. Bevin, Treas., \$15. Easton, Aux., Mrs. Julia Edwards, Treas., to const. Mrs. S. R. Dudley, L. M., \$25. Killing- worth, Aux., Mrs. Harvey	

Lane, Treas., \$19.49. Litch-
field, Aux., Mrs. George Rich-
ards, 1 reas., \$46.90. Madison,
Aux., Mrs. Samuel Griswold,
Treas., \$110 to support Anna
Bedrosian; "Willing Hearts,"
Miss Lizzie B. Lec, Treas., \$70;
to support two girls, one in
Mrs. Chandler's and one in
Miss Townshend's sch., \$180.
Meriden, 1st Ch., Miss Lottie
P. Foster, Treas., \$25, to const.
L. M. Miss Rosa E. Hinman;
\$8.24, balance towards another
L. M.; "Cheerful Givers,"
\$25 to const. Miss Caroline Big-
elow Hatch L. M., \$58.24. Cen-
tre Ch., Aux., Mrs. Frank Ives,
Treas., \$37 (of which \$30 from
Mrs. Booth towards support of
pupil at Marsovan). MountCar-
mel, Aux., Mrs. D. H. Cooper,
Treas., to const. herself a L. M.,
\$25. New Britain, Aux., Miss
Alice G. Stanley, Treas., \$131.60
(\$90 of which to support three
pupils at Madura for 1875).
New Milford, Aux., Miss So-
phia Hine, Treas., Mrs. B.
Buckingham, \$25, to const.
Miss Martha Buckingham L. M.;
\$23, to complete pay't of $\frac{1}{2}$ Mrs.
Edwards's salary, \$48 (of the
whole amount, \$30, from "Gold-
en Links"). New Haven
Centre Ch., Aux., Miss Susan
L. Bradley, Treas., Mrs. Henry
White, \$25, to const. herself
L. M., \$7 from two annual sub-
scribers, 32. Church of the Re-
deemer, Aux., Mrs. W. H.
Fairchild, Treas., Mrs. Fitch,
\$25, to support a pupil in Ma-
dura, private donation sent
directly to Mrs. Chandler,
\$112.25. College St. Ch., Mrs.
W. R. Guernsey, Treas., Miss
J. A. Maltby, to const. Mrs.
Carlos Smith L. M., \$25.
Dwight Place Ch., Mrs. L. C.
Pratt, Treas., \$49.50. Fair
Haven, 1st Ch., "Pearl Seek-
ers," Miss Mary E. Ellis, Tr.,
to complete support of pupil
in Mrs. Chandler's sch., \$14.
Howard Avenue Ch., Miss Sa-
rah Moffit, Treas., \$50 for sup-
port of Mary Howard in Mrs.
Chandler's sch. for the past
and present year; \$1 from Ber-
tie Blair; Mrs. E. S. Minor, \$25,
to const. herself L. M., \$76.
North Church, Aux., Mrs. A.
McAlister, Treas., \$56 (of
which \$40 from "Silver Bells,"
and \$5 from "Home Work-

ers," members of Mrs. Cady's sch.). Temple St. Ch., Mrs. M. E. Cassel, Treas., \$3. Yale College Ch., Mrs. Cyrus Northrop, Treas., \$52 (of which \$10 towards Life-Membership of Mrs. C. A. Paddock of Cheshire). "Busy Bees," in Miss Peck's sch., a private donation to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Marsovan, \$56. "Homesworth Mission-Circle," of Mrs. Newcomb's sch., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$30. New Preston, Miss Ellen M. Averill, Treas., to support girl in Mrs. Chandler's sch., \$23.50. North Branford, Aux., Miss N. W. Bunnell, Treas., \$8.50. Northfield, Aux., Miss Mary E. Peck, Treas., for salary of Horepsima, B. R., \$40.25. Northford, Aux., Mrs. E. B. Page, Treas., Miss Mary M. Maltby, to const. Mrs. E. C. Maltby L. M., \$25. Plymouth, Aux., Mrs. Horace Fenn, Treas., Mrs. Edward Langdon, to const. L. M. Mrs. George Langdon, \$25. South Britain, Aux., Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, Treas., \$5. Thomaston, Aux., Miss Abbie Potter, Treas., to be appropriated to Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$130. Watertown, Aux., Mrs. W. S. Munger, Treas., \$15 (of which \$10 from "Little Gleaners" Cora E. Partree, Treas., towards support of some girl; \$5 from "The Juvenile Missionary Association," Charles A. Baldwin, Treas.). West Haven, Aux., Mrs. H. L. Peet, Treas., \$3.50. Woodbury, Aux., Mrs. J. S. Ward, Treas., Mr. R. J. Allen, to const. Mrs. Wealthy R. Hollister L. M., \$25. Guilford ladies, \$7. Chenango, N.Y., Mrs. Wm. Newton, \$450; Wilton "Mission Band," Miss Jennie H. Olmstead, Tr., \$5. Total, \$1,786.23. Of this contribution, \$4,094.09 is reserved expenses, &c., leaving a balance of \$1,292 14

Thompsonville. — L. P. Terry, 5 00
 Wolcottville. — Aux., 10 00

Total, \$1,601 87

C. Home Building-Fund.

New Haven Branch. — Meriden, 1st Ch., Aux., special contri.

to make up loss, \$2.86; New Haven Third Ch., Aux., Miss Landfear's Mite-box, \$5; Norwalk, Aux., "Ladies' Church Association," \$150, "Young Ladies' Mission Band," \$50, the whole \$200, for finishing and furnishing a dormitory in Con. Home, and to constitute L.M.'s Mrs. Waldo Brown, Mrs. Charles Lockwood, Mrs. Ezra Hoyt, Mrs. George Beatty, Mrs. W. Burrall St. John, Mrs. Eli Bennett, Mrs. James Mallory, Mrs. Charles Smith, \$207 86

NEW YORK.

Cazenovia. — Pres. Ch. S.S., for pupil in Miss Payson's sch., \$40 00
Flushing, L. I. — Aux., for pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., 30 00
Gloversville. — Aux., for pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., 30 00
Lockport. — 1st Cong'l Ch., Aux., Miss S. Jennie Pierce, Tr., of which \$25 by Mrs. Jas. W. Cooper, to const. herself L. M., \$25 by the S.S. to const. L. M. Mrs. E. A. Holt, \$1 by Mrs. C. A. Folger, 108 85

Total, \$208 85

OHIO.

Clarksfield. — Jennie Rowland, \$5 00
Windham. — Aux., towards salary of Miss Closson, 50 00

Total, \$55 00

IOWA.

Stoux City. — "Little Praying-Circle," towards Bible-reader in the Mahratta Mission, \$8 00

Total, \$8 00

CANADA.

Montreal. — Aux., Mrs. Geo. Winks, Tr., toward Miss Howland's salary, \$306 88

Total, \$306 88

Donations, \$4,745 61
 C. Home Building-Fund, 1,910 36
 "Life and Light," 185 75
 "Echoes," 7 02
 Weekly Pledge, 10 15
 Leaflets, 21 35
 Legacy of Hon. Homer Bartlett, 5,000 00

Total, \$11,880 24

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

CEYLON.

THE UDUVILLE SCHOOL.

BY MISS HILLIS.

IN June of last year, immediately after the death of Dr. Spaulding, I came to Uduville to remain with Mrs. Spaulding for such a time as, in the providence of God, might seem best. Other arrangements have since been made, and I am on the eve of returning to Tillypally. But I wish to write you once from Uduville.

MARCH 4. — The present year is the jubilee year of the seminary. The month in which the school was opened is not known; but the mission has planned to have a meeting of the friends and graduates in May. The beginning was after this wise: a little girl, the daughter of a priest who officiated in a temple near by, was in the habit of playing about Mrs. Winslow's door. One afternoon a sudden storm drove her into the house for shelter; and, the rain continuing, she staid all night, and ate her supper in the mission-house. When she went home the next morning her father said, "You need not come here: you have eaten the missionaries' rice. Go back to them. Be their child hereafter." She did go back. After a while two or three others were brought in; and, some time during the year 1824, the school opened. The child first received still lives in Uduville. She was matron in the school for many years, and has always borne the character of an earnest, trustworthy Christian helper. She is in feeble health, and had not been

in the mission-house for several months until yesterday, when she came, leaning upon a grand-daughter. She said she must see Ammah once more, and so, in spite of all remonstrances, had crept in. I think her own family are all Christian; but the temple is still the property of her father's family. It stands within a few yards of the school-building, only an old fence between. But excepting one night in the year, when the fowls and goats are offered, there are no ceremonies that disturb the quiet of the school. After the father's death a daughter officiated; and a woman has charge of the temple now. Dr. Spaulding made several ineffectual attempts to buy the land, so that he might have the temple removed; but, as it was a family inheritance, they would never consent to sell it.

After the somewhat dreary and altogether weary work in the villages, it has been very pleasant to turn aside for a while, and rest in the quiet atmosphere of a Christian school. In the outwork I came in contact with heathen only; and sometimes it has seemed as if I had pitched my tent on the shore of a dead sea, and I have almost doubted whether there could be real life in India. But Moses might as well have doubted, when he stood on Mount Nebo, and overlooked the whole land, from the plain of the Valley of Jordan unto the utmost sea, as for one standing here to fear or be dismayed. There certainly is no other work so blessed, nor vocation so high, as hers whom the Lord has placed in such a garden to dress it and to keep it. Though a garden in the wilderness, it is a garden enclosed; and with heathenism all about it, coming up to the very walls, there is no savor of the forbidden thing found within its gates. Moses' song before the congregation of Israel might well be taken as the song of every such mission-school: "He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of

his eye. So the Lord led him, and there was no strange god with him." I used to wonder, when reading accounts of revivals in Oroomiah and other mission-schools, if there was not a little exaggeration; but Miss Agnew says, "No, I have witnessed just such scenes again and again. And from what I have seen during these months, when there has been no especial interest, I can easily believe all I have ever read.

There are fifty-eight girls in the school at the present time, varying in age from twelve to seventeen. All are comprised in five classes, the course of study extending over five years. A class is graduated every year, and a new one received as often. All board in the school. Some pay a part of their board; a very few pay the whole; and all are clothed at the expense of the mission. The dress is very simple, consisting only of a white cotton jacket and a piece of cloth about five yards in length. The domestic work is all done by the girls, with the oversight and assistance of a matron. They are arranged in sets, and take turns in doing the different kinds of work. The lighter labor of sweeping, preparing vegetables, onions, mangoes, &c., for the curries, is assigned to the younger girls. The older ones roll the curry stuffs, boil the rice, draw the water, and superintend the others. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons are given to general recreation and cleaning up. In the forenoon the sleeping-mats are put out in the sun. The dining-room and prayer-room are *poosied*, and the girls bathe. Thirteen baskets of water poured over the body is the customary quantity, though the country custom is to pour sixty baskets. As they stand in the wind while drawing, and often get chilled, they are very likely to get sick after bathing; and many deaths are traced to their excessive use of cold water.

(To be continued.)

Home Department.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

WE had hoped to give in this number some reports of the Woman's Missionary Meetings held in connection with the State Associations; but none have reached us except those from Indiana and Michigan. The arrangements for these meetings were made entirely by the State Secretaries, aided by the ladies of their several States; and we rejoice to learn from those attending them that they have been, without exception, successful and interesting, and have given a new impulse to the work in the States where they were held.

At the Indiana meeting, held in Indianapolis, May 15, the most of the auxiliary societies of the State were represented, and were reported to be in successful operation. The ladies were addressed by Miss Maria West from Turkey. By interesting facts in her own experience, she illustrated how the woman's work on missionary fields is carried on, and impressed all deeply with its importance. A more public meeting was held sabbath evening, which was addressed by Secretary Treat of Boston, and Miss West. This meeting was most helpful to our cause. It kindled the missionary spirit into a warm glow, and made us feel that it was the greatest privilege to have a share in this blessed work. We hope that a new impulse has been given to our societies in this State, and that next year will witness greater zeal and larger results.

At the State Annual Meeting, at Adrian, Mich., two formal sessions were held, Mrs. Withey of Grand Rapids

presiding. A large number of ladies were present, owing in part to the interest awakened by Miss Closson's visits. At the first session, Wednesday afternoon, May 20, a complete and concise report was presented by Mrs. Hubbell; which stated that seventeen new societies had been formed since the State organization was completed, one year ago. This was followed by reports from the ladies representing the different conferences. The meeting of Thursday afternoon was addressed by Mrs. Moses Smith, President of the Board, Miss Closson, and Mrs. Eddy of Detroit. The amended constitution was then read. On Thursday (A.M.) there was a pleasant informal gathering of about thirty ladies, aptly styled by one of them an "Experience Meeting." They met in the chapel, and spent the hours from ten to twelve in giving and receiving information relative to organization, monthly meetings, and other missionary topics. Three new societies have since been formed as a direct result of the meeting; and a large increase of membership is hoped for the coming year.

At the meeting in Kewanee, Ill., Mrs. Holyoke of Chicago presided. Miss Rankin presented the cause of our Board, and afterwards told the story of her work in Mexico. Miss Rankin addressed also the meeting in Waterloo, Io., where a large number of the missionary workers of the State were present. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. Woodworth and Mrs. Magoun of Grinnell. The meeting in Topeka, Kan., was also a pleasant and successful one.

In addition to these State meetings, our work has been vigorously pushed by the three missionary ladies above mentioned. Miss Rankin, since the middle of April, has been visiting many of the churches in Central and Southern Illinois, organizing auxiliary societies, and rekindling the interest of those already formed. She is continuing this work in Iowa, whence she intends to cross to Southern

Wisconsin. Miss West began by addressing one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Greeley, Col., where she had been visiting her brother. Thence she came to Denver, where even the Opera House failed to contain all who desired to hear her, and where the first auxiliary in Colorado, rightly named the "Monument Society," was organized, as was also a juvenile society, — the "Rocky Mountain Snowflakes." Coming eastward, she was warmly welcomed at Lawrence, Leavenworth, Kansas City, Wyandotte, and St. Louis, at several of which places new auxiliaries have been formed. Later she attended the State missionary meeting, at Cincinnati, O. Miss Closson, who delayed her return to Turkey for two months, on purpose to aid us in this work, labored in Michigan during the month of May, where she addressed many of the principal churches. Coming on to Chicago, she addressed a large company of ladies on the 1st of June. The occasion was one of great interest; Mrs. Bliss of Constantinople, and Mrs. Abraham of Zulu Land, both being present, and taking part in the meeting. Miss Closson went from here to Rockford, to present the work to the young ladies in the seminary, then to Glencoe, and thence, *viâ* Milwaukee, to the region of Fond du Lac, Wis., where she has stirred up many of the churches to renewed efforts. We count a large number of new auxiliaries as among the immediate fruits of the labors of these ladies, and hope that the ultimate result will be souls saved to rejoice throughout the ages to come.

ONE consecrated woman in a neighborhood or community, one thoughtful mind fertile in resources, can create missionary fervor which will pervade every heart and strengthen every mind in a whole section. — *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

“It were well if we had private settled seasons of devotion, each of us especially to intercede with God for the conversion of the heathen. You cannot stand beneath the banyan tree, surrounded by black faces, and tell of Krishna’s Christ; but in your own little room, by the old arm-chair, you can assuredly bring down showers of blessings upon the heathen by importunate entreaties.”

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

FROM MAY 15, TO JUNE 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.			
<i>Edinburg.</i> —Aux., Mrs. B. E. Bingham, Treas.,	\$10 00	<i>Indianapolis.</i> —Mayflower Cong. Ch., Aux., Mary Beuce, Treas.,	7 00
<i>Elyria.</i> —Aux., of which \$2.50 is sent by a bereaved husband, the gift of his departed wife, Mrs. G. H. Ely, Treas.,	90 00	<i>Terre Haute.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Medusa Eldera a L. M., Mrs. F. F. Keith, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Hudson.</i> —Aux., Mrs. L. M. Brewster, Treas.,	7 82	Total,	\$47 00
<i>Ironton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. J. L. Davis, Treas.,	35 25	MICHIGAN.	
<i>Kent.</i> —Aux., Hattie A. Converse, Treas.,	30 00	<i>Ann Arbor.</i> —Aux., to be applied to the support of a Protestant pupil in the Constantino Home, Mrs. M. L. D’Ooge, Treas.,	\$41 25
<i>Marietta.</i> —Aux., for support of Pauka Dachora of Samokov, Miss Ellen Shipman, Treas.,	50 00	<i>East Saginaw.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Shattuck, Mrs. J. L. Hayden, Treas.,	95 00
<i>Milan.</i> —Mission Band, for a scholarship in Miss Ashley’s school at Ahmednuggur,	46 15	<i>Flint.</i> —Aux., for salary of Elenka, native teacher at Samokov,	93 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to const. Mrs. C. H. Churchill, Mrs. G. W. Shurtleff, Mrs. Judson Smith, Mrs. K. W. Allen, Mrs. R. L. Beecher, and Mrs. Battle, L. M.’s, Miss E. E. Peck, Treas.,	150 00	<i>Grand Rapids.</i> —Aux., for Bible-reader in Nicomedia, Mrs. E. E. Judd, Treas.,	24 00
<i>Oxford.</i> —Fem. Sem. Aux., Miss Peabody, Treas.,	48 30	<i>Kalamazoo.</i> —Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing’s native assistant teacher, Mrs. L. Cahill, Treas.,	38 00
<i>Painesville.</i> —1st Ch. Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons, Mrs. C. C. Beardslee, Treas.,	54 00	<i>Litchfield.</i> —“Shining Lights,” by Mrs. C. C. Turrell,	5 00
Total,	\$521 52	<i>South Boston.</i> —Aux., with prev. contri. to const. Mrs. Harley Church a L. M.,	17 00
		<i>Wauconsta.</i> —Aux., Lorisa W. Davis, Sec.,	4 68
		Total,	\$317 93
INDIANA.			
<i>Angola.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. C. Andrus, Treas.,	\$15 00		

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> —Aux., of Church of Redeemer, Mrs. Ellen M. Pierce, Treas.,	\$13 00
<i>Amboy.</i> —Aux., Mrs. W. B. Andrus, Treas.,	22 50
<i>Chicago.</i> —1st Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, \$34.54; 47th St. Ch., Aux., \$8.35; New England Ch., Aux., of which from Mrs. E. W. Blatchford for the publication of "Rahel's Story," \$102; "Fern Leaves," \$10.81.	155 70
<i>Dover.</i> —Aux., Marcia Allen, Treas.,	10 25
<i>Elgin.</i> —Aux., for Miss Dudley's salary, Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas.,	23 00
<i>Evanston.</i> —Aux., of which \$77.15 is for the salary of Miss Porter; \$52.50 is to be applied to the salary of Mrs. Watkins in Mexico, \$25 of which is from a friend, through Mrs. Jeremiah Porter, \$25 from Mrs. Francis Bradley to const. Mrs. G. F. Ruggles a L. M.,	129 65
<i>Farmington.</i> —Aux., with prev. contri. to const. Mrs. N. W. Birge and Mrs. M. J. Erwin L. M.'s,	35 00
<i>Fulton.</i> —Pres. S. S., for the salary of Miss Day,	7 50
<i>Galesburg.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. E. Hurd, Treas.,	17 00
<i>Glencoe.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Lockwood, Treas.,	14 30
<i>Lamotte.</i> —Mrs. J. R. Jones,	10 00
<i>Peoria.</i> —Main St. Cong. Ch. Mission S. S., for a scholarship in Miss Porter's school,	10 00
<i>Providence.</i> —Ladies of Cong. Ch. by Mrs. G. R. Gardiner,	13 00
<i>Rockford.</i> —1st Ch. Aux., Mrs. H. J. Harding, Sec.,	26 25
<i>Sandwich.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. P. Crapser,	22 76
<i>Waverly.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, and to const. Mrs. Theodore Curtiss a L. M., Mrs. Julia Sackett, Sec.,	32 00
Total,	\$541 91

WISCONSIN.

<i>Appleton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. L. Smith, Treas.,	\$65 20
<i>Delevan.</i> —Aux., for support of a Bible-reader in the Madura Mission, Mrs. J. Collie, Treas.,	15 81
<i>Depere.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. J. Wheeler, Treas.,	9 75

EVANSTON, June 15, 1874.

<i>Eau Claire.</i> —Aux., Martha Kidder, Treas.,	\$13 00
<i>Fox Lake.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>Ripon.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Mahala Chadbourne a L. M., Mrs. M. M. Cook, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Shoptere.</i> —Young Pilgrims' Mission-Circle, Wallace Parker, Treas.,	2 00
<i>Whitewater.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, Miss M. V. Hall, Treas.,	80 00
Total,	\$220 85

IOWA.

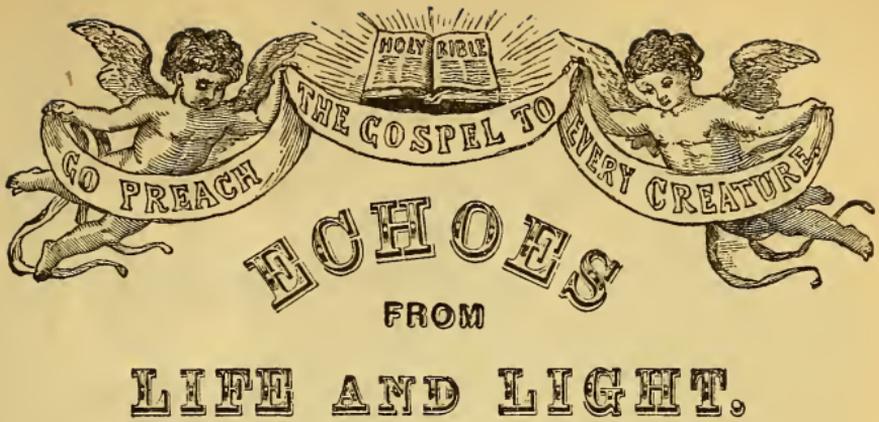
<i>Dubuque.</i> —Aux., \$50; Children's Fair, \$100, for salary of Mrs. Watkins of Mexico, and to const. Mrs. J. Bingham, Mrs. H. Baker, Mrs. C. Atkinson, Miss C. Wilder, and Baby Wood, L. M.'s,	\$150 00
<i>Monticello.</i> —Aux., Mrs. J. R. Stillman, Treas.,	9 64
<i>Muscatine.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Day, and to const. Mrs. D. C. Richmond a L. M., Emma Olds, Sec.,	25 00
<i>Polk City.</i> —Aux., Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Treas.,	5 75
Total,	\$190 39

MINNESOTA.

<i>Minneapolis.</i> —Plymouth Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Miss Alhson, Treas.,	\$75 00
<i>Waseca.</i> —Mrs. E. R. Shedd, to const. her grand-daughter Jennie Marcia Alden a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Winona.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Van Duzee, Miss Hatch, Treas.,	100 00
Total,	\$200 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Franklin, N.H.</i> —Cong. Ch. and Soc. for the support of a pupil in Miss Patrick's sch. at Erzroom, and to const. Mrs. Isaac N. Blodgett a L. M.,	25 00
Total,	\$25 00
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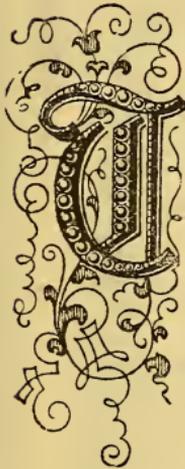
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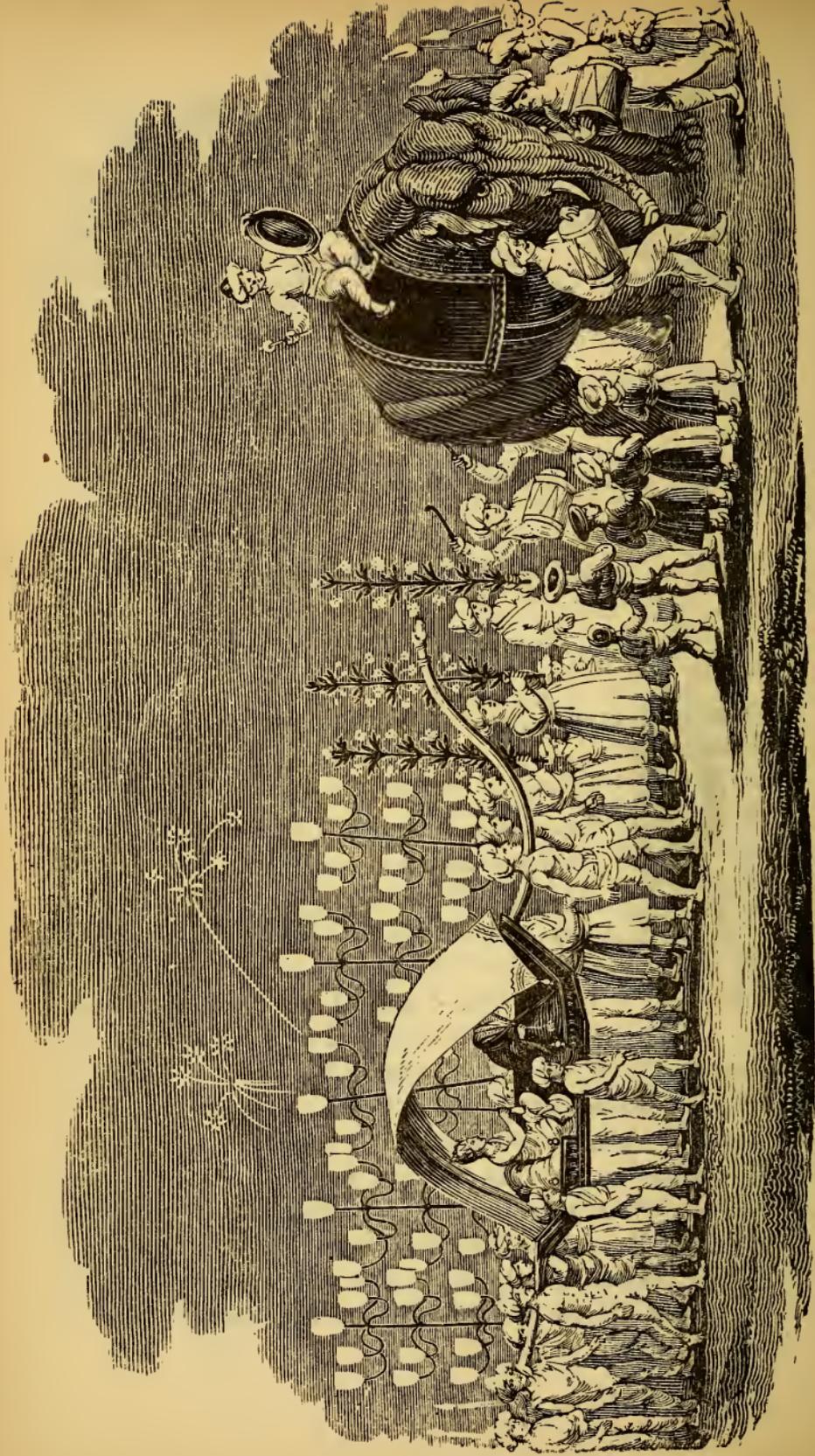
MOHURRUM FESTIVAL.

BY MRS. A. B. HALL.



THE picture on the opposite page shows the way in which Mohammedans celebrate the new year. This Festival of Mohurrum was kept before the days of Mohammed, with rejoicing, as we keep our New Year's. Now it is kept with mourning; and I will tell you why. You know that Mohammed made people believe that he was a prophet sent from God. After his death, his grandson Hosein lived in Medina, and reigned over Arabia.

Ayzeed, the King of Syria, hated Hosein, and wanted to kill him: so he sent deceitful letters, pretending that the people of Cusa wanted Hosein for their king. But when Hosein, believing this, set out for Cusa with an army, Ayzeed, with ten thousand troops, encamped on the ground between him and the Euphrates, and cut off his supply of water. Perishing with thirst, and surrounded by the forces of Ayzeed, Hosein and his followers were cut to pieces on



the 10th of the month Mohurrum. The head of Hosein was carried to Damascus, the home of Ayzeed. At every stage of the road some miracle was manifested. At Momesel, when the head was locked up for the night in the temple, one of the mounted sentinels looked through a crack in the door, and saw a tall man with a white beard take Hosein's head out of the box, and kiss it, and weep over it. By and by a whole assembly of ancestors arrived, and kissed it, and wept over it.

These foolish things are repeated by the Mussulmans and their priests every day of the Mohurrum Festival. The priests mount their pulpits, and tell over the sufferings of Hosein; and the people beat their breasts, and exclaim, "Ah, Hosein! Weif av Hosein! Alas for Hosein!" Every night his image, seated in a magnificent car borne on the shoulders of men, and surrounded by torches and banners, as you see it in the picture, is carried through the street. A great elephant goes before to clear the way. The drummers beat the drums; and all cry out, "Ela Hosein! Ela Hosein! Doohla! Doohla!" which means, "Ah, Hosein! ah, Hosein! Alas, alas!" These poor people believe that Hosein died as a martyr, and that all who celebrate his death will find favor with his grandfather Mohammed, and that, at the day of judgment, they will receive remission of their sins through the intercession of Mohammed, who is called the "friend of God." They imitate his sufferings while thirsting in Mesopotamia, by denying themselves water to drink. They cut themselves with daggers and swords; and many in the course of the Mohurrum are slain. All such, they believe, go direct to paradise.

This is the way in which they are trying to earn an entrance into heaven. Do you feel sorry for people who have no better religion than this? How much are you sorry?

THE CHINESE CRIPPLE.

BY MR. M. W. HUNT.

WE are permitted to take the following from a private letter received from Mr. Hunt some time since:—

“Our missionaries in Tungcho, China, have prayers in Chinese every morning in their sitting-room, a place quite free to the schoolboys at certain hours of the day. I was delighted with the scene. The company were about five minutes assembling,—three aged women, four or five boys, three servants, and a teacher. There were Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield, Miss Andrews, and Miss Porter. All read in Chinese a verse apiece, except two of the work people.

“The last boy that came in was on a crutch; and I saw he had but one perfect eye, but that one was very bright. I noticed, also, that the verse was not long in passing through his lips. On inquiry, Miss Andrews informed me that he was about fifteen or sixteen, and had been with them six or seven months. He came as a beggar,—though he was not a beggar in the proper sense,—with one foot in a sad state, it having been frozen the previous winter. He had been dreadfully ill-treated by his father-in-law, being covered with scars, and one side of his face grievously disfigured. He begged hard that they would take him in and help him.

“I suppose the Christians saw in that poor lad their divine Lord, ill-treated, beaten, and cast-off; and they took him into their home and into their hearts just as he was. His foot healed, that is, it came off, leaving an ugly stump; but his soul began to brighten. He had only one sound eye; but with it he looked for a better country with great longing. He had only one foot; but with it he made

sure paces to the house of prayer and praise. He had been well cared for in his younger days; and he took to his books with wonderful avidity and with equal success. All look on with surprise at his progress in knowledge. Divine knowledge especially is what occupies his whole soul. He has been received into Christ's visible church; and they have no doubt that he is a member of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. If he was beautiful to look upon with my dull eyes, what must he be in His eyes who has borne his sins, and carried away his sorrows?

"Suppose it had cost all the pains and money that the American Board has expended all these long years, to save this one poor lad: would it not be worth all? We shall think so, dear children, when we come to see Him as he is. I hope you will remember to pray for that dear boy, and for the work of God at Tungcho."

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Rockland*. — "Golden Sands," \$2.00.
South Freeport. — "Snow-Birds," \$4.00.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Nashua*. — "Children's Missionary Club," \$1.20;
 "Messenger Birds," \$129.25.
Portsmouth. — "Rogers Mission-Circle," \$30.00.
- VERMONT. — *Underhill Flat*. — "Mountain Daisies," \$1.50.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Boston*. — Central Church "Children's Sale," \$674.13; "Eughapers," \$16.35.
Grantville. — Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, \$5.00.
Hinsdale. — "Mountain Rills," \$24.30.
Lynn. — "Mayflower Mission-Circle," \$5.00.
Springfield. — "Olive-Branch Mission-Circle," \$5.00.
Shrewsbury. — "Little Sunbeams," \$3.00.
Weymouth, North. — "Wide-Awake Workers," \$6.00.
Williamsburg. — "Juvenile Mission-Circle," \$70.00.
Winchester. — "Seek-and-Save Society," \$12.00.

CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — “Busy-Bee Circle,” \$20.00; “Ox-Ridge
NEW HAVEN BRANCH. — *Madison*. — “Willing Hearts,” \$70.00.

Mission-Circle,” \$1.50.

Meriden. — “Cheerful Givers,” \$24.00.

New Milford. — “Golden Links,” \$30.00.

New Haven. — “Pearl-Seekers,” \$14.00; “Silver Bells,” \$40.00;
 “Home-Workers,” \$5.00; “Busy Bees,” \$56.00.

Thomaston. — “Little Gleaners,” \$10.00; “Juvenile Missionary
 Association,” \$5.00.

Wilton. — “Mission-Band,” \$5.00.

IOWA. — “Little Praying-Circle,” \$8.00.

OHIO. — *Milan*. — “Mission-Band,” \$46.15.

MICHIGAN. — *Litchfield*. — “Shining Lights,” \$5.00.

ILLINOIS. — *Fulton*. — Presbyterian Sabbath School, \$7.50.

Peoria. — Main-street Church Mission Sabbath School, \$10.00.

WISCONSIN. — *Shopiere*. — “Young Pilgrims,” \$2.00.

IOWA. — *Dubuque*. — Children’s fair, \$100.00.

LITTLE MINNIE.

DEAR LIFE AND LIGHT, — I have a dear little sister, two years old last January. She was my birthday present, and I love her dearly; for she is all the sister I have. But a few weeks ago she was taken very sick with scarlet-fever; and we feared she was going to die. We asked God to spare our darling; but she kept growing worse, till one night — I shall never forget it as long as I live — the doctor said she could not live till morning. She lay on her little bed, with closed eyes, and hands folded on her breast; and she was so white and still, you might have thought her dead. Then papa knelt down, and asked God to spare our precious little Minnie, promising, if she got well, that he would bring her up to be a missionary. Just as he finished, Minnie’s dark-blue eyes opened; and, turning them to me with her own sweet smile, she whispered softly, “Sister,” and then, with her little thin white hand in

mine, she fell into a quiet, peaceful sleep, and we knew God had answered our prayers.

You may believe we were all very happy that day. Soon after, we saw in "Life and Light" that the Woman's Board offered to adopt all the babies in the country, and we thought we should like you to adopt our Minnie; for she is to be a missionary, you know, when she is old enough.

Minnie is able to run about now. We can't be thankful enough; for she is the pet and darling of us all. She already begins to talk of Jesus, calling him, "My dear Jesus;" and we think, that, though only a baby, she really loves the Saviour. Often she asks me to tell her a story; and, when I ask her what it shall be about, she says, "About my Jesus." One day a lady saw her on the street, and asked, "Whom does this little girl belong to?" — "I belong to Jesus," said Minnie. Once she said, "I'se dlad I'se Dod's ittle dirl." Once in a thunder-storm she said, "I'se not afraid if it does tunder: Dod will tate tare of his ittle dirl." — "But the lightning might kill you," said mamma, to see what she would say. "Den Jesus would tate me up in his arms," was the quick reply.

Her sister,

EMMA F. T.

THE MESSENGER BIRDS.

IN January a lady of Nashua, N.H., invited a few misses and children to meet at her house, and form a mission-circle. The officers were chosen from their own number, taking the name of "Messenger Birds." Soon their numbers increased to fifty.

It was proposed to have a parlor fair, but afterward thought best to have it in a public hall on May Day, a gentleman kindly giving the use of his hall; and the fifty,

(with one exception, — a little girl who was sick) were all there as busy as bees.

The admission was ten cents; but the fancy, flower, apron, pop-corn, picture, confectionery, cake and ice-cream tables, brought in a net profit of one hundred and eighty dollars. When the time came the boys lent a helping hand: one made a beautiful motto; another, a match-box; others went for Mayflowers; while others served at the ice-creams and at the door. They all felt that the fair passed off in a very satisfactory manner.

They still continue our work, of which the readers of the "Echoes" may hear again at some future time. L.

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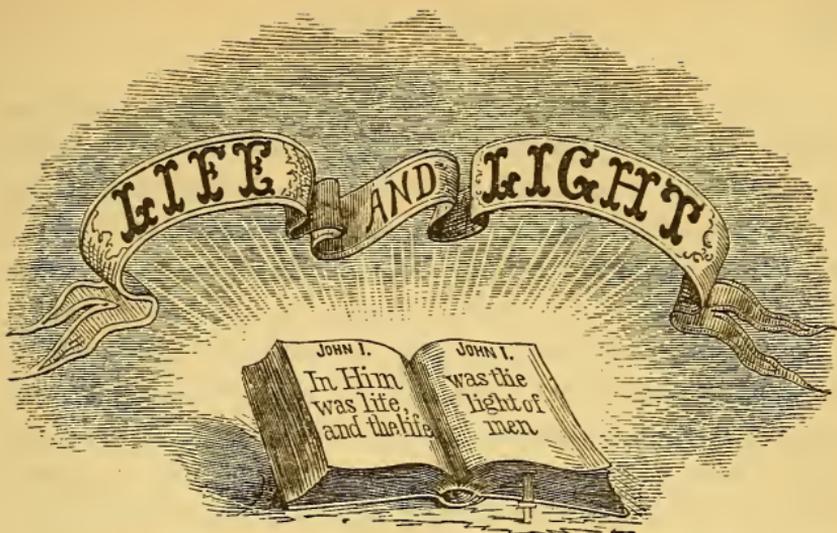
BY M. E. B.

MY first was a doubting disciple.
 My second is one of the books of the New Testament.
 My third is one of the books of the Old Testament.
 My fourth was a celebrated Hebrew prophet.
 My fifth was the mother of that prophet.
 My sixth was one of the patriarchs.
 My seventh was a queen in the Old Testament.
 My eighth was a type of Christ.
 My ninth slew a man of war.
 My tenth is a noted mountain near Jerusalem.
 My eleventh is necessary to acceptance with God.
 My twelfth is one of the titles of God.
 My thirteenth was a Jewish high priest.
 My fourteenth was one of the twelve tribes.
 My fifteenth is one of the fruits of the Spirit.
 My sixteenth means "save now."
 My whole is a spiritual weapon of defence.

ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

"Thy kingdom come."

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the June number from S. A. E., Saundersville, Mass.; J. P., Manchester, Mass.; M. E. B., Chelsea, Mass.; J. M. J., Ithaca, N.Y.; A. E. N., West Pittsfield, Mass.; and E. D. H., Chester, Vt.



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CENTRAL TURKEY.

DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH.

BY MISS M. G. HOLLISTER.

BEYOND the historic lands of Greece, and the seagirt, rocky islands of the Ægean, lies the city of Constantino-ple; and still beyond, across the Bosphorus, lies the land of Anatolia, better known to western nations as Asia Minor. In its south-eastern portions are the plains of Antioch, Tarsus, Marsh, and the less fertile regions about Aintab, Orfa, and Aleppo.

Above the plains, to the north-west, rise the Taurus Mountains; to the south stretches the Mediterranean; to the east, the desert. Through a part of this region flows the River Euphrates; and long reaches of plain or rolling land, destitute of trees, succeed to mountains, the ruggedness of whose cliffs is seldom relieved by tree, or fern,

or moss. As exceptions to the general desolation, are many lovely villages hidden among the hills and mountains, and here and there a few oak-groves, with the mistletoe hanging from the branches, or the oleanders lining the banks of the laughing streams, making it seem almost like fairy-land. The sternly simple features of the country, and the noble severity of the scenery, impress one with the idea of sublimity. The uncommonly clear atmosphere, and the deep blue of the heavens, add to the impression; while, from many points, the eye rests on the snow-capped peaks of the Taurus, which, standing out grandly and solemnly, seem ever to invite to prayer and heaven.

No steam-engine breaks the monotony of the scene. Nothing in house, shop, or field is calculated to remind us that we are living in the nineteenth century. The people plod their way in caravans over mountains and through deserts, undisturbed by the sound of machinery; or lazily sip their coffee, unvexed by the great social questions and political strifes that agitate the world, as calmly unruffled in their minds as one of their desert plains, and, withal, as destitute of life.

This land, besides being the scene of many events recorded in the Bible, was for ages the battle-ground of the nations, from the old Babylonians down to the modern Ottomans. On this ground the legions of Rome disputed the empire of the East with the soldiers and monarchs of Persia, whose brilliant trappings of gold and pearls and diamonds could not avail against the stern valor of the West. Over this country swept the armies of the Saracens. Turks, Turkomans, Mongols, and Osmanlies came next to complete the work of physical destruction, and almost blot from existence a degenerate Christian Church.

The result of these many invasions is a strange mixture (not blending) of many sects, nationalities, religions, and

languages; but as once in Europe, the two words "Protestant" and "Catholic" included all divisions, both political and religious, so here, the terms "Moslem" and "Christian" not only mark religious distinctions, but those between race and race, between the conqueror and the conquered.

The social condition of the people, and their home-life, is a sad, sad subject. By law woman is not recognized at all: consequently she is at the disposal of her husband, who is generally her hard, unfeeling master. In the village she bears the burdens, cultivates the fields, cuts the wood, draws the water, — sometimes from wells half a mile distant, — and performs all the drudgery. In the city she is none the less a slave, although dressed in jewels and finery, and living an idle, unmeaning life. Seldom, if ever, is she allowed to cross the outer threshold; never to receive and entertain her husband's guests. Among the Christian population woman is allowed to have a soul, but of such inferior quality as scarcely to be worth the having; and the general treatment she receives is only an outgrowth of this low conception of her sphere.

Let us turn aside for a moment to visit a native village in the interior. A low range of mud or reed huts answers to that name; while little black tents mark the spots where the more unsettled population, the wandering tribes of the desert, abide for a season. As we dismount, a motley crowd of dogs, and scarcely less brutish-looking human beings, look on in stupid wonderment, or announce our arrival in harsh, guttural tones. We enter the door of the first hovel. Do you start back as the light, let in only by the door and the hole in the roof, reveals the smoke-begrimed, filthy room? Do you shrink from the squalid misery that looks at you from the faces of the human animals who inhabit the same room with their horses,

sheep, goats, and cattle? Do you shudder as the sacred name of God falls profanely from the lips of men and women, whose highest enjoyment comes from the satisfaction they derive from bickering and scolding, from enmity and revenge? Do you turn away, saying, "Leave them alone: they can never be lifted out of this"? Yet these are they for whom Christ died. Has not He who came to call back his lost sheep on the wild mountains some message for these?

To the Moslem heart there is no such thing as sin. To him sin is not sin, only something contrary to custom: consequently there is no room for a Saviour, either in his creed or his life. Paradise is to be entered through the gates of prayer, fasting, pilgrimages, and the performance of good deeds. Five times a day, the muezzins from their high pointed minarets report the call to prayer, till the echo is caught from dome and minaret, and the whole city rings with the words, *Allah ekber la Allah*, &c., while gray-bearded men and youths repeat in measured tones the prayers that have been chanted every day and every hour by the millions of the East.

No sound of bell or organ invites to prayer; no gorgeous symbolism, no picture nor image, no ritual, with altar and priest, surrounds the worship of the mosque with halo of enchantment. Its service is the simple repetition of the appointed prayers. The object of worship is the one eternal God, with all his attributes of power and glory, who, though a spirit, never moves upon the hearts of men, never lifts a helping hand to save from sin and woe. Grand, in one sense, as this creed is, it fails to touch the human heart. Simple as is their worship, no formalism of temple or church ever exceeded the heartless formality with which it is performed. The life of it, if life it ever had, is forever fled.

In the interior towns a stranger would be struck with the great number of low, dome-shaped buildings scattered on lonely hills, miles from human habitation. On certain days crowds of veiled women, or turbaned men, may be seen moving slowly up to these shrines, bearing offerings to appease the anger, or implore the intercession, of the dead saint whose bones lie beneath. By these graves the divining dervishes sit, making sale of the virtues of the dead; divination forming one of the most lucrative professions of the East. Everywhere along the travelled paths, by the fountains, and even in the cities, one comes upon low mounds piled with stones, or tombs hung with hundreds of shreds of garments fluttering in the wind. The pious traveller mutters a blessing on the man whose benevolence, or remorse of conscience, built the fountain; or breathes a prayer for the repose of his soul; then, tearing off a piece of his own garment, ties it to the lattice-work around the tomb, or the tree above it, casts one more stone on the pile, and goes on his way.

Every man, say the Moslem teachers, has two angels, — one on the right hand, the other on the left. The right-hand angel records the good deeds; the left, the bad. In the last day they are weighed; and accordingly as the balance rises or falls, so is decided the fate of the soul on trial. Nothing but the intercession of the prophet can avail for him whose evil deeds outweigh the good.

Their belief concerning a future state is made up of the wildest, most unmeaning vagaries of fancy. Between this world and paradise, over a dark abyss, they say, is stretched a bridge of a single hair. All who cross this bridge will enter the home of the faithful. As soon as the spirit has left the body, friends carry it out to the cold, gray hillside, and leave it in the earth, without coffin or shroud, without hymn or prayer, and without hope.

[To be continued.]

EASTERN TURKEY.

AMONG THE VILLAGES.

BY MRS. S. A. WHEELER.

I AM writing you, dear friends, in a little upper room in a native helper's house in the village of Keserik. I sit by a window covered with paper to keep out the cold, with one small pane of glass for a lookout. There are no chairs, nor sofas, nor lounges, only some pieces of carpeting and cushions on the floor; yet this is quite a palace compared with many of the houses in this village.

Yesterday, with the preacher's wife, I went to visit a family where one of the daughters-in-law would let no one have peace in the house till a younger sister-in-law gave up reading. Her husband threatened to beat her; and her brother-in-law, who wished his wife to read, was very bitter against her. I told her some of the complaints I had heard about her; but she only looked at me without saying a word. Some of the family said, "She is a Satan. She does not wish to do better. She calls herself the friend of Satan." I replied, "Satan is not your friend. He only wishes to destroy your soul, and in the end will turn against you." I asked her name, and then said in a kind manner, "Come here, Lizzie, and sit by me." I took her hand, and, looking into her brown eyes, I said, "You do not look like a bad woman. Why do you do so? Is it because you are quick-tempered, and, when they call you Satan, you want to act like him?" — "Yes," was the quick reply. I had found the right key: her heart was unlocked; and she talked with me as one who loved her, and sought her good. I gave her a lesson from the primer, and asked her if I should send a teacher to her house every day. "Yes," she answered with a softened face, "if you

will pray for me." I turned to the sweet prayer in her primer, "Jesus, help me, for I am very weak," and taught her a part of it.

By this time, the good women of the house had brought in food for us to eat. It was very good, even though so simply served. But the sweetest of all was the blessing asked by the old father of the family. He asked me to bless the food, saying, "I have but just learned to do so." "It will be far pleasanter to have you ask the blessing," I replied. And he raised his fez, and did so in a most touching and appropriate manner. He was born a Christian, nominally, and had often taken the communion, but had learned to ask God to bless his food after he became a gray-haired man. Such is the difference between a dead and a living Christianity. When I left, Lizzie followed me to the door, and asked me to pray for her.

We afterwards went to a house where there are four women learning to read. One of them, who never comes near us, but reads because the others do, said to me, —

"You come here dressed in broadcloth, and talk to us. We have to work: you have nothing to do, and plenty of money."

My broadcloth was a waterproof dress, and my shawl the gift of a friend; but I answered, "Yes: that is just what the Bible says, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.'" — "But the Board give you all the money you wish," said a man opposite, implying that we came for the money.

"Do you think my husband could not obtain a living in his own land, that he must come here and sit down in your village to earn his bread? It is neither Christian nor manly to talk thus."

All the company accepted what I said, and listened very

earnestly. One of the women followed me to the door, and asked when she should have a better house, referring to my saying that a pure Christianity would raise them out of their filth, and their dark, gloomy homes.

I have been in this village six days; and I have never felt that I made so little impression at any place where I have staid so long as here. Do you ask why? Come with me to the cathedral-like church, mostly built by a rich man who lives in Constantinople, and you will understand why the people prefer to go to this fine church, with its showy ritual, its feast and saint days, rather than to our simple whitewashed chapel, where only the plain, unvarnished truth is preached from an unpainted pulpit. Shall we build a fine church, and introduce a showy ritual? This would not be the truth as Jesus taught it: so we scatter the Bible and the primer; we open schools for girls and boys; and then ask the Master to send down the Holy Spirit to convince the world of sin.

Not long since, I visited the village of Porchenj, where many warm-hearted, loving sisters were ready to greet the missionary lady. My "jewel," Kohar, had been married ten days before, and received me with open arms. In going from house to house, I found most of the Testaments, Bibles, and hymn-books, laid up on the rude shelves, covered with dust. I inquired why this was so; and a few replied, "We have not time to read." To this I said, "God has given you so much cotton this year, that you cannot find time to read his Word, or think of him. What shall we do? Blame him, of course. Why did he give you so much work to do?" This was the best sermon I could think of to give them. On the sabbath we had communion; and I saw those come to Christ's table who had put wine into their cellars, and who were in the habit of drinking daily. When we asked them why they did so, they

replied, "Jesus drank wine; and our pastor thinks it is for our health." So "One sinner destroyeth much good." I asked some of them, "Have we made the way too strait for you?" — "Yes." — "Well, we have given you God's word; and Jesus says the way is strait and narrow. If you break down the barriers, I fear in the end you will find you have entered 'the broad road,' and you know whereunto it leads."

Many are attracted by that which is external, rather than by holiness of heart. But be not cast down, dear friends. Pray more for us who are in the front, foot-sore and weary. We are human, and need your loving sympathy and aid. If you could only know how we rejoice over what you are doing for Jesus, you would be still stronger. You take hold of the burdens that are crushing us; and, if you cannot wholly remove them, you help us bear them.

THE IDOL-MAKER'S ADVERTISEMENT.

BY MRS. E. C. PEARSON.

A GREAT source of wealth in pagan lands is the sale of idols. The following, a literal translation of an artisan's notice in China, reveals the state of public sentiment in that benighted land. Hundreds of millions there "trust in graven images," and say to the molten images, "Ye are our gods," "changing the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like unto corruptible man and to birds and four-footed beasts."

TO MY CELESTIAL FRIENDS AND COUNTRYMEN.

I am truly Achen Tea Chinchén,
Descendant of Coup Boi Rache Chinchén :
In deity-making he never was shamed ;
A sculptor and carver so wondrously famed,
That his genius transcendent is everywhere named :

Skilled in studies profound and severe,
 The idols he fashioned for worship appear
 On every hand
 In all the land.

By classical touches of chisel and knife
 He kept our rational religion in life ;
 Was honored by emperors and kings of the East,
 By rajahs and people, from great men to least :
 He worthily lived ; but, alas ! he has fled
 To reap his reward with the happified dead.

Now humbly I offer my services fine,
 Like him well-skilled in the god-making line :
 That I be not found in anatomy rude,
 I have travelled from hence, at some vast expense ;
 I've studied and copied a number immense
 Of choice human figures in best attitude ;
 Since trained by art-masters Nollekens and Bacon,
 Never by patrons can I be forsaken.

As fitting an artist of sacred profession,
 I've casts of best idols in careful possession,
 From twelve feet, so lofty and faultless in shape,
 Down to the loveliest marmoset ape !
 Among these, to foster religion's deep awe,
 Are monsters more dreadful than ever you saw :
 These wonderful bargains bring crowds to my gate,
 Drawn hither to profit by terms moderate.

Listen, friends, who wish to buy :
 Seven hundred dollars for orang-outang three feet high !
 Rampant, eight hundred only, friends, behold and buy !
 I offer now a sphinx for hundreds four,
 Prostrate, the people view it, and adore ;
 Six hundred fifty, bull with hump and spread horns,
 Court, palace, or temple alike he adorns ;
 I charge for big buffalo only eight hundred ;
 Ditto ass braying.

 Now be my words pondered :
 Choice deities mine ; the creatures seem living ;
 And I ask such a trifle that selling is giving !

Crumbling wood shall ne'er disgrace
Any idol that I make :
Granite, brass, and copper statues
Only orders for I take.

Pilgrims' tears can never tarnish
These stanch gods, or sun, or rain :
Gilded with unfading varnish,
Ages on them leave no stain.

Very choice these smaller statues,
Suiting well the laborer's home,
Also portable for travellers
Who on pilgrimages roam.

They will help you in your bargains ;
In safe paths will guide your feet ;
Are the very best investment
You can make upon the street.

Size and weight decide the prices :
I am selling under cost ;
Being kind and conscientious,
Much good money I have lost.

Yet my business rule is simple, —
Ready money, never trust :
Whoso buys of me an idol,
Pay for it he quickly must.

I will promptly attend to orders post-paid,
Enclosed with description of god to be made,
Provided one-half of the price is sent on,
And the rest is secured by a house in Canton.

FOR all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. Glory and honor are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Our Work at Home.

THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

As so many of our readers have been contributors to our Constantinople Home building-fund, it may be pleasant for them to know its exact state at the present time.* On the 1st of January the fund had reached the sum of thirty thousand dollars, which was thought to be sufficient to pay for the land and the walls of the building. To facilitate the raising of the remaining twenty thousand dollars, it was proposed to ask individuals and societies to assume the expense of finishing and furnishing the different rooms in the Home, with the privilege of placing their names in them, if desired. The plan of the building, as far as could be ascertained, was obtained from Constantinople, with the relative cost of the various rooms. The following is a list of these rooms, with the names of those who have pledged the amount necessary to finish and furnish them:—

FIRST FLOOR.

Dining-hall, taken by Vermont Branch	\$500
Gymnasium	300
Bath-room, taken by the Beneficent Mission-Circle, Prov., R.I.	100
Parlor, taken by the Beneficent Mission-Circle, Providence, R.I.	300
Parlor, taken by New Hampshire Branch	300
Recitation-room, taken by auxiliary in West Roxbury, Mass. .	200
Teachers' dining-room, taken by auxiliary in Hartford, Conn.	350
Physicians' room, taken by Union Church, Boston,—the Capron Room	350
Dispensary and patients' room,—the Boston Room	500

* Time of writing, July 20.

SECOND FLOOR.

Teachers' room, taken by New Haven Branch	\$350
Teachers' room, taken by Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, — the Mary Lyon Room	350
Guests' room, taken by auxiliary in Montreal	350
Sick-room, taken by "Cheerful Workers," New York City	400
Recitation-room, — the Grant Room	200
Recitation-room	200
Dormitories for 20 pupils at \$200 each; two taken by the New Haven Branch, and one each by the Highland Church, Bos- ton, the auxiliary in Brookline, Mass., and the Banister Room	4,000

THIRD FLOOR.

Schoolroom and closets	\$1,200
Teachers' room, taken by Mount Vernon Church, Boston	350
Dormitories for 20 pupils, \$200 each	4,000
Wing dormitories for 20 pupils, \$150 each; four taken by mission-circles in Central Church, Boston, one each by the auxiliaries in East Boston, Woburn (Mass.), and Dorchester (Mass.), by a Mission-Circle in Holliston (Mass.), one by New Hampshire Branch, and one by Mrs. W. S. Houghton, Boston	3,000
Basement and kitchen	500
Matron's room	350
Washroom and laundry, — Ruth Wilson's Room	200
Servants' rooms	200

By this list it will be seen that the plan has been reasonably successful pecuniarily, although a large number of rooms still remain unassumed; but one of its best results is the promotion of special personal interest in the Home. Mission-circles have been delighted with the idea of having their names placed in permanent form on missionary ground. A church in Boston has chosen the name of Capron Room in recognition of Mrs. Capron's pleasant relation with its members. A mother has furnished a dormitory in memory of a child; and the hard-earned savings of an humble servant of Christ have been placed in the washroom and laundry. The pupils and teachers in Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary

have sent the money for a teachers' room that shall bear the honored name of Mary Lyon. And, recently, a recitation-room and dormitory have been taken by the former pupils of Mrs. Z. P. Banister, to be called respectively the Grant and Banister Rooms. The occurrence of her eightieth birthday, on the 30th of May, was made the occasion of a pleasant gathering at the house of Dr. A. B. Hall in Boston, at which the money was presented to her with simple ceremonies. In her response, Mrs. Banister expressed her deep interest in the Home from its beginning, and her great gratification that her name should be so pleasantly associated with it. Her clear tones, dignified bearing, and impressive words, reminded many ladies present of the loved and gifted teacher of former days.

Are there not other pupils who would enjoy honoring a loved teacher in this way? other friends who would like a memorial-room in the new building? Are there not mission-circles who wish to place their names in some of the forty-seven remaining dormitories? some dozen or half-dozen societies to take shares in the schoolroom?

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 18 TO JULY 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

Maine Branch.—Mrs. W. S. Dana, Treas., Belfast, Aux., Mrs. J. H. Noyes, Treas., \$2.040; Ellsworth, Aux., \$5.65; "Cup-Bearers," 40 cents; Young Reapers, 20 cents; Bethel, 2d Ch., Aux., Mrs. D. Garland, Tr., \$10; Bath, "Little Hills," Mrs. Palmer, Tr., \$10; Castine, Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Helen

B. Coffin, \$45.35; Searsport, Aux., Mrs. J. E. Adams, Tr., \$6; Winslow, Aux., Miss Adams, Tr., \$20.35; Kenduskeag, Cong. Ch., \$3.75; Wells, 2d Ch., Aux., \$28; Friends, \$2; North Bridgton and Harrison, \$8; Norridgewock, Aux., Miss Ellen E. Tappan, Tr., \$10; West Falmouth, Aux., Mrs. Mary E. Hall, Tr., \$11; Portland, High-street

Ch., Mrs. Fenn's S. S. Cl., towards pupil at Marsovan, \$32.90,	\$214 03
<i>South-West Harbor.</i> —C. B. Perkins,	5 00
Total,	\$219 03

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas., Dover, Aux., \$17; Manchestr, Franklin-st. Ch., \$100; Keene, 1st Ch., Aux., \$30; Goffstown, Aux., \$10.50,	\$157 50
Total,	\$157 50

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Manchester, 1st Ch., for the parlor in the Home, \$50; Hanover-st. Ch., to complete Memorial Room in the Home, \$50,	\$100 00
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VERMONT.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Royalston, Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Wealthy Skinner to const. herself L. M., \$30.72; Springfield, Aux., \$10; Burlington, Aux., \$15.20; Charlotte, Aux., \$15.25; Chester, Aux., \$ 5; Chelsea, Aux., \$25; Barnet, Aux., \$6; St. Johnsbury, "Mountain Gleaners," for pupil under Miss Closson, \$40; West Brattleboro', Aux., \$11; Enosburgh, Aux., \$4,	\$212 17
Total,	\$212 17

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Burlington, Aux., \$24.80; St. Johnsbury, "Mountain Gleaners," \$50,	\$74 80
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MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Attleboro'.</i> —Second Cong. S. S.,	\$23 75
<i>Ayer Junction.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>Boston.</i> —Central Ch., "Merry Workers," \$5; "Little Sunbeams," \$2.10; Shawmut Ch., "L.," \$17; Mount Vernon Ch., \$21.40,	45 80
<i>Boston Highlands.</i> —Eliot Ch., "Eliot Star Circle,"	12 50
<i>Bradford.</i> —Young Ladies of Bradford Academy,	30 00
<i>Clinton.</i> —Aux.,	20 50
<i>Coleraine.</i> —Legacy of Miss Rebecca Allen,	100 00
<i>Dorchester.</i> —Village Ch., Aux.,	

for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$30; Second Ch., S. S., for Miss Clarke, \$137.97; Aux., add'l, \$5.20,	\$173 17
<i>Easton.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Francis Homes, Tr., for pupil in Marsovan,	40 00
<i>Falmouth.</i> —Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Cyrus Hamlin,	27 00
<i>Foxboro'.</i> —Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Dea. Thomas Bourne, \$25; Mrs. Daniels Carpenter, to const. L. M. Mrs. Polly Hartshorn, \$25,	50 00
<i>Hanover.</i> —Mrs. Rev. T. D. P. Stone,	7 50
<i>Harvard.</i> —Cong. Ch. and Soc.,	7 00
<i>Holliston.</i> —"Open Hands," Miss Eliza Cutler, Tr., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Timothy Walker, Mrs. Chas. A. Fitts, Mrs. Sanford Drake, Mrs. Warren L. Payson, Miss Julia A. Metcalf, Mrs. Thomas E. Andrews,	150 00
<i>Jamaica Plain.</i> —Aux., Miss M. B. Prescott, Tr., of which \$25 by Mrs. R. W. Wood to const. herself L. M., \$161.85; Cong. S. S. Infant Cl., \$3.60,	165 45
<i>Lawrence.</i> —Lawrence-st. Ch., Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. P. B. Berry to const. L. M. Mrs. William H. Moore, for Mrs. Capron's sch.,	156 00
<i>Lenox Furnace.</i> —A Friend, to const. L. M. Mrs. Edwin M. Washburn,	25 00
<i>Milbury.</i> —Aux., C. H. Pierce, Tr., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Nathaniel Goddard, Mrs. Asa Hall, \$50; "Light-Bearers," \$3.55,	53 55
<i>Newton.</i> —Eliot Ch., Aux., for pupil in Dacotah Home,	152 88
<i>Oxford.</i> —Aux., towards B. R., in Van, Turkey,	13 00
<i>Palmer.</i> —A Friend,	10 00
<i>Pigeon Cove.</i> —"Busy Bodies,"	59 31
<i>Salem.</i> —Tabernacle Ch., of which \$61 for Mrs. Tsua B. R., \$100; Crombie-st. Ch. S. S., \$11,	111 00
<i>Springfield.</i> —"Little Helpers," with prev. contri. for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	10 00
<i>Weymouth.</i> —1st and South, to const. L. M. Mrs. Margaret MacFarlane Chapin,	25 00
<i>Weymouth, East.</i> —"Rivulet," Miss Rogers, Tr.,	8 25
<i>Yarmouth.</i> —"Woman's Miss'y Soc.,"	5 25
Total,	\$1,491 61

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Medway.</i> — Aux.,	\$32 00
<i>South Hadley.</i> — Mount Holyoke Fem. Sem. add'l,	8 10
<i>West Roxbury.</i> — Miss Hannah Richards,	5 00

RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> — Miss Anna T. White, Treas., Providence, Central Ch., of which \$25 by Mrs. William J. King, \$231; Beneficent Ch., of which \$25 by Mr. Henry W. Wilkinson to const. L. M. Miss Anna Reed Wilkinson, \$212.50; Union Ch., \$135; S. S., \$100; Free Ch., \$12; Pilgrim Ch., \$48; Bristol, Aux., of which \$50 by Mrs. Maria Rogers, and \$50 by Miss Charlotte De Wolf, \$121.50; Barrington, Aux., \$10; "Elmwood Workers," \$28,	\$898 01
Total,	\$898 01

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Berlin.</i> — Mrs. Seth Bliss,	\$10 00
<i>Darien.</i> — Aux., Mrs. N. E. Gleason, Tr., for pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., \$30; Ox Ridge Mission Circle, \$2,	32 00
<i>East Windsor.</i> — H. B., towards L. M. Miss Fannie E. Bissell,	20 00
<i>Norwich.</i> — Mrs. Sarah A. Huntington, to const. L. M. Miss Sarah H. Perkins, Grantville, Mass.,	25 00
<i>Scotland.</i> — A Friend,	50
Total,	\$87 50

NEW YORK.

<i>Flushing, L. I.</i> — "Macgregor Hall Gatherers," \$18.15; "Bird's Nest," \$2.85 towards pupil in Miss Townshend's sch.; Williams Memorial Soc'y of the 1st Cong. Ch., for pupil in Ahmednuggur, \$30,	\$51 00
<i>Franklin.</i> — S. S., 1st Cong. Ch.,	15 00
<i>Jewett.</i> — Mrs. J. Morse, in memory of a departed daughter,	500
<i>New York City.</i> — Mr. D. B. Hixon, for the "Warfield Scholarship," Harpoat,	30 00
<i>Walton.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M. with prev. contri. Mrs. S. J. White,	23 00
Total,	\$124 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Philadelphia Branch.</i> — Mrs. A. W. Goodell, Treas., Washington, D. C., "Ivy-Leaves," \$80; from former treas., \$47.50; Mrs. Edw. Webb, \$5; Newark, N. J., Belleville Ave., Aux., of which \$25 by Mr. Theo. Curren to const. his wife L. M., and \$25 from Mrs. William Russell to const. herself L. M., and \$5 each by five ladies to const. L. M. Mrs. Rev. Geo. M. Boynton, \$122.28; "Montclair Blossoms," \$10.50; Baltimore, Aux., \$25; "Bees," \$150; Phila., Aux., \$48.50; "Carrier Doves," for Agawam, \$6; Montclair, Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Sam'l Holmes to const. herself L. M., \$45; "Orange-Buds" for Rebecca, \$10; Aux., \$15.88; Washington, Aux., \$49; Newark "Dew-Drops," \$41; Stanley, N. J., Aux., \$12,	\$667 66
Total,	\$667 66

MICHIGAN.

<i>Ann Harbor.</i> — Aux., towards pupil in the Const. Home, \$41.25; for scholarship in Miss Ashley's sch. Ahmedmuggur, \$46.15,	\$87 40
<i>Olivet.</i> — Miss Helen E. Martin, for books for the Const. Home,	5 00
Total,	\$92 40

IOWA.

<i>Dubuque.</i> — 2d Presb. Ch., S. S., towards pupil in the Const. Home,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

MINNESOTA.

<i>East Claremont.</i> — A Friend,	\$1 00
Total,	\$1 00

CANADA.

Two babies,	\$1 00
Total,	\$1 00

Donations,	\$3,976 88
C. Home Building-Fund,	219 90
"Life and Light,"	172 10
"Echoes,"	21 62
Weekly Pledge,	7 67
Leaflets,	26 55
Interest on Baldwin Fund,	120 00

Total, \$4,544 72

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, Asst. Treas.

Department of the Interior.

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MRS. WILLIAMS.

THE Chinese artificial flowers alluded to in the following letter were sent by Mrs. Williams, through Mrs. Edkins, an English missionary lady. They brought the sum of sixty dollars for our board.

KALGAN, April 2, 1874.

It was with real pleasure that I heard how successful my pretty flowers were on their loving errand. How delightful to be one link in such a chain of influence! First the selection of the flowers, next Mrs. Edkins' kindness, next come you, dear sisters of the W. B. M. I., and then the friends who were pleased to help my little seeds to spring up, and bear fifty-fold. I know *that* isn't the end. Many of those flowers will be frequent reminders to prayer for China, and especially for the Chinese women. This makes me very, very glad.

We want you to know something of our life, that you may not think of us as strangers, but as sisters. I will speak first of my children, — Etta Blodget, Stephen Riggs, and Emily Diamant. The problem of child-life in a heathen country is very difficult. If my two older children did not understand Chinese, it would be simpler; but, unless I had kept myself entirely aloof from the people, that would have been impossible. We all help in the care and training of these little ones. Mr. Williams, Miss Diamant, and "The Nursery," and a host of books and

pictures, help. So we trust the little lambs may be kept from evil.

As for housekeeping, we have considerable assistance, not such as suits us; but in this there is opportunity to make sacrifices for Jesus' sake. We depend upon help a little less than is necessary in a warmer climate. I find the performance of some house-work quite necessary to my health. It is the most agreeable exercise there is. Were I at liberty to visit more, I should not need it, however.

Now, what of our work? It is to receive and return visits, and teach the few who are willing to be taught. The first devolves upon Miss Diamant and myself equally. The last two fall chiefly to her. I do make some visits, and help some in teaching; but I cannot do much in these ways. Occasionally we have forty or fifty callers in a week, including the children who are old enough to be influenced. We have had as many in a single day; but that is rare, and not to be desired. We cannot do justice to so many. Ordinarily there are from five to fifteen, and, some weeks in winter, but two or three, or none at all. Not seldom we have calls from countrymen who are related to or acquainted with our servants. These I generally receive, but do not include them in our mention of visitors. We give tea to callers when they stay for some time, but no other refreshment. I like to give pictures occasionally, and have had the "Harper's Weekly" and "The Illustrated Christian Weekly" for that purpose. Many of the political pictures in the former I destroy; and some of those in "The Illustrated Christian Weekly" we keep for ourselves.

These are hints at the ways in which we try to be fishers of men. One more I must tell you of. Last fall my walls were re-papered with English paper, which is greatly admired. We cut up the remnants, a rose on each

slip; and selecting Bible verses, such as we wish to give our visitors, the teacher wrote one on the back of each card. Putting these in envelopes, they are ready for whoever comes. Miss Diament's verse selected for the Mohammedans is, "For there is one God and one *Mediator*," &c. She has had sheets of Bible verses written off, also to be used in visiting. These have been very valuable.

CEYLON.

LETTER FROM MISS HILLIS.

[Continued.]

THIS is an anniversary week in Uduville, and full of sad interest to us; and I want to tell you about it, that you may be able to sympathize with and take into your hearts and prayers, our dear Mrs. Spaulding. Day before yesterday was the forty-first anniversary of Mrs. Winslow's death; and to-day Mrs. Spaulding's long work for Uduville ends, and she goes to another station to spend the remaining days or years of her life. She was with Mrs. Winslow when she died, and has been in Uduville ever since; having the entire charge of the school from 1823 until Miss Agnew came, in 1841. Now that she waits alone, the last of her generation, and the sole representative of the pioneers of the Board in India, she has a peculiar claim upon the sympathy of Christians everywhere. Though the school and station, and all connected with them, are as dear to her now as at any time during the more than twoscore years that Uduville has been her home, the feebleness of age has compelled her to relinquish one duty after another, until it seems best

for her to give up all care. She will be sadly missed in Uduville. I was greatly touched by the words of the women as they stopped at the door this afternoon, after the usual church-meeting. One said, "There is much weeping in Uduville to-day: every house is like the house of death." Another said, "We are children now to whom is no mother."

A PECULIAR INSTITUTION.

One of the peculiar institutions of Uduville — not one established and authorized by mission vote, but too truly an institution to be passed without notice — is the congregation of crows. I think a stranger would hardly see or hear any thing else at first. In the schoolroom they perch in the window, hop over the desks, and settle in comfortable places among the rafters, where they look wisely down upon us. More than once I have found myself in danger of being silenced by the caw, caw, of a black sage that had taken a position just out of reach. Seeing them only in the schoolroom, you might give them credit for being of a literary turn, the protectors and patrons of learning. That they have an aptitude for devouring the contents of school-books, many a careless girl learns to her sorrow. But it is in the cook-room and dining-room, that they carry off the palm for ingenuity and perseverance. The remains of twine-netting and ropes that they have picked to pieces show the nature of the long contest that has been waged between the heads of these departments and these black warriors. The last plan, an invention of Miss Agnew, — filling the space between the wall and the roof with thorns, — has been comparatively successful; but enough still get in at the door to give the girls a lively time in securing their share of the food.

TURKEY.

A CHEERING WORD FROM MARASH.

THE many friends of Mrs. Coffing of Marash will hear with heartfelt sorrow of her ill-health, which has made it necessary for her to return for a season to her home in Ohio. The long days and nights of anxiety for Rahel had probably much to do with her suffering. But, out of that great struggle, God has caused the "peaceable fruits" to grow in abundance. A great revival, which began with the conversion of Rahel and her companions, is still going on in the city of Marash.

The last word from that field is very cheering. An awakened interest appears in all four of the churches in this city. The first church, that has sittings for thirteen hundred persons, is crowded to overflowing; and a fifth congregation is soon to be organized. Eight pupils in the girls' school give evidence of a new life. The long and painful trial to which our missionaries were subjected to secure the pardon of Rahel, the exhibition of faith and Christian devotion displayed by them in such marked contrast to the duplicity, lying, false swearing, and greed for gain, evinced by the leaders of the Armenian and Romish churches, are bearing fruit to the glory of the gospel.

A recent report from Marash says, "We rejoice to see, that, during the past year, there has been a more systematic way of working among the women of all the churches. The result has been greater interest in the female prayer-meetings, the attendance in the second church being nearly equal to the sabbath congregation. A system of visiting from house to house by the sabbath-school teachers has developed new desires among the women for more Christ-like and useful lives."

Home Department.

MISSIONARY MEETING IN CINCINNATI.

WE have received no formal report of the State Missionary Meeting in Ohio, but select the following sentences from private letters. "The meeting was not large, but was animated by a good and devoted spirit. The first session was called to order by Mrs. Perry of Cincinnati. The opening prayer was by Mrs. Monteith of Elyria, an earnest old lady of seventy-five winters, who finds the work on earth so glorious, she does not yet want her rest. Mrs. Nichols of Springfield was chosen Secretary of the meeting. The Annual Report sent in by the State Secretary was then read: . . . Number of auxiliaries in the State, thirty-six; contributions, \$761.60. Miss Metcalf made an urgent plea for more subscribers to 'Life and Light.' Her report closed by saying, 'There are three great needs in this glorious mission-work, — money, consecrated talent, and above all the Holy Spirit.' A very stirring little address — 'Help those Women' — was presented by Mrs. Meade of Oberlin. Mrs. Putnam led in prayer at the opening of the afternoon session. In the course of the afternoon Dr. Treat came in, and made confession. He said that for a time the executive committee looked with distrust upon this uprising of the ladies, and doubted whether it would not be a hinderance, but it had become an arm of strength, to the great missionary work. Ladies had shown so much zeal and earnestness, had given so much time and labor, and shown so much forethought, that all had been astonished. Three things were hopeful, — the amount of money contributed, the large number interested, and the effect of these organiza-

tions on the children. "There are some noble women in those two new societies in Cincinnati. We hope they will grow into a mighty host, and all go to the Annual Meeting. One year ago there were *no* auxiliaries in that conference; now half of the churches report societies organized."

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WANTED.

THE above-named sum is wanted in Chicago before the 15th of October, for the following purposes, — to make good the twenty thousand dollars which we aim to raise this year, to change light into darkness, to destroy idols, to make heathen temples the temples of the living God, to break down caste, to lift up women, to teach little children, to save souls, to enlarge the kingdom of our Lord.

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

FROM JUNE 15, TO JULY 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.		INDIANA.	
<i>Akron.</i> — Aux., Miss S. W. Ashmun, Treas.,	\$15 00	<i>Michigan City.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Samokov, Helen M. Kent, Treas.,	\$26 75
<i>Atwater.</i> — Aux., Miss A. A. Hutchinson, Treas.,	14 00	<i>Portland.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Erzroom, Mrs. R. L. Gipe, Treas.,	16 00
<i>Cleveland.</i> — Euclid Ave. Ch., Aux., for the salary of Mrs. Watkins of Gaudalajara, Mexico, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Treas.,	100 00	Total,	\$42 75
<i>Huntington.</i> — Aux., for support of Domna, pupil in Samokov, by Mrs. H. C. Haskell,	12 00	MICHIGAN.	
<i>Madison.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Erzroom, Mrs. H. E. Hendry, Treas.,	25 00	<i>Detroit.</i> — Young Ladies' Mission-Circle, for the support of a Bible-reader in Nicomedia, Martha L. Miller, Treas.,	\$12 00
<i>Oxford.</i> — Aux., of Fem. Sem., by Miss Peabody,	53 33	<i>Kalamazoo.</i> — Mich. Fem. Sem., to const. Miss Libbie White a L. M., Lelia B. White, Treas.,	25 10
<i>Painesville.</i> — Lake Erie Sem., by Miss Mary Warren,	7 50	<i>Livonia & Nankin.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Wm. Coates, Treas.,	12 00
<i>West Farmington.</i> — Aux., Miss E. Page, Treas.,	4 25	<i>New-ygo.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Erzroom,	15 00
Total,	\$295 08	Total,	\$64 10

ILLINOIS.

<i>Aurora.</i> — Aux., Mrs. G. F. Ruggles, Treas.,	\$27 72
<i>Champaign.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Samokov, Mrs. M. G. Bragg, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Chesterfield.</i> — Aux., Miss L. M. Lawson, Sec.,	13 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — 1st. Ch. Aux., for Miss Patrick's salary, Mrs. Whittlesey, Treas.,	34 54
<i>Chicago.</i> — New England Ch., Aux., for Miss Chapin's salary, Mrs. Hjortsberg, Treas.,	9 20
<i>Evanston.</i> — Little Towel Hemmers, for a pupil in Miss Porter's school,	5 00
<i>Geneseo.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. H. Nourse, Treas.,	28 00
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. E. Coc., Treas.,	6 00
<i>Glencoe.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Lockwood, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Granville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. L. K. Warren, Treas.,	20 00
<i>La Salle.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. B. Treat, Treas.,	8 00
<i>Malden.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. H. Dixon, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Payson.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Treas.,	11 65
<i>Quincey.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Miss E. Littlefield, Treas.,	26 00
<i>Sycamore.</i> — Aux., E. M. Worcester, Treas.,	8 23
<i>Waukegan.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. E. Partridge, Treas.,	12 00
Total,	\$254 34

WISCONSIN.

<i>Bloomington.</i> — Aux., M. A. Garside, Treas.,	\$7 00
<i>Burlington.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. W. Curtiss,	15 00
<i>Fort Atkinson.</i> — Aux., Mrs. T. H. Montague, Treas.,	15 80
<i>Fox Lake.</i> — Wis. Fem. Col., E. E. Gould, Treas.,	6 50
<i>Lancaster.</i> — Aux., C. E. Eaton, Treas.,	7 15
<i>Milwaukee.</i> — Aux. of Spring St. Ch., for support of Marika Geuchova, Mrs. J. H. Booth, Treas.,	100 00
<i>Mt. Sterling.</i> — Gay's Mill S. S., for a pupil in Miss Porter's school, by Mrs. W. Gay,	3 41
<i>Stoughton.</i> — Aux., Miss H. Sewell, Treas.,	8 50
Total,	\$163 36

IOWA.

<i>Glenwood.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. J. Allender a L. M., Mrs. E. C. Boshlyshell, Treas.,	\$25 00
<i>Green Mt.</i> — Aux., to const., with other contributions, Mrs. Sarah Hopkins a L. M., Mrs. N. S. Chase, Treas.,	4 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis, of which \$25 is from Mrs. Hobart, to const. Miss Mary C. Hobart a L. M., the remainder constitutes Mrs. Mary W. Timmerman and Mrs. Harriet Taylor L. M.'s, Mrs. C. I. Schuyler, Treas.,	75 00
<i>Lansing Ridge</i> — Ladies' Cent Soc. of German Cong'l. Ch.,	4 00
<i>Sibley.</i> — Aux., \$3.16; "Sibley Helpers," \$2.09, by Mrs. E. P. Dean,	5 25
<i>Tabor.</i> — Aux., with previous contributions, to const. Mrs. Martha Todd and Mrs. Uriah C. Bosworth L. M.'s,	10 00
Total,	\$123 25

MINNESOTA.

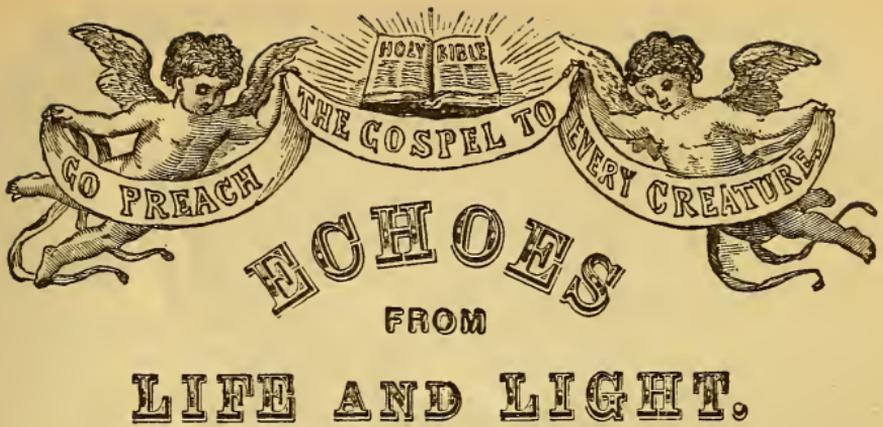
<i>Hamilton.</i> — Aux., Miss C. J. Anderson, Treas.,	\$12 00
Total,	\$12 00

MISSOURI.—ST. LOUIS W. B. M.

<i>St. Louis.</i> — Proceeds of a lecture in Dr. Post's Ch., by Miss West of Constantinople, 51.75; Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. W. Webb, \$23.90; Dr. Post's Ch., Mrs. Walbridge and Whitelaw, \$30, \$108 65	
<i>Breckenridge.</i> — Aux., by Mrs. U. W. Scott,	25 00
<i>California.</i> — By M. J. Sherrill,	4 00
<i>Amity.</i> — By H. D. Benedict,	5 35
<i>Kidder.</i> — By Hattie E. Schuyler,	10 00
<i>N. Springfield.</i> — By Mrs. H. J. Hammond, \$18; Mayflower Ch., by Helen Irving, \$4; Webster Ch., by Mrs. Alfred Plant, \$16,	38 00
Total,	\$191 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Canaan, Conn.</i> — "A Friend,"	\$1 00
Total,	21 81
Total,	\$1,168 69



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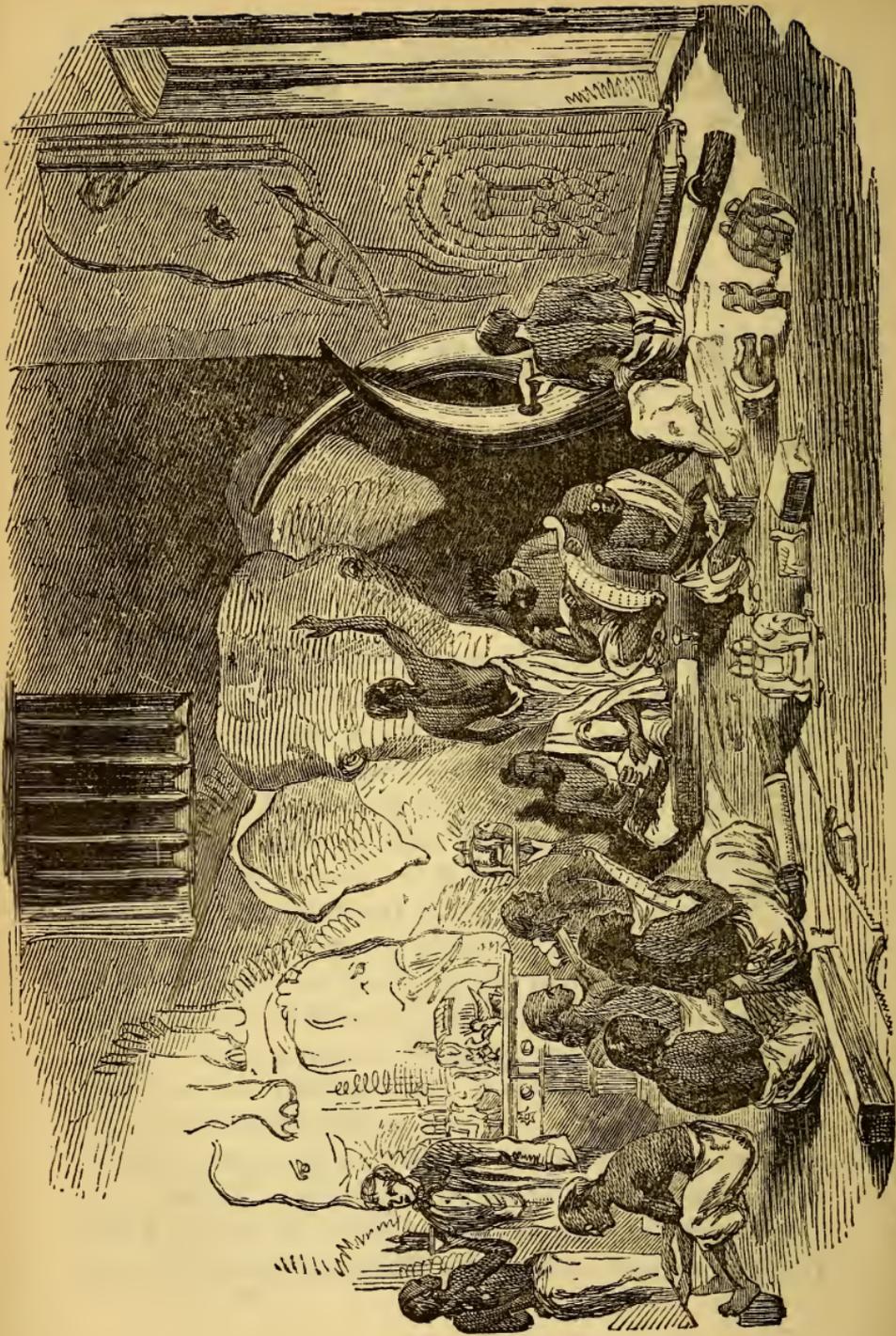
BY MRS. H. J. BRUCE.



IN the forty-fourth chapter of Isaiah, you will find a description of the way in which the heathen make their gods. These idols are made of different materials; sometimes of gold or silver, but more generally of brass, wood, clay, or stone; and they are also made of various sizes to suit the convenience of the worshipper. Some are very small, to put in the niches of houses, like images of the saints among Roman Catholics;

while those in temples are very large and hideous. But, whether large or small, they are intended to have the same shape that the gods are described as having in their respective heavens. Thus some of the idols have several heads, many arms and hands, and eyes on different parts of them; and they can be made by any persons who have sufficient skill; as, goldsmiths, sculptors, carpenters, or potters.

Although there are said to be millions of gods in India, yet there are comparatively few that are universally thought



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to be entitled to a separate worship. Some of these pass under different names; and there are local divinities without number.

Gunputti, the elephant-headed god, is one of the principal and most popular in Western India. His idol is the figure of a fat boy with an elephant's head, — a symbol of good living and good sense. He is therefore termed the God of Wisdom; and being considered the god of invention, and remover of difficulties, his aid is daily invoked, particularly by scholars.

If people wish to worship, they procure an idol, or get to one, if possible; but, if there is no idol at hand, they repeat the name of the god, and offer short petitions, believing that the gods hear them.

If there is an idol, the worshipper stands before it, fixes his eyes upon it, joins his hands, and, bowing his head, repeats the name of the god, and adds a short petition. Another way is to go around the idol, bowing to it as often as the person comes before it. Still another way is to prostrate the body on the ground.

Besides the every-day worship which Gunputti receives, special honor is paid to him on his great festival day. On such occasions, the images of this god in the public temples are decorated, and the little household gods are brushed and bathed. Previous to this annual festival, the manufacturers of the god have plenty of work to do. We have seen great numbers of images made by potters, and set up in long rows for sale to the people. These, being made of clay, can be bought cheap, and are generally destroyed when the celebration is over; but idols that are intended to be permanent in dwelling-houses, and temples especially, require to be consecrated before they are considered fit for worship. This is done by the Brahmins or priests; and some of the rites are bathing the idols in milk, burning incense before them, and

invoking the god to take up his residence in them. Sometimes a common stone in the field, or under some green tree, is distinguished as a god, by being simply daubed with red paint.

The missionary finds that Hindooism in reality is very different from what is written in their sacred books. These books contain many good moral precepts; and the "lord of the universe" is described as having much the same character as our God. But he is not represented as a god of love, or as an object of worship.

It is expressly stated that this great Brahm created other inferior deities, and intrusted the control of human affairs to them. So, as they are supposed to have the power of conferring favors, and inflicting evils, do you think it strange that the poor heathen worship them?

The Bible is India's great need; and nothing else of man's devising can ever take its place.

NOMASHINGA.

BY MRS. C. B. GROUT.

NOMASHINGA was about eight years old when we first knew her. She came to our school, and had such an honest face, and such large, pleading eyes, that we could not help noticing her. She learned the alphabet very quickly, and was soon reading in words of two syllables.

The king, however, was not pleased to have his people learn to read, and sent an army to destroy and take captive those who were in any way connected with the school. Nomashinga's parents fled with her out of the country; and we also left the station, and went to Natal. Soon after, we were delighted to find that these parents were near us, and that Nomashinga wished to come and live with us. We

were glad to receive her. She soon learned to read in the Testament, to write, and to work about the house.

After a time, we were sorry to notice that she appeared to be longing for her heathen home and the customs of her people. We tried to divert her mind from the dances and amusements of her country-women. We gave her a new dress, a slate and pencil to draw pictures, and endeavored to interest her in every way; but it was all in vain. At the close of the year for which she was engaged, she said she must go home, and not come back again. We urged her to stay; but no, she had lived with us a long time, and must go. I felt like weeping; for it seemed as though we had wasted all the labor we had spent upon her, besides, she had seemed so bright and promising, we had hoped for great assistance from her in the school.

The sabbath after she left, I took my seat on the shady side of the house for worship (we had no chapel then); and almost the first person I saw was Nomashinga. But oh, how changed! She had taken off the nice garments we had given her, and was ornamented in the native style, with a broad band of bead-work around her waist, strings of beads about her neck and forehead; and her woolly hair was filled with oil, which was running down over her face and neck. She looked at me very boldly and proudly, as if she would say, "See! Do I not look better than I did before?" My heart sank within me; and I could not keep the tears back through the most of the service. She noticed it, and appeared confused and troubled; but I saw no more of her for a number of years.

On our return from a visit to America, as we approached our station, our dear people came out in a body to meet us; and we were very much surprised and delighted when we recognized Nomashinga among the well-dressed people. She came to us at once, and introduced her husband, who

was also nicely dressed. He was a stranger to us, having come from another station. We said to her, "Nomashinga, what brought you back here?" — "Well," she answered, "I never *could* forget what I learned when I lived with you. I can read the Testament as well as I did then; and I hope I love the Saviour also." Then I said to myself, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." She and her husband had united with the church; and, just as I had hoped so many years before, she became a teacher in the day and sabbath school.

We hope she is still doing the same good work, teaching the Bible which you help to send, dear children, to the little Zulu boys and girls.

A VERY SMALL THING.

WE cut the following from "The Boston Daily Advertiser," for the benefit of any of our young readers who may forget what a blessed thing it is to have a father's tender love: —

"A traveller, writing of his Oriental experiences, says, 'One of the most pathetic instances of pure Orientalism that ever came to my knowledge is related as a positive fact. While the children of the Abeih school were playing together one day at recess, two small girls fell into pleasant dispute as to the size of a certain object, — plaything, perhaps. One said, 'Oh, it was so *very* little!' and the other asked, 'How little?' Then the missionary looked out of the window, and heard her answer, 'Why, a little wee thing.' Then the other pressed her still further; 'Well, *how* little?' to which the girl replied, unconscious of the poetry or the pathos of her comparison, 'As little as was the joy of my father on the day I was born.'"

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Ellsworth*. — "Cup-Bearers," .40; "Young Reapers," 20.
Bath. — "Little Rills," \$10.00.
- VERMONT. — *St. Johnsbury*. — "Mountain Gleaners," \$90.00.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Boston*. — Central Church, "Merry Workers," \$5.00; "Little Sunbeams," \$2.10.
Boston Highlands. — Eliot Church, "Eliot Star Circle," \$12.50.
Holliston. — "The Open Hands," \$150.00.
Millbury. — "Light-Bearers," \$3.55.
Pigeon Cove. — "Busy Bodies," \$59.31.
Springfield. — "Little Helpers," \$10 00.
Weymouth, East. — "Rivulet," \$8.25.
- RHODE ISLAND. — *Elmwood*. — "Elmwood Workers," \$28.00.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — "Ox-Ridge Mission-Circle," \$2.00.
- NEW YORK. — *Flushing, L.I.* — "Macgregor Hall Gatherers," \$18.15;
 "Bird's Nest," \$2.85.
- PHILADELPHIA BRANCH. — *Washington, D.C.* — "Ivy-Leaves," \$80.00.
Montclair. — "Montclair Blossoms," \$10.50. *Baltimore*. — "Bees," \$150.00. *Philadelphia*. — "Carrier-Doves," \$6.00.
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- ILLINOIS. — *Evanston*. — "Little Towel-Hemmers," \$5.00
- WISCONSIN. — *Mt. Sterling*. — Gay's Mills Sunday School, \$3.41.
- IOWA. — *Sibley*. — "Sibley Helpers," \$2.09.

 "THE OPEN HANDS."

A FEW weeks ago I took up an old number of "The Echoes," and read an account of the formation of a mission-circle called the "Open Hands." Since that notice was written, I have learned to know and love these "Open Hands;" and it may interest others to hear, that, during the past year, they have not been idle.

Once a month, since last September, they have filled to overflowing the two parlors of our pleasant parsonage; coming with happy faces and busy fingers to work for the

missionaries; and both boys and girls making the mission-box ring with their pennies. All winter their interest grew and strengthened; and during the past week they have held a Strawberry Festival and Bazaar. I am sure you would have thought it a pleasant sight, if you could have looked in upon us that evening. Although the weather was unfavorable, there were no clouds within our bright chapel. The room was tastefully decorated with wreaths and crosses, vines and flowers, in great profusion. Over the flower-table, opposite the entrance, was the name, "Open Hands," in letters of evergreen, overarched with sprays of roses, and trailing plants; while on all sides the bright, smiling faces of the young saleswomen added not a little to the beauty of the arrangement.

And now we gladly send you, as the result of our simple but pleasant festival, the sum of a hundred and fifty dollars, accompanied by our prayers that God may accept and bless our efforts, and permit us to do still more for his cause in the years to come.

HOLLISTON, June, 1874.

ENIGMA.

BY M. E. G.

I AM composed of nineteen letters.

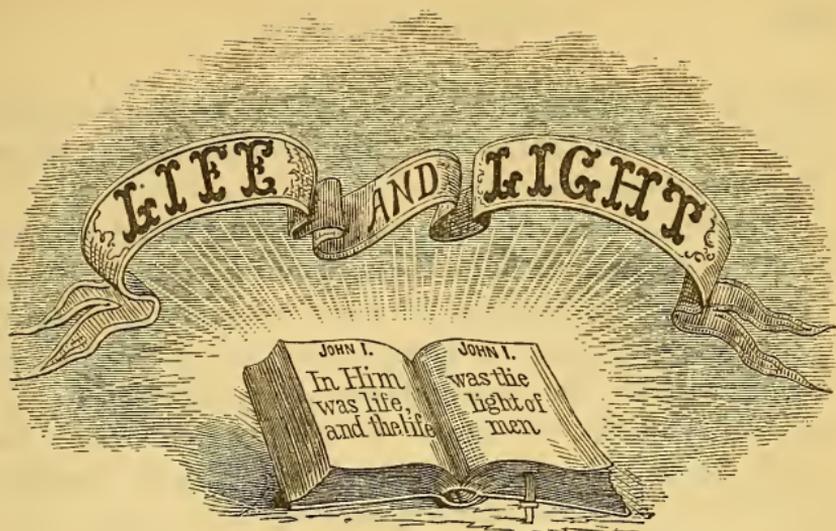
Little friends, do not be 3, 1, 4, 16, in joining the 10, 8, 9, 11, 17, army; for all the 7, 13, 14, 2, 11, is to be conquered in the name of 15, 6, 19, 18, 17, and for the glory of the 12, 1, 4, 5, 16, 9.

My whole is the motto of every true missionary. Is it yours?

ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

Willing Hearts and Willing Hands.

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the July number, from C. F. K., and N. B. H., Winchester, Mass.; A. F. M., Milwaukee, Wis.; and A. P. D. McGregor, Io.



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CENTRAL TURKEY.

DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH.

BY MISS M. G. HOLLISTER.

[*Concluded.*]

THE nominally Christian portion of the population of Central Turkey is composed chiefly of Armenians,—one of the most ancient, least known, but not therefore the least interesting, of the nations of the East. It is true, they are now a conquered people, with all the unenviable qualities of those who have been kept down for ages; yet they were once among the proudest of the ancient kingdoms. The Armenian Church, it must be remembered, is entirely unconnected with the Roman, Greek, or Protestant Churches, and dates its existence from the time of Christ himself. One of the best versions of the Bible ever made, though in the now almost-forgotten Armenian tongue, together

with Christian literature, bears witness to the fact, that there must have been once a comparatively pure Christian church in Armenia.

Whether it is true, or not, that this church had in itself the seeds of decay from its very beginning, yet it is certain that very soon its leaders, in their contention for worldly power, forgot to feed the sheep committed to their charge, and the church became corrupt even before the time of the Moslem invasions. Even now it has its church service; but it is blended with superstition, and overgrown with ritualism. The Bible is read, but in the old, forgotten tongue. Pictures, altars, incense, chanting priests in black, mitred bishops and patriarchs in gorgeous robes, dazzle the eyes and captivate the imagination of an eager people, who know not that it is the bread of life for which they hunger, and which they fail to receive. The whole ecclesiastic order is well organized and disciplined; but, notwithstanding all the perfection of its arrangements, the people are kept in the utmost ignorance of true Christianity, and Christian principle has no influence whatever in the affairs of every-day life.

To the missionary, standing under the very shadow of the domes and minarets of the East, there is one thing certain, — that the masses are sunk in moral and spiritual degradation. To others the fate of heathen and Moslems is a matter of speculation: to him it is a fact of saddest import. But the morning cometh when the gospel light shall dispel the darkness of Moslemism and a corrupted Christianity. For years faithful, noble Christian men have labored in the city of Aintab, and with cheering results in their labors. Hundreds have given up the forms of the old worship, for the purer and simpler ones of the gospel; hundreds — we might almost say thousands — read the Scriptures in the familiar tongue; and hundreds of children are

being taught in schools where the Bible is the chief text-book. The work goes slowly forward, and without noise; for the "kingdom of heaven cometh not by observation," nor in outward pomp and show, but in lowly hearts, one by one. Measured by earthly standards, a few poor, uncultivated people may not be a very great acquisition; but He who knows the untold value of a single soul has sought them on the dark mountain of sin, and bears them homeward, rejoicing. Contemplating the spreading of his kingdom in Eastern lands to-day, our eyes behold, not a king going forth to conquer, but the sweet, compassionate face of a Saviour and High Priest, bearing the names of his people on his heart into the Holy of Holies, and pleading for them there.

While there is always something for woman to do, the peculiar customs of the East seem to demand a work distinctively woman's. As it is difficult, and in many cases impossible, to reach the women of secluded Oriental houses by preaching, it becomes necessary that their sisters should lend a helping hand. As an instance of this kind of work, though by no means including all, the girls' schools at Aintab and Marash may be mentioned. After studying carefully the condition of the people, their surroundings, and the beginnings of Christian work in those cities and their vicinity, one may gain at least a faint conception of some of the difficulties to be met in such a work. Besides their opposition to the Protestant faith, their inveterate prejudice against the elevation of women, sanctioned, as they believe, by the Bible, seemed to bar the road to all progress. When it was proposed to open a school for girls, the suggestion was met by opposition of all kinds. Old custom said, "No: when was it ever heard that a woman needed to read and write? Oh, absurd innovation! Oh, Satanic device!" In the villages the same spirit of con-

servatism demurely asked, "Who then will bring our wood and water? Who will cultivate our fields? Who will bear the burdens?"

The schools were established notwithstanding a thousand obstacles. Passing over the intervening years of toil and trial, whose unwritten record would tell of many a struggle with ignorance and prejudice, let us consider them as they stand at present, taking as an example the seminary at Aintab. On the top of one of the hills, in that city, stands a plain building, in which are gathered a company of girls of all ages, from five to sixteen. The instruction they receive is simple and substantial, mostly from the Bible, together with mathematics, geography, astronomy, and other studies. They are an interesting-looking group. Very different is the expression on their faces from their stolid look when they were first taken from their homes. The main object of the school is to influence the girls to become Christians, and to build up Christian character.

It is also desired to make the school a centre of effort for the elevation of woman; and this is done, not by separating it from the interests of the people, but by linking it with them as closely as possible. Its graduates, scattered here and there, never too far away to receive the guidance and sympathy of their teacher, are a strong influence for good, and a mighty lever in raising their countrywomen. They may nearly all be found working for Christ, some in the schoolroom, some in Christian homes. The very name of the school seems peculiarly appropriate,—Aintab Medressisi, Aintab being the Arabic for Beautiful Fountain; and there is something more than fancy in comparing it to a fountain of life to the dry, parched region around it.

To the Christian women of America, from across the waters, comes the voice, not of the women in heathen lands, for they know not their degradation, but the voice of the

compassionate Saviour, saying, "You who have drank of the water of life are to be helpers in bearing my invitation to those in darkness and in death." Money is not sufficient: sympathy alone will not save them. They need your labors and your prayers. There are millions of them in the grossest ignorance. Speak to them of a soul! They know not that they have any. Tell them of a Saviour! They know not they need one. The work of enlightening them must be done largely by women. Angels would ask no higher mission.

AFRICA.

THE HUNDRED-FOLD REWARD.

BY MRS. S. W. TYLER.

LAST week we packed our clothes and provision-chests for the purpose of visiting our old home. Rains and various other circumstances had prevented our going before, as a family, though Mr. Tyler had been alone. Toward the close of the second day, we reached the hill from which we had the first view of our station in March, 1850. I walked along the brow of the hill with a full heart, surveying the dear old home and its surroundings with emotions of thankfulness and joy, contrasting it now with what it was then. Only a smoky hut on a little hill-side, and a few degraded people eager to see a white face, were there waiting to receive us. Now there was a cluster of civilized-looking houses; large, well-cultivated gardens, covering a surface of about five acres; a chapel; and the family of as good a native pastor as the Zulus will probably ever see; besides the little dwellings of the Christians dotting the hills about the station, whose inmates were ready to greet us with smiling faces and glad hearts.

Weary as I was with my day's journey, I walked down the steep, stony hill with great gladness; and, as the oxen slowly brought us nearer and nearer the familiar place, I longed to fly "like a dove to her nest." I seemed to live a long time in that hour, and to gather up fresh hope and courage for the rest of our life here. At last we reached the spot so dear to us all. The house that had sheltered us so many years had been destroyed by fire; only the bare walls remained; and we breathed some sighs of regret that we should never again see it as it once was. Spreading a mattress on the seats of the chapel, we prepared a resting-place for the night; and, after disposing of a cup of tea and provisions from our wagon, we slept soundly till morning.

The next day was the sabbath; and it seemed almost like a dream to be seated for worship again among our dear old people. Changes had taken place. A few had been removed by death; and one family whom we had left in heathenism was present, nicely clothed. It was an affecting sight to me, as the old man, bent with age, came, leading the way for his wife and children, to the house of God, because, as he said, he had learned to love the word of God. "You went away," said he, "after having told us of Christ and his word; and there came another in your place, who told the same. I thought it must be true; and, if it were true, why should I not believe it? If I believed it, I must lead a new life. So I left my old kraal to my son, and came near to the missionary, to that deserted house yonder; and, as soon as possible, I shall build a good house to die in, for I am an old man. Here are my wife and children. This daughter, whom you taught, was always begging me to buy her clothing: she did not like the ways of heathenism. So now you see us all here clothed and in our right minds, just as you always wished." We

missed a few whom we had been accustomed to see, and heard with sadness that they seldom came, having become disaffected on account of one of their number, who desired to be "greatest."

All the services were tender and interesting. Mr. Tyler preached in the morning, and we had a prayer-meeting in the afternoon. Those who took part dwelt much upon the kindness and mercy of the Lord in taking care of us, and bringing us back to them over such a "long way;" praying fervently for the children whom we had left, as well as for those who were here. As we closed, they asked to see the photographs of our family; and it was interesting to listen to their remarks. One said, "I can't look at them: they make me cry;" another, "That is like our teacher when he has something solemn to say to us." Another, pointing to one of the children, said, "Ah, he is the best of all! how he could talk! how generous he was!" Of this one, "Oh, she was always patient and kind!" Of another, "When is she coming to teach us again on Sunday?" The shaking and kissing of hands were almost overpowering, as they all pushed their way toward us; but at last they left us for their homes, and we sat down to think. Very thankful we were that a few sheaves were being gathered in. There are seven candidates now waiting to be received into the church.

The next morning the school-children, about forty of them, assembled in the chapel, which also serves as a school-room. It was very pleasant to hear their recitations, and to recognize among them the children of those whom we had taught from childhood. Tuesday morning we started for Greytown, a place about fifty miles distant. On our way we stopped at a little village of people who had gone to that part of the country for the sake of their cattle, and had a pleasant visit of two hours. Here I found the wife

of Faku, one in whom I have always felt the greatest interest, as she was the first girl among our own people whom I could persuade to live with me. She was so determined to give up heathenism, and marry a Christian, that her father finally consented to leave her with me in order to rid himself of the trouble she made him. He was glad that he did so, afterwards; and, through his favorable representations, I had more applicants than I could receive. Now this mother brought her eldest daughter, the very image of herself when she came to live with me, and asked me to take her, and prepare her for Mrs. Edwards' school. Although I had quite determined that I had not the strength to assume the care of girls, as formerly, I could not refuse this one. Then a cousin of nearly the same age was brought forward, and her mother begged that I would take her also: so the matter seemed decided for me, and I have them now at Umsunduzi.

We reached Greytown the second day after leaving this place, and were welcomed by some pleasant English friends with whom we passed the sabbath. On our way home we spent another night at Esidumbini, seeing some more people who had not been aware of our arrival at first. A feeble, consumptive father brought his little boy to see us, and seemed very proud of him, because he stood second in the school. He took fast hold of my hand, and said, "After you went away, I remembered what you said about this boy,—that he ought to continue at school, and not be allowed to go with heathen boys. I am not a Christian myself, but I wanted him to be one: so I have kept him here all the time. He is never out of school when he is well; and I hope he will go to the seminary, and become a preacher when I am dead. Is not this good news to you?" The father looked as much pleased as I felt.

This visit will be a long-remembered one to me; and I shall hope to repeat it once or twice a year.

CHINA.

A DAY OF MISSIONARY-WORK.

BY MRS. JOHN GULICK.

WHEN I was in America, I was often asked for the particulars of our daily labors on missionary ground. Thinking it may be of interest, I will try to give you an account of a day in Yu-cho, a sample of many such spent there during our last two-months' tour in that district.

Immediately after breakfast we had family prayers with the Christians who lived near us: among them was Grandmother Tsai, the first convert here, who with her daughter-in-law was baptized seven years ago. After the others had dispersed, these two staid and read with me. It would refresh your heart to see the dear old grandmother, with her beaming face and silvery hair, trying to learn a few verses from the Bible. She is so deaf, that it is with great difficulty I can make her understand what I say; and she often repeats a word after me half a dozen times before she can catch the right sound. Still she perseveres; and, notwithstanding her failing eyes and poor memory, she has succeeded in committing several hymns and texts.

After having mastered a text with great difficulty, she will often say, "Oh, if I had but learned to read when I was young, how much I could have remembered! I should now be able to read all Christ's words. What joy that would give me! Even the few verses I know make my heart grow large." Precious indeed to her are the Saviour's words. As she repeats them to the women who come in, her face lights up with holy confidence and happiness; and, with an eloquence I have seldom heard surpassed, she exhorts them to leave their false gods, and

put their trust in the Saviour, who is able and willing to save them, not only from the power of the evil spirits they so much fear on earth, but also from the wrath to come. One woman said, "I can't pray: I don't know how." Grandmother Tsai replied, "Just kneel down, and try: ask God to help you, and give you the Holy Spirit. When I first tried, it was in this very place. I went out of that door into the back-yard, where I could be all alone, and I knelt down. But I could not say a word: my heart was troubled, and all I could do was to ask God to help me. Presently the words came pouring out. God gave his Holy Spirit, and Jesus has helped me ever since. If you go to him, he will help you too."

While Grandmother Tsai and my little Martha were studying, a party of women came to the door. Seeing that they hesitated about entering, Mrs. Tsai, the daughter-in-law, went out to invite them in. After a great struggle between fear and curiosity, the latter at last prevailed; and they ventured to walk in upon our mysterious wooden floors, and to stand face to face with the strangely-dressed foreigner, whether man, woman, or evil spirit, they hardly knew. When I invited them to sit down, they looked frightened, and began to retreat; but Mrs. Tsai persuaded them to stay. After conversing with them a little while, one woman, looking intently at me, said to another, "See! she has two eyes, and a mouth: she is a woman, the same as we are." They had evidently heard so much of the foreign ghosts, that they were surprised to find us human beings like themselves. How many barriers of superstition must be broken down before the light can dawn upon the hearts of these benighted ones! God has indeed shown his power and love, in already bringing to himself twenty-seven adults and several children in this highland region. Four others have died rejoicing in the Saviour.

One party of women after another came in, till nearly sunset ; and, after they were gone, I went with Grandmother Tsai to see one of the neighbors who had invited me to her house several days before. This woman has frequently visited Mrs. Tsai, to hear about the Saviour. She believes the Bible is true, but has not yet sufficient faith or courage to take up the cross, and confess Christ. She fears the reproach which she knows will be heaped upon her, and also that her sons, upon whom she is entirely dependent, would cast her off if she became a Christian. For an hour I had the privilege of talking to a room-full of women ; and when I left they asked me to come again, and tell them more.

After a hasty tea, we prepared for Mr. Gulick's evening class ; and, as I was not so tired as he, I took charge of it. After the class was dismissed, about nine o'clock, I sat down to write a letter, but fell asleep, pen in hand. I wanted to entreat those who love Christ, at home, to come, or send others, to this region, where there is now no missionary, the nearest one being a hundred miles distant. We can stay here only a month ; and, to do even this, we must neglect equally pressing work in another direction. There is, in all this region, a movement going on in the minds of the people ; many begin to doubt the power of their ancient gods, and new systems of worship are springing up. Is not this a sign that God is preparing their hearts for the reception of his truth ?

The following received from Miss Andrews, since her return from Tung-cho, shows why so many requests for missionary ladies to address meetings must be denied : " Many earnest words were spoken before I left China, begging me not to use up here the strength which is so needed there. It is hard to refuse a plea made for Jesus' sake ; but I feel most strongly that my first duty is to rest and grow strong."

INDIA.

LETTER FROM MISS SISSON.

THE following extracts are taken from a letter written by Miss Sisson, of the Madura mission, to our auxiliary in East Boston : —

“Last week I went to read the Bible, for the first time, in the house of a former pupil in Mrs. Chandler’s school. As she had become of a marriageable age, — twelve years old, — she had been removed from school some months before. I was sent for to visit the house; and, when I arrived, I found that it was a great feast-day. The girl was loaded with jewels. The room was crowded with women, all anxious to see, to be seen, and to talk, but not particularly desirous of listening. I was not sure they would receive me as a Bible-teacher, as the head of the family was known as a most bigoted Hindoo. They did, however, gather around me with great readiness; and, offering me the only chair in the house, they sat at my feet upon the bare ground. But, before I opened my Bible, their curiosity must be satisfied. Where did I come from? Why did I come to this country? What was my own land like? Was I married? Why not? When would I marry? Then they asked of my mother, and how it was that she let me come so far away. I told them of her sorrow, but of her feeling that they, too, were her sisters, and she must part with me, that I might tell them of the only Saviour. One of the women began to weep; and the others said, ‘See, Amal! by what you say you have made this woman weep.’ Then, with apparently softened hearts, they listened as I spoke of the love surpassing all human love, — the dying love of Christ.

“I thought the wretchedness of the homes, and the un-

tidy appearance of the women whom I had visited in the city, had brought me down into the depths; but, when going among the village people with Miss Rendall, I found humanity several degrees lower. ‘The great unwashed’ is a very convenient phrase in America; but never can you feel its force until you have called together a village crowd in heathendom. It requires no little skill to quiet the noisy talkers, and arrest their attention. How they listen, only eternity can reveal. To our human eyes, when the message is delivered, they turn away to walk in their own ways, to bow anew before their idols, or to say, as said some heathen to me one day, after heartily assenting to all I had told them, lifting the hangings which covered some hideous images upon the wall, ‘Look, Amal, *these* are our gods.’”

Our Work at Home.

“SO MUCH TO DO AT HOME!”

PERHAPS there is no defence behind which those who wish to be excused from work for foreign missions intrench themselves more often, or more securely, than this: “There is so much to do at home!” As a foundation for this, — but a little indefinite, — we have “so many heathen about our own doors!” Then follow the various home charities, — the orphan asylums, homes for the aged, homes for young men and women exposed to the temptations of city life, asylums for the erring and the unfortunate; beautiful, polished stones, and approved, we doubt not, by the great Head of the Church; but, when thus used, are they not out of place? To these are added, “so many household cares!”

“so many claims of society!” and “so much to be done for mental and spiritual growth and culture!”

While we would not, for a moment, disparage the materials of which this bulwark is composed, and while we cannot deny its strength, we wish to ask if the more than two hundred thousand female members of the churches connected with our Woman's Boards should be content to remain behind it? We would not say that the utmost should not be done for the suffering ones at home; but does anybody honestly think that any local charity would suffer, that any household duties or self-improvement would be neglected, if one-third of this army of two hundred thousand Christian women should spend, on an average, a half-hour a day in work and prayer for foreign missions? There is not a city or town in our land where every man, woman, and child may not hear the gospel if they are willing to listen to it. We know perfectly well that there is much to do to persuade them to leave their sinful ways, to relieve their pressing needs, in order to win their souls to Christ; but is there not more to do in the countries where there are millions of immortal souls for whom it is impossible to hear of a Saviour? Think of the women of India, where there is only one missionary to minister to the needs of three hundred thousand souls; of the women of Africa, of China, of Turkey, who are crushed and hardened by superstition, and the brutal treatment they receive.

“And oh! when they in God's presence stand
 With you, at that great day
 When every native of every land
 To judgment is called away,
 Say, say, can you stand in God's presence then,
 And remember that cry, ‘Oh, come!
 We are dying; we know no Saviour's name’?
 Can you plead the excuse? will it not be in vain?
 Will it weigh with God, though it did with men,—
 ‘There is so much to do at home’?”

CHILDREN'S LEAFLETS.

A SERIES of children's leaflets, four in number, have just been published by the Woman's Board. They are "Jesus' Lambs," containing sketches of children in heathen lands; "Children's Work," Nos. 1 and 2, in which are various suggestions; and "Songs and Recitations for Mission-Circles," that may be useful for children's meetings.

They may be obtained for two cents each, or fifteen cents a dozen, by application to Sec. W. B. M., No. 1 Congregational House, Boston.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM JULY 18 TO AUGUST 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Hampshire Branch.—Salem, Mrs. Mary S. Carleton, const. L. M. by her husband, \$25; Fitzwilliam, Cong'l Soc., \$27.50, \$52 50
 Total, \$52 50

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas.; West Townshend, Cong'l S. S., \$11; St. Johnsbury, So. Cong'l Ch., \$23.15; North Ch., Aux., \$157.25; Young Ladies' Miss. Soc'y, one quarter's salary for pupil in Miss Seymour's sch., Harpoot, \$9; Enosburgh, Aux., \$7; Wallingford, A Friend, \$2; Westminster West, Aux., \$8.66; Barre, Aux., \$11; West Hartford, Aux., \$15; West Rutland, Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. J. K. Williams, \$33; Bennington, Aux., \$50; New Haven, Aux., \$18; Windsor, Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. C. Rossiter, \$30; by

Rev. A. Stevens, from the late Mrs. Alfred Stevens, \$2.50, \$377 56
 Total, \$377 56

MASSACHUSETTS.

Athol.—Cong'l Ch., \$12 00
Ashfield.—Aux., towards salary of Miss Sears, Mardin, 55 00
Billerica.—Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Sarah B. Work, 25 00
Boston.—Miss Ropes, \$20; Mrs. D. C. S., \$25; Berkeley-st. Ch., Ladies' Weekly Pledge, \$10, 55 00
Conway.—Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Minerva Eastman, 32 00
Clinton.—Aux., Miss H. M. Haskell, Tr., 27 43
Chelsea.—Chestnut-street Ch., Aux., by Miss M. E. Brooks, of wh. \$13.50 from herself, 98 80
Cambridge.—A Friend, 25 00
Dorchester.—Vill. Ch., "Band of Faith," 50 00
Falmouth.—"Sea-Side Gleaners," to const. L. M. Miss Susan H. Taylor, 25 00
Hatfield.—Aux., Miss Augusta A. Porter, Tr., of which \$50 to

const. L. M.'s Miss Hattie S. Wells and Mrs. Silas G. Hubbard,	\$72 00
<i>Lynn.</i> —1st Ch. S. S., Mr. Patten's and Mr. Horton's classes, for support of Bible-reader,	50 00
<i>Lowell.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Geo. Stevens, Tr., to const. L. M. Mrs. D. Hall Rice,	25 00
<i>Longmeadow.</i> —Cong'l S. S., for support of Miriam, care Miss F. S. Bliss, Sivas,	35 00
<i>Medfield.</i> —Mrs. F. D. Ellis,	5 00
<i>Marblehead.</i> —Youth's Christian Ass'n, towards support of their Bible-reader,	7 00
<i>North Brookfield.</i> —1st Cong'l Ch., J. E. Porter, Tr.,	5 00
<i>Newton.</i> —A Friend,	1 00
<i>South Attleboro'.</i> —A Friend,	1 00
<i>Woburn.</i> —“Woburn Workers,” for pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., Ceylon,	10 00
<i>Worcester.</i> —By Mrs. G. H. Guild,	3 00
Total,	\$619 23

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Falmouth.</i> —Aux., add'l,	\$4 00
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RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Newport.</i> —Aux., A Friend,	5 00
<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> —Miss Anna T. White, Tr., Providence, Union Ch., “Mission Helpers,”	200 00
Total,	\$205 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Darien.</i> —Ox Ridge Miss. Circle,	\$2 10
<i>East Windsor.</i> —Misses S. and L. Wells, to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Jabez S. Allen and Miss Samantha Wells,	50 00
<i>East Hartford.</i> —Cong'l Ch. and Soc'y,	10 00
<i>Greenwich.</i> —Aux., for Bible-readers,	37 00
<i>Hotchkissville.</i> —A Friend,	85
<i>Lyme.</i> —Aux., for Bible-readers,	36 00
<i>Middletown.</i> —Aux., 1st Cong'l Ch., Mrs. Mary B. Hazen, Tr., for two schools near Aintab, estab. by Miss Proctor, \$50; for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$30; towards sup. of girl in Marsovan, \$7. (Of wh. from Mrs. Linus Coc, “in memory	

of Jennie,” to const. L. M. Mrs. Peter Ashton, \$25; and Mrs. E. H. Goodrich, towards L. M., \$5.) Mrs. Dyer's Bible-class, towards sup. of “Gangabai,” Bible-reader, Satara, India, \$20,	107 00
<i>Unionville.</i> —By Mrs. James A. Smith, from herself, \$10.50; Mrs. A. S. Mills and Mrs. Lucas Richards, \$10 each; Mrs. Samuel Frisbee, \$5; Mrs. Geo. Dunham, \$3; Mrs. N. Hayden, \$2; others, \$2.50,	43 00
<i>West Winsted.</i> —Mrs. Mary Phelps Whiting, const. L. M. by her husband,	25 00
Total,	\$310 95

NEW YORK.

<i>Fulton.</i> —Pres. S. S., for pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch., Marsovan,	\$35 00
<i>Middle Grove.</i> —Juliet Gardiner, for Mexico,	10 00
<i>Moira.</i> —Mrs. H. B. Burnap, \$10; Mrs. A. Dickinson, \$1; Miss A. Spencer, \$5,	16 00
<i>Piermont.</i> —Mrs. R. T. Lord,	4 00
<i>Westmoreland.</i> —Aux., Mrs. James Deane,	10 00
Total,	\$75 00

TEXAS.

<i>Fort McKavett.</i> —Lieut. Chas. E. Jewett, for Miss Hance of Africa,	\$50 00
Total,	\$50 00

IOWA.

<i>Garnaville.</i> —A Friend,	\$1 00
<i>Tabor.</i> —Cong'l S. S., for pupil in Miss Townshend's school, Ceylon,	\$20 00
Total,	\$21 00

ENGLAND.

<i>London.</i> —Miss E. H. Ropes,	\$20 00
Total,	\$20 00
Donations,	\$1,731 24
C. Home Building-Fund,	4 00
“Life and Light,”	254 50
“Echoes,”	\$16 12
Weekly Pledge,	\$2 60
Leaflets,	\$16 37
Total,	2,024 83

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS CHAPIN.

PEKING, April 4, 1874.

THE school is moving on very pleasantly; and we have the joy of feeling that quite a number of the dear girls are trying earnestly to live true Christian lives. Two or three who are not yet members of the church give such good evidence of trying to please the Saviour, that we hope soon to have them baptized.

There are some encouraging things connected with our work at the North Chapel. One woman, the oldest of four whom we teach constantly, is really very stupid, a fact of which she is fully aware, and, if she were not herself conscious of it, would not long be permitted to remain in ignorance; for the Chinese are so utterly lacking in delicacy, and even kindness, of feeling, that they are very free to remark upon any mental or physical deformity in one of their number. This poor old woman makes but slow progress in learning to read; and for some time she seemed to gain but very few ideas from all the teaching we could give her respecting the truth. She said to me very sadly, one sabbath, that she did not understand much of what I read and told them. I asked her if she prayed for help to understand. She said she did not know how to pray. I told her she need not say many words, but only ask for just the things she wanted: if she wished to understand the truth, just ask the Lord to give her the Holy Spirit to help her to understand. Since then I have asked her several times

if she prays; and she says she does, and that she understands more of the truth than she did. She is now the most attentive, eager listener I have on sabbath afternoons. She repeats my words after me, in order to remember them better; and, when I question them on what I have read, she is able to answer more than any other one. Miss Porter and I both feel that she gives good evidence of faith in the Saviour, and of a desire and purpose to live in accordance with his teachings so far as she knows them. Another of the women is, we hope, coming more and more into the light, though we do not perceive so decided a change in her as in old Mrs. Huci. She is the wife of the former teacher of Mr. Holcombe's boys' school. He has been obliged to resign his place, because he is far gone in consumption, and probably cannot live many months. He is a man of considerable ability. He united with the church some time ago, and a strong hope was felt that he would become a preacher of the gospel; but that hope is disappointed, and we believe the Lord has work for him in the other sphere to which he is calling him. When he first united with the church, his wife seemed utterly indifferent to the truth, if not opposed to it; but her manner has greatly changed. We think she now believes in the truth, and that the Lord is gradually drawing her into a personal experience of faith and love towards himself. She has lately lost a little boy a few months old; and we trust that this will lead her to a more constant realization of, and a stronger faith in, an unseen world. It is common among the heathen, when a child dies, to cast out its little uncoffined body, without funeral rites, or any manifestation of grief. Their common expression for saying they have lost a little child is a word which means they have *thrown it away*. This is said not to be true of the better classes; but it certainly is true of the poor. Many of them have

the superstition that some malignant enemy has crept into their family, in the form of this child; and they therefore cast the body from them, as a hated thing. In contrast to that, this little one was decently arrayed, and placed in a coffin which was taken to the little chapel, where a company gathered. Some of the loving utterances of Christ regarding little children were read, and a few earnest words spoken directing the thoughts of the hearers to the blessed home to which the little one had gone. After prayer, and the hymn "There is a happy land," the little body was taken away to be buried in the family cemetery; the native helper going with the father, and making a prayer at the grave. I hope it will give them a new sense of the value of the soul even of a little child, because it is redeemed by the blood of Christ, and is destined to immortality. This little boy had been baptized some months ago; and the name chosen by his sisters, two interesting little girls in our school, was Samuel. They evidently selected it on account of its Bible associations, as they had just been reading of the prophet Samuel. Two women have recently commenced coming quite regularly to our sabbath-afternoon services at the North Chapel; and one of them manifests considerable interest in what she hears. I ask your prayers for all these women, that they may become followers of Jesus.

JAPAN.

FIRST CHURCH IN KOBE.

BY MISS DUDLEY.

TRULY we may and do rejoice over the first church organized by our mission here. April 19 eleven of our new brothers and sisters publicly professed Christ, and received

baptism. Nearly two hundred were present; and the stillness in the room indicated deep interest. I thought of the home friends, and wished they might be with us at this our first communion in this heathen land. Can you not see it, — the little table draped in white, the bouquet of pure white blossoms, the tearful eyes of those who for the first time remembered the body broken for them, the happy missionaries, and the eager faces of the listeners?

Prayer-meetings have been sustained for several months; and it is so pleasant to hear new voices in prayer! One of the sisters so far trespassed on Japanese etiquette, that lately she raised her voice in prayer before the assembled brotherhood. Dear little woman! she looks like any thing but a popular claimer of her rights; but her heart could not keep silent, so filled was it with this new love. It gave no offence. I think the church is glad of help and strength, come it from a man or a woman. The mother of the daimio, of whom I have spoken before, also received baptism. His sister waits for a few weeks. The mother is a gentle old lady, who has known much of sorrow. It would do you good to hear her talk. She said in my hearing, to another old lady, the other day, "I am not young, and cannot remember as I once could; but I have made up my mind, if I know about nothing else, I will know about my Saviour." The other one, too, is coming. I think first she was a little flattered, that one so far above her should come and seek her out; but the earnest words of truth fixed her attention. She comes now both to sabbath school and preaching-service; and she says she prays to the true God.

Our school has just changed to new and in some respects better quarters. Miss Talcott, with the aid of one of the older girls, is giving New-Testament stories; and most of the girls would compare quite favorably with

children at home, in their knowledge of the sweet old stories. We have a calling acquaintance in all the families represented in our school. Some I see often, and count friends. Our sabbath school flourishes, numbering fifty or more. I have taken my little ones up stairs for the last few weeks, and have Fugi, a girl who has been with Mrs. Davis for two years, as my assistant. She is an earnest Christian, one of the church-members; and her simple, earnest talks fix and hold the attention of the class. At the close we all kneel, and she asks the heavenly Teacher to keep each child, and to make them his own. Some of them say they pray every night. Who can tell but from this class some — nay, many — shall stand redeemed?

I think it seems best to all the missionaries who are on the ground, as soon as possible to make arrangements for a *home* school. We should unite both day and boarding school; but we feel that we must have some girls under our more direct influence, if ever we hope to fit them for efficient helpers, or wives for Christian young men. Two of the teachers in the mission have lately married wives who have scarcely heard the name of Jesus; and in one case it has nearly brought ruin. Until we can strengthen and purify *home influence*, we are not accomplishing much for the people. The girls are so gentle, so easily moulded, that with Christian influence, and the strength that comes from actual Christian experience, they could do much.

I go to Sauda to-morrow, with my teacher and the daimio's mother and sister. I hope to interest the women, and get them to come out to the regular preaching-service which Mr. Davis has sustained there for nearly eight months.

“WHAT a noble mission-field will Japan be, with its forty millions of souls to teach the way of salvation!”

Home Department.

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

THE amount received into the treasury, up to Aug. 1, was \$10,759. At the same rate for the remaining two months and a half of our financial year, the receipts will amount to about \$13,500; being \$1,500 less than last year, while we are aiming at \$20,000. Let our friends bear in mind that our financial year closes Oct. 15, and that, when this reaches them, there will remain but a few days in which to complete the work of the year. With so many new auxiliaries, and so large an addition to our membership, our receipts *ought not* to be less than last year. We still believe they will not be less, but greater. We earnestly plead with all who love the cause of missions, and who desire to see it advanced through the instrumentality of our Board, to send in, as speedily as possible, any amounts, great or small, to its treasury.

"A SEED THOUGHT."

WHILE organizations are useful, and there is majesty in numbers, let none put their reliance in this, or feel impotent without it. *One woman*, deeply inspired with a true, great idea, who will let nothing discourage her, who labors modestly, wisely, but unceasingly, is a host in herself, in any cause. Such a one is a society fully equipped. Such a one is invincible. She may have no shining talents; but she must have good sense, a loving heart, and a courage that knows no surrender. And when our sin-cursed

ILLINOIS.

<i>Aurora.</i> — "Little Workers," Mary K. Ames, Treas.,	\$53 00
<i>Blue Island.</i> — Aux., for a scholarship in the Samokov School,	12 58
<i>Canton.</i> — Aux., Miss C. J. Graham, Treas.,	29 80
<i>Chicago.</i> — Leavitt-st. Ch., Aux., to const. Mrs. J. S. McFarlane a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — Union Park Ch., Aux., for the salary of Miss Rendall, Mrs. Marcia R. Jen- kins, Treas.,	100 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — Plymouth Ch., Aux.,	11 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — "Fern Leaves,"	2 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — A Friend, towards office expenses,	5 00
<i>Clifton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. R. Taft, Treas.,	8 50
<i>Danvers.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Mabel Hastings, Treas.,	7 73
<i>Galesburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. S. Hurd, Treas.,	23 00
<i>Glencoe.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. C. Bart- lett, to const. Miss Jeanie L. Willmarth a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Groenville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. L. K. Warren, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Hoyleton.</i> — S. S. Miss. Soc., Nellie Gaylord, Sec.,	10 00
<i>La Salle.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. B. Treat, Treas.,	8 80
<i>Moline.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. L. Bullen, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Napierville.</i> — Aux., \$14.55; S. S., \$3.13, for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. S. W. Smith, Treas.,	17 68
<i>Ontario.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. N. Tupper, a L. M.,	17 55
<i>Onarga.</i> — Mrs. Lydia C. Foster, <i>Ottawa.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. N. Lewis, Treas.,	25 00
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<i>Peoria.</i> — Mission S. S., for a scholarship in the Bridgeman School,	10 00
<i>Peru.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. M. Brewster, Sec.,	7 07
<i>Waverly.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Homes,	5 00
<i>Wheaton.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. J. M. Chap- man, Treas.,	9 44
Total,	\$453 70

WISCONSIN.

<i>Beloit.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. L. Cha- pin, Treas.,	\$5 00
<i>Beloit.</i> — Mrs. Sarah M. Clary, to const. Mrs. H. P. Strong a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Jamesville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. W. Collins, Treas.,	50 00

<i>Plattsville.</i> — Aux., Ella Mar- shall, Treas.,	17 00
<i>Racine.</i> — Aux., for the school at Manissa, Mrs. F. A. Miller, Treas.,	46 20
<i>Waukesha.</i> — Aux., with pre- vious contributions to const. Mrs. Newton S. Kendrick a L. M., Mrs. C. W. Camp, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Waukesha.</i> — Ladies of Pres. Ch., by Miss M. Rankin,	8 00
<i>Whitewater.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, Mrs. R. Coburn, Treas.,	25 00
Total,	\$191 20

IOWA.

<i>Anamosa.</i> — Aux., Jeannie Chapman, Treas.,	\$20 50
<i>Belle Plain.</i> — Aux.,	15 00
<i>Bowen's Prairie.</i> — "A few ladies,"	5 00
<i>Denmark.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis, and to const. Mrs. Royal Quinton a L. M., Ella Bracket, Treas.,	35 00
<i>Dunlap.</i> — Mrs. A. E. Preston,	2 00
<i>Fairfield.</i> — Aux., Mrs. D. Web- ster, Treas.,	11 00
<i>Fayette.</i> — Cong'l Ch.,	10 00
<i>Grimmell.</i> — "Mite - Gatherers," E. P. Day, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Keokuk.</i> — Aux., for a scholar- ship in the Erzroom School, Miss Collins, Sec.,	5 00
Total,	\$108 50

MINNESOTA.

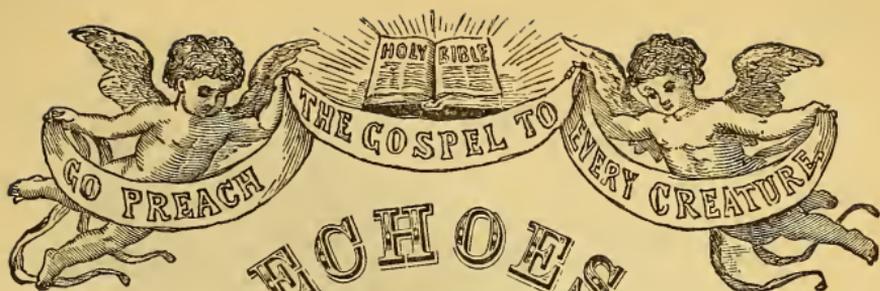
<i>Minneapolis.</i> — Plymouth Ch., S. S., for a scholarship in the Bridgeman School,	\$35 00
Total,	\$35 00

KANSAS.

<i>Manhattan.</i> — Aux., for schools at out-stations in the Harpoot Mission, Flora A. Moses, Treas.,	\$18 50
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MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Burlington, Vt.</i> — The Misses' Mission Band of the White-st. S.S. for support of a teacher in the Seminary at Samokov, \$100. Amount paid directly to A.B.C. F.M.	\$5 65
Total,	\$1,142 48



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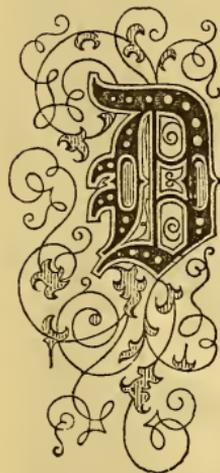
LIFE AND LIGHT.

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THE DYING HINDOO.



Do you save your "Echoes," little readers, or do you throw them away as soon as you have read them? If you saved them last year, will you please find the picture of the Dying Brahmin, in the August number, then look at the picture on the next page, and tell me which you like the best. In the first one you see a dying man using all his little remaining strength trying to hold the tail of a cow, because he thinks the dumb animal will carry his soul to the better land. If Mrs. Capron hadn't told us it was true, I think it would be hard to believe that full-grown men could be so foolish.

In the picture on the next page you see another dying man in the same country. All his life he has been a devil worshipper. He has sold his young daughter to be married to a heathen, when she is grown up, and he has resisted all the entreaties of his little Christian boy that he would love the Saviour. But now, in his dying hour, his false gods



THE DYING HINDOO.

give him no comfort ; and so his children have brought the missionary to show him the new and better way to the heavenly land. See how earnestly he looks at the good man, as he tells the wonderful story of Him who has all power in heaven and earth, and who died that he might live in happiness forever. We will hope, that, through his little son and daughter, he was led to believe in Christ, and now lives with him in heaven. So you see, young friends, that when you help send the gospel to heathen children, you may save their fathers and mothers also.

CHINESE PLAYTHINGS.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS, — Your pig-tailed cousins in China are having great fun, these days, with *bug-toys*. Nearly every child in the street has one ; and you could hardly walk very far, in this city, without meeting some gray-headed old man, with two big boxes full of these funny things for sale. They are very cheap, too : just a little bit of money, less than five cents, would buy your arms full of them.

Just think of buying a curious Chinese cart, — the cart-body (ask mother what that is) made of paper, colored to represent the blue cloth which they use here to cover carts ; the wheels and the thills (ask mother, too, what those are) made of very tiny bits of wood, or of the tough outside of cornstalks ; and, harnessed in between the thills, a big, black, *live beetle-bug* !

You'd think, I suppose, that he had too short legs, and too many of them, to make a good horse ; or you'd be afraid that he would take a notion to be naughty, and so fly away, cart and all : but he does make a very good sort of a horse. He is quite frisky enough, it is true, and

sometimes he turns short corners, and tips his cart over; but, on the whole, he does very well. The harness, made of white thread, covers his wings, so that he can't fly. And Chinese little folks are much like the little folks I used to know at home: they are not very particular which way the cart goes, whether right or wrong side up, if it only goes.

But you've no idea for how little money you can buy one of these playthings. The cart, harness, and horse, "all complete," costs just one-half of one-fifth of a cent. Now, there is a "sum" in arithmetic for you. How much is that? and, at that price, how many horses and carriages could a curly-headed boy buy for a cent?

But they make other playthings besides carts. The other day I saw a hand grist-mill, all made of paper, and tiny bits of wood; and the stone was going round and round and round, as though quantities of meal were being ground out. I couldn't see, at first, what moved it; but, when I took up one, I saw that underneath, in a little round box, made also of paper, was a *bug*. A stick was fastened to him, and as he walked around his paper prison, looking for a hole out of which he could crawl, he turned the stone.

If you would like to know how one of these grist-mills look, — I mean the real ones, such as all the Chinese use to grind up their corn and wheat, — get your mother to find a picture of one, such as the children of Israel used, and you will know; for the Chinese use the same kind.* They also make a music-box, in which the beetle-bug grinds out the music by turning a stick which hits against some little pegs driven into the sides of his box.

All these playthings cost but that one price, — a half of a fifth of a cent each.

* See cut on next page.



Women Grinding at a Mill.

You think, that, since these toys are so very cheap, every boy and girl has quantities of them, — that hands and pockets are full of bugs drawing carts, turning grist-mills, playing tunes, and doing all sorts of things. But there, dear little ones, you are mistaken. Very many of the children are so poor that they can't buy a horse and cart, even when it costs only one-half of one-fifth of a cent. Even so little as that is enough to buy them one or two mouthfuls of food; and, when folks go hungry day after day, they can't spend money, that will buy even one mouthful of food, upon toys.

What do you boys, who always eat *too much*, think of the thousands of children here, — God's children, too, for he made them, — who *never* had enough? I've seen boys

fighting with dogs, in the street, for a bone which had been thrown out; and the bone had no meat on it, either, only a little gristle.

And what do you think of the men who are so poor that they earn all they get to eat by making bug-toys at a tenth of a cent apiece?

Some of you who read these words may be poor: be brave and thankful, as you see how much richer you are than nearly all the Chinese children.

And think, too, dear boys and girls, that these little ones here are not only hungry for bread such as we eat: they are even more hungry for that bread which Jesus told about, — the “bread which cometh down from heaven.” Get your Bibles, and see what the dear Saviour said about it; and, dear little ones, eat that bread yourselves, and pray the kind Jesus to send it here, very soon, to all these Chinese, little and big, who are starving for lack of it, and dying because they have it not.

Do you like my bug-story? and will you think about the last part of it? Then, perhaps, I'll tell you some more about the Chinese another time.

LUCY.

PEKING, CHINA, May 26, 1874.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MASSACHUSETTS — *Dorchester.* — Village Church, “Band of Faith,” \$50.00.

Falmouth. — “Sea-Side Gleaners,” \$25.

Lynn. — First Church S. S., \$50.

Longmeadow. — Cong. S. S., \$35.

Marblehead. — Youth's Christian Association, \$7.

Woburn. — “Woburn Workers,” \$10.

- RHODE-ISLAND BRANCH. — *Providence*. — "Mission Helpers," \$200.
 CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — Ox Ridge Mission-Circle, \$2.10.
 NEW YORK. — *Fulton*. — Pres. S. S., \$35.
 MICHIGAN. — *Detroit*. — "Sunbeam Band," \$30.
 ILLINOIS. — *Aurora*. — "Little Workers," \$53.
 Hoyleton. — S. S. Missionary Society, \$10.
 Napierville. — S. S., \$3.13.
 Peoria. — Mission S. S., \$10.
 IOWA. — *Grinnell*. — "Mite-Gatherers," \$5.
 Tabor. — Congregational S. S., \$20.
 MINNESOTA. — *Minneapolis*. — Plymouth Church S. S., \$35.

ERRATA. — In our August number, the contribution of \$10 from the "Little Gleaners," and of \$5 from the "Juvenile Missionary Association," of Watertown, were incorrectly credited to Thomaston; and the \$4 from the "Pearl Seekers," of New Haven, should be acknowledged as from Fair Haven.

A BOYS' MISSION-CIRCLE.

WE are often asked, by grown people and by the boys themselves, "What can boys do in a mission-circle?" A correspondent from Watertown, Mass., sends us the following, which we think gives a good answer to the question: —

"On a cold, unpleasant Saturday afternoon in March last, the wife of one of our deacons, who is an earnest, faithful teacher, opened her cheerful sitting-room for a boys' missionary meeting. Only eight came; but a society was formed, and officers appointed. It is called the 'Juvenile Missionary Association,' holds its meetings the first Saturday afternoon of every month, and receives as members any boys from other churches who will work for the interests of the society, and pay a tax of ten cents annually. At their second meeting there were thirteen present, besides their pastor, and sabbath-school superintendent, as visitors. The boys brought with them many articles which they had

manufactured since the previous meeting,— brackets, fancy supports for plants, bunches of lamp-lighters, bird-houses, and various other things, many of which were disposed of at private sale. They continue to make these things, and now have a membership of seventeen.

“Their meetings are conducted as follows: As soon as they are seated, and in order, the service is opened by singing one or two verses of a missionary hymn; a short prayer is offered by a teacher, and an appropriate selection of Scripture is read. Then come the reports of the secretary and treasurer; singing again, followed by reports from mission stations, by different boys who have chosen their countries, and prepared themselves to report. Sometimes they all decide to take the same country. Younger boys recite texts from the Bible, or a verse or two of poetry.

“At the close of the meeting, teachers and all stay for a little social enjoyment; and they are not allowed to return to their homes without refreshment of some kind. So end our pleasant boys’ missionary meetings.”

Who will start the next boys’ mission-circle?

ENIGMA.

I am composed of twenty-one letters.

My 18, 3, 9, 11, 2, 17, 10, are the children for whom we work.

My 15, 16, 3, 9, 7, 9, 13, 11, is what it is to work for them.

My 4, 14, 10, 7, 11, 9, 10, 8, is the kind of work they need.

My 7, 11, 21, 9, 16, is what their mothers teach them to do.

My 8, 17, 13, 11, 7, are the places where they sometimes live.

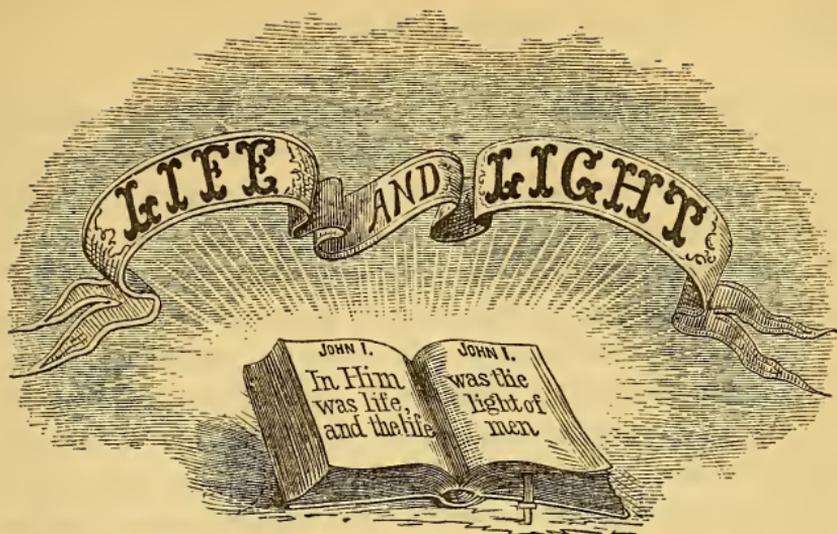
My 5, 15, 17, 10, is what their homes are to missionary ladies.

My 15, 3, 6, 13, 12, 17, 7, are what we must give to send these ladies to them

My 7, 4, 18, 14, 19, 16, 7 are places where they are taught the Bible.

My 2, 5, 20, 3, is something very dear to us, for which there is no word in the heathen language.

My whole is an institution of the Woman’s Board.



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TURKEY.

A MONTHLY CONCERT IN HARPOOT.

BY MISS C. E. BUSH.

A most precious monthly concert, held in our Harpoot chapel last evening, makes me wish to sit down immediately and describe it. Mr. Wheeler and Pastor Mardiros led in the opening exercises; and then, one by one, the students of our theological seminary were called upon to relate the story of their labors during the winter. I am sure you would have felt that religion and education had done something for this people, if you could have seen the large and intelligent audience, and the interest manifested, as we heard from town after town. First came Aboochekh, a village near the wealthy city of Agin, occupied by Baron Haritune this winter. He could not tell of much progress; but there was no determined opposition to the

truth : and he hoped the seed sown would spring up, and bear fruit. One or two others spoke, whose fields seem to have been in the same condition. Then came a stout, tall fellow, named Hagope, whose old village dialect gave double interest to his story of persecution and trial. He had been laboring at Chorchook, a place never before occupied. The "chief man's" son became convinced of the truth, and defending Hagope, in spite of threats from his friends, was finally obliged to fly from his home, for Christ's sake. He said he would give up father, mother, home, and lands, but he would not stop praying, or reading the Bible ; and Hagope as decidedly declared that he would not leave the village, though every means was used to drive him away.

Another speaker, Baron Maljan, who had an interesting story to tell, had been preaching at Havav, near the city of Palu. He said their village was not an ignorant one : most of the men knew how to read ; and, as almost all of them spent more or less time in Constantinople, they had obtained some knowledge of the world. Many of the teachers in the Armenian schools in that region come from this village ; but they are apt to be almost infidels, having lost faith in their old rites and superstitions, and gained none of the vital faith of Protestantism. Baron Maljan told of one of the four Protestants in the place, who had borne severe and persistent persecution from the members of his own home. His wife was taken away from him by her friends, because they thought he was not worthy of her ; and after a while his little babe, twenty-two days old, was sent back to him, thinking it would give him so much trouble, that he would surely yield. He went quietly to work, however, caring for the child, which grew finely ; and soon the friends were glad to return the mother to her husband and baby.

Baron Hohannes spoke about his field with the same intense earnestness with which he works. Even the old priest of the village loves him as a son; and the priest's sons were his warm friends. He preached and read the Bible at the old Armenian church, until the people began to wonder, and say, "Why is the Bible read to us in modern Armenian? Why is our service in the ancient?" Over a year ago, when Mr. Wheeler was at Ozoomaba with me, he placed a large straw mat in the chapel, saying it should be a gift to the women, if they would occupy it; and seven immediately promised to earn the ownership by faithful attendance. Hohannes tells us that the number is increased to fifteen. Some of them have learned to read, although there is no pastor's wife to teach them. The attendance at the sabbath-noon service had been fifty, sixty, and sometimes eighty, during the winter.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Wheeler gave a rapid survey of the field, cheering us by many encouraging incidents. In Chemisgesek, they call loudly for a preacher, to supply the place of the one who left them some months ago. In Choonkoosh, there is great interest; four hundred people attending the chapel, and one hundred and seventy scholars in the sabbath school. In Redvan, our Koordish church said to the missionaries, "Give us a *less* allowance for our preacher, and we will increase what we give," — the first offer of the kind made by any church here. The Divrik people support their church and school without aid from the missionaries. The people of Geghi have collected almost enough money to buy an organ or melodeon; and this week I began to give lessons on the organ to Nazloo, one of our pupils from that place. She is delighted with the idea, and promises to make good progress. The people of Geghi, in their letter to the missionaries in regard to the organ, expressed more gratitude

than has been shown by any other people, although they only had to be thankful for the sending for the organ.

I grieve to put so dark a background as I am obliged to upon this bright picture of advancing work, by telling you of the sorrowful event of Sunday. While we were at breakfast, we were alarmed by a severe shock of earthquake. No harm was done in Harpoot, except to a minaret; but the village of Harboosi was almost entirely destroyed. There are only two houses left in the village, in which it is safe to live. Sixteen persons were killed, and twenty-two wounded. Among the latter are ten Protestants. Some of the wounded cannot recover; and many will be lame for life. The story of their fear and want is heart-rending. The buildings seem to have fallen almost immediately; and so violently were they thrown, that oftentimes it seems as if two walls, or even two houses, had changed places; and men can hardly tell where their dwellings were. A thick cloud of dust arose, darkening the bright heavens; and men could not stand before the whirlwind, which carried all before it. Oh the sorrows of that night! while the rain poured in unceasing torrents, children cried for food, which was buried in the *débris*, and the shrieks of the wounded filled the air. It is only a little village in Turkey, five hours' horseback ride from Harpoot, — not a great city like Lisbon or London, — but I wish I could be at home for a day, to go to the benevolent men of my dear home church, and beg for help for these poor people, who are houseless, without food, beds, or the necessaries of life.

“By his providence, by his word, by his cloud, by his sunshine, by the world's malignity, by our losses and by our crosses, God teaches: he goes on teaching.

MICRONESIA.

LETTER FROM MRS. SNOW.

WE are permitted to make the following extracts from a private letter from Mrs. Snow of the Micronesian mission : —

“The ‘Morning Star’ reached Ebon on the 20th of October, bringing dear, kind friends, a generous mail, with welcome tidings from our children (from whom our latest dates were a year old), and something new and tempting for our almost exhausted store of foreign provisions. We had looked long and somewhat anxiously for her, as the plan had been mentioned to us of having her return early in the spring, in order to make the long-talked-of exploration westward, to visit islands where churches have been already formed, to place more helpers in the work, and to take possession of some new stations. Mr. Snow decided to go on such an expedition as soon as arrangements could be made; and Capt. Hallet kindly suggested that I should accompany them, which I was very glad to do.

“Our company consisted of three Hawaiian missionaries and their wives, six Christian natives and their wives, a native pastor, a boy from Mejuro who had united with the church while attending our school at Ebon; Miss P—— from America, Mr. Snow, and myself. We left the lagoon on Friday afternoon, and sighted Namerik, sixty-five miles from Ebon, on Saturday. Wishing to spend the sabbath with the Namerik missionary Kaaia and his people, Mr. Snow obtained from Capt. Hallet a boat, and three Hawaiian sailors, to take us to the island. The distance was long; and we reached the outside of the reef about nine o’clock. We despatched a native through the surf to call men to help steady our boat; soon saw a welcome fire on the beach; and not long after a double row of men were ready to take

our boat through the breakers. I seated myself in the bottom of the boat; and, after a short ride in this way, I was carried to the beach by two natives in a hand-chair, placing an arm on each man's shoulder.

“There is no ship anchorage at this island; and our visits there have always been too hurried to allow us to have much acquaintance with the people. Our hearts were rejoiced by the large crowd that gathered to welcome us on the beach and at the missionary's house. Mr. Kaaia has never been ordained; and Mr. Snow has always received the members into the church. At this time, sixteen new ones were admitted (among whom I was glad to notice the two men who carried me to the shore on my arrival), twenty-six children were baptized, and eleven couples were married. They have a neat native church on the lagoon shore, which was well-filled on the sabbath. I counted over two hundred and thirty in the sabbath school, and eighty at the children's meeting. There has been a great deal of interest among the children on this island the past year, as well as in Ebon. Ten of the boys, and twelve of the girls, spoke of their love to Jesus. The female prayer-meeting at two o'clock interested me deeply. They were all more anxious to hear than to speak: so I hardly obtained my share. . . .

“We had a good run to Arno, and entered the lagoon on Friday afternoon. The name of the high chief here is Wigelulug. He came alongside with his canoe in the evening, but, by Mr. Snow's advice, went back to the shore with his retinue, and returned early in the morning. He was a young, pleasant-looking man, and seemed much pleased that the missionaries he had been asking for so long had come. We had an interesting service on shore sabbath morning, under the beautiful shade of fine, large trees, God's own temple, with the clear sky above us. This

was the first public service in Arno; and Mr. Snow proclaimed to them the Creator of all things, who had made and watched over them, although they knew him not, and who had now sent his servants to tell them the way of life and salvation. Miss P—— and I went on shore in the afternoon, and attended a female prayer-meeting, with thirty-nine present. On Monday, we took Wigelung on board for a pilot, and at evening anchored near that part of the island where the missionaries are to be stationed. We were in peril when coming out of the lagoon, and thankful that an almighty arm upheld the children's vessel, and brought our company safely through. Capt. Hallet said God helped him out of the passage.

“The next day we anchored near Shai, the mission-station; and, on going to the shore through the surf, we were met by a crowd of nude native boys. We had heard that two of the high chiefs on the island were at enmity, though half-brothers. They had been twenty miles apart since July, but were preparing to make war upon each other. Mr. Snow's visit was very opportune; and he set himself at once to the work of effecting a settlement. A meeting was brought about between them on the sabbath; and the impression made by it on my mind will not soon be effaced. The chiefs were arrayed in war-costume with plumes made of black and white feathers fastened in their top-knots. When they came together on friendly terms, they both gave these plumes to Mr. Snow, who put them in the button-hole of his coat, while he preached to an audience of four or five hundred, under the shade of palm and bread-fruit trees. The two chiefs were seated together on a little hillock at Mr. Snow's right hand; and all seemed to feel a sensation of great relief that the reconciliation was effected.

“We left them Monday evening, and reached Ebon the

next week, thankful for the proofs we had seen that the seed of the kingdom sown in faithfulness would surely spring up in due season, though the sowers might not be very wise men.”

JAPAN.

LETTER FROM MISS TALCOTT.

KOBE, July 10, 1874.

I AM afraid I have not much that will sound like work accomplished to record; but I can tell you that the word is “Onward!” and now and then we can see that the barriers are giving way. The church in Osaka holds its second communion on next sabbath, receiving at least four new members, while others are asking for baptism. The work there has, thus far, been confined to a very quiet part of the city; but recently a room has been rented on one of the principal streets, and fitted up for a chapel and bookstore. As a consequence, their audience increased, in two sabbaths, from thirty or forty to a hundred and fifty.

I have just been to read to the wife of one of the attendants of a former *damio* of Sanda. The man himself was once arrested for having a copy of the Chinese Bible in the house, and, afraid of the government now, will not attend any Christian gathering, nor allow his wife to do so. His children come to our services, if they wish to; and he does not hesitate to say that he thinks the Bible is true. He is glad to have us read the Scriptures with his wife, who cannot understand half the words, if she reads it alone. As we were reading to-day, he came in, and listened until we finished the sixth chapter of Matthew. Afterwards he spoke of the hatred of the government for the Bible, giving it as

a reason for not listening to it publicly; and I quoted to him Jesus' own words to his disciples, commencing, "Fear not them that kill the body." He answered, "I know that; but I shall wait." I felt that what I had said made no impression on him; and I could say no more. All the other dependents of the *damio* are kept back by this one man who is influential among them.

A woman who has just begun to come to church walked home with me last sabbath. She said she did not often have an opportunity to leave home, as her husband was very exacting. And then she wanted to know, if she asked Jesus to let her live five years longer, if he would grant her request. She is not strong, and probably will not live very long. I told her that Jesus wished her to ask for every thing she wanted; that he knew when it was best for her to die, and, if he did not grant her just what she asked, he would surely give her something better. She said she wanted to live longer to study the Bible. And, when I told her we should have a long eternity to learn of Jesus, I wish you could have seen her glad look of surprise. I think she was getting, for the first time, the idea of a happy activity in heaven, so in contrast with the Buddhist notion of unconscious existence, which is practically annihilation! This Bible-reading with the women is a very hopeful, blessed work. Some, indeed, consent to read it, because they are too polite to refuse; but such ones often become much interested in the truth. For "how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

In another letter Miss Talcott writes, —

"I am glad to improve the opportunity of adding my testimony to the wonderful way in which the work is opening before us. Besides the preaching service, the sabbath school, the prayer-meetings, a class for Bible studies four evenings in the week, the daily morning prayers in three

of our mission-houses, where the Bible is studied, not carelessly read, and our school of twenty-four girls and women, — besides these, we find work in the homes all around us, where the talks about the Bible are either tolerated or invited.

“While our hearts and hands are so full here, the time seems to be at hand when some of our number may go into the interior. If we only had a corps of laborers to enter in and take possession in the name of the Master! Our native Christians are convinced of their responsibility in the work, and are anxious to scatter the seed, but feel deeply their need of training.

“Of the four women who have united with the church, one is teaching a class of children in the sabbath school, adapting her language to their understanding as no foreigner could do. Another has brought her husband into the church, and is ready for work anywhere; while still another has gone with Miss Dudley and her teacher to Sanda, for a week or two, to try to reach the women there. Mr. Davis’s efforts in that place have affected the men only; and we are hoping much from this effort to teach the women. The church-membership in Kobe will soon be doubled; and we trust all, as they come in, will be as earnest workers as the eleven now enrolled. Of the girls in the school I have much hope that several of them are Christians. I know they are praying in their homes. We hope soon to be able to open a boarding-school. We ought to have talented, experienced teachers, that our girls may receive religious and secular training that shall fit them to teach others.

“It is a great privilege to be here, to be able to tell something of Christ, and to hear the frequent response of surprise and gratitude. I need not ask you to bear on your hearts in prayer these souls in whom we are interested.

There must be some among you who know how to prevail with God. We shall never know in this world how much such prayers have done for these dark souls in Japan."

Since these letters were written, two young ladies have been called for to assist in the opening work in Japan. Who will go? And who will assume their support?

ITEMS.

A GIRLS' PRAYER-MEETING. — Miss Lindley writes as follows of the pupils in Mrs. Edwards's school in South Africa: —

"I can hardly dare to say that the Lord honors us with his presence, yet we feel he does come. There are two prayer-meetings every night and morning, — the large girls in the schoolroom, and the little ones in the sitting-room. This evening I attended the little girls' meeting: one of their number, about twelve years old, conducted the service. She read John's account of the resurrection of our Saviour. I was astonished, and wondered where that child had learned such a knowledge of faith in, and love for, Christ. She said she hoped she 'would grow up on that chapter,' that to her it was 'a very precious one.' She pictured it all very eloquently, and showed how thoroughly she understood and felt the truth. These twelve young children talked and prayed in turn, and 'told their hearts,' as they expressed it in English; and, if I had taken down all their words, you would have thought I had copied a few pages out of some memoir. I thought to myself, what heartfelt thanks I would render to God, if he would come this minute and take these children, and land them on the other shore: but here they are yet to grow up; and we know how weak they are when tempted."

THE GOSPEL HOLE. — Years ago the place of prayer in the city of Choonkoosh adjoined the house of a family who looked with horror upon a place of Protestant worship. But the mother's curiosity could not resist the temptation to make, through the mud walls, a hole large enough for one of her ears. Through this hole enough gospel leaked to save her soul. She became an earnest Christian. All of her large family are Protestants, and several of them church-members. — *Harpoot News*.

As our ladies go about the city, on missionary work intent, they are frequently hailed as "Satan's wife." Now this is not very pleasant; but they have the comfort of thinking, that, as his Satanic Majesty is able to transform himself into an angel of light, he might beguile some very excellent woman into becoming his wife. This consolation, however, was wanting, when, on going to pay a visit of condolence to an afflicted family, the woman who opened the door fled from them as from a pestilence; and when, having pressed forward until they found the inmates of the house, another woman greeted them with, "We looked for friends, and Satan came." — *Whiff's from Ararat*.

MR. AND MRS. CAPRON sailed from New York for India, Sept. 12. They carry with them the warm interest and good wishes of hosts of friends. May they not also find added strength and success in their chosen work through many prayers in their behalf?

WE have been rejoiced to hear of the safe arrival at Mardin of Rev. and Mrs. Bell, and Miss Sears. Thus the storm-cloud of affliction was succeeded by the bow of promise for that circle and work. Old and valued friends, as they are to a part of our Erzroom circle, we are only too glad to welcome them to our mission-band. — *Whiff's from Ararat*.

Our Work at Home.

THE MISSIONARY CONCERT.

Is the work of the Woman's Board reported at your monthly concert, dear reader? If not, is there any reason why it should not be? It cannot be because it is unimportant. A work that reaches the children, who are to be the men and women of the next generation, and elevates the mothers, through whose influence their characters are formed, must surely be an important one. Most probably the reason of the omission is, that no special person has the matter in charge; and it may depend on you who read these lines to see that it is done in your own church. Can you not prepare some sketch of woman's missionary work, a collection of facts or incidents; and, if you do not wish to present it yourself, place it in the hands of some good brother, who shall be your spokesman? Our young ladies go hand in hand with the missionaries of the American Board, assisting in all their undertakings, supplementing their labors as no one else could do; and do they not deserve an honored mention in the home-gatherings? They have many solitary hours and peculiar trials, which those who are "set in families" cannot know; and should they not be remembered in the great concert of prayer?

Is it not a delightful thought to us, as well as to them, that, during the first week of every month, bands of Christians all over the world are coming together to talk and pray over the grandest work in all the ages, — the conversion of a world to Christ? Two or three missionary families in some little upper room in China, forgetting their

own discouragements, send up earnest petitions for similarly burdened ones. An intelligent company of Christian natives assemble in a mission-chapel, like that of which Miss Bush tells us on another page, where one after another of those who have come out from darkness tell the story of patient labor, and often of persecution. In the little churches in Africa, too, a missionary writes that the monthly concert is not forgotten. "Greenland's Icy Mountains" in Zulu rings out upon the air; and women and children, and even little babies, contribute their mites, that others may hear the gospel. In company with these gatherings, thousands of Christians assemble in our own land for the same great object. All are moved with one great purpose, all sending to the throne of grace one grand petition, "Thy kingdom come." Is it not a privilege to belong to this world-wide company? Is it not a loss to our own souls when we fail to meet with them around one common mercy-seat?

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM AUG. 18 TO SEPT. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

<p style="text-align: center;">MAINE.</p> <p><i>Maine Branch.</i> — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas.; Bangor, "Dacotah Workers," by L. W. Roberts, for the Home, \$50; Madison, Aux., \$5; Winslow, Aux., add'l, \$2, \$57 00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total, \$57 00</p>	<p><i>Wakefield.</i> — Little People's Fair at Hotel, \$1 10</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total, \$20 75</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NEW HAMPSHIRE.</p> <p><i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> — Miss Abby McIntire, Treas.; Mason, Aux., \$8; Canaan, Mrs. Sarah Harris, \$10, \$18 00</p> <p><i>Sullivan.</i> — Ladies of Cong. Ch., add'l, 1 65</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">VERMONT.</p> <p><i>Vermont Branch.</i> — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas.; Brandon, Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Franklin Tuxbury, \$35.25; Georgia, Aux., \$10; Burlington, Aux., \$30 for Mrs. Park's salary; Wallingford, Mrs. Lyman Batcheller, \$1; Rutland, by the late Rev. W. Perkins, to const. L. M. Miss Hattie C. Perkins, \$25; Brattleboro', Mrs. Henry</p>

Glover, to const. herself L. M., \$25; St. Albans, 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., \$242.25,	\$368 50
Putney.—Mrs. Harriet A. Foster,	3 00
Total,	\$371 50

MASSACHUSETTS.

Andover.—Aux., add'l,	\$3 00
Arlington.—Mrs. John Field,	50 00
Ayer.—Cong. S. S., Mrs. Rolfe's cl., towards pupil in Miss Proctor's sch.,	5 00
Beverly.—Dane St. Ch., "Ivy Leaves,"	5 00
Braintree.—A friend, to const. L. M. Mrs. Rhoda S. Hill,	25 00
Brockton.—Aux., towards Miss Williams's salary,	60 00
Boston.—Berkely St. Ch., Ladies' Weekly Pledge,	10 75
Cambridgeport.—Aux., Mrs. W. H. Hidden,	5 00
Clinton.—Aux.,	17 62
Charlestown.—Winthrop Ch.,	24 00
Cohasset.—A friend, to const. L. M. Mrs. Edwin Bailey,	25 00
Chester.—2d Cong. Ch., Mrs. E. A. Smith,	10 00
Chelsea.—Central Ch., Aux.,	110 25
Dorchester.—2d Ch., Aux., of which \$3 from Mrs. Wilson, \$13; out-door sale of two cls. of the S. S., \$84.35 for Miss Clarke,	97 35
Everett.—Miss Esther Oakes,	1 50
Fitchburg.—C. C. Ch., Aux.,	23 00
Groton.—Union Cong. Ch., Aux., \$10; Mrs. E. P. Shumway, to const. L. M. Mrs. Joseph Wood, \$25,	35 00
Granby.—Aux.,	55 15
Hanover.—Mrs. S. M. Stone,	5 00
Holyoke.—2d Cong. Ch., Mrs. James H. Newton, Tr., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Abby J. Trask, Mrs. Marvin Prentiss, Mrs. Geo. C. Ewing, Mrs. G. F. Crowell, Mrs. J. E. Kellogg, Miss Agnes R. Allyn, Miss M. Lizzie Stratton,	175 00
Housatonic.—Cong. Ch. and Soc'y,	17 50
Lakeville.—Friends,	5 00
Lee.—Aux., of which \$30 for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	200 00
Lincoln.—1st Ch. S. S., for pupil in Miss Payson's sch.,	40 00
Monterey.—Aux.,	2 50
Newburyport.—Aux., towards sal'y of Mrs. Tomson, \$134;	

"North Ch. Mission-Circle," for two pupils in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$60; "Campbell Mission-Circle," towards sal'y Mrs. Tomson, \$50,	\$244 00
No. Beverly.—Mrs. Rebecca Conant,	5 00
Northampton.—Edwards Ch., Aux., add'l,	1 50
Sutton.—Mrs. M. A. Tracy, to const. L. M. Miss Wealthy W. Sabin,	25 00
Walpole.—Mrs. J. S. Tenney,	5 00
Wayland.—Miss Susan Grout,	5 00
West Brookfield.—Cong. Ch., Young People's cl.,	10 00
West Amesbury.—Aux.,	60 35
Williamsburg.—Juvenile Miss'y Soc'y and S. S.,	20 00
Worcester.—Old South Cong. S. S., \$40; Woman's Miss'y Asso., of which \$59.13 from Salem St. Ch., and \$30 from Central Ch., \$94.13,	134 13
Yarmouth.—"Little Sea-Birds,"	3 00
Total,	\$1,520 60

C. Home Building-Fund.

Chelsea.—Central Cong. Ch., Aux., Miss E. F. Wilder's S. S. cl.,	\$30 00
Woburn.—Aux., towards dormitory,	18 00

CONNECTICUT.

*New Haven Branch.**—(From June 11 to Aug. 29), Miss Julia Twining, Treas. East Haddam, Aux., A friend, to const. Miss Lucy Montague of Brookfield, Mass., L. M., \$25. East Haven, "Little Workers," \$18. Madison, Aux. (of which \$40 fr. S. S. of 1st Church, to be appropriated to a scholarship in the sch. at Marsovan; through the "Willing Hearts," Dea. David Fiske of Shelburne, Mass., to const. Fannie T. Fiske of Madison, L. M., \$25), \$65. Mt. Carmel, "Mt. C. Gleaners," \$31. New Britain, South Church, Aux. (of which \$25 fr. Mrs. Sam'l Rockwell to const. herself L. M., \$25 fr. Mrs. Wm. H. Smith to const. herself L. M., \$25 fr. Miss Maria S. Kelsey to const. herself L. M.), \$100. New Haven, College St., Aux., \$13.

*The item at the close of the New Haven Branch in the August number, "reserved for expenses," &c., by a misprint reads \$1,034.09, when it should be \$494.09.

Fair Haven, 1st Cong. Church, Aux. (of which \$25 to const. Mrs. Lyman Parker L. M., \$25 fr. Mrs. Burdett Hart to const. Mrs. E. Edwin Hall L. M., \$25 fr. Mrs. Sam'l Bishop's S. S. class to const. her L. M., \$25 fr. Mrs. Willis Hemingway to const. Miss Georgiana Hemingway L. M., \$25 fr. Miss Julia M. Williams to const. herself L. M., \$25 fr. Mrs. Sam'l Hemingway to const. herself L. M.), \$150. Third Church, Aux., Mrs. R. S. Chidsey, to const. Mrs. David Murdoch L. M., \$25. North Brandford, Aux., \$12. Northfield, Aux., \$33. Norwalk, Aux. (Ladies' Church Association, \$100; Young Ladies' Mission Band, \$50, with request to be appropriated to the work in Mexico; \$25 fr. Mrs. L. J. Curtiss to const. herself L. M.), \$175. Old Saybrook, Aux., \$35.85. Somers, Aux., \$3. Washington, Aux. (of which \$15 to complete pay't for L. M.'ship of Mrs. J. C. Calhoun), \$19. Watertown, Aux., Woman's Missionary Association, for support of a B. R., \$40. West Winsted, \$26.09. Bridgeport, "Willing Workers," for scholarships in the Preparatory sch. at Marsovan, \$175. Colebrook, Aux., \$12. Litchfield, Aux., \$33.55 (\$6 more having been used for expenses of Miss'y Ladies at meeting). Mt. Carmel, Aux., with prev. contri. for scholarship in sch. at Kobe, Japan, \$10. Waterbury, Aux., of which \$25 from Mrs. Ruth W. Carter to const. herself L. M., and \$50 from Mrs. Chas. Benedict to const. L. M.'s Mrs. A. C. Benedict and Miss L. B. Benedict, \$149.70. Norfolk, Aux., of which \$25 from Mrs. Sarah Eldridge to const. herself L. M., \$42.50. Additional, \$279.06, \$1,472 75

Bethel. — J. R. Allen, to const. L. M. Mrs. Ruth N. Benedict, 25 00

Darien. — "Ox Ridge Mission-Circle," 1 50

New Britain. — Mrs. Louisa Nichols, 10 00

Naugatuck. — Cong. Ch., and Soc'y, 50 00

Norwich Town. — Lathrop Memorial Soc'y, 25 00

Suffield. — Ladies' Foreign Miss'y Soc'y, \$104 25

Stafford Springs. — Aux., Cong. Ch., 16 50

Thompson. — "S." 2 00

Total, \$1,707 00

NEW YORK.

Homer. — Aux., \$58 50

Oswego. — Cong. Ch., 9 50

Richville. — Cong. S. S., \$1.25;

"Morning Star" cl., \$2.15;

"Evening Star" cl., \$1.80, 5 20

Richmond. — "Happy Workers," \$15; a few friends, \$21, 36 00

West Groton. — Aux., 12 50

Total, \$121 70

ILLINOIS.

Freeport. — 1st Presb. Ch., Mrs. O. B. Bidwell, \$10 00

Total, \$10 00

IOWA.

Grinnell. — Mrs. Taylor, \$5; L. R. Brainard, \$1, \$6 00

Total, \$6 00

MINNESOTA.

Chatfield. — Presb. S. S., towards "Geta" pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch., \$22 00

East Clarenont. — Belle and Nellie Dodge, 4 00

Total, \$26 00

NEBRASKA.

Columbus. — Ladies' Soc'y, \$5 50

Total, \$5 50

SOUTH AFRICA.

Umzunduzie. — Nellie Tyler, \$1 25

Total, \$1 25

Donations, \$3,847 30

C. Home Building-Fund, 48 00

"Life and Light," 310 00

"Echoes," 54 04

Weekly Pledge, 10 95

Leaflets, 8 03

Interest on Baldwin Fund, 330 00

Total, \$4,608 32

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

MEXICO.

LETTER FROM MRS. WATKINS.

GUADALAJARA, July 9, 1874.

FOR two months we were obliged to be prisoners, so to speak, in the hotel, in order that we might have more security, as we expected that the same fate that befell Mr. Stephens might befall us. But the excitement has been quelled; and we are again hard at work in our "own hired house."

We miss Mr. Stephens more and more every day. A model man and a model missionary was he in every respect. He consecrated his *all* to the work; and I doubt not that he is now receiving a glorious reward. My husband mourns deeply his death. They were bound together in love, hopes, and aims, by ties indissoluble save by death itself. Since his assassination, there has been more of timidity on the part of the people; and some have ceased to follow with us: but we are not discouraged; for we remember that the same occurred to our blessed Lord. He even asked his chosen twelve, "Will *ye also* go away?"

In the midst of all our discouragements we have one great encouragement; that is, that so many copies of the Scriptures have been sold and circulated during the last two months, — more than ever before in the same length of time; also many good books. If the people do not dare to come to our house and services, they will have the word of God in their own homes, which will yet prove a great power.

We ask you not to forget us; for should there be a revolution here, as some predict, in the time of the elections, during the latter part of the year, it will be an appropriate time for the excited populace to have an excuse to work against us; but our trust is in the Lord.

TURKEY.

THE FAMINE.

BY MRS. SCHNEIDER.

MARSOVAN, May 25, 1874.

SOME time since my arrival, I have written of our having safely crossed stormy seas and oceans, and of our last exhausting ride of three days and a half, mostly over snow-covered mountains. The winter was unparalleled for cold and deep snow; and turning aside from the narrow bridle-path into the snow-drifts was impossible. I counted more dead horses than living, one day, — fallen from broken limbs or exhaustion. It was very difficult to keep in the narrow bridle-path made by the steps of horses that had preceded us. Then famine had followed drought; and thousands of animals had been killed for lack of provender. You should have seen me mounted on my poor, bony, scraggy animal. I want to tell you of the poor famished creatures that come, four, seven, and even ten days' journey to beg bread, because of famine. Parents have been known to kill their children not to *see them starve*. The harrowing stories I could tell you! Not an hour, but some poor beggar claims charity. For a few days they have been at work bringing stones on their backs to make a road through our yard to the students' yard in the rear. One of the missionaries has given fifteen pounds out of his own salary. We feared another

season of drought. Our church had two days' fasting; but, thank the Lord! rain has come. Our boxes have not yet all come, because, from dearth of animals, freight is so high.



CHINA.

BIBLE-PICTURES USEFUL.

THE pictures mentioned were about ten inches by fourteen in size, a gift from one of the members of the Board.

"The Scripture-pictures so kindly sent me by Mrs. B. and yourself have already done good service among the native women. A few days after they reached me, the matron of the girls' school at P. called, and with her a young, girlish-looking person, a stranger to me. The matron, although unable to read the 'character,' has a good knowledge of the Bible, and is a live Christian. I gave them the pictures to look at; and she explained each one clearly, doing it as though she enjoyed it. I noticed, too, that the younger woman made remarks often, which showed that she was not entirely ignorant of Bible truth. Upon inquiry, I found that she was a daughter of one of our mission-helpers. She is a married woman, with one child, although she looked very young. Her husband is a wretched opium-smoker, and takes all she can earn by teaching, and otherwise, to buy his opium. Thus she, a professing Christian, meekly endures all this, which is like being chained to a dead body.

"The pictures are very useful, too, in our sabbath-evening exercises with the servants. One old Chinese Christian woman seems especially to enjoy looking them over, and telling what she knows of the scenes illustrated.

THE BRIDGE OF TEN THOUSAND AGES.

Since the rains set in, there have been two floods. The first caused the river to rise to such a height as to sweep down many boats, and hundreds of rafts of timber and wood. These were all lodged above the long bridge which we cross when going to the foreign settlement on Chang Seng Island. By the Chinese it is called the "Bridge of Ten Thousand Ages," and is reported to have been built eight hundred years ago. It is nearly one-quarter of a mile long, and thirteen feet broad. It is built entirely of hewn granite, having nearly forty solid buttresses. Some of the stones used as sleepers are forty-five feet long and three feet square. Formerly the top of the bridge was partly taken up with shops; now it is only occupied by many little stalls for fruit, cakes, and toys, and is usually pretty well crowded with sedan and foot passengers. For two days this bridge was rendered impassable by the crowd of people. Some were looking on; but more were there for plunder, carrying away the logs and timber for their own use. On the bridge were officers with long bamboo-poles, which they used as reminders when the people crowded too hard. Many lost their lives, who were so eager for the plunder, that they would step on the logs, which were very unsafe, and sink down into the water, and nothing more be seen of them. During the last flood, the water in the South Gate was more than two feet and a half deep, coming up into the sedans more than six inches; and often men were carried through on the backs of coolies. Finally, as the water became higher, boats were used. These Chinese are the people for emergencies. Fire and flood will not overcome their ingenuity; for they will set up their shops in the midst of either, and carry on their business, no matter what befall them.

A. C. W.

Home Department.

TWO MISSIONARY WOMEN.

LYDIA BROWN.

BY MRS. H. E. BAKER.

MANY years before the birth of our present Woman's Boards of Missions, there were here and there women who gave themselves heartily to the missionary work, who not only prayed, "Thy kingdom come," but set about doing what they could to hasten that coming.

Among these were two single ladies, each from small and obscure towns in cold and bleak New Hampshire.

Lydia Brown had no great intellectual gifts, no special culture, or school-book knowledge; but she had a warm heart, an earnest desire to do something that should benefit her fellows, and glorify the Master. Among the earliest re-enforcements of the Sandwich Island mission, then in its infancy, she went out, with the humble ambition of teaching the native women there to spin and weave and sew. Little scope, however, was found for her industry and skill in these branches, the women needed so little clothing, and desired even less than the missionaries thought needful.

Nearly forty years after she left New Hampshire (and she never returned), when Mr. and Mrs. Coan made their memorable visit here, a lady who in childhood had heard of Miss Brown, inquired concerning her history. And Mrs. Coan's reply was to the effect, that, in point of usefulness,

no lady of that mission had, perhaps, really exceeded Miss Brown. "For," said she, "what she could not do herself, she enabled others to do. She helped in every way; taking care of babies, nursing sick mothers, lifting burdens from the weak, and cheering the fainting ones, yet never accounting herself as worthy of more than a secondary place."

The other sketch will be deferred to a future number.

In Memoriam.

Died suddenly, of heart-disease, on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Berne, Switzerland, Charlotte A. Bartlett, wife of Rev. William Alvin Bartlett of Chicago, and daughter of Walter P. Flanders, Esq., of Milwaukee.

The telegram that brought these sad tidings brought, also, sorrow deep and abiding to many a fireside. She whom we loved, and for whose return to her native land we were longing, has gone to the "better land," by a quick passage, which involved the crossing of no tempestuous seas.

Mrs. BARTLETT was a woman who commanded the respect and admiring interest of all whom she met, but who was cherished with singular affection in the hearts of those who were permitted to call her their friend. And her friends are numbered by hundreds. In Milwaukee, where her earlier years were passed; in Brooklyn, which received her a lovely bride, and where ten years of her married life were made radiant and memorable to all who knew her, by her graceful, loving, and faithful performance of ever accumulating duties; in Plymouth Church, Chicago, which has witnessed five years of maturer labors,—in each of these places, in the circle in which she moved, will her memory be cherished; and many a household will mourn her as one of their own, for she possessed that largeness of soul, that wide sympathy with all classes and all hearts, which peculiarly fitted her to be the pastor's wife.

One can well believe that to the poor and the lowly this free gift of womanly and Christian sympathy was enhanced in value tenfold by the sweet dignity of her bearing, the queenly grace and beauty of her person.

Possessing rare intellectual and artistic gifts and attainments, she

denied herself their exercise, dearly as she loved such employments, whenever they seemed to conflict with the duties of her position.

Her rich mental endowments, strengthened by persistent culture, enabled her to share, as she constantly did, in her husband's literary labors: she was his amanuensis, his helper, his cherished counsellor.

For more than three years she was a member of the Executive Committee of the W. B. M. I.; during the first year as Corresponding Secretary, — a position for which she was peculiarly fitted, but which she resigned as demanding more time than her husband and parish could give. She was then chosen Manager, and, later, Vice-President. To us who knew her in these relations, there will always remain sweet memories of her kindling interest in the work, and her bright, beautiful presence, itself an inspiration.

As a missionary board, we would express our deep grief at the loss we have sustained. In hours of bereavement and overshadowing darkness like this, what a revelation comes to us of the power and love of the Consoler, Christ! Even such sorrow he has promised to heal.

To me the intelligence came at Bethlehem in the White Mountains; and among that circle, gathered by chance, was one who knew and loved her, and who told me in the quiet parlor much of her earlier life which I had not known, — her childish beauty, the charming atmosphere of her home, her absorbing love of study, and the circumstances of her first consecration to Christ, — a consecration unwavering, entire. She was his, and he has taken her; and how graciously! Her purified spirit, revelling in the beauty of the alpine heights, caught a vision of the "heavenly hills," "the glory that excelleth," and left us to return no more.

M. E. B.

SEPT. 25, 1874.

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

FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPT. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<p><i>Hudson.</i>— Miss Emily E. Metcalf, for the support of a Bible-reader at the Mahratta Mission, \$40 00</p> <p><i>Marietta.</i>— Aux., \$19; collected</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;">by Mrs. J. Andrews towards decrease of debt, \$36,</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">\$55 00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;"><i>Zanesville.</i>— "A friend" for expenses of Rahel's lawsuit, by Mrs. Coffing,</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">10 00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;">Total,</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; vertical-align: bottom;">\$105 00</td> </tr> </table>	by Mrs. J. Andrews towards decrease of debt, \$36,	\$55 00	<i>Zanesville.</i> — "A friend" for expenses of Rahel's lawsuit, by Mrs. Coffing,	10 00	Total,	\$105 00
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INDIANA.

<i>Fort Wayne.</i> — Plymouth Ch. S. S., by J. B. Fairbank,	\$12 00
Total,	\$12 00

MICHIGAN.

<i>East Saginaw.</i> — Aux., \$95, Mrs. Hayden, Treas.; Teacher's Miss'y Circle, \$10, L. Palmer, Treas., to be applied to the salary of Miss Corinna Shattuck,	\$105 00
<i>Jackson.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. A. A. Bliss, Mrs. C. B. Pettin-gill, Mrs. G. W. Ransom, Mrs. G. T. Gridley, Mrs. B. J. Helmer, Mrs. S. S. Willing, Mrs. G. H. Wolcott, Mrs. W. R. Knickerbocker, L. M.'s., Mrs. George Lathrop, Treas.,	200 00
<i>Litchfield.</i> — "Shining Lights," Miss C. A. Turrell, Treas.,	20 00
<i>Royalton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. L. Read, Treas.,	4 00
Total,	\$329 00

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> — Aux., Miss Ellen M. Pierce, Treas.,	\$13 00
<i>Aurora.</i> — Aux., Mrs. G. F. Ruggles, Treas.,	12 20
<i>Chicago.</i> — A friend, toward home expenses,	5 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — New-England Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Chapin,	30 10
<i>Chicago.</i> — Plymouth Ch., Aux.,	8 00
<i>Evanston.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Porter, of which \$50 from S. B. Bradley to const. Miss T. G. Ruggles and Miss Clara Ruggles L. M.'s.,	100 70
<i>Glencoe.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Bishop,	8 25
<i>Oak Park.</i> — Aux., for the Man-issa school, Mrs. H. M. Sher-man, Treas.,	53 15
<i>Oak Park.</i> — Dimes by the way,	1 50
<i>Odell.</i> — Aux., Mrs. B. F. Hotch-kiss, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Payson.</i> — Aux., in which Miss Ellen Thompson's life-mem-ber-ship is completed,	8 25
<i>Plainfield.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. E. Royce, Treas.,	35 80
<i>Quincey.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Miss E. Little-field, Treas.,	34 00

EVANSTON, Sept. 15, 1874.

<i>Waverly.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans,	\$16 00
Total,	\$330 95

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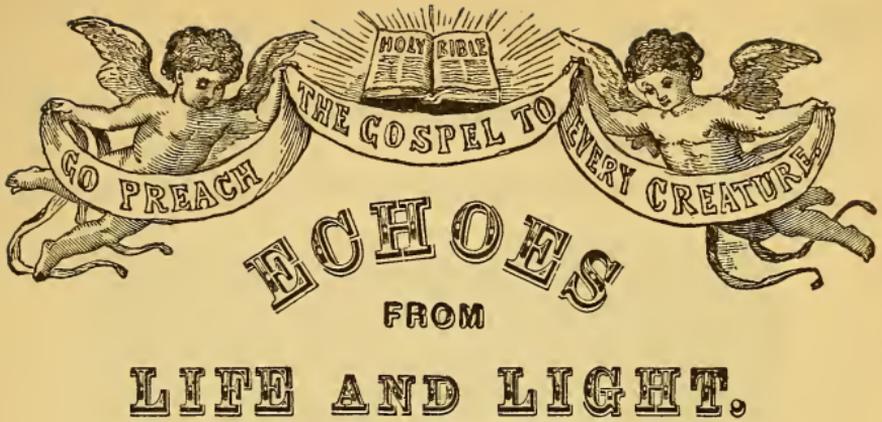
<i>Beloit.</i> — 1st Ch. Aux., pro-ceeds of flowers sent from China, by Mrs I. R. Williams, Mrs. A. L. Chapin, Treas.,	\$20 00
<i>Sharon.</i> — Cong'l Ch., by Mrs. M. S. Young,	6 00
<i>Sparta.</i> — Aux., for a pupil in the Manissa school,	27 75
<i>Wauwatosa.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. G. Wheeler,	18 40
Total,	\$72 15

IOWA.

<i>Clay.</i> — D. B. Eells, to const. Mrs. Camilla C. Eells a L. M.,	\$25 00
<i>Davenport.</i> — Mrs. Marianne Willis,	5 00
<i>Fairfax.</i> — Aux., \$11.88; Chil-dren's Mission-Circle, \$1.50, Mrs. Lettie Hedges, Treas.,	13 38
<i>Keokuk.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Erzroom, Miss M. Collins, Sec.,	5 00
<i>Lyons.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Day, Mrs. S. J. Smith, Treas.,	30 00
<i>Mason City.</i> — Children of, by Rev. W. P. Bennett,	3 25
<i>McGregor.</i> — Aux., for Bible-readers in the Harpoot Mis-sion, and to complete the life-membership of Miss Catharine Gilchrist. Mrs. R. Grant, Sec.,	9 40
<i>Osage.</i> — Woman's Cent, Soc., by Mrs. T. O. Douglass,	3 66
<i>Sabula.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. H. Wood, Treas.,	10 00
Total,	\$104 69

MINNESOTA.

<i>Minneapolis.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, E. J. Gray, Treas.,	75 00
<i>St. Paul.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. H. H. Howard, Sec., New York,	25 00
<i>Angola.</i> — Aux., N Y. for salary of Mrs. Walker of China,	10 00
Total,	\$110 00
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CHINA.

CHINESE CHILDREN.



CHINESE children resemble, in some respects, the little ones whose merry voices and cunning ways bring joy and sunshine into so many American homes. The romping, frolicsome plays of childhood are as common, and as pleasant to look upon, in China, as in England and America.

In China, the boys are treated with some consideration, while the girls experience harshness and neglect. A family that contains several boys is often congratulated; but a family of girls excites for the parents general commiseration.

The school-house is seen in every town and village; but only boys can attend, and of these probably not more than ten in a hundred receive the benefits which the school affords.

The studies which these boys pursue are quite above their comprehension; and the teachers hear the recitations

without giving any explanation of the subjects which engage their attention.

The little ones are taught, very early in life, to reverence



and worship the family idols, which occupy a prominent place in every household. How well *we* know that the gods which these children ignorantly worship are utterly unable to bestow any blessing or favor upon them!

Forty years ago, there was hardly a family in all that vast empire that knew God, and worshipped him as God; but, in these days, Christian families are numbered by the thousand, and very many are the children who are constantly instructed out of the Scriptures.

The *home* in China is very different from that in which our early days are spent in Christian America. Pleasant looks and kind words are seldom seen and heard by a Chinese child. The law regards parents as the absolute masters of the children; and any punishment, even death itself, may be visited upon those who are disobedient and refractory.

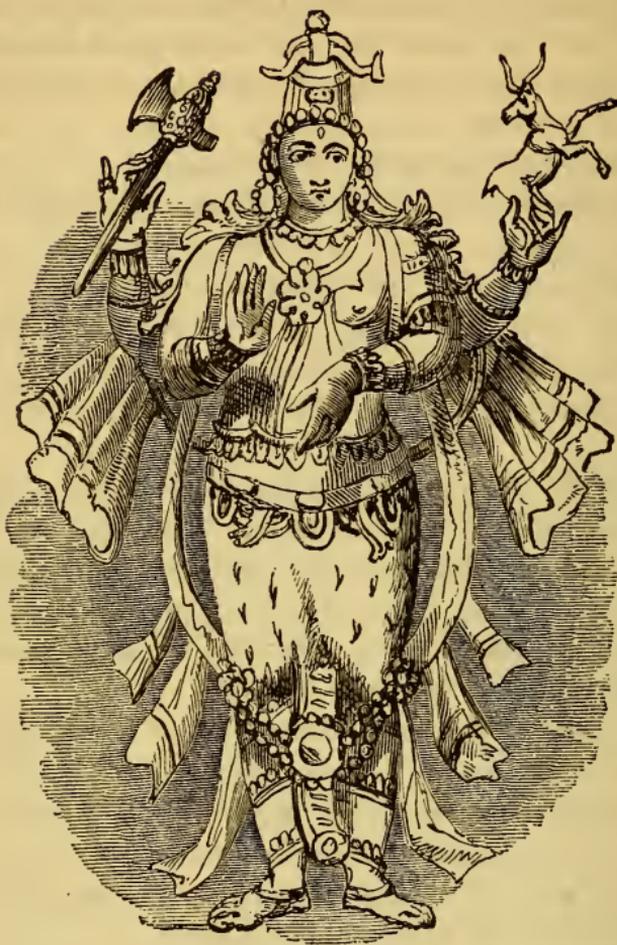
While the portrait of childhood in China contains so much that is dark and saddening, it is cheering to know that sabbath schools, boarding and day schools, in some of the Chinese cities, are training up many children who will, one day, wake up to a realization of what is meant by Christian manhood and womanhood.

That which gives special strength and encouragement to the missionary who is endeavoring to instruct and elevate the heathen children is the knowledge that the young people in the American churches and sabbath schools are constantly praying for and working for the benighted little ones of Japan and Turkey and China.

May the mission-circles greatly increase in number! and may all their members receive, in large measure, that blessing from on high, which they long to have poured out on the millions of children who know not that Christ loves them, and has provided for them a way of salvation!

A. O. T.

“For we must share, if we would keep
That blessing from above;
Ceasing to give, we cease to have, —
Such is the law of love.”



VISHNU.

THIS very queer looking picture — if it was colored, you would see that it was a blue man dressed in yellow clothes — represents Vishnu, one of the three gods that compose the holy trinity of India. His special followers think he is superior to the other two, Brahma and Siva, for this reason. Once upon a time, when some holy men were offering sacrifices to these three gods, they began to dispute as to which was the greatest: at last they decided to send

one of their number, Bhrigu by name, to heaven to find out the truth of the matter. First he went to the abodes of Brahma and Shiva, who both became very angry because they thought he didn't treat them with proper respect, and drove him from their presence. When he reached the dwelling-place of Vishnu, he found him asleep, and struck him on the breast with his foot, — a worse insult than he had offered to either of the others. But Vishnu, calmly descending from his couch, said, "Welcome to thee, O Brahman! Be seated for a little, and deign to excuse the hurt which your very tender feet must have received." Then he rubbed the feet of Bhrigu, and added, "To-day am I a highly honored vessel, since thou, O lord, hast imprinted upon my breast the dust of thy feet, which dispels all sin." Bhrigu was so touched by these kind words, that tears came to his eyes, and he went away in silence. When he returned to the holy men, he told them all that had happened; and they immediately decided that Vishnu was the greatest of the gods, because he showed neither impatience nor anger.

Vishnu often assumed different shapes for special purposes. Once, when the earth was covered with water by a flood, he took the form of a boar, and, plunging into the water, brought the earth to the surface with his tusks. At another time, he became an immense tortoise, and held the world in its place, while two of the other gods churned the ocean with a large mountain to make an immortal beverage for the gods to drink. At one time, there was a war among the gods; and a part of them, under their leader Bali, drove the others from heaven. The conquered gods asked Vishnu to help them: to do so, he took the form of a dwarf, and, by offering sacrifices, obtained a promise from Bali that he would give him as much ground as he could comprise in three steps. As soon as the pledge was given,

he was no longer a dwarf; and his three steps comprised the earth, mid-air, and heaven: so, to keep his promise, Bali was obliged to retire with his followers to the lower regions, and allow the other gods to return to their places.

If I should tell you all the stories about Vishnu, contained in the holy books in India, I think you would say they were the most wonderful fairy-tales you ever heard. But it would take a great many books ten times as large as "Echoes" to hold them all, and I cannot give you any more of them this time. Perhaps some day I will tell you about Brahma and Siva.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MAINE. — *Bangor*. — "Dacotah Workers," \$50.00.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Wakefield*. — Little People's Fair at Hotel, \$1.10.

MASSACHUSETTS. — *Beverly*. — Dane-street Church, "Ivy Leaves," \$5.00.

Newburyport. — North Church Mission-Circle, \$60.00; Campbell Mission-Circle, \$50.00.

Williamsburg. — Juvenile Missionary Society and Sabbath School \$20.00.

Yarmouth. — "Little Sea-birds," 3.00.

CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — "Ox-Ridge Mission-Circle," \$1.50.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH. — *East Haven*. — "Little Workers," \$18.00.

Madison. — "Willing Hearts," \$25.00.

Mt. Carmel. — "Mt. Carmel Gleaners," \$31.00.

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Richmond. — "Happy Workers," \$15.00.

MINNESOTA. — *East Claremont*. — Belle and Nellie Dodge, \$4.00.

SOUTH AFRICA. — *Umzunduzi*. — Nellie Tyler, \$1.25.

INDIANA. — *Fort Wayne*. — Plymouth Church Sabbath School, \$12.00.

MICHIGAN. — *Litchfield*. — "Shining Lights," \$20.00.

IOWA. — *Fairfax*. — Children's Mission-Circle \$1.50.

Mason City. — Children of, \$3.25.

LETTER FROM NELLIE TYLER.

THOSE of our young readers who use our missionary boxes may like to hear about one that was taken to Africa by the little daughter of Mr. Tyler, the missionary. This is what she tells us about it, —

UMZUNDUZI, February, 1874.

As Auntie Mellen is going to America, I thought it would be a good plan to send my money by her for you to give to the heathen. We have some heathen here; but I don't want to give this money to them, because it came from my missionary box that you gave me, and we can give other things to the heathen here. When I have a dress or an apron that is too small, I always find some little child smaller than I am to give it to; and it is nice to see them with my clean clothes on, because they often come looking very dirty, and I am afraid to touch them; but, when they have on my clean clothes, I like to show them my doll, or some pictures, and then I give them something that they like, and that makes them love me. There are two cunning little Zulu babies here, named Grace and Daisy. I don't know which is Grace; but I ask the mother: and then I know the one that is not Grace must be Daisy. They are twins, and we want them to be dressed alike. On Christmas Day I gave them each a white apron trimmed with red; and they looked *so* cunning!

But I forgot to tell you that the money which I send was all given me, except two pieces, which papa gave me for sitting still at the table, and not talking. It was pretty hard work, and he said I had really earned it; but the other pieces were just given for my box. The governor of Natal gave me one shilling; and another gentleman gave me a large penny, all new and bright, on board ship. But we

don't see as many people here as we did in America: so I can't collect so much; but I am going to get all I can, and send to you. When I am a big young lady, mamma says perhaps I shall go to school in America, just as my sisters Minnie and Susie do now. We want to see them very much; but Mattie is here, and she plays with me, and dresses my doll, and tells me stories: so I am rather happy. When I am older, mamma says I may teach some of the little Zulu children; and I think I shall like that.

Please give my love to the little girls you know in America. I wish some of them lived here.

Your affectionate little friend,

NELLIE C. TYLER.

BURIED MISSION-STATIONS.

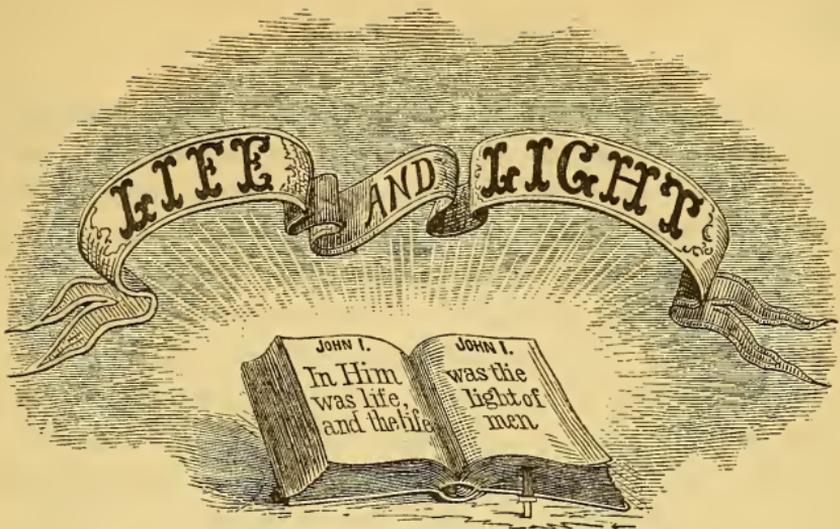
1. Some people prophesy for heathenism a duration of only fifty years longer.
2. This may seem a rash statement; but we hope it is true.
3. The image of the goddess Siva stands in thousands of heathen temples.
4. Hundreds of people go in, and ask the idol to forgive their sins.
5. Will you help us to work in heathen lands till every woman is saved?

ANSWERS TO ENIGMAS.

In the August number, "The shield of faith."

In the September number, "All the world for Jesus."

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the August number from B. H. J., Ludlow, Mass.; J. D. L., Syracuse, N.Y.; L. M. and J. S., Plainfield, Conn.; J. M. P., Ithaca, N.Y.; K. E. W., Greenwich, Conn.; E. L. E., Pittsburg, Penn.; answers to the one in the September number from J. D. L., Syracuse, N.Y.; C. B. H., Brooklyn, N.Y.; H., Portsmouth, N.H.; and an additional answer to the one in the July number, from A. D. B., Detroit, Mich.



FOR WOMAN.

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DECEMBER, 1874.

No. 12.

TURKEY.

PROGRESS IN SIVAS.

BY MRS. S. D. RIGGS.

I WOULD like to tell the readers of "Life and Light" about the missionary work among the women in Sivas: for we need your prayers, dear friends; and how can you pray without knowing something of our necessities? I want to write you what I have seen, and what the Lord has done, that you may rejoice with us, and pray for us.

When we first came here, five years ago, there were never more than three women in the weekly female prayer-meetings; and in the spring, when the missionary ladies were unable to attend them, they were given up entirely. Now we have a regular attendance of eight or nine women, besides the ladies of the mission, the girls' school, and often a half-dozen or more strangers. Our numbers are still

very small, as you see; but the meetings are quite regularly sustained, and just as much so when a missionary is not there. Five years ago, very few of the women could answer intelligently a simple question on religious topics. They could use devout exclamations, such as, "The Lord have mercy!" "Glory to God!" "I have sinned;" "We are sinners;" but very few of them could give a clear statement of the way of salvation; and I am afraid not more than one of them had any experimental knowledge of the love of Jesus. Now it is delightful to hear one and another tell of their feelings, and urge their companions to "taste, and see that the Lord is good."

The other day one of the women in leading the meeting said, "Salvation is ready for us; Jesus Christ has died for us all: but we shall not be saved, unless we ourselves, by faith, accept of his salvation. We may try to do right, and to conquer our sins; but it is all in vain, unless we have Christ in us to help us. We are so weak, that all our good resolutions are useless, unless we have his strength to carry them out." Another said in her prayer, "Help us not to *wish* that we could find thee, and be always asking thee to come to us; for as thou hast said, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there *am* I in the midst of them,' we may know that thou *art* already with us in this very room." These sweet words encourage us greatly, as they show much thought and feeling on the part of the women. Many of them, by great efforts, have lately learned to read, at the same time caring for two or three children, and doing all the housework in their families.

Last week I conducted a meeting in a part of the city where we seldom go. The room was not more than ten feet by five, with one small window in it pasted up tight, and two small air-holes broken through the wall, but, fortunately, with two doors open. Into this room crowded

the women as close as they could sit on the floor; and, when there was no more room, they stood three or four deep in the door, and peered in through the windows. We waited a few minutes for some of the Protestant women to come in, and meanwhile were talked about by the strangers. "Do they always go with their faces open in that way?" "Don't they ever bind them up?" "But don't they consider it a shame to go so?" "Are they girls, or are they married?" "What sort of a thing is that they have on their heads?" "Do they speak Armenian?" "What are they talking now?" "Have they a language of their own?" Their questions were loud and noisy; and there was none too much respect in their tone. At last I said, "We are going to pray now, and to read the word of God; and we will be much obliged to you if you will keep still, that all may hear what is said." Then commenced a "hushing;" each woman telling her neighbor to be quiet, making quite a din in the room for a moment; but it was soon over, and we could begin. Strangers never think of being silent during prayer in our meetings. A side remark in a loud whisper is not at all out of place in their eyes; and, if necessary, speaking aloud is not thought wrong in the least. Among the Protestant women we see an improvement in this respect; and the more thoughtful not only refrain from speaking themselves during the whole meeting, but they keep their children still also.

This meeting was rather disturbed; and I feared but little had been accomplished, till, after several had left the room, the opportunity was given for remarks or prayer. Then Anna Hatoon, one of our oldest Protestant women, — who, though unable to read, and quite ignorant, is, we believe, a growing Christian, — began to speak warm, earnest words, which came right from her heart. She has never spoken in one of our meetings before, although she

often leads in prayer. Now she poured out her heart to those women,—told them what a joy it was to believe in Christ, and rest in him, and begged them to seek that they might find him. She told her own experience, and besought them to do as she had done, that they might have the same peace. Her words were eloquent with feeling; and the women listened eagerly and attentively, while not a word was spoken. She talked to them in their own language,—the language of the common people, uncouth and ungrammatical; but they understood her: she reached their hearts, and, I feel sure, did them good.

Our sabbath-afternoon Bible-class for the women is well attended. There are about twenty present every Sunday, who give excellent attention, and answer questions very thoughtfully. Our sabbath congregations are steadily good. Every seat on the man's side, and nearly every one on the woman's side, is full: sometimes they are obliged to sit on the floor. Now, dear friends, we are encouraged; but we feel that this advance in the work in Sivas is not due to us at all: it is the Lord answering the prayers which have been offered so many years for poor, cold, dead Sivas. The dry bones are stirring; they are coming together; they are being clothed with flesh. Oh, pray that the Lord would breathe on them with his Spirit, that they may truly live! that here there may arise a glorious army to battle for the Lord!

“ From the far west, e'en to the gates of day,
 The standards of the cross have been unfurled;
 And now, o'er all the wide, sea-circled world,
 Bristle the gathering ranks of truth's array.

“ Lord of all power and might, lead thou us on!
 If thou but lead us, who shall dare withstand?
 Come, mighty King of kings; and every land
 Shall own thine universal, endless throne.”

AFRICA.

WORK AMONG THE KRAALS.

BY MISS G. R. HANCE.

MISS HANCE, who is doing important but often discouraging pioneer work among the *kraals* in and around Umvoti, sends us the following glimpses of light in her dark surroundings:—

“My Bible-woman, Upathlekaze, is a married woman, has been a member of the church for a long time, and is much respected by all. For a while after I decided to get her to aid me, I did not tell her what I wished, but used every means available to interest her in those about her. At last I said, ‘I feel that we must have meetings in the *kraals* for the women: will you go with me?’ She was very much astonished, and replied, ‘It will do no good. You don’t know how hard their hearts are.’ We tried it, however, and were able to gather a few together; and the interest has increased, till we now have meetings in several directions from the station. At one meeting I appoint the place for the next; and the hut is always made as neat as possible, mats being spread on the floor for us to sit on. When the room is full, we sing and pray; and then the women relate all they can remember of what was said at the previous meeting. This is often the most gratifying part of the exercises. I am sure you would think so, if you could see their animated faces when they are able to recall what they have heard of God’s word. I asked Upathlekaze, one day, ‘Do you remember what you said before we began these meetings? What do you think now?’—‘Oh!’ she answered, ‘my heart is rejoiced: I did not think they would consent as they have.’

“My four schools, the past year, have given me very

great cause for thankfulness. I can see an increased desire to come to school for the sake of learning. The parents seem more interested to keep the children in school; and the children are helping me to reach the parents. I give to each child who attends school regularly one garment a year. The girls come together on Saturday afternoon to sew; and last season more than fifty made their own dresses. To all *kraal* children who learn to read in the Testament, and who will come to church, I give an extra Sunday garment. These they feel as proud to win as any child in a civilized land. The happiest look I have ever seen on the face of any heathen mother has been when she has heard her child recite what it has learned, or has seen it reading from the mysterious book.

“There are three more good openings for schools near Umvoti. Some of the chief men from these places have expressed a desire to have their children taught; but I feel very much the need of help in work of this kind. I need more faith. Will you not pray for me?”

Our Work at Home.

RUTLAND MEETING.

IN the Baptist Church at Rutland, Vt., the Woman's Board of Missions held their sixth public meeting in connection with the annual session of the A. B. C. F. M. The church was densely packed, the audience deeply interested; and the exercises were conducted in a manner corresponding with the dignity and solemnity of the occasion. Ladies from the Congregational Church in Rutland

chanted the Twenty-fourth Psalm, when Mrs. ALBERT BOWKER, President, read from the Scriptures the account of the birth of Christ, remarking that there being no room for him in the inn was an emblem of his reception since, as he has been coming by his Spirit to claim the hearts of the children of men. Never again will Christ come to us in his physical presence, seeking room in our sanctuaries, our cities, our villages; but he is ever near us by his spiritual presence, identifying himself with every benighted, sinful soul. Whether nigh, at our very doors, or afar off in the region and shadow of death, he bids us make room for them in Zion, and declare to them the gospel's saving power, saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

After prayer by Mrs. GULLIVER, a cordial welcome to the Board was given in behalf of the Vermont Branch, by its President, Mrs. LUTHER DANIELS, who said, "In the name of the Vermont Branch, I welcome you most heartily to our State. We wish you to know what a goodly heritage we have in this small but evergreen part of our land; to look upon our gorgeous scenery, breathe our mountain-air, and drink our pure water; but, above all, we trust, as you mingle with us in our homes, that you may learn more of the love and sympathy which we feel for you in the glorious work which has brought you together. We cannot entertain you as we would, our hearts being larger than our homes; but such as we have, we give cheerfully, lovingly, heartily." Mrs. Daniels reported for the year an advance from fourteen to forty-eight in the number of their auxiliaries, and contributions amounting to more than two thousand dollars, and concluded by inviting ladies present to a reception to be given in the evening by the Vermont Branch.

As Mrs. Daniels took her seat, the response which she

had awakened in all hearts came up from as many voices ; and the ready stanza, —

“Blest be the tie that binds,” &c.,

was never more heartily attuned to Old Boylston than then.

Mrs. Dr. ANDERSON, in behalf of the Board, acknowledged the pleasure derived from the hospitable kindness of friends who so recently had been strangers, and alluded to the higher enjoyments of Christian fellowship, which lift the soul above all worldly enjoyment. “Gathering as sisters,” said she, “in a meeting of our Woman’s Board, our sympathies are united in one great object, and that an object in which Heaven is interested, need we wonder if our love is warm and sincere, and our hearts glow with a holy enthusiasm? This is Christian fellowship, union with one another, union with Christ, and, may I not add, union with friends in heaven?” In this connection, Mrs. Anderson referred to the late Mrs. Page of Rutland, through whose faithful labors, even while in feeble health, the foundation of the work in Vermont had been laid. She added, “To the members of this Branch is given the privilege of continuing the work which she began, to cultivate the field more thoroughly, to sow the seed more abundantly, with the assurance that sowers and reapers will yet rejoice together over the rich harvests which will be gathered.”

Greetings from the Woman’s Board of the Interior were offered by Mrs. FRANCIS BRADLEY, who said that it was with peculiar pleasure that she came to this grand old State, and beheld the royal reception given to the American Board. They had planned and begun large things at the West: their great obstacle to success was found in the indifference of Christian women to the dying command of the Saviour. One hundred new auxiliaries had been organized during the year; and their receipts had reached fifteen thousand

dollars. In view of the discussions of the day previous, in reference to retrenchment, she wished to pledge the co-operation of the W. B. M. I. in the great work.

Miss CHILD, Home Secretary W. B. M., reported, that, since the meeting in New Haven, State Branches, each with quite a large number of auxiliaries, had been formed in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island; while similar societies were soon to be organized in the State of New York, in Canada, a second one in Connecticut, and a county branch in Hampden County, Massachusetts. Regular receipts had steadily increased; and the success of the extra effort to raise fifty thousand dollars for the Constantinople Home was assured, although quite a sum still remains to be raised. The magazine, "Life and Light," had changed from a quarterly to a monthly, and the subscription-list enlarged from seventy-five hundred to thirteen thousand. The number of missionaries had advanced from thirty-seven to forty-eight, and the number of schools from eleven to thirty. Mention was made of the zealous co-operation of the children in the churches; and the Report closed with an urgent request for greater effort in behalf of the society.

Mrs. BATES, Treasurer W. B. M., represented the finances of the Board as in an encouraging condition; the total receipts for nine months having been,—

For the general fund	\$28,224 07
For Constantinople Home	6,313 57
For "Life and Light"	4,945 53
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Total	\$36,483 17

In closing her Report, Mrs. Bates thanked the Vermont Branch for their substantial contributions to the treasury, and referred to the earnest appeal of Mrs. Bartlett at the meeting in New Haven, two years ago, for increased effort in mission-work, and a fresh consecration of heart to that purpose.

Mrs. BURDETT HART, President, here pledged the New Haven Branch for ten thousand dollars the ensuing year, and called upon such members as were present to ratify her pledge. By writing letters, sending leaflets, and now and then an apostolic tour, going with a missionary from town to town, they hoped to reach the eleven thousand female members of churches in their connection. An interesting letter was read by Mrs. D. C. SCUDDER, Corresponding Secretary, from Miss Rappleye, describing an examination of the school at the Constantinople Home, and surprising most of the auditors by her account of the educational proficiency attained by the pupils.

Miss CLOSSON of Cesaræa, who left this country seven years ago, before the W. B. M. was organized, said that the interest now manifested would strengthen her as she went back to her work. Could she return seven years hence, what had been already done, she was confident, would seem like nothing. Alluding to the dreadful famine at their mission-station, she said the people were suffering from a worse famine, although they knew it not, and asked if we could withhold from them the bread of life. "You have no idea," said Miss Closson, "what *retrench* means on missionary ground: if you could see its disastrous effects, you would make any sacrifice to prevent it." She requested every lady present to go home and join an auxiliary, or form one, and wished that the young people might realize what a privilege it is to go to those who ask, "*Why have we not heard of this before?*"

The girls in their schools go immediately to work: the women in prayer-meeting do not wait for each other. "Of course," they answer, "if we love Christ, we shall have something to say for him." With the same devotion, let those who are more favored, realizing that they have but one life to live, give themselves to the saving of this generation: the children will work for the next.

Mrs. BRUCE, from Ahmednuggur, invited the audience to go with her, in imagination, to another meeting (the Annual Meeting of the Marathi mission), soon to take place on the other side of the globe. "Already," said she, "the missionaries and native helpers are planning and praying for it, that there may be a descent of the Holy Spirit. Oh, how fragrant will be the memories of dear Mrs. Ballantine, at that anniversary! How many of those pastors' and teachers' wives, whom she has educated in her school, will rise up and call her blessed! Is it not worth a life spent on heathen shores for such a reward even? The native pastor, Ramkrishnapunt, who presides, was once a proud Brahmin, but now lays his tribute at Jesus' feet." Mrs. Bruce had received a letter from this man, and asked leave to read an extract, as the loyalty to the Master which it breathes is fitted to inspire us all. Speaking of the government service which he had left, he says, "My pension is above, near Christ, my Lord; and I want to be spent in his service till he calls me up to rest. Ask Mr. Bruce to tell everywhere, when he preaches or speaks, that our want is neither of money nor missionaries from your country, so much as the influence of the Spirit showering upon us and the people to whom we preach." Mrs. Bruce closed by repeating some lines which came under her eye before going to India, trusting that they might find a response in some heart whose whole resources are waiting to be developed on heathen ground:—

"Winds of heaven to me are wafting
Mourning voices, faint and low,
Asking for the bread of heaven,
How to shun eternal woe:
'Come and save us: '
Shall I, Lord, be one to go?

When I hear this cry of anguish
Floating over land and sea.

When I think of Christ my Saviour,
Bleeding, dying, on the tree,
Let me answer,
'Here am I: O Lord! send me.'

A very strong and touching appeal* to the Christian women of America, from Miss Andrews of the North China mission, who was not able to be present at the meeting, was here read by Mrs. Gulliver, when Mrs. MELLEN of South Africa said, "If I could present to you the scenes with which we daily meet, many of you would wonder how we can live and be as happy as we are among them. But, my sisters, we know that we are working for Christ: that reconciles us to the life we lead and the sacrifices we make. When discouraged by finding our physical strength unequal to the demands upon us, we are strengthened by hearing of your efforts to aid, of your prayers in our behalf, and sympathy for us. There has never been a time since the gospel was preached to the heathen, when the influence of our sex could accomplish more good than at present. May we all from this favored height of Zion consecrate ourselves afresh, and labor with our might to bring others to the knowledge of Christ!"

Miss PARK, from Bennington, Vt., brought from Micronesia, which she had visited, a request for two missionaries to assist Mrs. Snow, and presented the greetings of the Woman's Board of the Pacific Islands, located at Honolulu, with some account of their work.

Miss WEST, from Turkey, described, in her peculiarly interesting manner, a wedding in the land of Ararat, and the subsequent cruelty of the husband, till by the grace of God he became meek as a lamb. Under the influence of the gospel, there were now many Christian family groups, where the mother gathers her children about her for the

* To be published in a future number.

evening prayer, and the father carries the baby as he never would have done in the olden time. The women give of their jewels, placed upon their persons by parents as their only dowry, and which they highly value; for, when a woman in Turkey gives herself to Christ, she gives her jewels also.

Our limits will admit of only the closing words of Miss West's thrilling address, which were as follows: "Christian workers at home, middle-aged, maidens, and children, go on with your work. Girdle the globe with your prayers. Break your alabaster boxes of precious ointment on the head which was once crowned with thorns, and upon the feet which were nailed to the cruel cross for us."

Mrs. N. G. CLARK then presented a request from the American Board for five more missionary ladies, — two for Japan, one (a medical lady) for the Constantinople Home, and two for Austria; and asked the prayers of the audience that they might be speedily found; and with a final consecrating prayer the meeting adjourned.

MRS. J. A. COPP, *Recording Secretary.*

MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

THE Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions went up to Middletown, N.Y., to hold its annual meeting in connection with the New Jersey Association, Oct. 14 and 15. This stretching to the utmost borders of the Association was used as an occasion to "sow seed," trusting it will soon bear to the branch a hundred-fold, by bringing quick tidings of a Middletown auxiliary, the earnest of many others.

Our strong grasp on the President, Mrs. Burdett Hart, was loosened, to let her go to a similar field of labor in the

New Haven Branch, with a mutual blessing. Accepting, unanimously, Mrs. Ray Palmer of Newark, N.J., as Mrs. Hart's successor, we look forward very hopefully under our new leadership. Three new auxiliaries were reported, giving us now twenty-seven auxiliaries and mission-circles; our hopes and desires accepting no limit to the number to be included.

Our right of primogeniture was acknowledged in a kind letter of greeting from the "Mother Board" at Boston; and sisterly words of affection and encouragement came to us from the kindred in New Haven and elsewhere. A friendly invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of the Interior, at St. Louis, was accompanied by a letter, expressing interest and sympathy in the common work. The last year's receipts amount to \$2,150; thus redeeming our pledges to Miss Proctor and her school at Aintab, and to Miss Gouldy in Japan. May still greater efforts bring larger returns!

ANNA P. HALSEY, *Cor. Sec.*

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPT. 18 TO OCT. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

Maine Branch. — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., Machias, Aux., \$12; West Falmouth, Aux., \$14.50; "Auburn Mission-Circle," \$42.13; South Bridgeton, Cong. S.S. towards pupil in Mardin, \$16; Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., "Bangor Rills," \$5; Searsport, Aux., \$8.21; Bath, "Central Ch. Mission-Circle," \$25; Farmington, Aux., \$15; Waterville, Aux., \$22; Dennysville S.S., \$20; Deer Isle, Aux., \$15, \$194 84

<i>Kennebunk.</i> — Ladies of Cong. Union Ch. and Soc'y,	\$24 45
Total,	\$219 29

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Hampshire Branch. — Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas., Nashua, Aux. (of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. James S. Black), \$32.85; "Messenger Birds," \$4; Merrimac coll., \$26.20; Centre Harbor, Aux., \$7.50; Stratham, Aux., \$23.75; Lempster, Aux., \$9;

Peterborough, Aux., \$12.10; "Willing Hearts," \$1.17; Mt. Vernon, Aux., \$28; Claremont, "Merry Workers," to const. L. M.'s Miss C. Isabella Dutton, Miss Sarah C. Boynton, \$50; Thank-offering by Mrs. Edward L. Goddard to const. L. M. Mrs. John Haven, jun., of Malden, Mass., \$25; Bedford, Aux., \$12; Raymond, Aux., \$12; Hampstead, Aux., \$13; Chester, Aux., \$20.30; Bristol, Aux., \$16.25; North Hampton, Aux., \$15; Kingston, Aux., \$13.50; Kensington, "Willing Workers," \$5; Alton, Aux., \$1.75; Salem, Aux., \$8.50; "Raindrops," \$2; New Market, Aux., \$20; Meredith Village, Aux., \$9; Derry, 1st Ch., Aux., \$75; Hollis, Aux., \$25; Claremont, Aux., \$13.85; S. S. Miss'y Concert, \$4.15. Total, \$491.87. Of this am't, \$290 have been appropriated to the sch.-room of the Const. Home, leaving a balance of \$195 87

Hanover.—Aux., 52 00

Total, \$247 87

C. Home Building-Fund.

New Hampshire Branch.—For the sch.-room in the Home, \$290; Keene, Aux., 2d Cong. Ch., for parlor, \$25; Claremont, "Merry Workers," for clock for the sch.-room, \$25; Plaistow, Mrs. Mary S. Kelley, \$5; Kingston, Miss C. E. Peaslee, \$5, for sch.-room; Portsmouth, Aux., for parlor, \$51; Groton, Mr. Parker Blood, \$2, \$403 00

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Westford, Aux., \$10.30; Sheldon, Cong. S. S., \$8.50; Infant cl., \$1; Burlington, Aux. (of which \$25 by Mrs. Mary F. Meacham to const. L. M. Miss Emma P. Meacham), \$50; Ludlow, Aux., with prev. contri. to const., L. M.'s Miss Lizzie Patchelder and Miss Maria Pierce, \$47; Charlotte, Aux., \$14.75 towards sal'y of Mrs. Anna F. Park; North Craftsbury, Aux., \$22; Westminster, West, Miss Laura Stevens,

\$5; Georgia, Aux., \$6.75; for Grace to the Mission-circles of Rutland, \$2; Lower Waterford, Aux., \$6.25; Wells River, Aux., \$18.50; Springfield, Aux., \$17; Colchester, Aux., \$16; Brookfield, 1st. Cong. Ch., \$12; 2d Cong. Ch., \$12.50; Chester, Aux., \$7.72; Enosburg, Aux. (of which \$25 by Mrs. Nichols to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary E. Benny of Fond du Lac, Wis.), \$29; Newbury, Aux., \$17.50; Essex, a few friends, \$5; Peacham, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. E. M. Wild, \$25, \$333 77

Brattleboro'.—Aux., for Mrs. Schneider, 67 56

Clarendon.—Mrs. E. H. Stewart, 1 00

East Burke.—Mrs. P. F. Harvey, 5 00

Norwich.—Friends, \$1 each, 4 00

St. Johnsbury.—South Cong. Ch., 29 00

Total, \$440 33

MASSACHUSETTS.

Amesbury.—By B. B. to const. L. M. Mrs. Ann M. Boardman, \$25 00

Boston.—"A. D. S.," \$2; Park St. Ch., "W. J. S.," \$15; Shawmut Ch., "L.," \$13; A friend, \$5; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Pledge, \$13.50; Union Ch., Mrs. Henry F. Durant, \$50, 98 50

Burlington.—Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Charles Anderson, 25 00

Chestnut Hill.—Mrs. S. Stone, 2 00

Clinton.—Aux., towards Mrs. Giles's sal'y, 56 20

Conway.—Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Austin Rice, 25 00

Dorchester.—Village Ch. Aux., 31 15

East Middleboro'.—Cong. S. S. for Mrs. Capron, 20 00

East Somerville.—Franklin St. Cong. Ch., Ladies' Mission-circle, 13 00

Grafton.—Aux., 21 00

Granby.—Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Miss Angeline Clarke and Miss Eliza C. Kellogg, 3 00

Grantville.—Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, 5 00

Ludlow.—Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Sophia Southworth, Indian Orchard, and Mrs. George R. Clark, Chicopee Falls, 31 00

Middleton. — Aux.,	\$16 10
Monson. — Aux.,	67 00
Newburyport. — Aux., Tyler	
Mission-circle, for Mrs. Tyler,	25 00
Plymouth. — Aux.,	8 00
Reading. — Old South. Ch. S.S.,	
cl No. 5,	7 35
Richmond. — "M.,"	4 50
Sherburne. — Mrs. Aaron Greenwood,	2 00
Southampton. — Aux. (of which	
\$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Rev.	
E. Fitz), \$35; Hattie Searle's	
S. S. c., \$1,	36 00
South Weymouth. — Union Ch.,	
Aux., towards pupil in Miss	
Townshend's sch.,	15 00
Spencer. — Aux.,	4 25
Townsend. — Cong. S. S.,	3 00
Uxbridge. — Aux., of which \$25	
to const. L. M. Mrs. Adolphus	
Chapin,	41 00
Winchester. — "Seek and Save	
Soc'y," \$15; Aux., by Mrs. H.	
Parker, to const. L. M. Mrs.	
Eugenia E. Palmer, \$25,	40 00
Worcester. — Aux., Central Ch.,	
a friend, to const. L. M. Mrs.	
D. M. Sanford, \$25; Old	
South Ch., \$19.63;	44 63
Yarmouth. — Woman's Miss'y	
Circle,	5 30
Total,	\$675 58

C. Home Building-Fund.

Auburndale. — "H. M. D.,"	\$5 00
Thank-offering,	

RHODE ISLAND.

Pawtucket. — "K.,"	5 00
Total,	\$5 00

CONNECTICUT.

Berlin. — Aux.,	\$29 00
Darien. — "Ox Ridge Mission-	
circle," \$2; "Sunbeams," for	
pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch.,	
\$30, and one in Miss Payson's	
sch., \$40—\$70,	72 00
Hartford. — Aux., Park Ch.	
add'l,	5 00
Killingly. — "Dayville, Youths'	
Mission-circle" to const. L.	
M.'s Mrs. Betsey W. Ams-	
bury, Mrs. Phebe Field, Es-	
telle M. Curtis, Clara M.	
Evans, Ida L. Cogswell; Re-	
sult of baby-show and fair,	130 00
New Haven. — A friend,	100 00
South Norwalk. — Young La-	

dies' Mission-band for pupil	
in the Hartford Fem. Sem.,	\$40 00
Total,	\$376 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

Hartford. — Aux., for teachers'	
dining-room to be called the	
"Hartford Room,"	\$350 00

NEW YORK.

Franklin. — Aux., to const. L.	
M. Mrs. M. M. Hine,	\$25 00
Madison. — Aux.,	25 00
Penn Yan. — Mrs. Charles A.	
Sheppard,	50 00
Spencerport. — Ladies' Soc'y	
Cong. Ch., towards pupil in	
Harpoot Fem. Sem.,	30 00
Total,	\$130 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia Branch — Mrs. A.	
W. Goodell, Treas., Mont-	
clair, Aux., \$38.25; Orange,	
Aux., \$18.50, of which \$7	
paid for Miss Proctor's travel-	
ling-expenses, \$11.50; "Or-	
ange-Buds" (of which \$10	
for Rebecca, and \$45 for Miss	
Gouldy), \$55,	\$124 75
Total,	\$124 75

ILLINOIS.

Onarga. — Mrs. Lydia C. Foster,	\$24 50
Total,	\$24 50

TENNESSEE.

Coal Creek. — "Faithful Work-	
ers,"	\$3 70
Total,	\$3 70
Sale of flowers by Mrs. Abra-	
ham at Rutland,	\$13 25
Total,	\$13 25
Donations,	\$2,260 27
C. Home Building-Fund,	758 00
"Life and Light,"	214 85
"Echoes,"	16 50
Weekly Pledge,	7 76
Leaflets,	14 98
Interest on temporary invest-	
ments,	348 99
Total,	\$3,621 35
MISS EMMA CARRUTH, <i>Asst. Treas.</i>	

Department of the Interior.

AFRICA.

LETTER FROM MISS LINDLEY.

INANDA, May 27.

IF you had been a missionary, you would understand why we are so afraid of writing about any of the bright, interesting cases of conversion; for, oh! it is so often that they fall back, and lose the "light." This makes us timid and silent. I could have interested the readers of "Life and Light" with the history of a young woman who came to us to inquire about God. She said when she was a child, she heard her mother say to the other woman in the kraal, "If you will ask the King of heaven to take care of your garden, not a wild pig nor baboon will trouble it. I always pray, and the King takes care of mine." "I have wanted ever since to hear about the King above: I have now come to hear about him." She seemed in earnest, and soon learned to read, and would come to our bedroom, and ask us to talk and pray with her. Once she brought four other little girls with her; and a very solemn hour, never to be forgotten, was spent in our room that night. They all felt that their sins were forgiven, and, as they expressed it, "We see Jesus now." But this young woman astonished us with her words of faith and love. She took her Testament, and said she must go home to tell them in the kraals what she had learned. Her uncle, who is a believer, and lives at our station, told me that she did read the Testament night and day to all in the kraal, and prayed

with all; that he never heard any thing like it. She returned to us, and was taken dangerously ill. We nursed her tenderly, for we loved her; and my mother saw in her what she had been praying for,—a Bible-reader. Well, after a severe illness she recovered, and said she must go home to tell them more about Jesus; for she had been fed by him while ill. She talked as beautifully as any dying saint could do. She never returned. We heard that she had another illness; and people declared she had the gift of prophecy, and that she was made a witch-doctor by this illness; and they believed that she performed most wonderful cures. I have heard that she kept her Testament very carefully, but never read it any more. She is, so far as I know, still doctoring. This was one of the brightest cases of deep spiritual feeling that I ever knew; but see the end! Persuaded by her relatives and friends that she had passed through a state that made her a great doctor of diseases and witchcraft, her mind has evidently given way, and lost its balance. I would go to see her, if a horse could go through that broken country; but her uncle tells me I would have to go on foot: so I have given up the idea.

The useful women, those who are earnestly working, and trying to do right, and who rejoice that the truth is slowly gaining ground, are not those who were brilliant and *talked* beautifully, but the ones we thought stupid, and not able to *feel* much; but they *hold on*, and improve every year. Rebecca and Mawele are such characters. Mawele said to me last week, "I like to go to one of the out-stations on Sunday; for the women are anxious to hear about Jesus. One woman said, 'Oh! tell me if it is really true that Jesus died for us. You must teach me to pray.'"

Mrs. Edwards and I frequently go with some of the seminary girls to the nearest out-station, a few miles from here. We are trying to teach the girls that they must be

the teachers of their tribes. I was much pleased when several old women called me last sabbath, and asked me to be sure to let Momtimba return the next sabbath to teach them, "For she tells us so much about Jesus!" These ten naked old women were such ugly old things, their faces reminding me of old decayed apples: yet they may be found in heaven; for they assured me that they have, for many years, been praying, and that they "believe very much."

The old heathen fathers are now alarmed; for their daughters are running away from home to the seminary "to learn:" but we have to give them up when their fathers come for them. This is very painful to us. I asked one girl why they were wishing to learn. She looked surprised, and said, "Does any one wish to learn who does not believe? I wish to learn because I believe; and I pray every day." We think the "History of Civilization in Africa" will be written many years hence; but it will be written, for the seed is springing up in so many places. Though the stony ground and sun kill a good deal of it, yet there is some "good ground."

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS CHAPIN.

PEKING, July 9, 1874.

LAST sabbath was a happy day with us; for four of our girls came to the Lord's table for the first time. They have all, for nearly a year, said that they loved the Saviour, and that they wished to confess him before men. But we thought best to have them wait a while to test them. Their lives have been exemplary; and we felt well satisfied of the sincerity and earnestness of their purpose to follow Jesus.

Now, as they are about to go to their heathen homes for a while, we felt it would be a help to them to have committed themselves publicly as disciples of the Lord. They will feel more courage, as well as obligation, to take a Christian stand before their friends. One of these girls is Sala. She seemed to feel that the vows of consecration to God which her father took on her behalf at her baptism imposed upon her the obligation to live a Christian life; and from that time she has appeared to be conscientiously and faithfully striving to please the Saviour in all her life. She said she loved him, and intended to live for him, and would be glad to unite with the church. We thought it best to gratify her desire, though she is younger than the other girls. They call her fourteen, though I presume in reality she is not over thirteen. Eight of our girls are now professors of religion; and another one from Tung Cho we hope may be received during this vacation.

Home Department.

TWO MISSIONARY WOMEN.

CYNTHIA FARRAR.

BY MRS. H. E. BAKER.

CYNTHIA FARRAR had a different, to us it appears a more exalted mission-work. But "least" and "greatest" may hereafter come to have different significations to our minds from those we now give them.

Miss Farrar left America in 1827 or 1828. She had

been a successful teacher in Boston, but was led to think of becoming a missionary in connection with matrimonial prospects. Just here there is an element of romance in her history, which may not be dwelt upon at length. Suffice it to say, those prospects were not realized, through no fault of her own; and the paths of the parties lay wide apart forever. Having put her hand to the plough, Miss Farrar was not one to look back, and she went *alone*.

Her field was in India; and she had for her associates such men and women as the Graveses, the Burgesses, and others whose names are venerated in missionary annals. By these she was held in high regard, her counsels often sought, and her judgment much respected. She was not only a teacher, but a housekeeper also, and in this position commanded the respect and esteem of both natives and English residents near whom she lived. In reply to some unfriendly criticisms on the keeping of servants by mission families, she once said, after stating circumstances in vindication of the custom, that, of sixteen girls who had lived with her at different times, she had reason to believe all, or nearly all, were no longer idolaters; and several gave evidence of true change of heart. Can many of us point to a like successful endeavor in American households? Testimonials of regard were at different times sent her by her friends of the English residency, both in Bombay and in Calcutta; and once, when her horse fell with her, and was killed, a new and more valuable animal, with equipments complete, was presented her by some of these, with most flattering expressions of the esteem in which they held both her and her work. Though of different church relations from herself, they yet recognized, and thus acknowledged, her worth and the value of her labors.

To her more immediate associates, also, she greatly endeared herself by her comforting ministrations in times

of sickness and sorrow, as may be incidentally learned from her letters, still in possession of relatives. Of her death I have no particulars; but she was full of days, and had finished her work. Her name shall be had in everlasting remembrance. Her record is on high.

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

FROM SEPT. 15 TO OCT. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Cleveland.</i> — Aux. of Heights Ch., Mrs. V. Lamson, Treas.,	\$27 35
<i>Dresden.</i> — Rev. S. P. Hildreth, for Rahel's lawsuit, by Mrs. Coffing,	5 00
<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux., Mrs. George H. Ely, Treas.,	100 00
<i>Hudson.</i> — Aux., for support of native teacher in Madura Mission, Mrs. L. M. Brewster, Treas., \$5; by Emma C. Johnson, \$20; from "a friend," for salary of two Bible-readers in the Madura Mission, by Miss Metcalf, \$20,	45 00
<i>Madison.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons,	11 00
<i>Marietta.</i> — Aux., for support of Pauka Dachora of Samokov, Ellen Shipman, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for Mrs. Mumford's salary to const. Mrs. M. D. P. Cowles and Mrs. A. Gilchrist L.M.'s., E. E. Peck, Treas.,	65 00
<i>Painesville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons,	105 51
<i>Saybrook.</i> — Aux., \$3.50; Austinsburg, Aux., \$10.50; Conneaut, Aux., \$30, by Mrs. S.W. Street-er,	44 00
Total,	\$427 86

MICHIGAN.

<i>Bedford.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. L. Crane, Treas.,	\$10 00
<i>Charlotte.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. C. Lacy, Treas.,	20 24
<i>Detroit.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing, Mrs. E. C. Hinsdale, Treas., \$100; Young La-	

dies' Mission-circle for support of Bible-reader in Nicomedia, Martha L. Miller, Treas., \$33; "Sunbeams" of 1st Cong. Ch. for the school at Battalagundu, by Mrs. M. R. Eddy, \$10,	143 00
<i>Eaton Rapids.</i> — Aux., for the support of Mrs. Watkins of Mexico.	16 10
<i>Flint.</i> — Aux., for support of Elenka of Samokov, and with previous contributions to const. Mrs. W. S. Neale, Mrs. G. H. Holman, Mrs. E. L. Bangs, and Mrs. W. L. Smith L. M.'s., Mrs. G. H. Holman, Treas.,	24 63
<i>Jackson.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Melville McGee, Mrs. L. F. Grandy, and Mrs. H.M. Branch L.M.'s., Mrs. George H. Lathrop, Treas.,	75 00
<i>Kalamo.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. Ackley, Treas.,	6 16
<i>Morence.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. M. Rothrock, Treas.,	7 50
<i>North Adams.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. Schaad, Treas.,	8 89
<i>Owosso.</i> — Aux., for school at Tallas, Mrs. E. F. Guile, Treas.,	24 62
<i>Vermontville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. C. Hammond, Treas.,	21 00
Total,	\$357 14

INDIANA.

<i>Fort Wayne.</i> — Aux., L. A. Kimball, Treas.,	\$16 00
<i>Michigan City.</i> — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. C. W. Peck L.M.'s., Helen M. Kent, Treas.,	18 00
Total,	\$34 00

ILLINOIS.

<i>Amboy</i> . — Aux., and S. S., by Mrs. W. B. Andruss,	\$10 98
<i>Blue Island</i> . — Aux.,	10 00
<i>Canton</i> . — Aux., Miss C. J. Graham, Treas.,	23 32
<i>Champaign</i> . — Aux., for pupil in Miss Maltbie's school, Turkey, M. J. Bragg, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Chesterfield</i> . — Aux., Mrs. L. M. Lawson, Sec.,	12 00
<i>Chicago</i> . — 1st Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, Mrs. Whitteley, Treas., \$96; 47th St. Ch. Aux., Mrs. Purington, Treas., \$26; Leavitt St. Ch., Aux., to const. Mrs. J. W. Shaw L. M., Mrs. J. R. Dewey, Treas., \$25; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$18; Union Park Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Rendall (of which \$35 is from Mrs. A. E. Kent of San Rafael, Cal., \$25 from Mrs. S. A. Kent, to const. her daughter Stella A. Kent a L.M.: with the remainder, Mrs. Eliza Phelps Cook and Miss Fanny E. Farrar are constituted L. M.'s.), Mrs. R. E. Jenkins, Treas., \$185,	350 00
<i>Danvers</i> — Aux., Mabel Hastings, Treas.,	5 20
<i>Elgin</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas.,	49 23
<i>Evanston</i> . — Aux. for salary of Miss Porter,	27 35
<i>Farmington</i> . — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. W. Chapman and Mrs. M. A. Cone L.M.'s., Mrs. M. J. Erwin, Treas.,	40 00
<i>Galesburg</i> . — Aux., Mrs. H. S. Hurd, Treas.,	22 58
<i>Geneva</i> . — Aux., Mrs. A. E. Coe, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Glencoe</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Bishop,	38 12
<i>Granville</i> . — Aux., Miss L. Warren, Treas.,	14 00
<i>Jacksonville</i> . — Aux., of which \$21 fulfils the pledge to Miss Evans's salary, Abbie E. King, Treas.,	70 00
<i>Kewanee</i> . — Aux., for support of pupil in Samokov, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Treas.,	20 00
<i>Lisbon</i> . — Aux., \$25 of which const. Mrs. Ethel Howard a L.M.. L. S. Langdon, Treas.,	28 00
<i>Naperville</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley. \$25 of which is from the 'Willing Workers,' Mrs. S. W. Smith, Treas.,	42 50

<i>Oak Park</i> . — Aux., for school at Manissa, Mrs. H. M. Sherman, Treas.,	\$26 00
<i>Ontario</i> . — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. M. J. Leffingwell a L. M., Mrs. E. Crane, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Ottawa</i> . — Aux., Mrs. E. N. Lewis, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Peoria</i> . — Aux. Mrs. A. M. Hunsel, Treas.	10 00
<i>Princeton</i> . — Aux., Mrs. Converse, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Payson</i> . — Aux., Miss Thompson, Treas.,	6 25
<i>Polo</i> . — Aux., Mrs. K. M. Pearson,	6 00
<i>Quincey</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, E. Littlefield, Treas.,	11 25
<i>Roseville</i> . — Aux., for pupil in Samokov, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Rockford</i> . — Collection taken when Miss Rankin was present, \$74 56, the remainder from 2d Ch. Aux., Mrs. W. A. Talcott, Treas., \$275.54; Aux. of 1st Ch. for pupil in Miss Porter's school, Mrs. H. J. Harding, Sec., \$22,	297 54
<i>Springfield</i> . — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. C. L. Post, Sec.,	62 50
<i>Wheaton</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. C. D. Biswell, Treas.,	12 00
<i>Waverly</i> — Aux., for Miss Evans' salary for 1875, F. A. Thayer, Treas.,	20 00
<i>Rockford Seminary</i> , of which \$40 from junior class for a pupil in Miss Porter's school, by Miss Anna P. Sill,	72 50
Total,	\$1,347 32

WISCONSIN.

<i>Beliot</i> — Aux., Mrs. Anna B. Keep to const. herself a L. M.,	\$25 00
<i>Bloomington</i> . — Aux., Miss M. A. Garside, Treas.,	6 00
<i>Burlington</i> . — Aux., Mrs. A. W. Curtis, Sec.,	5 00
<i>Delevan</i> . — Aux., for Bible-reader in the Madura Mission, Mrs. J. Collins, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Deperre</i> . — Aux., Mrs. H. J. Wheeler, Treas.,	12 00
<i>Eau Claire</i> . — Aux., of which \$25 is to const. Mrs. J. F. Dudley a L. M., Mrs. A. T. Mayhew, Sec.,	31 50
<i>Fond du Lac</i> . — Aux., Mrs. W. B. Barker, Treas.,	19 20

<i>Fort Atkinson.</i> —Aux., Mrs. F. H. Montague, Treas.,	\$22 65
<i>Geneva.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. L. Hill, Treas.,	62 40
<i>La Crosse.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. A. Bacheller, Treas.,	18 00
<i>Milwaukee.</i> —Aux., of Spring St. Ch. for salary of Maria of Samokov to const. Mrs. Geo. T. Ladd a L. M., by Mrs. S. D. Arnold,	25 00
<i>Menasha.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. E. Rounds, Treas.,	12 75
<i>New London.</i> —Aux., H. Patterson, Treas.,	3 20
<i>Plattsville.</i> —Aux., Ellen Marshall, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Ripon.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Eliza Dawes and Mrs. James White L.M.'s., Mrs. M. M. Cook, Treas.,	50 00
<i>Waukesha.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Ch. W. Camp, Tr., \$15; "a Christian woman for heathen women," by Rev. Ch. W. Camp, \$100,	115 00
<i>Whitewater.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, Mrs. R. Coburn, Treas.,	13 45
<i>West Salem.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. Clark, Treas.,	21 33
Total,	\$477 48

IOWA.

<i>Anamosa.</i> —Aux., Jennie Chapman, Treas.,	\$10 25
<i>Chester.</i> —Aux., Mrs. John Lightner, Sec.,	21 00
<i>Davenport.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Geo. Wing, Treas.,	14 25
<i>Des Moines.</i> —Aux., for Miss Hillis's salary, \$72.30; Plymouth Ch. S. S., for Miss Porter's work in China, Mrs. Adie L. Atkins, Treas.,	88 18
<i>Dubuque.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Jane R. Bingham, Treas., \$55; Mrs. N. G. Millard, \$13,	68 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> —Aux., for Miss Hillis's salary, \$131; S. S. class, for Miss Hillis's salary, \$10; a few young ladies, for Miss Hillis's salary, \$10,	151 00
<i>Independence.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. J. Houseman, Treas.,	8 00
<i>Lansing.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. H. Houghton, Treas.,	38 00
<i>Marion.</i> —Aux., Mrs. B. H. Nott, Treas.,	23 82
<i>McGregor.</i> —Aux., for Bible-readers in Harpoot, Mrs. R. Grant, Sec.,	17 60
<i>Ogden.</i> —Aux., for Mrs. Bissell's school at Ahmednuggur,	14 00

EVANSTON, Oct. 17, 1874.

<i>Polk City.</i> —Aux., \$12; "Buds of Promise," \$5; Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Sec.,	\$17 00
<i>Tabor.</i> —Aux.; Mrs. M. A. Todd, Sec.,	12 00
<i>Sibley.</i> —Aux., \$4.15; "Sibley Helpers," \$1.52; monthly concert, \$1.93; Mrs. Ellen R. Dean, Treas.,	7 60
<i>Waterloo.</i> —Aux., of which \$50 from Mrs. O. C. Miller is for the support of a Bible-reader in Zeitoon, the remainder is for the school at Marash, and, with previous contributions, constitutes Mrs. O. W. Ellsworth, Mrs. J. H. Leavitt, Miss A. A. Cook, and Miss Allie Forry, L.M.'s., Mrs. L. Hurlbut, Sec.,	76 00
Total,	\$566 60

MINNESOTA.

<i>Austin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. W. W. Brownson, Treas.,	\$18 00
<i>Mankato.</i> —Mrs. Sarah Taylor,	1 00
<i>Rochester.</i> —Aux., Miss Mary Porter, Sec.,	13 18
<i>Winona.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Van Duzee, Miss Hatch Treas.,	50 00
Total,	\$82 18

DAKOTA TERRITORY.

<i>Yankton.</i> —Aux., of which \$25 to const. Mrs. J. N. Higbee a L. M., Mrs. Sarah F. Ward, Sec.,	\$50 86
Total,	\$50 86

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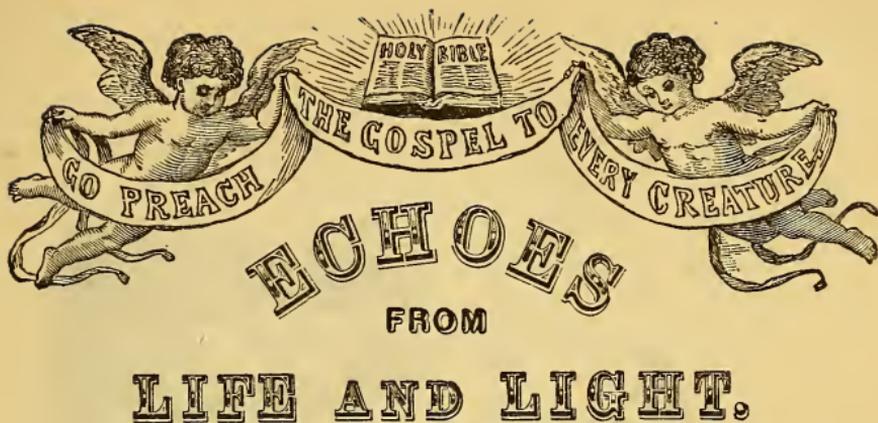
<i>Leavenworth.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. W. Ide, Treas.,	\$10 00
<i>Manhattan.</i> —Aux., F. A. Moses, Treas.,	6 50
<i>Waubonsa.</i> —Aux.,	4 10
Total,	\$20 60

NEBRASKA.

<i>Calla.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. N. Niles, Treas.,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

From Mrs. Coffing, for Rahel's lawsuit,	\$1 00
Total,	\$3,370 04



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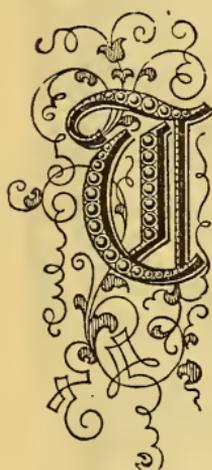
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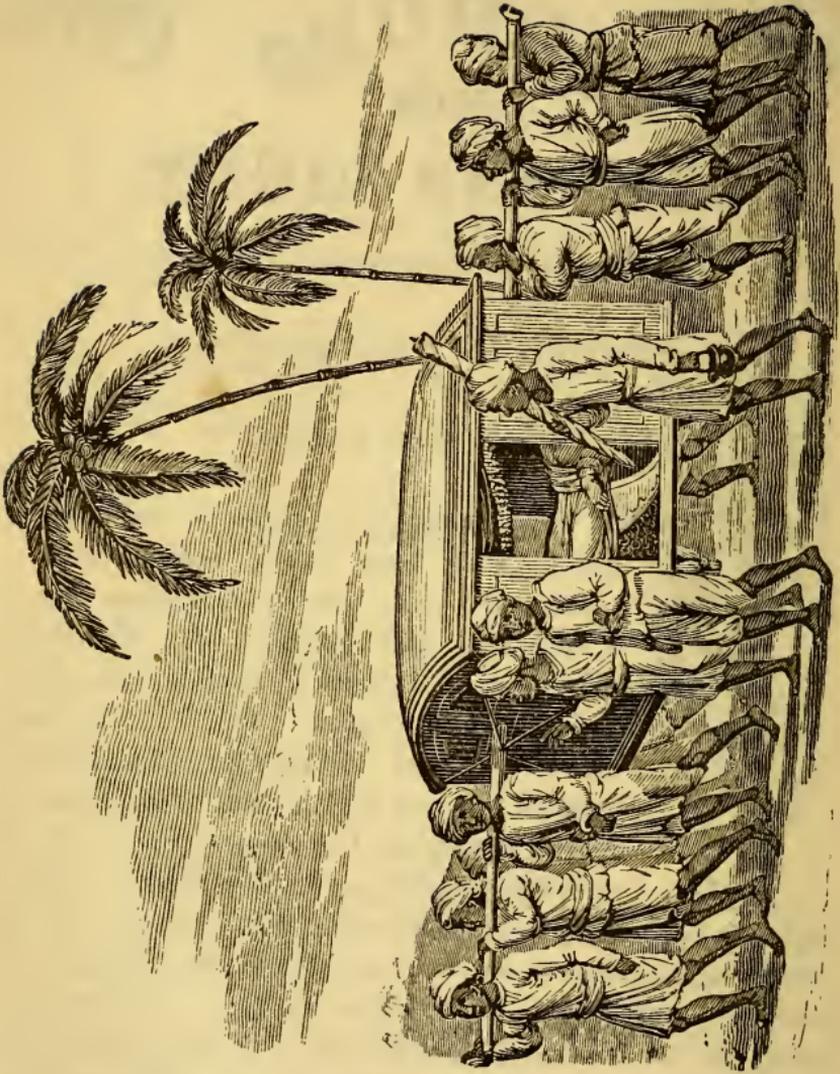
1874.

PALANQUIN TRAVELLING.

BY MR. W. B. CAPRON.



THE first thought of those of our young friends who have never before seen a picture of a palanquin must be that this is a very lazy and luxurious way of travelling, — to be carried in such a style upon the shoulders of men. There is the box-like vehicle, with sliding doors on each side; and we can see that a mat or mattress is spread inside, and the passenger is stretched at full-length, riding feet-foremost, and, very likely, is fast asleep. A peep within would disclose to us several arrangements for the comfort of the traveller, — pillows for his head, a shelf above his feet for his hat or turban, or for newspapers, and a book or two, and under the shelf a shallow drawer for writing-paper or toilet articles. Articles of clothing are tucked in here and there; but the bearers grumble at any increase of their load, and expect that baggage will be carried by a cooly, or will follow by some other conveyance.



A full set of bearers numbers twelve: six carry the palanquin at a time, while the other six run alongside, ready to take their turn at the end of a mile or two. The thirteenth man carries a torch, which is a long but slender roll of cotton-cloth, one end being saturated with oil, and set on fire. The torch-bearer carries oil in a little earthen pot, besides his torch; that is, like the wise virgins, "oil in his vessel with his lamp."

The bearers move along at a pace something more than a fast walk, almost a trot, and readily make four or five miles an hour. They sing, or hum, and respond, in a monotonous manner, quite conducive to the sleep of the traveller, and probably helpful to themselves in keeping step as they run. It is an unmistakable sound, and, when heard at a distance, sets all ears agog. "A palanquin, a palanquin! Who can it be? The collector, or judge, or some native from the palace?" "Oh, ho! Ho, ho! Oh, ho! Ho, ho!" And the hundred voices approach nearer and nearer, becoming confused with the sound of hurrying steps, and are opposite us. If it be in the daytime, the bearers look dusty and weary: if in the night, the flaring torch, just discovering the form of the palanquin, and the half-naked figures of the bearers, give a very romantic appearance to the scene.

But the palanquin is rapidly going by; and any of our young friends who want a ride will have to hurry up. It was a vehicle for old times, when roads were scarce, and people travelled along foot-paths. Now there are good roads, and even railways, in India; and people may travel in carts and bullock-coaches and the cars. The rich and pretentious, like the *rajahs*, or native kings, still travel in palanquins; the sick, also, sometimes; and ladies on special and troublesome journeys, as in ascending the mountains.



CONFUCIUS, THE CHINESE SAGE.

DID you ever hear of Confucius, little reader? If not, there is one very distinguished person about whom the Chinese boys know more than you do. They would tell you that he was a wonderfully wise man, who lived twenty-five hundred years ago, and that nearly all their school-books were made up from his maxims and teachings. They would say that there were tablets dedicated to him in all their schoolrooms, before which incense is kept constantly burning, and to which every boy must bow, when he first goes into the room. They would not dare to speak his sacred name, which is *Cheu*; if they should find the word in any of their books, they must call it *Mow*. If you should go into a Chinese school, you would see four or five boys

standing before the desk, with books in their hands containing Confucius' wise sayings, reading the sentences after the teacher, till they know them by heart. For instance, the teacher reads, "*Jin chí tsu, sing pun sheu : Sing siang kin, sih siang yuen :*" then all the pupils cry out together, "*Jin chí tsu, sing pun sheu : Sing siang kin, sih siang yuen.*" They do not understand the meaning of what they say, but that makes no difference: they must repeat it over and over again till they know it perfectly, when they are required to "back it," as it is called; that is, to stand with their backs to their teacher while reciting it. So you see, they have good reason to know about Confucius; and I don't think we could blame them, if they thought he was rather a tiresome individual.

Besides being the author of books full of wisdom and learning, this remarkable man was the founder of a great religion. There are several thousand temples in China erected to his memory; and he is worshipped as a god by a great many people, more than sixty thousand animals being sacrificed in his honor every year. In their religious service a short history of his life is given; and hymns are sung in his praise like the following:—

"Confucius, Confucius! How great is Confucius!
 Before Confucius there never was a Confucius:
 Since Confucius there never has been a Confucius:
 Confucius, Confucius! How great is Confucius!"

The teachings of Confucius have had a great influence upon thousands in China; and perhaps, if he were on the earth now, he would think he had partially succeeded in the great object of his life, which, he said, was "To open the eyes of myriads of ages, and to thunder in the ears, and to brighten the vision, of ten thousand generations of men that should live under the whole heavens."

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Auburn*. — “Auburn Mission-Circle,” \$42.13.
Bangor. — “Bangor Rills,” \$5.00.
Bath. — Central Church “Mission-Circle,” \$25.00.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Nashua*. — “Messenger Birds,” \$4.00.
Peterborough. — “Willing Hearts,” \$1.17.
Claremont. — “Merry Workers,” \$50.00.
Kensington. — “Willing Workers,” \$5.00.
Salem. — “Raindrops,” \$2.00.
- VERMONT. — *Sheldon*. — Infant-Circle Congregational S. S., \$1.00.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Grantville*. — Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, \$5.00.
Newburyport. — Tyler Mission-Circle, \$25.00.
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Killingly. — “Youth’s Mission-Circle, \$130.00.
- PENNSYLVANIA. — *Orange, N. J.* — “Orange-Buds,” \$55.00.
- TENNESSEE. — *Coal Creek*. — “Faithful Workers,” \$3.70.
- MICHIGAN. — *Detroit*. — Young Ladies’ Mission-Circle, \$33.00; Sun-beams, \$10.00.
- ILLINOIS. — *Amboy*. — Sunday School, \$10.98.
Naperville. — “Willing Workers,” \$25.00.
- IOWA. — *Des Moines*. — Plymouth Church Sunday School, \$88.18.
Grinnell. — Sunday School Class, \$10.00.
Polk City. — “Buds of Promise,” \$5.00.
Sibley. — “Sibley Helpers,” \$1.52.

 THE STAR IN THE EAST.

HARPOOT, July 24, 1874.

DEAR YOUNG WORKERS BEYOND THE SEAS, — I am requested by our little mission-circle, “The Star in the East,” to write you, and send greetings from every member of the society, organized on the 20th of July, under the great walnut-tree in front of our house, at the Garden Retreat.

If you wish to know more about this new circle, come with me, and I will introduce you. Here are three missionary mothers surrounded by their children. Lessons for the day are over; the table is covered with work of various kinds; and the boys and girls are almost wild with the idea that they are to enter upon a new plan of being useful. Bertie Allen is a polite boy: you see he is coming with chairs for you. Or perhaps you prefer cushions, and would like to sit in Oriental style. Here is Emma Barnum with her cushion for you. Her hair and eyes are black; and you see she is so much interested, that she wishes to put all her savings in Bertie's box for the perishing heathen. Bertie is the treasurer. Susie Wheeler, with blue eyes and flaxen hair, is busy ripping the band from a dress for her mother, for which she is to have five *paras*, — one half of a cent. Annie Allen sits yonder on a mat by her mother, with sparkling eyes, and long ringlets that are never still, but which keep fluttering and waving, much like the tall, graceful poplars just a little way off, near the fountain. Hattie Barnum, our baby of three years and seven months, is standing by her mother's knee with her earnest black eyes open wider than ever, as if asking, "Mamma, what can I do?" We propose to Bertie that he be our artist, promising to furnish him with engravings to color, which could be used in our schools. He affirms that he can sew as well as the girls; and, going to his mother, he takes the side of a shirt to sew. He is quite successful; so that he will not lack employment.

We have a president, secretary, and treasurer; and we have voted to meet every Monday afternoon during our stay at the Retreat. We may not be able to meet so often when we go back to the city. The children are discussing the various ways of raising money; and it is proposed that all the grown people at the station be invited to join as honorary members, and become voters, by paying one

piastre. The younger members think they will gather fruit and dry it, and sell it to their mammas to send it to the needy helpers; and so we shall be a home missionary society too.

You are in the New World, and we far off in the Old; but we extend our hands to you, and ask you to join with us in the song the angels sang on Bethlehem's plain, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men." What a happy day that will be when the children of all lands shall join in this song of praise, and the angels shall come again, not to announce the babe of Bethlehem, but the coming of the King of kings, who shall sit on his great white throne in the heavens, and receive the homage of a redeemed world!

Yours in behalf of "The Star in the East."

S. A. WHEELER.

ENIGMA.

BY MISS ALICE KIMBALL.

My 7, 23, 29, 37, is David's great-grandmother.

My 36, 6, 19, 24, 10, 26, 26, 20, 21, 16, 12, 28, 9, is the length of time Solomon was building the temple.

My 5, 22, 28, 35, 20, 4, 25, 8, 3, 20, 30, is one of Paul's epistles.

My 11, 27, 28, 34, 2, is a well three days' journey from the Red Sea.

My 14, 22, 15, 28, 13, is money paid by the bridegroom to the friends of the bride, in olden times.

My 31, 26, 18, 35, 3, 17, is a name sometimes given to Satan.

My 33, 22, 29, 1, 32, is the number of years Solomon reigned.

My whole is a desire of Paul for the Ephesians.

ANSWERS TO ENIGMA.

The Constantinople Home.

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the October number, from A. E. N., West Pittsfield, Mass., N. W. C. H., and W. W. H., Winchester, Mass.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

PRESENTED AT

Its Annual Meeting,

IN PARK-STREET CHURCH, BOSTON,

JANUARY 5, 1875.



BOSTON:
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1875.

The Woman's Board of Missions

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I give and bequeath to the WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS the sum of.....
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of Incorporation, passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts in the year 1869.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE seventh year of the Woman's Board of Missions has been truly a sabbath year of blessing, if not of rest. Its operations at home have been enlarged beyond any former period; while in the more distant field new opportunities for "woman's work" have been rapidly developed, and the seal of acceptance has been set by the Holy Spirit upon efforts already in progress.

Since our last annual meeting, Mrs. Daniel Safford, a beloved member of our Board, has left the chamber of sickness, to which she had long been confined, for the "place" prepared for her by Christ, within the "many mansions" of his Father's house. Her connection with this Board was but one of the numerous ways by which she sought to honor and serve the Saviour. Of her it may emphatically be said, she was ready to every good work; and whether brought to her notice by others, or suggested by her own ingenuity, she was alert to execute every plan promising glory to God, or good to man. Possessed of extensive social influence, she ever used it without hesitancy or wavering for Christ. Having in early life given him her heart, she gladly broke the alabaster box, and withheld nothing from her Lord. The children who received her fostering care, the missionaries and others who found a welcome home under her hospitable roof, the poor who experienced her tender sympathy and generous aid, the souls who were taught by her the way of salvation, rise up like an host, and call her blessed.

"Gently as shuts the eye of day," she fell asleep in Jesus, Feb. 24.

But a few days since, another director, Mrs. Daniel T. Coit, has passed away. Connected with this society from its organization, she has been its faithful and active friend, constant in attendance

upon its meetings, liberal in contributions, and earnest in her endeavors to interest others. The sufferings of a protracted illness did not weaken her attachment to the work of the Board; and one of her latest acts was to contribute a life-membership to its funds, and to urge, by letter, her associate members to renewed earnestness in the Master's service; "for," said she, "the night cometh, in which no man can work."

MEETINGS.

The frequent sessions of the Board for business and devotional exercises have been continued with unabated interest, while the more public meetings of the society have been occasions of much profitable enjoyment, and productive of increased interest in the cause of missions. To the missionaries who have brought live coals from their distant altars, and placed them upon ours, we are indebted for much of the rekindled zeal which has been the result of these meetings; and, although they pass from us one by one, we can never forget their earnest pleadings in behalf of heathen womanhood. We miss to-day the loved presence of two who have met with us so regularly that we had almost claimed them as our own; but to-day daughters in India and Africa are glad at the return of their teachers. As we remember Mrs. Capron and Mrs. Tyler, in their homes rendered lonely by the absence of their children, shall we not lay to heart their exhortations, and, emulating their devotion, use double diligence in our department of the work?

The meeting at RUTLAND, Vt., was one of remarkable interest. Guests of the Vermont Branch, nothing could exceed the perfection of their arrangements for the meeting, or the generous cordiality of their reception. We do not doubt that their offering was accepted of Heaven, and the meeting, which they had done so much to render successful, received the seal of the Holy Spirit.

HOME WORK.

It is gratifying to acknowledge a degree of success quite equal to our expectations, in the special work of organization, laid out for the year at its commencement. Three branches have been added to our number, which, with the six previously existing, have, by methods of their own, secured the co-operation of many new auxiliaries. Their public meetings have been successfully

managed, and have served a valuable purpose in the extension of the work, with the prospect of increasing usefulness from year to year. The auxiliary at Montreal availed itself of the change in our constitution, and during the summer formed the CANADIAN BRANCH. The vigorous auxiliary at Springfield has been actively engaged in enlisting other churches in the county, and, as the result, presents herself as the HAMPDEN COUNTY BRANCH. The same is true of Hartford, Conn. Always a large and flourishing auxiliary, she takes, as the HARTFORD BRANCH, the eastern counties of the State, the New Haven Branch holding the western. Nearly four hundred auxiliaries and mission-circles are embraced in these nine branches, and the work they have commenced is proportionally large. From the New Haven Branch alone, we have the pledge of ten thousand dollars for the ensuing year; and Springfield, but just organized, promises two thousand. A conference association has been formed in connection with the SOUTH MIDDLESEX CONFERENCE, with indications of marked success. The meeting for organization was one of special power, and the determination was reached to enlist every church in the conference. With the systematic plans of operation in all these large societies, the definite purpose of enlisting every church in their limits, and the amount of sanctified talent to be found in each, the promise of extended influence is most cheering. We are not, however, always to compute the worth of an organization by its numbers or its contributions. Doubtless the smallest auxiliary on our roll is relatively the largest. In a New-Hampshire church of ten female members, we have an auxiliary of ten members. Is there another which exhibits the same representation?

Thirty new auxiliaries, and fifteen mission-circles, have been reported directly to us; and a still larger number have been added to the branches, as their reports will show. It would be interesting to trace the beginnings of these auxiliaries and mission-circles. Many of them originated in the labors of a single lady, or possibly of a little girl; some, begun with fear and trembling, have grown to large proportions, and the results have surprised none so much as themselves. Indeed, past experience justifies the belief, that, in the most unpromising parish in our connection, material for an efficient organization is only waiting the touch of some energetic hand.

The reflex influence of this home-work upon the workers constitutes no small part of the good accomplished. Many hands that hung down have been vitalized by it with fresh energy; hearts that were cold have been quickened into a new life; and it would be hard to say which have the greater blessing, those who give, or they who receive. If the best gifts are coveted, there is no surer way of obtaining than by imparting; and the field of Christian effort is the congenial soil in which the graces grow. A bright example of character thus cultivated we have had in Mrs. Z. P. Banister, more widely known as Miss Grant. Excepting Mary Lyon, perhaps no female teacher has done so much to inculcate the spirit of missions; and it was in fitting testimony to her consistent life that her former pupils commemorated her eightieth birthday — which proved to be her last — by the endowment of rooms in the school at Constantinople, to be called by her name.

Nearly allied to Mrs. Banister in spirit — her character, indeed, in early life being largely moulded by Miss Grant and Miss Lyon — was Mrs. Henry P. Haven of New London, Conn. While she actively promoted the charities which begin at home, she loved not less those which were more remote; and we have her token of this love in a bequest of one hundred dollars.

Another legacy received within the year it gives us peculiar pleasure to record. The Bartlett Fund, founded by our former beloved treasurer, has been doubled by the gift of five thousand dollars from her husband, the late Hon. Homer Bartlett.

FOREIGN WORK.

The schools, as at our last report, continue to receive the blessing of God upon the faithful labors of the teachers. A highly creditable examination of the school at HARPOOT, taught by Miss Seymour and Miss Bush, was held in October; an account of which in "The Harpoot News" reminds us of similar occasions at home, but contrasting favorably with ours in the prominence given to Biblical study. Excellent conduct was reported; and gratitude expressed, that, of their thirty-five pupils, they had good hope that twenty-five were Christians. A revival has been in progress in the school of the Misses Ely in BITLIS, during which the entire school was greatly moved; and many bright trophies of grace are the result. One of these, "Shamham, a little girl of twelve years,"

Miss Ely tells us, "was among the first to obey the call to yield her heart to the loving Saviour. From that time she has led a very earnest Christian life, and has been able to do much good among her companions. On the 7th of June, she, with three others, was permitted to join the Bitlis church; the first time in its history that so young persons have been received." In Shamham's own account of her discouragements while seeking forgiveness of her sins, she says, "One day I was in great trouble, and wept much. The same evening my schoolmates and I had a prayer-meeting. After several had prayed, I followed; and in my prayer joy and peace were filled into my soul; and I believe that joy will never cease."

The girls' school at AHMEDNUGGUR, formerly under the care of Mrs. Bissell, has been instrumental of much good. "Many of the girls educated there," says Miss Ashley, "have become intelligent and useful Christian women. Some of them are exerting an influence as wives of pastors and teachers, and other native Christians; and some are employed as teachers, or Bible-women. Miss Townshend writes from UDUPITTY, Ceylon, "The sixth year of our girls' school closed in March, on which occasion four completed their course, and were dismissed with honor. Our sympathies are greatly enlisted for these young girls, who will be obliged to remain prisoners in heathen homes, without sympathy, and where every influence is to drag them down. Two of them are able to attend the services of the Sabbath, and enjoy Christian society from time to time. One of the other two walks eight miles to attend communion. The fourth wrote me, a short time ago, that her only happy time is when she takes her Bible to a lonely place, and holds communion with her Saviour."

It has been our privilege to assume the support of the long-established female boarding school at UDUVILLE, Ceylon. We regard it as a precious trust. Founded fifty years ago, it passed into the hands of Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding in 1833; and, six years later, Miss Eliza Agnew became associated with them in the work. The readers of "Life and Light" will remember the grateful memorial offered by the educated women of Jaffna, in the form of a "jubilee fund, to be called the Spaulding and Agnew fund, the interest of which should be placed at their disposal while they live, and afterwards used for the education of girls needing

aid in the Uduville female boarding school.' The report of their meeting, and the resolutions passed, are so much like what occur at home, that it seems incredible that some of the women participating in that meeting were among the very first on the island who were taught to read and to sew. It were easier to imagine them to be the graduates of some Holyoke or Ipswich, convened for the purpose of memorializing former teachers.

The HOMES at Constantinople and Dakota, which were entered upon as an experiment, are an acknowledged success, and have exceeded the highest expectations of all. At Constantinople, the difficult task of securing a title to the ground, with permit to build, has at length been accomplished, and the work of construction already commenced. With a commodious building, and the addition of a medical missionary, the institution will be thoroughly furnished for its important work.

MISSIONARIES.

Four new missionaries have been sent out during the year: —

Miss Sarah E. Sears, Mardin.
Miss Ellen M. Pierce, Aintab.

| Miss Julia Gulick, Japan.
| Mrs. Abbie S. Hume, Bombay.

Besides these, two are under appointment as teachers for the Constantinople Home, — Miss ANNA BLISS, and Miss CORNELIA DWIGHT, — both of whom, being daughters of missionaries in that city, are prepared to enter upon their duties without delay. It is a painful fact, that, within the same period, several of our missionaries have been compelled to return home for the restoration of impaired health consequent upon overwork; but all of them, we are glad to say, have the prospect of being able to resume their labors. A wise economy, no less than justice to those who have gone, would seem to require that the missions be so far re-enforced as to relieve their overtasked members.

Of the new missionaries named in the last annual report, we have the most favorable accounts. Notwithstanding the brief time they have been in their fields, and their imperfect knowledge of the language, they have made themselves very useful in the missions, and their influence felt by the natives. Miss TALCOTT is engaged in a girls' school at Kobe in Japan, which has opened the way for her into the homes of many of the people. Besides

this, she has made missionary tours with Dr. and Mrs. Berry, one of which Dr. Berry thus describes: "The tour was rendered peculiarly profitable by the teachings of the ladies; their quarters were crowded daily by eager listeners, most of them mothers, to whom the story of salvation was told over and over again. It seems to me," he adds, "that we have no more efficient auxiliary workers than these unmarried lady members of our mission; and it is plain that the speedy ingathering of the Church in Japan calls for a considerable increase in the number of these efficient workers." Miss Gouldy at Osaka, while pursuing the language, in which she has made considerable proficiency, has already commenced teaching.

Miss NORRIS, medical missionary at Bombay, has met with rare opportunities; her success in her particular department suggesting the advantage of largely employing ladies of medical education in other places. But a little more than a year at her post, she has been admitted to influential families, and treated with marked respect by resident physicians, native and English; who indeed, in some instances, have been glad to transfer their female patients to her care. Her time is almost exclusively occupied in making or receiving professional calls. Mrs. TOMSON is regarded by her associates at the Constantinople Home, as a great acquisition to their force; and the acknowledgment is made by herself, of personal satisfaction and enjoyment in the work, and thankfulness that she has been permitted to enter upon it.

Miss HOWLAND at Ceylon, while giving herself to the study of the language, finds opportunities of going into the villages with the wife of a native pastor as interpreter. Occasionally she has been accompanied by her father; and her being with him as his daughter awakens attention and interest among the mothers and daughters whom they meet.

SIGNS OF PROMISE.

In many fields the missionaries are not without tokens of encouragement. At MARSOVAN a wonderful change has taken place within a few years. Their schools are very popular, commanding the admiration of even their enemies; and they, as well as their congregations, outgrow their accommodations. "After years of sowing and watering," says Mrs. Leonard, "the harvest is

ripening for the reapers, and we have need to enlarge our working force. But a warning comes to us from over the ocean, bidding us retrench by cutting off helpers or schools! After laboring so hard, and just when the Lord seems to bid us go forward, can we, must we do it?"

Miss Sisson, our young missionary in Madura, finds work opening before her almost beyond her strength to perform. She has been admitted, of late, to several new families. The desire for education is so great that they will tolerate Bible-reading, when they find it an indispensable condition of instruction. Hard hearts frequently soften under the wonderful story of Jesus' love; and the Bible-lessons once admitted are soon so much relished, that the number of listeners increases until she has frequently ten or twelve auditors at a single reading. In obedience to a request for a teacher from "one of the wealthiest, most aristocratic, exclusive, and bigoted of the Brahmins," Miss Sisson found herself in the presence of a white-haired man, who had, when a boy, received instruction in a mission-school, and who, after a life spent in idolatry, desired to place his children under the same missionary teachings. The long-buried seed is pushing up the blade: let us hope that the ripened fruit will follow.

Miss Ashley, who has recently been transferred to Bombay, speaks of a woman upon whom she called with Miss Norris, who had previously attended her in sickness. The woman was delighted to see them; and it transpired that the subject which was upon the hearts of the visitors was the burden of hers. Having learned, years ago, of Christianity from her brother who professed it, and from books which he had given her, she was desirous of farther instruction; but under the jealous eye of her husband, who was bitterly opposed to Christianity, she had been afraid to divulge her wish. Her eldest daughter held similar views, and was desirous, with her mother, of being baptized; but she too was guarded by a suspicious husband and mother-in-law. Our hearts are touched with sympathy as Miss Ashley tells us how, in a subsequent visit, the mother seized a private opportunity to ask with much emotion, if her children could be taken from her, should she be baptized. The probability, that, in the event of her professing Christ, she would be put away from husband and children, could not be denied. Possibly at this very hour that mother may be

enduring the throes of a mental struggle surpassing every agony of her life. Shall not we who are spared such bitterness bestir ourselves for the deliverance of those, our sisters, who are subjected to such cruelty?

In some of the more favored fields, a noticeable impression appears to exist that God is about to come among them with power, and that the day-star is already appearing. A native preacher in Ceylon says, "I often feel that the time in which the Spirit of God is to be poured out plentifully for the conversion of many souls at once, is nearer than before, from the appearance of things. Now is the high time that we should pray earnestly, 'Lord, revive thy work.'" From India one writes, "I feel that India, yea, the whole world, is waiting for the glorious manifestation of the Spirit of the living God, and the time is hastening when He whose right it is shall come and reign, pouring out his Spirit upon all flesh. To your closets, O Israel! there, upon our knees, surely we shall speed it."

We should not do justice to our missionaries if we failed to reiterate the plea for prayer made in the letters of each and all of them. None realize more than they the insufficiency of human effort. As one says, "Over the work I fain would do, over each soul I long to lead to Christ, is written, Not by might nor by power, but my Spirit, saith the Lord;" and again she says, "When you get this letter, you will not be far removed from the week of prayer in January, 1875. Oh, will you not unite with me in begging that a spirit of prayer may at that time be poured out upon the Church universal, for her inheritance among the heathen? Sometimes I have the feeling that the Lord is only waiting that she shall ask for it. Ask for it in faith, and he will give. 'I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come,' saith he whose name is Faithful and True."

CALL FOR MISSIONARIES.

To urge forward a work so promising, and so loved by those who engage in it, there is a call for more laborers. At the meeting in Rutland, a request was brought from the Woman's Board of the Pacific Isles, for two missionaries for Micronesia. The foreign secretary of the American Board sent in a call for five more, — two for the rapidly-growing work in Japan, two to meet the

request from Austria for ladies who should be able and willing to take up the hard work waiting for the workers, and one of medical education for the Constantinople Home. To none of these has there as yet been a response; but the support of the two for Japan is already pledged. Can we doubt that the Providence which invites to the work, and provides for its maintenance, will also supply the agents? Possibly within these walls are some of the seven upon whom the unerring finger is laid. Let Miss Sisson whisper this word in your ear: "As I see so many souls lacking instruction, so much work pressing on all sides, I have longed to tell the young ladies at home, how sweet it is to leave all for Jesus, and find all in Jesus."

We congratulate the supporters of this society that the work upon which they have entered is constantly enlarging. Encouragements for effort are disclosed on every hand; and doors, wide and effectual, are open for the advancing step of her who bears light and life to those who dwell in heathenish darkness. Let us be true to our trust, remembering that deliverance to these benighted ones shall surely arise; and who knoweth whether we are not brought into the kingdom of God's dear Son for such a time as this?

MRS. J. A. COPP, *Rec. Secretary.*

REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

THE WORCESTER (MASS.) auxiliary, Mrs. G. W. Phillips, secretary, having just celebrated its first birthday, reports that with each monthly meeting comes additional interest. Their receipts for the year have been \$914.43. Of this, \$606.00 has been for the support of Miss Julia Gulick in Japan, \$200.00 to furnish a room in the Constantinople Home, and \$30.00 for the support of a pupil in Miss Edwards' school in South Africa.

Of the FITCHBURG (MASS.) auxiliary, Mrs. Palmer reports that since their last annual meeting they have received a fresh impulse of missionary spirit; and their hope is that every lady of their church will become a member of the society. Each lady is fur-

nished with a card prepared for the purpose, on which she pledges herself to give a certain sum weekly. A box is placed in the vestibule of the church, in which the money is deposited, and from which it is taken by the treasurer of the society.

The BEVERLY (MASS.) auxiliary, connected with the Dane-street church, Mrs. Mary E. Gordon, secretary, while reporting a membership of one hundred and forty-two, and continued interest in their work, are especially glad this year, in a fresh interest among the children. The main vine has budded forth in a circle of "Ivy Leaves," the cluster numbering about sixty; and, though we do not usually find much fruit on the ivy, these "Ivy Leaves" have proved themselves an exception, since, as the result of a little sale, they have sent \$75.00 to the treasury. Besides this, the auxiliary itself has raised \$100.00.

The CAMBRIDGEPORT (MASS.) auxiliary is composed of ladies from the Prospect-street, Pilgrim, and Chapel Churches. Their secretary, Mrs. Burrage, reports that \$150.00 have been paid to the treasury of the W. B. M. The meetings of the society are well attended; and great interest was felt in missionary addresses by Mrs. Dr. Bliss, Miss Wood, and Mrs. Chandler.

A children's society has been formed in connection with the Prospect-street Church.

Of the young auxiliary of BERNARDSTON (MASS.), only six months old, Miss C. S. Slate, the secretary, reports, that it has grafted itself on the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and has adopted the weekly-pledge system. Though feeling that their results are small now, they are hoping to do greater things for the Master in the future.

The MALDEN (MASS.) auxiliary started five years ago with sixteen members: now it numbers seventy-seven. They have supported for four years two Bible-readers, Parkeum and Marta, but are hoping this year to do more. Seventy-four copies of "Life and Light" are taken and enjoyed. One gentleman says, if it cost five dollars a year, he would pay it, rather than do without the magazine.

The WOBURN (MASS.) auxiliary, Mrs. C. S. Adkins, secretary, has added very much to the interest of its meetings by holding them every month, instead of once in three months, as was the former custom. With a membership of forty-seven, they have contributed

during the past year \$125.00, and taken sixty-three copies of "Life and Light."

The auxiliary in FLUSHING (L.I.), Miss Margaret Macgregor, secretary, was organized in 1871, and has a membership of thirty-two. They have also two mission-circles.

The WINCHESTER (MASS.) auxiliary, Mrs. N. W. C. Holt, secretary, has a membership of fifty-six. They have contributed the past year \$231.00, for the support of their missionary, Miss Hattie G. Powers; while their earnest ally, the children's Seek-and-Save Society, have given \$137.00 for the same object, making a total of \$368.00.

The LOWELL (MASS.) auxiliary, Mrs. D. Hall Rice, secretary, held their first annual meeting in October. They have assumed the support of Miss Sears of Mardin, and hope to do more than that.

The Central Church, LYNN (MASS.), have founded an auxiliary which is yet in its infancy, being but a few months old. Mrs. William F. Hill, its secretary, reports a membership of seventeen.

The Dayville Youths' Mission-Circle of KILLINGLY (CONN.) counts but thirteen names on its roll; but the thirteen seem to be systematic, earnest workers. Since its organization in May, 1873, they have contributed \$230.00 to the W. B. M. They hold monthly meetings, and reports from mission-fields are prepared and presented by the members.

The auxiliary at MELROSE (MASS.), Mrs. S. H. Albee, secretary, has a membership of fifty-six, also a mission-circle connected with the society. They have supported, the past year, a native teacher under Mrs. Bartlett, at Talas.

The auxiliary at WALTON (N.Y.) has been in existence but little more than a year. Starting with eleven members, it has grown till it now numbers sixty-three. They have contributed since their organization \$101.00.

Mrs. S. C. Dyer, secretary of the SPENCER (MASS.) auxiliary, reports that the society has had a struggling existence for twenty-two months; but the few earnest workers who are carrying it in their hearts feel encouraged as they find it has grown a little in numbers and interest. The average attendance at their monthly meetings is only five. Their contributions for the year amount to \$55.59, and they make it a rule to have the Woman's Board represented in the monthly concert of the church.

Mrs. Lewis Gregory reports that the auxiliary at WEST AMESBURY (MASS.) wish to support a scholar in Talas, also one in Ahmednuggur.

The Edwards Church auxiliary of NORTHAMPTON (MASS.) report through their secretary, Miss Isabella G. Clarke, a membership of eighty-nine, they having voted to consider all contributors as members, however small the contribution might be. \$101.90 has been paid into the treasury; and they think there is a growing interest in the cause of missions.

The auxiliary connected with the Village Church, DORCHESTER (MASS.), report through their secretary, Miss Josephine K. Wight, a year of activity and fruitfulness. Their quarterly meetings have been regularly held, and have proved delightful occasions to all. As a new feature, they have introduced sketches of the formation and progress of different missions, thus gaining much information and an increased interest. Items are also contributed for the monthly concert of the church; and their ladies' "Missionary Leaflet" is considered a success. A mission-circle, called the "Band of Faith," has been organized during the year, with a membership of one hundred and twenty-five.

The auxiliary at GRAFTON (MASS.), Mrs. J. W. McKenzie, secretary, has thirty-seven members, who sent \$20.00 to the W. B. M. They greatly enjoyed the presence and stirring words of Mrs. Capron as she spoke to them of her work in India, and felt that they received a fresh impulse in their own souls.

The AUBURNDALE (MASS.) auxiliary, Mrs. F. W. Pearson, secretary, report continued prosperity and interest. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, commencing at three o'clock, and continuing an hour and a half; average attendance, fourteen. A pleasant feature of their meetings consists in the ladies sewing for the missionary children who are under the care of Mrs. Walker. Membership of the society thirty-nine.

The Broadway Church, Winter Hill, SOMERVILLE (MASS.), formed an auxiliary in January, 1874, Mrs. E. F. Jones, secretary. Their meetings are held on the last Friday of each month, and consist of devotional exercises, conversation, the study of some mission field, and general missionary intelligence. They have taken up two fields so far, the Zulu and the Madura missions. Over \$80.00 have been raised to support a Bible-reader.

The auxiliary connected with the Eliot Church, NEWTON (MASS.), Mrs. J. S. Potter, secretary, reports, that, at their last annual meeting in January, after an earnestly expressed desire for greater interest in the work, a committee was appointed to invite every lady in the church and congregation to become a member of the society. The auxiliary pledged itself to raise the sum of \$400.00 during the year. In March a missionary sale was held, from which \$425.00 was realized; and their total receipts for the year were \$703.00. Of this \$551.00 has gone towards the support of Mrs. W. B. Capron of Madura, and \$152.88 for scholarships in the Dakota Home.

The HAVERHILL (MASS.) auxiliary, Mary F. Johnson, secretary, feel encouraged from having enlisted the children in the work, and formed a mission-circle of thirty members. The little folks were to hold a Christmas festival, from which they were hoping substantial results.

The auxiliary supports one Bible-reader, and hopes soon to take care of another.

The auxiliary of COLCHESTER (CONN.), Mrs. Ely Gillette, secretary, was organized in 1869, a deeper interest in the cause of missions having been awakened at that time through the influence of the late Mrs. Daniel Safford. They have a membership of about sixty, with twenty-two life members. Their contributions for five years have been \$588.39. Meetings are held monthly for prayer.

From the "Wide-Awake Workers" of NORTH WEYMOUTH (MASS.), Master Charles Chapin, secretary, writes, "In January, 1874, the children of the Old North Parish were invited to meet at the parsonage to form a mission-circle. A good number of boys and girls accepted the invitation, and pledged themselves to do all they could to help spread the Gospel in heathen lands. Soon after, we sent to the treasurer of the Woman's Board \$6.00; and during the year the girls have been busy making fancy articles for a fair, and the boys have made brackets, frames, cradles, &c., for the same purpose. Before the close of the year we hope to add \$25.00 to our former contribution, and next year to do better still. Our circle has sixty members, from one year old to sixteen; and we make our parents honorary members on payment of fifty cents."

May the "Wide-Awakes" keep on working for Jesus, till their

beautiful motto, "Happy homes all around the world," is realized!

The auxiliary of DARIEN (CONN.), through their secretary, Mrs. E. B. Mead, report a year of happy work. Besides sustaining with much interest their monthly meetings, they have made efforts to extend the work in other places, by letters, leaflets, and reports. Besides the thirty-two members of the auxiliary, and the circle of Busy Bees connected with it, two new mission-circles have been started in Darien during the year, — the "Ox-Ridge Circle," and the "Sunbeams." The Busy Bees, though only numbering nine small workers, have by means of a pop-corn festival, missionary gardens, nutting expeditions, and weekly pledges, raised \$24.00 for the treasury, which goes towards the support of a Bible-reader in Mardin.

The "Sunbeams" too, though numbering but six members, and only having begun to shine last month, have earned \$75.00 since their organization.

The Ox-Ridge Circle have sent during the year \$13.60, and the four societies together have contributed \$197.60.

The NEWBURYPORT (MASS.) auxiliary, Susan M. Brown, secretary, support Mrs. Cora Tomson, of the Constantinople Home; and the total amount contributed by the auxiliary, and the four mission bands connected with it, has been for the year \$509.00.

They have been deeply afflicted in the death of their beloved president, Mrs. W. B. Banister, who for four years had not failed to be present at their meetings. At the last quarterly meeting the following resolutions were passed: —

1. *Resolved*, that we hereby express our deep sorrow at the death of our beloved president Mrs. William B. Banister, one of the founders of this society, who has so faithfully and so acceptably served us these six years; and we recognize the loss that we as a society, and Zion at large, have sustained in this sorrowful providence.

2. *Resolved* also, that it is an obligation to honor that wisdom and benevolence of God which gave her for so long a period to be an eminent and successful teacher of the young, and whose wisdom in counsel and Christian example and faithful labors in these later years have so efficiently promoted the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The auxiliary in NEW LONDON (CONN.) report the whole amount of money received and forwarded to the Woman's Board of Missions, in 1874, was \$157.10 for society membership, and \$16.80 for "Life and Light." The monthly prayer-meetings have been held regularly, and their interest has often been heightened by missionary letters. A mission-circle, called the "Schauffler Society," was organized last June, and have already raised by monthly fees, and a sale, the sum of \$250.00. A circle of still younger girls, called the "Merry Workers," was also organized in September, and have raised \$20.00. Both of the Congregational churches in New London are united in all these organizations. Two valued members of the society have been removed by death the past year. Of one of them, Mrs. Henry P. Haven, it seems most fitting that some mention should be made on these pages, as the cause here represented had long been, and was to the last, so dear to her.

For many years Mrs. Haven had been a great and constant sufferer. But pain and weariness, which seemed enough to justify absolute seclusion from active benevolence, and even from household cares, have only made her more thoughtful for others, more generous in giving aid, more ready for every good word and work within her power. Many who read these words will remember how, in one instance after another, those who had no claim upon her of relationship have been taken into her home, and have received from her a mother's care, while they were preparing for lives of usefulness. And many more have had personal experience of her bountiful and unwearying hospitality, and of her generous remembrances of friendship and of charity. In Mrs. Haven was found the rare combination of gentleness with energy, and also of great physical weakness with constant helpfulness and care for others. Among the many tributes paid her now, not the least eloquent was given in homely words, by one in her service, telling of the patience and forbearance and kindness that had never varied for thirty years. From her own home, from the church with which she had long been connected, from the many benevolent enterprises in which she had borne a large part, from neighbors and friends, from those dependent upon her service or her bounty, comes up this one testimony: "She hath wrought a good work."

From its beginning, the Woman's Board of Missions has been to her an object of very great interest ; and, in one of the last days of her life, she gave directions that a certain part of that which was especially her own should be sent to aid that work. And though now her present personal aid and sympathy are withdrawn from this and many another good work, when she seems greatly needed, yet we do know that her prayers and her alms "are come up for a memorial before God," and her "works do follow" her. No words were needed to convince all who knew her that for her "to die was gain;" but she bore loving testimony to the peace that sustained her in the valley of the shadow of death before she fell asleep. The restful, peaceful expression which death left on her features, was a witness to all, that, having finished her course, she has entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

The JAMAICA-PLAIN auxiliary, Miss Kate B. Wendall, secretary, reports, that, although the financial year has not yet closed, about \$300.00 are already collected. That the missionary spirit thrives, is evinced by hopeful signs of interest among the young ladies and the missionary band, "The Wide Awakes."

From the BROOKLINE auxiliary, Mrs. L. A. B. Ward, secretary, reports a contribution of \$243.00, of which \$200.00 have been given to secure a share in a dormitory of the Constantinople Home. There are eight mission-circles in the sabbath school, whose offerings amount to \$48.86. From this sum, \$40.00 are taken for the support of a scholar in the girls' school in Harpoot. One of the mission-circles, the "Violets," made and sent a very pretty quilt for the Home ; and two other quilts which had been presented were also voted and sent to the Home.

The NEW-BEDFORD auxiliary, Mrs. G. W. Ellis, secretary, feels that the past year has been, as a whole, the most prosperous one of the society. The meetings are well attended, and there is a steady, growing interest in the work. The envelope system has been adopted with most gratifying results.

Broadway Church, NORWICH (CONN.) auxiliary, reported by Mrs. William Hutchison, secretary, has one hundred members, with sixty subscribers to "Life and Light." In June, at the annual meeting, an interesting address on "The Christian Education of Women in Turkey" was made by Dr. Hamlin ; and, dur-

ing the last year, an effort has been made to provide for the support of Miss Noyes at the Constantinople Home. By the co-operation of auxiliary societies connected with the Second Congregational, Park, and Broadway Churches, \$371.00 have been raised for this object. The "Dew-Drop Mission-Circle" are educating a little girl in Miss Townshend's school at Udupitty, and will provide for another pupil's support with the proceeds of a parlor fair which yielded \$75.00.

From the CAMBRIDGE UNION Auxiliary, consisting of Shepherd-Memorial, North-Avenue, and East-Cambridge Churches, Mrs. L. R. Pearson, secretary, comes a report of increasing interest in the work. They support Miss Bliss at Sivas, whose salary is \$363.00.

The WINCHENDON auxiliary, having been established four years, is felt to be an active means of Christian growth and culture to those privileged to work and pray for continued usefulness. The quarterly meetings are well sustained, and evince a steadily increasing interest and sympathy in the work. The list of members contains ninety-eight names; and the present year \$150.00 have been contributed to furnish a room in the Constantinople Home.

The auxiliary in SALEM (MASS.) supports Mrs. Tsua at Tungcho, China. It has montbly meetings for prayer, and the reading of missionary intelligence; and the interest has been increased during the year.

The auxiliary in BROCKTON (MASS.), organized in April, 1874, through the thorough canvassing of the churches, has a membership of three hundred and seventy. By the use of the weekly-pledge system, \$400.00 have been raised for the support of Miss Williams at Marash, Turkey; and it is hoped more will be done another year. One or two other auxiliaries have also been formed through the influence of this society.

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MISSION-CIRCLES.

ASSABET, MASS. : Missionary Rill.

AUBURNDALE, MASS. : Juvenile Missionary Society.

BEVERLY, MASS. : Centreville Mission-Circle.

“ “ Ivy-Leaves.

BOSTON, MASS. : Four Circles (Central Church).

“ “ Chambers-street Chapel Circles.

“ “ Two Circles (Old South Church).

- BOSTON, MASS.: Young Ladies' Mission-Circle (Union Church).
 " " Shawmut Helpers.
- BOSTON HIGHLANDS: Little Sowers.
 " " Star Circle.
 " " Zulu Mission-Circle.
- BOSTON (EAST): Zulu Helpers.
 " " Maverick Rill.
 " " Buds of Promise.
- BOSTON (SOUTH): Willing Hands.
 " " Willing Workers.
- BROCKTON, MASS.: Messenger Birds.
- BROOKLINE, MASS.: Treasure-Seekers.
 " " Lilies-of-the Valley.
 " " Gleaners.
 " " Violets.
 " " Hope Circle.
 " " Buds of Promise.
 " " Cheerful Givers.
 " " Charity Circle.
 " " Moss Roses.
 " " Orioles.
 " " Sparrows.
 " " Excelsior.
- BROOKLYN, N.Y.: Armstrong Mission-Circle.
- CAMBRIDGE, MASS.: Jewel-Seekers.
 " " Little Workers.
 " " Willing Helpers.
- CAMBRIDGEPORT, MASS.: Wiyuh Workers.
- CHELSEA, MASS.: Busy Bees.
- CROWN POINT, N.Y.: Willing Hearts.
- DANVERS, MASS.: Cheerful Givers.
- DARIEN, CONN.: Busy Bees.
 " " Sunbeams.
 " " Ox Ridge Mission-Circle.
- DORCHESTER, MASS.: Village-Church Band of Faith.
- EAST BRAINTREE, MASS.: Monatiquot Circle.
- EAST WEYMOUTH, MASS.: Rivulet.
- EVERETT, MASS.: Everett Crusaders.
- FALL RIVER, MASS.: Willing Helpers.

- FALMOUTH, MASS. : Seaside Gleaners.
 FLUSHING, L.I. : MacGregor Hall Gatherers.
 " " Bird's Nest.
 FRANKLIN, N.Y. : Fairy Fingers.
 FREDONIA, N.Y. : Children's Missionary Society.
 GILEAD, CONN. : Sunbeams.
 GLASTENBURY, CONN. : Juvenile Missionary Society.
 GREENWICH, CONN. : Banner of Light.
 HATFIELD, MASS. : Hatfield Gleaners.
 HAVERHILL, MASS. : Pentucket Mission-Circle.
 HINSDALE, MASS. : Mountain Rill.
 HOLLISTON, MASS. : Open Hands.
 HOPKINTON, MASS. : Little Workers.
 IPSWICH, MASS. : First Church Mission-Circle.
 IPSWICH SEMINARY : Caldwell Mission-Circle.
 JAMAICA PLAIN : Wide Awakes.
 " " Young Climbers.
 " " Buds of Promise.
 KENSINGTON, N.H. : Willing Workers.
 KILLINGLY, CONN. : Dayville Youth's Mission-Circle.
 LAWRENCE, MASS. : The Little Nightingales.
 LEE : Young Ladies' Mission Circle.
 LEOMINSTER, MASS. : Earnest Workers.
 LINCOLN, MASS. : Cheerful Givers.
 LYNN, MASS. : Mayflowers.
 MALDEN, MASS. : Star Mission-Circle.
 MARBLEHEAD, MASS. : Youth's Church Association.
 " " Cheerful Workers.
 " " Little Mission-Workers.
 MAYNARD, MASS. : Rising Star.
 MEDFORD, MASS. : McCollom Mission-Circle.
 MEDWAY, MASS. : Medway Gleaners.
 MILLBURY, MASS. : Light Bearers.
 MONTAGUE, MASS. : Missionary Helpers.
 NEW BEDFORD, MASS. : Union Workers.
 NEWBURYPORT, MASS. : Belleville Mission-Circle.
 " " North Church Mission-Circle.
 " " Campbell Mission-Circle.
 " " Tyler Mission Circle.

- NEW LONDON, CONN. : Schaufler Mission-Circle.
 " " Merry Workers.
 NEW YORK CITY : Cheerful Workers.
 NORTH ADAMS, MASS. : Little Helpers.
 NORTH BROOKFIELD, MASS.
 NORTH CAMBRIDGE, MASS. : Rosebuds.
 NORTH WEYMOUTH, MASS. : Wide-awake Workers.
 PEABODY, MASS. : Morning Stars.
 PIGEON COVE : Busy Bodies.
 PUTNAM, CONN. : The Mission-Workers.
 RANDOLPH, MASS. : Cheerful Givers.
 READING, MASS. : Reading Rill.
 RICHMOND, N.Y. : Happy Workers.
 RICHVILLE, N.Y. : Morning Star.
 " " Evening Star.
 ROCHESTER, N.Y. : Plymouth Cong. Ch. Mission-Circle.
 SALEM, MASS. : Willing Helpers.
 " " Crombie St. Juvenile Society.
 SHREWSBURY, MASS. : Little Sunbeams.
 SOMERVILLE, MASS. : Square Circle.
 SOUTH FREEPORT, ME. : Snowbirds.
 SOUTH WEYMOUTH, MASS. : Union Mission-Circle.
 SWAMPSCOTT, MASS. : Busy Workers.
 SYRACUSE, N.Y. : Plymouth Ch. Mission-Circle.
 WAKEFIELD, MASS. : Mission-Helpers.
 WALPOLE, MASS. : Little Gleaners.
 WELLESLEY, MASS. : Penny-Gatherers.
 WEST AMESBURY, MASS.
 WESTBORO' : Willing Helpers.
 WEST MEDWAY, MASS. : Olive-Plants.
 WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. : Mite-Gatherers.
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 WILLIAMSBURG, MASS. : Juvenile Miss. Circle.
 WINCHESTER, MASS. : Seek-and-Save Society.
 WINDHAM, O. : Young Ladies' Mission-Circle.
 WOBURN, MASS. : Woburn Workers.
 WORCESTER, MASS. : Seek-and-Save Society.
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THE Philadelphia Branch is glad to report an increase of four auxiliaries the past year, — a very welcome aid to the "veterans," who feel that some new and young zeal is a requisite to their own progress. No less interest in this good and great work is manifested; though the treasury is diminished, and thus any larger share, or new field to assume, must be denied us, while we can only, as yet, meet our pledges.

We support the school at Aintab, and assume the salary of Miss Proctor and four native teachers there; also a scholarship. Miss Goulby's salary, at Osaka, Japan, is provided by several of our mission-circles; and others maintain a pupil in the Constantinople Home, and one in Mrs. Chapin's school at Tung-Cho, China. Some special contributions have been made to the Constantinople Home, and more are intended when a larger ability is granted us. At the annual meeting held in Middletown, N.Y., October, 1874, the bond which had so long held us to our president, Mrs. Burdett Hart, was severed, because the Lord hath need of her elsewhere.

Regretting deeply her removal, we yet recognized "the good hand of our God upon us" in leading us to select Mrs. Ray Palmer, of Newark, N.J., as a fit successor to Mrs. Hart.

The last report of the treasurer, Mrs. Goodell, covers a period of a year and a half, and states our receipts to be \$2,804.73. In "casting their gifts into the treasury," our mission-circles are active, and show, mutually, a good spirit of emulation.

We desire to press forward, and pray for a full spirit of consecration, to be witnessed in our bountifulness to this blessed cause.

ANNA P. HALSEY.

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WHEN the parental inquiry, "Where hast thou gleaned to-day?" comes to us, we look over our field, and gladly respond.

Our boundary is now distinctly defined by the Hartford Branch, which has assumed the work in four counties. This leaves for the New-Haven Branch four counties also, having in their Congregational churches a female membership of eighteen thousand. Among these we must sow and reap for the blessed Master, not leaving one sister uninvited.

We commenced our year bereft of the tried and noble head by whose judgment and fidelity we had been led from the first. Mrs. Hubbard's counsels had seemed indispensable to us; but the dear Lord knew our wants. He heard, and more than answered, our prayers; and our thankful hearts are encouraged and strengthened daily. We are learning that not by man or by woman, but by God's own Spirit, this work must be done. Let him choose the instruments, and we will give him the praise.

We have one hundred and fifty-six churches in our field. In most of these much faithful work has been done. Ladies of our society, and returned missionaries, have conducted meetings, and given addresses, which have aroused and interested those who listened. Copies of letters from missionaries, leaflets, and other publications, have been extensively circulated. Every church has been invited to join us, and most of them repeatedly. Importunate appeals have been sent to the indifferent, and loving encouragement to the disheartened.

We urge upon our members the importance of systematic giving, giving to Christ, making our giving a part of our worship.

Our auxiliaries, including mission-circles, number over one hundred. It is an important part of our work to give to these information and words of cheer. For this purpose hundreds of pages, copied from letters and reports of missionaries, have been furnished for monthly meetings. Our missionaries must have our loving sympathy and prayerful interest. This can only be secured by keeping them and their work familiar to those who support them. The very words of the missionary appeal, "Sisters, pray for us," must be repeated over and over. To keep open this communication between the home and foreign field, is our earnest endeavor. It is imperfectly done; and we too, like our sisters in foreign lands, beg for the prayers which prevail.

Four young missionaries have gone from our homes since our last report. We are sure these will feel stronger, and work better, for the loving interest we have in them, and their assurance of our prayers. They are our missionaries, and they feel it; and we feel it also.

Our monthly meetings are full, and more and more interesting. We hear strangers say, "I had no idea you had such good meetings," and, "I shall surely come again." We feel that the Holy Spirit is with us in these meetings, and sometimes dare to hope a blessed time is near.

This year we support six missionaries, eight Bible-readers, one teacher, one entire school with nearly one hundred scholars, forty-eight scholars in boarding schools; have furnished one dormitory in the Constantinople Home, one dormitory in the Dakota Home, and also have a goodly share in the general expenses of the Woman's Board.

Through these agencies the gospel-message is daily conveyed to hundreds of ignorant heathen women and children in the Mah-ratta, Tamil, Chinese, Zulu, Spanish, Dakota, Armenian, and Turkish languages. When we think of the happiness in this life which Christianity confers, we feel repaid. But the glorious hereafter, the souls saved, the joy in heaven, — these thoughts make our hearts grow strong; and we resolve to do with our might what our hands find to do.

Forty-nine new life members have been made since January, 1874, giving a total of one hundred and thirty.

More than six hundred copies of "Life and Light" are taken in our field.

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NEW HAVEN : Davenport Church, "*Cheerful Givers,*" Mrs. F.
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NEW HAVEN : North Church, "*Silver Star Circle,*" Miss Lula
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NEW HAVEN : College-street Church, "*Cheerful Workers,*" Miss
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H. Carrington, Sec'y and Treas.

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THE second annual meeting of the Vermont Branch was changed by a previous vote of the officers, from the last Wednesday to the first Tuesday in October, in order to meet with the American Board which was held in Rutland at that time. Our secretary reports that our vice-presidents have done more and better work than we had hoped. One of them reports auxiliaries in every church in her county, except two where they have no pastors; and efforts are being made to form one in each of those places. At our first annual report we had fourteen auxiliaries: now we can count fifty-five all in active working order.

Our treasurer reports the amount of funds raised from October, 1873, to October, 1874, to be \$2,201 ; an excess over last year of \$1,637.

At our anniversary meeting in June we were able to report having fulfilled all our pledges ; viz., \$332 for the support of the Misses Ely, \$300 for support of schools in Ceylon and Foochow, China, and the one made in January of \$500 for the Constantinople Home. Since June a special meeting has been held, at which the Vermont Branch assumed the responsibility of paying Mrs. Anna Park's salary of \$551, missionary at Sholapoor, India.

The Vermont Branch felt it to be a great privilege to have the A. B. C. F. M. meet in our State. There is no estimating the favorable impulse given to the cause of missions by that occasion.

If the meeting at Rutland was an inspiring one, surely those who were privileged to attend the recent annual meeting in Boston of the W. B. M. must have felt it doubly so as they listened to those earnest, self-denying missionaries, and heard them express their delight in their work. From their united testimony of the presence of the Saviour in all their work, may we learn a lesson of faith, and be encouraged in our darkest hours to go forward, trusting in his strength !

MRS. LUTHER DANIELS, *President.*

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

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BRATTLEBORO' : Mrs. Orrin Slate, Pres. ; Miss Rebecca Crosby, Sec'y and Treas.

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BURLINGTON : Mrs. G. G. Benedict, Directress ; Mrs. Henry Torrey, Sec'y ; Mrs. J. H. Worcester, Treas.

BROOKFIELD : First Church, Mrs. Silas Hall, Pres. ; Mrs. Harmon Rood, Sec'y ; Mrs. William Graves, Treas.

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- BARRE: Mrs. Leonard Tenney, Directress; Miss Helen Wood, Sec'y; Mrs. J. A. Phillips, Treas.
- BARNET: Mrs. S. S. Clark, Sec'y.
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- CHELSEA: Mrs. E. K. Herrick, Pres.; Mrs. Aaron Davis, Sec'y; Mrs. Powers, Treas.
- CHESTER: Mrs. J. G. Hale, Directress; Mrs. J. S. Chapman, Sec'y and Treas.
- COLCHESTER: Mrs. Fannie Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. J. F. Day, Sec'y; Miss Jennie Wolcott, Treas.
- CORNWALL: Mrs. S. W. Magill, Pres.; Mrs. Daniel Warner, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Henry Lane, Sec'y and Treas.
- CASTLETON: Mrs. L. H. Stone, Pres.; Miss Mary Noyes, Sec'y; Miss Ruth A. Peck, Treas.
- DORSET: Mrs. G. M. Sykes, Directress; Miss C. G. Pratt, Sec'y; Mrs. John Moore, Treas.
- DANVILLE: Mrs. A. G. Thompson, Directress and Treas.; Miss Emma Ayer, Sec'y.
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- BURLINGTON: Misses' Missionary Circle.
- COLCHESTER: The Cheerful Givers.
- LUDLOW: The Young People's Mission.
- MIDDLEBURY: Green Mountain Rills.
- RUTLAND: Willing Helpers.
- “ Little Gleaners.
- “ Wayside Gleaners.
- “ Willing Hands.
- “ Little Sowers.
- “ Busy Bees.
- “ Busy Larks.
- “ Pearl Seekers.
- “ Cheerful Givers.
- “ Children of the Light.
- “ Loving Hearts.
- “ Buds of Promise.
- “ Mrs. Dunton's Class.
- “ Juveniles.
- ST. JOHNSBURY: The Mountain Gleaners.
- VERGENNES: Cheerful Givers.

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Patchedor, Miss Lizzie.
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REPORT OF THE RHODE-ISLAND BRANCH.

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OUR connection with the Woman's Board dates from October, 1868, at which time the Providence auxiliary was organized, comprising the Congregational churches of the city. From time to time similar societies were formed in various parts of the State, until in October, 1873, we re-organized as a branch society. The large and interested attendance on its first anniversary was a pleasing proof of the increasing interest in the cause.

Of the twenty-five Congregational churches in the State, we have representatives in sixteen; while, of the remaining number, several are without pastors, or too feeble to undertake more outside work. We hope and believe that ere long all will be included in the number.

The mission-circles number nine, -- some of which are our most efficient helpers. Regular meetings, with direct objects for work, have proved the most potent means for continued and fruitful interest.

The meetings during the year have been of increasing interest, and well attended. The reports of delegates sent to the meetings in Boston and New Haven warmed all hearts, assuring us that the interchange of Christian sympathy is fraught with rich results.

Our receipts for the year amount to \$2,081.11. For "Life and Light," there are in the State two hundred and twenty-nine subscribers. The life-members number thirty-one, while the actual membership of the branch embraces nearly all the female members of the churches.

The foreign work we have assumed embraces a very extensive field, including the support of Miss Ashley and a pupil in India, Mrs. Tyler in Africa, Miss Payson and two scholarships in China, two scholarships at the Dakota Home, and seven village schools at Aintab, Turkey; the surplus funds to be sent to the Constantinople Home.

Truly grateful for what we have accomplished in the past, we feel a more complete self-consecration to Christ and his work is needed, that each dollar we send from Christian America should bear with it the effectual prayer which shall be for the soul-healing of the people.

Mrs. HENRY W. WILKINSON, *Secretary.*

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

- PROVIDENCE: Central Church, Mrs. H. N. Lathrop, Pres.; Mrs. M. I. Fuller, Sec'y and Treas.
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Mr. EDWARD GOULD.

At the close of the first year of our existence as a branch, we naturally look to see what advantage has come to us from this organization. The experiment of electing a vice-president in each county, to promote the cause of missions in her own district, has proved entirely successful. Through the energetic labors of these ladies, county meetings have been held in various places, many letters written, much interest awakened in the work, and the result has been the formation of twenty-two new auxiliaries, and sixteen mission-circles. The sympathies of the children have

been enlisted, and they have been found to be most active workers, often kindling the interest of their elders by their eager enthusiasm; while the sums raised by them have compared favorably with those contributed by the auxiliaries in the same churches.

The annual meeting held at Newcastle, in June, in connection with the State conference, was a pleasant, informal meeting, marked by much enthusiasm, and determination to push forward the work, — a spirit which bore fruit soon after, in the formation of several new auxiliaries.

We have had for our work, during the past year, the schools at Mardin, Umzumbe, and Osaka, Japan; and, through the letters which have been sent from the missionaries there, we have gained a personal interest in them and their labors, which we could not otherwise have had. Copies of these letters have been sent to the auxiliaries by the secretaries, and have added greatly to the interest of their meetings. The amount pledged for these schools was \$1,010.00, but we have received during the year more than \$1,700.00. Of this, about \$200.00 has been appropriated to special objects outside of our regular work; and owing to some irregularity in sending in money, which could hardly be avoided in the first year of our organization, but which will probably not occur again, the amount received represents rather more than an ordinary year's collection. We, however, feel that we can agree to furnish a room in the Constantinople Home; while instead of the school in Japan, in which the pupils have become self supporting, that at Bardesag, Turkey, will be substituted, as, being under the care of a Maine lady, Miss Farnham, it has a special claim on the friends of missions in her own State.

Although this is all for which the Branch is able to pledge itself at present, we can but hope our increasing numbers will enable us in another year to extend our work, and reach out to greater and greater usefulness.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY: Mrs. W. T. Sleeper, Pres.; Mrs. A. C. Cary, Sec'y; Mrs. Hiram Stevens, Treas.

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AUBURN: "*Cheerful Givers.*"

AUGUSTA: Mrs. Anna A. Potter, Pres.; Miss Mary Deering, Sec'y; Mrs. Artemas Libby, Treas.

AUGUSTA: "*Young Ladies' Circle,*" Mrs. J. M. Haynes, Pres.; Miss Alice F. Titcomb, Sec'y and Treas.

BANGOR: Mrs. James Crosby, Mrs. George W. Pickering, Miss Sophia Stackpole, Mrs. Albert Dole, Mrs. C. G. Stearns, Mrs. H. S. Brown, Directresses; Mrs. Emma L. Duren, Sec'y; Mrs. E. G. Thurston, Treas.

BANGOR: Central Church, *Mission-Circle.*

BANGOR: "*Dakota Workers.*"

BANGOR: "*Bangor Rill.*"

BATH: Mrs. G. H. Palmer, Treas.

BATH: "*Little Rills.*"

BELFAST: Mrs. J. A. Ross, Pres.; Mrs. William O. Poor, Cor. Sec'y; Mrs. Jane Noyes, Rec. Sec'y and Treas.

BETHEL: Mrs. David Garland, Pres.; Mrs. T. H. Chapman, Sec'y; Miss Sarah K. Gould, Treas.

BETHEL: "*Little Helpers.*"

BIDDEFORD: Mrs. Martha E. McKenny, Pres.; Mrs. Annie M. Butler, Sec'y; Mrs. M. M. Staples, Treas.

BOOTHBAY: Mrs. E. Pike, Pres.; Mrs. G. B. Kenniston, Sec'y; Mrs. Ellen Carter, Treas.

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ELLSWORTH: "*Cup-Bearers.*"

ELLSWORTH: "*Young Reapers.*"

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- FARMINGTON: Miss Sarah Smith, Pres.; Miss Belle Stewart, Vice-Pres.; Miss M. Titcomb, Sec'y; Miss Addie Tuck, Treas.
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- FREEPORT (SOUTH): "*Snow-Birds,*" Miss M. P. Soule, Directress.
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- GORHAM: Mrs. L. Z. Ferris, Pres.; Mrs. Caroline F. Smith, Sec'y and Treas.
- GORHAM: "*Mission-Workers.*"
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AT the beginning of the year, as a branch of the Woman's Board, we hardly knew how or where to begin. The few auxiliaries of the State were widely separated, and knew little or nothing of each other. While there was much interest in some places, and much inquiry concerning the object of the Woman's Board in others, nothing had yet been done to develop and organize interest by associated and systematic effort. Circulars were sent to the churches, explaining the purpose of the branch, and inviting co-operation.

The ladies of Manchester, with a wise and prompt discernment of what next needed to be done, invited the Christian women of the surrounding churches to come together for a day of missionary conference and prayer. A large number assembled, many meeting each other for the first time, drawn together by a common interest in the Redeemer's kingdom. It was a day of Christian fellowship long to be remembered. Out of it sprang confidence, co-operation, and increase. The branch was rooted.

Public meetings have been held at six of our eight county conferences. At two, those of Hillsborough and Rockingham, where the largest number of auxiliaries were situated, the meetings were full and earnest. Many from the western part of the State attended the meetings of the Board at Rutland, and brought fresh enthusiasm home. True work is going on in Sullivan Conference, where the response, as soon as the objects of our organization were understood, was hearty and inspiring.

In December, ladies from Mr. Spalding's church in Dover invited those from the neighboring churches to spend a day with them, for discussion and quickening in mission work. It was truly good to be there. The work rose in value as we gave it thought, word, purpose, and prayer.

We now number sixty-one auxiliaries, and, as far as is known, eighteen mission-circles among the young. Our contributions were fifteen hundred dollars. Three hundred of this is to furnish a parlor in the Constantinople Home, and five hundred to pay the salary of Miss Norris, physician at Bombay. On the rescue of a son from drowning during a summer excursion, a lady of Claremont gave twenty-five dollars to the Woman's Board, as a thank-offering for special mercy. Expressions of grateful love like this would soon fill the treasury of the church.

There is a large female membership in nearly all our churches, especially among younger members, which gives nothing to foreign missions. This we must endeavor to bring into sympathy and cooperation with us. Many need to be sought out, encouraged, and instructed in both the duty and the privilege of giving.

The New-Hampshire Branch has begun to grow. It is easy to write constitutions, to pass resolutions, and to make promises; but, if it is to make good its promises, each one must put heart and work into it.

Each member of each auxiliary must make a steadfast effort to contribute her part towards making it a living branch. And let me add, that there is no surer way of showing and of increasing our interest than by being present at the stated meetings of our societies: a contribution of personal presence is always a valuable contribution.

H. C. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

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- MANCHESTER: Franklin-street Church, "*Earnest Workers.*"
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THE Canadian Branch of the Woman's Board became such not from its number of auxiliaries, but through the arrangement made for societies outside the United States. Its chief aim has been to create an interest in foreign missions, where there has heretofore been so little. The society has accomplished more than was expected; not so much in dollars and cents, as in arousing interest in the work. The auxiliary in Brownsville is the only one yet organized; but meetings preparatory to organizing have been held

in Toronto, Hamilton, Belleville, Peterboro', and other places. In addition to the \$400.00 sent for the finishing and furnishing of the guest-room in the Constantinople Home, the branch has supported Miss Howland of Ceylon, whose salary is \$551.00; and half the girls' school in Madura, Southern India, at a cost of \$260.00. May the fact, that a part of the kingdom of Great Britain is receiving religious instruction from missionaries from the United States, bind the two nations more closely together in a common cause; and during the coming year may the interest in the work soon extend through all the cities and villages of the Old Dominion!

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AT its first annual meeting, held Dec. 3, 1873, the Woman's Missionary Society of Springfield declared its purpose to form a branch in Hampden County, and to interest the women of its thirty-seven churches in its work.

The society had raised \$1,410.58 during the year. It had developed much interest in the cause of missions, and the sweetness of a Christian fellowship which it desired that others should share.

The Springfield Branch was organized May 4, 1874, but was not entitled to recognition until Nov. 11. It numbers now twenty-one auxiliary societies. Eight of these having been very recently formed, our receipts (\$1,467.68) are not much increased over those of last year. We support Miss Talcott at Kobe, Japan; Mrs. Allen at Harpoot; a pupil in each of the girls' schools at Marsovan, Cæsarea, and Foochow; and have paid, in part, the salary for 1874 of Mrs. Gulick at Santander. Our work has received the recognition and indorsement of the County Conference of Churches, and its courtesy invited us to present a statement of it to those churches, in its published annual report.

Our monthly meetings have, in general, been well attended. We are peculiarly favored in the residence here of returned missionaries, who sometimes speak to us, and also in the interesting letters we receive from Miss Talcott, who, from the time of her appointment to Japan, has been our own dear missionary. Our annual meeting, Dec. 2, manifested a growing, deepening interest in the cause. The hours of the whole day were very precious, and women from all over the county went out from it with fresh zeal for Christ's work.

The children's work among us has but just commenced, but there are signs of awakening and progress.

We hope that this first experiment of a county branch, and the inspiration of a closer sympathy between individuals and societies, may result in like organizations near us; and that from the churches nestling among these hills may go forth the means and the consecrated talents, hitherto hidden, which God shall accept for the extension of his kingdom on earth.

MRS. JOSIAH HOOKER, *President.*

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REPORT OF THE HARTFORD BRANCH.

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THE Hartford Branch obtained the number of auxiliaries required to entitle it to recognition just at the close of the year 1874. It has assumed the support of Miss Townshend of the Ceylon Mission, two Bible-readers in the Mahratta mission, one in the Madura mission, and pupils in the schools at Ahmednuggur, Udupitty, and Foochow. The auxiliary in Hartford, through whose instrumentality the branch was formed, has also paid for the finishing and furnishing the teachers' dining-room in the Con-

stantinople Home. Money, clothing, and other necessities to the amount of two hundred dollars have been furnished Miss Strong, who went as missionary to Mexico, making the whole contribution for the year over fifteen hundred dollars.

Sensible of the difficulties to be encountered, and the obstacles which hinder the work, even in Christian lands, it is felt that nothing can be accomplished except through earnest effort, and a living faith in Him who holds all hearts in his hands. An increase of missionary interest is manifest in the city churches, especially among the young people, giving promise of better things to come. At a quarterly meeting addressed by Drs. Bush and Lindley, many were led to feel that they had no jewels too precious for Christ, and the most they could do for him who had redeemed them by his precious blood would be to give themselves and their children to carry the news of his love to a perishing world.

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WETHERSFIELD-AVENUE CHURCH, HARTFORD: Mrs. W. W.
Winship, Pres.

WINDSOR-AVENUE CHURCH, HARTFORD: Mrs. Charles King,
Pres.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ASYLUM HILL "BEE-HIVE," HARTFORD: Miss Susan Clark,
Pres.; Miss Mary Tryon, Sec'y and Treas.

ROCKY HILL: "*Fragment-Gatherers*." — Miss Emma Gilbert,
Pres.; Miss Fannie L. Grimes, Treas.

HAMPTON S. S. MISSION-CIRCLE: Miss Nellie Holt, Treas.

EAST GRANBY MISSION-CIRCLE.

REPORT OF SOUTH-MIDDLESEX CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

—◆—
President.

Mrs. H. J. RICHARDSON, Lincoln.

Secretary.

Mrs. G. M. ADAMS, Holliston.

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DURING the past summer, many ladies in these churches had been feeling unusual interest in the subject of missions; and the question often arose, "What can be done in our neighborhood to arouse a sense of responsibility in this work?"

At length, it was proposed to hold a ladies' missionary meeting in connection with the semi-annual conference at South Framingham, on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1874. The pleasant little chapel was filled to overflowing. Much interest was manifested, and it was decided to organize at once a "conference association."

A brief constitution was drawn up, and officers were chosen for the coming year; viz., Mrs. H. J. Richardson of Lincoln, president, and Mrs. G. M. Adams of Holliston, secretary. Our object is the promotion of interest in the formation of auxiliaries, and the fostering of a missionary spirit among our churches, rather than the raising of money by our society as such. Each auxiliary sends its own donation directly to the parent society as before.

The work is still so new that our duties are not yet very clearly defined. Letters have been sent to those churches where no auxiliaries already exist; and in many cases favorable replies have been received. Since October, new societies have been formed in South Natick, Natick, and Northboro'.

Many of our churches are small, and have so much to do in the way of home work, that it is the more difficult for them to undertake any thing new. But it is our strong hope and earnest purpose that as soon as possible we may be able to report the formation of an active auxiliary in each of the twenty churches connected with our conference.

We now number nine auxiliaries, as follows:—

CONCORD: Miss Mary Monroe, Pres.

FRAMINGHAM: Miss A. E. Johnson, Pres.; Mrs. L. R. Eastman, Sec'y and Treas.

HOLLISTON: Mrs. E. Perry, Pres.; Mrs. G. M. Adams, Sec'y; Mrs. F. F. Fisk, Treas.

HOPKINTON: Mrs. G. H. Ide, Pres.

LINCOLN: Mrs. H. J. Richardson, Pres.; Mrs. Susan B. Shedd, Sec'y; Miss Mary S. Rice, Treas.

SOUTH NATICK: "Anne Eliot Society," Mrs. Louisa F. Edwards, Pres.; Mrs. S. D. Hosmer, Sec'y and Treas.

NATICK.

NORTHBORO'.

By the foregoing arrangement of branches and auxiliaries may be seen the thorough system that we wish to establish in the home department of our work. The parent society will give assistance, information, or specific work to the officers of state branches, to be by them transmitted to the vice-presidents appointed for each county or conference. These in turn will be responsible for the

nurture of the auxiliaries in the separate churches, endeavoring in time to enlist every female church-member in the work. On the other hand, if any individual desires information on any point, she may apply to the secretary of her auxiliary, who obtains her instructions from the vice-president of the county or conference to which she belongs; the vice-president may apply to the secretary of the State branch who is kept informed by the secretary of the Woman's Board at Boston. This simple organization, it is hoped, will enable the constantly increasing work of the society to be carried on with greater ease, rapidity, and efficiency. To make the system complete will require the cordial co-operation of every society connected with us in any way, and we are very sure that all our friends will do what they can to insure its success.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1874.

ZULU MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Mary K. Edwards, for 1875,	\$539 00	
“ “ Miss Gertrude R. Hance, for 1875,	458 00	
General expenses of Mrs. Edwards's School at Inanda, for 1875,	539 00	
Salary of Mrs. Laurana W. Mellen,	458 00	
“ “ Mrs. Susan W. Tyler,	458 00	
Girls' School at Umzumbi,	270 00	
Miss Hance's Schools and Bible-reader,	162 00	
		\$2,884 00

EUROPEAN TURKEY.

Salary of Mrs. Isabella G. Clarke,	\$391 00	
“ “ Mrs. George D. Marsh,	391 00	
		782 00

WESTERN TURKEY.—CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

Salary of Miss Julia A. Rappleye,	\$489 00
“ “ Miss Charlotte L. Noyes,	489 00
“ “ Miss Annie D. Bliss,	367 00
“ “ Miss Cornelia P. Dwight,	367 00
“ “ Mrs. Cora Welch Tomson,	489 00
Male teacher,	147 00
Female “	176 00
Rent for Home Building,	1,027 00
Teacher of Turkish,	59 00
Books, &c.,	59 00
Incidentals for 1874, 1875,	421 00
Scholarships,	1,200 00
Bible-women in Constantinople,	88 00

NICOMEDIA.

Salary of Miss Laura Farnham,	\$367 00
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CÆSAREA.

Salary of Mrs. Elizabeth Giles,	\$367 00
“ “ Miss Sarah A. Closson,	306 00
Girls' School,	388 00

MARSOVAN.

Salary of Miss Eliza Fritcher,	\$306 00
“ “ Miss Fannie E. Washburn,	306 00
Girls' Preparatory School,	176 00
Girls in the Boarding-School,	734 00
General expenses of the Boarding-School,	297 00
Salary of Mrs. Amelia A. Leonard,	303 00
Three Bible-readers,	118 00

SIVAS.

Salary of Miss Flavia S. Bliss,	\$306 00
Girls' school,	177 00

MANISSA.

Salary of Miss Phebe L. Cull,	\$367 00	
Total, Western Turkey,	—	9,899 00

CENTRAL TURKEY. — AINTAB.

Salary of Miss Myra A. Proctor,	\$367 00
“ “ Miss Hattie G. Powers,	367 00
“ “ Miss Ellen M. Pierce,	367 00
Fourteen village schools,	431 00
Female Boarding-Schools, teachers, steward, matron, &c.,	657 00
Two Bible-women,	50 00

MARASH.

Salary of Miss Mary S. Williams,	\$404 00	
Total, Central Turkey,	—	2,643 00

EASTERN TURKEY. — VAN.

One-half salary of Misses C. and M. Ely,	\$337 00
Bible-women,	24 00
Three common schools for girls,	59 00
Four “ “ “ “	22 00
Girls' Boarding-School, ass't teacher,	59 00
Incidentals,	49 00
Eight pupils,	108 00
Incidentals,	307 00

HARPOOT.

Salary of Miss Harriet Seymour,	\$337 00
“ “ Miss Caroline E. Bush,	337 00
Female Seminary, twenty girls, in part,	441 00
“ “ twelve women “ “	221 00
Assistant teacher,	49 00
Incidentals,	25 00
Common schools for girls,	361 00
Salary of Mrs. Caroline R. Allen,	337 00
“ “ “ Susan A. Wheeler,	337 00

MARDIN.

Salary of Miss Olive L. Parmelee,	\$337 00
“ “ Miss Sarah Sears,	337 00
Two Bible-women,	49 00
Girls' school, eleven pupils,	243 00
Five women,	86 00
Assistant teacher,	45 00
Salary of Oosee,	58 00
Village school,	14 00
Total, Eastern Turkey,	<u>4,579 00</u>

MAHRATTA MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Mary E. Bissell, Ahmednuggur,	\$657 00
“ “ Miss Harriet S. Ashley,	657 00
“ “ “ Sarah F. Norris, M. D. Bombay,	657 00
Conveyance,	250 00
Salary of Mrs. Anna M. Park, Sholapoor,	657 00
Bible-women,	630 00
Girls' School, teachers, pupils, and incidentals,	516 00
Salary of Mrs. Abby S. Hume,	657 00
	<u>4,681 00</u>

MADURA MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Sarah B. Capron,	\$572 00
“ “ Miss Elizabeth Sisson,	573 00
Five Bible-women,	145 00
Girls' Boarding-School, fifty pupils,	403 00
Two teachers,	117 00
Hindoo Girls' school,	126 00
Salary of Mrs. Charlotte H. Chandler,	572 00
	<u>2,508 00</u>

CEYLON MISSION.

Salary of Miss Eliza Agnew,	\$572 00
“ “ Miss Harriet E. Townshend,	572 00
“ “ Miss Susan R. Howland,	572 00
Two Bible-women,	78 00
Udupitty Female Seminary,	458 00
Uduville “ “	687 00
	<u>2,939 00</u>

FOOCHOW MISSION.

Salary of Miss Adelia M. Payson,	\$575 00	
Girls' Boarding-School,	843 00	
Salary of Mrs. Lucy E. Hartwell,	515 00	
	<hr/>	1,933 00

NORTH CHINA MISSION.

Salary of Miss Mary E. Andrews,	\$537 00	
Native helper,	61 00	
	<hr/>	598 00

JAPAN MISSION.

Salary of Miss Eliza Talcott,	\$616 00	
“ “ Miss M. E. Gouldy,	616 00	
“ “ Miss Gulick,	616 00	
Three teachers, \$93 each,	297 00	
	<hr/>	2,127 00

NORTH MEXICO MISSION.

Salary of Miss Carrie M. Strong,	\$440 00	
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SPAIN MISSION.

Salary of Mrs. Alice Gulick,	\$550 00	
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DAKOTA MISSION.

Matron, general expenses,	\$1,600 00	
		\$1,600 00

Total appropriations for 1875,	\$38,163 00
Outfits and travelling expenses for missionaries,	2,303 75
Invested from Permanent Fund,	4,930 00

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Publishing "Life and Light," including services at office,	\$7,615 56	
Printing and advertising, postage and incidentals,	724 10	
Weekly Pledge envelopes,	64 50	
Leaflets,	408 63	
	<hr/>	8,812 79
Balance in the treasury Dec. 31, 1874, reserved for pledged work,		3,996 10
Constantinople Home Building Fund, temporarily invested,		40,892 42
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		\$99,008 06

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1874.

Balance in treasury, Dec. 31, 1873,	\$31,678 98
Subscriptions and donations in 1874,	41,199 69
Legacy of Hon. Homer Bartlett,	5,000 00

Donations for Constantinople Home Building Fund,	13,351 26
Receipts from "Life and Light" and "Echoes,"	7,615 56
Weekly Pledge envelopes,	119 53
Leaflets,	133 04
	\$99,098 06

JAN. 4, 1875. — I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, and find them correct; showing a balance due the Society of thirty-nine hundred ninety-six, and ten hundredths dollars, in addition to the Constantinople Home Building Fund of forty thousand eight hundred ninety-two and forty-two hundredths dollars.

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 by Mt. Vernon Church and Mission-Circle, Boston.
- Mrs. LAURANA W. MELLEEN, Umzunduzi. Supported in part by the Mission-Circle in North Brookfield, Mass.
- Mrs. SUSAN W. TYLER, Umzunduzi. Supported by the Rhode-Island Branch.

EUROPEAN-TURKEY MISSION.

- Mrs. ISABELLA G. CLARK, Samokov. Supported on General Fund.
- Mrs. GEORGE D. MARSH, Eski-Zagra. Supported by the Auxiliary in Dorchester, Mass.

WESTERN-TURKEY MISSION.

- Miss FLAVIA S. BLISS, Sivas. Supported by the Union Auxiliary in Cambridge, Mass.
- Miss ANNIE D. BLISS, Constantinople. Supported on General Fund.
- 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 CORNELIA DWIGHT, Constantinople. Supported on General Fund.
- 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 by the New-Haven Branch.
- Miss CHARLOTTE L. NOYES, Constantinople. Supported by the Auxiliaries in Norwich, Conn.
- Miss JULIA A. RAPPLEYE, Constantinople. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.
- Mrs. CORA W. TOMSON, Constantinople. Supported by the Auxiliary in Newburyport, Mass.
- Miss FANNIE E. WASHBURN, Marsovan. Supported by the Auxiliary in Brookline, Mass.

CENTRAL-TURKEY MISSION.

- Miss ELLEN M. PIERCE, Aintab. Supported by the South Church, Salem, Mass.
- Miss HATTIE E. 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 by the Auxiliary in Brockton, Mass.

EASTERN-TURKEY MISSION.

- Mrs. CAROLINE R. ALLEN, Harpoot. Supported by the Springfield Branch.
- Miss CAROLINE E. BUSH, Harpoot. Supported by Mission-Circle in Tabernacle Church, N.Y. City.
- 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 by the Auxiliary in Lowell, Mass.

Miss HATTIE SEYMOUR, Harpoot. Supported by the Auxiliary in Fall River, Mass.

Mrs. SUSAN A. WHEELER, Harpoot. Supported by the Maine Branch.

MAHRATTA MISSION.

Miss HARRIET S. ASHLEY, Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Rhode-Island Branch.

Mrs. MARY E. BISSELL, Ahmednuggur. Supported by the Auxiliary in Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Mrs. ABBIE F. HUME, Bombay. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

Miss SARAH F. NORRIS, M.D., Bombay. Supported by the New-Hampshire Branch.

Mrs. ANNA M. PARK, Sholapoor. Supported by the Vermont Branch.

MADURA MISSION.

Mrs. SARAH B. CAPRON, Mana, Madura. Supported by the Auxiliary in Newton, Mass.

Mrs. CHARLOTTE H. CHANDLER, Madura. Supported on General Fund.

Miss ELIZABETH SISSON, Madura. Supported, in part, by the Auxiliary in East Boston, Mass.

CEYLON MISSION.

Miss ELIZA AGNEW, Uduville. Supported on General Fund.

Miss SUSAN R. HOWLAND, Udupitty. Supported by the Canadian Branch.

Miss HARRIET E. TOWNSHEND, Udupitty. Supported by the Hartford Branch.

FOOCHOW MISSION.

Mrs. LUCY E. HARTWELL, Foochow. Supported on General Fund.

Miss ADELIA M. PAYSON, Nantai. Supported by the Rhode Island Branch.

NORTH-CHINA MISSION.

Miss MARY E. ANDREWS, Tungcho. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

JAPAN MISSION.

Mrs. ELIZA DE FOREST, Osaka. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

Miss MARY E. GOULDY, Osaka. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

Miss JULIA E. GULICK, Osaka. Supported by the Auxiliary in Worcester, Mass.

Miss ELIZA TALCOTT, Kobe. Supported by the Springfield Branch.

MISSION TO SPAIN.

Mrs. ALICE GORDON GULICK, Santander. Supported in part by the Springfield Branch.

MISSION TO MEXICO.

Miss CARRIE M. STRONG, Monterey. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

SCHOOLS SUPPORTED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

ZULU MISSION.

SCHOOL AT INANDA, under care of Mrs. Edwards. Supported by Scholarships.

SCHOOL AT UMZUMAI, under care of Mrs. Bridgman. Supported by the Maine Branch.

SCHOOL AT UMVOTI, under care of Miss Hance. Supported on General Fund.

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.

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. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

SCHOOL IN SIVAS, under care of Miss Bliss. Supported by the Auxiliary in Eliot Church, Boston Highlands.

SCHOOL IN TALAS, under care of Miss Closson. Supported by the Springfield Branch.

SCHOOL IN BARDESAG under care of Miss Farnham. Supported by the Maine Branch and Scholarships; native teacher by the Auxiliary in Melrose, Mass.

CENTRAL-TURKEY MISSION.

SCHOOL AT AINTAB, under care of Miss Proctor. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

FOURTEEN VILLAGE SCHOOLS, under care of Miss Proctor. Seven supported by the Rhode-Island Branch; two by the Auxiliary in Williamstown, Mass.; one by the Mission-Circle in Marblehead, Mass. Four on General Fund.

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 Auxiliary in Melrose, Mass.

FIVE VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

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 on General Fund.

CEYLON MISSION.

SCHOOL AT UDUPITTY, under care of Miss Townshend. Supported by Vermont Branch, and Scholarships.

SCHOOL AT UDUVILLE, under care of Miss Agnew. Supported on General Fund.

FOOCHOW MISSION.

SCHOOL AT FOOCHOW, under care of Miss Payson. Supported by Vermont Branch, and Scholarships.

DAKOTA MISSION.

HOME AMONG THE DAKOTA INDIANS. Supported on General Fund, and Scholarships.

NATIVE TEACHERS AND BIBLE-READERS.

ZULU MISSION.

Bible-Reader at Umzumbi. Supported by Lieut. Chas. E. Jewett, U.S.A.

EUROPEAN AND WESTERN TURKEY MISSION.

Ghulu Dudu, at Cæsarea. Supported by the Auxiliary in Newton, Mass.

Mariam Dudu, at Nigdi. Supported by Auxiliary in Falmouth, Mass.

Zahouhi, at Marsovan. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

Zartan, at Kapookaya. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

Excipit, at Marsovan. Supported by the New-Haven Branch.

CENTRAL-TURKEY MISSION.

Mariam Varzhoohee, at Aintab. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

Mariam Boghosyan, at Aintab. Supported by the Philadelphia Branch.

Bible-Reader at Adana. Supported on General Fund.

Bible-Reader at Tarsus. Supported on General Fund.

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 Townsend Harbor, Mass.
- Susig, at Ichme. Supported by Pearl St. S. S., Hartford.
- 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. One supported by the Auxiliary in Nashua.
- Bible-Reader, at Bitlis. Supported by Church in Oxford, Mass.

MAHRATTA MISSION.

- Subabai, at Ahmednuggur. Supported by S. S. Class of Mrs. R. P. Reed, Chelsea, Mass.
- Krishnabai, at Mandogan. Supported by Auxiliary in Nashua, Mass.
- Zankabai, at Mandogan. Supported by the Auxiliary in Greenwich, Conn.
- Pritabai, at Ahmednuggur. Supported by the South Church, Hartford, Conn.
- Yamunabai, at Barhanpur. Supported by the Auxiliary in Norwich Town, Conn.
- Gangabai, at Barhanpur. Supported by Mrs. Dyer's Bible Class, First Congregational Church, Middletown, Conn.
- Drupatabai, at Wadale. Supported by the Auxiliary in Brunswick, Me.
- Drupatabai Narayan, Rahuri. Supported by New-Haven Branch.
- Sagunabai, at Rahuri. Supported on General Fund.
- Sarzabai, at Pimplas. Supported on General Fund.
- Yesabai. Supported by New-Haven Branch.

MADURA MISSION.

- Gnanaperhasen, 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 by Mission-Circle in Marblehead.

Parkeum, at Pasumalai. Supported by the Auxiliary in Hartford, Conn.

Parkeum, at Madura. Supported by the Auxiliary in Malden, Mass.

Anatye, at Madura. Supported by Auxiliary in Haverhill.

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.

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 Recording 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 — also auxiliary societies beyond the range of the Rocky Mountains, and outside the boundaries of the United States, with a less number, should it be deemed desirable — may become a branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, with powers to choose such officers, and 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 Directors 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.

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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)

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