



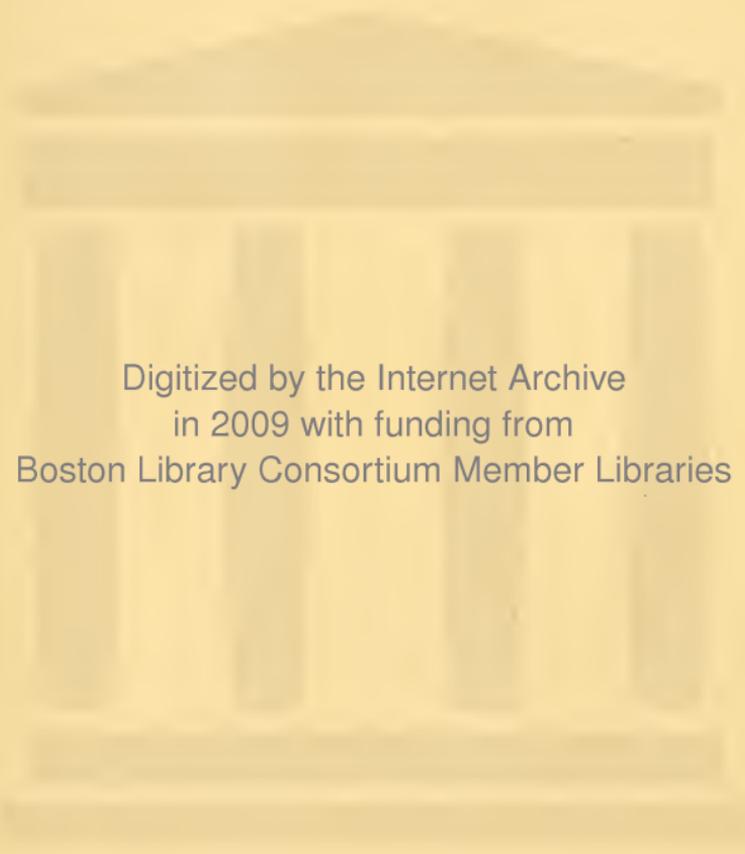
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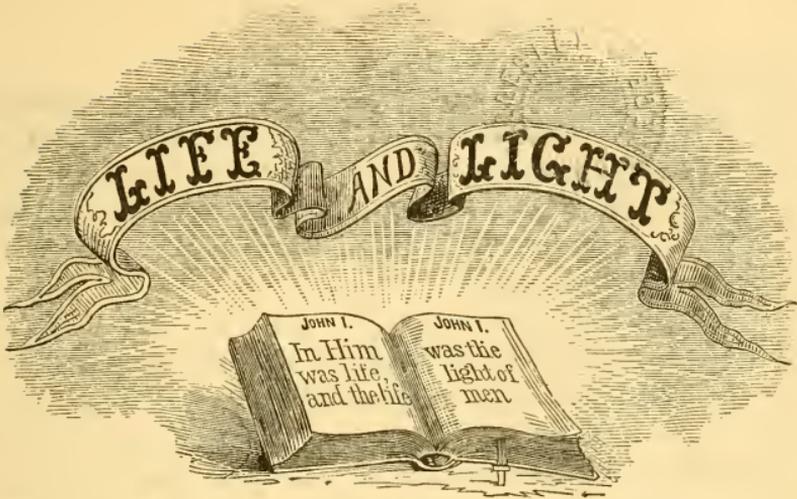
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## FOR WOMAN.

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TURKEY.

A TRIP TO VAN.

BY MISS CAROLINE E. BUSH.

ON the map of Asiatic Turkey, in the far East, is a small lake, and on its south-eastern shore lies the city of Van, a place of little fame in Western lands ; but both lake and city are well known and duly honored in Turkey. In this city was to convene the annual meeting of our mission ; and Dr. Barnum, Eddie Allen, Willie Wheeler, and myself determined to make the journey from Harpoot in order to be present. For several days our road lay in our own mission-field, first leading us through the village of Harboosie, so recently almost ruined by earthquakes. I am sure your hearts would have been moved to pity at the sight of the wretchedness of those poor people, who are left without any shelter but the most miserable huts,

which they have built among the *débris*. The earthquakes still continue ; and they cannot decide whether to build or not. At Shuhagi, where we spent the night, they were in much fear on account of the repeated shocks ; and the next day, at noon, we were again distressed by the sight of the ruins of Sarakamish.

Passing beyond these towns, we came to the very heart of Koordistan, one of the wonders of which to our Western eyes, so used to the modern in life, was the desolate city of Farkin, not destroyed by an earthquake, but by slow-wearing time. We have all read and wondered over the description of European ruins,—cathedrals and palaces ; but I think that even those who have feasted their eyes on these rare antiquities would call Farkin a gem in its way. The wide walls are broken down, and overgrown with foliage ; and in the midst of a numerous population of Koords and Armenians rise the most picturesque and lofty ruins of two ancient Christian churches, a mosque, and a palace ; while a population of hundreds of storks, far more bustling and noisy than the men, occupy every lofty tower, or peak on the jagged walls. The remains of the palace are very extensive ; and near by is a *kiosk*, or summer-house, still in very good preservation. The most perfect of the buildings is the Martyr Church, said to have been built by Maruther. As we looked back on the city, after passing out, a fine picture was spread out before us,—lofty towers and walls set down in the midst of green gardens, and the storks in their airy nests keeping guard over all. The Turks say that these birds will not live on the dwellings of Christians. It is far more common to see them on some high minaret ; yet they are also found in villages where there are no Turks.

We reached Bitlis on Saturday. I will not enlarge on the exciting fording of the Redwan River, where the water

rose up to our horses' necks, nor the consequent soaking of the clothes we were to wear at annual meeting, and our attempts to dry them at the next village, in a room where two of our servants slept, and had to keep awake to watch the woman of the house, lest she should steal ; while she was equally vigilant, for a like reason, on their account. She did take some stockings, which Mr. Barnum quietly asked her for the next morning ; when she immediately went to a bag hanging on the wall, took them out, and restored them with the utmost nonchalance. One night we slept on the roof of a house on the top of a high mountain, where we spent half the time trying to keep the bedclothes from being blown off into the valley. I would like to tell you of the wonderful scenery of the last three days, with the Bitlis River rushing along in the valley below, while we wound along, up and down the side of the wooded mountains ; but I must pass on to our arrival in Van.

Leaving Bitlis on Tuesday, we reached Van on Friday morning, and received many a loving welcome from those from whom we had been long parted. I wish some of our friends in our home-land, who follow us with interest and prayers, could have been partakers of the joys that followed for more than a week ; could have sat with us in our ladies' daily prayer-meetings, continued till the commencement of the business-meetings ; gathered with us around the communion-table in the parlor on the evening of the last sabbath ; and talked with us, as we talked with each other continually, about our schools and our work. The burden of every prayer and every conversation was the need of the Holy Spirit. The heavenly influence of those meetings abides with me yet. The last sabbath of our stay, there were large audiences at the public services in the gardens, — seventy in the morning, and a hundred at

noon. There is much persecution and great excitement throughout the city, because of this "new religion" which the missionaries have introduced. While there, I visited the pupils of Hanum, a graduate of our school, now a teacher in Van. She is happy and blessed in her work, though her scholars have been reduced to six on account of persecution.

On our journey home our road lay along the lake-shore for several days; and many were the charming views of lake and snow-covered mountain, or tree-adorned village, nestling on the shore. We spent a sabbath at Ziaret, where there are no Protestants. I tried to have a little conversation with some women who were sewing by the roadside. When I asked them if they knew it was wicked to work on the sabbath, they said, "What shall we do? We are uneasy with no work." One of them saddened me by maintaining that John the Baptist, for whom a monastery near by was named, was greater than Christ.

One day, on the way home, while crossing a fearfully desolate mountain-road, near where Mr. Scott was robbed last year, we encountered a Koord, who told us that his sheep had just been taken. We had not more than time to congratulate ourselves that the robbers, who had probably been watching for larger prey, had been content with a few sheep, instead of waiting for us, when our road was suddenly completely blocked by about fifteen large Koords, finely mounted and armed. We felt as if our turn had come, and mentally delivered our goods and chattels into their hands. They said to our soldier guide, "Now, isn't this a good place?" meaning to rob us. But he joked with them, in a jolly way peculiar to himself; and, to our amazement, we saw the party breaking up, and heard them bidding us a good journey, which we were glad to bid them in return, and pass on our way. They remarked to

the last man in our party, "You see what we would have done, had not that soldier been with you." We gave most hearty thanks for our escape.

It was good to receive our welcome home ; and I am glad to be at work again, so much refreshed in body, mind, and soul, by my journey and visits. The work in the school never seemed so precious and desirable. Pray for me that I may do it to please the Master !

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## INDIA.

### AN AFTERNOON IN BOMBAY.

BY SARAH F. NORRIS, M.D.

YESTERDAY Mrs. D—— of the church-mission called to take me to several houses where the people had expressed a desire to make my acquaintance. Our first visit was at the house of a Mohammedan widow, whose husband had been dead three months. We found her wrapped in white cloth, — shrouded, I might say, — and sitting upon an embroidered cushion on the floor. On inquiry, we learned that she had been sitting there since the death of her husband, and must continue to do so for six months longer. She can move around on the cushion, but cannot leave it. Want of exercise had given her an almost unearthly pallor, a waxy look, such as we see in nuns and sisters of charity ; and the pallor was heightened by the white cloth in which she was enveloped. She is very pretty, and has a pleasant, comfortable home. Several other Mohammedan ladies, visitors, were present, chatting, laughing, and swinging upon a bed that was suspended from the ceiling ; but the widow sat as mute and still, almost, as though she herself were dead.

The next place at which we called was quite a palace, occupied by a Mohammedan attorney, whose wife is a Persian. They were, unfortunately, out driving; so that we did not go in. The sepoy at the door said, "You must come to-morrow." From there we went to the residence of an Arab sheik, who was formerly prime-minister to the Sultan of Zanzibar. His four wives all greeted us heartily, and insisted upon our spending the afternoon with them. Three of them have children, who were brought in, each mother selecting her own, and telling us its name and age. The childless one seemed to have the charge of a little African girl, who came in with the other children. The ladies were very talkative, asking where I came from, where my *sahib* [husband] was, and various other questions. They would not hear of our leaving till the husband came: so we amused ourselves by looking over the different articles in the room. It was very nicely furnished and carpeted, and contained many curious, interesting things, such as silver boxes and vases covered with Arabic inscriptions. There were two large albums, in which were photographs of the principal royal personages of Europe, Asia, and Africa. In one of them I found Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, and Gen. Scott.

The sheik seemed delighted to see us, and immediately said he should employ me in preference to any other physician in Bombay. As he could only speak Arabic, we conversed with him through the medium of an interpreter. The wives had obtained a little knowledge of Hindostani from the servants; and Mrs. D—— could understand them quite readily. They ordered in refreshments for us, — coffee, mangoes, "Turkish delight," and some indescribable cakes, which were as tasteless and dry as possible. The sheik wished me to prescribe for Fatimabai, one of his wives, who has lung-disease; and I did so,

much to his gratification. He assured me he should soon send for me to visit them again, and took minute directions in regard to my place of residence.

We next went to the house of a Parsee in Mazugon. The father, son, and one daughter, were at home: other ladies soon came in; and all seemed glad to see us. The gentleman and his daughter could speak English; so that we could talk quite easily. They told me that they never allowed all their lights to go out, but kept one burning, from which to light the others. Neither did they allow the fire in the cook's room to go out: if it did so by accident, they must obtain more from some other Parsee family to start it again. The son said, "This is a part of our religion." The ladies brought out their nice silk garments to show us; and all expressed surprise that we should wear such cheap clothing. The father said, "Our ladies never pay less than forty rupees \* for a *sardee*," — the principal garment worn by all native women. The son inquired where I lived, and said he wished to employ me as his family physician.

It was now dark; and we were compelled to leave the remaining houses for another day.

In a recent letter Miss Norris also writes, "I send a copy of a letter which I received from the Ranee of Koth, a few days ago. She was in Bombay several months, but last week returned to Koth, a little native province north of Ahmedabad. She was under my care for three months, and quite recovered her health, which had been poor for years. Being one of those unfortunate women who cannot see a man under any circumstances, except, of course, her own relatives, she was very glad to avail herself of my services. She had with her a retinue of three hundred

\* A rupee is equal to fifty cents in American money.

persons, including fifty Arabs ; and I had the care of from twenty to fifty of them much of the time. A week ago one of the first English physicians here called me in consultation to the wife of the chief man among the Moham-medans, and put the case into my hands, as the Moham-medan customs would not permit him to treat it. I have had two fees of two hundred rupees each, and thus far have been able to pay all the dispensary expenses. Most of the people who come to the house are not able to pay for their medicines ; but I expect fees from those whom I visit at their homes, although I do not always receive them."

#### THE RANEE'S LETTER.

DEAR MADAM,—I am very much pleased with your kind disposition and friendly regard towards me. It has been a great blessing on Bombay, of your presence, which has supplied a great want felt by our sex. I send this little sum of two hundred rupees, which you will kindly accept, as I am unable to afford for more at present, having been greatly absorbed in a forced litigation. I trust you will continue the same sisterly kindness and feeling.

As my going was at once determined, I feel very sorry that I was unable to inform you in proper time, and see you.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

BAI SHRI ROOPALIBA.

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#### ITEMS.

WE think Miss Norris's letter cannot fail to impress our readers with the great advantage her medical knowledge gives her in gaining access to the people in Bombay. The same is none the less true of other mission-fields. One of our missionaries from Turkey writes :—

“If we had a reliable doctor here, my cares would be greatly lightened ; but I should not have such rare opportunities of entering the houses of all. In this way many bitter opposers have become warm, faithful friends ; and not a few have been led from darkness into light. Among those whom I am visiting now is a young bride of sixteen years of age, belonging to one of our most wealthy families. Hitherto they have kept themselves entirely aloof from us ; but now they come, beseeching me to visit them. I found the patient very sick indeed ; so that I feared to leave her to the mercy of native physicians. It is about a week since I commenced visiting her, and she is now convalescing ; but what I wished to tell you is this, that the change in that proud family is wonderful. I can hardly tear myself away from them, they are so anxious to listen, and ask questions ; and to-day they promised to send two daughters to our school. The sick one has a sweet, teachable disposition, and says, ‘You must make me well quick, so that I may come also.’ Her husband was present, and gave his full consent to her coming. Thus a few pills and powders are often most effectual instruments in helping to break down the wall of prejudice, and opening the way for religious instruction.”

Mrs. Hartwell of Foochow also writes : “Of the three men received into the Nautai Church (Foochow) this year, two were first interested while in Dr. Osgood’s hospital. Another man, who has had a grand-daughter in Miss Payson’s school, but who was so unwilling she should come, that he would not sign the papers, and said he considered her as lost, has also been to the hospital to be cured of a trouble of long standing. While there he had conversation with another patient, a Christian native ; and when he went home the first thing he said was, ‘The doctrine is true ;’ and now he is very anxious to become a Christian.”

# Our Work at Home.

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## AN APPEAL TO CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

[As we enter upon the eighth year of the work of the Woman's Board, those who have the responsibility of carrying it on feel almost oppressed with its magnitude. To enter the new fields opening before us, and to meet the constant demands from abroad, will require greatly increased effort from every Christian woman in our land. We give below an appeal from Miss Andrews of China, which will bring the matter home to the hearts of our readers much better than any words of ours.]

DEAR SISTERS, — I have a message for you from the Master. Not long ago there came across the ocean, from the little band of missionary workers in North China, a call to the American Board for help, — more men, more money, for the opening work; and the answer went sadly back, "We can send you no more men, we cannot give you the money you ask." My heart sank as I heard it; for I know, as perhaps you do not, how heavily that refusal will fall upon the already burdened hearts of the little band looking hopefully to America for help. To-day, thinking sadly of the great work and the sore need, I went with the burden to Jesus, asking if there was aught that I could do; and the answer came, "Tell your sisters of the need: they do not know it as you do."

Once — do you remember the day? — you were in darkness, seeking light. Bowed with a burden of sin, you were longing for forgiveness and peace with God. Then Jesus came, — the loving, suffering Saviour; and you heard him saying, "Come unto me, I will give you rest." "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Accepting him, he took your burden of sin and sorrow, and filled you with love and joy and peace. Sisters, do you owe the Saviour any thing? Remembering the agony

of the garden and the cross, would you know what he asks you to do? See him pointing sadly to the multitudes perishing in the darkness of heathenism, — souls that he died to save. Listen to his own words: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” “Freely ye have received, freely give.” Some of you are already working for him in our own dear land. God speed you in your work! But, great as is the need here, it is greater among those who sit in darkness, in “the land of the shadow of death.” I have stood in the midst of that darkness; and I know how deep it is. Would I could make you see and feel what I have seen and felt there! Do you know that in the one dark land, China alone, there are thousands upon thousands of your sisters, helpless, degraded, miserable, but your sisters still, children of the same loving Father, with souls as precious in the Saviour’s sight as yours and mine, only you know him and they do not? You have the peace of God: they are restless, unsatisfied, vainly seeking, in their weak, mistaken, human way, that peace which Christ alone can give. Conscience tells them of sin: but no voice speaks of a *Saviour from sin*. They strive by offerings and fastings, by vows and pilgrimages, to satisfy the accusing voice within, and propitiate the offended gods whose wrath they dread; but they have never heard of a God who “so loved the world,” of a Saviour who gave his own life to ransom them. You walk in the light of a glorious hope, looking on to the eternity where you shall see Jesus, and be like him. They, shrinking with a great dread from death and the unknown beyond, go groping on in the darkness, without one ray of light, — on into the deeper darkness of eternity.

Have you thought, can you bear for one moment to think, what eternity means to every one of those souls? When the pearly gates open to receive you, will there

come, then, no longing for the multitudes to whom those gates are forever closed? When you stand in the glory of the Saviour's presence, will there be no bitter pang of regret that you did not send them the light? To-day you hold in your hands the light which may lead many to Jesus and to heaven. Will you not send it to them now, quickly; for the need is sore and the time is short? "The night cometh when no man can work." Many are going down to death to-day: make haste, make haste, to save them. When the Saviour went away to prepare a place in our "Father's house" for you and me, he left to us a precious legacy, a part to do in his own blessed work,—the work of saving men. His part finished, the work of redemption complete, he left to us the joy of telling the good tidings to all the world. Have you thought of the great honor which Jesus conferred upon us when he trusted the work he loved in such feeble hands as yours and mine? Do not fail to take your legacy. It is precious beyond all price.

I wonder sometimes how those who love the Saviour can be satisfied with a life which holds none of this work for him. Hour by hour it brings its own rich reward, besides the blessedness promised when, at the last, we shall lay down our finished work at the Master's feet. Some of you have tried it, and know how blessed it is, always, everywhere, to save the lost. Thrice blessed, it seems to me, to seek out those who have never been sought, to save those who have never heard of a Saviour. Never has the "old, old story" seemed so sweet to me as when I have told it to those dark-faced and darker-minded heathen women, to whom it was not old. As I have watched the lighting up of those dull faces when first their hearts took in the wonderful news of a Saviour even for them, as I have listened to their eager questionings, I have realized

the blessedness of the work. Not many months ago I stood beside the bed of one who had heard of Jesus, and had come to him; and as the shadows of death were gathering, and I bent to catch the faintly-whispered words, she said, "It is all peace, all peace. I have nothing to do now, only to wait for Jesus to come and take me home." Was it not worth a sacrifice to have taught one poor helpless heart so to rest upon Jesus, to have helped one soul to stand at the gateway of eternity without fear? And will not the blessedness of heaven be tenfold more blessed, if there shall stand with us, in that day, souls who would never have found the way thither but for us? Sisters, will there be any redeemed ones waiting at heaven's gate to welcome you when you are called home? or will you stand there alone?

Many will tell you that all this work of foreign missions is in vain, an idle waste of money and of life, too great a sacrifice for the results gained. If it were indeed so, still the great command remains unchanged, "Go teach all nations." Did he not know to what he was sending us when he bade us go? If we do his bidding, can we not trust him to take care of the results? His Word is pledged for the success of his work. We can afford to wait for him. But, even to our weak human sight, the work is not in vain. Thousands of redeemed souls are to-day singing the sweet new song before the throne of God. Thousands will praise him through all eternity, because some of his children gave of their money, and some gave their lives, to carry the light into the dark places of the earth. Do you say you cannot go with the glad message to heathen lands? Then give, give of your money, that those who stand ready may go for you, — give liberally, freely, as God has given to you. The work calls loudly for money. When you gave yourself to Jesus, did

you not give your money also? To-day he asks it for his work, not the trifle which you can give without feeling it, after your own every want is supplied. You will not offer to your Saviour that which costs you nothing. Not so did he redeem you. To me, having seen and felt the great needs of this work, it seems a strange, sad thing, that the people of the Lord in America should spend so much for fashion, luxury, and pleasure, and so little for Christ; should live as though the silver and the gold were theirs, not his. Do you love fashion more than you love Jesus? Do you care more for your own ease than for his work? Dear sisters, does not Jesus ask of you a sacrifice just here? Will you make it for him?

And you on whom God has not bestowed the gift of wealth, upon you, too, Jesus calls for help. Is there one among you too poor to give it? a single one who cannot deny herself something for his dear sake, and be the richer for it? You cannot afford to care too much for the fleeting things of this world. Souls are too precious, life is too real, eternity is too near and too long. Oh, my sisters! remember those who are perishing; remember the life beyond; remember Jesus and Calvary, and listen, I beg of you, to his message. Come up to his help in the great work of saving the world. Give your money, give your prayers, give your lives. So shall you indeed be followers of Him "who came to seek and to save that which was lost." So shall the blessing be yours, which is promised to those who turn many to righteousness.

With Christian love, and the earnest prayers that not one of you may fail of that blessing,

Yours in behalf of China, and the nations that know not God.

M. E. A.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM OCT. 18 TO NOV. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

*Maine Branch.* — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., Lebanon Centre, Aux., \$23.15; Augusta, Aux., \$55; Waterford, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. A. J. Smith, \$25.00; Bath Central Ch. Mission-Circle, \$25; Brunswick, Aux., add'l, \$4.00; Auburn, High-st. Ch. Aux., \$35; Sumner, a few ladies of the Cong. Ch. \$6; North Yarmouth, "Walnut-Hill Workers," of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Mattie S. Marshall, and \$4 pocket-money of Miss Nellie Holt, and sacred to the cause she loved, \$34, \$207 15

Total, \$207 15

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Nashua.* — Cong. Church, S. S. "Volunteer Cl." \$5 50  
*New Ipswich.* — Result of "Children's Fair," 3 00  
*North Conway.* — Miss M. C. Merrill, 5 00  
*Portsmouth.* — Miss Caroline L. Martin to const. L. M. Mrs. Edward Kimball, 25 00

Total, \$38 50

C. Home Building-Fund.

*New Hampshire Branch.* — Miss McIntire, Treas., Hampton Falls and Seabrook, Aux., \$15; Exeter, Aux., add'l, \$18; Charlestown, Aux., \$3; Milford, Aux., \$18.25; Amherst, Miss L. F. B., \$20; Keene, 2d Ch. "Little Workers," \$10; Portsmouth, Aux., \$40.88; Mrs. W. Wellman, \$5; Mrs. Bliss (two fern crosses sold), \$1.25; toward schoolroom in the Home, \$131 41

VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.* — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Northfield, Aux., \$9; Barry, Aux., \$2; Vergennes, aux, to const. L. M. Mrs. Henry M. Cram of Burlington, and Mrs. Wm. P. Aiken, \$50;

"Cheerful Givers," \$25; Thetford, Aux., \$8; A Friend, \$10; West Rutland, \$19.75; towards Mrs. Parks's salary, \$123 75  
*Castleton.* — A Friend, 50

Total, \$124 25

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Ashby* — Cong. Ch., \$1 25  
*Bernardston.* — Aux., 6 63  
*Boston* — Mrs. H. B. Hooker, \$5; Bessie B. Ely on her fourth birthday, \$4; Old South Ch., "Bartlett Band," towards pupil in Marsovan, \$30; Berkeley-st. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Pledge, \$22.50; Family Miss'y Concert, \$5; Chambers-st. Ch., \$19.10, 85 60  
*Boston Highlands.* — Eliot Ch. Aux., 30 00  
*Cambridge.* — Aux., Shepard Ch., \$153; North Ave. Ch., \$105; East Cambridge, \$22, 280 00  
*Charlton.* — Mrs. Haven, 1 00  
*Chelsea.* — Winnisimmet Ch., Mrs. Joseph Sweetser, \$5; Chestnut-st Ch add'l, \$3, 8 00  
*Clinton.* — Aux., 3 00  
*Fitchburg.* — Rollstone Ch. and Soc'y, 14 00  
*Grantville.* — Aux., of which \$30 for pupil in Mrs. Fairbanks's sch., and \$30 for Balu, 81 50  
*Holbrook.* — Mrs. E. N. Holbrook to const. L. M. Mrs. Dr. Wood, \$25; Mrs. Everett Holbrook to const L. M. Miss Mary Storrs Holbrook, \$25, 50 00  
*Ipswich* — First Ch Mission Circle, 10 00  
*Lowell.* — Aux., Mrs Nathan Crosby to const. L. M. Mrs. R. M Caverly towards sal'y of Miss Sears, 25 00  
*Lunenburg.* — Cong. Ch., 1 50  
*Marblehead.* — Aux, for pupil in Miss Payson's sch., 40 00  
*Melrose.* — Hannah S. Parker, 5 00  
*Monson.* — Aux., add'l, 1 00  
*North Brookfield.* — Mrs. M. T. Reed's S. S. Cl., 25 00  
*Northampton.* — "C. L. W.," 100 00  
*Palmer.* — 2d Cong. Ch., 15 00  
*Pepperell.* — Evan. Cong. Ch. and Soc'y, 1 25

<i>Plymouth.</i> —Mrs. Jane B. Gordon to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Sarah L. Clarke of Boston, and the Misses Isabel and Adelaide Lincoln of Hingham,	\$75 00
<i>Reading.</i> —"Reading Rill,"	162 50
<i>Springfield.</i> —To const. L. M. Miss Caroline Bent, Mrs. Horace Kibbe to const. L. M. Miss Susie E. Tyler,	50 00
<i>Townsend.</i> —Aux to const. L. M. Mrs. Caroline E. Fay and Mrs. Anna C. Taylor,	58 50
<i>Wellesley.</i> —Aux. for Mrs. Edwards's sch, \$30; for Dacotah Home, \$50; for China and Japan, 121; "Penny-Gatherers" for Mrs. Bissell's sch., \$7,	208 00
<i>Westford.</i> —Cong Ch.,	8 75
<i>West Boylston.</i> —Cong. Ch. and Soc'y to const. L. M. Miss Louisa Pierce,	25 00
<i>Weymouth.</i> —Miss Helen P. Vickery,	30 00
<i>Williamsburg.</i> —Aux. to const. L. M. Mrs. Otis G. Hill,	25 00
<i>Wrentham.</i> —Miss Cynthia Harris, \$50; a thank-offering for the organization of a society in the So. Middlesex Conference, \$5,	55 00
Total,	\$1,485 48

#### C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Bradford.</i> —Bradford Academy for room in the Home,	\$206 00
<i>Lincoln.</i> —Aux. for "Lincoln Room," \$150; "Holyoke Pupils" toward Mary Lyon Room, \$5,	155 00
<i>Woburn.</i> —Aux. towards dormitory,	7 00

#### CONNECTICUT.

<i>Darien.</i> —Aux. for two pupils in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$60; "Busy Bees" towards B. R. in Mardin, \$4; Ox Ridge Mission-Circle, \$2,	\$66 00
<i>Hartford.</i> —Aux., Simsbury Aux., \$19 50; Rocky Hill, \$27; Plainville Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Lester Buell to const. herself L. M., \$50; East Granby Mission-Circle, \$1 32; Aux. \$6.70; Windsor Locks, Mrs. L. P. Dexter to const. L. M. Mrs. E. D. Dexter, \$25; Mrs. H. B. Coffin, \$20; Windsor, Miss Olivia Pinson, \$15,	164 52
<i>Norwich.</i> —Aux., Park Ch. of which \$50 by Mrs. Wm. Wil-	

liams to const. L. M.'s Miss Sarah L. Huntington and Miss Maria Gilman of Norwich Town, \$126; Broadway Ch., of which \$25 by Mrs. Benj. Tompkins to const. herself L. M., and \$25 by Miss Emeline F. Norton to const. herself L. M., \$175.02; towards sal'y of Miss Noyes of Const. Home,	\$301 02
<i>Rocky Hill.</i> —S. S. for pupil in Miss Townshend's school,	30 00
<i>Southport.</i> —Cong. S. S towards pupil in Harpoot,	30 00
<i>South Windsor.</i> —Mrs. Ashael Olcott,	2 00
Total,	\$593 54

#### NEW YORK.

<i>Clinton.</i> —Mary D. Williams,	\$5 00
<i>Corning.</i> —Mrs. W. F. Williams,	10 00
<i>Richville.</i> —S. S. "Morning Star Cl. and Evening Star Cl.,"	2 80
<i>Saratoga Springs.</i> —1st Cong. Ch. Aux.,	27 25
<i>Syracuse.</i> —Plymouth Ch. Mrs. Terwilliger S. S. Cl.,	8 00
<i>Walton.</i> —Aux., of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. I. J. St. John, and Mrs. M. E. Warner,	54 32
Total,	\$107 37

#### ILLINOIS.

<i>Ravenswood.</i> —Mrs. J. L. Barrows,	4 50
Total,	\$4 50

#### IOWA.

<i>Tabor.</i> —Cong. S. S., \$10; a blind lady, \$5,	\$15 00
Total,	\$15 00

#### LABRADOR.

Rev. S. R. Butler,	\$2 00
Total,	\$2 00
Donations,	\$2,577 79
C. Home Building-Fund,	499 41
"Life and Light,"	281 25
"Echoes,"	19 65
Weekly Pledge,	18 05
Leaflets,	24 73
Total,	\$3,420 88

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Ass't. Treas*

# Department of the Interior.

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## INDIA.

### EXTRACT FROM MISS TAYLOR'S LETTER.

PULNEY HILLS, April 24.

As I review the past year, I remember much that was pleasant, and some that was bitter. The usual deportment of my pupils is affectionate and obedient ; but occasionally something occurs which makes me feel as if they are totally destitute of gratitude. Then, when they see that they have grieved me, they repent, and, to show their goodwill, perform the most wonderful feats in the way of making paths for me, and in weeding and improving the face of the earth generally, or, rather, that part of it which is under their care. Not a blade of grass mars the perfect neatness of the ground after one of their "clarin-up times." If I ask them if it would not be well to pull up the weeds, and leave the nice grass, they reply, "Oh, it would not be so clean!" But the sight of green grass in this dry and thirsty land is like cold water to a thirsty soul: so one vacation I had some planted, and persuaded them to spare it. They are required to keep clean quite a parcel of ground around the schoolhouse; for at their homes the labor of keeping the door-yards clean devolves entirely upon the women. It is also their duty to water the young trees within that space. Only the higher castes have any door-yard, which is only a space of a few feet before the house, which the housewife washes over every morning with the sacred cow-dung. This is esteemed almost a

religious duty, and is performed at early dawn, as she is a poor housewife who is tardy in the performance of this. There is no such custom among the lower castes. The low-caste girls and women, who have been educated, like to look neat and pretty as well as the others ; but, when caste was established, it was also ordained that low-caste women should not wear any clothing on the upper part of their body in presence of their superiors. Those who rise to good positions now resist this entirely ; but among the laboring classes, as they have to bear the sneers of their own companions also, they yield partially.

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## Home Department.

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### ANNUAL MEETING.

THE report of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, held at St. Louis, in November of last year, has already been issued ; but from the State Secretaries' Reports we glean a few items of interest, which were omitted for lack of space.

#### DAKOTA.

“Our meetings at Yankton have been very pleasant ; and *not one* has been lost out of the round year. The increase in attendance has been partly owing to a change of time and place of our monthly meetings, — to the church and to sabbath afternoons. Another reason for steady growth is the increased circulation of ‘Life and Light.’ Thirty-one copies are taken ; and new subscribers are joining the list all the time. At our last meeting earnest prayer was

offered that the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior might fully redeem its pledge, and that its plans for work might be blessed."

Later Mrs. Ward writes: "We live in a busy world out here in Dakota, or I should have written you in the very sparkle of our joy over the success of our first 'State' (?) missionary meeting. After three-quarters of an hour spent by ourselves in prayer, reading letters, and singing, we were addressed by Rev. A. L. Riggs of the Santee agency, who told us of the girls' school at their mission, where Indian girls were taught to make good housekeepers, as well as how to become Christian women. We were also addressed by Prof. Bristoll, recently of Atlanta University, who told us of the work among the freedmen,—*how* they are being lifted up as a race. There were forty-two ladies present, which we considered a good attendance."

#### NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

"I have no report to make. I wrote forty-eight letters, one to every society that I did not see represented in 'Life and Light,' asking them if they had a missionary society connected with their church: if they had not, I urged them to form one, and also to answer me. I received two letters in reply. I felt that my words were like 'water spilt upon the ground that cannot be gathered up.' Oh that we all might feel that we are the Lord's stewards! I think the treasury would be full."

#### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

"There are many devoted sisters in the more rural districts, who are doing nobly under the most adverse circumstances. In Ontario the name of every female in the church, old and young, is enrolled as a contributor to our funds; and the children gather every week to bring their

items of missionary intelligence with their pennies and dimes.

“An effort has been made to keep missionary letters from the foreign fields in constant circulation among our auxiliaries ; so that, if possible, each monthly meeting should be supplied with fresh intelligence. Many letters have been sent into unoccupied fields in various directions, some of which have brought back responses of interest while pleading other channels of labor and benevolence.”

#### KANSAS.

“The day after the contribution of the Manhattan Society was sent, the town was visited by the grasshopper plague ; and even the children’s missionary gardens, which had been so carefully tended, were destroyed. But the little ones are still hoping to find some way to raise their usual contribution. At Wabanssee we have a band of fifteen ; and the interest is increasing. . . . A beginning has been made in this new State, which seems to be in a transformation period. It is difficult to establish *any thing* upon a firm basis, and especially benevolent enterprises. The subject of organizing auxiliaries is being agitated in various places ; and I am confident a number of new societies will claim acknowledgment during the fall and winter.”

#### MINNESOTA.

“A Woman’s Missionary Meeting was held in connection with the meeting of the State Conference at Winona, the second week in October. A goodly number of the ladies of our churches were present ; and a deep interest was manifested. A brief report was made by the secretary, followed by the reading of a paper prepared by Miss Emily Gray of Minneapolis, appealing to the home missionary churches to be sharers with us in the work. Members of

the different auxiliaries gave a report of what was being done by them. A sweet-faced, delicate-looking lady, wife of a home missionary, touched all our hearts by her loving spirit of consecration. She said, 'We have six children: they are all consecrated to the Lord's work. We hope he may call some of them to preach the gospel to the heathen.' The auxiliary at Winona has paid the entire salary of Miss Van Duzee for three years. More than half of their membership are young ladies and children. It was one of the pleasantest features of the meeting to see the large number of children present. Their earnest, upturned faces showed their interest in the object for which we had met. The shadows of evening gathered around us before we separated; but we parted with the feeling that God had been with us, and that, by his grace, we would seek to accomplish more in the year to come."

## NEBRASKA.

"I send my first report with many regrets that so little has been accomplished as yet by the ladies of our State. Many reasons have conspired to produce this result the present year. . . . Our heavenly Father has seen best to send upon us the devouring insect and the drought, which have caused retrenchment in our homes, and in the treasury of the Lord. But may not even the grasshopper be a blessing in disguise, by deterring people from flocking to our State faster than their moral and religious interests were cared for? There is a great work for us to do here as instruments under God; but we rejoice that our prayers and efforts are not limited to our beloved land. There is a noble band of Christian sisters in the work in this State, whose hearts go out to their sisters in foreign fields with an intenser love from their having left their Eastern homes to do the Master's bidding here."

Later, Mrs. Farwell writes: "Our meeting at Lincoln was a successful one; and a deep interest seems to have taken the place of indifference. The ladies could not feel that *all* our efforts should go to foreign work, as home missions seem so urgent now. The name of our society was changed to 'The Ladies' Missionary Association of the State of Nebraska for Home and Foreign Missions;' the foreign department being auxiliary to the Woman's Board of the Interior. The uniting the two satisfies all. I told the ladies I hoped we should all go home with an all-absorbing desire to work for our dear, blessed Master. God has given us a superintendent of missions worthy the name, and a true helpmeet."

#### ROCKFORD SEMINARY.

No words of ours can add to the unconscious grandeur of this record, — the standard of the cross planted in so many strongholds of the enemy by the hands of its children.

"The Missionary Society of Rockford Seminary, Rockford, Ill., now auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior, was first organized in 1854, twenty years ago; and regular monthly meetings have been held ever since. The contributions of the society have been applied to the general cause of benevolence, home and foreign. The sum given from year to year has varied from seventy-nine dollars, the first year, to as high as seven hundred and fifty dollars. Since the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, our society has been organized upon a new basis, — a union basis; having a home and foreign department.

"The appropriation of funds the past year has been mainly designated by the different classes, as follows, — to the mission in Kobe (Japan), to the mission in Monastair (European Turkey), to the Home in Constantinople, to support a pupil in Miss Proctor's school at Aintab, also to the American Bible Society, and to other home interests.

“The Society has had or now has its representatives in the following mission-fields; viz., one in the Sandwich Islands, one in Micronesia, two in China, three in Kobe (Japan), two in Bassein (Burmah), three in Nellore (India), (and another, a graduate and teacher, sailed Sept. 19 for the latter place), two in Constantinople, one in Monasteir (European Turkey), one in Egypt, two in the West Indies, two among the Indians, and nearly twenty among the freedmen.”

A CRUMB OF COMFORT TO EDITORS.

MISS MARTHA ANDERSON, on her way to Ahmednuggur, India, writes to our secretary as follows:—

“I do not feel afraid of ‘Life and Light.’ On the contrary, I prize that little messenger highly. I think that I understand your editorial difficulties. I never feel called upon to do what I am not able to do; and so, of course, I can write only according to the ability given me. You may publish my letters, or parts of them, or change them just as may seem best to you; and, if it is not always according to my mind, why, I shall accept it, of course. We may not always agree; but we can pleasantly disagree.”

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

FROM OCT. 15, TO NOV. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.		
<i>Akron.</i> — Aux., Miss S. W. Ashmun, Treas.,	\$10 00	of a pupil in Samokov, and to const. Mrs. G. W. Phinney a L. M., Miss M. M. Kingsbury, Treas., <i>Lafayette.</i> — Aux., for work at Samokov, Miss E. J. Phinney, Treas.,
<i>Burlington.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. L. Perry, Sec.,	15 00	
<i>Columbus.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. A. Mahoney, Sec.,	13 00	
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux., for the support		
		5 75
		Total, \$74 05

## INDIANA.

<i>Fort Wayne.</i> — Aux., a friend, to const. Miss Laura A. Kimball a L. M.,	\$25 00
<i>Indianapolis.</i> — May Flower Ch. Aux., Miss Mary E. Bewee, Sec.,	5 25
Total,	\$30 25

## MICHIGAN.

<i>East Saginaw.</i> — Aux., for Miss Shattuck's salary, Mrs. J. L. Hayden, Treas.,	\$95 00
<i>Grand Rapids.</i> — Aux., for Bible-reader in Nicomedia, Mrs. S. Immen, Treas.,	23 00
<i>Nankin.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. M. Porter, Treas.,	10 00
Total,	\$128 00

## ILLINOIS.

<i>Aurora.</i> — Aux., M. G. F. K.,	\$21 04
<i>Chicago.</i> — 1st Ch., Aux., Mrs. C. H. Whittlesey, Treas.,	29 50
<i>Evanson.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Porter, \$2; Infant Class in 1st Cong. Ch. S.S., for July, Aug., and Sept., by Miss Lottie Powers, \$4,	6 00
<i>Galesburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. S. Hurd, Treas., \$6; 1st Ch. of Christ, Aux., Mrs. Mary L. Huntington, Treas., \$25.75,	31 75
<i>Geneseo.</i> — "Missionary Rill," for pupil in Mrs. Coffing's school, Mary P. Ford, Treas.,	4 00
<i>Godfrey.</i> — Mrs. John E. Mason,	1 00
<i>Granville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Lurena Warren, Treas.,	9 00
<i>Jefferson.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. C. Burnard,	5 50
<i>Malden.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. S. Porter,	10 00
<i>Moline.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. L. Bullen,	14 00
<i>Odell.</i> — Aux., Mrs. B. F. Hotchkiss,	5 50
<i>Payson.</i> — A friend, for Japan,	5 00
<i>Peru.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. M. Brewster,	7 42
<i>Quincey.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, and to const. Mrs. R. C. Millard a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Rockford.</i> — Fem. Sem., with previous contributions to const. Miss Anna P. Sill, Catharine C. Dorr, and Mary E. B. Norton L. M.'s,	2 50
<i>Toulon.</i> — Mrs. McCord,	5 00
<i>Waukegan.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. E. Partridge, Treas.,	11 00
Total,	\$183 21

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Appleton.</i> — Aux., \$25; "Ledyard Mite Box," \$5,	\$30 00
<i>Brodhead.</i> — Aux., Mrs. N. W. Matter, Sec.,	3 00
<i>Delavan.</i> — Aux., for support of Bible-readers in the Madura Mission, Mrs. J. Collie, Treas.,	29 62
<i>Kenosha.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. S. Fluskey, Treas.,	17 85
<i>Milwaukee.</i> — Spring-st. Ch. Mission Band, for salary of Mrs. Watkins, Miss Ida Shadbolt, Treas.,	32 00
<i>Oconomowoc.</i> — Aux., Miss Anna B. Sewell,	7 40
<i>Racine.</i> — Aux., for Manissa school, Mrs. F. Miller,	76 04
<i>Ripon.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. M. Cook, Treas.,	25 00
Total,	\$220 91

## IOWA.

<i>Fairfield.</i> — Aux., Mrs. D. Webster,	\$9 00
<i>Iowa City.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis, Mrs. L. F. Parker, Treas.,	30 00
<i>Keokuk.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Erz-room,	20 00
<i>Monticello.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. R. Stillman, Treas.,	12 84
<i>Waucoma.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Joseph Hurlburt,	15 00
Total,	\$86 84

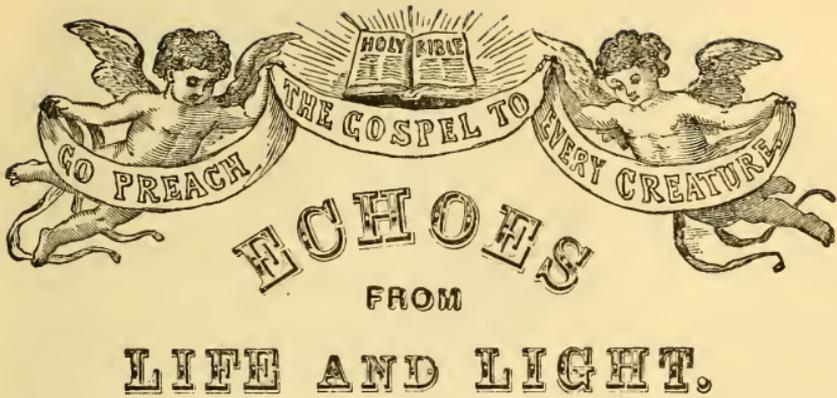
## MINNESOTA.

<i>Plainview.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. Baldwin,	\$10 00
<i>Winona.</i> — Aux., for Miss Van Duzee,	150 00
<i>Zumbrota.</i> — "Prairie Gleaners," by Mrs. Mary L. S. Barteau,	10 00
Total,	\$170 00

## MISSOURI.

<i>Hannibal.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Walker, Mrs. George A. Collins, Treas.,	\$25 00
<i>St. Louis.</i> — Pilgrim Ch., \$40; Webster Ch., \$13; Dr. Post's Ch., \$11; Breckinridge, Aux., \$6; Kidder, Aux., \$5; to be applied on Mrs. Claghorn Walker, for the third year, Mrs. N. R. Collins, Treas., \$75; Old Ladies' Home, 68 cts.,	75 68
Total,	\$100 68
Total,	\$993 94

EVANSTON, Nov. 15, 1874.



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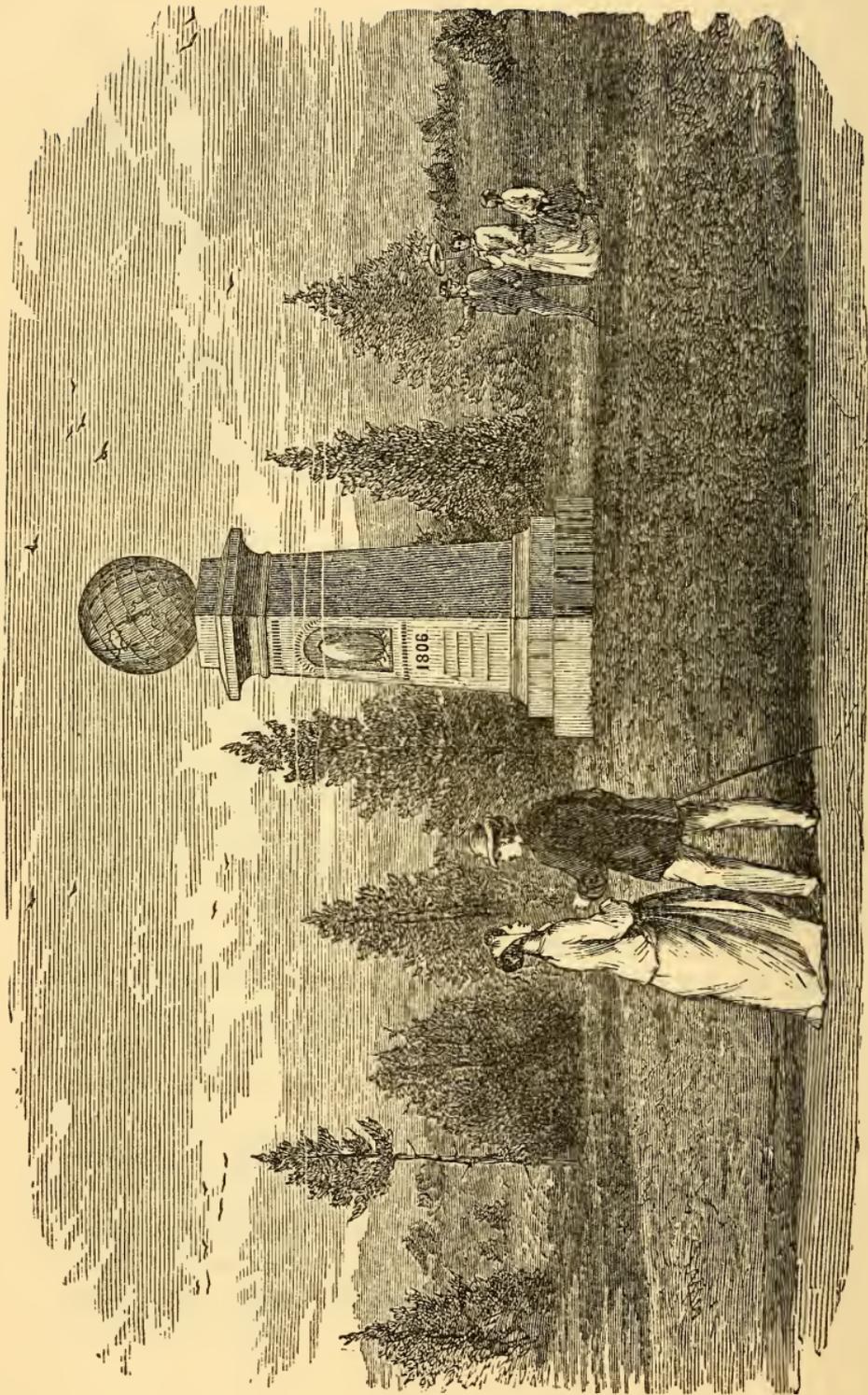
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### THE MISSIONARY HAYSTACK.



KNOW some little children who are very fond of asking who first thought of things. "Who first thought of beds, auntie?" "Who first thought of pins?" and "Who first thought" of a great many other things? till I sometimes think I must always have an encyclopædia under my arm to be able to answer all their questions. Not long ago one of them asked, "Who first thought of a missionary society?" and it came into my mind that perhaps there were a great many other children asking the same question, and that I would make sure that all you who read the "Echoes" should know, at least, who started the American Board, — the missionary society we all love so much.

It was not discussed in any great assembly of learned men, nor organized with much solemnity; not at all. It was just talked over by a few young men, sitting by the side of a haystack, out in a field in Williamstown, a beautiful little town among the Berkshire hills in Massachu-



setts. The idea did not come from the brains of gray-haired ministers: it originated in the mind of one little boy. His name was Samuel J. Mills; and he was no larger nor brighter nor wiser than many of you; but he was very fond of his good Christian mother, and used to listen very earnestly to every thing she said. One day he heard her say that she had devoted him to the service of God as a missionary: so when he gave his heart to the Saviour, some time afterward, he thought a great deal about the heathen, and longed to go and teach them. With these ideas he went to college; and there he found four other young men who loved to get together, and talk about their heavenly Father, and to pray for the coming of his kingdom on the earth. Sometimes they used to go out into the woods, where they could be sure of being quiet; and one day, while they were talking under the trees, there came up a heavy thunder-storm, and they took refuge behind a neighboring haystack. There young Mills proposed that they should do what they could to send the gospel to the heathen, saying they could do it if they would. So they sat and talked by the haystack. The dark clouds were above them; but they did not notice them, nor the flash of the lightning, nor the thunder echoing among the mountains. They knelt together in prayer, and, as they prayed, the heavens grew brighter, and the dark clouds rolled away.

From that little meeting came, after a while, our American Board. People did not think very much about it at the time; but fifty years afterward, when the society had sent out hundreds of missionaries, and there were thousands of Christians in the churches in heathen lands, the place where the haystack stood began to seem very sacred and memorable; and, that it might not be forgotten, some good men placed a monument on the spot. On the pre-

vious page you see a picture of this monument, with the haystack carved on the side, and on the top a globe, representing the world, throughout which the gospel must be preached. The five young men who sat and talked there have all passed away, and the monument erected to their memory may sometime crumble into dust ; but the work which they began will be known through all eternity. Yet they simply did God's will ; and if you do what God wants you to, little friends, who knows but you may do as much as they to help on this glorious work ?

At the merry Christmas time, when you are rejoicing over the birth of the blessed Saviour, will you not remember that heathen children do not know that he lived and died for them as well as for you, and let the missionary work have a large place in all your plans for the glad new year ?

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## THANKSGIVING DAY AT UDUPITTY.

BY MRS. E. F. DE RIEMER.

THANKSGIVING DAY! Way off here in Ceylon, I can almost smell the roast turkeys and plum-puddings of good old Yankee Land. I can see whole rows of mince and pumpkin pies, plenty of rosy-cheeked apples, and brown hickory-nuts ; and I can see mother sending off a whole troop of us to morning service in the little white wooden church. Again I hear the good minister read the governor's long proclamation, always ending with, "God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts!" Then the cheerful dinner, with the gathered family, the nice romps of the afternoon, and some pleasant evening entertainment, — how fresh it all comes back again! But three little white-dressed children, calling, "Mamma, mamma!" and the

black-faced man at the door, with his turbaned head, and respectful "Ammah," remind me that things are changed, and that I must write about a different kind of Thanksgiving Day.

The birds are twittering in the mango-trees, and the red-and-white oleander-blossoms are nodding at the open window. There! the church-bell is ringing; and we will take our umbrellas to keep off the sun, and start for the church at the foot of the yard. Just before us go two Tamil women, with their smooth black hair in a nice, tight coil, fastened by silver pins. One has on a yellow cloth wound about her shoulders, and falling in graceful folds nearly to her ankles. Don't look at her bare feet and toe-rings, but see in what a superb scarlet-and-black gauze her companion has arrayed herself. You see, these Tamil women have not learned there is more sin in red and yellow than in Quaker gray or dingy colors: so they deck themselves like the pomegranate or the flambeau-trees. Miss Townshend's school-girls are just filing out of the schoolhouse, looking like vestal virgins in their jackets and cloths of pure white. How you would enjoy seeing their bright eyes and pleasant faces!

At last we reach the church; and a snarl of black legs and arms, topped off with roguish boy-faces, appears on the mats that cover the floor. In one corner the station school-girls quite light up the scene with their pink jackets. On the platform behind the pulpit are the Tamil pastor and sabbath-school superintendent, and two missionaries. Behind the school-boys, on one side, are the Tamil men, and, across the aisle, the women and school-girls.

The exercises begin with singing a Tamil hymn; and after prayer and speeches comes the giving of the thanksgiving offerings by the children. Each school rises in

turn ; and almost every child seems to have something. Just think ! — gifts to Christ's cause from heathen children, whose parents worship Pular and Kondeswamy and Karlee ! See, some of them give money, and others large stalks of plantains. Over there two hens make a loud noise ; and the soft cooing of doves remind us of the turtle-doves offered years ago at the old Jewish temple. Others have rice, or native wheat, limes, eggs, brinjals, or coconuts. The school-girls have made curiously-wrought bags, to be sold and used by the natives, for money or betel. Now the boys are laughing because one boy has brought a kite, and another a *karvady*. "What is a *karvady* ?" you ask. It is a semi-circular, wooden frame, decorated with flowers and bright flags, or gilt tinsel. Sometimes, when there is a sick child in a heathen family, the father makes a vow, that, if the child recovers, he will carry a *karvady* to the temple. Some hot day, you will see this poor father whirling along the road with this heavy burden on his shoulders, followed by his friends and tom-tom-beaters, making a great noise to let the people know that this man is going to pay his vow. These *karvady*-bearers have to fast many days, and perform many ceremonies ; and sometimes, in going long distances, they faint away in the heat many times before they reach the temple. For some reason, the boys seemed ashamed to have a small one brought to a *Christian* temple, and laughed to cover their embarrassment. After the children had given their offerings, they sang, and went home. When they counted their offerings, they amounted to twenty-one rupees from the children, and nine from the grown people, — about fifteen dollars in American money. Not a very large sum, you may think, but a good deal really from children whose parents do not usually earn more than twelve cents for working hard in the hot sun all day.

Now, children, when you kneel down in your beautiful churches, or listen to your sweet sabbath-school hymns, think now and then of the Tamil boys and girls in Udupitty, Ceylon. Pray for them, too, won't you? that their souls, just as precious as yours to your heavenly Father, may be washed of all heathen pollutions in Jesus' blood. What a glorious Thanksgiving Day we hope to have yet in Udupitty, when all these heathen temples are swept away, heathen ashes rubbed from these bright little faces, and we hear hundreds of these Tamil children singing, "Glory to God in the highest," with their hearts and understandings also! Yes, dear children, pray for this joyful day to come soon to us in Ceylon.

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## MISSION-CIRCLES.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Bath*. — Central Church Mission-Circle, \$25.00.  
*North Yarmouth*. — "Walnut-Hill Workers," \$34.00.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Nashua*. — Cong. S. S. "Volunteer Class," \$5.50.  
*New Ipswich*. — "Children's Fair," \$3.00.  
*Keene*. — Second Church, "Little Workers," \$10.00.
- VERMONT. — *Vergennes*. — "Cheerful Givers," \$25.00.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Boston*. — Bessie B. Ely, \$4.00; "Bartlett Band," \$30.00.  
*Ipswich*. — First Church Mission-Circle, \$10.00.  
*Reading*. — "Reading Rill," \$162.50.  
*Wellesley*. — "Penny-Gatherers," \$7.00.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — "Busy Bees," \$4.00; Ox-Ridge Mission-Circle, \$2.00.  
*East Granby*. — Mission-Circle, \$1.32.
- NEW YORK. — *Richville*. — S. S. Morning-Star Class, Evening-Star Class, \$2.80.
- ILLINOIS. — *Evanston*. — First Cong. S. S. Infant Class, \$4.00.  
*Geneseo*. — "Missionary Rill," \$4.00.
- WISCONSIN. — Ledyard Mite Box, \$5.00.  
*Milwaukee*. — Spring-Street Mission-Band, \$5.00.
- MINNESOTA. — *Zumbrota*. — "Prairie-Gleaners," \$10.00.

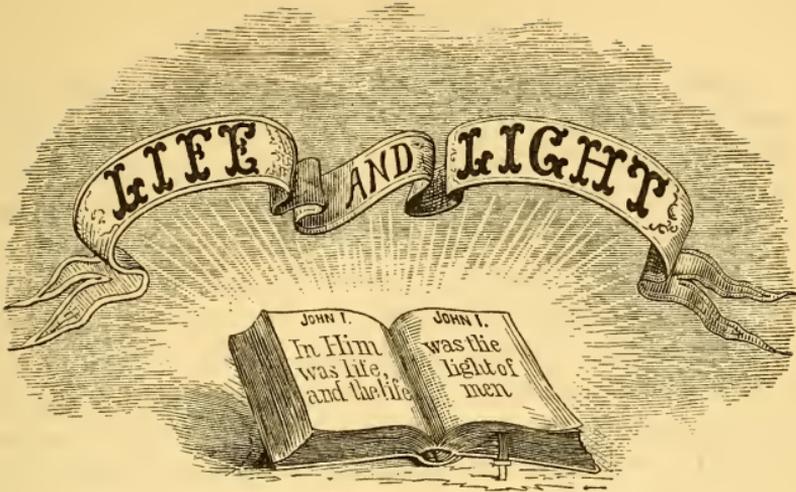
## ACROSTIC.

1. One of the seven churches of Asia, of whose election Paul was confident.
  2. A woman who was unjustly accused of drunkenness.
  3. The last letter in the Greek alphabet.
  4. The Hittite who was assigned a place where the valiant men were.
  5. An eminent Hebrew warrior upon whose fleece the dew of heaven fell not.
  6. A man whose wife wanted the upper and nether springs.
  7. A shepherd-boy who slew a giant.
  8. The oldest son of the man who built the ark.
  9. A wise mother.
  10. One who wanted a prophet to put old rags under cords.
  11. Location of the ten tribes.
  12. The name of a man in Crete.
  13. The woman who had a box of spikenard.
  14. A queen of the Jewish nation.
- My whole is a prayer of faith.

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 BURIED MISSION-STATIONS.

MISS LIZZIE SMITH of Roxbury, Conn., has sent us a correction to our answer to enigma given in the September number, for which we are very much obliged. The answer should have been, "Willing Hearts and *Helping* Hands," instead of "Willing Hands." We are glad to feel that so many bright eyes are watching us so sharply; and we are surprised that none of our young friends have unearthed our "Buried Mission-Stations" in the November number. We didn't think we had buried them so deeply but what they would come to the surface very easily; but as we know just where they are, in pity for their inhabitants, we will bring them to light. They are: 1, Madura; 2, Marash; 3, Sivas; 4, Inanda; 5, Manissa.



## FOR WOMAN.

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### TURKEY.

#### EXAMINATION AT THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

BY MISS J. A. RAPPLEYE.

VACATION has come ; and I have a leisure hour in which to fulfil my promise to write you about the examination at the close of our last term of school. I only echo the freely expressed sentiments of the visitors of all classes, when I say that the pupils conducted themselves with unexceptional decorum, and, by their self-possession and ease of manner, merited the commendation even of those who did not understand the subjects of their recitations.

The New Testament lesson consisted of selections from the Gospels, which were required to be repeated rightly, to the very letter. The Armenian language admits of a different order of words, or even a change of words, which would not be noticed, unless one was looking carefully at

the text ; but the pupils had been trained to have their lessons perfectly. If a single word was wrong, the next pupil was expected to correct it ; and the one who made the mistake was obliged to sit down. If the next pupil did not notice the mistake, the first one who did so corrected it ; and all those intervening seated themselves. This test demanded accurate knowledge of the text, and also undivided attention to the recitation. Such perfect exactness had been asked of them only in the lesson from the Testament, because, as we told them, they could not better the text ; and a habit of accuracy in learning God's word was of great value.

There were two classes in natural history, — one of younger pupils who had studied the elements of the science as in the lessons published monthly in the Armenian paper, and the other of those who will be seniors next year. The classes in Armenian history and grammar were conducted by the native teacher, who pleases everybody by her ladylike deportment, and her sensible views of school-life. After her recitations she whispered to me, "The people were very much pleased that the scholars did not recite like parrots, but seemed to understand what they were saying." The examination in physiology was conducted by Miss Noyes, who has paid special attention to simplifying that department of science, and interests the girls very much. The several classes in arithmetic and algebra were tested, not so much in solving difficult problems, as in quickly and accurately answering questions that showed their knowledge of principles.

The spelling in English was prompt, and sufficiently incorrect to afford some amusement, and to show that it was an examination, and not a prepared lesson. The pupils in the Second Reader wrote on the blackboard Longfellow's "Psalm of Life," and repeated it with as much expression

as I have ever heard. The class in the Third Reader, taught by Miss Parsons, had the same exercise with "We are Seven;" and one of the Fourth Reader class read "The Power of Habit," containing an illustration drawn from Niagara Falls by Gough, in a way that drew tears from my eyes. Dr. Wood's pupils in moral science sustained themselves well, and gave credit to their teacher in no small degree. The recitations of poetry and dialogues in various languages were spicy and well done. The compositions were in English, and were the ones they had written the last day they had devoted to that exercise, not knowing they were to be used at examination.

The exercises were all informal, following one another in quick succession, yet with no clashing, nor appearance of hurry. The visitors were not entirely silent: they insisted upon talking now and then, and making comments. Whatever I overheard consisted of expressions of praise of the order, obedience, modesty, and readiness of the pupils. Addresses were made by the native people, all in good taste, and showing discrimination in the points selected for commendation. As a general thing, the girls were dressed in pretty new calico; though most of them changed them for nicer dresses when they went home with their parents.

The company were invited to the garden to see the gymnastics and calisthenics; and as they went through the various combinations under the shade of the trees, and surrounded by the girls' flower-beds, the effect was very pretty. At the close, the pupils and teachers gathered under a bay-tree, and sang, in Armenian, "When shall we meet again?" The visitors then went into the house to examine specimens of embroidery, drawing, and penmanship; while the girls prepared to go home. The embroidery was sold, and the profits are to go to the library fund: so you perceive the scholars are trying to help themselves all

they can. The patrons were profuse in their expressions of gratitude, and their wishes for the success of the school. After the examination many applications came in; and, almost every day, people called to make inquiries, or to ask admittance for their daughters. The fact that we are to have a building appropriate for the school insures a degree of confidence that could not otherwise be secured.

A missionary in Constantinople, in a private letter, thus adds his testimony to the success of the school:—

“The second day of the examination, the great day of the feast, I went over in the afternoon. The exhibition exercises were most of them illustrative of progress in English and music; but one could see on the blackboard evidences that the girls were learning other things also. The hall not having been made for such occasions, they have to make the best of its utter unsuitableness for the purpose, and get along as well as they can while waiting for the new building. The girls all sat together at one side; and all around them, almost among them, were packed the audience, filling the room completely. Although the pupils were of all sizes and ages, they seemed to have an unlimited stock of English hymns at their command. During the exhibition Miss Rappleye spoke to them only in English. The day before, the examinations had been conducted in native languages entirely. The compositions in English were, principally, *résumés* of what each girl had read the preceding Saturday. One girl, describing an article she had read in the child’s paper in Armenian, gave a fair translation, which I am sure the editor of ‘The Advance,’ from whose paper it was taken, would have accepted as good English, even for his fastidious taste.

“After addresses in Armenian, the entire assembly

adjourned to the garden, where, among the trees and flowers, the girls went through their calisthenics. Did you ever hear a couple of dozen of Armenian girls sing as if they were really happy? I don't think I ever did till that day. The girls marched and manœuvred to music; but it was their own singing. Commonly the natives use a minor strain when singing in the open air; but there was none of that sad plaintiveness here. It was full-hearted, merry, major singing to which they marched; and the whole audience was impressed by it.

“There is no doubt that the Home is gaining popularity. A man who came to ask about getting his daughter in, the other day, said he wanted her to go to the Home to learn solemnity in order to counteract the frivolity learned at a French school for five years past. He said, moreover, that he did not like the French bigotry, but wanted her to learn a *religion modérée* like ours. He meant, as he explained afterwards, the bigotry about forms and ceremonies, which they all see we have not. I think there is a prospect of a number of new scholars; and the new building will not be ready a day too soon.”

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## CHINA.

### MI HING'S WEDDING.

BY MISS A. M. PAYSON.

IT is now vacation; and all but two of my pupils have gone to their homes to remain two months. Those still here have no homes to visit; one being an orphan, and the other worse than an orphan, as her parents cared so little for the child as to sell her to a stranger when she was barely two years old. She is now eight years of age, and a very amiable, attractive child.

The oldest scholar, named Mi Hing, who was with us most of the year, was married, in May, to a Christian, who, though not a preacher, was for some time a pupil in the school for students and helpers, and seems to live a very consistent life. He belongs to a respectable family, has some property, and appears to regard his wife with true affection and respect. Some time before the marriage he sent her handsome presents of clothing and ornaments; and, the day previous, he took care that a woman versed in hair-dressing, and the arrangement of bridal attire, should come to the school, to be ready early the next day to dress the bride, and accompany her to his house. At seven o'clock on the morning of the wedding-day the sound of cymbals and fifes was heard drawing near the outer gate of the wall which surrounds the school-yard. On the opening of the gate two men entered, bearing aloft on long poles huge red lanterns; two others followed with lighted bamboo-torches; then came the musicians, whose music was any thing but artistic; and, lastly, the bridal sedan, gorgeous in its hangings of red and yellow. Hastening over to the school to bid the bride farewell, and see her set forth, I found her already dressed in the red silk robe with wide embroidered sleeves, which every bride must wear on her journey to the bridegroom's house. On her head was the tall, helmet-shaped hat, a foot high or more, covered with gilding, from which depended long strings of false pearls. In spite of her finery, the tears were coursing down her cheeks; and although Chinese brides are always expected to weep and lament, when leaving the parental roof, still I was sure that Mi Hing was truly grieved to take her final departure from the peaceful, happy home she had enjoyed for eight or ten years. The matron and several of the school-girls were shedding tears; and, catching the contagion of their grief, I wept with them.

The scene was not a cheerful one, particularly when the mistress of ceremonies stepped forward with the red cotton veil, and enveloped the bride's head, glittering cap, hanging pearls, falling tears, and all. The red sedan stood before the door ; and the bride's attendant guided her steps as she walked backward, and seated herself in the chair. The curtained door of the sedan was immediately closed ; and, soon after, the musicians began to pipe, the torch-bearers and lantern-bearers led the way, the duenna followed ; and so out through the gate, and away to the bridegroom's house, the bridal chair was borne.

The wedding-ceremony took place about ten o'clock. A service similar to that which American Christians would use on such occasions was read by one of the native preachers, a prayer offered, and a hymn sung. There was no joining of hands on the part of the youthful pair ; such a proceeding in public being quite contrary to Chinese sentiments of propriety. In the afternoon the bridegroom prepared a large feast for his guests ; the women partaking of theirs in an inner room, while the men had a separate table outside.

I was greatly pleased with the request that Mi Hing made to me some time before her marriage, asking me to have a prayer-meeting at her house once a week. In accordance with her wish, I went to see her a fortnight after she was married, taking two of the school-girls with me, and we had a very pleasant little meeting. Half a dozen women and as many children were present ; and Mi Hing talked quite earnestly to them, and to her sisters-in-law, telling them of God's love for us, and of his hatred of idolatry. After five or six weeks the curiosity of the neighbors seemed to be satisfied ; and, at our last service, only two women came in. We have discontinued the meetings during the hot weather, but hope to resume them in September.

# Our Work at Home.

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER.

WE are permitted to make the following extracts from a paper presented at our annual meeting by one of our board of directors. We are glad to give it to our readers, hoping it will incite each one of them to plead earnestly for a blessing upon our society as we enter upon the eighth year of work.

“Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest.” Does not this word of our Master come to us to-day with a fuller emphasis, a more urgent appeal, than when it first fell on the ears of the little band of disciples? for now there are whitening fields not alone on the hillsides of Galilee, but in every land spiritual harvests are waiting for the garner. “Pray ye, therefore.”

Perhaps in this busy age of ours, with its burden of work and its many workers, its restless, tireless energy, we have forgotten too much, as Christians, wherein our true strength lies,—not in our own puny efforts, but in the blessing of our Father, without which those efforts are in vain. On a peasant’s house in Germany is carved the inscription, “*Ora et labora*,” “*Pray and work*.” It was the old monkish watchword, a mistake on their lips, but deserving surely a fresh adoption to-day, with a fuller, more Christly spirit than it had for them. While we abate not one jot of our earnest work in the harvest-fields, striving daily to gather full sheaves, or glean scattered grains for the King’s garner, let us daily, hourly, always work with lifted eyes, praying the Lord of the harvest that he would add his blessing.

- Why should we pray? 1. Because we are so helpless.  
2. Because of the encouragements God has given us.

*First*, We should pray because we are so helpless. The Woman's Board have now in the field fifty-one missionaries: the American Board have about three hundred. So small a band of laborers; and they are fighting against what? Against the ignorance and prejudice of centuries, against superstitions older than Christianity, against Satan and all the powers of darkness. A few score of missionaries on one side, and millions of heathen on the other: a hopeless contest! Hopeless? Not so.

Put the little band of missionaries in Christ's hand. They are carrying the bread of life: ask his blessing upon it, and it shall suffice.

Our missionary sisters are far away from us: oceans roll between, continents divide us. In many a season of doubt, in many a sudden crisis in their work, they need instant help and counsel. If they write and ask our advice, it is months before the answer reaches them, too late to be of any practical use.

Put yourself for a moment in the place of one of these young workers of ours, far away from the home where she has been lovingly guarded, with seas rolling between her and a mother's kiss or a father's counsel. It is a new, strange language in which with stammering tongue she tries to teach the degraded ones by whom she is surrounded; and she feels, oh, how sorely! the burden of these souls, that her mistakes may be their ruin, her unfaithfulness their loss of heaven. Pray for our missionaries. Let them feel always the strong arms of our faith, bearing them to Him who is "a very present help." Beseech Him to be "their arm every morning:" so shall their hands be strong for the work, and their burden carried by the Burden-bearer.

There are questions of grave moment, and difficult of decision, coming up in the home department ; and poor, short-sighted mortals must decide them. Ask for them His guidance who "giveth wisdom, and upbraideth not." We are few in number, and the work is great ; we are ignorant, and need wisdom ; we are weak, and our foes are mighty : but, "if God be for us, who can be against us?" He is ready to be our strength in weakness, our wisdom in doubt, our help in perplexity, our refuge in distress ; but for all this he will be inquired of to do it for us. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest."

*Second,* We should pray because of the encouragements God has given us. We need not go back to the record of the old "Guide Book" we love, to see what prayer has done ; for Jesus Christ, who is "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever," gives to his children in every age a record of his faithfulness ; and it is fitting that *we* should erect to-day our altar of thanksgiving, on which we shall inscribe, —

"*Jehovah-nissi ;*" for surely he has been "*the Lord, our Deliverer.*"

We come sometimes in our life-journey to mountain-tops of observation, where we can look back along the way we have travelled, and forward to what lies beyond. Such a resting-place is to-day : such was the blessed meeting two years ago at New Haven, where some of us caught a fresh spirit of devotion, in whose strength we have journeyed ever since.

We come to-day to record his answers to our prayers. The burden on our hearts at that meeting was the Constantinople Home : how should the fifty thousand dollars be raised ? Thirty-seven thousand dollars of it is already in the treasury ; and the Lord is blessing our school there beyond our largest expectations.

From one part of the field and another, the laborers, who have been sowing the seed with tears, are beginning to breathe sweet harvest-songs. Miss Payson from Foo Chow, who has been waiting six years for the first-fruits of her labors in China, has this year seen five of her scholars baptized, and publicly consecrating themselves to the Saviour. A little girl of seven came to the school at Foo Chow three years ago. She seemed stupid, and unable to learn, obstinate too, and preserving a sullen silence when called upon to recite, notwithstanding all the teacher could say in the way of persuasion or threatening. The case seemed so hopeless, that they feared she must be sent away; but they prayed for her. "Many a time," says Miss Payson, "when perplexed beyond measure as to what I should do with the child, in what way manage her case, I have carried the burden to my Saviour's feet, and besought him to help me, and help the little one; to give me wisdom, and to the child a tractable, loving spirit, and ability to learn." And the Master has heard and answered, has softened the heart, and quickened the mind; for now the little girl "reads the Gospels quite readily, seems ambitious to excel, and bids fair to become as good a scholar as the best of them."

In Ceylon the girls' school at Oodooville held on the 11th of June their jubilee, the fiftieth anniversary of the school. During all that time there has been more or less religious interest, and repeated seasons of special revival. From the first, the very act of becoming a member of the school has seemed to be attended, in many cases, with the expectation of becoming a Christian. Of the four hundred and sixty-two who have left the school, three hundred and seventy-five are numbered as church-members.

At Inanda in South Africa, not long ago, a remarkable spirit of prayer seemed to rest upon the pupils, even upon

the youngest; and, not long after, every member of the school but one expressed a desire to live a Christian life. In the schools in Bitlis and Marash there have also been sudden and powerful manifestations of the Holy Spirit; and a harvest of many souls has rewarded the faithful teachers in answer to their prayers.

It is surely wise to gather up these answers to our petitions. Says Dr. Edward, "When an archer shoots an arrow at a mark, he likes to go and see whether he has hit it. When you have written and sent off a letter to a friend, you expect some day the postman will be knocking at the door with the answer. When a child asks his father for something, he looks in his face, and reads acceptance in his eyes. We need not think of our prayers as random messages: we should look for a reply to them, and watch to get it."

Dear sisters, the harvest-home is drawing near: shall *we* have a part in its song? The fields are white, the laborers few and weary.

"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest."

"With this hand work,  
And with the other pray;  
And God will bless them both  
From day to day."

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## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM NOV. 18 TO DEC. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

*Maine Branch.* — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., So. Bridgton Cong. S. S. towards pupil in Mardin. \$10.50; Waterville, Aux., towards school in Japan,

\$48; Madison, Aux., \$5; Rockville, Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Sophia Freeman and Mrs. Caroline Alden, \$50; Portland High St. Ch., proceeds of sale by Mission-Circle towards sch. at Mardin, "Orient Girls,"

\$35.50; "Helping Hands," \$15;	
"Little Gleaners," \$8.80; Union	
Cl., \$6; "Cheerful Workers,"	
\$6; Machias, Aux., \$17; Sears-	
port, Aux., \$12.25,	\$213 85
Bingham. — A Friend,	50
Waldoboro'. — Cong. Ch. and Soc.,	14 50
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$228 85</b>

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Greenville. — Mrs. Elijah Tuttle,	\$2 00
Haverhill. — Miss S. E. Merrill's	
S. S. Cl.,	3 50
Hopkinton. — Mrs. H. T. Kelley,	4 40
Salmon Falls. — Aux.,	7 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$16 90</b>

C. Home Building-Fund.

Wakefield. — Miss H. Dow,	\$5 00
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VERMONT.

Vermont Branch. — Mrs. George	
H. Fox, Treas.; Franklin, Aux.,	
\$2 50; Royalton, Aux., \$8.90;	
Pittsford, Aux., to const. L. M.'s	
Mrs. Josie Howard and Mrs. A.	
Hammond, \$50; Dorsett, Aux.,	
to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Wm. Wil-	
liams and Mrs. Geo. Holley, \$50;	
East Hardwick, Aux., \$17.40;	
Middlebury, Aux., of which \$75	
to const. L. M.'s Mrs. H. T.	
Kitchell, Mrs. Julia Goodridge,	
Miss Jane Nichols, \$125; Mid-	
dlebury S. S., towards B. R.	
under Mrs. Wheeler, Harpoet,	
\$33; Cornwall ladies, of which	
\$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Helen	
Magill and Mrs. Henry Lane,	
\$58; Burlington, Aux., towards	
Mrs. Park's sal'y, \$25; Rut-	
land, Aux., towards Miss Ely's	
sal'y, \$117.83; Mission-Circles of	
Rutland for schs. in China and	
Ceylon, "Willing Helpers,"	
\$2.30; "Wayside Gleaners,"	
\$11.56; "Little Gleaners," \$5.35;	
"Willing Hands," \$8.95; "Lit-	
tle Sowers," \$5; "Busy Bees,"	
\$5.19; "Cheerful Givers,"	
\$5.86; "Children of the Light,"	
\$5; Juvenile Cl.," \$5; "Lov-	
ing Hearts," \$5.42; Mrs. Dun-	
ton's Cl., \$2.39; "Buds of Prom-	
ise," \$5; "Busy Larks," \$3.71,	\$583 36
Bridgport. — Ladies Cong. Ch.,	18 34
North Craftsbury. — Mrs. D. W.	
Loomis, to const. L. M. Mrs.	
Mary Ann Root,	25 00
Wallingford. — A Friend,	10 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$636 70</b>

C. Home Building-Fund.

St. Albans. — Mrs. A. M. Plant,	\$3 00
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MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston. — A Friend, for Missions	
in India, \$2; "E. F. C.," \$12;	
Mrs. G. C. Beckwith, \$1.38;	
Berkeley St. Ch. Ladies' Weekly	
Pledge, \$10; Mt. Vernon Ch.,	
Mrs. Jane G. Coit, to const. L. M.	
Mrs. James L. Penniman,	
Washington, D. C., \$25,	\$50 38
Boston Highlands. — Eliot Ch.,	
Aux.,	10 00
Braintree — Young Ladies'	
Miss'y Soc'y,	5 00
Brockton. — Aux., towards sal'y of	
Miss Williams, Marash, \$51;	
Mrs. Baylis Sanford, \$1.25,	52 25
Clinton. — Aux.,	37 79
Chicopee. — A few friends,	1 80
Concord. — Aux.,	15 00
Dorchester. — A Friend,	1 40
Easton. — Aux.,	15 00
East Charlemont. — Aux., with	
prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs.	
L. Amanda Newell,	13 00
East Braintree. — Mrs. H. J. Hol-	
brook,	3 00
Fitchburg. — C. C. Cong. Ch.,	
Aux.,	14 00
Franklin. — Mrs. Lucy B. Wood-	
ward to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
Grafton. — A Friend,	3 00
Hadley. — Mrs. Eleazar Porter,	10 00
Hanover. — Aux., 2d Cong. Ch.,	8 00
Holbrook. — Aux., of which \$25	
from Mrs. C. S. Holbrook to	
const. herself L. M., \$30; Mrs.	
E. N. Thayer, \$2; from the	
children, \$1,	33 00
Holliston. — Aux.,	20 00
Ipswich. — Fem. Sem., to const.	
L. M. Miss Annie E. Caldwell,	25 00
Jamaica Plain. — Central Ch.,	
three little boys,	1 00
Lawrence. — Mrs. B. Coolidge,	8 80
Leominster. — Cong. Soc'y,	8 50
Marshfield. — Mrs. Nancy Water-	
man,	40
Monterey. — Aux.,	2 50
Newburyport. — Aux.,	49 00
Newton Highlands. — Mrs. Emily	
W. Hyde,	50 00
North Andover. — A Friend,	
thank-offering,	4 00
North Weymouth. — Arthur M.	
Dow's miss'y box,	1 05
Quincy. — Aux., for pupil in Da-	
cota Home,	50 00
Reading. — Aux.,	8 00
Springfield. — Springfield Branch,	
Miss H. W. Buckingham, treas.,	

First Ch., \$226 35; North Ch., \$100; Memorial Ch., \$60; South Ch., \$48.80; Olivet, \$10; First Ch. West, \$30; Agawam, \$38; Chicopee, First Ch., \$15.34; Springfield, Sanford St., \$3.30; Miscellaneous, \$7 21,	\$539 00
<i>Spencer.</i> — Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Chandler Bemis and Mrs. J. W. Temple,	41 60
<i>Southbridge.</i> — Mrs. S. M. Lane,	5 00
<i>South Weymouth.</i> — Miss Carrie Gardner,	1 00
<i>Stockbridge.</i> — Mrs. Wm. Whitney,	2 00
<i>Watertown.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Miss Townshend's sch.,	30 00
<i>Williamstown.</i> — Aux.,	55 00
<i>Winchester.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. H. K. Thatcher to const. L. M. Miss Susie E. Thatcher, and \$25 by Mrs. Sam'l Bodge to const. L. M. Mrs. A. B. Dascomb, 131; "Seek and Save Soc'y," \$10,	141 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — Woman's Miss'y Asso. Central Ch., of which \$30 for pupil in Mrs. Edward's sch.,	164 99
Total,	\$1,506 46

### C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Boston.</i> — Miss Ann Newman,	\$100 00
<i>Springfield.</i> — Mite Box,	8 00
<i>Winchendon.</i> — Aux., for dormitory to be called the Winchendon Room,	150 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — Central Ch.,	200 00

### RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> — Miss Anna T. White, Treas., Charles St. Ch., Aux., \$34; Beneficent Ch. Mrs. Newell Clark, to const. L. M. Mrs. Geo. W. Arnold, \$25; North Scituate, Aux., \$21.65,	\$80 65
<i>Providence.</i> — Central Cong. Ch., "Willing Hands," for pupil in Dakota Home,	50 00
Total,	\$130 65

### CONNECTICUT.

<i>Burnside.</i> — M. Janette Elmore,	\$4 40
<i>Columbia.</i> — Aux.,	6 00
<i>Darien.</i> — Ox Ridge Mission-Circle,	1 55
<i>Hartford.</i> — Pearl St. Cong. S. S. for Susig of Ichme,	40 00
<i>Middletown.</i> — Cong. S. S., Mrs. Dyer's Bible Cl., with prev. contri. for B. R. in India,	20 00

*New Haven Branch.* — Miss Julia Twining, Treas. (to Dec. 15), Barkhamsted, Aux., \$5; Bridgeport, Aux., \$50, to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Henry Jones and Mrs. Bronson Hawley; "Willing Workers," \$50; Cheshire, Aux., \$6, to complete p'y't for Samathanum; Mrs. Paddock's Bible Cl. to complete p'y't for pupil in Mrs. Edward's sch., \$14; total, \$20. Colebrook, "Laurel Leaves," to const. L. M. Miss Annie W. Gilbert, \$25. Cornwall, "Hillside Workers" (of wh. \$30 for a pupil in Mrs. Chandler's sch.), \$80. Fair Haven 2d Ch. Aux. (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. J. S. C. Abbott), \$71.06. Kent, Aux., \$10. Litchfield, Aux., towards support of a B. R., \$23.87. New Britain, Centre Ch., Aux., \$84.40. New Haven Centre Ch., Aux., (of wh. \$25 for Mrs. James Dickerman to const. L. M. Miss Harriet E. Peck, \$25 for Mrs. Mary L. Skinner to const. L. M. Mrs. John W. Fitch, \$10 for Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss towards support of a B. R.), \$387; Church of the Redeemer, Aux., \$73.75; Davenport Ch., Aux. (of wh. \$40 for S. S. girls to support a pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch., \$25 for Mrs. John Dewell to const. Miss Sarah R. Dewell L. M., \$25 for the Aux. to const. L. M. Mrs. Isaac C. Messerve), \$100. Fair Haven, 1st Ch., Aux. (of wh. \$25 for Mrs. Samuel Harrison to const. herself L. M.), \$130; Howard Ave. Ch., Aux., \$47.32; North Ch., Aux., \$23; Third Ch., Aux. (of wh. \$27 for Mrs. W. A. Ives for pupil in Miss Fritcher's sch.), \$97; Trinity Ch., Mrs. Mary Wadsworth, \$1; Yale College Ch., Aux., for scholarship in Con. Home, \$125. Total in N. H., \$984 07. New Milford, Aux. (of wh. \$25 for Miss Sally Northrop to const. herself L. M., \$25 fr. "Golden Links," \$25 fr. "Star Circle," \$134 towards Mrs. Edward's salary), \$184. Northford, Aux., \$36.65. Norwalk, Aux., Ladies' Ch. Association (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. E. L. Morgan), \$150; Young Ladies' "Mission Band," \$50 (of whole amount \$175 to be sent to Japan), \$200. Oxford, Aux., \$21.35. Saybrook, Aux.,

\$14.25. South Britain, Aux., \$20. Thomaston, Aux. (of wh. \$50 fr. Mr. G. W. Gilbert to const. L. M.'s Mrs. G. W. Gilbert and Mrs. Joseph W. Backus, \$70; "Free Givers," \$25. fr. Mr. G. W. Gilbert to const. L. M. Miss M. E. Gilbert), \$95. Watertown, Aux. (\$10 to complete p'y't for B. R., \$20 fr. "Little Gleaners" for pupil in Mrs. Edwards' sch.), \$30. Westbrook, Aux., Mrs. Reuben Stannard, to const. L. M. Mrs. Nancy A. Perry, and for a pupil at Ahmednuggur, \$25. West Chester, Aux., towards Miss Strong's salary, \$10. West Haven, Aux. (of wh. \$75 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. E. B. Wilmot, Mrs. G. Munson, Miss Fannie Richards, \$25 fr. Mrs. David Smith to const. L. M. Mrs. Wm. E. Brooks), \$101.50; "Oak Hill Sem." \$45 (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Mary C. Plimpton, and \$20 to support a pupil at Ahmednuggur), \$146.50. West Winsted, Aux. (\$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary Ann Mitchell), \$57. Wilton "Mission-Band," to support B. R. Rakabai, a pupil at Marsovan, a scholarship in Foochow, and Wolcottville, Aux., \$20, \$2,343 15  
*Norwich.* — Second Cong. Ch., Aux, towards sal'y of Miss Noyes, 61 50  
*Norwich Town.* — Lathrop Memorial Soc'y, 25 00  
*Putnam.* — "Mission-Workers," result of Baby Show for two pupils in Mrs. Bissell's sch., 60 00  
 Total, \$2,561 70

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*New Haven Branch.* — Bridgeport, "Willing Workers," \$25; Wilton "Mission-Band," \$20, \$45 00

NEW YORK.

*Evans.* — A Friend, 40  
*Flushing.* — Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Rev. A. C. Reed, \$30 00  
*Westmoreland.* — Aux., 7 50  
 Total, \$37 90

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*New York City.* — "Cheerful

Workers," for Sick Room in the Home. \$400 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

*Philadelphia Branch.* — Mrs. A. W. Goodell, Treas., Phila. Dr. Hill's first payment of his wife's legacy for pupil in the Madura Misson, \$50. Jersey City, 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., \$52. Baltimore, Aux., \$30; "Baltimore Bees," \$20. East Orange, Aux., \$37.50. Washington, Aux., \$25. Newark, 1st Cong. Ch., \$93.70; "Workers for Jesus," \$72.32; fr. Mrs. Chapin's sch., Paterson, "Mt. Crystals," \$4. Montclair, Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Sam'l Wilde to const. herself L. M., 37.50; Col. An. meeting, \$11.03. Orange, Aux., \$10. Jersey City "Earnest Workers," \$51, \$494 05  
 Total, \$494 05

OHIO.

*Randolph.* — A Friend, 40  
*Windham.* — Young Ladies' Mission-Circle, towards sal'y of Miss Closson, \$68 00  
 Total, \$68 40

IOWA.

*Muscatine.* — Mrs. T. M. Day, 90  
 Total, 90

KANSAS.

*Grasshopper Falls.* — Mrs. B. Hill-yer, \$1; Mrs. L. P. Wilson, \$1, \$2 00  
 Total, \$2 00

CANADA.

*Canadian Branch,* \$229 12  
 Total, \$229 12

Donations, \$5,912 63  
*C. Home Building-Fund,* 911 00  
 "Life and Light," 827 25  
 "Echoes," 69 95  
 Weekly Pledge, 7 60  
 Interest on temporary investments, 490 06  
 Leaflets, 7 00  
 Legacy from the late Mrs. Elizabeth L. Haven, 100 00

Total, \$8,325.43

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

## In Memoriam.

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MOURNFULLY do we record the decease of another manager of our society.

Dec. 14, 1874, Mrs. JANE G. LANMAN COIT was called to her eternal home. She was a woman of more than usual energy, and devoted much of her time to many of the benevolent organizations of our city. She had an attractive person, with remarkable social powers, which greatly enhanced her usefulness, and will cause her to be widely missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

She has been a director of the Woman's Board from the beginning, a constant attendant upon the meetings, giving her warm sympathy and hearty co-operation in every new enterprise, and aiding by her liberal contributions. Though not forward in expressing her views when questions came up for discussion, yet her opinions were valuable when given. We shall miss her bright smile and kindly greeting.

Her death was quite unexpected to her friends, though the summons had been long anticipated by herself. She said, "My love of life is strong, yet I would have my God and Saviour choose all for me.

"My soul, at times, longs to mount swiftly upward. Thy will be done."

Her loving care for others, her earnest prayers for all associated with her in her many benevolent activities, are among the pleasant memories of those who visited her most frequently during the months of illness.

A week before her death, with her usual generosity to our Board, she sent a substantial gift to our treasury, and with provident forethought added a contribution for the expenses of our annual meeting, sending, also, what proved to be her last message to us:—

"As the scenes of this mortal life begin to fade from view, how do the vast realities of eternity open upon the vision! How valueless and insignificant seem the honor, wealth, fame, that has not a bearing upon the beyond, the realities pertaining to a life more satisfactory, spiritual, and enduring, where the shadows of this lower world can never cloud the eye, where the mortal shall put brightly on its immortality! I have this afternoon heard of the sudden death of a friend. Oh! let us all labor with incessant zeal and earnestness in the Master's service; 'for the night cometh, when no man can work.' Then shall we be ready when he bids us come to the glory of his presence, to the gladness of his home."

A. P. T.

# Department of the Interior.

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## TURKEY.

### EXTRACTS FROM MISS MALTBY'S LETTERS.

#### VACATION WORK.

SAMOKOV, Sept. 19, 1874.

ELENKA and I went to Bonsko, and staid almost four weeks. It was the best tour I have made in Turkey. There seems great readiness to receive the truth in all that region. Bonsko is situated on a plain surrounded by mountains, with a number of other villages from one to six hours distant. They received us joyfully: we felt that the presence of the Lord went with us and before us. His tender care of his own was many times very manifest to us in our journey; and all the time our needs were provided for even to the very last. Weary, restless souls are looking longingly for the light; and we were received into the houses of the rich and poor. It was wonderful how the Lord prepared the way for the entrance of his own truth and light into some of these places. The daughter of one of the head men of the place, having read the Testament, had become very much interested, and anxious for the salvation of her soul. When she heard the teachers had come, she was very desirous to see us, but dared not ask her mother-in-law for permission. At last, under pretence of going somewhere else, she came and spent an hour with us: this did not satisfy her. She longed to have the privilege of coming freely to us, yet could not face the anger of her friends, who had been bitter opposers.

of the Protestants. Soon after, she was taken ill, and they feared she would die. Her friends gathered around her, not knowing what to do, there being no doctor in the place.

Hearing of her sickness, I sent her a little medicine, not knowing whether it would be received from us. She took the medicine, and very soon began to recover. They believed her life had been saved by it, and were very grateful to us. They sent us presents, invited us to their house, and showed us every kindness, thus giving us an opportunity to converse with and comfort this young woman, who, we believe, is not far from the kingdom. We went to the nunnery, and there read the Word, and talked of the Saviour's love.

We had several meetings with the women, gathering sometimes forty or fifty. In other villages the same kind of welcome was given, and it seems that the great need is of laborers. Elenka will spend all of her time this year in the Bible-work ; and another of our students will labor in Bonsko : but what are two among so many ?

#### SCHOOL RE-OPENED.

Sept. 21.

Since coming home I have been unusually busy with the care of school, and labors incident to getting settled in a new house. Our school is not yet furnished with desks. We cannot get good ones here, and are longing for some from America. We have twenty-five scholars, and soon expect more. Each year brings us a good class of girls. Nearly half are new scholars ; and but few in the school profess to be Christians. Oh, how much we need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit !

#### ELENKA'S WORK AND ILLNESS.

Elenka has entered upon the work of a Bible-reader in

full. She wrote me from Philippopolis, that there is much excitement there about the Protestants. The bishop sent some of his followers to argue with them last week. They continued the discussion on Sunday; and over two hundred were present. This shows there is interest; and such discussions can but forward the cause of truth. The bishop's man acknowledged that there is much error in the Church.

DEATH OF THE TEACHER MARIKA.

PHILIPPOLIS, Oct. 23.

The Lord's hand is laid heavily upon us. The news comes from Samokov that Marika, wife of the teacher in the theological school, is dead. She has been feeble for some time, and two weeks ago was taken ill with typhoid-fever. After intense suffering, she rests at home. She was a devoted Christian, eminently fitted to do good among her people, but all ready to go when Jesus called. She desired, above all things, to live so that she might have the testimony that she pleased God. Often, when weary and sad, a half-hour with her has refreshed and strengthened me. She always had something fresh from Jesus, some passage which had been illuminated and unfolded for her by God's Spirit; and in prayer she drew near the Lord. At times she would be so burdened for the salvation of souls, she could do nothing but pray. Only a few weeks before she died, she said, "Perhaps my death will be the means which God will use in answering my prayers for my dear ones, and for the promotion of his cause. If so, I am satisfied. I am ready to go. I only want to live for his glory." When any question of duty came up, she always hastened to learn the will of God; and, whenever she found passages in the Bible which she could not understand, she would search upon her knees for the teachings of the Spirit, until they

were made plain, as far as they related to her practice and life. She seemed to have an abiding consciousness of Christ's love for her, and so was prepared to meet all his will with joy. She desired very much to live many years for the sake of her husband, and that she might labor for Christ ; but, when she felt it was not his will, she urged it not. She several times said to me, "I do not pray for health any more." She understood English very well, and loved to read "Life and Light," "The Guide to Holiness," and other religious books. Said she once, "I used to be anxious to become very learned, and to know the sciences ; but now I am ambitious to learn all I can about God." I shall miss her sadly, and so will all the missionaries ; for she was very dear to them, having been long associated with them as scholar, teacher, and Bible-reader. I did not think to write so much ; but my heart is full of tender memories of this dear sister in Christ.

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## AFRICA.

### A PARTY IN ZULU-LAND.

BY MISS M. E. PINKERTON.

THIS little sketch accompanied our first letter from Miss Pinkerton, who has but recently reached Africa. She speaks of being already able to read the Bible, and sing the hymns, in the new language, having studied while on her way thither.

"DEAR LIFE AND LIGHT, — I have just had the pleasure of attending a party, — my first party in Africa. Mrs. Wilder had concluded that it might possibly be beneficial to the young people of the church to be invited to her

house and entertained as company. She wanted them to learn to seek and enjoy more civilized and intellectual amusements than had been customary amongst them. To do this, she must begin in an indirect way, and gradually lead them on to the desired point: therefore invitations were sent to eighteen of the young ladies and gentlemen to come, *dressed neatly* and *cleanly*, to the parsonage on a certain afternoon, about half-past three.

“I am sorry to be obliged to say that most of the guests were fashionably late; but nearly all came: and although one or two had forgotten to wash and dress up clean, and one dirty shirt peeped out from *beneath* the clean one, we were glad to find that most of the company had heeded the request for neatness.

“Various kinds of pictures were first introduced; and they were very much interested in the photographs of persons whom they knew, and in the colored representations of animals. Very few knew how to use either a stereoscope, microscope, or kaleidoscope; but they soon mastered the difficulty. An hour or so was spent in this way; then all went out into the yard, and one person took a few to the swing, others initiated the remainder of the company into the games of ‘bean-bag’ and ‘magic ring;’ while the hearty laughing proved that the new exercise pleased the participants. Even the missionary gentlemen present said it reminded them a little of old times, in spite of the fact that the young men’s clothes were not all cut to fit, and the young ladies were barefooted.

“Twilight found the company in the parlor again, when some hymns were sung, followed by some remarks of a religious character, and prayer. After this, peanuts, of which the people are very fond, were passed; and the company dismissed at the early hour of seven. I think we might call this a model party, — early hours, the quiet en-

joyment of art, healthy, sensible games; and we hope that each one took home a few good thoughts to ponder over and remember."

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## Home Department.

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### A THANK-OFFERING.

FROM BEYOND THE MISSISSIPPI.

"DEAR MRS. BRADLEY,— . . . We are being greatly blessed by a rich outpouring of the Spirit of God. Among the first to express a hope in Jesus was a prominent man, whose wife has been most earnestly praying for his conversion since she herself, five years ago, came to the Saviour. Out of joy and gratitude for what God has done for her husband, she and her three little daughters brought these articles of jewelry to be sent to the Woman's Board of the Interior, as a 'thank-offering for the conversion of a husband and father.'

"The bracelet was a wedding-gift from an uncle, and bears the date of her marriage. The chain was a bridal-gift from her father. Soon after her marriage she removed to California. The buckle is of pure gold, dug by her husband.

"The mother had talked with her daughters about the custom, in former times, of bringing a thank-offering on special occasions. The clasps are from the eldest daughter, who was delighted that she had something of her own to give. They were made from gold dug by the father, and held up her baby-dress sleeves. The mother had

given the pearl ring to her second daughter, who was delighted to have a ring of her own. The mother asked her if she had any special cause for gratitude. After a moment the dear child said, 'Because papa has become a Christian ;' and she gladly gave the ring. The third, a little one, also brought a gift. The lady also gave her wedding-ring. This she had worn, and prized very highly ; and, when we protested against accepting it, she said she wanted Jesus to have *the best*. She told me afterwards how she missed the ring ; but remarked that it was 'safe with Jesus.' Many prayers go with this offering."

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### THE JAPAN HOME.

THE cost of erecting this Home has been divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each ; so that all may have a part in the work. It is expected that the institution, when completed, will be almost entirely self-supporting ; so that we shall have no scholarships to offer the many auxiliaries and friends who desire to be partakers in the work of training Japanese girls. This is the golden opportunity. One friend has already sent in three hundred dollars.

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WESTERN subscribers to "Life and Light" are requested by the secretaries of the Woman's Board of the Interior to send their subscriptions *direct to Boston*, not forgetting, that, as the postage must now be paid at the office, ten cents additional must be enclosed.

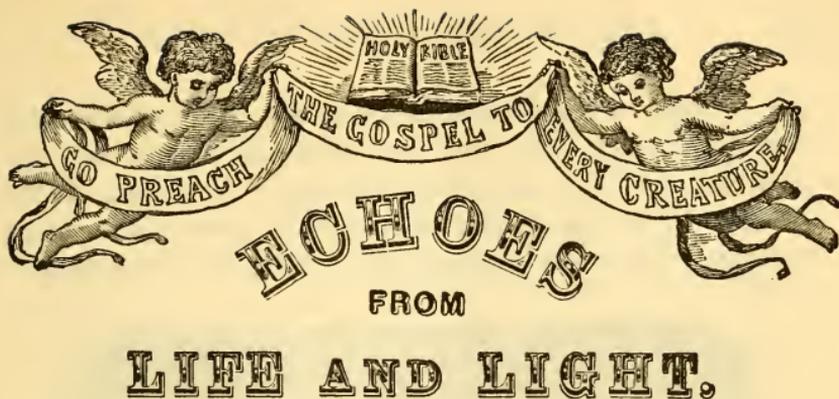


## RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM NOV. 15 TO DEC. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.		Wheaton. — Aux., by Miss Rankin, \$12.63; "A Friend," for the Japan Home, \$20,	
<i>Atwater.</i> — Aux., Miss A. Hutchinson, Treas.,	\$16 00		\$32 63
<i>Columbus.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. A. Mahoney, Treas.,	30 50	Total,	\$203 72
<i>Edinburg.</i> — Aux.,	20 00	WISCONSIN.	
<i>Granville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. L. K. Warren, Treas.,	8 00	<i>Appleton.</i> — Of which \$10, from Miss Kimball for Mexico, by Miss Rankin,	\$18 00
<i>Ironton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Clara R. Rodgers, Sec.,	33 00	<i>Madison.</i> — By Miss Rankin,	10 00
<i>Kent.</i> — Aux., Miss H. A. Converse, Treas.,	30 00	<i>Mazo Mamie.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. M. Howe, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to constitute Mrs. John E. Peck a L. M., Miss E. E. Peck, Treas.,	40 00	<i>Milwaukee.</i> — By Miss Rankin,	5 00
<i>West Farrington.</i> — Aux., Miss Emily Page, Sec.,	3 20	<i>Oconomowoc.</i> — Aux., Miss A. B. Sewell, Treas.,	4 00
<i>Tallmadge.</i> — "Messenger Birds," Lillie M. Little, Sec.,	10 00	<i>Ripon.</i> — By Miss Rankin, \$10; "A Friend," by Mrs. Jeremiah Porter, for the Japan Home, \$300,	310 00
Total,	\$190 70	Total,	\$352 00
MICHIGAN.		IOWA.	
<i>Ann Arbor.</i> — Aux., with previous contributions to constitute Mrs. H. L. Hubbell and Mrs. M. E. Morwick L. M.'s, Mrs. M. L. D'Ooge, Treas.,	\$20 45	<i>Clinton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. Russell, Treas.,	\$28 73
Total,	\$20 45	<i>Oscalosa.</i> — Aux., for the Micronesian Mission, Mrs. K. A. Trask, Treas.,	33 80
		<i>St. Clair.</i> — Aux., by Mrs. Van Atwerp, \$13; "A Friend," \$5.50.	18 50
		Total,	\$86 03
ILLINOIS.		MINNESOTA.	
<i>Alton.</i> — Aux., Miss Ellen M. Pierce, Treas.,	\$13 90	<i>St. Paul.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. H. Howard, Treas.,	\$25 00
<i>Aurora.</i> — Aux., Mrs. G. F. Ruggles, Treas., \$9.15; for travelling expenses of Miss Rankin, \$4,	13 15	Total,	\$25 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — 1st Ch. Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, Mrs. C. H. Whittlesey, Treas., \$43; Tabernacle Ch. Aux., Mrs. J. A. Cole, Treas., \$5; Union Park Ch. Aux., Mrs. R. E. Jenkins, Treas., \$30,	78 00	MISSOURI.	
<i>Jacksonville.</i> — For travelling expenses of Miss Rankin,	10 00	<i>Kansas City.</i> — S. S. class for pupil in Marash,	\$3 00
<i>Peoria.</i> — Mission S. S. for pupil in the Bridgeman School,	10 00	Total,	\$3 00
<i>Quincy.</i> — By Miss Rankin,	5 00	NEBRASKA.	
<i>Rockford.</i> — By Miss Rankin,	7 00	<i>Norfolk.</i> — Aux.,	\$5 00
<i>Sandwich.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. P. Crasper, Treas.,	24 04	<i>Steele City.</i> — Mrs. Dean,	1 00
<i>Waverly.</i> — "Earnest Workers," Louise Tupper, Treas.	10 00	<i>Weeping Willow.</i> — Aux.,	27 60
		Total,	\$33 60
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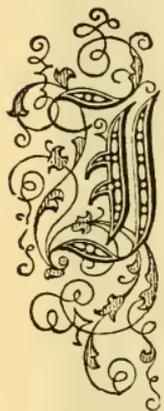
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## WATER-CARRIERS.

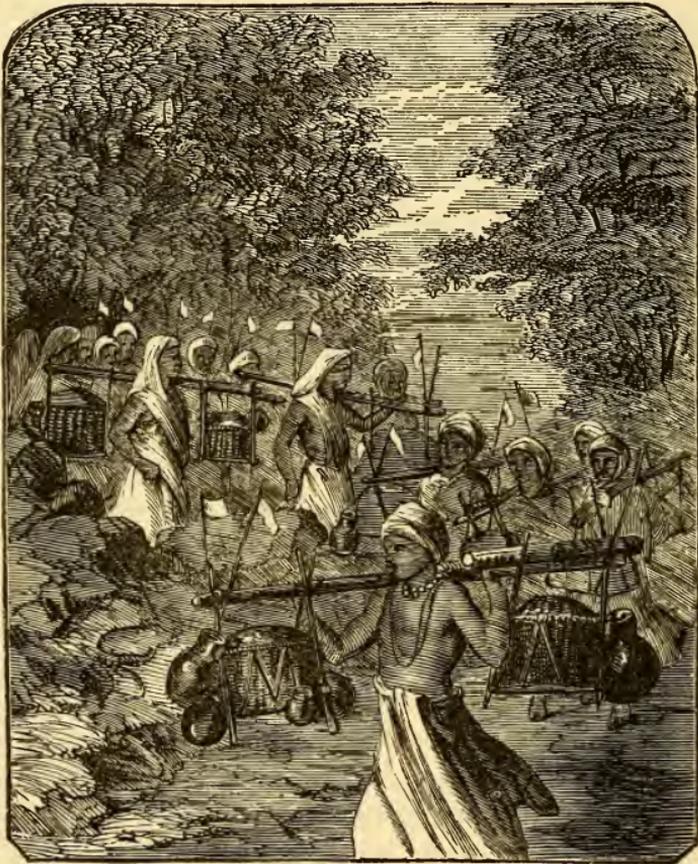
BY MRS. H. J. BRUCE.



INDIA is a dry and thirsty land ; and the clear flowing river, or large deep well, seems, more especially in the East, to be one of Heaven's richest gifts ; for owing to the climate, and the want of home comforts, the people live chiefly out of doors, and they have but few of the modern conveniences for conveying water ; so that the river itself is generally the place of bathing, and washing clothes.

Villages are located thickly along the banks of the streams ; and one of the principal duties of the housewife is to go every morning, and draw enough water for the day's supply. Women generally carry their water-vessels on the top of the head ; while the men often adopt the style represented in our engraving, in which two or more vessels are balanced on a rod hung across the shoulder. In the dry season some of the rivers even dry up, and vanish away, like the brooks Job speaks of. But the wells are spacious ; and although they, also, may sometimes fail,

yet, in many cases, they not only afford sufficient water for man and beast, but, by an ingenious contrivance, the gardens, and fields of grain, are irrigated by them. If the ground is well watered, every thing grows with great rapidity ; but, when neglected for a little time, the garden



becomes a desert. In this connection, how forcible seems the promise of Jehovah to his people! "Thy soul shall be as a watered garden."

So, too, the soul of this people is crying out for the water of life, as they wander hither and thither, and

vainly seek something to satisfy the cravings of their spiritual natures. At times a man, urged on by some superstitious fear, will leave his farm-work when his labors are most needed, and start off on a pilgrimage to visit the shrine of some famous god, by which it is supposed great merit is acquired. They not unfrequently undertake a journey of several hundred miles for this purpose, taking with them their young and their old, and, of course, suffering many inconveniences by the way, besides the self-inflicted tortures.

In our engraving, the little red-and-yellow flags borne aloft indicate the character of this procession. It is a band of pilgrims apparently returning home from some sacred place, it may be the River Ganges, or, in other words, the goddess Gunga. It has been said that this river, stretching for fifteen hundred miles, may be regarded as one continuous temple for heathenish devotions. The holy books declare that the sight, the name, or the touch of Gunga, takes away all sin.

But India is a country almost as large as Europe, if we leave out Russia; and very few of those living at great distances can expect, even once in a lifetime, to visit Gunga themselves. Therefore, those who do go wish to make the most of their expedition, and, returning, bring back some of the holy water to sell and distribute to others. For even God's best gifts have been perverted; and water, such a fitting emblem of purity, is thought to be itself sufficient to wash away the filth of sin; and thus the creature is worshipped rather than the Creator.

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“AND he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. . . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

## MISSION-CIRCLES.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Maine Branch.* — *Portland.* — "Orient Girls," \$35.50 ;  
 "Helping Hands," \$5.00 ; "Little Gleaners," 8.80 ; Union  
 Class, \$6.00 ; "Cheerful Workers," \$6.00.
- VERMONT. — *Vermont Branch.* — *Rutland.* — "Willing Helpers,"  
 \$2.30 ; "Wayside Gleaners," \$11.56 ; "Little Gleaners," \$5.35 ;  
 "Willing Hands," \$8.95 ; "Little Sowers," \$5.00 ; "Busy  
 Bees," \$5.19 ; "Cheerful Givers," \$5.86 ; "Children of the  
 Light," \$5.00 ; Juvenile Class, \$5.00 ; "Loving Hearts," \$5.42 ;  
 Mrs. Dunton's Class, \$2.39 ; "Buds of Promise," \$5.00 ; "Busy  
 Larks," \$3.71.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Jamaica Plain.* — Central Church, three little  
 boys, \$1.00.  
*North Weymouth.* — Arthur M. Dow's Missionary Box, \$1.05.
- RHODE ISLAND. — *Providence.* — Central Ch., "Willing Hands," \$50.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Darien.* — "Ox-Ridge Mission-Circle," \$2.50.
- NEW HAVEN BRANCH. — *Bridgeport.* — "Willing Workers," \$25.00.  
*Cheshire* — Mrs. Paddock's Bible-Class, \$14.00.  
*Colebrook.* — "Laurel Leaves," \$25.00.  
*Cornwall.* — "Hillside Workers," \$80.00.  
*New Haven.* — Davenport Church, S. S. girls, \$40.00.  
*New Milford.* — "Golden Links," \$25.00 ; "Star Circle," \$25.00.  
*Norwalk.* — "Young Ladies' Band," \$50.00.  
*Thomaston.* — "Free Givers," \$25.00.  
*Watertown.* — "Little Gleaners," 20.00.  
*West Haven.* — Oak Hill Seminary, \$45.00.  
*Wilton.* — Mission Band, \$150.  
*Putnam.* — "Mission Workers," \$60.00.
- NEW YORK CITY. — "Cheerful Workers," \$400.00.
- PENNSYLVANIA. — *Philadelphia Branch.* — "Baltimore Bees," 20.00.  
*Newark.* — "Workers for Jesus," \$72.32.  
*Paterson.* — "Mt. Crystals," \$4.00.  
*Jersey City.* — "Earnest Workers," \$51.00.
- OHIO. — *Tallmadge.* — "Messenger Birds," \$10.00.
- ILLINOIS. — *Peoria.* — Mission Sunday School, \$10.00.  
*Waverly.* — "Earnest Workers," \$10.00.
- MISSOURI. — *Kansas City.* — Sunday-School Class, \$3.00.



## WHAT PENNIES CAN DO.

“TAKE care of the pennies,” children, “and the dollars will take care of themselves.” You have all heard this a hundred times before ; but did you ever think how many other things pennies can do, besides make dollars? You know very well that they can buy tempting goodies that are displayed in shop-windows, that will disappear in half

an hour, and toys that will last but a day. You know, too, that they can buy a loaf of bread for a starving family, or warm mittens for some little shivering child. But let me tell you something pennies may do that is better, it seems to me, than all these. They may buy a Bible to send to heathen lands; and this Bible may fall into the hands of some man, a Mohammedan perhaps, whose heart will be touched with the sweet words of the Saviour. He may forsake his idols, and become a preacher of the gospel to his countrymen; and, through his preaching, many souls may be saved to praise our heavenly Father throughout all eternity. Isn't this a good way to use your pennies?

Don't think this is all imagination, and that I am dreaming over a missionary-box, as our little friend in the picture seems to be doing. You remember that our Saviour's blessings made a few loaves and fishes enough for five thousand people; and can he not make your pennies do wonderful things? If it had not been for a little bird that flew out of a tree, there would not have been any Mohammedan religion, with its millions of followers; and surely a penny that you have earned by some self-denial, and put in your box with an earnest prayer, is of more consequence than the flight of a bird.

So fill your missionary banks brimful again and again, little friends, till they have made hundreds of heathen children sing for joy over the Saviour they have found.

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“CHILDREN want two things as companions to their missionary boxes. One is prayer: put up a prayer with each penny you put in. The other is self-denial. God likes to see us giving what is really our own, what we might spend for ourselves if we chose; and he knows all about every penny there is in the world.”

## The Children's King.

BY MRS. S. B. PRATT.

'Twas spring-time in Judæa ;  
And o'er Mount Olivet  
There came, 'mid songs of gladness,  
A throng of hurrying feet ;  
And children's voices caught it,  
The glad, triumphant strain, —  
"All hail, thou Son of David !  
Jesus has come to reign."

The echo still is ringing  
The gray old earth around,  
The name of Jesus singing  
With fuller, sweeter sound.  
From lands of date and palm trees  
The glad young voices sing, —  
"Hosannah in the Highest,  
Hosannah to our King !"

From where the mighty Ganges  
Rolls its dark flood along,  
From storied old Euphrates,  
Pours forth the children's song :  
"Hail him, our glorious Saviour !  
The diadem now bring,  
And crown him Lord forever, —  
Jesus, the children's King."

Old China's walls have heard it ;  
India has caught the sound ;  
Persia, Ceylon, and Turkey  
The children's King have found ;  
The islands of the ocean  
Their joyful tribute bring,  
And hail with hearts and voices  
Jesus, the children's King.

We, too, would join his triumph ;  
 We, too, would raise the song, —  
 Would swell the mighty chorus  
 Of the adoring throng.  
 For since he died to save us,  
 Our hearts to him we'll bring,  
 And follow him forever, —  
 Jesus, the children's King.

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### BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

- My 1, 12, 6, 20, 26, 4, was a prophetess.  
 My 2, 13, 32, 31, 26, 23, 16, a mountain.  
 My 3, 21, 28, 30, 31, 26, a captain in Israel.  
 My 5, 20, 12, 24, 25, 18, 34, a city of Judah.  
 My 6, 9, 16, 17, 8, 4, an ancestor of Noah.  
 My 8, 9, 15, 18, a city of Galilee.  
 My 12, 31, 33, 26, 32, a famous Hittite.  
 My 13, 32, 23, 24, 30, 16, 14, 19, a book in the New Testament.  
 My 14, 31, 13, 9, 32, a Moabitess woman.  
 My 15, 14, 20, a land east of Eden.  
 My 16, 17, 31, 18, 31, 33, a son of Levi.  
 My 20, 18, 19, 23, 30, 25, a descendant of Judah.  
 My 21, 28, 26, 23, 18, 32, a son of Amoz.  
 My 22, 23, 20, 14, 29, a name that Paul exhorts to honor.  
 My 31, 14, 16, 17, a city where Paul dwelt.  
 My whole is a declaration in Psalms.

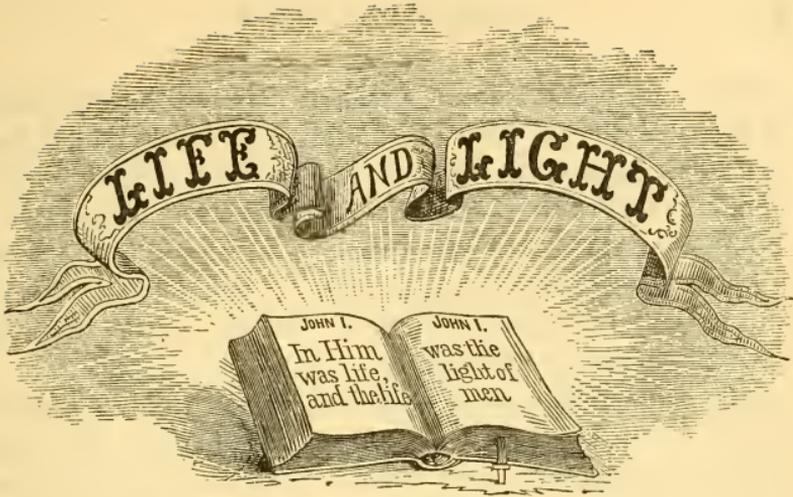
MRS. MAYO.

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### ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

“THAT Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.”

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the December number from J. W. and M. F. B. H., South Hadley, Mass ; A. E. N., West Pittsfield, Mass. ; S. J. D., Whitinsville, Mass. ; A. K., Auburndale, Mass. ; A. E. K., Westford, Mass. ; M. W. F. and E. F. H. F., Winchester, Mass. ; E. H. F., North Norway, Me. ; M. A. R., Aquebogue, N. Y., B. K., New Haven, Conn., A. B. C., Evans, N. Y., and M. B. P.



## FOR WOMAN.

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INDIA.

LETTER FROM MISS SISSON.

I HAVE been admitted to several new families of late. In one of them is the wife of a government official, recently removed here from the south, who had learned to read with tolerable ease under native teachers, but, feeling anxious to pursue her studies, had applied to one of our Bible-women for instruction. I inquired if she knew any thing of the Bible, and found she had never heard of it. I told her we went only where we could teach this truth ; and, when she found that the services of the Bible-woman as teacher could not otherwise be secured, she reluctantly, and rather ungraciously, consented to my reading and speaking of our religion. At my first visit I asked if there were not other women in the house who would come to the hall to hear me ; and she replied impatiently, "There is only myself. Read, read !" Having read to her of

Jesus, I told her what a precious Saviour he had been to me, and that I had left home and friends to tell her, and other Hindoo women, of the joy there was for them in him. I noticed that her manner softened ; and, when I left, she urged me to come often. The next time I went I found a relative with her, eager to listen to my story ; and now I sometimes have twelve women gathered about me when I read in that house.

The women say, as I talk with them from house to house, "Yes, we also wish to be Christians." It is an Oriental politeness, and means little. To show them that we know their lack of whole-hearted desire for the truth, we reply, "Well, if you really wish it, God will make you such. He is ready now to do it ; but you must give yourself to him wholly, leaving all sin, ceasing to worship idols." — "Yes, we are ready for that," they say. "Will you rub off those marks from your foreheads?" Each one has a tutelary god, whose sign is painted on the forehead ; and this question usually causes confusion in the camp of the enemy. In one house where some women insisted upon their sincerity in wishing for the new heart, I said, "Would you like to have us ask our God to give it to you?" An eager assent. "Would you like to have us pray here?" A pause, a frightened look. We had never asked to pray in a heathen house before, and I was not sure but it was pushing matters too far : but, finally, one of the women said, "Yes, you may pray ;" and, turning to the Bible-woman, I said, "Pray." Can you imagine the reverential joy with which I knelt to join silently in the petition that was ascending to the great King? I was almost overwhelmed with the thought of the grand possibilities of this great work, and the yearnings of soul over these my poor lost sisters, who, in spite of all their protestations, I knew had little sense of their danger, or the great blessings of the gospel so free to them.

# Our Work at Home.

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

THE seventh anniversary of the Woman's Board of Missions took place at Park-street Church, Boston, on Tuesday, the 5th of January. At ten o'clock, A.M., the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Albert Bowker, President; and the exercises were opened with the chanting of the Sixty-seventh Psalm, by Miss Susie C. Gould and Mrs. Collins, with organ accompaniment by Miss Lovejoy. A short address by the President, founded upon the Scripture lesson from Haggai ii., was followed by prayer, offered by Mrs. Robie of New Hampshire; when the Annual Report of the Recording Secretary was read, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Receipts for the year were reported by the Treasurer, Mrs. Benjamin E. Bates, who also acknowledged some special donations received since closing the accounts; one of which was fifty dollars to constitute twin grandchildren (infants but of days) members for life. It may be added here, that this announcement of the Treasurer provoked to the same good work a lady present from Canada, who arose from her seat with the request that a grandchild, the intelligence of whose birth she had just received, might be enrolled with these new life-members.

Total Receipts for 1874 . . . . .	\$67,419.08
General Funds . . . . .	41,199.69
Constantinople Home . . . . .	13,351.26
Publications . . . . .	7,868.15
Legacy of Hon. Homer Bartlett . . . . .	5,000.00

An historical sketch of the Constantinople Home (to be printed hereafter) was presented by Mrs. D. C. Scudder, Corresponding Secretary.

After attention to some items of business, and singing by the audience, Mrs. Bowker introduced Miss M. A. Proctor, missionary from Aintab, with the remark, that those who heard Miss Proctor at our first anniversary would be glad to hear from her again. Miss Proctor said she deemed it a great pleasure to be at the first Annual Meeting, and was happy to be present now, but would esteem it a greater privilege to be in her field, at her proper work. She spoke of having been able to accomplish more, apparently, in the last four years of her service in Aintab than during the first nine. "Greater command of the language, better acquaintance with the people, better helps in the way of text-books, and educated assistant teachers, have tended greatly to facilitate their work, though not to lessen its amount, as their plan of operations has, within a few years, been greatly enlarged. Instead of confining themselves, as formerly, to the care of their own boarding-schools, they have, in connection with native school committees, the superintendence of a system of graded schools, which, in the Aintab district, includes some dozen village schools, besides the six or eight in the city. In the Marash field the work is of similar dimensions. In the two about thirty native young women are employed, having under their care not far from a thousand pupils. This plan throws great responsibility upon the American teachers, both on account of the inexperience of their assistants and the difficulty in overcoming the old customs and prejudices of the people, so as to secure any thing like system in the classification of the scholars. Another matter," said Miss Proctor, "that has demanded much of our thought and time, is the social

position of Christian women. This subject was brought boldly before us by the erection of a second church in Aintab, at a time when no missionary was on the ground to take direct superintendence of it. So, before any one was fully aware of their intentions, the native brethren had assigned the whole body of the house to the men, leaving only the gallery to the women, after the manner of the old Armenian churches. When their attention was called to it by the missionaries, the pastor and some of the more enlightened brethren were ready at once to take right ground; but the majority, including many leading men, were bitterly opposed to allowing the women any place on the floor of the house. It took four years of earnest effort in the way of private conversation, pulpit instruction, and newspaper articles, so far to reform public opinion, that a vote was carried to allow the women about one-fourth of the body of the house, besides the gallery."

## AFTERNOON.

At the close of recess, during which delegates partook of a collation at Pilgrim Hall, the afternoon session was opened by an anthem, beautifully rendered by the young ladies before mentioned; and prayer was offered by Mrs. Hooker of Springfield.

After the election of officers, who were nominated by a committee previously appointed, Miss Child, Home Secretary, read a letter of greeting from the Woman's Board of the Interior, through their Secretary, Mrs. Blatchford. Miss Child also presented the Report of Miss Halsey, Secretary of the PHILADELPHIA BRANCH, which noted the addition of four new auxiliaries during the year, with increasing interest in the missions with which they are especially connected, and a large gift from one of their members towards the Constantinople Home.

Mrs. Burdett Hart of the NEW HAVEN BRANCH said, that since their Annual Meeting, in May, they had added twenty-four to their fifty auxiliaries, and ten to their thirty mission-circles. Reminded by the Secretary of what is expected of the Branch, she must break her resolution of not referring to their treasury. "But," said Mrs. Hart, "as there are yet four months to the harvest, we do not despair. We report some serious obstacles to our work; chief of all, the fact that we find in every church those who freely avow that they have 'no interest in foreign missions.' On the other hand, we rejoice in an increasing number of earnest, prayerful workers. We find, now and then, one ready to give her life to this necessary home part of the work, in much the same spirit that moves these missionary sisters to go far hence to the heathen. By the efforts of one such woman a meeting was called, in which eight towns were represented, which was a season of great refreshment and consecration to all present. Our sister who was responsible for this meeting was greatly burdened beforehand, having never presided on any such occasion. At ten o'clock, A.M., of the eventful day, she wished there had never been a Woman's Board; but at four, P.M., she thanked God for the preciousness thereof. Our faith sometimes stumbles at the fact, that the burdens of this great work often rest upon the weakest and feeblest of the sisterhood; but we begin to see, that, even in this, the Master may be honored, and his grace magnified."

Mrs. Luther Daniels, President of the VERMONT BRANCH, alluded to the meeting in Rutland as having awakened a missionary spirit in the State, and related an interesting incident by way of illustration. In one county all the Congregational churches but two, which are without pastors, have their own organizations: in these the leaven is at work, and another year will find them enrolled.

Mrs. H. W. Wilkinson, Secretary of the RHODE ISLAND BRANCH, reported a large and interested audience at their first anniversary, in October, which gave assurance of widely-extending interest in the cause. In sixteen of their twenty churches, they have organizations; and their ten mission-circles are their most efficient auxiliaries. One little band meets monthly in the family circle, with a programme of appropriate exercises; and their missionary-box will by and by be heard from.

Mrs. Helen C. Knight of the NEW HAMPSHIRE BRANCH said, that, at the beginning of the year, there were but few auxiliaries in their State; and these were widely separated, knowing little or nothing of each other. "To develop more systematic effort, circulars were sent to the churches, inviting co-operation; and 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. It was a day of Christian fellowship long to be remembered: out of it sprang confidence, co-operation, and growth. Public meetings have been held at six of our eight county conferences, some of which were large, and all of which excited great interest. The ladies of Mr. Spaulding's church, at Dover, invited those from the neighboring churches to spend a day with them, for discussion and quickening in the mission-work. It was good to be there. The work rose in value as we gave it thought and purpose and prayer. The present number of auxiliaries is sixty-one, with eighteen mission-circles, whose contributions have amounted to fifteen hundred dollars." Mrs. Knight also mentioned a thank-offering of twenty-five dollars to the Woman's Board, from a mother in Claremont, whose son had been rescued from drowning during a summer excursion, and said, that "expressions

of grateful love like this would soon fill the treasury of the church."

The MAINE BRANCH, reported by Miss Spofford, Secretary, has been in existence but little over a year; but, under the vigorous efforts put forth for the extension of their work, they embrace a large number of auxiliaries, representing nearly every conference in the State. Their mission-circles are very efficient. One, consisting of only twelve members, contributed fifty-six dollars to the Constantinople Home. The church at Deer Isle, which last year celebrated its centennial, began its second century by organizing an auxiliary. Many of them observe monthly meetings, at which contributions are paid in.

The CANADIAN BRANCH, reported by Mrs. Brown, has for its chief aim the awakening of an interest in foreign missions where there has heretofore been so little. Organized as the Montreal Auxiliary four years ago, with twenty members, their number has increased to one hundred; and their success has been greater than they dared hope, — not so much in dollars and cents, as in developing an interest in the work, especially with mothers, many of whom now feel that the richest gifts they can bestow are their daughters for the foreign field. They have as yet but one auxiliary; but interest has been aroused in other places, and they hope, by 1876, to report several more. "One of the most pleasing features of the work," said Mrs. Brown, "is the juvenile missionary society, — 'Workers for Christ,' they call themselves. Each child is furnished with a bank, which is opened in their homes, on Christmas morning, before family worship. It is the child's Christmas gift to the Lord; and as the little one kneels at the family altar while the parent asks the Father in heaven to accept the gift, and bless it to heathen souls, can we doubt the influence of that hour on the heart and life of

the child? May God's Spirit so come down upon us all during this week of prayer, that as we go, with new zeal and love for the work, to our various homes, our children may learn to love, as never before, the work of foreign missions!"

Mrs. Hooker, President of the SPRINGFIELD BRANCH, said, that, one year ago, the Woman's Board had but two auxiliaries in the entire county, — one of which was in Ludlow, and the other comprised the six churches of Springfield. Through the efforts of the latter in interesting pastors and members of other churches, there are now twenty-one auxiliaries and several mission-circles, which constitute the Branch; and their work has the recognition and indorsement of the Hampden County Conference. A great increase of missionary spirit is manifest; and the young societies are so flourishing as to warrant the expectation of enlarged contributions in the year to come, while the reflex influence upon themselves has been most happy.

Mrs. S. C. Brownell, Secretary, brought the greetings of the HARTFORD BRANCH to the parent society, as the youngest child. Sensible of the difficulties to be encountered, and the obstacles which hinder the work even in Christian lands, they feel that they can accomplish nothing, 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 redeeming love to a perishing world."

SOUTH MIDDLESEX CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION reported

by Mrs. Richardson. For months past earnest women within the bounds of the South Middlesex Conference of Churches have often conferred together; and, as a result of this spirit of inquiry, a woman's missionary meeting was held in October last in connection with the session of the conference at South Framingham, and an association was formed. "If the large attendance and enthusiasm manifested at that meeting may be regarded as an indication of the heartiness with which the work is to be carried forward, we may expect the best results; and it is hoped that new bonds of sympathy may be formed among the sister churches of the conference, and that we may stimulate and assist each other in answering the great question, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me do?'" Mrs. Richardson also read an interesting letter from Miss Rice, for twenty years a missionary in Persia.

A paper on the "Importance of Prayer" was presented by Mrs. S. B. Pratt, and another, upon "Home Work," by Mrs. Lemuel Gulliver, both of which will be published in full. A solo by Miss Gould, and prayer by Mrs. Thompson, closed the meeting.

#### SECOND DAY.

Sixty minutes were never shorter, or more sweetly laden as they passed, than those spent in devotional exercises at the Park-street Vestry on the morning of Wednesday. In quick succession missionaries and others — in words that burned with the eloquence of a heavenly inspiration, and prayers that were taught by the Spirit — so exalted the tone of feeling, that we fain would have tarried in the hallowed place, which seemed just on the verge of heaven. As the voice of the President ceased in the closing prayer, silently and reluctantly the audience retired, and, when re-assembled in the church, united in singing, —

"Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove," &c.

After scripture-reading by Mrs. Bowker, prayer was offered by Mrs. Burdett Hart; and the opening address was made by Mrs. Chandler of the Madura mission. She said, "It was twenty years before we had any access to the heathen women: it was impossible to get among the upper classes on account of caste. Among the poorer classes some little girls were obtained for the schools, by paying them as much as they could earn, besides clothing them. This was done for many years: now we require a fee from all who attend mission boarding-schools, and we have made so much progress, that we have girls' schools in all the stations." Mrs. Chandler gave a very interesting account of a woman whom she visited once a week in the jail, till she was forbidden by the authorities. Brutally treated by her husband, the woman had thrown her three children into the well, and had been imprisoned for life. As Mrs. Chandler conversed with her, with streaming eyes she would say, "Tell me more, tell me more!" But she may hear no more, since the authorities have interfered to prevent the visits. Two years since, a learned woman sent for Mrs. Chandler, saying she had bought a Bible, and wished her to read it to her; and, after hearing, she would explain it beautifully to the others. This was the beginning of their zenana work; and now there are two hundred houses, where herself or Miss Sisson may go once a week; and they employ three Bible-women, who labor six or seven hours daily. Frequently the men are gratified by the improvement of the women; although one man complained that his wife did not make so good curry since she had learned to read.

Miss Park of Bennington, Vt., said, that, one year ago, she was with Mr. and Mrs. Snow at Micronesia, where the field is large, and the laborers few. Only a visitor herself, she learned the alphabet, that she might assist in teaching. They are anxious to have assistants; so that some already

there may be released for a new station. She had given their message at the Rutland meeting, and now renewed the request, in their behalf, for two missionaries for the Pacific Isles. She would only say to any who may be pondering this invitation, "Heaven is just as near to the islands of the Pacific as to this enlightened city of Boston."

Miss West, after giving in detail the story of two remarkable conversions in high life among the Armenians of Turkey, closed an interesting address with the following words:—

"What means this great uprising, this wonderful awakening and surprising activity, among the Christian women of America in behalf of foreign missions; the societies springing up all over the face of our land, from the golden gates of the Pacific, to the storm-beaten coasts of the Atlantic? What mean the thousands and thousands of dollars pouring into the treasury of the Board from the auxiliaries, and the hundreds of little rills swelling the resistless tide from the children's offerings? What means all this? Ah, my friends! it means a purified church. It means that Zion shall arise and shine; her light being come, and the glory of the Lord arisen upon her. It means that the children of these mothers are being trained to an intelligent and loving Christian stewardship; that in the far future there shall be a REDEEMED EARTH, over which Christ shall reign as King of kings, and Lord of lords; over which Heaven shall lovingly bend, and angels shall again sing the song, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men;' and earth shall reply, 'The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.' 'Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.' Amen and amen."

Mrs. Hooker moved a vote of thanks to the proprietors

of Park-street Church for the use of their house for the two-days' sessions of this society.

Mrs. Burdett Hart desired to express thanks to those who had received guests; and, on motion of Mrs. Thompson, the meeting was dissolved.

It is a matter of gratification and encouragement, that a larger number of auxiliaries were represented by delegates than at any previous meeting; and the attendance and evident interest were well sustained throughout the sessions, culminating in the children's meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday. The collations each day in Pilgrim Hall, and the reception given to delegates and missionaries on the evening of Tuesday, afforded pleasant opportunities for social intercourse.

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

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM DEC. 18 TO DEC. 31, 1874.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.		<i>Framingham.</i> — Aux., to const.	
<i>Norway.</i> — Emma F. Holt's Miss'y		L. M. Miss Annie E. Johnson,	\$25 00
Box,	\$1 00	<i>Haverhill.</i> — Centre Ch., Mrs.	
		Anna M. Swan, \$2.50; Mrs.	
		A. M. Swan, \$2 00,	4 50
Total,	\$1 00	<i>Hyde Park.</i> — Aux., of which \$25	
		to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary F.	
		Davis,	36 00
VERMONT.		<i>Lee.</i> — Young Ladies' Miss. Circle,	
<i>Fairlee.</i> — Mrs. W. H. Kibbey,	\$4 40	for pupil in Miss Payson's sch.,	40 00
		<i>Littleton.</i> — Ladies' Miss Circle,	1 00
Total,	\$4 40	<i>Lynn.</i> — Aux.,	19 00
		<i>Melrose.</i> — Aux., for native teacher	
MASSACHUSETTS.		under Miss Closson,	65 00
<i>Auburndale.</i> — Aux., of which \$25		<i>Oxford.</i> — Mrs. A. L. Joslyn, with	
by Mrs. M. P. Pearson to const.		prev. contri. for B. R. in Van,	11 00
herself L. M.,	\$32 00	<i>Paxton.</i> — Aux.,	20 50
<i>Boston.</i> — Miss E. A. Nickerson,	2 00	<i>Pepperell.</i> — Mrs. Oliver's S. S.	
<i>Boston, East.</i> — "Buds of Promise,"	3 75	Cl., with prev. contri., to const.	
<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Walnut Ave.		L. M. Mrs. Lucinda Bowers	
Ch., Mrs. M. B. Fifield,	3 00	Oliver,	10 00
<i>Brockton.</i> — "Messenger Birds,"	5 00	<i>Plymouth.</i> — "Mary Allerton	
<i>Chelsea.</i> — Gracie B. Allen's Miss'y		Miss. Circle" for two out-sta-	
Bank,	5 00	tions near Harpoot,	50 00

<i>Reading.</i> — Aux.,	\$16 00
<i>Southampton.</i> — “Bearers of Light,”	110 00
<i>South Egremont.</i> — Cong. S. S., for pupil in Dacotah Home,	50 00
<i>Spencer.</i> — “Hillside Workers,”	5 00
<i>Springfield Branch.</i> — Miss H. W. Buckingham, Treas., Olivet Ch., \$20.50; South Ch., \$10.20; Memorial Ch., \$33.59; Sanford St. Ch., \$5.42; Branch, \$86.30; Westfield, 1st Ch., \$102; West Springfield, Park St. Ch., \$31.99; Wilbraham Cong'l Ch., \$10; Towards Mrs. Gulick's sal'y, \$300; Hope Chapel, “Earnest Workers,” Christmas offerings, \$2.50,	302 50
<i>Taunton.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M.'s, Mrs. Mary L. Newman, Mrs. Evelyn R. Dean,	50 00
<i>West Newton.</i> — 2d Cong'l Ch. S. S., Mr. William Bosworth's Bible Cl., to const. L. M. Mrs. Martha L. Patrick,	25 00
<i>Weymouth and Braintree.</i> — Aux., add'l,	8 00
<i>Williamstown.</i> — Aux., add'l,	2 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — Mrs. M. C. Spaulding,	5 00
<i>Wrentham.</i> — Aux.,	40
Total,	\$946 25

#### C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Amherst.</i> — Aux., towards room, to be called the “Ballantine Room,”	\$132 65
<i>West Roxbury.</i> — Mission-Circle for dormitory,	200 00

#### CONNECTICUT.

<i>Darien.</i> — Two little penny gatherers,	\$1 00
<i>Hartford.</i> — Aux., Centre Ch., of which \$25, by a friend, to const. L. M. Miss Abby Montague, and \$25 by a friend, to const. L. M. Mrs. Prof. C. O. Thompson, and \$25 by a friend, to const. L. M. Mrs. L. C. Fitch, \$317; Pearl St. Ch., Aux., a friend, \$5; Berlin, Aux., \$60; \$60; Hampton, Aux., \$7.15,	389 15
<i>Hebron.</i> — Aux.,	31 00
<i>New London.</i> — Schauflier Miss'y Soc'y, \$230; Mrs. James L. Lathrop, \$1.40,	231 40
<i>Rockville.</i> — Tolland Co. F. M. S.,	18 75
<i>South Windsor.</i> — A friend, to const. L. M. Miss Susanna Huntington Willey,	25 00
Total,	\$696 30

#### NEW YORK.

<i>Flushing, L. I.</i> — “Bird's Nest,” \$2.51; “McGregor Hall Gatherers,” \$17.49; Balance of Fair Money, \$22, of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Anna Parsons,	\$42 00
<i>Franklin.</i> — First Cong. S. S.,	15 00
<i>Malone.</i> — Mrs. Laura D. Colton,	1 00
<i>Smyrna.</i> — First Cong. Ch. S. S. for pupil in Harpoot,	40 00
<i>Walton.</i> — Aux.,	8 68
Total,	\$106 68
General Funds,	\$1,754 63
C. Home Building-Fund,	332 65
“Life and Light,”	495 00
“Echoes,”	45 68
Weekly Pledge,	5 35
Leaflets,	3 95
Total,	\$2,637 26

#### RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 TO JAN. 18, 1875.

#### MAINE.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas, Falmouth, Aux., \$15; Freeport, “Buds of Promise,” \$3; South Freeport, “Snow Birds,” \$3; Pownal, two ladies, \$1; Col. by Mrs. H. Ilesley, \$2.50; Cong'l Ch., Union Ladies' Miss. Circle, \$5; “Little Workers,” \$3; New Gloucester, Aux., to const. L. M. Miss Lizzie M. Bailey, \$25.50; Thomaston, “Echoes,” \$10; Deering, Aux., \$4; Caribou, Aux., of the Aroostook Co. Conference, \$10,	\$82 00
Total,	\$82 00
<i>C. Home Building-Fund.</i>	
<i>Maine Branch.</i> — Gorham, Aux.,	\$45 00

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> — Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas., Hampton, Aux., toward pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$15; Dunbarton, Aux., \$11.15; Campton, Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Seldon C. Willey, \$34.63; Francestown, Aux., \$7; Lyme, Aux., towards sal'y of Miss S. F. Norris, \$25; Amherst, Miss S. R. Clark, \$13; Exeter, Miss Cora L. Kent, for Mrs. Capron's native teacher,	
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\$30; Nashua, \$16.25; Pearl St. S. S., \$26.59; New Ipswich, Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Miss M. E. Lock, \$23; Claremont, Aux., \$26; Exeter, Aux., \$20; Atkinson, Aux., \$12; Pennies from a departed boy, \$1.15, \$260 77  
*Fishersville.* — Mrs. M. A. W. Fiske, 4 40  
 Total, \$265 17

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*New Hampshire Branch.* — Greenland S. S., in memory of Mrs. John Porter Weeks, \$10, and Miss Charlotte Ambrose, \$10, and Miss Lucy Holt Pickering, \$10, towards the schoolroom; Portsmouth, Mrs. Ryder, \$2, 32 00

VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.* — Mrs. George H. Fox, Treas., New Haven, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. M. E. G. Leavenworth, \$25; Orwell, Aux., of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs L. M. Severance, Mrs. M. C. Rice, \$74.58; Christmas offering of the Mission-Circles of Rutland, \$8.21, 107 79  
*Windham.* — Mrs. James Stearns, 1 00  
 Total, \$108 79

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Andover.* — Mrs. John Smith, \$10 00  
*Ashfield.* — Girls' Miss. Circle, 15 00  
*Ashland.* — Mrs. S. N. Cutler, 10 00  
*Barre.* — Edith's Miss'y Box, 1 40  
*Boston.* — Mrs. Freeman Allen, \$200; Mrs. Reed, \$3; South African Ferns sold at Annual Meeting, \$3.50; a friend, \$20; Mrs. W. J. Judson, \$5; Miss M. E. Dicks, \$1; Park St. Ch., Mrs. G. W. Colburn, \$10; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Weekly Pledge, \$9; Shawmut Ch., Mrs. C. C. Coffin, \$1; Union Ch., Mrs. Chas. Scudder, to const. L. M.'s her two little grand-daughters, \$50, 302 50  
*Boston Highlands.* — Eliot Ch., Aux., of which \$50 from Miss Elizabeth Davis, to const. L. M.'s Mrs. C. W. Hill, Miss Martha A. Thompson, \$76.50; "Eliot Star Circle," with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Miss Fannie M. Ferguson, \$12.50, 89 00  
*Brookline.* — Harvard Ch., Mr.

Langdon S. Ward, to const. L. M. Nellie Spalding Ward, \$25 00  
*Cambridge.* — "Shepard Band of Little Workers," for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., 30 00  
*Cambridgeport.* — Mrs. Edward Stevens, to const. herself L. M., 25 00  
*Charlestown.* — Winthrop Ch., 36 73  
*Chelsea.* — Mrs. Reed's S. S. Cl., for B. R. in Ahmednuggur, \$40; Chestnut St. Ch., Mrs. R. H. Allen, Misses M. E. and S. R. Brooks, \$3, 43 00  
*Concord.* — S. S. Miss'y Asso., for pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch., 30 00  
*Easthampton.* — Aux., 119 80  
*Foxbord.* — Aux., Mrs. Daniel Carpenter, to const. L. M. Mrs. Alice E. Prescott, 25 00  
*Grafton.* — Aux., 20 00  
*Grantville.* — Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, 5 00  
*Groveland.* — Miss M. A. Ricker, 2 00  
*Hanover.* — Aux., 5 00  
*Hatfield.* — "Hatfield Gleaners," 15 00  
*Hinsdale.* — Aux., of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Polly Butts, Mrs. Loren Clark, 68 20  
*Holden.* — Martha Moore, 2 00  
*Holliston.* — A friend, 5 35  
*Leominster.* — Aux., 26 10  
*Lynn.* — North Cong. Ch., 38 00  
*Marblehead.* — "Cheerful Workers," quarterly pay't towards Miss Proctor's sch., 6 25  
*Medford.* — Miss M. D. Chanery, 1 00  
*Melrose.* — Young Ladies' Miss. Soc'y of Cong. Ch., for teacher in the Misses Ely's sch., 53 80  
*Northbord.* — E. M. Small, 2 00  
*North Brookfield.* — "North Brookfield Helpers," towards Mrs. Mellen's sal'y, 125 00  
*North Weymouth.* — George H. French, 59  
*Reading.* — Aux., 10 00  
*Roxbury, West.* — Aux., 12 00  
*Salem.* — Young Ladies' Miss'y Circle, for sal'y of Miss Ellen M. Pierce, 380 00  
*Somerville.* — Broadway Cong'l Ch., Aux., 69 18  
*Southbridge.* — Mrs. S. Marsh, 1 00  
*Topsfield.* — Aux., 33 00  
*Ware.* — East Cong. Ch., \$63.55; Mrs. H. M. Hyde and Miss S. R. Sage, to const. L. M. Mrs. W. G. Tuttle, \$25, 88 55  
*Waverly.* — Mrs. Daniel Butler, 1 00  
*West Hampton.* — Aux., of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. William E. Lyman, Mrs. Joseph Lanmar, 51 35  
 Total, \$1,783 80

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Boston.</i> — The Matron's Room, to be called the Sarah L. Bowker Room,	\$350 00
<i>Brookline.</i> — Mr. and Mrs. Langdon S. Ward to const. L. M. their little daughter, Mary Isabelle Ward,	25 00
<i>Cambridgeport.</i> — Cong'l Ch., towards dormitory,	130 00
<i>Fall River.</i> — First Cong'l Ch., for dormitory,	200 00
<i>Medway.</i> — "The Gleaners," towards the Medway Room,	70 00
<i>Peabody.</i> — "Morning Star Miss. Circle,"	180 00
<i>Walpole.</i> — Aux., towards dormitory,	52 00

## RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch</i> — Miss Anna T. White, Treas., Providence, Beneficent Ch., Mrs. J. G. Vose to const. L. M. Miss Charlotte R. Vose,	25 00
Total,	\$25 00

## CONNECTICUT.

<i>Bridgewater.</i> — John B. Doolittle,	\$12 50
<i>Cromwell.</i> — Cong. Ch.,	3 38
<i>Griswold.</i> — Aux.,	13 40
<i>Goshen.</i> — Cong. S. S., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	30 00
<i>Hartford Branch.</i> — Mrs. Chas. W. Jewell, Treas., Mrs. John Olmstead, for China mission, \$10; Pearl St. Ch., Aux., \$132; Hartford Centre Ch., add'l, \$6; Windsor Ave. Ch., \$41.85; Rockville, Aux., \$8; West Hartland, Aux., \$10; Poquonock, Aux., \$12; Glastenbury, Aux., \$177.50,	397 35
<i>New London.</i> — Second Cong. Ch., \$101.10; First Cong. Ch., \$56,	157 10
<i>Orange</i> — Miss Mary A. Walker,	2 00
Total,	\$615 73

## NEW YORK.

<i>Flushing, L.I.</i> — Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. S. T. Gooding, \$20; "McGregor Hall Gatherers," of which \$30 for pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., and \$100 for the Madura Mission, \$130,	\$150 00
<i>Gloverville.</i> — Aux., result of Apron Fair and Oyster Supper,	157 25

<i>Malone.</i> — Miss J. C. Daggett,	\$3 00
<i>Rensselaer Falls.</i> — Young Ladies' S. S. Cl., 69 cts.; Mrs. E. M. Rockwood, \$2.21,	2 90
<i>Rochester.</i> — Plymouth Ch, Miss. Band, for pupil in the Harpoot Fem. Sem.,	40 00
<i>Watertown.</i> — Miss R. F. Hubbard, \$2.80; Mrs. S. H. Morgan, \$1.50,	4 30
Total,	\$357 45

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Mount Morris.</i> — Mrs. Julia McNair,	\$4 00
OHIO.	
<i>Wintham.</i> — Young Ladies' Miss. Circle, towards sal'y of Miss Closson,	\$40 50
Total,	\$40 50

## TENNESSEE.

<i>Memphis.</i> — Miss M. E. Barnes, towards pupil in the Harpoot Fem. Sem.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Princeton.</i> — A friend,	\$1 00
Total,	\$1 00

## IOWA.

<i>Council Bluffs.</i> — Mrs. Barbor E. Green, \$2; Mrs. H. S. De Forest, \$1,	\$3 00
Total,	\$3 00

## CANADA.

<i>Perth, Ontario.</i> — Mrs. Dr. Rugg,	\$3 50
Total,	\$3 50

General Funds,	\$3,310 94
C. Home Building-Fund,	1,088 00
"Life and Light,"	620 15
"Echoes,"	31 20
Postage,	307 67
Weekly Pledge,	14 95
Leaflets,	3 20
Interest on temporary investments,	180 00
Interest on Baldwin Fund,	270 00
Total,	\$5,826 11

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

# Department of the Interior.

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## CHINA.

### LETTER FROM MISS PORTER.

Yūcho, Oct. 8, 1874.

THE months since my trip to Pacho have been passed in the busy quiet of home, where I was happy in venturing to spend my summer vacation. I was, of course, relieved from school, and did not try to study very hard, but took up light work, — the translation of a story for the children, and the reading of a Chinese novel, which, for minuteness of detail, and grandiloquence of style, might be considered of the Sir Charles Grandison school. I have never spent so restful a summer in China, nor felt more ready for autumn work.

#### A TOUR.

Two weeks ago last Tuesday my brother and I left Peking for Kalgan. This is the most northerly station in our mission (about one hundred and forty miles north-west of the capital), and is now occupied by the families of Mr. Gulick, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Sprague, together with Mr. Thompson and Miss Diament. It is just upon the borders of Mongolia; Mr. Gulick and Mr. Sprague being especially engaged in work for the Mongols. The route from Peking to this point lies through a hilly region; and part of the way is impassible for carts, so that we ride in mule litters. These are like large, rough sedan-chairs, carried by mules instead of men. If the animals keep step, the motion is

not disagreeable ; and, even though they do not, you are spared the jolting of the cart, having in its stead a succession of fitful jerks, which at first incline you to laugh, and afterward, if you are tired and weak, may incline you to cry. We were neither tired nor weak, however ; and as the mules, for the most part, plodded on steadily, we had four very pleasant days together in our two and a half by five feet box. We carried with us tea, sugar, bread, and a few little conveniences for the table ; so that we were not reduced to the use of chop-sticks, nor to entire dependence upon Chinese fare at the inns. At Kalgan we found a warm welcome awaiting us from the dear missionary circle, and spent a number of days very delightfully with them.

#### VISIT TO SHWEI-CHWAN.

Last Thursday we bade good-by to the friends at Kalgan, and, accompanied by Miss Diament, set out for this point, which lies almost directly west of Pekin, but is not easily reached, except by this circuitous route.

We came by cart, reaching Shwei-chwan (water spring) Saturday evening. There we found, as we had anticipated, Helper Feng, whose home it is, and who had been spending a few days with his old mother, preparing to return to the training-school at Tungcho. There are four native Christians in the village ; and we spent a pleasant sabbath with them, holding three services, and devoting the intervals to receiving crowds of curious women, who flocked in to look at the foreigners. This is a busy season ; and most of the women were working in the fields, and too much hurried to stop longer with us than simply to gratify their curiosity as to our ages, dress, and relation to each other. No one seemed interested in any thing else which we said ; and the day would have been unprofitable, so far

as our work was concerned, but for the opportunity it gave of teaching old Mother Feng, who knows only the simplest rudiments of the truth. My brother and the helper had far more to encourage them among the men. A number listened intelligently, and remained for some hours, talking about the religion of Jesus.

#### ARRIVAL AT YÜCHO.

On Monday we rode the eighty *li* (about twenty-three miles), and reached here just at dusk. We found the mission premises in pretty good order, and in a few hours established ourselves, and set up our modest housekeeping. The house is a Chinese structure, mostly built of mud, although there are one or two patches of brick wall. It contains quite a number of small rooms, and not a few conveniences contrived by Dr. Treat, Mr. Pierson, and Mr. Goodrich, when it was their home. Since they left, there has been no missionary resident here, but frequent visits have been made by one and another; and it is hoped that it may either be again taken up as a permanent station, or worked from Kalgan by the brethren there. When Mrs. Williams and I were here, three years ago, we had crowds of visitors daily; and we anticipated finding all the work that Miss Diament and I could do in the fortnight we plan spending here: but, during the few days already past, very few have been in to see us, and our work has been confined chiefly to instructing a

#### FAMILY OF CHRISTIANS

who live next door, and own this place. They are three pleasant women, — old Grandmother Tsai, her daughter-in-law, and the wife of the son of the latter, whose father also is a Christian. I have been trying this morning to persuade the two older women to allow the young wife to

go with us to her old home, forty *li* distant, where we hope to spend the sabbath. We shall return on Monday ; but I doubt if I can prevail upon them to allow her to go, for they are greatly incensed because the father has failed in some point of etiquette in his treatment of the family. Mothers-in-law are *despots*, young wives, *slaves*, in China. We have had a few visitors and a few applications for medicine ; but the people are certainly less eager to see us than before. However, we do not feel that the visit is in vain, if we are enabled to strengthen those who already believe, or teach them more of God's word, or spend a sabbath with them in Christian worship.

#### OPIUM-EATING.

One of the saddest things we have seen on our journey is the proof, visible on every hand, of the bondage to opium, under which multitudes of the people live. Pallid, haggard faces, wild and restless, or dull and lifeless eyes, are the too evident tokens of slavery to this vice ; while the sickening fumes of opium-smoke pervade the atmosphere at the inns, in the city streets, and come to us from the opening doors of little isolated cabins by the roadside.

#### COUNTRY WOMEN.

The ignorance and degradation of the women is more apparent here than in the city. They work constantly in the fields, and acquire a roughness of demeanor very unlike the simulated quietness and repose of the Chinese ideal. At the same time they seem to me more likable than the women I meet in Peking, more genuine and responsive, but, oh, so *low* ! Sometimes I think I'll try to tell you about them ; but my pen refuses to write the things I see and hear, almost as if my own womanhood would be degraded by the repetition. When I see their homes, and

remember what their lives have been, what influences have surrounded them from childhood, I wonder not at their degradation, but that any thing true, pure, and lovely, is left in them; and in spite of filth, poverty, cruelty, and falsehood, there are yet womanly traits. There are mothers who cling to their children with real affection, sisters who love each other, and the possibility of much good under all the evil. Dear sisters, let us, to whom God has given so much, pray more earnestly, and work more earnestly, for these *lost* souls!

My remarks about the coarseness of the women do not apply to those of Yücho, who are educated in as careful regard to propriety as any in China. They pride themselves especially upon their small feet; and at no other place have I seen them so tightly bound.

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## Home Department.

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### FROM A MOTHER IN ISRAEL.

AN old lady, over eighty, confined at home by the infirmities of age, but with a heart warm with love for the Master, and interest in his cause, writes thus to her own auxiliary society:—

“I present my annual contribution with thanksgiving to God that he has spared my life another year, and given me the sweet privilege of casting my humble offering *once more* into your treasury. Although, shut up as I am, I cannot judge of the ‘signs of the times,’ yet I have a feeling, a deep impression, that there is to be a great impulse given to all missionary efforts throughout the world. Go on,

my dear sisters, in your labors of love, and the harvest-time will come, the fruit will be gathered and garnered. The time is short, and the laborers few: therefore be diligent. I think of some dear women with limited means and large families, who struggle hard to lay aside enough for their monthly contribution. God knows it all. He knows where there has been self-denial, and will reward accordingly.

“I pray that the Holy Spirit may be with you at your meeting, guiding and directing in all your exercises, shedding his sweet influence on every heart, comforting the desponding, and inspiring confidence and hope in the great Master.”

M. L. K.

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#### A WORD FROM AN AUXILIARY.

MISS RANKIN visited us last summer; and, early in the autumn, two ladies were appointed to visit every family in the church, whatever the circumstances, not urging any one to give, but merely stating the object. This they have been doing as rapidly as family cares would permit. The work is only about half done; and twenty-six dollars have been collected, more pledged, and quite a number of subscriptions to “Life and Light” obtained. Where ladies felt that they could not pledge more than fifty cents a year, they have been advised to take “Life and Light” instead of becoming members of the society, in the belief, that, the more they know of the work, the more they will feel that they must give something. It has seemed to these visitors that God has really been going before them, that the work was only waiting to be done.

Other workers had felt that we had already undertaken all the benevolent work we could carry, without drawing from some object already on hand; but it is not probable

that one dollar collected or pledged has been taken from any other work. Many, particularly young mothers unable to leave home for benevolent work, have rejoiced that this opportunity was brought to them.

A poor family was visited where the parents were deaf and dumb. The joy with which a dollar was pledged, although barefooted children were standing around, would have brought tears to any eyes. A lady with a large family of children, and workmen on a farm, said laughingly, that, not having work enough of her own to do, she had just earned a dollar, her first one, which had been paid her a few minutes before, and she rejoiced to give it.

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

FROM DEC. 15, 1874 TO JAN. 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.		<i>Vermillion.</i> — Aux.,	\$5 32
<i>Cleveland Heights.</i> — Aux., Mrs. F. Lamson, Treas.,	\$25 00	Total,	\$437 66
<i>Columbus.</i> — Aux., for one share in the Japan Home, Mrs. W. A. Mahoney, Treas.,	25 00	INDIANA.	
<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, Treas., \$59.68; 1st Pres. S. S., Mrs. T. L. Nelson, Treas., \$40.00,	99 68	<i>Angola.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. C. Andrus, Treas.,	\$8 00
<i>Hudson.</i> — Aux., for Bible-reader in the Madura Mission, Mrs. Brewster, Treas.,	5 43	<i>Indianapolis.</i> — May Flower Ch., Aux., Mary E. Bence, Sec.,	8 25
<i>Lodi.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. L. K. Robbins, Treas.,	8 50	Total,	\$16 25
<i>Marietta.</i> — Aux., for one share in the Japan Home,	25 00	MICHIGAN.	
<i>Oberlin.</i> — "A friend who prays for the Japan Home," to complete one share in the home,	5 00	<i>Grand Blanc.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 is to const. Mrs. G. R. Parker a L. M., Miss Emma Embury, Sec.,	\$40 00
<i>Oxford.</i> — Female Seminary, Aux., by Miss Peabody,	50 23	<i>Grand Rapids.</i> — Aux., for Bible-reader in Nicomedia, Mrs. L. Immen, Treas.,	47 00
<i>Painesville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons, Mrs. Beardslee, Treas.,	183 50	<i>Hudson.</i> — Aux., for Bible-reader in Marash, Mrs. A. A. Finney, Treas.,	20 00
<i>Sheffield.</i> — Mrs. Kinney,	5 00	<i>Litchfield.</i> — "Shining Lights" Mission-Circle, C. A. Turrell, Treas.,	4 00
		<i>Newwygo.</i> — Aux., for pupil in	

Erzroom, Mrs. L. F. Skinner Treas.,	\$10 00
Owosso. — Aux., for school at Talas,	20 29
South Boston. — Aux., Mrs. S. McKinney, Treas.,	12 00
Vermontville. — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. C. E. Hammond, Treas.,	40 00
Total,	\$193 29

## ILLINOIS.

Champaign. — Aux., for scholar- ship in the Samokov school,	\$10 00
Chesterfield. — Aux., \$15.50; Earnest Workers, \$21.05, L. M. Lawson, Sec.,	36 55
Chicago. — New England Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, \$68.45; 47th St. Ch., Aux., Mrs. Purington, Treas., \$20.55; 1st Ch., Aux., for Miss Patrick's salary, Mrs. Whittlesey, Treas., \$85.26,	174 26
Evanston. — Aux., for salary of Miss Porter, \$94.20; a friend, for the Japan Home, \$5.00,	99 20
Fremont. — Aux., Mrs. E. D. Dean, Treas.,	7 00
Geneva. — Aux., Mrs. Alice E. Coe, Treas.,	11 00
Hoyleton. — Aux., Mrs. Nellie L. Gaylord, Treas.,	5 75
La Salle. — Aux., Mrs. E. B. Treat, Treas.,	15 00
Nitwood. — Corinth E. Rider, Payson. — Aux., Miss Ellen Thompson,	1 00
Peoria. — Aux., Mrs. Agnes M. Hand, Treas.,	10 00
Quincy. — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. E. Littlefield, Treas., and to const. Mrs. Sarah B. Prentiss and Mrs. Rachel A. Wygant L. M.'s,	50 00
Richmond. — Aux., Mrs. J. F. Douglass, Treas.,	10 00
Richview. — Persis Denton, Rockford. — Mrs. Harriet A. San- ford, for the Japan Home,	5 00
Waverly. — Aux. for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. Fanny A. Thayer, Treas.,	25 00
	19 00
	3 40
Total,	\$492 16

## WISCONSIN.

Fox Lake. — Wis. Fem. College, Eva Gould, Sec.,	\$7 00
Mudison. — Aux., for the village schools in Cesaræa, Mrs. Alex. Kerr, Treas.,	18 00

EVANSTON, Jan. 15, 1875.

Mt. Sterling. — Gay's Mills S. S. for pupil in Miss Porter's school, by Mrs. T. W. Gay,	\$4 00
Platteville. — Aux., Mrs. Ella Marshall, Treas.,	31 00
Ripon College. — Aux., for the Japan Home, Miss A. A. Sar- gent, Treas.,	10 00
Royalton. — "Happy Girls," R. McGloughlin, Treas.,	5 00
Whitewater. — Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, Mrs. R. Coburn, Treas.,	12 00
Total,	\$87 00

## IOWA.

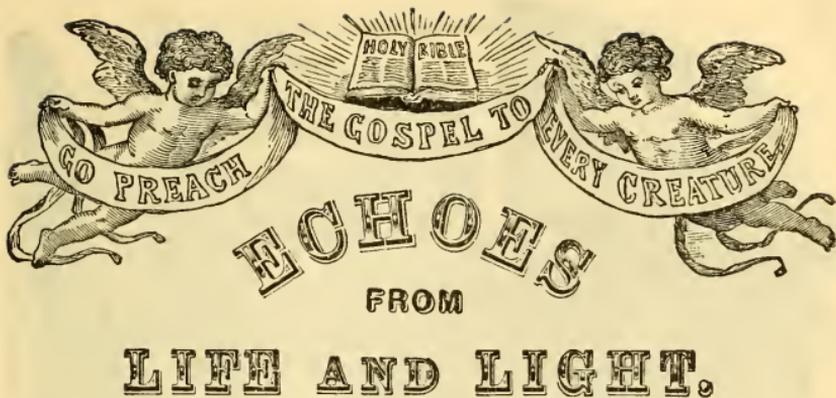
Burlington. — Aux., L. C. Derby, Treas., \$10.80; "Little Work- ers," Mrs. C. L. Perry, \$24.00,	\$34 80
Des Moines. — "Prairie Chick- ens," for one share in the Japan Home, Bessie H. Hitchcock, Treas.,	25 00
Lakeville. — "A few ladies," by Mrs. Upton,	2 00
Marion. — Aux., to complete the life-membership of Mrs. A. M. Bissel, Mrs. B. H. Nott, Treas.,	7 17
Muscataine. — Aux., for salary of Miss Day, Miss Emma Olds, Sec.,	75 00
Osage. — "Woman's Cent Soc.," Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Treas.,	4 73
— "A thank offering from a lady, for the conversion of her husband," to be applied to the Japan Home,	30 75
Total,	\$179 45

## MINNESOTA.

Clearwater. — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. M. M. Walker, Treas.,	\$10.00
Minneapolis. — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. Henry Plant, Treas., \$65.02; Plym- outh Ch. S. S., \$35.00,	100 02
St. Paul. — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. W. H. Howard, Sec.,	25 00
Total,	\$135 02

## DAKOTAH.

Yankton. — "Willing Hearts," by Mrs. S. F. Ward,	\$7 00
Total,	\$7 00
Total,	\$1,547 83



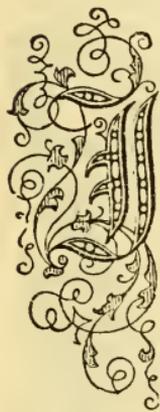
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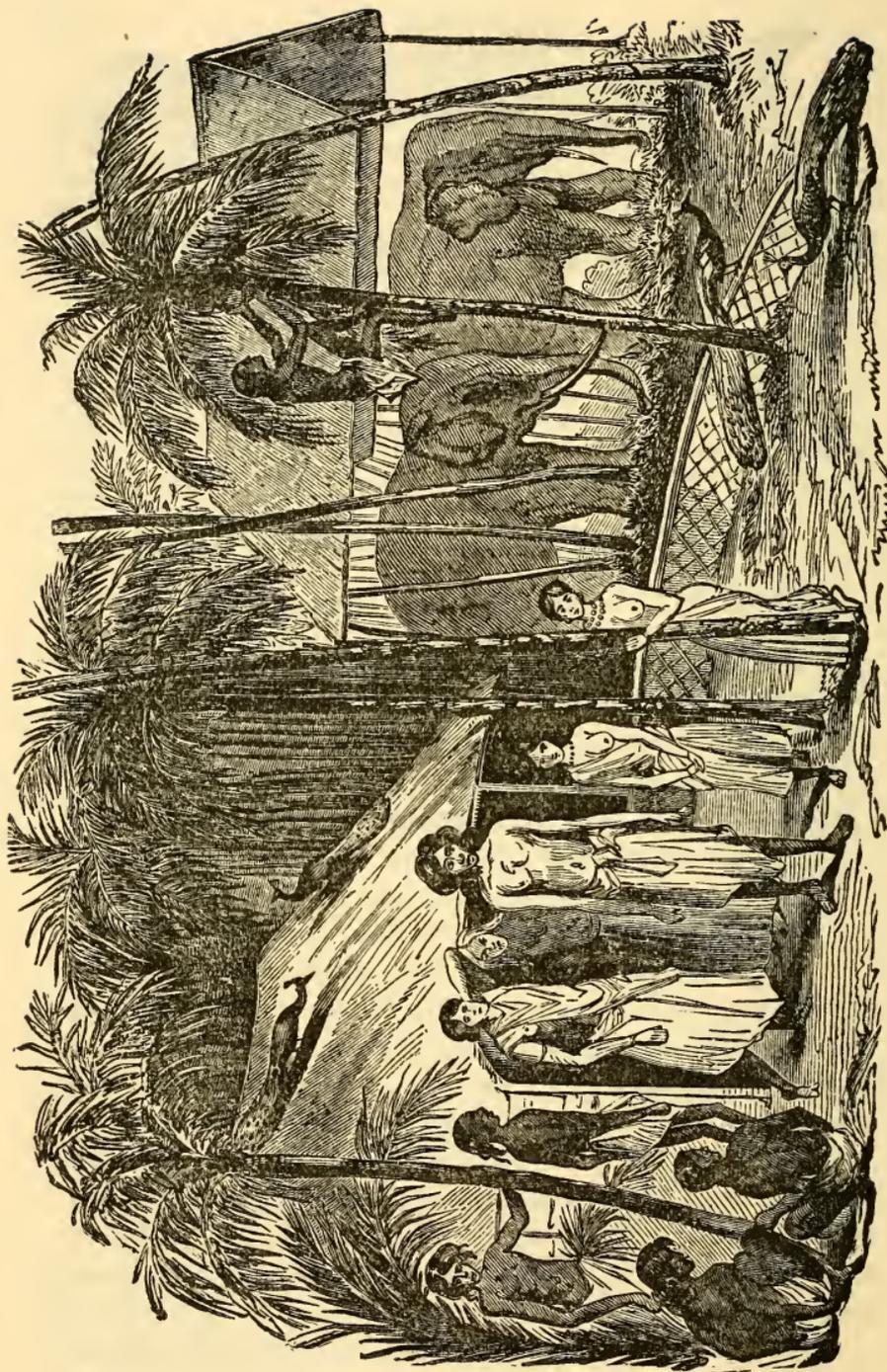
## PEACOCK WORSHIPPERS IN INDIA.

BY MRS. H. J. BRUCE.



N the picture on the opposite page, dear children, you may see some heathen men and women gathered together in a grove of palm-trees. The expression on their faces shows how dark their minds must be; and yet it seems hard to believe that they have assembled to pay divine honors to the peacocks who live there. Perhaps they think that the souls of some of their friends who have died have come back to earth in the form of peacocks; or they may be hoping that they themselves may be born again as beautiful birds, instead of ugly reptiles. You may know that many Hindoos believe that the souls of men, after death, pass through the bodies of different animals, beautiful or disagreeable, according to their good or bad deeds; and sometimes things become so mixed in their minds, that they almost believe a monkey's life is as sacred as a man's.

If you will take your Bibles, and read the tenth chapter



of second Kings, you will see, that among the beautiful things that the ships of Tarshish and the navy of Hiram brought to Solomon, were peacocks ; and it is thought they were obtained in India, or, as it was then called, Ophir. One reason people think so is, because they are natives of India ; and another is, because the Tamil words for “ ivory, apes, and peacocks,” now used in Ceylon, are very nearly the same as the Hebrew names for them that Solomon used so long ago. In some parts of India great numbers of peacocks may be seen feeding together, lighting up the wood with their bright plumage ; and some of them are so tame, that they will go into the villages, and roost on the huts. In many places, it is forbidden by law to shoot a pea-fowl ; but, even where this is not so, if a European should kill one of them, the people would be very indignant with him.

The Hindoos consider the cow as the most sacred of animals, and are very much opposed to its being killed for food. The cobra, also, one of the most poisonous snakes in India, is worshipped by great numbers of people. They are afraid to say it is a bad snake, for fear it should injure them : so they call it “ good snake,” and go from time to time to its holes to offer milk, plantain, and other good things. In many places temples are erected, and even sacrifices offered, to this creeping god. Images of it are often seen in the temples and other buildings ; and the Hindoos have many stories about it in their sacred books. Some of the Hindoo idols are monstrous and disagreeable mixtures of the human form with beasts and reptiles ; and the people are like those of whom Paul wrote, who, he said, had “ changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.”

## CHINESE PETS.

PEKIN, CHINA, Aug. 21, 1874.

MY DEAR CHILDREN, — This afternoon a Chinaman came to visit me (you see I am going to tell you a story); and he had on a long white gown, with sleeves that were much too big for him. After we had talked a while, of a sudden I heard somebody grating his teeth up one of those long coat-sleeves: at least, the noise sounded like that. At first it grated just once, and not very loud; but, after waiting a minute, it set to work in good earnest, and the way it grated was wonderful. It almost prevented our talking; but the Chinaman struck the sleeve with a fan which he held in the other hand, and at once that somebody in the sleeve stopped grating his teeth.

We talked on in peace a while, when somebody began to file a saw in that Chinaman's bosom: at least, I couldn't see anybody, but it sounded like that. He, too, first gave just one little file as if to say, "Listen, now, here's music for you;" and then how he did file! The Chinaman tapped his bosom with his fan, and that noise stopped.

When I heard these queer noises coming from inside my friend's clothes, I looked very sharp at him, and saw, hanging by a string from the top button of his coat, close under his chin, a funny little cage. It was made of coarse bars of straw, and was about two inches square; and inside was a large grasshopper, or, to speak as big people do, a cicada. He wasn't singing, nor doing any thing but taking his breakfast from a tiny piece of apple that was thrust between the bars of the cage.

When my Chinese friend saw that I noticed this strange prisoner, he pulled back his big sleeve, and there was the fellow who had been grating his teeth. He was another cicada, just like the first, and in just such a cage. Then

he opened his frock ; and there was the fellow who had been filing his saw ; and he, too, was a cicada. My friend unfastened all these cages from his clothes, and put them down on the table for me to look at. They were great, green, sleepy-looking fellows, about twice as big as our grasshoppers, and didn't look as if they were any judges of music at all ; but pretty soon they all struck up again. The first one grated his teeth ; the second one filed his saw ; and the third made a noise like frying : and with the grating, and the filing, and the frying, we had music enough, such as it was. The Chinese like this noise as much as we do the singing of canary-birds : so men hunt these cicadas in the fields, make cages for them, and bring them into the city in great loads carried over their shoulder.

After this you will not think it strange if I tell you that the Chinaman's own voice is just about as coarse as the cicada's. He thinks they make sweet music ; and so he makes that which is like it. The sad fact is, dear little folks, his voice has never been made gentle and soft and sweet by hearing and singing those precious songs of Christ, of which every Sunday-school boy and girl knows so many. But few of these hymns have been translated into his language ; and not many of the Chinese have learned to sing even those which have ; and those who do try to sing, poor people, can as yet do it only in the grating, filing, frying style.

You do not know, dear ones, how much you owe to Jesus. Not only the Bible, but all the Christ songs, and voices of gentle tone with which to sing them, are his gift. One must know Jesus, or live in Jesus' land, before he can have a voice to praise him. Think of this, children, and remember with love and pity these dark places of the earth, where Jesus' smile is never seen, and his sweet music never heard.

LUCY.

## MISSION-CIRCLES.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE BRANCH. — *Freeport*. — “Buds of Promise,” \$3.00.  
*South Freeport*. — “Snow-Birds,” \$3.00.  
*Pownal*. — “Little Workers,” \$3.00 ;  
*Thomaston*. — “Echoes,” \$10.00.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE BRANCH. — Some pennies gathered by a departed boy, \$1.15.
- VERMONT BRANCH. — Christmas offering of the Mission-Circles of Rutland, \$8.21.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Barre*. — Edith’s Missionary Box, \$1.40.  
*Boston, East*. — “Buds of Promise,” \$3.75.  
*Boston Highlands*. — “Eliot Star Circle,” \$12.50.  
*Brockton*. — “Messenger-Birds,” \$5.00.  
*Cambridge*. — “Shepard Band of Little Workers,” \$30.00.  
*Chelsea*. — Gracie B. Allen’s Missionary Bank,” \$5.00.  
*Grantville*. — Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, \$5.00.  
*Hatfield*. — “Hatfield Gleaners,” \$15.00.  
*Marblehead*. — “Cheerful Workers,” \$6.25.  
*Medway*. — The “Gleaners,” \$70.00.  
*North Brookfield*. — “North Brookfield Helpers,” \$125.00.  
*North Weymouth*. — George H. French, 59 cents.  
*Peabody*. — “Morning-Star Circle,” \$180.00.  
*Plymouth*. — “Mary Allerton Mission-Circle,” \$50.00.  
*Southampton*. — “Bearers of Light,” \$110.00.  
*Spencer*. — “Hillside Workers,” \$5.00.  
*Springfield*. — “Earnest Workers,” \$2.50.  
*West Roxbury*. — “Mission-Circle,” \$200.00.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — “Two little Penny-Gatherers,” \$1.00.
- NEW YORK. — *Flushing, L. I.*, “McGregor-Hall Gatherers,” \$169.49 ;  
“Bird’s Nest,” \$2.21.
- MICHIGAN. — *Litchfield*. — “Shining Lights,” \$4.00.
- ILLINOIS. — *Chesterfield*. — “Earnest Workers,” \$21.05.
- WISCONSIN. — *Mt. Sterling*. — Gay’s Mills Sabbath School, \$4.50.  
*Royalston*. — “Happy Girls,” \$5.00.
- IOWA. — *Burlington*. — “Little Workers,” \$24.00.  
*Des Moines*. — “Prairie Chickens,” \$25.00.
- MINNESOTA. — *Minneapolis*. — Plymouth Church S. S., \$35.00.
- DAKOTA TERRITORY. — *Yankton*. — “Willing Hearts,” \$7.00.

## THE CHILDREN'S MEETING.

"THE Woman's Board couldn't do without the children," said a friend the other day. And the answer was, "Indeed we couldn't." And we wouldn't, if we could. We have always been glad that the children were a part of our band of workers, but never more so than when we saw hundreds of them gathered in Park-street Church, Boston, for a missionary meeting on the 6th of January.

The meeting opened with an address given by Master Young, one of the "Shawmut Helpers," who told us that the boys and girls were ready for a grand crusade against heathenism; and, as we looked over the church, we felt that the cause was in good hands. A poem called "Mein Archie's Temple," written by Mrs. DeRiemer, a missionary in India, was very sweetly read by Miss Ida Pratt; and then came the best part of the meeting, an address by Mr. George A. Ford, the son of a missionary, and almost a missionary himself. After talking to us very pleasantly for a while, he disappeared behind a screen, and soon came back so changed, we hardly knew him. Indeed, one little blue-eyed girl tremblingly, asked, "Is that a man?" I couldn't begin to tell you how he was dressed: all I know is, that he had on a Turkish suit, and over it a large sheepskin cloak, a cap of the same material on his head, and a crook in his hand. He said he was a shepherd just from Palestine, and then went on to tell us how he took care of his sheep, — in the very same way in which the shepherds did when the Saviour was on the earth. And I am sure we shall all know better what it is for the Good Shepherd to carry the lambs in his bosom, since we have seen how the large pockets were made out of the big warm cloak. Then Mr. Ford told us about the thousands of heathen children who had never heard of our Good Shepherd, how

desolate and unhappy they were without his kind care ; making us long more than ever before to tell them all about him.

The meeting closed with a beautiful floral recitation, "All the World for Jesus:" at least, we thought it was going to close with it ; but it didn't. Just before the benediction, quite to our surprise, a very little girl from the audience appeared on the platform, and sang very sweetly one of her sabbath-school songs, — "Gather the Children in." Yes, we would like to gather the children from all parts of the world into the blessed fold, where they will be safe from all harm forever. We will do our best to bring them in ; but we need the assistance of every boy and girl in the United States to do it. Will you help us ?

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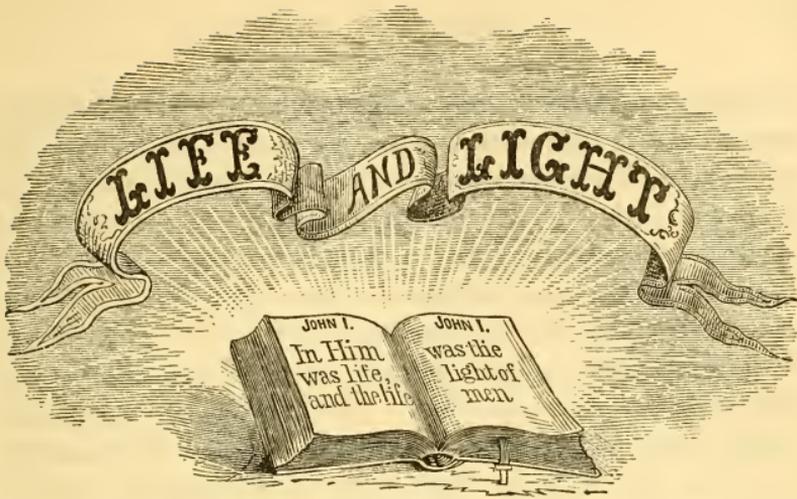
### ACROSTIC.

BY C. A. MATHIS.

1. The wife of a distinguished patriarch.
2. A soldier who won his wife by success in arms.
3. A dealer in dyes, and noted for hospitality.
4. A woman of Moab.
5. A "soprano" and musician.
6. Where the enemies of Nehemiah desired to meet him.
7. Mother-in-law of the great-grandfather of a distinguished king.
8. One who was early at the sepulchre.
9. An unfortunate princess.
10. The mother of one greater than a prophet.
11. A queen in the land of Edom.
12. A servant of the church at Cenchrea.
13. A good grandmother.
14. A beautiful woman of world-wide reputation, and mother of a large family.

My whole is a magnificent building mentioned in the Bible.

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## FOR WOMAN.

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### INDIA.

#### LETTER FROM MISS ASHLEY.

WHILE in Bombay, I am having some experience in Zenana-work, for which there are many more openings here than at Ahmednuggur. I am almost invariably received cordially at the places where I visit regularly; and it is a real joy to tell the gospel story to those who are so ready to listen. I am specially interested in one woman whom I am visiting; and I would like to tell you something of her history.

I became acquainted with her through Miss Norris, who attended her in sickness. After her recovery, Miss Norris and I went to make her a friendly call; and she seemed delighted to see us. As we were sitting with her, and I was thinking how I should broach the subject to which I longed to call her attention, she suddenly introduced it herself, by referring to her brother, who became a Chris-

tian many years ago. She said, "My brother is a Christian, and is very happy: we should have done well, if we had all become Christians with him. But, now I am married, what can I do?" Her brother lives in a distant city, and she sees him very seldom. Years ago, however, she learned something about our religion through him, and at different times he has given her Christian books; but her husband, who is bitterly opposed to any thing of the kind, would not allow her to keep them. He seems to be suspicious of her, and watches her very closely. While we were talking with her, he looked in upon us occasionally, to see what we were doing. They have a large family of children; and the mother says she cannot endure the thought of their growing up in heathenism. She has taught them something of the true God; and they laugh at the idea of their idols being able to do them any good. But the poor mother dares not say as much to them about these things as she wishes, lest it should come to her husband's ears, and he should put a stop to it altogether. As we were leaving, she said, "God himself sent you to me: now you will tell me what to do."

In a few days I went again to see her; but there were several neighbors and other members of the family in the room, so that I had very little opportunity to say any thing to her on the subject that I think was uppermost in her mind as well as mine. At that time her young married daughter was with her on a visit. The mother and daughter are of one mind on the subject of Christianity, and talk over these things by themselves. The mother seized a moment's opportunity to ask me what would be the probable consequence, if she and her daughter should be baptized. Would she be allowed to keep her children with her? or would they all be taken from her, and thus be quite beyond her influence? I had only time to slip my Testa-

ment into her hand, asking her to read the tenth chapter of Matthew, and one or two other passages that I pointed out, and telling her that what she would find there was better than any thing I could say.

I have been to see her a number of times since, but have never found an opportunity to say much to her until yesterday. Then her husband was not at home; and she took me into a little inner room, where we had a quiet talk by ourselves. She told me that her married daughter had gone to her father-in-law's; but she expected she would return to Bombay in a few weeks, to be with her mother for a time. When she went away, she begged her mother to take no steps towards professing Christianity; for, in that case, her husband and his relatives would on no account permit her to come to Bombay. After she returns, they wish to be baptized and received into the church together. Whether they will actually come to the point of doing so, remains to be seen.

A few weeks ago a woman named Vithabai, who had heard and believed the truth for some years, came out and joined the Scotch Free Church Mission; and immediately the trial of her faith commenced. Her three young children, although they begged most piteously to be allowed to stay with their mother, were torn from her. According to the laws of the country, all children under sixteen years of age are subject to the father's control: after that age, they can choose for themselves. The other woman of whom I have written asked me, if she, like Vithabai, should have to part with her children, if she professed Christianity. You can imagine how it made my heart ache to tell her, that if her husband chose to put her away, and keep the children from her (as he undoubtedly would), the law could do nothing to prevent. "Oh!" she said, "what could my children do without me? Who is there, besides myself, to care for them?"

I could only tell her that God was pitiful, infinitely more so than the fondest mother ; that the only safe way for us was to do what he required of us, and leave the result with him. But, even while these words were in my mouth, I could not help questioning whether my own faith would stand such a test. No doubt we often give ourselves credit for more faith than we possess, simply because it is not submitted to such fiery trials as many of these people are called to pass through, when they literally leave all to follow Jesus.

#### AFTER MANY DAYS.

The following item, in a recent letter from Miss Sisson, shows the way in which bread cast upon the waters, though almost forgotten, is often found again :—

“We were very much surprised, a few weeks ago, to be requested to send a teacher to the house of one of the wealthiest, most aristocratic, exclusive, and bigoted of the Brahmins. Upon going to the house, we found two beautiful young women and a child, for whose instruction the patriarch of the family desired to make arrangements. Reading the Bible must, of course, be allowed ; and, when I asked the old man if he had read it himself, he confessed that he had done so when a boy, —in the first mission-school started in Madura. Here, you perceive, was the seed long buried, —labor, apparently thrown away, now coming at last to this fruitage. The white-haired man, after a long life spent in idolatry, desired to place his children under the same missionary teaching which he received when a child. Unwilling, at first, that his daughters should have the Bible, we met his objections by declaring that not only his family, but he himself, ought to learn God’s holy word ; and, when he had once admitted it, he waxed warm over the remembrance of those early days, and the missionaries who instructed his boyhood. Pray for this family.”

## CHINA.

## LETTER FROM MRS. CHAPIN.

THE powerful though silent influence of a Christian family in a heathen land is strikingly shown in the following letter from Mrs. Chapin of Tungcho, China :—

“I have a few words that I wish I could say to every Christian woman in the home-land, especially to those whom I learned to love while on my visit to America, three years ago. Do you remember what I told you of the love and sympathy which bound us to our dear Bible-reader, Mrs. Tsua? Those ties have been strengthening every day since. Several times she has been very near death; and each time her witness to the power and presence of Christ to comfort and sustain in the dark hour has been most clear and joyful. She has given us sympathy and help in many seasons of trial and anxiety; but, since we knew her, death has never entered our circle till now. A short time ago, sweet little Willie S. left us, and we made our first grave in Tungcho.

“A few hours after his death, Mrs. Tsua went over to see Mrs. S. The Chinese have no word of comfort for such a trial, but ‘His time had come to die;’ ‘You must forget him as soon as you can.’ I shall always remember her looks and manner after her return. I heard some of our women ask her, as she came in, ‘Well, how did you find the parents?’ She burst out, ‘Not as we should have been doing, beating our heads, and howling, ‘Oh, my lost son!’ but quietly sitting by their dead, and sweetly talking of their little one in heaven; weeping, it is true, but not as we have done, without hope.’ She came in to me, saying, ‘O Mrs. Chapin! now I know that Jesus can comfort under all circumstances; that there is no sorrow he cannot make bearable: God, Jesus, heaven, the future, are all

made more real than ever before.' She truly seemed to have had a revelation. Later in the evening, she came again to talk about all she had seen and heard that day. Said she, 'Why, Mrs. Chapin, I supposed I had thrown away three infant daughters ; but to-night I find my heart longing for them, and to think they are waiting for me in heaven! I am not sure that one of my five sons will reach heaven ; but the babes are safe.'

"Yesterday, at our Sunday-school class, I noticed two strangers, a very old lady and her daughter, who I knew had never heard of God or heaven, of sin or a Saviour. After the regular lesson, I asked Mrs. Tsua to help me give them some first ideas. While talking to them of heaven, she said to the old lady, 'I suppose, that, when your son and grandson died, you first did all you could to save them, and then felt that your hope and joy had gone out.' The poor old creature answered sadly, 'Indeed I did. I measured the distance to the temple with my body, burned incense, tried to bribe the gods, but all in vain ; and now it is bitterness indeed.'—'But,' said the Bible-reader, 'Mrs. Chapin's son is dead too ; but she knows he is waiting for her in heaven ; and all who know and love Jesus will go there also.'"

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## THE WORK IN MEXICO.

BY MISS C. M. STRONG.

I FIND the women connected with the mission here wholly uneducated, unable to read, with a few exceptions, yet with a fair knowledge of Bible truth, gained by regular attendance on the meetings in the chapel during the past three or four years. Their improvement in neatness of attire, and refinement of manner, over the other Mexican

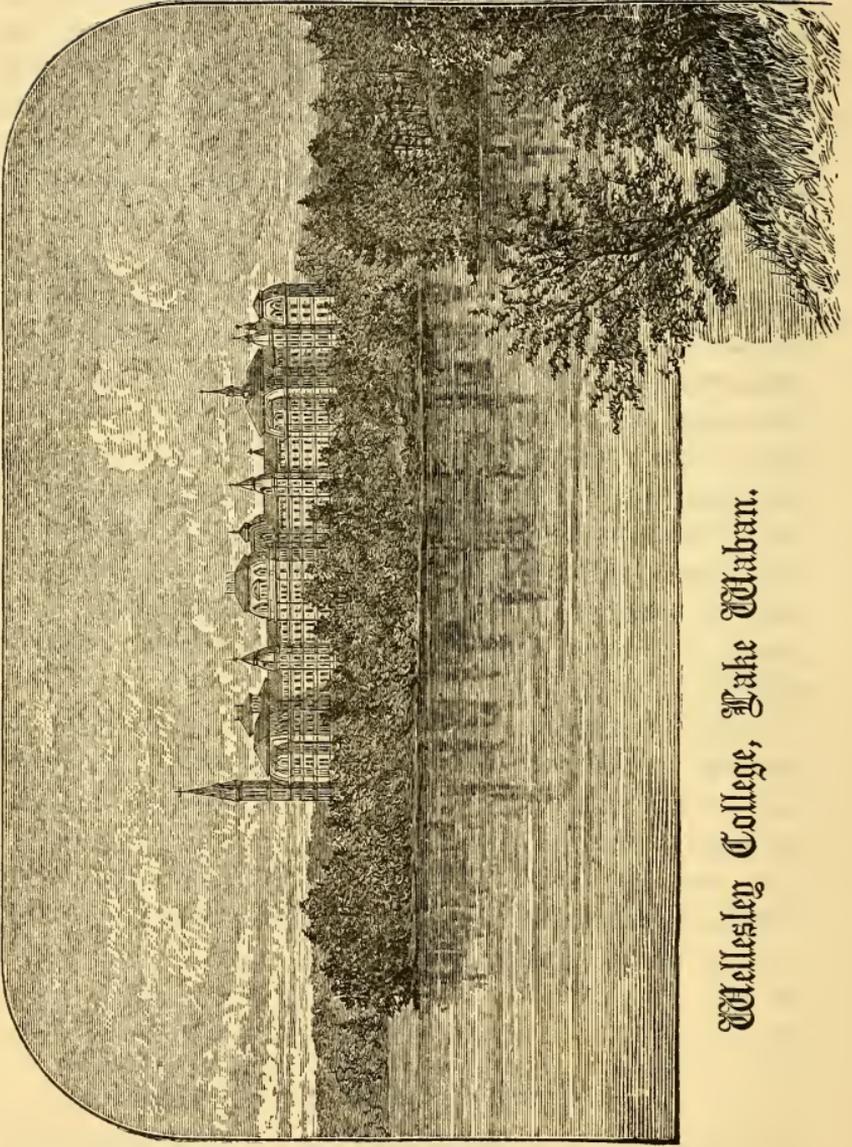
women, is also very great. To fully appreciate the wonderful change, one has only to go to the wretched hovels of the poorer classes, and see them clad in filthy rags, sitting in squaw-like fashion on the ground (the only floor of their rude *jachals*), in listless idleness for hours, doing nothing but making their *tortillas*, and eating them throughout the day, while scores of half-dressed children are playing with the dogs outside.

But into the lives of some of these miserable ones has entered the renovating, cleansing power of gospel truth. For them, one day in seven, there comes the blessed sabbath, when in clean attire, with their children, they hasten with eager steps to the chapel, often glad to sit there three hours before the service begins. Their sad, downcast faces brighten every week, and are becoming changed, as the blessed hope of the believer increases within them. In the hearts of others, also, there are longings that nothing has yet satisfied. I have received letters from some among the upper classes, showing that God is moving with his spirit among this people.

Many perplexities and discouragements surround us. Some of the days are dark; and at times the nights bring sad forebodings, when rumors of revolution fill the air. At such times the reports of your missionary meetings, your well-organized Woman's Boards throughout the Northern States, and your prayers in our behalf, form the pillar of fire to cheer and lead us on. Continue in prayer for us. Pray for us in Monterey, now in unusual perplexity, that we may have wisdom from on high to guide us.

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“‘SCATTERING on every side the sweet incense of the Saviour's name.’ Such is the work of the Christian missionary, which is a sweet savor unto God in them that are saved.”



Wellesley College, Lake Waban.

# Our Work at Home.

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## A MISSIONARY COLLEGE.

BY MISS MARIA A. WEST.

THIS noble building, towering like a "Palace Beautiful," above the lovely lake on whose shore it stands, surrounded by natural parks, and charming greenwood, inviting to rambles and repose amid the stillness of Nature, yet only eighteen miles from Boston, will open for the education of the daughters of our land in September of this year.

It is to be emphatically a missionary institution. It will receive and educate with special care, and at limited expense, the daughters of missionaries of every denomination; for this college, which will offer the highest inducements to students, in affording every facility for the prosecution of study which modern science and a generous expenditure of funds can supply, is not restricted to class or sect.

It is especially designed for young ladies of limited means, who seek a Christian education in preparation for the Master's service at home, or in distant lands.

To all such, of infinite worth to the Church and the world, these doors will be thrown wide open, with a welcome like that which "Prudence, Piety, and Charity" extended to "Christian," when he stood at the door of their mansion: "Come in, thou blessed of the Lord! this house was built by the Lord of the hill on purpose to entertain such pilgrims in." In fact, so magnificent are all the surroundings, so attractive the home, and so artistic the ap-

pliances for culture in its highest forms, — combining all that is good in Mount Holyoke Seminary, and grand in Vassar College ; the very atmosphere of such an *Alma Mater* tending to nurture that true refinement and courtesy which is everywhere recognized as the result of gentle breeding, a most essential part of education, — that we only fear that too many of those who can better afford the expense of other first-class institutions of learning will flock to this, and crowd out their (pecuniarily) less-favored sisters.

There will be room for three hundred pupils ; and two hundred and fifty dollars per annum will secure all the privileges of Wellesley College.

Christian mothers, will you not pray for a blessing upon this institution? Its foundations were laid in faith and hope, and the very soil consecrated by perpetual prayer. Here are to be trained the future mothers and teachers and missionaries of our country. From this favored spot will go forth streams of influence and power which shall water the distant parts of the earth, and cause its waste places to rejoice and blossom as the rose.

In this age of luxury and extravagance, when the foundations seem to be out of course, and there are so many pitifully weak mothers, so many women, ay, Christian women, so called, who lead aimless, useless lives of supreme selfishness, is it nothing to you that God should open another Mount Holyoke Seminary for training a new generation of America's daughters, — women, who, when you are going down the hill of life, shall lift up the standard of eternal truth and immortal principles ; who shall train their sons and daughters, the hope of the world, in virtue and piety, by the unanswerable logic of a LOVE and a life, which is the most powerful educator in the universe? Pray for the prosperity of Wellesley College. The Lord fulfil all thy petitions !

REFLEX INFLUENCE OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY  
WORK.

BY MRS. DR. ANDERSON.

OUR heavenly Father is so plenteous in his grace, that tenfold, thirty, and even a hundred fold of reward is promised to those who do service for him. And, to those who give, he says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."

Our Saviour says, in a parable, of those who had improved the talents committed to them, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

This missionary work is the Lord's work; and will he not fulfil his promises to all who engage in it with a sincere desire to do his will? Those who are laboring abroad, and those who are laboring at home, are all engaged in the same great work,—the conversion of the world.

God has given to his daughters, as well as to his sons, talents to be used in his service. A great amount of beautiful, skilful, educated female talent in our churches, has not been gaining other talents for the Master. Many have felt that there was no specific work for them to do, and have made themselves busy here and there, conscious that they were accomplishing little that was useful to others, or improving to themselves.

But the inaugurating of Woman's Boards for missionary effort, and the assuming of individual responsibility in this work, has opened a new field of usefulness, just such as was needed to develop the resources of the mothers and daughters in our churches. It has not only

quicken the zeal, but has waked up the intellect, and brought out treasures of the mind and heart, which the owners thereof scarcely knew they possessed. Many who read this will, no doubt, gratefully acknowledge that working for this cause has gained for them more of real good, more of refined and elevated enjoyment, than any object of self-interest, or any worldly gratification, could have done. They find that they are already entering into the joy of their Lord.

Four or five years ago, when we first began to hold annual and quarterly meetings, it was almost impossible to find any one willing to contribute to the usefulness of the meetings, or to assume any responsibility in connection with them. The truth was, that very few had the knowledge from which to draw interesting material for a missionary meeting. They had nothing to say; and, not being interested themselves, of course they could not interest others.

We rejoice to-day in the animating change. There is more of glowing interest to be told than we have time to hear. How many are ready to give a history of their last year's work! How much could be said of difficulties overcome, of cold hearts warmed, of kind providential interpositions, of an increase of courage and strength in themselves, and of advances in the work, altogether beyond their expectations! And all this in connection with answers to prayer, which have brought them nearer to God, more in sympathy with the Saviour, and given them a wealth of happiness in communion with missionary and other Christian friends.

While we are grateful for these spiritual benefits, we would not forget the intellectual resources brought out in this work. The research and effort in editing "Life and Light" is of itself a valuable service. And the reading

of that little work every month by so many thousands, thus diffusing information, prompting to duty, and awakening holy sympathies, is a blessing not to be lightly valued. Then many hearts have been kept warm, many minds bright, in the work of preparing leaflets, writing letters innumerable, talking and planning over the various ways in which this work can be extended, and made more efficient. Thus a large amount of working material and available wealth has been accumulating the past two or three years, not only to us as a society, but to us as individuals. And very much of the time taken for this work has been redeemed from secular employment, or profitless amusement. Thousands of minds have been quickened by suggestions originating in the work of the Woman's Boards.

How much time and warm-hearted interest have been wholly redeemed in connection with our children's mission-circles! and how much they have enjoyed in doing something for "the poor heathen," as they so often express it!

These are the beginnings of the reflex influence of our work; but we hope for still greater blessings. Are we not now beginning to receive the hundred-fold in this life? and are not our hopes brightening for the everlasting joy of the life that is to come?

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#### ITEMS.

DO YOU GO TO THE MISSIONARY MEETING?—Among the many questions that come to us from auxiliaries, one of the most frequent is, "How can we induce people to come to our meetings?" Those who do come seem interested; but the greater proportion of our church-members begin, with one consent, to make excuse and stay away. Will not some of our auxiliaries who have special success

in this particular give us the benefit of their experience? We will be very glad to give space to any suggestions we may receive on the subject. The mention of excuses recalls a remark in a recent letter from one of our missionaries in Turkey. In describing a prayer-meeting with some of the native women, she says, "A woman who had brought her two little ones with her said, 'When I heard the bell, I thought about coming to the meeting; but Satan put excuses into my mind about my work, and other things. Afterwards I remembered that I heard at the chapel it was not our work, our husbands, or our children, but our cold hearts, that kept us from meetings.'"

A NEW OFFICER FOR AUXILIARIES. — One of the delegates from Montreal, at our Annual Meeting, stated, that, in her auxiliary, there was a regularly appointed officer to take charge of the subscription-list of "Life and Light" in the society. It was her duty to obtain as many subscribers as possible, to see that their dues were promptly paid, and, if there was any trouble in receiving the magazine, to report it to headquarters. We consider this a most excellent plan, and would recommend it to every auxiliary connected with the Woman's Board.

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## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 18 TO FEB. 18, 1874.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

*Maine Branch.* — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., Boothbay, Aux., \$10; Bangor, Aux., \$15; Ellsworth, "Prayer Circle," \$10; "Cup-Bearers," \$34, "Young Reapers," 25c., of which \$25 to const. L. M.

Mrs. Sewell Tenny; Phippsburg, Mrs. H. K. Loring, \$2; Madison, Aux., \$5; Skowhegan, Aux., \$12.50; Bangor, "Bangor Rills," \$40, \$128 50  
*Harpwell Centre.* — "Little Helpers," 3 75

Total, \$132 50

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*New Hampshire Branch.* — Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas., Great Falls, Aux., \$16; Greenland, Mrs. Louisa P. Weeks, a thank-offering, to const. L. M.'s Miss Ann Louisa Weeks, Miss Ellen Maria Weeks, Sarah Porter Weeks, \$75; Keene, 2d Ch., Aux., \$55; Nashua, Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Frederic Alvord, \$42.73; "Penny-Gatherers," 1st Cong. Ch. S. S., \$5; Charlestown, Aux., \$2; Meriden, Aux., \$9; Plainfield Cong. Ch., to const. L. M. Mrs. Sarah P. Scales, \$25; Miss Mary M. Stevens, to const. L. M. Mrs. Henry Bryant, \$25; Francetown, Aux., \$40; Exeter, 2d Cong. Ch. S. S. Infant Cl. of boys, \$2; towards sal'y of Miss Norris, \$296 73  
*South Merrimac.* — A friend, 5 00  
 Total, \$301 73

VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.* — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Bendon, Aux., \$15.61; Barre, Miss A. L. Tenney, to const. L. M. Mrs. M. B. Tenney, \$25; Castleton, Aux., of which \$5 by Mrs. Hiram Ainsworth, \$7; Peacham, Aux., \$12; Manchester, Aux., \$32.25; Townshend, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Dea. James Follett, \$25; Barnet, Aux., \$250; "Buds of Promise," \$15; Rutland, Aux., \$10; Wallingford, Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. John D. Ballou, Miss Bell, A. Spencer, \$88.05, and \$25 by Mrs. Aldace Walker to const. L. M. Mrs. Susan W. Child of Strafford, \$232 41  
*Rutland.* — Mrs. S. W. Curtis and mother, 1 50  
*Vershire.* — Mrs. S. B. Colton and family, 5 00  
 Total, \$238 91

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Acton.* — Cong. Ch., \$12 00  
*Auburndale.* — Aux., 12 00  
*Beverly.* — Dane St. Ch., "Ivy-Leaves," pupil in Miss Fritch-er's sch., \$40; and Miss Ag-NEW's sch., \$30, 70 00  
*Boston.* — Mrs. J. C. Howe, \$200;

Izora, \$10; Mrs. Chas. E. Jewett, for Miss Hance, \$10; a friend, 38c; Central Ch., a friend, \$5; Old Colony S. S. for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$30; Shawmut Ch., Mrs. R. H. Stearns, \$50; Berkeley St. Ch., Mrs. J. D. Andrews, \$2; Mrs. W. C. Bates, \$1; "Ladies' Weekly Pledge," 5.75; \$314 13  
*Boston Highlands.* — Eliot Ch., Aux., 25 00  
*Brookfield.* — Mrs. A. C. Blanchard, to const. L. M. Miss Abby Frances Blanchard, 25 00  
*Charlestown.* — A friend, 100 00  
*Clinton.* — Aux., 25 49  
*East Braintree.* — "Monatiquot Mission-Circle," towards the Dacotah Home, 10 00  
*East Somerville.* — Mrs. Mary C. Howard, to const. herself L. M., 25 00  
*Fall River.* — Aux., 1st Cong. Ch. and Central Ch., for Miss Seymour's sal'y, \$337; "Will-ing Helpers," pupil in Miss Seymour's sch., \$40; for a graduate, for '74-75; \$40, 417 00  
*Fitchburg.* — C. C. Ch., Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. E. S. Burnap, Miss Lizzie L. Caswell, to const. herself L. M., 59 00  
*Foxboro'.* — Aux., to const. L. M. Miss Sarah T. Carey, 25 00  
*Malden.* — Aux., for Bible-reader, 40 00  
*Medfield.* — Miss Mary F. Ellis, \$5; Mrs. F. D. Ellis, \$1, 6 00  
*Medford.* — "McCollow Mission-Circle," pupil in Marsovan Fem. Sem., 40 00  
*Middleboro'.* — Mrs. M. M. Thomson, 1 00  
*Natick.* — A friend, 1 00  
*Newburyport.* — Aux., towards Mrs. Tomson's salary, \$75; "Belleville Mission Band," for pupil in the Const. Home, \$125; Mrs. Lydia A. Forbes, to const. herself L. M. \$25, 200 00  
*Saugus Centre.* — Mrs. F. V. Tenney's S. S. Cl., 11 25  
*South Natick.* — Ann Eliot, Miss'y Soc'y, 9 00  
*South Weymouth.* — Union Ch., Aux., towards pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., 15 00  
*Springfield Branch.* — Longmeadow, Ladies' Sewing Soc'y, 26 00  
*Swampscott.* — Cong. Ch. and Soc'y, 5 00  
*Westboro'.* — Penny Collection in the S. S., 48 88  
*West Medway.* — "Olive Plants," in memory of Miss Warfield, for the Harpoot Fem. Sem., 4 00

<i>West Newton.</i> —Mrs. S. H. Newell,	\$10 00
<i>Woburn.</i> —Mrs. Simon Holden, to const. herself L. M., \$25; "Woburn Workers," to const. L. M.'s, Miss Anna M. Smith, Alice T. Howland, \$50,	75 00
<i>Yarmouth.</i> —Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Rev. J. W. Dodge,	8 10
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$1,619 85</b>

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Boston.</i> —A friend, \$100; Mrs. M. H. Simpson, for dormitory to be called the Anderson Room, \$170,	\$270 00
<i>Millbury.</i> —"Jesus Workers," 1st Cong. Ch. S. S.,	8 00

## RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> —Miss Anna T. White, Treas., Newport, Aux., towards Miss Payson's sal'y, \$509.98 (of this, the S. S. gave \$219.02); Central Falls, Aux., \$66; "Elmwood Workers," \$9.80; Providence Central Ch., Mrs. Danielson, \$5; Miss Lockwood, \$10,	\$600 78
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$600 78</b>

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> —Providence, Mrs. A. D. Lockwood, to const. L. M. Miss Alice L. Carpenter, Hartford, Conn.,	\$25 00
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## CONNECTICUT.

<i>Berlin.</i> —C. H. W.,	\$50 00
<i>Derby.</i> —A friend,	40
<i>Groton.</i> —Cong. S. S.,	11 93
<i>New London.</i> —Two friends for the Japan Mission,	50 00
<i>Norwich.</i> —"Dew Drops," of which \$60 for two pupils in Miss Townshend's sch.,	75 00
<i>Waterbury.</i> —"Sincera," for girls' sch., Marsovan,	70 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$257 23</b>

## NEW YORK.

<i>Crown Point.</i> —"Willing Hearts,"	\$37 15
<i>Fairport.</i> —Woman's Miss'y Asso., Cong. Ch.,	20 00

<i>Franklin.</i> —Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. L. M. Buell, Mrs. Josie S. Kneeland,	\$50 00
<i>North Walton.</i> —Aux.,	11 20
<i>Pike.</i> —A friend,	40
<i>Union Falls.</i> —Mrs. Fanny D. Duncan, \$7; Margaret B. Duncan, \$3,	10 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$128 75</b>

## PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Philadelphia Branch.</i> —Mrs. A. W. Goodell, Treas., Jersey City, 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., \$37.50; 2d Cong. Ch., \$15; Middletown, N.Y., Aux., \$11; Orange, Aux., \$17.70; "Buds" (for Rebecca), \$10; Washington, Aux., \$26.60; Montclair, Aux., \$41.85, of which \$25 by Mrs. Edward Sweet to const. L. M. Miss Carrie Sweet Holmes, Phila.; Dr. Hill, balance of legacy from his wife, \$200; "Carrier Doves" (Ogaoni), \$6,	\$365 65
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$365 65</b>

## OHIO.

<i>Salem.</i> —Mrs. D. A. Allen,	\$5 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$5 00</b>

## MICHIGAN.

<i>Columbus.</i> —A friend,	\$0 40
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$0 40</b>

## CANADA.

<i>Montreal.</i> —Mrs. MacDougall, for Miss Andrews,	\$10 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$10 00</b>

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Canadian Branch.</i> —Dormitory, to be called the Henry Wilkes Room,	\$200 00
General Funds,	\$3,660 90
C. Home Building Fund,	503 00
"Life and Light,"	394 78
"Echoes,"	42 13
Postage,	50 63
Weekly Pledge,	13 36
Leaflets,	7 60
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$4,762 45</b>

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

# Department of the Interior.

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## TURKEY.

### LETTER FROM MISS SHATTUCK.

AINTAB, NOV. 9, 1874.

You would not think me quite devoid of company, if you could step into our dining-room at meal-time, or during family prayers, and see the big family of twenty-two, including Menoosh, the widowed teacher of the middle school, and her little girl. We are a happy family too. I never was happier in work than I am in trying to take charge of these girls, and in caring for their domestic duties, school-work, and spiritual needs. Just half of the pupils are new-comers: one or two of the old ones, also, were strangers to me, as they were not in school last term. I soon learned to distinguish the three Annas, the three Mariams, and about the same number of Vartirs, by putting the name of the village from which they came before their name.

We have what I wanted, — one from each of several villages in which we hope soon to open schools; and though some are only now in the little school, reading in the primer, we hope they may in time prepare to go back and teach in their villages. They are very poor too. I do not think we often have so many who are poor in school at one time. In some cases, they came with only the clothes they had on, and those hardly suitable for school, much less for church. I used all the store of old

clothes in the attic laid by for that purpose ; and we had to draw from our purses for clothing and books at last. This is against our rule, generally speaking ; but it was the only alternative, — to take them thus, or leave them. They are all quite bright and interesting. Several are motherless ; and one is an orphan.

One little one was so queer as she came to me ! She is an Anna, the smallest of the set of that name, though they say she is thirteen years old. She was dressed in village spun and woven goods, — a coarse blue dress, and brown sack, with a little handkerchief tied on her head, about her neck some bright glass beads, and in her ears some sort of bead-strung ear-jewels. She answered questions in the negative by the peculiar throwing backward of the head, and gave the world-wide nod for yes. It was just at recess that she came ; and I took her to Mariam and the girls. One of the first things Mariam said was, “*evvet*” for the nod, and “*khayr*” for the other gesture (imitating her movements). She has never once failed to remember this, though she often gives both the word and the movement. We asked her if she would not like to leave off wearing her ear-jewels, and be like the rest of us. She immediately replied that she should. I like her more and more ; for she seems bright, quiet, and pleasant. We found her fitted for the middle school.

We have ten girls in the seminary proper ; two classes, the second and third. I had difficulty in getting some of the day pupils for this department. There was a very hopeful class of graduates from the middle school this summer, and I wanted them all to begin our seminary course ; but many had parents unwilling to send them. Either the father was unwilling, and the mother desirous, to send the daughter ; or the mother could not be left on account of

her work ; or, because of the "squeezing of soul," to use a native expression, it would cause her to be without her daughter's company, while the father was willing to have her go. Sometimes Varteni Bäjer and I prevailed ; and sometimes it was vain to talk. Last Saturday I secured one who wanted to come, but whose father is poor, and has this year little work. He said he could not pay the tuition we demand, five cents per week, but could find books, clothes, and board. Her sister is earning, by teaching, sixty piastres a month (a piastre is about five cents) ; and I thought it was her duty to help Hanum. So I saw her, and talked very boldly with her, urging her to do so much to aid her sister, since she had herself been helped to an education, otherwise we could not receive her. She promised to do so ; and Hanum is in school full of smiles. The girls are doing well in the Home. In most cases, they are faithful in their work, and in obedience to the general requirements.

We have opened our little Armenian school for our girls to acquire practice in teaching. They teach an hour a day in turn, I overseeing the work. On Wednesday afternoons, the pupils from all of our schools, little, middle, and seminary, sew here at our rooms ; the last hour being devoted to singing, prayer, and the recitation of Scripture selections.

*Dec. 10.*—I am trying to find out about the religious state of each of the girls. Sabbath evenings afford me a quiet opportunity for talking with two or three separately, which the busy week of work and study does not often give. I wanted first to learn of the new-comers : so I have not yet talked with all the others. A week ago last sabbath evening, Shushan said she felt she was not a Christian, but wanted to be one, and would begin at once to try to live wholly for Jesus. Menoosh offered prayer for her spe-

cially ; and we told her we would talk with her a week later, and see how she got on. Last sabbath she seemed to feel she had had a different week from any she ever had before. She said she had had a new sense of God's presence at time of prayer, and felt he had answered her requests. She was anxious to keep on in the Christian life.

I read at prayers with the girls, but do not yet venture to pray in Turkish, except occasionally to ask a blessing at table. Menoosh leads in our family devotions. Almost a year I have been here now, — a *long* and a short year, full of pleasant and trying experiences, unlike any before in throwing me upon my own resources, and the greater and richer source of strength, my ever-present helper, God.



#### EXTRACT FROM MISS VAN DUZEE'S LETTER.

##### VISIT TO ORDO AND TREBIZOND.

ERZROOM, Nov. 24, 1874.

I HAD a very pleasant time in Ordo. There was plenty of work ; and it increased the longer I staid. After spending seven days there, the Parmeles and I went to Trebizond, and visited among the people. Their condition is sad ; but we do not know what to do for them. Only the Lord can bring light out of the darkness. We were there also seven days, and then left for home in one of the springless Russian wagons. The weather was so damp all the time I was in Ordo, that I contracted chills, which appeared the day I reached Trebizond. We had pleasant weather coming home. Travelling near us, also in Russian wagons, were three monks and three nuns,

going to Oroomiah, Persia. Sometimes we stopped in the same khan at night. Wasn't it strange company for us?

SCHOLARS AT WORK.

Our scholars have all gone for the winter. One man and his wife have gone to Pakarich, another, with his wife, to Hazark. Another family, accompanied by one of our school-girls, left for Melakan, a village sixty miles away. Another man, with his wife and one of our school-girls, went to Chevermeh; another girl, to Heramik; and the two Ordo girls went home. One of them went to teach; the other, who is younger, for a visit. How glad their friends were to see them! One young man was married at the close of the examinations, and went with his bride to Todoveran.

OLD SHAWLS.

"This request came from Miss Van Duzee, more than a year since; but this is a need that recurs with each new class of girls. As the Chicago fire, and the suffering in Kansas and Nebraska, have almost drained the West of surplus garments, we give it a place in "Life and Light," thinking some of its readers may this year be able to aid the school in this matter.

"There is one thing that would help to save expense, and that is *old shawls*. I'll tell you how and why. Women and girls come here from the villages to our school, and, according to custom, they cannot go anywhere until they have something to put on as an outside garment. The cheapest thing that they can find here costs three or four dollars, which is a great deal, when their means are so limited. Shawls would do; but these are not to be found. The city fashion is a thin, sheet-like thing which covers them entirely. Very nice ones are ten or fifteen dollars.

I thought in a city one could easily find old-fashioned shawls: thin or thick, it makes no difference; and it is no matter if they are pretty well worn. If you could find four or five, and send the bundle to Boston for me, I would thank you very much. Each one would save both trouble and expense. Last year we had hard work to find suitable garments for the new ones who came. One had to stay in for two months, or else borrow from another."

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## Home Department.

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### A WORD FROM MISS DUDLEY'S FORMER HOME.

THE treasurer of our children's missionary society has just sent to you a hundred dollars to be used in furnishing the dining-room of the Home in Japan. The money includes the proceeds of a fair and supper given by the society, and the monthly fees. The society was organized Nov. 1, 1873. It is called "The Willing Workers of Naperville," and consists of twenty-two members, half of them under twelve years of age.

Last fall, twenty-five dollars were sent, the proceeds of an entertainment given by the children, consisting of songs, recitations, tableaux, and dialogues. We shall eagerly watch for and seize any suggestions as to how we may retain and increase the interest. We shall be very grateful for any help in this direction. We meet once a month to read, sing, talk, and work, all having reference to foreign missions. Our monthly fee is five cents for each member.

NAPERVILLE, ILL., February, 1875.

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

FROM JAN. 15, TO FEB. 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Akron.</i> — Aux., for one share in the Japan Home, Miss S. W. Ashmun, Treas.,	\$25 00
<i>Centre Belpre.</i> — S. S., for the Japan Home,	30 00
<i>Cincinnati.</i> — Aux., for their Bible-reader in European Turkey, Mrs. D. A. Southworth, Treas.,	50 00
<i>Cleveland.</i> — Euclid Ave. Ch., Aux., for salary of Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Treas.,	100 00
<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux., \$75 for Miss Maltbie's salary; \$25 from the young ladies for one share in the Japan Home, Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, Treas.,	100 00
<i>Lodi.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, by Mrs. L. R. Robbins,	1 50
<i>Lyme.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. B. Hart, Sec.,	19 25
<i>Mecca.</i> — Mrs. H. B. Fraser,	10 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to const. Mrs. H. G. Thompson and Mrs. L. F. Wickes L. M.'s, Miss E. E. Peck, Treas., Mr. Upton's S. S. class, \$20; Tutor Burr's class, \$10; for a pupil in Mrs. Coffing's school, by Miss Carrie Wickes,	80 00
<i>Oxford.</i> — Female Seminary, Aux., by Miss Peabody,	60 00
<i>Sandusky.</i> — Aux., for a scholarship in the Samokov school, Miss M. Stone, Treas.,	40 00
<i>Tallmadge.</i> — Aux., L. M. Sackett, Treas.,	35 15
<i>West Farmington.</i> — Aux., Miss E. Page, Treas.,	1 50
Total,	\$552 40

MICHIGAN.

<i>Charlotte.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Mary H. Bruske a L. M., Mrs. E. S. Lacey, Treas.,	\$26 44
<i>Detroit.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing, 1st Ch., \$74.55, of which Mrs. H. Ashley pays \$25 to const. herself a L. M.; 2d Ch., \$25.45 to const. Mrs. Pauline Woodward a L. M., Mrs. E. C. Hinsdale, Treas.,	100 00

<i>Jackson.</i> — Aux., \$75 for Mariané Bible-reader at Harpoot, and to const. Mrs. Chester Warriner, Mrs. H. M. Van Duzee, and Mrs. Don Robinson, life-members; \$25 from a friend to const. Mrs. Angie O. McLean a L. M., Mrs. Geo. H. Lathrop, Treas.,	\$100 00
<i>Kalariazoo.</i> — Aux., for salary of the 1st ass't teacher in Mrs. Coffing's school at Marash, Mrs. W. H. M. Courtie, Treas.,	41 10
<i>Lansing.</i> — Aux., for Mrs. Watkins's salary, Mrs. E. S. Stebbins, Treas.,	30 00
<i>Owosso.</i> — Mrs. L. A. Gould, for one share in the Japan Home,	25 00
<i>Romeo.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 is for the Bridgeman School; \$25 from Mrs. A. M. Grover, for one share in the Japan Home, and to const. herself a L. M., Mrs. A. M. Grover, Sec.,	50 00
<i>Royal Oak.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. A. Privatt, Treas.,	9 00
<i>Wayne.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. L. Bedell, Treas.,	7 50
Total,	\$389 04

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. E. M. Pierce, Treas.,	\$12 45
<i>Chicago.</i> — First Ch., Aux., \$20.50 of which is for the Japan Home, the remainder for Miss Patrick's salary, Mrs. Whittlesey, Treas.,	90 97
<i>Chicago.</i> — Plymouth Ch., Aux., by Mrs. J. B. Leake,	22 50
<i>Chicago.</i> — Leavitt St. Ch., Aux., for a share in the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. Orella B. Schuyler a L. M., Mrs. J. R. Dewey, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — Union Park Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Rendall, Mrs. R. E. Jenkins, Treas.,	40 00
<i>Elgin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas.,	18 20
<i>Galesburg.</i> — Aux., for a share in the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. A. Hyde a L. M., Mrs. H. S. Hurd, Treas.,	25 00

<i>Glencoe.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Bishop,	\$5 00
<i>Granville.</i> —Aux., Mrs. L. K. Warren, Treas.,	12 00
<i>Kewanee.</i> —Aux., for Kalutka, pupil in the Samokov school, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Treas.,	20 00
<i>Moline.</i> —Aux., of which const's Mrs. E. C. Barnard a L. M., Mrs. L. E. Bullen, Treas.,	30 00
<i>Naperville.</i> —“Willing Workers,” for the Japan Home, \$75 of which is to furnish the dining-room of Home, Mrs. D. N. Gross, Treas.,	100 00
<i>Oak Park.</i> —Aux., for the Manissa school, Mrs. H. N. Sherman, Tr.,	49 58
<i>Peru.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. M. Brewster, Treas.,	7 09
<i>Polo.</i> —Aux., Mrs. R. M. Pearson, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Quincy.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, and to constitute Miss Louisa M. Robbins a L. M., Mrs. E. Littlefield, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Rockford.</i> —First Cong. Ch., Aux., “a friend” in response to Miss Andrews “appeal to Christian women,” to be applied to the N. China Mission,	10 00
<i>Sycamore.</i> —Aux., E. M. Worcester, Treas.,	18 00
<i>Wheaton.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. J. H. Chapman, Sec.,	18 35
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Total,	\$551 75

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Koshkomong.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, Mrs. A. Slocum, Treas.,	\$18 00
<i>Milwaukee.</i> —Spring St. Ch., Aux., for support of Stomata ass't teacher at Samokov, Mrs. C. M. Childs, Treas., \$25; “Mission Band,” for salary of Mrs. Watkins, Miss I. Shadbolt, Treas.,	118 00
<i>Whitewater.</i> —Cong. S. S., for Japan Home, G. M. Wheeler, Treas.,	25 00
Total,	\$161 00

## IOWA.

<i>Belle Plaine.</i> —Aux., Mrs. L. A. Baker, Treas.,	\$16 50
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EVANSTON, Feb. 15, 1875.

<i>Chester.</i> —Aux., with previous contribution, const's Mrs. H. Heald and Mrs. C. Fisher L. M.'s, for the support of Tena of Samokov, Mrs. C. M. Lightner, Sec.,	\$24 00
<i>Denmark.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis, and to const. Mrs. Kellogg Day a L. M., Ella J. Brackett, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Eldora.</i> —Aux., Mrs. G. W. Durer, Treas.,	9 60
<i>Fairfield.</i> —Aux., Mrs. David Webster, Treas.,	5 30
<i>Glenwood.</i> —Aux., for Bible-reader in Ceylon, Mrs. E. C. Bosbyshell, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Lansing Ridge.</i> —Women's Cent Soc.,	4 00
<i>Sibley.</i> —Aux., \$2.41; “Wedding Fee,” \$2; “Sibley Helpers,” 59 cents,	5 00
<i>Sherrills Mt.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>Toledo.</i> —Mrs. E. N. Barker, for the girls' school at Hadjin,	10 00
Total,	\$119 40

## MINNESOTA.

<i>Austin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. W. W. Brownson, Treas.,	\$16 55
<i>Mankato.</i> —Aux., \$1.15; “five youthful soldiers,” \$1.05,	2 20
Total,	\$18 75

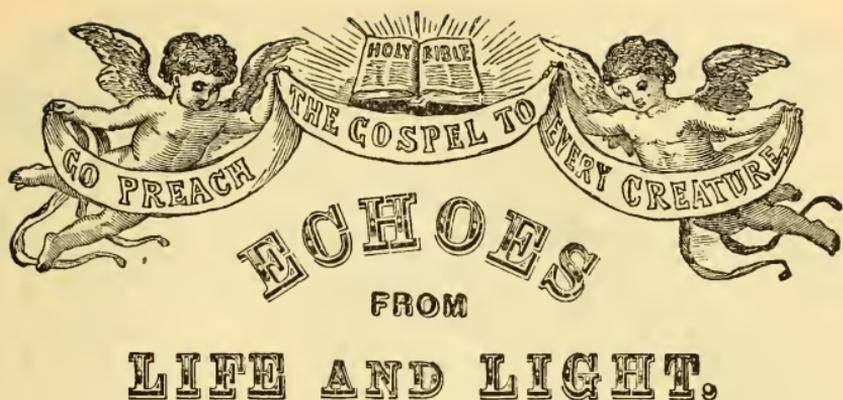
## MISSOURI.

<i>Stewardsville.</i> —Mrs. Mary H. Field,	\$3 00
Total,	\$3 00

## KANSAS.

<i>Lawrence.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. R. Lindley, Treas.,	\$20 00
Total,	\$20 00
Total,	\$1,815 34

Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific, \$500 to be applied the Japan Home; \$500 to be appropriated hereafter, Mrs. R. E. Cole, Treas.,	\$1,000 00
Total,	\$2,815 34



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### CHINESE SPIRITS.

**T**HE man in the picture, on the following page, is burning paper-money for the benefit of his ancestors. Do you suppose it is a Chinese greenback that he is burning,—one that would buy food and clothing for his family? No, indeed! He is too careful to do that, however fond he may be of his ancestors. It is only “mock-money,” and worth nothing but the paper of which it is made. The Chinese think that they can send money, clothing, or any thing that may be needed, to their friends in the spirit-land, by burning it in paper form; and they have a great many festival days devoted to their departed friends who may be destitute or unfortunate. As these occasions are all very much alike, I will only tell you about one of them.

On certain days in the year, feasts are prepared for any spirits who may wish to partake of them. Large tables, or platforms, are placed in front of the ancestral tablets in their houses, and covered with meats, vegetables, and



fruits of various kinds. A paper image of a god is arranged in the centre of the table to prevent the hungry spirits from quarrelling over the food: a bowl of gruel or salted paste, with several spoons, is also provided; and there is always a pail of water covered with several sheets of paper near by. When all is ready, the ceremonies commence with the burning of charms, among which is a paper man on a paper horse, who is supposed to go straight to the spirits to invite them to the feast. The pail of water is for them to bathe in, if they happen to be tired and dusty from their long journey; and the gruel is for those who may have been so unfortunate as to lose their heads, and, having no mouths to eat solid food, must be contented with gruel put into their throats with the spoons.

As soon as the spirits are all assembled, the priests take their places on stools behind the tables, ring their bells, recite their liturgies, beat their drums, and, at certain times, burn incense, paper money, and paper clothing. When these long ceremonies are over, and the spirits have eaten all they can, — which is, of course, just nothing at all, as far as can be seen, — the food is divided among the friends of the family. In the evening there is a second feast for any who may have arrived too late for the first one. Some may not have heard of it as soon as the others; some, who were lame, or blind, or feeble, or headless, may have been a long time on the way; and some who were at the first feast may not have eaten enough, and it is best to make sure that none are neglected.

There are quite a number of different festivals of this kind held every month; and a great deal of time and money is spent on them. How foolish it all seems, doesn't it? Don't you wish they knew about our blessed Saviour, and would spend their time and money in his service?

## A ZULU SEWING-SOCIETY.

BY MRS. S. W. TYLER.

WE are holding Sunday services under the trees, because we have no church. We like it on some accounts ; but, as the rainy season is coming on, we think we would prefer to be under cover : so we are trying in all sorts of ways to raise money enough to finish the chapel already begun. Some of the little girls who wanted to help along the good work are making a bedquilt, which they hope to sell, and give the money to the church. If you will come with me, I will introduce them to you as they are sitting under our veranda.

They have just finished eating their dinner of cold sweet-potatoes, have washed their hands, and one of them, who lives with me, has brought out the pieces to distribute. The tallest one is Udotiya. Her father and mother live about twenty miles from here ; and they have sent her to live with her brother, so as to attend our school. She sews nicely, and is pleased to superintend the work of the others. Next to her is Kinim, not so refined or quiet, but a good-natured girl, and her mother's "right hand." You need not be told that the one sitting next is her sister, they look and appear so much alike. Then comes Usikupe, with the bright-colored pieces, holding them so near her shining eyes, that you wonder which is the brighter. It was her mother who came the other day to get new Sunday clothes for all the children, because the two youngest were to be baptized. Next her sits Unomasouto, a quiet little girl whom I taught to sew before my visit to America ; and near by are Uyebwane, Unosiduli, Unombango, and Unomadungu, whose mother was the first little girl I induced to leave her heathen home, and come to live with me.

Here they are, happy, and chatting as fast as their tongues can go. Each has a little history of her own, — her simple pleasures, and her own thoughts for the future, very unlike any thing you can imagine, but vastly superior to those of the heathen girls who come around our door nearly every day. The ones I have introduced to you are all daughters of Christian parents, and live in a partially civilized way. The others stand and look at the bright pieces and busy fingers of the little sewing-society, and ask, "What are you doing? Oh, that is only play! Making a garment for sleeping. Why don't you go into the garden with a heavy hoe like us, dig up the ground, plant corn and potatoes, and then sell them for a nice warm blanket? White people make you lazy. You will never make your husbands rich as we shall. Your dresses must be a great burden to you these warm days, or would be, if you worked. But no, you sit and play. The books must bother you too. They make you work with your head, not with your hands, as we do. Good-by: we must go home to *work*."

Our little girls talk it over among themselves, and rejoice that they were not born in heathenism. I have tried very hard to induce the heathen children to come to school regularly. They come sometimes, when there is no digging, planting, or harvesting at home. But we are not going to give them up. We must have some of them; and we want you to pray that the Saviour will make them want to learn about the better way of living, and then they will know the better way of dying. I like to tell them how you in America earn your money; for it suggests something for them to do.

But the bell has rung, and we will bid them good-by for to-day.

## MISSION-CIRCLES.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE. — *Bangor*. — “Bangor Rills,” \$40.00.  
*Ellsworth*. — “Prayer Circle,” \$10.00; “Cup-Bearers,” \$34.00;  
 “Young Reapers,” .25.  
*Harpwell Centre*. — “Little Helpers,” \$3.75.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Nashua*. — “Penny Gatherers,” \$5.00.
- VERMONT. — *Barnet*. — “Buds of Promise,” \$15.00.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Beverly*. — “Ivy-Leaves,” \$70.00.  
*East Braintree*. — “Monatiquot Mission-Circle,” \$10.00.  
*Fall River*. — “Willing Helpers,” \$80.00.  
*Medford*. — “McCollom Mission-Circle,” \$40.00.  
*Millbury*. — “Jesus’ Workers,” \$8.00.  
*West Medway*. — “Olive-Plants,” \$4.00.  
*Woburn*. — “Woburn Workers,” \$50.00.  
*Rhode Island*. — “Elmwood Workers,” \$9.80.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Norwich*. — “Dew-Drops,” \$75.00.
- NEW YORK. — *Crown Point*. — “Willing Hearts,” \$37.15.
- PENNSYLVANIA. — *Orange*, — “Orange-Buds,” \$10.00.  
*Philadelphia*. — “Carrier-Doves,” \$6.00.
- OHIO. — *Centre Belpre*. — Sunday School, \$30.00.
- ILLINOIS. — *Naperville*. — “Willing Workers,” \$100.00.
- WISCONSIN. — *Whitewater*. — Congregational Sunday School, \$25.00.
- IOWA. — *Sibley*. — “Sibley Helpers,” .59.
- MINNESOTA. — *Mankato*. — “Five Youthful Soldiers,” \$1.05.

## BOYS’ MISSION-CIRCLES.

Not long ago a friend asked, “Can you tell me of any way specially to interest boys in Woman’s Board work? — boys like Charlie, about twelve years of age.” In the “Echoes” for October, 1874, there is an account of what we think is a very good “Boys’ Mission-Circle;” and we give below some suggestion sent us by the president of our New Haven Branch, which others beside our correspondent may like to see. We are very glad, too, to make the correction at the close.

“The youngest mission-circle now in the family of our Branch is reported to-day, and gives us new cheer. It is composed of twenty-four boys, mostly under ten years of age. Their motto, ‘Behold, I bring you good tidings,’ suggests their name, ‘News-Bearers.’ At the last monthly concert, the parents of these boys gave them a lovely little banner of scarlet silk, inscribed with their name and motto in gold and blue letters. It is hoped this will help to keep them together, and attach them to their work. The ‘News-Bearers’ are pledged each to pay a penny a week ; but every boy expects to do more than that.

“In the same place, Thomaston, Conn., a circle of girls was organized last summer, called the ‘Free Givers.’ Their motto is, ‘Freely ye have received, freely give.’ This circle numbers fifty ; and they meet once a month, finding a biscuit and piece of cake good nutriment for their zeal. These two circles have joined hands, and held a festival, from which they netted seventy dollars. If in some thrifty town there were space for three circles, I think that ‘Faith,’ ‘Hope,’ and ‘Charity’ circles would make a pretty trio of names, and suggest a healthful rivalry as to which should do the ‘greatest’ good. A circle similar to the ‘News-Bearers’ is doing noble work in Watertown, Conn., and was wrongly reported in October ‘Echoes,’ as belonging to the Bay State. Little Connecticut does not want Massachusetts to steal her choicest laurels. Justice to the boys who help us !”

Now we wish the boys themselves would send us suggestions. If you have any new and successful ways of earning money, boys, or any particularly good plans for meetings, please write us about them.

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WE have not time to sport away the hours ;  
One must be earnest in a world like ours.  
Not many lives, but only one, have we, —  
One, only one.

## BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

BY MISS ALICE KENDALL.

I AM composed of 39 letters.

My 23, 8, 13, 23, 37, 15, was the son of Manoah.

My 7, 34, 22, 3, 37, 19, 14, 20, a kingdom in Africa.

My 9, 14, 29, 4, was an instrument used instead of a clock.

My 35, 33, 25, 20, 34, 17, was the son of Levi.

My 4, 29, 13, 12, 36, 10, 8, 24, 1, 37, 32, 23, is a book in the Old Testament.

Solomon had 21, 2, 18, 6, 30, 26, thousand horsemen.

My 34, 11, 26, 38, 29, 27, is something Jesus said of himself.

My 33, 5, 14, 30, 26, 16, a mountain in Palestine.

My 28, 8, 15, 39, 29, 22, was the wife of Elkanah.

My whole is a promise made by God to his children.

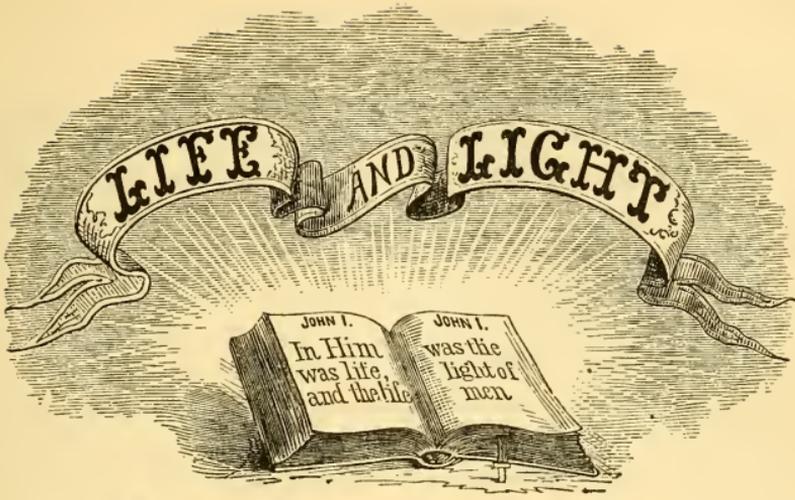
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 ANSWER TO ENIGMAS.

In the January number, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith."

In the February number, "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him."

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the January number, from M. L. C. and A. E. M., Worcester, Mass.; J. W. and M. B. H., South Hadley, Mass.; L. J. S. Newton, Mass.; L., Rockland, Mass.; E. A. N., East Alstead, N.H.; B. K., New Haven, Conn. Answers to the enigma in the February number from L. J. S., Newton, Mass.; F. F. B., Boston, Mass.; M. P., M. G. and M. B. H., South Hadley, Mass.; B. A. E., Cambridge, Mass.; E. L. F., Holliston, Mass.; A. H. W. and E. E. A., Barre, Mass.; P. N. R., East Boston, Mass.; H. C. E. and S. E. T., Winchester, Mass.; E. D. B., Marion, Mass.; A. H. K., Auburndale, Mass.; E. A. N., East Alstead, N.H.; H., Portsmouth, N.H.; W. A. T., Nashua, N.H.; J. H. M., Dummerston, Vt.; L. S. S., West Hartford, Vt.; L. S.; Roxbury, Conn.; A. F. M., Milwaukee, Wis.; C. A. M., Greenwood, Neb.; L. A. B. and E. D. H.



## FOR WOMAN.

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TURKEY.

PERSECUTION.

BY MRS. ANNA V. MUMFORD.

THE following account of an out-station visit is taken from a letter recently received from Mrs. Mumford of Samokov, dated Bansko, Jan. 18, 1875. After speaking of her safe arrival at the native pastor's house, she says,—

“The next day, Friday, we rested, and received company in the morning; at noon, Katarinka, one of our native helpers, came for me to attend the woman's monthly meeting for benevolence. We had a very pleasant meeting, reading the Scriptures, singing hymns, reciting verses from the Bible; and I told them that a similar society in America gave money for my support here. This pleased them much; and they asked, among various other questions, if

all our ladies were rich. I told them they were not, but were obliged, sometimes, to deny themselves necessary comforts to give to me. One dear, thoughtful woman said that this, to her mind, was a proof of the truth of our faith, that it made people love others so much, that they would send money so far to those whom they had never seen. How it filled my heart, and fed my soul, to mingle with them, and behold what a change the gospel had wrought! They were sitting around on the floor, with their spinning-wheels in their hands, often with babes in their laps at the same time, talking of how they could best work for God, their faces so happy and peaceful because they loved God. Among these very poor women they had gathered in their contribution-box seventy piastres (\$3.50), in the year since they began their meetings. I went home with Katarinka; and she told me of her work in a village near here, and also of the nuns in Bansko, till I was so thrilled I could hardly sit still.

“Katarinka wished to visit Bonye, a village about an hour distant from Bansko, where there is only one Protestant family, but where others are inquiring after the truth. I wanted very much to visit some of the villages in that region; and it was arranged that the native pastor and myself should go with her to Bonye the next day (Saturday), and return on Monday. Accordingly we started on our horses at noon, and before very long were pleasantly welcomed at our friend’s house. Three neighboring women followed us in, to know where we came from, and why we were there; and Katarinka, taking me for a text, led them to talk of spiritual things. They had never heard of a Bible, and did not know what it meant.

“As it grew dark, the women left; and our hostess spread a cloth upon the floor in front of the fireplace, and placed upon it an earthen dish full of rice boiled with

meat, with five wooden spoons around the edge. The husband cut some slices of bread, and laid them by the spoons, and we ate our supper. Soon after we began, a boy called out the man of the house, saying some one wanted to see him. When he returned he was troubled, and told us that his older brother, who lives in the village, had come to tell him that there would be trouble on account of our being there; that the guard would walk around the house all night in order that no one might enter to converse with us; and as soon as it was light in the morning we must leave. The man seemed very much alarmed. The pastor said to him, 'We are guests in your house: if you tell us to go, we must go; but, if you are willing, we will stay till Monday, as we proposed.' — 'I am glad to have you here,' he replied; 'but I am afraid you will be harmed, and perhaps killed.' The pastor asked me what I thought; and I said, 'We will remain, and trust the event to the Lord, in whose service we are.'

"After an hour, as we were sitting about the fire, our host rose to go to the horses; but, upon opening the door, he saw something that caused him to close it, and slide the bolt. 'There are soldiers in front of the door, with guns,' he whispered. 'Open the door, and invite them in,' we replied; and he did so. The first one was a very tall, large man, having, besides his rifle, two pistols, and a knife two feet long fastened in his girdle. The next one was a shorter but very powerfully-built man, similarly armed, and with such a face as I have not seen in a long time, so ferocious and wicked in its expression. They leaned their guns against the wall, and sat down near them. We passed the usual salutations in the East; and the pastor immediately opened a very free and friendly conversation with them upon religious subjects, told them that it was our custom, at that time every evening, to sing and pray,

and, if they had no objection, we would sing a hymn. We sang about heaven and the shortness of life, which led to the subject of right living, so that at last we might enter heaven; 'for you know,' the pastor added, 'we all want to go to heaven when we die.' — 'Of course,' they said; and, the more he talked upon the subject, the more interested they became, the tall one especially. When he told them, that, with our wicked hearts and evil inclinations, we could never enter heaven, he asked, 'How can we change our hearts?' The pastor talked with them nearly an hour in a way that won their respect and confidence; and then he prayed especially for them. The tall one, as he was going, said, 'We heard that you came with bad intentions upon our village: so we came to inquire. We think you are not bad people. Good-night, may you sleep lightly!' After they left, we had family prayers, and, in a particular manner, left ourselves in the care of God, not knowing what would be on the morrow. We spread our blankets, and all lay down to sleep peacefully, because our Father kept the city.

"In the morning, the first thing we heard was, that the soldiers slept before our large gate all night, so that no one should come into the house. While we were at breakfast, our host was again called out. His mother, an old woman, very bitter against Protestants, returned with him to tell us we must leave at once, as the whole place was excited, and determined to injure us in some way. 'We shall not go till to-morrow,' we replied: 'we came here to find work, and we mean to find it. If no one can come here to see us, we will go out into the streets, to seek them.' She went off very angry.

"In an hour or two, the head man of the village came to tell us to go at once.

" 'We have business here,' we replied.

“‘Well, then,’ said he, ‘if you stay, do not go into the street, but sit in the house.’

“‘I am not a prisoner, that I should be shut up here,’ answered the pastor. ‘If I wish to go out, I shall do so freely and without fear.’

“‘Then you will suffer for it ;’ and he left us.

“We prayed over the matter, and asked direction from God as to our duty ; for we wished to be wise as serpents as well as harmless as doves.

“Afterwards it seemed right that the pastor and our host should go out together, and Katarinka and I staid to pray for them. They were not gone long before a mob surrounded them, and drove them into the gate. Besides this front-gate there was a small one on the left side of the house, opposite another street. Two hours later, Katarinka came to me, and said, ‘There is a group of women standing by the side gate ; and I would like to go and read or talk to them.’ I said, ‘Go, and I will watch you.’ I soon followed, and stood in the gate, leaving it open, that the pastor might see us both. The women began to talk very roughly ; and, after a while, one of them called to the crowd of men who were at the front gate ; and they moved slowly around to where we were standing. I then tried to get some of the women and girls to come inside to talk ; but they mocked me, and wagged their heads with the ‘Aha, aha!’ which is so insulting. Just then the bad man, who had visited us the night before, advanced from the crowd of men, and sprang towards Katarinka, taking her by the throat. I flew to her rescue, when he seized me also, and I was thrown to the ground. At this moment the pastor interfered, and we made our escape. He struck the pastor several times with his club and his fists, till our host and his brother came to the rescue.

“We did not go out again, but worked and talked with the three families who lived in the house, reading what the Saviour said should happen to us in this world, if we lived faithfully. One of the men in the village, who was interested in the truth, but who, till this time, had not acknowledged it, now forced his way through the mob which had surrounded the walls of our house, and entered to converse with us. We had a very interesting talk with him, and rejoiced that we had even so much encouragement. Our host, too, who at first was trembling with fear, became more and more courageous with the strength God poured into his soul through his word, and the prayers of the pastor. Oh, what a fearful time it was from noon till dark, the noise of the mob growing louder and louder all the while, with a prospect of the walls being forced, and our lives taken. We were trusting in God alone.

“In the middle of the afternoon, a furious priest, with the same dark man behind him, entered our room, and said, —

“‘When are you going?’

“‘That is not a question for you to ask,’ replied the pastor: ‘we are guests here, and shall go when we wish.’

“‘Will you go at once?’

“‘No, we shall not.’

“‘Do you see this club? After an hour, I will return, and, if you are still here, you will feel it.’

“‘Very well. Good-day sir,’ answered the pastor.

“He did not return in an hour, and we read and prayed and sang till time to retire. The mob was held in check by God’s hand, and we suffered no more violence. In the morning, we did not start till eight o’clock, lest they might say we ran away in the night; and, a few hours later, we arrived safely in Bansko.

“Then we considered what it was best to do about the

affair, as something evidently must be done to make an example of them, or we never could enter the place again. It was finally decided that I, as an American citizen, should make a complaint to the United States minister at Constantinople for assault on myself and my two helpers. Mr. H. started for Samokov with our three depositions this morning.

“WEDNESDAY, 20TH.— The pastor has just returned, and tells me that the man who attacked me, one of the head men of the village, and the priest who threatened us, were placed in confinement last night: the priest and head man were bailed out to-day, and are ready to appear when summoned.”

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## INDIA.

### WORK IN MADRAS.

BY MRS. S. B. CAPRON.

MADRAS, Dec. 6, 1874.

WE arrived at this port on the 2d of December. Among our company, on the steamer from London, was Miss Johns, sent out by the Scottish Ladies' Association in Edinburgh, connected with the Church of Scotland. Miss Johns is to have charge of the orphanage, and is supported by her own church in Halifax, N.S. We have called upon her since our landing, to see how she likes her fifty girls with their bright brown faces, and their bright pink dresses.

Day before yesterday, I visited the Hindoo girls' school, in charge of Mrs. Sathianadhan, wife of the estimable native pastor of the Church Missionary Society. It is an inspiration to think what India might become, with such a woman in every large town. This school is now

supported by the Indian Female Instruction Society in England. It had its beginning under the fostering care of the American Board, and was transferred to the Church Missionary Society when the Board retired from missionary work in Madras. If I remember rightly, Dr. Winslow originated the enterprise. Under the efficient superintendence of this native woman, from a beginning, in 1864, of a school of ten girls in her own house, she now has in charge five public schools containing over three hundred girls, and forty-nine families containing seventy respectable Hindoo ladies under instruction. It is of but one of these schools that I now make mention. Crossing the street from the native pastor's home, we entered one of the gateways of the People's Park. A few steps along the smooth gravelled road, and we are at the entrance of the schoolhouse. It is a model. Lord Napier, former governor of Madras, built a native house at his own expense, which he intended should be known as a model native house. Of course, being in the park, it could not be used for a family; and he thought to utilize it for a boys' school, as the Church Missionary Society has several schools in that neighborhood. The enterprising Mrs. Sathianadhan wrote to Lady Napier, asking for it, as thoroughly suited for her girls' school. Her request was granted; and I saw on one of the walls a photograph of the building, with the native girls about it, a copy of which had been sent, at her own request, to Lady Napier.

This school is in charge of a daughter of Mrs. Sathianadhan, and she much enjoys her work. There are one hundred girls, divided into four classes, besides a normal class of eight women, who are under training for the work in the families. One of these is a graduate of the Madura girls' boarding-school, having removed to this city

with her husband. Though these girls are kept at home after they are ten or twelve years of age, they are still objects of care, as they become guiding stars in families where may be others upon whom the shining of the gospel shall yet fall. After listening to the recitations and very hearty singing, and inspection of needlework, I sat upon the veranda with this woman, who was so evidently equal to her responsible position; and a sister in the Lord, indeed, did she seem. She was a native woman still in her dress and manners. After mentioning facts connected with her five schools and forty-nine families, she told me of her duties as a pastor's wife; and how, as she was growing older, the sick, both heathen and Christian women, desired her to visit them. She mentioned the Juvenile Missionary Association, held every Sunday evening, and her attempts to train the young people in benevolence. And then, with a quiet laugh, she added, "It becomes me to have a proper care of my house and two young boys that are growing up in it, and the baby, ten years younger than they."

I need not add that this visit refreshed me. And is this our work, to train such women for India? Is it for such fruit that the dear child of God may pray? When the native gentlemen come to see Lord Napier's model house, they may also be reminded that it is the woman who feareth the Lord, whose works shall praise her in the gates. Of many such a home may it be said, "Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God."

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Lo! on India's gloomy night  
The gospel star has shed her light.

## ITEMS.

ALWAYS AT PRAYER. — The Armenians have a custom of praying in the open air at sunrise. They think that God is more inclined to hear them then, and also at the rising of the moon. One of the old faith found a Protestant at prayer near noon, and told him it was so late, that God would not hear him. It is probable this notion was obtained from Mohammedans, who observe these times of prayer very faithfully. It is related that Mohammed used to say to his followers, that angels were with them night and day, and that when they ascended to heaven, and God asked them how they left his creatures, they should be able to say, "We found them at their prayers, and we left them at their prayers." — *Whiffs from Ararat.*

REFORM IN CHINA. — Miss Payson of Foochow writes, in a recent letter, "The subject of binding the feet of the women has often been discussed by the missionaries in China; and many plans have been devised to prevent the adoption of this practice in the families of native Christians. None have met with much success as yet; but a plan has been lately adopted in Amoy that gives promise of good results. A society has been formed by the Christian women there, whose members pledge themselves to unbind their own feet, and to use their influence in persuading their relatives and friends to follow their example. We hope to have a similar society formed in Foochow before many months."

A FEW days ago one of our ladies passed a group of boys, who were giving bread to street dogs. As she came near, the largest one said to her, "We are feeding the dogs; do you want some too?" — *Whiffs from Ararat.*

# Our Work at Home.

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## WHO WILL GO?

BY MRS. LEMUEL GULLIVER.

WE have a question to answer. We commend it to you, Christian mothers, rejoicing in the children whom God hath given you. We bring it to you, Christian daughters, who have received in rich measure the gifts of education and liberal culture in this land of Bibles and family altars. Tell us what we must reply.

From distant Micronesia, where a noble band of self-exiled men and women are conquering the islands for Christ, there comes to us a request for two teachers, — two earnest, Christian women, whose work is all ready for them. Warm, missionary hearts wait to give to such home love and cherishing. Converted heathen are looking eagerly for their coming.

How soon may the "Morning Star" bear to their glad welcome the helpers they so sorely need?

In Japan, — whence Joseph Nee Sima writes of his countrymen, "They are hungry and thirsty for the Christian truth: I find every thing ready for the gospel," — another school for women must be opened.

Two ladies are greatly needed, and their support is already pledged. Who are ready to enter into this blessed work with its heritage of prayer?

In Manissa, Turkey, there is an important school for Turkish girls. No one need desire brighter pupils, nor better opportunities for winning them to a higher intellec-

tual and spiritual life. One faithful teacher is bearing alone the burden of care. It will overwhelm her, if she is left long unaided. Whom may we send to share her work and its reward?

In the historic city of Prague, where the bigotry and superstition of centuries have been fruitful for evil, the way is now open for Christian women to work. A Bible-woman of mature experience is needed to carry into the homes of the poor and the degraded the knowledge of Him "who came to seek and to save that which was lost."

No woman could desire a wider field of usefulness, nor a stronger power for good, than is afforded by the post of physician in the Constantinople Home. In that city, the stronghold of Mohammed, her profession will enable her to reach great numbers to whom no ordinary missionary or teacher could gain access. We have for months been seeking one for this place of privilege. We desire to fill it without delay.

Away on our Western borders among the Dakota Indians, the work of the Spirit has been attended with glorious results. The "Dakota Home," where girls are being trained for all of the duties and privileges of Christian womanhood, calls for a teacher thoroughly furnished for her vocation, who will rejoice in leading these daughters of the forest into the work of the Lord.

The coming months will bring to us yet other demands for teachers. Christian friends, tell us what to say. There are heavy hearts among the dear followers of Christ in distant lands. They wonder, that with such openings for work among heathen women, such certainty of blessed fruit to follow self-denying toil, we must wait for months for any to respond, "Here am I: send me." Mothers, are there none among you who would enter into the joy of those, who, having given their children to this work, are

now welcoming "many sons to glory" born of that offering?

Are there none among *you*, Christian sisters, who will count it all joy to sacrifice for Christ, if by any means you may save some of these? Are there none among you who have been led through deep waters, that you might bear to these, in their hopeless, helpless sorrow, "the comfort wherewith you are comforted of Christ"? none whose hearts and hands have been emptied of other work, that you might be free to gather in this waiting harvest for the Master's glory? We wait for your bidding.

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## COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

THE time has come in our society, when it seems quite as necessary to provide for the nurture of old auxiliaries as for the formation of new ones. Societies that start with a good degree of enthusiasm, after the novelty has worn off, and the first interest has died away, often languish for the want of a proper stimulus from those who are better informed, or, perhaps, more thoroughly enlisted in the cause. It is almost impossible for those who are trying to carry on the work at headquarters to keep themselves informed of the state of each auxiliary; and the same is true, in some degree, with our branches. The best plan, as yet suggested, to accomplish the end in view, is that of county or conference associations, whose duty it shall be to care for the societies within their jurisdiction. The officers of such associations could easily become conversant with the state of the churches near them, and supply what might be needed to create and sustain interest in the work. Two of these are already organized in Massachusetts, and others are in process of formation;

and we would recommend that the same arrangement be adopted in other States, making the associations auxiliary to the branches.

A movement in this direction has been made recently in Fairfield County, Connecticut. A large and enthusiastic meeting, composed of delegates from the various churches in the county, was held at Danbury, having both morning and afternoon sessions, and a gathering for children in the evening. Mrs. Chandler of the Madura Mission was present, and added much to the interest of the occasion; but one of its most encouraging features was the utilizing of home-talent. There were three addresses on different departments of home-work; and a poem was read, which had been prepared for another similar occasion. At the close, a committee was appointed to consider the subject of a county association, and to report at the next meeting, to be held at Greenwich, three months from that time. We see no reason why these associations should not form a most valuable connecting link between the branches and auxiliaries.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM FEB. 18 TO MARCH 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.		VERMONT.
<i>Bethel.</i> — 1st Cong. Ch.,	\$10 37	<i>Vermont Branch.</i> — Mrs. Geo. H.
<i>Portland.</i> — "The Boys that Try,"	2 00	Fox, Treas., Greensboro', Aux.,
<i>Yarmouth.</i> — A friend,	1 00	\$7.50; Hartford, Aux., \$21; Pitts-
Total,	\$13 37	ford, Aux., \$5.95; Rutland, Aux.,
		\$45.59; Springfield, Aux., \$15, \$95 04
NEW HAMPSHIRE.		<i>Barnet.</i> — A friend,
<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> — Miss		1 00
Abby E. McIntire, Treas., Am-		<i>St. Johnsbury.</i> — Young Ladies
herst, "Carrier-Doves" for pupil		Miss'y Soc'y, of which \$36 to-
in the Oodooville sch.,	\$30 00	wards pupil in the Harpool Fem.
<i>Fishersville.</i> — Rev. William R.		Sem., and \$30 for pupil in the
Jewett to const. L. M. his wife,		Oodooville sch.,
Mrs. Hannah A. C. Jewett,	25 00	<i>Thetford.</i> — Mrs. Abigail H. Farr,
Total,	\$55 00	to const. herself L. M.,
		25 00
		<i>Westminster.</i> — Ladies of Cong.
		Ch.,
		38 65
		Total, \$225 69

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Auburndale.* — Aux., add'l, \$8 00  
*Bedford.* — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Susannah E. Bacon, 25 00  
*Bernardston.* — Aux., 9 72  
*Blackinton.* — "Busy Bees," 6 00  
*Boston.* — A friend, \$500; Mary A. Waldron, \$1; a friend, \$1; Central Ch. "Sunbeams," \$2; Mt. Vernon Miss'y Soc'y, \$200; Park St. Ch., Contents of Charlie and Eddie Spring's Miss'y box, 1874, \$1.63; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Pledge, \$7; Shawmut Ch., Mrs. Waterman, \$25, 737 63  
*Boston, South.* — Phillips Ch., Aux. (of which \$50 by Mrs. Jeremy Drake to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Martha M. Johnson, Miss Georgie H. Johnson; and \$25 by Mrs. C. Shepard to const. L. M. Miss Alice Stark; \$25 by Mrs. Susan W. Simonds to const. L. M. Mrs. Ann S. Hinckley, Post Mills, Vt.; \$25 by Miss Mary E. Simonds to const. L. M. Marion W. Lincoln; \$25 by Miss Lucinda Smith to const. L. M. Mrs. Emily A. Preckle; \$30 by Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Hight to const. L. M. Mrs. Eliza G. Hight; of which \$367 for sal'y of Miss Cull), \$457; "Cheerful Workers" to const. L. M.'s Ella J. Lovering, Alice Guild, \$50; Mrs. C. Shepard's S. S. Cl., \$15; Young Woman's Miss. Circle, \$10, 532 00  
*Boston Highlands.* — Walnut Ave. Ch., Mrs. Davenport, \$5; Mrs. C. O. Tufts, \$5; Mrs. Stone, \$3.50; Mrs. A. W. Tufts, \$5; Twelve ladies, \$12, 30 50  
*Bradford.* — Aux., 14 00  
*Brookline.* — Harvard Ch., Aux. (of which \$25 by Mrs. J. W. Tyler to const. L. M. a friend, \$25 by Mrs. L. S. Ward to const. L. M. Miss Mary C. Bancroft, \$25 by Mrs. Moses Withington to const. L. M. Mrs. Rev. Samuel B. Shipman), \$286.25; Mission-Circles ("Buds of Promise," \$5 25; "Violets," \$8.50; "Lilies-of-the-Valley," \$5; "Moss Roses," \$5; "May-Flowers," \$5; "Cheerful Givers," \$7; "Orioles," \$5; "Honey-Bees," \$5; "Excelstor" boys, \$5; "Loch Stead" Quartette four little sisters' mite-box, \$5; contents of mite-box, \$5; of which \$40 for pupils in the Harpoot Fem. Sem.), \$60.75, 347 00

*Cambridgeport.* — "Children's Miss. Circle" for pupil in the Oodooville sch., \$30 00  
*Chelsea.* — Mrs. L. B. Tenney, \$1; Mrs. S. N. Tenney, \$1, 2 00  
*Clinton.* — Aux., 18 75  
*Conway.* — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Samuel Wilder, 25 00  
*East Charlemont.* — Aux., 6 80  
*East Somerville.* — Aux., for work in Japan, 30 00  
*Falmouth.* — Mrs. C. D. Bourne, 5 00  
*Gloucester.* — Cong. Ch., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary E. Trask, 87 00  
*Greenfield.* — 2d Cong. Ch., 18 50  
*Groveland.* — Sarah Tuttle, 5 00  
*Hadley.* — Mrs. M. A. Adams, 10 00  
*Haverhill.* — West Parish, C. S. Webster, \$15; "Pentucket Miss. Band" (of which \$40 for pupil in Marsovan, \$30 for pupil in the Oodooville sch.), \$89, 104 00  
*Hopkinton.* — Aux., 42 10  
*Jamaica Plain.* — Aux., 159 15  
*Melrose.* — Young Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y, 6 20  
*Monterey.* — Aux., 3 00  
*Northampton.* — Edward's Ch. S. S., Misses in three Cl's for primary sch. in Aintab, 20 00  
*Reading.* — Aux., 8 00  
*Salem.* — Tabernacle Ch. S. S. "Willing Helpers," for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch., 30 00  
*South Amherst.* — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. William Lyman, 25 00  
*South Hadley.* — 1st Cong. Ch. and Soc'y, 3 00  
*West Newton.* — Mrs. B. H. Barker, \$1; Miss Campbell, \$1, 2 00  
*Woburn.* — "Woburn Workers" towards pupils in Miss Townshend's sch., 10 00  
*Yarmouth.* — Woman's Miss'y Circle, 12 50  
 Total, \$2,372 85

C. Home Building-Fund.

*Boston.* — Central Ch., Mrs. Bates towards the Copp Room, \$100; Mt. Vernon Ch. (to name dormitory A. E. Safford, Mrs. H. W. Richardson, Mrs. Julius A. Palmer, Mrs. Miron Winslow, Mrs. Benj. Bradley, Mrs. J. C. Tyler, Mrs. Parkhurst, Old So. Ch., Mrs. Chas. Stoddard, Fall River, Miss Carrie Borden, \$5 each, Mrs. Rebecca Reed, \$10, John M. Pinkerton, \$50, M. P. C. H., \$50), \$150, \$250 00  
*Boston, East.* — "Maverick Rill," Warner Demond, Tr., 15 50

<i>Grantville.</i> — "Carrier - Doves," \$123.35; the contents of little Helen's first Miss'y box and her Christmas money, \$1.65,	\$125 00
<i>Ipswich.</i> — From past pupils of Ipswich Female Seminary, to name dormitory E. C. Cowles,	200 00
<i>South Hadley.</i> — Mrs. I. Lawrence, for Mary Lyon Room,	7 00
<i>Woburn.</i> — Aux.,	25 00

## CONNECTICUT.

<i>Darien.</i> — "Ox Ridge Mission-Circle,"	\$2 00
<i>Greenwich.</i> — Aux., of which \$75 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Jabez Mead, Miss Amelia Mead, Miss Lizzie H. Cristy, and B. R. in Ceylon,	117 00
<i>Guilford.</i> — Mrs. Lucy E. Tuttle, to const. L. M.'s Mrs. J. E. Doolittle, Miss Jennie E. Doolittle,	50 00
<i>Lisbon.</i> — Aux.,	12 21
<i>Middletown.</i> — Aux., 1st Cong. Ch., towards pupil in Marsovan,	33 00
<i>New Haven Branch.</i> — Miss Julia Twining, Treas., Falls Village, Aux.,	10 00
<i>Putnam.</i> — Ladies of Cong. Ch.,	19 00
<i>Stafford Springs.</i> — Aux.,	12 25
Total,	\$255 46

## NEW YORK.

<i>Flushing, L.I.</i> — The "McGregor Hall Gatherers" and "Birds'-Nest," with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mamie E. Coughlan,	\$8 00
<i>Fredonia.</i> — Miss Betsy Nichols, \$2; Mrs. Helen L. Hart, \$1; Miss Martha L. Stevens, \$5,	8 00
<i>New York City.</i> — Mrs. Lucy Slad3, \$25; "Cheerful Workers," for sal'y of Miss Bush, \$337, with prev. contri. of \$400 for the C. Home, making \$737 in all,	362 00
<i>Oswego.</i> — Cong. S. S., \$2.52; from the late H. C. Denton, \$25,	27 52
<i>Rochester.</i> — A. S. Hamilton's S. S. Cl., towards pupil in Harpoot,	6 00
<i>Sherburne.</i> — Mrs. William Newton,	5 00
Total,	\$416 52

## C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Albany.</i> — 1st Cong. Ch. Aux.,	\$107 00
<i>Brooklyn.</i> — Mary Titcomb, \$4; Mary A. Brigham, \$5, towards the Mary Lyon Room,	9 00

## NEW JERSEY.

## C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Bloomfield.</i> — Miss Louisa W. Wood,	\$10 00
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

<i>Washington.</i> — A friend,	40
Total,	40

## OHIO.

<i>York.</i> — Woman's Miss'y Soc'y,	\$10 00
Total,	\$10 00

## C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Oxford.</i> — Teachers' Western Fem. Sem. towards the Mary Lyon Room,	\$20 00
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## INDIANA.

<i>Mishawaka.</i> — Mrs. R. E. Wilklow, \$1; Mrs. S. H. Judkins, \$1, for Miss Andrews's work in China,	\$2 00
Total,	\$2 00

## IOWA.

<i>Charles City.</i> — Mrs. J. Wadhams,	\$5 00
<i>Tabor.</i> — Cong. S. S. towards pupil in Miss Townsend's sch.,	20 00

Total,	\$25 00
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## CALIFORNIA.

<i>Oakland.</i> — Mrs. C. Richards,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

## CANADA.

<i>Canadian Branch.</i> — W. E. W. Papineau, Treas., towards sal'y of Miss Howland, Ceylon,	\$341 25
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Total,	\$341 25
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General Funds,	\$3,742 54
C. Home Building Fund,	768 50
"Life and Light,"	572 00
"Echoes,"	70 73
Postage,	104 24
Weekly Pledge,	11 96
Leaflets,	10 53
Interest on Baldwin Fund,	180 00
Interest on Temporary Investments,	498 17
Total,	\$5,958 67

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

# Department of the Interior.

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## SOUTH AFRICA.

### EXTRACTS FROM MRS. PINKERTON'S LETTERS.

ZULU LAND, Oct. 20, 1874.

THE natives are all complaining, and fear a drought. It has been very hot, dry weather: nothing they sow or plant can grow. Saturday, near evening, a native came into my kitchen, saying he was hungry, as he had been out all day among the kraals, calling all the outside people to come to the station Sunday, and join us here in praying for rain. This had been done by order of the chief, who resides near Umtwalumi.

Both missionaries were away. Sunday came; and there was such a crowd, that we had to have our meeting in the open air. I think about three hundred came besides our own people. Our principal station-man spoke to them. His subject was, "The fruits of the flesh." His remarks were good; but they felt disappointed that neither of the great teachers were here to pray for rain. The chief had taken this way to prevent their going to witch-doctors. Monday we had a shower, and hope for more this week.

Oct. 28. — On Sunday the people came thronging to the station to pray for more rain. Mr. Wilder was here. We had more than a houseful, — old men, young men, and maidens, dressed in all their native ornaments. It was truly a sight worth seeing.

Nov. 3. — Last Sunday the sun came out bright and hot, with no signs of rain. I thought the people would lose their faith, and go to their rain-doctors; but, when the bell

rang for Sunday school, they soon filled the chapel. After school, I came up the garden-walk from the chapel to the house, and saw large numbers standing in groups outside ; and I knew they would not be able to get in for preaching-service. They took the seats from the chapel, and put them under a large tree in the garden. The bell rang, and brought them all together, four hundred or more. As I sat there, I thought I would like to send a picture of this assembly home. In front of Mr. Wilder, on benches, were seated the clothed station-people, the women in their light or bright-colored dresses, with their heads covered with bright handkerchiefs ; just back of them a row of lemon-trees hanging full of fruit, the branches of the large trees meeting those on the opposite side, so as to form a beautiful bower. To the left of me was a long seat filled with the old outside people, — men of sixty and seventy years. Their faces were something worth studying. I watched them closely while Mr. Wilder was preaching. Some looked serious and thoughtful, others laughed and sneered. Many of these old men have heard the truth preached for twenty years, and still remain firm in their old heathen ideas. Behind me, to the left, were many young men. These had red and yellow paint put on in streaks, and, with their feathers and other ornaments, looked hideous. Mr. Wilder explained who this great One was they had come to worship, and that every thing we had came from him.

Nov. 18. — We have tidings of an abundance of rain. It came in torrents ; and one of the station-houses was so badly injured by the falling rain, they brought a little sick child into my kitchen to die.

I have been teaching the station-girls to make various little things for Christmas, such as pin-balls and work-baskets, made of pieces of pasteboard covered with cloth.

I knew I could not make presents: so I thought I could furnish odds and ends of pretty, bright cloth, and teach them to make things to give each other. They have become quite enthusiastic over it; and the tree will be well filled with pretty and useful articles, at little expense to me, except of time and patience, which had to be on hand.

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### EASTERN TURKEY.

THE following composition was written by Baidzar, and read at the last examination of the Erzroom boarding-school:—

#### CONDITION OF BRIDES IN TURKEY.

If you understand the condition of brides in Turkey, you know that it is very pitiful. Of course, the customs are different in every city; and it is possible that some of them are easier to be borne than others. Notwithstanding, compared with the condition of brides in a free country, the most lenient customs here would be the severest there.

What are the trials of brides in Turkey? In the presence of their mothers-in-law, custom demands that they should not speak, or make any sound whatever; but, if they wish to communicate with any one, they must use their hands or eyes. Some, when a question is asked them, will make no sound but “sheesh,” and reply by motioning with their hands. Others, turning to the wall, that their faces may not be seen, reply in a proper manner. Others make no reply, but scream, “*Dāy ha dāy!*”

They bind their mouths tightly with a handkerchief, and then throw one over their heads, to hide their faces. Some bind their faces in such a way that nothing is visible but their eyes. These customs belong to the vil-

lages. In cities it is different. Often they simply throw something over their heads, through which their eyes, and the form of their faces, can be seen.

Brides are not allowed to eat at the same table with the men ; that is, with their fathers and brothers in law, and, in some places, not even with their mothers-in-law. When the other members of the family sit down together, the brides must remain standing, and kiss their hands, offering them salutations, each in turn. No matter how cold or tired they may be, the poor brides must remain standing. They are not allowed to go out for pleasure, but are kept within doors all of the time. They must kiss the hands of all who come to the house. Even towards small boys they must demean themselves like servants. If the younger members of the family treat them like servants, the older ones treat them like slaves. In these and similar ways the poor brides are tormented. The customs I have mentioned belong chiefly to the villages.

Of course, modesty and chastity are necessary ; but to oblige the brides to bind their mouths and noses, to remain standing, to kiss the hands of others, and not to allow them to eat with the family, but in every way to treat them like slaves, is entirely unnecessary, and very abominable. God created all men free, and not with their tongues tied, and their faces covered ; and in no book of the Bible do we read that brides should be thus tormented.

BAIDZAR RHUDUSHEAN.

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SHINE forth, shine forth, eternal truth !  
On hoary age, on blooming youth,  
Thy heavenly unction send.  
On us, on all, arise and bring  
Salvation on thy healing wing,  
And bid our sorrows end.

## Home Department.

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### THE JAPAN HOME.

THE last letters received from Japan left the young ladies rejoicing over the promise, just received from this country, of money for the building. It is expected that the Home will be completed and furnished ready to open in September. As some of the furniture needed can be obtained much cheaper in America, it will probably be sent at once by ship, thus lessening the cost of transportation.

We wish to say to the friends of this enterprise, that, while September will be upon us ere we are aware, over forty shares of twenty-five dollars each are still unprovided for, besides the greater part of the furniture. Of the amount already raised, five hundred dollars is from the Woman's Board of the Pacific; about four hundred dollars has been given by individuals, and a thousand dollars by auxiliaries.

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### NEWS FROM OUR AUXILIARIES.

COLORADO. — The Monument Society of Denver has just received a visit from Mrs. Palmer of the Madura Mission, who addressed a large and interested audience.

ILLINOIS. — A Woman's Missionary Meeting will be held at Rockford, in connection with that of the General Association, which meets May 26. The "Willing Workers" of Waverly are rejoicing in the safe arrival, at Tung Cho, of the box sent to Miss Evans last summer. The attendance

at their meetings has been good, in spite of the cold winter. The ladies of the auxiliary of the Second Church, Rockford, are making an earnest effort to raise the entire salary of Miss Diament, North China, and, with a little aid from the First Church auxiliary, hope to succeed. Thus far, Illinois takes fifteen shares in the Japan Home, and has sent one hundred dollars for the furnishing.

IOWA.—The ladies of Muscatine are planning for a "rousing missionary meeting" in connection with the meeting of the State Association, which will be held there June 2. In December, auxiliaries were organized, with the aid of Miss Rankin, at Danville and Mount Pleasant; and the organization at Fairfield was completed. The society at Marshalltown is working in connection with the Sunday school; the funds raised to go towards the support of Miss Hillis, in Ceylon. Iowa has pledged four shares in the Japan Home.

KANSAS.—The Woman's Missionary Meeting will be held in connection with the meeting of the General Association, at Leavenworth, June 11. We regret to announce the resignation of Mrs. J. L. Cole, State Secretary for Kansas, on account of her return to her old home in Ohio. Lawrence has a share in the Japan Home.

MICHIGAN.—The meeting of the Woman's State Missionary Society will be held, in connection with the meeting of the General Conference, at Kalamazoo, May 20. Michigan gives another of her daughters to the work, Miss Spencer of Benzonia, who accompanies Mrs. Coffing on her return to Marash, Central Turkey. A new auxiliary of fifty members has been organized at Grass Lake, the fruit of seed planted at the Woman's Missionary Meeting at Elkhart, Ind., nearly two years ago. A schoolgirls' missionary society has just been organized at East Saginaw, called "The Faithful Workers." The Teachers' Society

of that place expects to take a share in the Japan Home, making the fifth share in that State. The young ladies of the Detroit mission-circle have adopted a pupil in the Bardesag School, in addition to their Bible-reader, Suprehanom.

WISCONSIN. — The ladies of Spring-street Church, Milwaukee, have organized a course of six lectures, the profits to be divided between home and foreign missions. The lecturers were Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Norton of Ripon College, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Willard, and Miss Ives of Chicago. The Mission Band of the same church takes a share in the Japan Home, in addition to the hundred and twenty-five dollars paid towards the salary of Mrs. Watkins in Mexico. An auxiliary has just been formed at Avoca, itself a home-missionary field, through the efforts of Mrs. Curtis, who has been a minister's wife for fifty years. Appleton takes six shares in the Japan Home, making twenty-two shares pledged in Wisconsin.

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

FROM FEB. 15, TO MARCH 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.			<i>Morenci.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. M. Rothrock, Treas.,	\$6 00
<i>Belpre.</i> — Aux., for a pupil in Miss Porter's school, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, Treas.,	\$20 00		<i>Olivet.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Watkins, by Mrs. M. E. B. Green,	37 00
<i>Lodi.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. L. K. Robbins, Treas.,	1 00		<i>Utica.</i> — Aux., for a pupil at Erzroom, Mrs. D. P. Breese, Treas.,	19 00
<i>Pittsfield.</i> — Aux., for a pupil in Mrs. Coffing's school, and to const. Mrs. M. E. Eversey a L. M., Emma E. Clark,	25 00		Total,	\$62 75
Total,	\$46 00		ILLINOIS.	
MICHIGAN.			<i>Aurora.</i> — Aux., Mrs. G. F. Ruggles, Treas.,	\$19 50
<i>Banks.</i> — Aux.,	\$ .75		<i>Aurora.</i> — "Little Workers," for	

the Japan Home, Mamie Wingate, Treas.,	\$6 90
<i>Blue Island.</i> —Aux.,	17 01
<i>Canton.</i> —Aux., Miss C. J. Graham, Treas.,	20 25
<i>Chicago.</i> —First Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, Mrs. Whittlesey Treas.,	46 00
<i>Chicago.</i> —New England Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, Mrs. Hjortsberg, Treas.,	63 00
<i>Danvers.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Mabel Hastings, Treas.,	7 00
<i>Dover.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Marcia Allen, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Galesburg.</i> —Aux., of 1st Ch. of Christ, \$25 for one share in the Japan Home, \$7 for furnishing the same, by Mrs. H. S. Huntington,	32 00
<i>Granville.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. Lurena K. Warren, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Hinsdale.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. S. Robbins, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Morris.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. B. Goodrich, Pres.,	10 00
<i>Onarga.</i> —Mrs. Lydia C. Foster, for one share in the Japan Home,	25 00
<i>Ontario.</i> —Aux., \$25 for one share in the Japan Home, \$5 of which from Children's Miss. Circle, \$5 from Rev. L. Leffingwell, \$10 is for the support of a pupil in the Bridgeman school, Mrs. Theo. P. Wetmore is constituted a L. M., Mrs. E. Crane, Treas.,	35 00
<i>Payson.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Miss Ellen Thompson, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Peoria.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. Agnes M. Hand, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Sycamore.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. E. M. Worcester, Treas.,	10 00
Total,	\$361 66

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Beloit.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. L. Chapin, Treas.,	\$30 63
<i>Delevan.</i> —Aux., for Bible-reader in Marash, Mrs. J. Collie,	16 00
<i>Fond du Lac.</i> —Aux., for a share in the Japan Home, Mrs. W. B. Barker, Treas.,	16 25
<i>Fl. Atkinson.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. T. H. Montague,	20 00
<i>Racine.</i> —Aux., for the Manissa school, Mrs. F. A. Miller, Treas.,	85 60
<i>Ripon.</i> —Aux., with previous con-	

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tributions to const. Mrs. Huldah Wilcox and Mrs. Martha Sumner L. M.'s, Mrs. M. M. Cook, Treas.,	\$25 00
<i>Stoughton.</i> —Aux., \$2.98; S. S., \$2.27, Miss H. Sewell, Sec.,	5 25
Total,	\$188 73

## IOWA.

<i>Decorah.</i> —Aux., Mrs. G. R. Willett, Treas.,	\$8 50
<i>Green Mountain.</i> —Aux., of which \$25 is from Mrs. Nancy R. Chase for one share in the Japan Home, and to const. herself a L. M.,	35 00
<i>Lyons.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Day, Mrs. S. J. Smith, Treas.,	53 00
<i>McGregor.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. S. F. Millikan a L. M., Mrs. R. Ramage, Treas.,	10 75
Total,	\$107 25

## MINNESOTA.

<i>Hamilton.</i> —Aux., Miss C. J. Anderson, Treas.,	\$6 50
Total,	\$6 50

## MISSOURI.

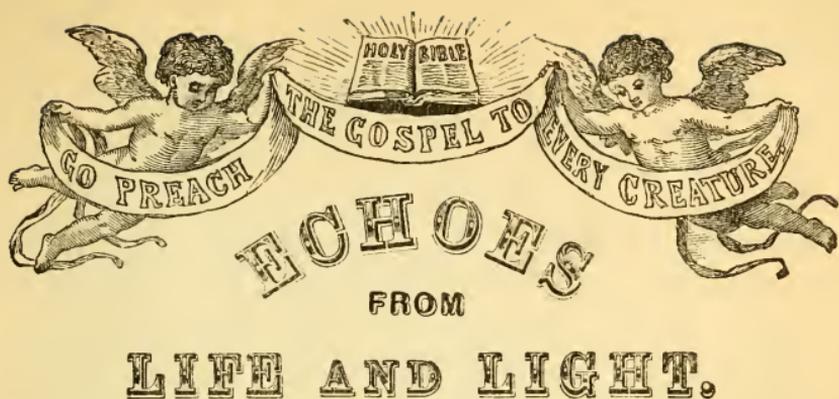
<i>St. Louis.</i> —W. B. M., for salary of Miss Anderson from the Kidder Aux., \$5; North Springfield, \$5; 1st Cong. Ch., St. Louis, collected by Mrs. H. T. Post, \$59; collected by Mrs. Walbridge, \$36.50, Mrs. N. R. Collins, Treas.,	\$105 00
Total,	\$105 00

## KANSAS.

<i>Lawrence.</i> —Aux., to complete a share in the Japan Home, Mrs. M. Cordly, Treas.,	\$5 00
<i>Leavenworth.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. H. W. Ide, Treas.,	10 00
Total,	\$15 00

## WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

<i>Neah Bay.</i> —Mrs. S. Lizzie Greene, for the Japan Home,	\$2 00
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Total,	\$3 80
Total,	\$906 69



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## HINDOO MAY DAY.

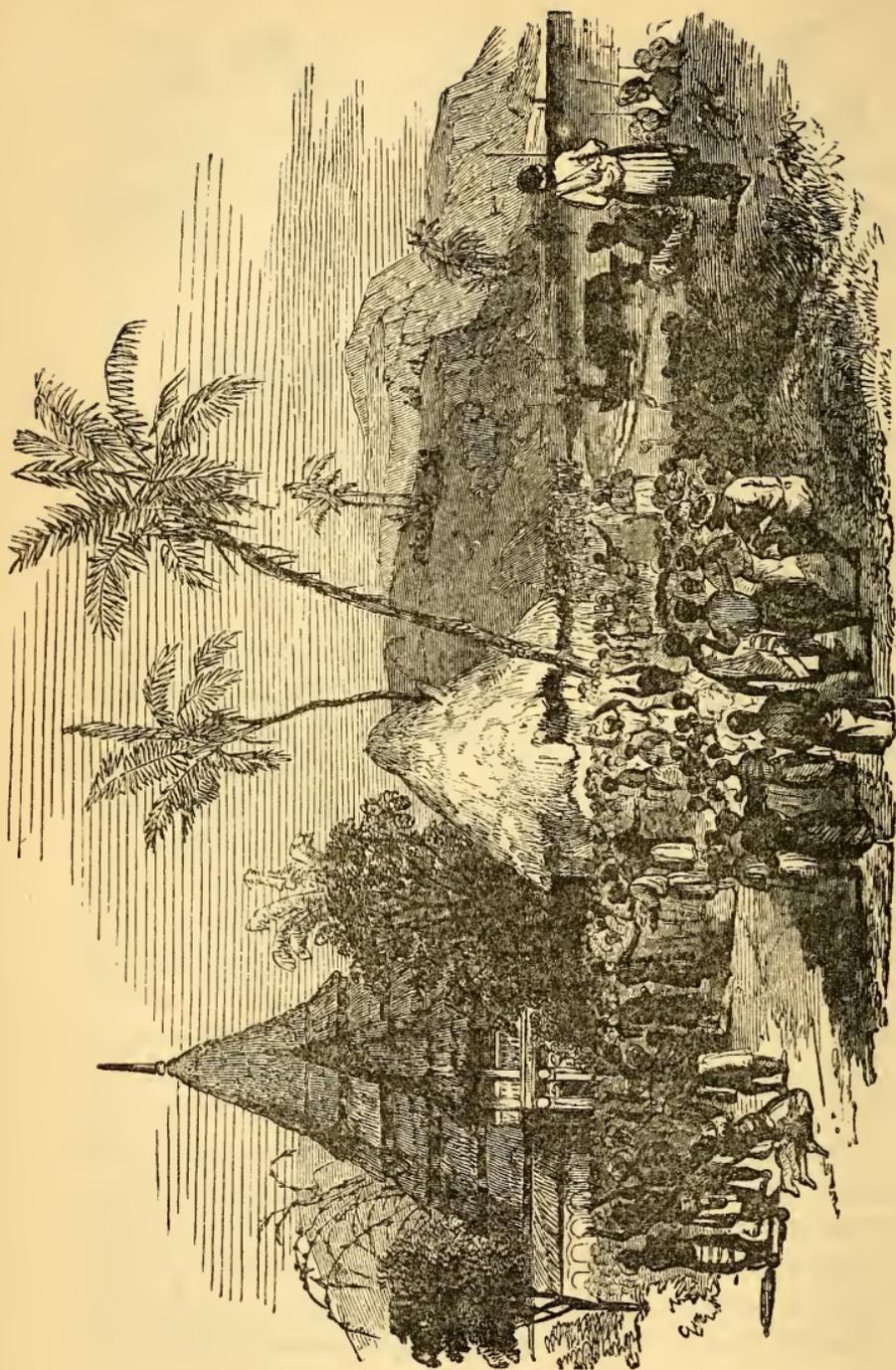
BY W. H. BALLANTINE.



NE of the Hindoo feasts is called Narali Purina, which means "the cocoanut full moon." In this part of the world, some of you may know, we have almost constant rain and storms from June till October. In the early part of the season they are so violent, that the frail Hindoo boats cannot go out on the sea at all. From about the middle of August, however, the winds begin to die away, and the rains to cease; and so

they have a feast-day, on which they make an offering to the sea, and pray the goddess who lives in it to be kind to them, before they venture out again to fish and trade.

On this day all the merchants and traders leave their shops, and come out for a holiday. They can all read, as most of the people of this country cannot: so I filled my pockets with tracts, and took a large bundle of them under my arm to distribute, and made my way to the shore. There were not less than a hundred thousand people there.



A HEATHEN FESTIVAL.

Sports of all kind were going on, — jugglers showing their tricks, confectioners selling their candies, everybody eating good things. This feast corresponds to our May Day, when the pleasant weather comes again after the storms. I soon distributed all my tracts, as the crowd were so eager to get them, that they pressed about me so that I could hardly use my hands ; and they even began to snatch them from me.

The tide was low ; and I walked into the water where the Brahmin priests were performing the ceremonies. Each priest had a little tray of leaves on his left arm, and on it some red paint, with rice, sugar, milk, a cup of water, and generally some betel nuts and leaves. I will describe one of the ceremonies. Four men came and stood before the Brahmin, each bringing a cocoanut laid on some flowers. The priest began to mutter a prayer in the Sanscrit language, which neither he nor I could understand ; and at the same time dipped up some water in his hand, and sprinkled it over their heads. Then he put some red paint with a few grains of rice in it on each cocoanut. It was thrown into the water with the flowers ; but the cocoanut was quickly snatched out again, and given to the priest. He put it into a large bag hanging from his shoulders, in which he had already fifteen or twenty, — so many he could hardly stand. After this, the men each poured a small cup of milk into the water, and then threw some sugar after it. There was very little milk with a great deal of water : the heathen do not offer the best they have to their gods. After the milk, the Brahmin put some of the paint and rice-grains on each man's forehead, all the while muttering his incantations ; then all took up water in their hands, and poured it into the Brahmin's hand, and he sprinkled it upon them. They were now clean, as they thought ; and the priest allowed them to put some paint

and rice-grains on his forehead, and also to wash one of his feet, which he held up out of the water for the purpose. With the water that dropped from his foot, they touched their foreheads, their two eyes, and their lips ; and, after they had each paid the priest about one cent, the whole was finished.

By such ceremonies, these poor people imagine that their ships will go safely this year, and all their goods yield them rich profit. They do not know that there is one God who made the sea and the dry land.

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### LITTLE MISS MOON.

BY MISS M. E. GOULDY.

WE have a new scholar in our school whose name is O Tsukisan, or little Miss Moon. Her father is in America; and she is half foreign, although she lives with these Japanese, and speaks only their language. I must tell you how she and the rest of my pupils wear their hair. Hers is dark, though not quite so dark and stiff as that of some of the other children here. Her head is shaved in a circle, about an inch or more above her ears, except in just one spot above the very back of her neck, where a short lock is left to grow. Her hair is parted in a circle near the top of her head, and is cut so as to fall like a short fringe just above the shaved part. The rest of her hair is combed up from the circular parting, made stiff with oil, and tied in two places, — once close to her head, and again near the end of it.

A few mornings since, I went to visit little Miss Moon ; and, while I was admiring the flowers in the garden back of the house, her dancing-teacher came ; and her mother

invited us in to see her take her lesson. The teacher sat down on the floor to play her *saumsen*, an instrument something like our violin, but giving out very mournful sounds; while the child moved her body slowly backward and forward, or went off to the sides of the small room, sometimes clasping her hands as if in grief or anger, and then again giving expression to gladness. All this was to represent some story; but I did not know enough of the language to know what it was. The native woman who was calling with me could not tell what it was all about. She says only those who study those things expect to understand them.

Afterwards little Miss Moon sat down beside the woman, to learn to play on the *saumsen*. The two seemed to play very well together; and I was surprised that such a little girl could do so well: but I am told that she has studied nothing else ever since she was very young. I felt very sorry for her, as I thought of the life she would have to lead as a dancing-woman in this country. If we can only interest them all in something better, and save her from such a life, it will be well worth all the thought and labor it has cost us here.

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## MISSION-CIRCLES.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MAINE. — *Portland*. — "The Boys that Try," \$2.00.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Amherst*. — "Carrier-Doves," \$30.00.

MASSACHUSETTS. — *Blackington*. — "Busy Bees," \$6.00.

*Boston*. — Charlie and Eddie Spring's Missionary Box, \$1.63.

*Boston, East*. — "Maverick Rill," \$15.50.

*Boston, South*. — "Cheerful Workers," \$50.00; "Young Woman's Missionary Circle," \$10.00.

*Brookline*. — Harvard Church, "Buds of Promise," \$5.25;

"Violets," \$8.50; "Lilies-of-the-Valley," \$5.00; "Moss Roses," \$5.00; "May-Flowers," \$5.00; "Cheerful Givers," \$7.00; "Orioles," \$5.00; "Honey Bees," \$5.00; "Excelsior Boys," \$5.00; "Loch Stead," \$5.00; "Contents of Mite Box," \$5.00.

*Cambridgeport.* — "Children Mission-Circle," \$30.00.

*Grantville.* — "Carrier-Doves," \$123.35; Contents of Little Helen's Missionary Box, \$1.65.

*Haverhill.* — Pentucket Mission Band, \$89.00.

*Salem.* — "Willing Helpers," \$30.00.

*Woburn.* — "Woburn Workers," \$10.00.

CONNECTICUT. — *Darien.* — "Ox Ridge Mission-Circle," \$2.00.

NEW YORK. — *Flushing.* — "McGregor Hall Gatherers" and "Birds' Nest," \$8.00.

*New York City.* — "Cheerful Workers," \$337.00.

ILLINOIS. — *Aurora.* — Little Workers, \$6.90.

*Ontario.* — Children's Mission-Circle, \$5.00.

WISCONSIN. — *Stoughton.* — Sabbath School, \$2.27.

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## OUR MISSION-CIRCLE.

BY MRS. C. B. CURTIS.

I AM sure, if the readers of "The Echoes" could have looked in upon us as we were gathered in the New-England parsonage one Saturday afternoon and evening, they would have envied us the good time we were having; and now I am going to tell you all about it, so that you can have just such gatherings.

For some time we have from week to week held little prayer-meetings among the girls. At one of these meetings, it was suggested that the girls form among themselves a mission-circle, and each alternate week meet to sew. Officers were appointed from among their number; the president taking charge at the meetings for sewing.

We chose for our name "Mite-Gleaners." During the summer, we talked over the propriety of inviting the boys and young ladies and gentlemen to join with us.

But what did we do that afternoon and evening that I spoke of? Well, you see the Mite-Gleaners were intending to have a fair; and so, upon the afternoon in question, the young ladies and girls busied themselves with fancy-work of various kinds, — toilet-sets and mottoes. At six the young gentlemen and boys came; and refreshments provided by six of the girls (the next six, in alphabetic order, providing for the next monthly meeting, and so on) were enjoyed by all.

After a short time spent in chit-chat, the president, one of the young girls, called the meeting to order, and presided with considerable dignity.

Reading of the Scriptures, prayer, and singing were followed by a missionary historical exercise, bringing out (by means of a list of written questions, which were distributed among the girls) a history of the origin and progress of the American Board, including readings from "Bartlett's Sketch of Missions." I was then called upon to read some very interesting missionary letters sent to us from New Haven.

Then came the election of officers, — president, a gentleman to preside at the monthly meeting, and vice-president, a lady to take charge of the two weeks' meeting for sewing, two treasurers (one for each society; for Congregationalists and Methodists have held their meetings together), a secretary, and four managers. The president and vice-president hold office for three months, the others for six.

A most important part of the exercises was the calling of the names of members by the treasurers, and receiving the dues; for each member pledges a certain sum per month, either five or ten cents. Our society numbers about sixty, and our annual payment about forty dollars.

As several of the young ladies and gentlemen of our

circle belong to the choir, and their meeting is on Saturday evening, the chorister was invited to meet with us. After the exercises of the circle were over, the members of the choir gathered in one room; and, while the singing was going on, we, in the next room, joined in various games. An historical game met with general favor. At half-past nine the company dispersed, apparently well satisfied with the experiment of a "young people's missionary society."

SOUTH BRITAIN, CONN.

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## BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

BY N. M. DIXON.

My 10, 25, 4, 19, 30, 25, 42, was the father of a prophet.

My 13, 21, 14, 3, 40, 11, 27, was a prophetess.

My 40, 23, 9, 33, 26, 36, was one of the cities of refuge.

My 36, 39, 40, 2, 22, was a well where something remarkable happened.

My 9, 23, 40, 18, 29, 12, 39, one of the seven princes of Persia.

My 28, 14, 19, 1, a mountain in Palestine.

My 4, 15, 9, 5, 17, 1, one of the men sent to divide Canaan.

My 38, 24, 16, 9, 19, 32, was a sorcerer.

My 31, 8, 20, 37, was a messenger.

My 34, 29, 40, 40, 17, 35, was an animal.

My 6, 11, 41, 27, 19, 12, was a prophet.

My 18, 7, 2, 40, 4, was a bird.

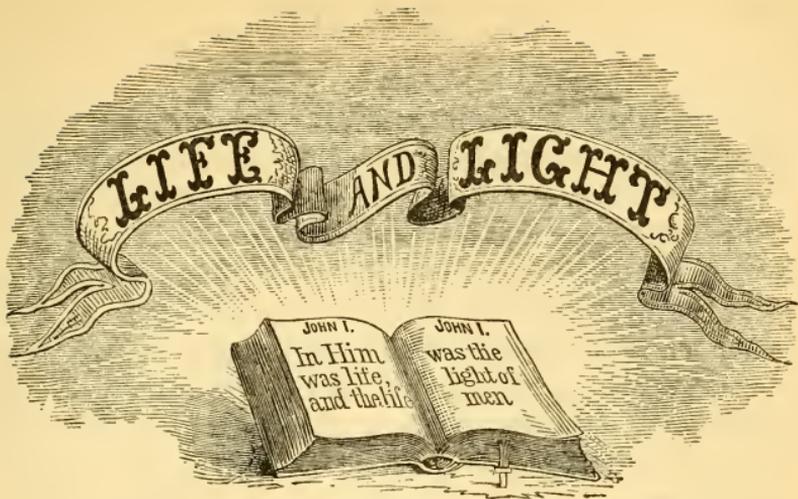
My whole is a gospel invitation.

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## ANSWERS TO ACROSTIC.

"Solomon's Temple."

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the March number, from A. D., Amherst, Mass.; E. F. W., Portland, Me.; G. H. F., Lincoln, Mass., and Belleville Mission-Circle, Newburyport, Mass.; also additional answers to the enigma in the February number, from G. H. F., Lincoln, Mass.; D. P. L., Troy, N.H., and C. A. M., Greenwood, Neb.



## FOR WOMAN.

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### MICRONESIA.

#### EXTRACTS FROM MRS. WHITNEY'S JOURNAL.

WE are permitted to make the following extracts from a journal letter from Mrs. Whitney to friends in this country. Speaking of the progress in the school, she says, —

“Two weeks before examination-day, we gave the forenoon to listening to a discussion on the question, ‘Which is the more profitable study, — the Bible, or arithmetic?’ This may be called a very one-sided question; yet it is one that needs to be considered practically, as there is a great tendency among the people here to give more earnest attention to a study which is to enable them to trade with foreigners, without being cheated, than to the word of God. Two disputants were appointed on each side; and I was quite surprised at the intelligence and tact displayed in the arguments brought forward. I think it would compare quite favorably with the discussions I have heard in

lyceums at home. Jeremiah, who was the leader on the Bible side, has real eloquence. It is worth the life of one missionary to have trained up such a noble man and earnest Christian worker as he is. He seems utterly unconscious of his own worth, and is as modest and unassuming as if he were but a beginner. This is the more noticeable here, as so many of our best scholars are fully aware of their attainments, and need a check now and then to keep their learning from spoiling them. When the discussion was finished, the vote was taken unanimously in favor of the Bible, including those who argued on the opposite side. . . .

“We were cheered last evening, in hearing another of our scholars begin to express his love for Jesus in prayer-meeting. We should be glad to see more emotion than is exhibited in our converts. The people here are a somewhat stoical race: they know how to laugh, and could hardly be surpassed in exclamations of wonder; but their tender feelings seldom find expression. Did I ever tell you about the first convert that Mr. Whitney baptized? He was a chief, named Saneo, and was, at one time, a very fast young man. He and his older brother were among a company who were drifted away in their canoes, and landed at Kusaie. The peril from which God in his mercy thus saved them was the means of leading the older one to repentance; but Saneo spent his time at Kusaie in iniquity. After they returned, Mr. Snow told Saneo what he had heard of his doing; and he boldly replied, ‘It is all a lie.’—‘There is no use in saying that,’ said Mr. Snow; ‘for I had the information from a reliable source.’—‘Yes, it is true; but I am going to repent,’ was his next remark, and thereupon he did repent. The suddenness and coolness of the act might tempt one to think it was only to avoid an unpleasant conversation; but, as far as we know, his life ever since has confirmed the genuineness of his

repentance. He was received into the church at the last communion, in 1872, and is now a teacher in the sabbath school, and in one of the primary schools."

At a later date, Mrs. Whitney writes of the joy and gratitude with which "The Morning Star" was received with its supplies of various kinds, and says, —

"Our table has many comforts now which had been missing for months ; but which of you would talk about the trials and privations of missionary life, if you could afford for your table the luxury of a six-quart panful of letters? That is the most delicious dish that we have enjoyed since the 'Star' came. But there was one thing we prized even more than our letters : that was the fresh stock of native books ; but, alas ! the supply of the Bible was not half large enough. We have only the four Gospels and the Acts translated. Of the Gospels there were two hundred and fifty bound together, and five hundred bound in two parts. According to the state of the work the previous year, this would have been an abundance. Oh that we might have had a faith three times as great when the order was sent ! The work has so increased, that two thousand Gospels would hardly have been an over-supply. Mr. Whitney began to sell the books on Monday, while 'The Morning Star' was here, and wished me to wait breakfast till he had finished, and the crowd had dispersed. But the crowd and confusion grew no less ; and he was at last obliged to say that no more would be sold till after 'The Morning Star' had gone.

"It was announced that the sale would be resumed at nine o'clock on the morning after the 'Star' had sailed ; and the crowd began to collect before seven. Mr. Whitney first disposed of all the oil, giving the owners tickets according to the number of quarts each one had brought, and then told them to come in, one by one, at the south

door, and go out at the north. The space near the south door being completely filled with men and boys, we opened the front-door for the women, allowing them to enter alternately. At precisely nine o'clock, the sale commenced ; Milo being doorkeeper for the men, and I for the women. The cause of the rush was their anxiety to secure the large books, — the four Gospels bound together. The last one was taken a little after ten, by a fellow who said he should die, if he did not have one. At ten Mr. Whitney was obliged to leave ; and I went on with the sale for another hour. The Matthew and Luke were all taken that day, and the remainder sold within a few days afterward. One man, whose name was Solomon, with a folly unworthy of his name, has no Luke, because he had said he would have a large book, or none. He might have had a smaller book ; but a large number were too late even for that. It gives us many a heart-ache to hear the people asking in vain for the Bible, although we are thankful to have them want it : if they have the disposition, they can obtain light enough in some way to point the way to heaven."

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## TURKEY.

### TEMPERANCE CRUSADE IN TURKEY.

BY MISS HATTIE SEYMOUR.

WE have read with prayerful interest of what Christian women in America have been doing to stay the tide of intemperance throughout our own land ; and perhaps you will be interested to hear of the small beginnings of a temperance crusade in Turkey.

When the missionaries first came here, they did not find it necessary to preach much against wine-drinking. Every

man seemed to be convinced in his own mind that it was a habit that must be given up before he could be considered a Protestant; and the decision to break away wholly from this enslaving habit has been the turning-point in the salvation of many. Till within two years, at weddings and feasts, even among Armenians, wine and rackee have been only slyly indulged in when Protestants were present; and no one would have presumed to ask them to drink. But a sad change has been creeping in upon those formerly so pure in theory and practice. The wine-cup is now freely passed around; and many, even among our best church-members, have so far forgotten their first love and zeal as to partake of it. They say, "We have been too strict: an occasional glass will do us no harm. Of course, we will not drink too much: let those who cannot restrain themselves refrain altogether. Why did Christ furnish wine at a wedding, if it is wrong to drink it?"

Last week Miss Bush and I went to two villages about eighteen miles away, and were absent four days. The evening we arrived at H——, the first village, a wedding was in full progress. The bridegroom had many near relatives among the Protestants, who shared in the festivities. Many came in from the wedding, and gave us a warm welcome. While talking with the women, the breath of one and another betrayed that the wine-cup had been circulating among them, and that they had not wholly abstained. I cannot tell you how our hearts were pained. Of what use was it to speak of growth in grace, or of soul-purity, to those who were indulging in habits which blunted and deadened the moral sense, and led them away from God? After a moment's consultation, we kindly and tenderly warned them against this sin. Nearly all acknowledged that it was a hinderance to their

spiritual growth ; and some spoke of the misery it had brought into their families.

In the morning Miss Bush wrote out this pledge, —

“ This day, before God and man, I promise, that, after this, I will not drink wine, or rackee, or any such thing. God help me.”

As one after another came in through the day, and at the close of a meeting of about thirty women, we gave them an opportunity to sign their names, or affix their mark, to this pledge. We assured them it must not be done lightly, or with a view to please us alone, but to take away one of the obstacles which they felt kept them away from Christ, and which was the cause of many quarrels and troubles in their homes. One bright young woman, not a Protestant, laughingly said, “ It is no worse for me to take a glass of wine, now and then, than it is for your preacher there to smoke as much as he does.” The preacher, who sat near, colored, and said he knew smoking was a very bad habit. The young woman added, “ I will pledge myself not to drink wine any more, if you will promise to give up your smoking.” Thus challenged, he promised, after a moment’s hesitation ; and she gave her name to the pledge, saying as she went away, that, the first time she saw the preacher smoking, she should feel released from her obligation.

In the next village, one of the principal members of the church said that he never used to taste wine at all, but now he occasionally indulged a little. He thought wine-drinking was one great cause of the apathy and coldness prevailing through the villages ; and, reminding him that he and others were praying and hoping for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, I asked if it would not be well to take out of the way some of the hinderances to his coming. Would it not be well for him to pledge his own name to give up

a habit so dishonoring to Christ, and urge others to do the same? He did not give any promise ; but we are still praying that the Lord will show him his duty, and give him grace to do it.

In the two villages, twenty-six signatures were obtained, not all of them Protestants. It is said that delirium tremens is unknown here, as the wines are so pure. Grapes are raised in such abundance, that there is no need of adulterating liquors ; and the work of destroying soul and body by drunkenness goes on more slowly. Its victims are easily recognizable as one passes through the streets ; and the moral effects here are as baleful as elsewhere. There is a proverb here : " Drinking ' a little, a man becomes a lamb ; a little more, he is a bear ; still more, he becomes a swine."

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## JAPAN.

### LETTER FROM MISS TALCOTT.

WHILE you are working with us, dear friends, for the salvation of heathen souls, it is but just that you should have the satisfaction of knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord ; and I will try to tell you some of the pleasant results of our work.

It is difficult to say which department is most interesting. When I am in school, teaching, or think of the future, the girls' schools seem all important ; but the readings with the women are very precious, especially when they are sufficiently interested to enjoy them, in spite of the effort they have to make to understand. In addition to the fact that the present translation of the gospel is a difficult one, the people are all taught to read simply the sounds, without any reference to the sense : this mode of teaching is

being corrected, however, in some of the most improved schools. Each written character stands for a syllable, and these are written without being divided into words ; so that almost always a verse is read over two or three times before the words are distinguished. This is at first dull work, and only undertaken to please us, because they are too polite to refuse.

One woman, with whom I read every other day for an hour, interests me very much. Her husband will not allow her to go to church, though he does not object to her studying the Bible, and permits his three children to attend church and sabbath school. I asked her the other day if she prayed with her children ; and she said, "Yes." — "Do you pray simply, so that they can understand?" I inquired. "Yes," she answered. "They understand better than I do, because they go to sabbath school ;" and added, "When the children are naughty now, instead of scolding them, I put them into a room by themselves, and tell them to ask Jesus to forgive them." I was inquiring of one of our Christian girls, the other day, if a cousin of hers, a young man who never comes to church, was at all interested in the Bible. "I think he knows more about the Bible than I do," she answered. "Sometimes, when I am worrying about something, he will ask, in a half-joking way, why I don't cast the burden of that care on God." — "What do you reply?" I inquired. "I can only say, 'That is so : why don't I?'" I felt more strongly than ever before, that it is the power of our religion so manifested in our lives that is to convince men ; and I tried to lead her to realize it also. If it does not evidently help us, why should they seek it ?

One of our young men is going to America to fit himself for teaching his countrymen. I am sure all will be done that can be, to surround him with healthful influences ;

but I dread to have him see the irreligion of a Christian country, and, most of all, the coldness and worldliness of many professing Christians. May God himself "keep him from the evil"! Miss Dudley and I are hoping to open a boarding-school before long, as we think we can do more for the girls by having them constantly with us. Our great desire is to raise up a band of Christian workers here, who can use their own language to tell of a Saviour's love.

Yesterday, I met one of our Christian girls as I was coming home from a walk, and stopped to say a few words as to trusting to God something about which we were both anxious, and leaving it all with him. She said she had just come from her sister's, where they had been talking about God's infinite power, that never failed; that they believed it, but, for some reason, they did not feel it as we did. I felt rebuked when I remembered my Christian training, and that I had not yet mastered the lesson she was trying to learn. Will you not pray for us, that God will manifest his power here, using our feeble instrumentality to speedily raise up a strong Christian church among this people? Our little church here numbers eighteen members, five of whom have gone to other places; but many others are studying the Bible, and, I feel sure, are in the kingdom. May we have the coming year, a special baptism of the Spirit, that our words and lives may tell mightily for Christ!

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## The Master Calleth for Thee.

BY MRS. S. B. PRATT.

IF you knew that Christ the Master  
Stood without, and called your name,  
Listening still to catch your answer,  
Watching for you till you came

Would you let him call unheeded,  
 While the days and months went by,  
 Turning still deaf ears toward him,  
 All unmindful of his cry?

Sister, Christ is calling to thee :  
 Hear him saying, " Lovest thou me ?  
 Canst return me now no kindness  
 For my woe on Calvary ? "

But your eyes, perchance, are blinded,  
 That you do not know your King ;  
 And your ears are dull of hearing  
 While those pleading accents ring.

" 'Tis the voice," you say, " of strangers, —  
 Those who have on me no claim : "  
 'Tis no stranger's voice, beloved ;  
 Christ our Master calls your name !

For you surely hear the summons :  
 Many tongued the voices be, —  
 From the fervid plains of India,  
 From the islands of the sea,

From the prison-like zenanas,  
 From the lowly heathen kraals,  
 From the poor down-trodden Orient,  
 From old China's crumbling walls.

Fainting, hungering, thirsting, dying,  
 Women just like you and me  
 Still are calling, sadly calling :  
 Sister, they are calling thee.

No, not they — 'tis Christ the Master  
 Calling to thee in their stead :  
 Answer, and this benediction  
 Shall rest sweetly on thy head : —

" Inasmuch as thou hast done it  
 To my sisters o'er the sea,  
 To the least of my beloved,  
 Thou hast done it unto me."

# Our Work at Home.

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## INDIVIDUAL EFFORT.

ONE of the greatest difficulties in carrying on such a society as ours arises from the impression entertained by so many, that there is no special responsibility about it resting upon them. Will you allow us to say, dear friends, that this is an entirely mistaken idea? It is only as each one does what is necessary in her own particular circle, whether it be large or small, that the success of the whole is assured. To those who are sceptical, or self-distrustful in the matter, we commend the following extracts taken from recent correspondence. One earnest woman writes:—

“I have always felt, when I attended the precious meetings of the Woman’s Board, that I did want to do something for the Master, in spreading his name throughout the world; and, year after year, I wished most fervently that we could join hands with you in your work; but I felt like Elijah—alone. I knew a few of us were interested; but I feared only a few. Knowing that some one must start, or nothing would ever be done, a meeting was appointed; and the small number who came were much interested. We procured your weekly pledge envelopes, and appointed canvassers to see every lady in our three societies to obtain the names of members. Imagine our surprise to find three hundred and fifty or more ready to join us. Our faith had not been equal to what our heavenly Father was willing to do for us; and we were ready to give him all the glory, knowing that, in answer to prayer, he had opened the hearts, and prepared the way

for us. We believe, however, that he would never have done it, unless we had done what we could ourselves.

“We have had many discouragements. One was the indifference of our pastors: we have been obliged to work without them. Another was the reluctance of ladies to take part in our meetings. But few are willing to speak, or lead in prayer; some were afraid even to read missionary letters: still we think we are improving, and we mean to persevere. We hold our meetings once a month, and find we become more interested as we know more of the work. We have now three hundred and seventy members, and have taken a missionary to support at a salary of four hundred dollars, hoping to do more another year. Many of our members have never been to one of our meetings, and may not be interested to join another year: still we will trust. Another auxiliary has started from ours, through the influence of a lady who was visiting one of our members: taking in some of her spirit, she went home to organize a society, that we hope will soon outgrow ours.”

We would like to add, also, the following, taken from a paper on Mission-Circles, presented at a large union meeting in Connecticut:—

“During the last year, a young seamstress in one of our eastern towns became much interested in missionary work. Her time was necessarily devoted to her needle, her only means of support. Surely, if any could say, ‘I pray thee have me excused,’ she was the one. Yet she hailed with joy the opportunity to direct a mission-circle which came in her way; and, interesting her sabbath-school class in the cause, she was ready to consecrate what time she could spare to developing a missionary spirit in her young charge. Through much hard work, and many discouragements, she persevered, and at the close of the year had the satisfaction of sending a gift of a few dollars from her circle of little workers. Her

example has had its influence: others have been quickened; a flourishing auxiliary has been organized; another mission-circle has sprung into being, and still another is under contemplation. Thus from the quiet workings of a consistent Christian life, streams of mercy may go forth to bless the nations."

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM MARCH 18 TO APRIL 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

*Maine Branch.*— Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., Augusta, Aux., \$30; Camden, Elm St. S. S., \$24.20; Bath, Central Ch. "Mission-Circles," \$50; Lemington, Aux., \$12; Waterville, Aux., \$65.96; So. Bridgton S. S., \$3.50; Brunswick, Aux., \$55; Jackson, Aux., \$7; Wiscasset, Mrs. Hubbard, .50; Thomaston, Aux., \$23; Searsport, Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Amanda S. Turguson, \$0.40; Machias, Aux., \$12.20; Madison, Aux., towards pupil in Marsovan, \$10; Solon, Aux., \$10; Portland, Aux., High St. Ch., of which \$100 by Mrs. William H. Fenn (\$25 to const. L. M. Miss Eliza Griffin), \$210.55; State. St. Ch., \$123.22; Mission-Circle, of which \$5 was given in memory of Helen G Loring by her father, \$105; Plymouth Ch., of which \$25 by Miss E. M. Gould to const. L. M. Mrs. Edward Gould, \$74.68; Mission-Circle towards pupil in Marsovan, \$30; 2d Parish Ch., \$33; Bethel Ch. to const. L. M. Mrs. John M. Gould, \$25; Williston Ch., \$19; St. Lawrence St. Ch., \$13.05; "Mission-Circle," \$7.33; West End Cong. Ch., \$1.50,

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Total, \$955 09

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*Maine Branch.*— Gorham, "Mission-Workers," to const. L. M.'s Mrs. J. A. Waterman, Mrs.

Clarence Oxnard, Miss Georgie M. Odeon, Miss Abbie E. Ferris, \$100; Rockland, Aux., \$15; "Golden Sands," \$5; Gorham, Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Caroline F. Smith and Miss Ellen Wingate, \$5; towards dormitory. Friends and former pupils for the Mary Lyon Room, \$20,

\$145 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*New Hampshire Branch.*— Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas., Claremont, Aux., towards pupil in the Const. Home,

\$25 00

*Pembroke.*— Miss S. R. LeBosquet,

5 00

Total, \$30 00

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*New Hampshire Branch.*— Acworth, Aux., of wh. \$10 for desk to be marked "Acworth," \$16; Amherst, "Carrier-Doves" for two desks, name on each, \$20; Bedford, Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Ira C. Tyson, \$29.65; Claremont, Aux., desk marked "Claremont," \$10; "Merry-Workers," desk marked "Merry-Workers," \$10; Durham, Aux., \$10; Marlboro', Aux., \$10; Mason, Aux., \$3; Newington, Aux., \$3.25; North Conway, Aux., \$8; Raymond, Aux., \$10.50; Washington, Aux., \$6; Newport, Aux., \$19,

\$136 40

VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.*— Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., East St. Johns-

bury, Aux., L. M. Mrs. Sophronia L. Morrill, \$25; St. Johnsbury North Ch., Aux., Mrs. K., \$3; Burlington, Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Henry Spencer, to const. herself L. M., \$36; South Ch., \$68.65; Enosburgh, Aux., \$50; Rutland, Aux., \$41.79; Vergennes Cong. S. S., for pupil Miss Seymour's sch., \$40,		\$264 44	\$25 by Miss Ellen Carruth to const. L. M. Miss Ann Tolman; \$25 by Miss Emma Carruth to const. L. M. Mrs. F. W. Carruth, \$365.50; Village Ch., "Band of Faith," \$5,	\$370 50
<i>Barnet</i> . — A friend,		40	<i>Dunstable</i> . — Mrs. Julia M. G. Austin, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>Grafton</i> . — A few ladies,	10 25		<i>Groveland</i> . — Mrs. Laura S. Atwood,	2 00
<i>Fericho</i> . — Ladies of Cong. Soc'y,	10 00		<i>Hinsdale</i> . — Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Noadiah Emmons,	7 00
<i>Swanton</i> . — "Cheerful Helpers,"	2 50		<i>Holliston</i> . — Aux., towards a pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch.,	25 00
<i>Westport</i> . — A friend,	5 00		<i>Hopkinton</i> . — Aux., add'l,	50
	—		<i>Lawrence</i> . — Mrs. Sam'l Woodman,	2 00
Total,	\$292 59		<i>Lexington</i> . — Aux.,	50 00
			<i>Littleton</i> . — C. M. H.'s Miss. box,	1 00
MASSACHUSETTS.			<i>Middleb'd</i> . — Aux., for pupil in Miss Payson's sch., \$40; a few Misses, \$1.55; Miss S. R. Kingman's S. S. Cl., \$1.85,	43 40
<i>Amherst</i> . — Aux., Second Cong. Ch.,	\$11 35		<i>Newton</i> . — Eliot Ch., Aux., for sal'y of Mrs. Capron,	55 00
<i>Auburndale</i> . — Aux., \$5; "Mission-Circle," \$6,	11 00		<i>Norton</i> . — Wheaton Fem. Sem.,	10 00
<i>Beverly</i> . — "Centreville Mission-Circle," towards pupil in Miss Seymour's sch.,	34 00		<i>Northampton</i> . — C. S. W.,	100 00
<i>Boston</i> . — Mrs. Chas. E. Jewett for B. R. under Miss Hance, \$50; a friend, \$1; two children for the Scudder Fund, 53 cts.; Old South Ch., of wh. \$25 from Mrs. Charles Stoddard to const. L. M. Miss Helen M. T. ad, \$275; Mt. Vernon Ch., Miss E. S. Tobey, \$2; Mrs. P. R. Woodward \$1; Union Ch., of wh. \$25 to Mrs. Arthur Wilkinson to const. L. M. Miss Augusta White, \$88.50; Berkeley St. Ch., C. C. Barry, \$15; Family Miss'y Concert, \$5; Monthly Pledge, \$6.55,	444 58		<i>Peabody</i> . — Aux.,	145 10
<i>Boston Highlands</i> . — Eliot Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by a friend to const. L. M. Miss Elizabeth E. Stone, \$51.50; Walnut Ave. Ch., of wh. \$5 by Mrs. Haley, \$6.15; Highland Maternal Assn., \$4; "Highland-Rill," \$10,	71 65		<i>Reading</i> . — Miss Lydia Cook,	3 00
<i>Boston South</i> . — Phillips Ch., Aux., add'l,	3 00		<i>Salem</i> . — Tabernacle Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by a friend to const. L. M. Miss Harnet Putman, \$60; Crombie St. Ch., \$37,	97 00
<i>Brighton</i> . — J. W. F., at the request of the late Sally Worcester,	100 00		<i>Salisbury and Amesbury</i> . — Union Evan. Cong. Ch.,	6 00
<i>Brookton</i> . — Aux., for sal'y of Miss Williams,	128 00		<i>Springfield Branch</i> . — Miss H. Buckingham, Treas., Balance from 1874, \$37.47; Memorial Ch., \$81.20; South Ch., \$107.39; North Ch., \$65; First Ch., \$83.70; Sanford St. Ch., \$5.72; towards sal'y of Miss Talcott, Japan. West Springfield, Park St. Ch., for pupil in Miss Closson's sch., Talas, \$40; First Ch., "Mite-Gatherers," pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch., \$30, and Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$30; Holyoke, Second Ch., towards sal'y Mrs. Allen, \$57.12; "Merry-Workers," for four pupils in Miss Closson's sch., Talas, \$160; Springfield Memorial Ch., "Little Helpers," for two pupils in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$60,	757 60
<i>Canton</i> . — Aux.,	29 12		<i>West Amesbury</i> . — Aux.,	32 00
<i>Dorchester</i> . — Second Ch., Aux., of wh. \$50 by Mrs. Nathan Carruth to const. L. M.'s Mrs. J. H. Clapp, Miss Sarah Nixon; \$50 by Miss E. C. Shaw to const. L. M.'s Miss Rachel B. Robinson, Mrs. Sarah S. Munger;			<i>Westford</i> . — Mrs. S.,	1 00
			<i>Westfield</i> . — Miss Helen E. Osborne,	5 00
			<i>West Newton</i> . — A friend,	2 00
			<i>Winchester</i> . — "Seek and Save Soc'y,"	150 00
			Total,	\$3,218 80

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*Lincoln.*—Holyoke pupils towards Mary Lyon Room, \$5 00  
*Middleboro'.*—Aux., 40 50  
*Monson.*—Mrs. A. W. Porter, towards Mary Lyon Room, 25 00  
*Spencer.*—“Hillside-Workers,” by wh. \$100 to const. L. M.’s Miss Fanny Haynes, Mrs. Eliza Sumner, Mrs. E. P. Cutler, Mrs. Geo. P. Ladd, 116 17

RHODE ISLAND.

*Rhode Island Branch.*—Miss Anna T. White, Treas., Pawtucket, “Penny-Gleaners,” \$7; “Cheerful Helpers,” \$5; Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Darius Goff to const. L. M. Miss Sarah C. Goff; \$25 by Mrs. H. M. Blodgett to const. L. M. Mrs. Lyman B. Goff; \$25 by Miss Sarah Blodgett to const. L. M. Miss May E. Wooley; \$25 by Mrs. Lyman B. Goff to const. L. M. Miss Bessie L. Goff; \$25 by Willie and Alice Tolman from the contents of their Miss’y boxes to const. their mother, Mrs. William E. Tolman, L. M., \$318.91. Providence Central Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. F. W. Carpenter to const. L. M. Mrs. Joseph Lewis; \$25 by Mrs. James M. Talcott to const. herself L. M.; \$25 by Mrs. Henry Lathrop to const. L. M. Miss S. T. Carpenter; Mrs. Moore, \$10, \$250. East Providence, Aux., \$30, \$610 91

Total, \$610 91

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*Rhode Island Branch.*—Providence Beneficent Foreign Mission-Circle, towards dormitory, \$180 00  
*Providence.*—Mrs. H. N. Lathrop, for Mary Lyon Room, 15 00

CONNECTICUT.

*Darien.*—“Ox Ridge Mission-Circle,” \$2 00  
*Hartford Branch.*—Mrs. Charles A. Jewell, Treas., Hartford, South Ch., Aux., of wh. \$5 for Mexico Mission, and \$36 for B. R., \$81.50; S. S., for pupil in Miss Townshend’s sch., \$30; Park Ch., Aux., \$132; Asylum Ave. Ch., Aux., \$113.50; Centre Ch., Aux., add’l, \$4; Wethersfield Ave. S. S., for Ashabai at Ahmednuggur, \$36; Rockville, Aux., \$13; Daysville, Aux., \$5, 415 00

*New Haven Branch.*—Miss Julia Twining, Treas., Barkhamsted, Aux., \$5; Bethlehem, Aux., \$10; Bridgeport, Aux., \$205, for Miss Andrews’s salary; “Willing Workers,” for one pupil at Madura, and one at Inanda, \$60, total, \$265. East Haddam, “Willing Helpers,” for Miss Strong’s sch. Mexico, \$45; East Haven, Aux., \$32.50; Kent, Aux., for pupil at Fochow, \$20; Litchfield, Aux., for B. R. Drupatabai, \$16.62; Haddam, Aux., towards Miss Strong’s salary, \$25; Meriden, “Cheerful Givers,” for pupil at Harpoor, \$40; Milton, Aux., \$10; Morris, Aux., \$20.80; Mount Carmel, “Mission-Gleaners,” \$25; New Britain, Centre Church, Aux., \$123.61, of wh. \$40 for B. R. Yesabai, \$83.61 for pupils at Madura, of this \$25 by Mrs. Ellen M. Wells to const. L. M. Mrs. Norman Hart, and \$25 by Mrs. Isaac N. Lee to const. L. M. Miss Ellen Tracy; South Church, for Mrs. Leonard’s salary, \$100; “Cheerful Givers,” \$120, of wh. \$50 for Mrs. De Forest’s salary, \$40 for pupil at Marsovan, \$30 for pupil at Inanda; total for N. B., \$343.61. New Haven, Centre Church, \$116.09, of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Henry Trowbridge; \$25 for a B. R.; \$15 with \$10 before given by a friend, to const. L. M. Miss Sarah J. Hume; \$10 for support of Guanaperahasen; Church of Redeemer, \$101, of wh. \$25 fr. Mrs. W. J. Atwater to const. L. M. Mrs. H. D. Clarke; \$25 fr. Mrs. H. B. Bigelow to const. herself L. M.; \$25 fr. Mrs. H. D. Clarke to const. L. M. Mrs. W. J. Atwater; \$25 fr. Mrs. D. H. Wells to const. herself L. M.; College St. Church, Aux., \$32; Fair Haven, 1st Church, Aux., \$76.50, of wh. \$25 fr. S. S. Class of Mrs. Francis Wheaton to const. her L. M.; \$25 fr. Mrs. Mitchel S. Mitchel to const. herself L. M.; \$20 fr. “Pearl-Seekers,” part p’v’t for pupil at Madura; North Church, Aux., \$152.50, of wh. \$25 for Mrs. Phoebe Browning to const. herself L. M.; \$25 fr. Mrs. Benj. Coe to const. L. M. Mrs. Anna C. Hyde; \$20 fr. Mrs. O. H. White to complete L. M’ship of Miss Alice Broughton; \$15 for

support of Guanaperahasen ; Third Church, Aux., \$7; Yale College Church, Aux., \$24; N. H. total, \$519.09. New Preston, Aux., for pupil at Madura, \$6.50; Norfolk, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Rosanna Hubbard, \$25; North Branford, Aux., \$14.50; North Woodbury, Aux., for pupil at Ceylon, \$30; Norwalk, Aux., for Miss Rappleye's salary, \$200; "Young Folks," for pupil at Marsovan, \$15; "Sunbeams," for pupil at Madura, \$15; N. total, \$230. Plymouth, "Arbutus- Gleaners," for Dacotah Home scholarship, \$50; Riverton, Aux., \$12; Salisbury, Aux., \$23.47; Saybrook, Aux., \$11; "Seaside Mission Band," \$7; total, \$18. Southbury, Aux., for pupil at Foochow, \$40; Thomaston, "Free Givers," for Foochow Mission, \$56; "News-bearers," for pupil at Marsovan, \$29.26; Washington, Aux., \$31; West- brook, Aux., \$65, of wh. \$40 for pupil at Foochow; \$25 fr. Mrs. Nancy M. Bushnell to const. herself L. M., and to support a pupil at Ahmednuggur; "Sea- side Mission-Gleaners," \$11; total, \$76. West Winsted, Aux., \$50; Wilton, fr. Mrs. S. J. M. Merwin, \$10 towards L. M'ship; Woodstock, for pupil at Madura, \$30; Wolcottville, Aux., \$15; South Britain, a friend, \$10; Miss Martha White, Portland, \$5; Miss Mary M. Maltby, to const. L. M. Miss Susan Bron- son, \$25, \$2,164 35	
<i>Norwich.</i> — Broadway Ch., Aux., Mrs. Mary H. Colton to const. L. M. Mrs. Daniel Merriman, 25 00	
<i>Plymouth.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. S. A. Kelsey, \$25; "Ar- butus-Gleaners," \$25, 50 00	
<i>Windsor Locks.</i> — A friend, 3 00	
Total, \$2,659 35	

#### C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Hartford Branch.</i> — Hartford, Pearl St. Ch., Aux., a friend, \$25 00	
<i>New Haven Branch.</i> — New Haven Centre Ch., towards Mary Lyon Room, 10 00	

#### NEW YORK.

<i>Oswego.</i> — Cong. Ch., E. J. Hamilton, \$5; J. B. Hubbard, \$5; Haynes L. Hart, \$5; A. W. Miner, \$5, \$20 00	
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<i>Rochester.</i> — Mrs. C. Dewey, \$10 00	
<i>Syracuse.</i> — Plymouth Ch., Aux., for sal'y of Miss Fritcher, 317 00	
<i>Westmoreland.</i> — Aux., 8 00	
Total, \$355 00	

#### C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Homer.</i> — Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. E. A. Root, \$40 00	
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#### PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Franklin.</i> — A friend, \$5 00	
Total, \$5 00	

#### OHIO.

<i>Cincinnati.</i> — Vine St. Cong. Ch., Aux., \$40 00	
<i>Ruggles.</i> — S. L. Gault's S. S. Cl., 8 00	
Total, \$48 00	

#### MICHIGAN.

<i>Franklin.</i> — Melvin Drake to const. Mrs. Drake L. M., \$25 00	
Total, \$25 00	

#### IOWA.

<i>Belleville.</i> — Aux., Cong. Ch., \$3 00	
Total, \$3 00	

#### CANADA.

<i>Canadian Branch.</i> — Mrs. L. J. A. Papineau, Treas., for sal'y of Miss Howland, \$210 00	
<i>Sherbrooke, Que.</i> — Mrs. Arch. Duff, 5 00	
Total, \$215 00	

#### FOREIGN LANDS.

#### C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Van, Turkey.</i> — Mrs. Dr. Ray- nold's, for Mary Lyon Room, \$2 00	
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General Funds, \$8,417 74	
C. Home Building Fund, 759 07	
"Life and Light," 412 69	
"Echoes," 26 97	
Postage, 64 41	
Weekly Pledge, 8 00	
Leaflets, 9 73	
Interest on Bartlett Fund, 300 00	
Interest on Temporary Invest- ments, 175 00	
Total, \$10,173 61	

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

# Department of the Interior.

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## CEYLON.

### LETTER FROM MISS HILLIS.

TILLYPALLY, Sept. 17, 1874.

I FEEL more and more that the sense of "a duty to be done" must be the motive-power with us here, and the unfailing spring of interest in America. It is sometimes said, that a lack of interest arises from a lack of knowledge; but it seems to me only partially true, when the knowledge we get by living among the people, and which you get from reports, is meant. If I may refer to my own experience, I must say, that under the very shadow of these temples, and witnessing idolatrous rites that have caused me to tremble with a nameless terror, I have seen nothing that gives me greater heaviness of heart than those fearful words, "The carnal mind is enmity against God." It is only as we study the Word, and are able to keep before our minds the remediless loss of the unsaved, and the infinite gain of the redeemed, that we can see aright, and feel and pray aright. Instead of finding any thing in the outward appearance of the people that deepens our sense of their need, we sometimes find only the reverse, especially among the high castes. During the last year I have become acquainted with many Brahmin and Pellalah families. By visiting them often, I have become quite well acquainted, and very seldom have seen any thing to excite other than pleasant feeling. Indeed, their homes, cheerful, neat, comfortable, and well-ordered, their graceful politeness, strong family affection, and other

native graces, almost charm away one's sense of their true character. I know these natural virtues are but the beautiful garment with which our Father in his pitying love has covered the deformity of the wicked will ; that it is only the apron of fig-leaves, and that it will shrivel in the first breath of God's wrath : but it is only through the revelation of Him who knows what is in man that I know it. It is a spiritual truth, and spiritually discerned. Flesh and blood does not reveal it to us. "The leprosy lies deep within." Only by knowing in himself what it is to cry out, "O wretched man that I am!" can any one know *their* wretchedness ; by looking into his own heart, one sees a more faithful picture of a heathen soul than any mere pen-picture can ever be : the essential thing in heathenism is in it. Though we have not their sins, we have their sin. They are fellow-sinners with us, we fellow-heathen with them. They are not a peculiar people.

There has been every thing to encourage in the work among the women during the last year, as far as a readiness — more than that, eagerness — to be taught, is encouragement. We still mourn the absence of the Holy Spirit. Some of the women who have been longest under instruction have often seemed impressed when I have been speaking with them ; and sometimes I have hoped that the Spirit was really leading them into the truth : but they have given no evidence of any thorough change. They have meetings in their villages, which they attend with real delight, and they have gained rapidly in Bible knowledge ; so that, for heathen women, they have a very intelligent appreciation of what is said. Seven read and write well : as many more are studying, making little progress ; but with patience, and a good deal of hard work, they will learn in time, and as they learn Bible verses, and attend my little meeting regularly, have as much religious

knowledge as those that can read. They are all relatives, constituting, with their families, a village of the carpenter caste ; are in good circumstances, and have been strong heathen. The native Christians have thought it unwise to give so much time and strength to them ; none of that caste having ever come out as Christians. But I became interested in them first ; and they have always been so anxious to have me come, that it has not seemed right to turn away from them. Two girls from the village have, almost from the first, seemed to lay hold on the truth : in my schoolgirl prayer-meeting they have for a long time taken an earnest part, and have always enjoyed committing verses to memory, and reading the Bible. I was very much struck with the intense interest one of them showed, not long ago, in reading the fourteenth chapter of John. Her face was all aglow from the verse to the end ; then she looked up, and said, "This is a good story, Ammah." A few days ago, she asked permission to take home a Testament. I asked her why she wanted it, and found she was looking out short, easy verses to teach her little brothers. Questioning further, I found she and her cousin had begun evening prayers at home with the family, the children repeating a verse each. They are about fifteen, and will be married within a year or two, probably ; though the mother of one of them says they shall wait longer. They will marry heathen husbands, as there are no Christian carpenters : and I feel very anxious for their future.

There are over fifty women who are studying in different villages. About half are of the highest caste ; quite a number of girls are Brahmin ; and a school for high-caste girls has been opened within two weeks. No girls from these high families have ever studied. A year and a half ago, when I proposed to one of the boys of the English

school, that his sister should study, telling him that I would come to teach her, he was very decided in discouraging it. But, after I returned from Uduville, I called on the families connected with the head master of the English school, and received permission to teach his sister. Soon two or three others expressed a willingness to study ; and now I am urged to go to new houses, and have already more than three could do well, although, with the exception of two or three families, I have never gone until called. It is quite impossible to satisfy them. The standing question is, "Why don't Ammah come oftener? How can we know any thing, if she comes once in a thousand days? Why have you left us? Yesterday you were at other houses; but you did not come to us." The Bible stories with large colored pictures interest them exceedingly. Mothers and daughters, fathers and brothers too, gather around like so many children. The work is delightful, far more so than I could ever have hoped ; and I am filled with amazement and thanksgiving. It is nothing in one sense, only as it seems a token of God's purpose to do yet greater things. Not one of these is saved ; and any thing short of salvation is but hay, wood, and stubble, that shall be burned at the last.

If it were not that I believe you in America are sharing the burden of these souls, I should almost despair. Excepting the Bible-woman and myself, no Christian sees them. Although less than a mile from Tillypally Church, they would know and hear as much, perhaps, as if in a jungle, no more. The native pastors and catechists could not go to the houses of the upper classes, even though they had time ; and one of our Bible-women is low caste, and would not be allowed to go into their houses. It is very exhausting : teaching, even in a foreign language, is recreation compared with it. It is more like street-

preaching perhaps, than any thing. As one of the Scuders said of that, "Every faculty must be awake, every sense on the alert, mental and moral feelers extended on every side to catch impressions." Then there are so many to be seen, so little time, so much ignorance, the anxiety to make every sentence tell, not only to interest but to enlighten, so much care needed to check idle curiosity without repressing inquiry, and to speak strongly without exciting their opposition. You will see how little reason there is to hope that I can do much for them. But the Spirit given in answer to prayer in America may do more than we ask, or even think. Remember us in our work, that we may be steadfast, thoroughly furnished for every good work.

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## Home Department.

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### STATE OF THE TREASURY.

To the friends who desire to know what are our prospects for raising twenty thousand dollars this year, we wish to state, that up to April 15, the close of the first half of our financial year, the receipts have amounted to \$9,087, being one-half of \$18,174. But this includes \$1,000 sent through us by the Woman's Board of the Pacific, making the receipts of the Board of the Interior only \$8,087, or one-half of \$16,174. This sum includes, also, the money sent for the Japan Home. Our appropriations were made on the basis of twenty thousand dollars, because, with a hundred and six new auxiliaries, it was felt that the receipts *could not fail* to be increased. Unless there should be a retrograde movement on the part of some of our old work-

ers, we must receive twenty thousand dollars, as many of our new friends have already sent in substantial contributions. We make this statement thus early in the year, because the anxiety felt by the officers of the Board during the closing months of the last financial year is yet fresh in our remembrance ; and we desire this year to lay the responsibility upon our auxiliary societies. While it is our privilege to plan, it is yours to execute : the great burden of the work is yours.

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### TO OUR LITTLE GARDENERS.

IF any of your brothers or sisters have travelled in Italy, they will tell you, that in that land of sunny skies, pictures, and statuary, there are two serious drawbacks to their pleasure ; namely, beggars and fleas. From the latter annoyance, our dear missionaries in Turkey suffer extremely. They find relief from flea-powder, which is made of camomile-flowers, dried and powdered. Now, if any of you boys and girls can raise camomile-flowers in your gardens, and put up the powder in small packages of quarter of a pound, or less, and mail it to the editors of "Life and Light," in Boston or Chicago, we will gladly buy it for our missionaries.

Another thing they want is larkspur-seeds. The poor little children who come to the missionary schools are often afflicted with the third plague of Egypt (Gen. viii., 17). The larkspur-seeds are put into alcohol, and the children's heads are washed with it. To buy these seeds is very expensive ; but, if the "little workers" will raise and gather them, they will readily find a market by writing to the editors of "Life and Light."

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

FROM MARCH 15, TO APRIL 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Cleveland Heights.</i> — Mission-Circle, to be sent to Miss Hillis for work in Ceylon, by Mrs. W. H. Warren,	\$17 53
<i>Hudson.</i> — Aux., \$5.89; legacy of Mrs. Eliza L. Metcalf, to be applied to the Japan Home and to const. Mrs. Eliza L. Curtis, Mrs. Caroline Starr, and Mrs. Celia Haseltine L. M.'s, \$75,	80 89
<i>Kent.</i> — Aux., Miss H. A. Converse, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Mt. Vernon.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. C. Hance, Treas.,	23 32
<i>Madison.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Wm. Hendey, Treas.,	7 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to const. with prev. contri. Mrs. S. A. Smith and Mrs. Juliet Brand L. M.'s, Miss E. E. Peck, Treas.,	20 00
<i>W. Farmington.</i> — Aux., Emily Page, Treas.,	1 20
Total,	\$164 94

MICHIGAN.

<i>Alpena.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. Julia F. Farwell, Treas.,	\$25 00
<i>Detroit.</i> — Woodward Ave. Ch., Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing, \$84, Mrs. K. L. Hubbell, Treas.; First Cong. Ch., Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing, to const. Mrs. Martha Lee Woodbridge a L. M., \$70.30, Mrs. E. C. Hinsdale, Treas.,	154 30
<i>East Saginaw.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Shattuck, Mrs. J. L. Hayden, Treas.,	60 50
<i>Nankin.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. E. M. Porter, Treas.,	8 00
<i>Owosso.</i> — "The Western Rocks," a S. S. class of boys, by Mrs. E. F. Guile,	4 00
Total,	\$251 80

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> — Aux. of Ch. of Redeemer, \$10.50; "Cheerful Givers," \$1.50, Miss E. M. Pierce, Treas.,	\$12 00
<i>Champaign.</i> — Aux., for pupil in	

Samokov, Mrs. M. J. Bragg, Treas.,	\$10 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — Leavitt St. Ch., Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. Rebecca Dewey a L. M., \$25; First Ch., Aux., \$48 for Miss Patrick's salary, \$5 for the Japan Home, \$25 is from Mrs. Orton's Bible class to const. Miss Belle Stanley a L. M., Mrs. Elisabeth D. Moore completes her own Life Membership; Union Park Ch., Aux., for Miss Rendall's salary, \$25 of which is from Mrs. J. L. Pickard to const. Mrs. Frederic W. Pickard a L. M., \$100; New England Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, \$59.62,	235.62
<i>Elgin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley,	18 00
<i>Evanston.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Porter, of which \$36.20 is from the S. S., \$140.85; S. S., for the school at Dindigul, \$47.14,	187 99
<i>Fremont.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. D. Dean, Treas.,	5 10
<i>Galesburg.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	25 00
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Alice E. Coe, Treas.,	9 25
<i>Granville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. L. K. Warren, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Jacksonville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans,	60 00
<i>Oak Park.</i> — Aux., for the school at Manissa, Mrs. H. M. Sherman, Treas.,	28 00
<i>Oneida.</i> — Mrs. Sophia W. Ford,	5 00
<i>Payson.</i> — Aux., legacy of Christina Mack, to be applied to the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. Jane Spencer and Mrs. Janet Palmer L. M.'s, Miss Ellen Thompson, Treas.,	50 00
<i>Peoria.</i> — Sale of fancy articles,	3 75
<i>Port Byron.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. T. Harper, Treas.,	6 00
<i>Roseville.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Samokov, Mrs. John A. Gordon, Treas.,	23 00
<i>Waverly.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, and to const. Mrs. Mrs. P. L. Van Vleck a L. M., Mrs. Fanny A. Thayer, Treas.,	30 00
Total,	\$713 71

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Broadhead.</i> —Aux., Mrs. N. W. Matter, Treas.,	\$4 38
<i>Fox Lake.</i> —Aux., Emma A. Davis, Sec.,	9 00
<i>Genoa Junction.</i> —Aux., Mrs. B. J. Bill, Sec.,	14 00
<i>Ripon.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. Sarah P. West a L. M., Mrs. M. M. Cook, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Sparta.</i> —Aux., for the Manissa school, and to const. Miss Sarah M. Demorest a L. M., Mrs. H. E. Kelley, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Watertown.</i> —Aux., Mrs. J. A. Hall, Treas.,	17 87
<i>Whitewater.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, \$12; "A Friend," by Mrs. Jeremiah Porter, for a pupil in the Bridgeman school, \$50,	62 00
Total,	\$157 25

## IOWA.

<i>Anamosa.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	\$25 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> —Aux., \$50 for salary of Miss Hillis; "Mite Gatherers," \$6 for Miss Day,	56 00
<i>Muscatine.</i> — "Seeds of Mercy," for pupil in Mrs. Coffing's school, Nettie S. Washburne, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Osage.</i> —Aux., Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Treas.,	5 64
<i>Sabula.</i> —Aux., \$7; Mrs. Emerson's S. S. class, \$3; with prev. contri. to const. Mrs. J. G. Leonard a L. M., Mrs. H. H. Wood, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Sibley.</i> —Aux., \$1.60; children's box, .48; wedding-fee, \$5; M. C., \$2.92, Mrs. E. P. Dean, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Stacyville.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. B. Hancock, Treas.,	4 00
<i>Tabor.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. with prev. contri. Mrs. Pamela C. Jones and Mrs. Maria C. Gaston L. M.'s, Mrs. M. A. Todd, Treas.,	26 00
<i>Waterloo.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. K. Cross,	28 00
—, "A friend,"	5 00
—, "A thank offering,"	50
Total,	\$195 14

## MINNESOTA.

<i>Minneapolis.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, Mrs. H. Plant, Treas.,	\$75 00
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<i>Winona.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Van Duzee, Miss Hatch, Treas.,	\$105 60
Total,	\$180 60

## MISSOURI.

<i>St. Louis.</i> —W. B. M., for salary of Miss Anderson, \$333.35; of which \$25 from Mrs. Rebecca Webb of Pilgrim Cong. Ch. to const. herself a L. M.; 1st Cong. Ch., \$2; Mayflower Ch., Mrs. L. D. Slawson col. \$17; Dr. Post's ch., Mrs. Walbridge, col., \$8.25; Pilgrim Ch., Mrs. Drew, col., \$192.45, of which \$25 from Mrs. Jesse Arnot const. herself a L. M.; \$25 from Mrs. S. M. Edgell to const. Miss Mary E. Edgell a L. M.; By sale of fancy articles donated by ladies from Roseville and Springfield, \$18; Webster, Aux., \$17; North Springfield, Aux., \$13.80; Kansas City Aux., by Mrs. J. C. Gates, \$39.85,	\$333 35
Total,	\$333 35

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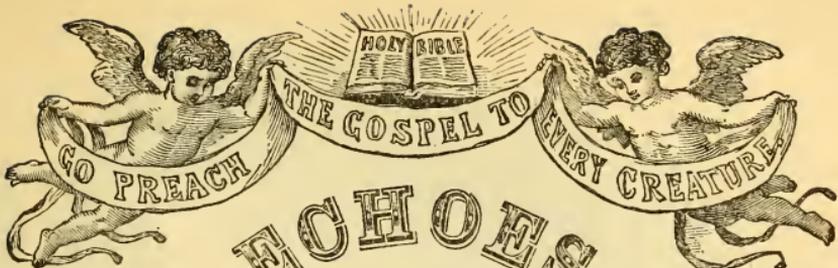
<i>Yankton.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. S. F. Ward, Treas.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

## NEBRASKA.

<i>Green Island.</i> —Charlie Seecomb, a thank-offering to Jesus for making him his child, .25; from an invalid sister, a "rosebud offering, .25,	\$ 50
Total,	\$ 50

## MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Athol, Mass.</i> —For the Japan Home, by Mrs. Lewis Thorpe,	\$25 00
<i>Lincoln, Me.</i> —Cong. S. S., for the Japan Home, by Miss H. Huntress,	25 00
<i>Palmyra, N.Y.</i> —Laura E. Dada,	5 00
<i>Warsaw, N.Y.</i> —S. S., for support of Mariane in Mrs. Coffing's school,	40 16
<i>Portland, Oregon.</i> —Aux. of 1st Ch., for the Japan Home, Mrs. Lydia H. Blacklie, Treas.,	25 00
Sale of pamphlets and envelopes,	12 11
Total,	\$132 27
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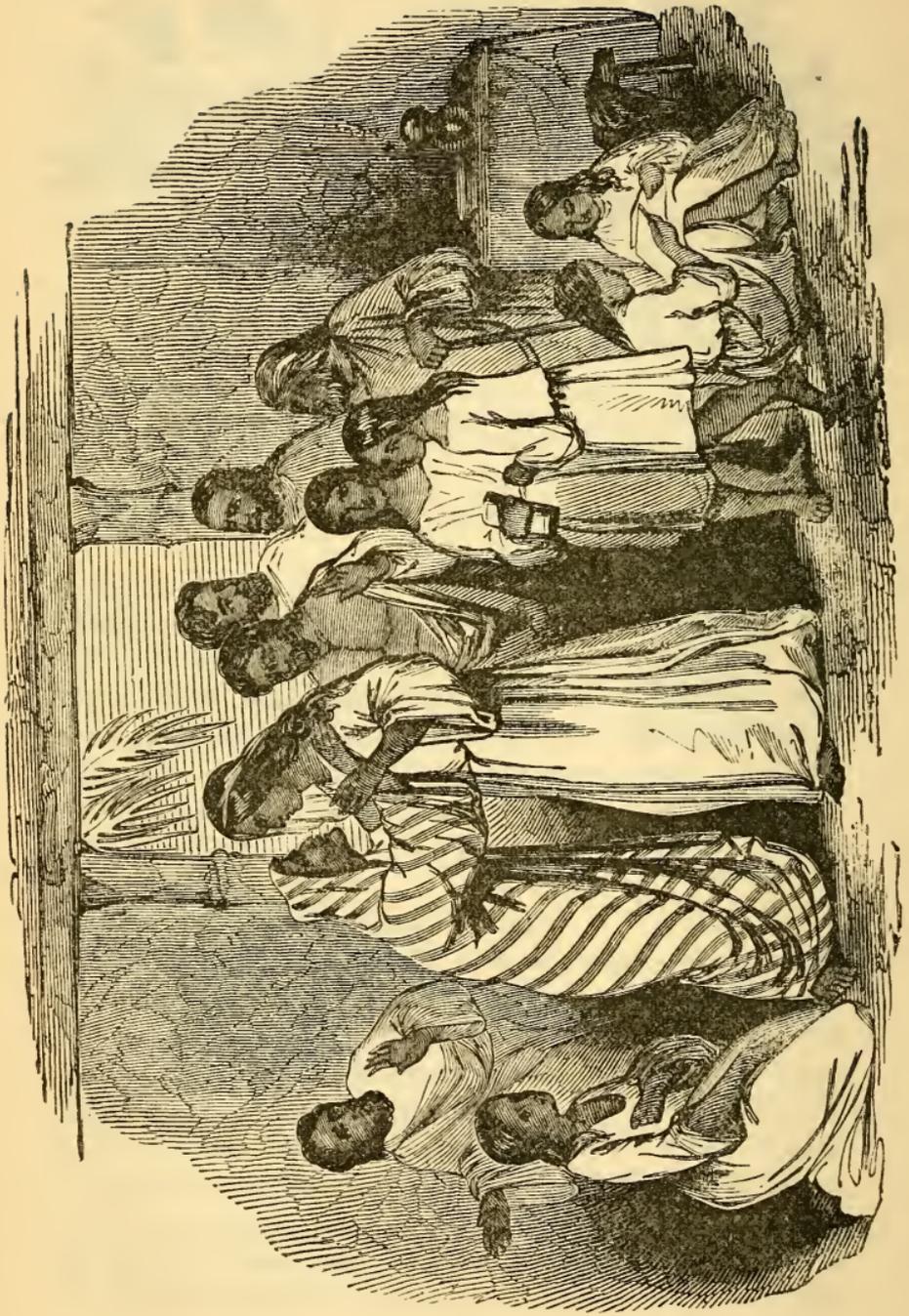
### GIVING UP ALL FOR CHRIST.



FEW sabbaths ago I met a group of children just going home from a sabbath-school festival. Their hands were full of bright blossoms; and their happy faces told of little hearts all aglow from some pleasant service. As I passed them, I remembered a passage in a recent missionary letter, that read like this:—

“Last Sunday one of our scholars came running into the gate, chased by a woman with a large stick, who was trying to frighten her from coming by threats of a beating. The poor child trembled so she could not read; but she was determined to come.”

How many of you, boys and girls, would go to sabbath school under such circumstances? How many of you would be Christians, do you think, if you were obliged to give up your happy homes and all your friends, on account of it? I am afraid there would not be many to do it; yet this is what is constantly happening in heathen lands.



In the picture, you see a Christian mother with her three children leaving her home and friends, because she loves the Saviour, and will not consent to worship idols. It is hard for her to resist her poor old mother, who is entreating her to give up the new religion, and stay with her in her old age. It will be very hard to go out into the world, and earn money for herself and her little ones. Almost every house will be closed against her, for fear it will be polluted by the presence of a Christian. None will dare to say a kind word, or give her a morsel of food, for fear their gods will be angry, and send some dreadful punishment upon them. But she remembers the new and wonderful story she has heard, of the Son of God, who came down from heaven, and died that she might live; and, trusting to his love and care, she is willing to brave all in his service.

When you pray for the heathen, pray for the Christians among them, that God will be with them in every time of suffering.

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#### LETTER FROM KOORDISH AMIE.

MANY of our little readers who remember the pleasant things that have been given in "Echoes" about Koordish Amie, a pupil in the Harpoot Seminary, will be glad to read her first letter in English. In a note accompanying the letter, Miss Seymour says, —

"Last fall, at the close of school, an urgent request came from Egin, a city two days north of us, that Amie might go there to take charge of the school. It is a very important place; and, as Amie seemed glad to go, we sent her off with our blessing. When we parted from her, Mrs. Wheeler said, 'Amie, you must write to me in English; and I will correct the mistakes.' A letter has come to Mrs.

Wheeler ; and you may be interested to see what progress Amie has made. I send you a copy of it, mistakes and all.

MY DEAR MOTHER, MRS. WHILLER,— I would early write you a letter, but as you had done me a heavy request, so I was obliged to write English, I was prevented till now ; there is no any dictionary from Armenian to english for knowing the words unknown to me. I have neither english-Armenian nor Armenian-english, thus, my letter, which is very necessary for indicating my love in this situation, absent from my lovelis, becomes prevented, therefore if you please send me which dictionary is necessary for continue my learning english : if not I am going to forget what I had learned. I thank you for your love which is over me : but I am also admiring [wondering] that you absented me from you thus suddenly. My teachers frequently told me, we love you dearly : we wish never your absence from our eyes lest any thing happen to our Amay and she return no more. If I was not quite shure at your and their love, I ventured to tell or think those speeches were fictious.

My mother when I have any need or suffering I cant express to you, and obtain your consolation. Your countenances are always before my eyes. I cant explain how heavy is my present state absent from you : if the divine help strengthen no me indeed I would never be able to support such a situation for a moment. I ask you to pray for me that I be a useful and energetic persone in work of jususe [Jesus]. Please give my salutation of love to my teachers, to hoolay [Willie] soosay [Susie], to other ladies and children. Your daughter AMAY.

EGIN, Dec. 18-30, 1874.

Please to direct the faults of this letter as you have promised. Pampish Kohar gives you her salutation of the same love.

## CONSECRATED EGG.

BY MRS. A. E. HUME.

I HAVE been wanting very much, since last Sunday, to write the little girls in America, who are trying, through us, to tell the people in India about the Saviour, what a poor woman in Ahmednuggur gave to help in the support of the church.

The service is held in the afternoon, at four o'clock ; and during the second hymn the contribution-plate is passed. When it was returned, I saw, to my surprise, that in it lay an egg. Having just come from America, where such things are not put upon contribution-plates, at first I wanted to smile ; but as I looked at it, during service, it began to appear larger than all on the plate beside, like the widow's two mites, which the Lord said were more than all that the rich had cast into the treasury. This poor woman loves the Saviour, and tries to think what she can give to his cause. Money she has none ; but she has a hen, and she can give her eggs. I wonder how many consecrated hens there are in America, that will help raise money to send the good tidings of salvation to the ends of the earth.

## MISSION-CIRCLES.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MAINE. — *Bath*. — Central Church Mission-Circles, \$50.00.

*Gorham*. — "Mission Workers," \$100.00.

*Portland*. — State-street Church Mission-Circle, \$105.00 ; Plymouth Church Mission-Circle, \$30.00 ; St. Lawrence-street Church Mission-Circle, \$7.33.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Amherst*. — "Carrier-Doves," \$20.00.

*Claremont*. — "Merry Workers," \$10.00.

- VERMONT. — *Swanton*. — "Cheerful Helpers," \$2.50.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Auburndale*. — "Mission-Circle," \$6.00.  
*Beverly*. — "Centreville Mission-Circle," \$34.00.  
*Boston*. — Two Children, .53.  
*Boston Highlands*. — "Highland Rill," \$10.00.  
*Spencer*. — "Hillside Workers," \$116.17.  
*Springfield, West*. — "Mite-Gatherers," \$60.00; Holyoke, "Merry Workers," \$160.00; Springfield, Memorial Church, "Little Helpers," \$60.00.  
*Winchester*. — "Seek and Save Society," \$150.00.
- RHODE ISLAND. — *Pawtucket*. — "Penny-Gleaners," \$7.00; "Cheerful Helpers," \$5 00; Willie and Alice Tolman, \$25.00.  
*Providence*. — Beneficent Foreign Mission-Circle, \$180.00.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — "Ox Ridge Mission-Circle," \$2.00.
- NEW HAVEN BRANCH. — *Bridgeport*. — "Willing Workers," \$60.00.  
*East Haddam*. — "Willing Helpers," \$45.00.  
*Fair Haven*. — "Pearl-Seekers," \$20.00.  
*Meriden*. — "Cheerful Givers," \$40.00.  
*Mt. Carmel*. — "Mission-Gleaners," \$25.00.  
*New Britain*. — "Cheerful Givers," \$120.00.  
*Norwalk*. — "Young Folks," \$15.00; "Sunbeams," \$15.00.  
*Plymouth*. — "Arbutus-Gleaners," \$75.00; "Arbutus-Gleaners," \$25.00.  
*Saybrook*. — Seaside "Mission Band," \$7.00.  
*Thomaston*. — "Free Givers," \$56.00; "News-Bearers," \$29.26.  
*Westbrook*. — Seaside Mission-Gleaners," \$11.00.
- OHIO. — *Cleveland*. — Cleveland Heights Mission-Circle, \$17.53.
- MICHIGAN. — *Owosso*. — "The Western Rocks," \$4.00.
- ILLINOIS. — *Alton*. — "Cheerful Givers," \$1.50.  
*Evanston*. — Sabbath School, \$3.34.
- IOWA. — *Grinnell*. — "Mite-Gatherers," \$6.00.  
*Muscatine*. — "Seeds of Mercy," \$25 00.  
*Sabula*. — Mrs. Emerson's Sabbath-school Class, \$3.00.  
*Sibley*. — Children's Box, .48.
- NEBRASKA. — *Green Island*. — Charlie Seecomb and Sister, .50.
- NEW YORK. — *Warsaw*. — Sabbath School, \$40.16.
- MAINE. — *Lincoln*. — Sabbath School, \$25.00.

## RESULTS OF A MISSION-CIRCLE.

ABOUT a year since, a few young girls from our sabbath school decided to organize themselves into a mission-circle, and, though without any definite plan in mind, were ready for any work within the limit of their ability. They were energetic and wide-awake, holding their meetings fortnightly; and, while none were professing Christians, they all agreed to share in conducting devotional exercises at each of their gatherings. Kind friends provided them with sewing, and they quickly earned nine dollars with their needles. They became interested in Mrs. Bissell's school, and determined to hold a parlor sale to secure funds for the education of one of its pupils. The sale, a season of unalloyed happiness, was a great success. Seventy-five instead of thirty dollars were added to their fund; and another pupil in Miss Payson's school at Foo-chow, to their love and care.

From that happy evening, one of those bright young "Sunbeams" went home to fold her hands from all earthly service. Apparently in vigorous health, she was stricken down with fever, and, after a short illness, suddenly went to be with Jesus. Though under other religious influence, the mission-circle, that had opened to her a work for others, had brought a blessing to her own heart. She was one of the Saviour's hidden ones, and when she learned, all unexpectedly, that she was to exchange worlds, she was full of joy, that, in her little life, she had done something to promote the kingdom of her Lord. "She was so glad to tell Jesus she had used one little talent for him." With words of love to her sorrowing friends, and a remembrance of the little girl in India, on her lips, she passed in gladness and triumph to the life immortal. Since her death, the Holy Spirit has come very near to the hearts of those who loved her; and, besides father and

mother, nearly every member of that mission-circle has sought and found the Saviour.

This is the result, — not alone pupils in India and China brought near in love and sympathy to those in the homeland, but souls quickened to a divine life, and opportunities to labor for the Master afforded one who was thus to be fitted for the heavenly service. E. B. M.

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## BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

BY SAMUEL WEBB, AND HELEN HARWOOD.

I AM composed of 39 letters.

My 6, 33, 12, 35, is a book in the New Testament.

My 20, 31, 34, 6, 8, was one of the Patriarchs.

My 10, 9, 31, 11, 35, was a great leader.

My 23, 37, 4, was a nephew of Abram.

My 13, 6, 15, 26, 34, 1, was the mother of a prophet.

My 35, 28, 24, 17, 3, 37, 27, was one of the kings of Israel.

My 31, 5, 32, 18, 6, 2, 34, 13, was a prophet of Judah.

My 22, 35, 34, 25, 6, 13, was a great prophet.

My 3, 6, 39, 16, 1, 32, 29, was a disciple of Christ.

My 30, 8, 37, 15, 22, 38, 3, is a city in Asia Minor.

My 21, 25, 27, 19, is a beverage mentioned in the Bible.

My 36, 2, 7, 14, 35, was a bishop of Crete.

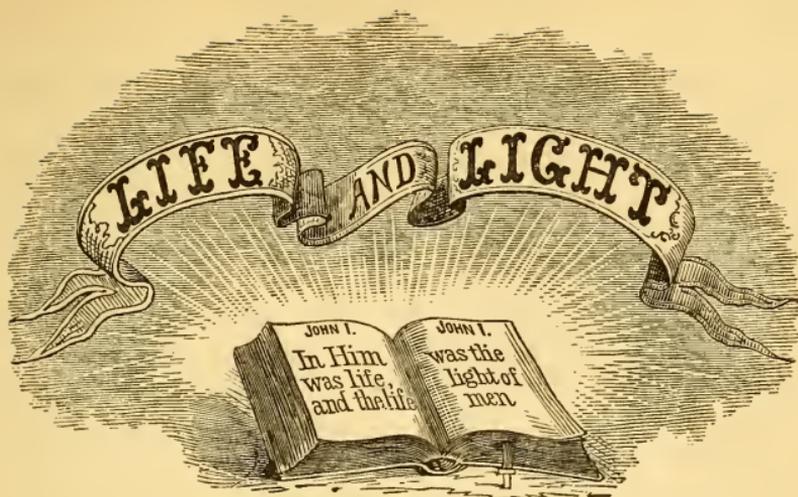
My whole is a precious promise.

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## ANSWER TO BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

“ I will lead them in the paths they have not known.”

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the April number from A. W. S., Portland, Me. ; R. L. D., Claremont, N.H. ; H., Portsmouth, N.H. ; L. I. C., Salisbury, N.H. ; Mrs. J. M. H., Rutland, Vt. ; F. A. B., Wakefield, Mass. ; C. L. P., Winchester, Mass. ; E. L. F., Holliston, Mass. ; J. W. T., Providence, R.I. ; E. M. B., Ellington, Conn. ; M. L. P., Crown Point, N.Y. ; A. F. M., Milwaukee, Wis. ; C. K. Q., Cedar Valley, Io. ; T. P. C., Hastings, Neb. We have also received additional answers to the acrostic in the March number from L. F. E., South Natick, Mass. ; and E. L., Troy, N.H.



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### CHINA.

#### SCENES IN FOCHOW.

BY MISS A. M. PAYSON.

HAVING made several calls on some of my neighbors during the week past, it may be interesting to you, dear friends, to have me make them over again with you as companions. I will ask two of the younger school-girls, King Lang and Leu Hoh, to accompany us, as it is not pleasant for foreign ladies to walk here alone. They are ready, and smilingly offer to carry the roll of Scripture pictures and the hymn-books. Our compound is a pleasant enclosure: within it are three cheerful homes, the voices of happy children, grass, trees, and shrubs, and the perfume of flowers. We open the large door in the high, outer wall which environs us, and the whole scene changes at once. We are confronted with heaps of rub-

bish, ugly black pigs, ragged beggars, and unwashed street-boys.

Crossing an open space, we pass several dingy dwellings, from nearly every one of which rushes out an ill-natured cur, barking fiercely at the foreign ladies. We enter now a narrow lane, whose uneven stone pavement is always wet and slippery ; so that we must walk with care, or we shall be precipitated into some open doorway, or, worse still, find ourselves seated in the pathway, which is the receptacle for any thing and every thing that is swept out of the houses. Winding in and out of three or four of such delectable passages, we emerge at last into the main street. This is thronged with water-carriers, sedan-bearers, innumerable coolies burdened with heavy loads, men on horseback, men on foot, men frying cakes, and men sitting by eating them, some mending shoes, others painting tables ; all busy, and all doing more of their work outside their shops than in them. There are women here, also, you perceive ; women with feet of natural size, showing that they belong to the working-classes. Their work is very laborious, since they carry heavy loads of wood, fruit, and vegetables, the same as the men. Here comes an old woman with small feet, hobbling along as if she were lame, using a long, crooked stick for a cane, and leaning on the arm of a son, or grandchild.

Now we enter a side street, and knock at a wide door in the high blank wall. It is opened ; and, passing through a narrow entrance-way, we come into a roughly-paved court, open to the sky, and adorned with a few coarse flower-pots. Directly back of the court, without any partition on the side towards it, and so always exposed to the wind and rain, is the family sitting-room, where the meals are taken, and where the mother of the household, her daughter-in-law, and a neighboring woman or two, are

usually seen sitting gossiping, and embroidering their shoes. They receive us politely, but not very cordially; and so we pass on to the sitting-room of the family who rent the back part of the house.

Here I introduce you to one of my former pupils, who is now married. Her countenance is not as bright and smiling as it once was. This is not to be wondered at, as all the family, with the exception of her husband, are bigoted heathen; and she consequently finds it quite a different matter to lead a Christian life here from what it was in the school, where her religion brought her no opposition or contumely. We seat ourselves in her bedroom, which is much cleaner than the family room; and, having conversed a while, we sing and pray together. Her prayers are different from what they were. There is a tone of sadness in her voice; and she prays with more earnestness, as if she had a heavier cross to bear than formerly, and felt her need of help. I hope you will pray for this youthful disciple, that she may have divine strength given her in her hours of trial.

Again we enter the crowded street, threading our way through the busy throngs, till we come to the trunk-maker's house, where I have called several times before. Brown leather trunks, and glaring red trunks, with bright brass lock and handles, ornament each side of the entrance to the shop. Ascending the stone steps, we are half afraid to enter, because, the last time we called, the master of the house seemed somewhat annoyed, and was quite frigid in his manner. Today, however, he says cordially, "Come in, come in!" and his wife, a frail little woman, always coughing, rises at once, and leads us out of the shop into the reception-room. You see there are so many idols, and idol shrines with offerings of flowers and fruit placed before them, that we can with difficulty find a place

to seat ourselves. There is neither sugar nor milk in the cup of tea which they bring us, and the cup itself is not immaculately clean : nevertheless we will take a sip or two of the beverage, to show that we appreciate their politeness in bringing it to us. You did not rise, and receive the cup with both hands, as Chinese etiquette requires ; but strangers, unaccustomed to Chinese manners, are quite excusable when they make mistakes. It is cheering to discover, while conversing with this woman, that she remembers much of the gospel truth made known to her in former visits, and that she listens with apparent interest to what we say to-day.

It is almost six o'clock now, chilly and late : so we will hasten on, and make a short call on one of our church-members, who has been quite ill. She is an old woman, nearly seventy years old, but a very consistent Christian. "Is this anybody's home?" you ask, — "this wretched little abode, hardly fit for animals?" Yes, it is all the home this poor woman and her husband possess, — one room, dark and dingy, and a floor of hard earth : still it is not worse than the homes of multitudes around them, so they are quite contented. The woman tells me that she is too ill to eat any thing, and her eyes pain her so badly she cannot sleep. "Have you any medicine to cure the weak eyes of old people like myself?" she asks pitifully. We tell her perhaps the doctor can give her something to help her ; but, secretly, we feel that her poor old eyes will never be bright and strong again in this world. After a few comforting words, we receive her hearty thanks, and say good-by.

Thus one day's work has come to an end, and we rejoice to say, —

"Oh, blessed work for Jesus !  
Oh, rest at Jesus feet !

There toil seems pleasure,  
Our wants are treasure,  
And pain for him is sweet !  
Lord, if we may,  
We'll serve another day."

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## MICRONESIA.

### WAYS AND MEANS FOR MISSIONARY WORK.

BY MRS. JOEL WHITNEY.

THE following extracts from Mrs. Whitney's journal will be interesting to our readers, as showing, that, even in heathen lands, earnest Christians are joining with us in the same good work, and struggling with the same difficulties that often give us so much anxiety.

"Last Friday we had a meeting to consult about those who should go to other islands to teach. The church committee, and all those whom we thought might be candidates for missionary work, were gathered together at Mr. Snow's. After stating the object of the meeting, and the calls received from heathen islands, the persons present were requested to express their feelings. The first one who spoke was Andrew, who had long been considered a candidate for this work. We thought of sending him a year ago, and supposed he would be willing to go now; but he answered very decidedly,—

"No, I can't go, because I am too ignorant."

"Can you not leave your qualifications for others to decide, and tell us what is the desire of your heart?"

"How can others decide? Can they make me learned?" Andrew is like a rock when his determination is once fixed.

"The next speaker was Matthew. He had told the

people of Jaluij that he would return to them, and he was willing to do so. 'But, suppose some other man should be sent there, what would you think of one of the Windward Islands?' — 'I have no thought for them,' was the reply. 'If I do not go back to Jaluij, I shall stay here, or where my wife's relatives live.' Matthew could not be moved from his purpose, giving, as a reason, that he was afraid of the Radak chiefs. Langbat, one of those whom 'The Morning Star' brought from Namerik last year to study in our school, as we supposed for the special purpose of preparing for missionary work, answered in the negative without any explanation. The only reason we could see was the lack of disposition. Deacon George could not go, because he had so many relatives to take care of. Then Jeremiah, who had just lost his wife, spoke of what they had planned together. They felt that they were ignorant; but they knew a little more than the heathen at Mejuero, and were willing to go and tell them the way of salvation. Now his wife was gone, and he had no one to help him; but he was willing to go, or stay, just as the missionaries thought best. There were two others, Manasseh and Charles, who both objected to going on account of the ill health of their wives; and it was next asked, 'Are there any others, not with us now, whom you could recommend?' Three were named; but, on inquiry, insurmountable objections were found to exist. There were some other points for discussion which were stated, and the meeting adjourned until Monday evening.

"In the mean time, we went weeping to the Lord of the harvest, and besought him for laborers. I can hardly tell you how I felt. I was not quite discouraged; and yet the thought of meeting another such cry as has so often come to us from Arno and other islands, with no help to send them, was almost insupportable. A church here of more

than a hundred members, and yet the heathen around pleading in vain to be taught the way of life!

“On the sabbath Mr. Snow preached from the text, “Thy kingdom come,” one of a series of sermons on the Lord’s Prayer; and Mr. Whitney preached at Toka on the first commandment. We came together on Monday evening, and a very different spirit was manifested. Langbat was the first to speak. He said he had no idea of being a missionary when he came from Namerik; but, since the former meeting, he had been thinking the matter over, and he was ready to go if he was needed. Andrew’s strong will had yielded, also, to the call of the Master; and he was willing to go, if no better man could be found.

“*Thursday, Aug. 14.*—We had quite an interesting church-meeting yesterday. It was adjourned from the week before, to hear the report of a committee, and to further consult upon ways and means for supporting missionary work in the Marshall Islands. The questions brought up were, ‘How much salary shall be paid to those who go?’ and ‘How shall it be raised?’ One proposition was to have two hogsheads to receive the monthly contributions of oil,—one for the home-work; and another for the work in general, as carried on by the Hawaiian Board. The reports of the different members of the committee were various, as each had consulted with the people of his own district. One placed the salary at fifty dollars; but, as for giving any thing toward it, they could not promise. In another part of the island, they would give ten dollars; but as to the salary they could not say.

“After hearing all the reports, Mr. Snow asked them how they had been doing in their monthly contributions, how many had paid every month, and how many were in debt. Their custom is to give each a shell of oil (one-sixth of a gallon) a month; but those who were not in

debt were very few. Some were behind only for the present month, and others for more than six or eight. One man, Moses, said, 'I have anointed the head of the month not yet come,' which meant that he had paid for September for himself and his numerous family. The whole amount of delinquency amounted to ninety-five months.

"This state of affairs did not look very encouraging for an enlargement of missionary work ; and Mr. Snow talked to them about their laziness, picturing their habit of sitting down, hour after hour, doing nothing but gossip. He proposed, that, from now to the next monthly church meeting, they should try not to waste any time, and see what they could accomplish. Those who would promise to do so were asked to raise their hands ; and a large number of hands came up, though not all. Then Matthew arose and said, they could not do it ; and he had no confidence that the others would fulfil their promises. 'For,' said he, 'what can we do? You,' referring to the missionaries, 'have plenty of work, and tools to work with. When you rise in the morning, you have your work right before you ; but what can we do? Two or three cocoanuts fall, and we cut them up, and then wait for more to ripen and fall. We were born in idleness, and we never can be industrious like you, because we have nothing to do.' This, in brief, was the substance of his speech, which was delivered with such a profusion of gestures, that I could not help smiling.

"Mr. Snow replied, that he could tell him of one native of Ebon, who used to be idle like the rest of them, but who had become so industrious, that he could not be happy unless he was at work, mentioning some things that Jeremiah had been doing lately about his house. Matthew said a few words in reply ; and this brought Jeremiah to his feet. He pointed out some things which showed them they were not quite out of work, and, in a few telling words.

placed before their eyes their homes in any thing but an orderly condition. They must have felt, when he sat down, that there was enough to do for one month at least."

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## Our Work at Home.

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### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of this branch of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in College-street Church on Tuesday, May 11, commencing at ten o'clock, A.M. After devotional exercises, conducted by the president, Mrs. Burdett Hart, the reports of the secretaries were read. They announced that there were eighty-five auxiliaries, and fifty mission-circles, connected with the branch. These were represented at the meeting by no less than one hundred and fifty delegates. The treasurer's report was listened to with eager attention, as the effort made to raise ten thousand dollars during the current year was widely known, and had enlisted the sympathies and prayers of many friends of the cause. When twelve thousand and five hundred dollars was given as the sum total, the report was accepted by a rising vote; and, in the familiar strains of the Doxology, the congregation joined in ascribing all praise to Him, who, while they had sowed and watered, had so abundantly given the increase.

The greeting of the Woman's Board of Missions was presented in a graceful congratulatory address by Miss Borden of Fall River, and was followed by a letter from Miss Pollock, conveying the salutations of the Woman's

Board of Missions of the Interior. The cordial letter sent by the Woman's Board of the Pacific was not received in time for the meeting; but a warm greeting was sent them by a standing vote. Short addresses from representatives of the Philadelphia, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Springfield, and Hartford branches, were next in order, and were followed by reports from several auxiliaries, after which the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Chandler of the Madura mission. Her fervent words, and the interesting incidents of her work in India, made the half-hour allotted to her pass all too quickly. She closed with the touching story of a converted Brahmin woman; and a poem, written by Miss Brainerd of New London, founded on the facts related, was read as the closing exercise of the morning.

After an hour of social intercourse at a collation provided by the ladies of the city, the audience re-assembled at half-past one for a season of earnest, soul-stirring prayer. At two o'clock the church was rapidly filled; more than six hundred being present in the afternoon. The opening address, by Mr. Edward A. Hume, was followed by a few remarks from Miss Andrews, who told us what one dear little girl in China is doing among her heathen relatives. A brief paper, prepared by Mrs. B. A. Smith, urging the necessity of a vital, self-sustaining activity in the auxiliaries, and a letter from Mrs. Hubbard, former president of the society, forcibly seconding the suggestions of the paper, were listened to with marked attention. A delightful address was then given by Miss West of Turkey, of which our limited space prevents our giving a report. Her closing appeal was beautifully enforced by a duet, "Working, O Christ, with thee," very sweetly rendered by Miss Sanford and Mrs. Blinn of New Haven. A few moments were then occupied by Mrs. Hart, who declined to name any amount of

money as the standard for the coming year, but suggested that the burden of providing laborers for the foreign field should be taken up by the branch. She expressed the wish that all might be led to a higher consecration than had yet been attained, and asked, "Why should not all those connected with the branch assume their share of the responsibility of furnishing reapers for the ripening harvest? Why should we not take for this year's motto, Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest?"

After the reading of a ballad written by a missionary, depicting the scenes of the famine in Turkey, the meeting was brought to a close; but, for nearly an hour longer, groups of loiterers still lingered, showing how hard many felt it to be to leave this foretaste of the "Harvest Home" to return to bear the burden and heat of the day in their own allotted corners of the great field. M.

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### NEW ASSOCIATIONS.

WE are very happy to announce the formation of three new conference associations in Massachusetts during the last month. The first one was organized at Amesbury, May 11, in connection with the meeting of the North Essex Conference. The chapel being too small to accommodate the large number of ladies present, the gentlemen adjourned their meeting, leaving the audience-room of the church for the ladies. After devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. J. P. Cowles of Ipswich, who presided, Mrs. David Scudder presented the salutations of the Woman's Board of Missions, briefly stating the object of these associations, and the advantages of systematic effort in missionary work. Mrs. Mellen of the Zulu mission was present, and added much to the interest of the meeting by

giving details of her work in Africa, speaking particularly of the change the gospel had wrought in the position of woman. The association was organized with Mrs. J. P. Cowles of Ipswich, President ; Mrs. Lewis Gregory of West Amesbury, Vice-President ; Miss M. F. Fisk of Newburyport, Secretary ; and promises efficient labor in the churches of the conference.

A similar society was organized at Abington, May 19, at a meeting of representatives from the auxiliaries and churches in the Norfolk Conference. Although it was not a large gathering, those who were present were quite enthusiastic ; and plans for work were well arranged. Mrs. F. P. Chapin of North Weymouth was chosen President ; Mrs. G. E. Freeman of Abington, and Mrs. G. C. Cary of Brockton, Vice-Presidents ; and Miss R. A. Faxon, Secretary. A committee of eight was also appointed to provide for meetings, — which are to be held quarterly, — to endeavor to form auxiliaries, and to interest the churches in woman's missionary work.

An association for the South Essex Conference was also formed on the same day at a meeting held in Danvers. A large and interested audience of ladies were present, nearly filling the church. Miss S. E. Driver of Salem was appointed Chairman of the meeting ; and Miss P. J. Mudge of Danvers, Secretary. The exercises opened with singing and prayer, after which the chairman stated the object of the meeting ; and a committee was appointed to report a constitution. After the presentation of the greetings of the Woman's Board of Missions, and a statement of the benefits and aims of such associations, by Mrs. Lemuel Gulliver, the constitution was adopted, and a committee chosen for the nomination of officers. Miss Proctor of Aintab then addressed the meeting, giving an interesting account of her work, and bearing emphatic testimony to

the value and efficiency of the Woman's Board of Missions, as she had seen its workings on mission ground. The nominating committee presented the names of Mrs. Francis Dodge of Danvers for President, and Miss Chamberlain of Salem for Secretary, who were elected. Eleven auxiliaries were represented, and the purpose expressed to go to work at once for the organization of others.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM APRIL 18 TO MAY 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

*Maine Branch.*—Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., Auburn, High-st. Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Samuel Pickard to const. herself L. M., \$57; Bangor Aux., \$61; Central Ch., "Dakota Workers" for the Dakota Home, \$57; Hammond-st. Ch., to const. L. M. Mrs. Levi S. Paine, \$25; Greenville Aux., \$16; Aroostook Conference Aux., \$4; Bethel, 1st Cong. Ch., \$7 25; Sacarappa Aux., \$14; Norridgewock Aux., \$10; Searsport Aux., \$6.62, \$257 87  
*Benton.*—Miss J. L. True's, S. S. cl., 2 50  
 Total, \$260 37

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Hollis.*—A Friend, to const. L. M. Miss Martha L. Coleman, \$25 00  
*Keene.*—First Cong. Ch. "Mission Circle," for Tarpus, under Miss Williams of Marash, 40 00  
*Windham.*—A. C. P.'s Miss'y Hen, 75  
 Total, \$65 75

VERMONT.\*

*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Montpelier Aux.,

\$32; Bethany Ch. S. S., \$32; Fair Haven Aux., \$11; Castle-ton Aux., \$8; Chester Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. J. G. Hale, \$12; Burlington Aux., \$5; Westford Aux., \$5, \$105 00  
*Cambridge.*—Mrs. Mary C. Turner, 5 00  
 Total, \$110 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Abington.*—Aux., \$25 00  
*Andover.*—Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. George Ripley to const. herself L. M., and \$25 by Mrs. Charles Tufts to const. herself L. M., of wh. \$125 for pupil in the Const. Home, 262 20  
*Beverly.*—Dane St. Ch. Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Lavinia Trask, Mrs. Henrietta Woodbury, Miss Mary E. Tuck, \$25 by a friend to const. L. M. Mrs. H. S. Clark, 100 00  
*Boston.*—Mrs. Hardy, \$100; Miss Bessie B. Ely, \$10.51; Miss Mary R. Waldron, \$1; Central Ch. "Mission-Circles," for Miss Farnham's sal'y, \$367; Mt. Vernon Ch., Mrs. Winslow, towards organ for Miss Hance, \$5; Mrs. Reed for organ for Miss Hance, \$5; a friend, \$1; Ch. Col., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. E. W. Hale to const. herself

\* The donation of \$25 reported in the June number, as from Mrs. Henry Spencer of the South Church, Burlington, should have been Mrs. Hervey Spencer, South Church, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

L. M., \$55.55; Park St. Ch., \$147.92; Shawmut Ch. "L.," \$23.15; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Pledge, \$5.50,	\$721 63	<i>Newton Upper Falls.</i> — A friend,	\$10 00
<i>Boston, East.</i> — Maverick Ch., Aux., — of wh. \$50 by Mrs. Albert Bowker to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Martha B. Lamson, Mrs. John M. Colesworthy; a friend, \$70; Mrs. Curtis, \$25; Mrs. Hall, Fales, Folts, Demond, Gorgins, Waldron, Gregory, Brown, Miss Fales, Mr. Dimick (\$5 each), \$50; Mrs. Rollins, \$4; Mrs. Pearce, Delano, Robinson (\$3 each), \$9; Mrs. Collamore, Denhan, Anderson, Hilliard, Wm. Delano, Colesworthy, McPherson, Misses E. Fales, Tenney, and Etta Pearce (\$2 each), \$20; Miss Ellen Robbins \$1.50; fifty-seven ladies (\$1 each), one lady 50 cts, \$57.50, — towards sal'y Miss Sisson,	287 00	<i>North Somerville.</i> — (Winter Hill) Aux., with prev. contri. for B. R. in the Const. Home,	18 82
<i>Bradford.</i> — Aux.,	9 00	<i>Saugus.</i> — A friend,	10 00
<i>Brimfield.</i> — Mrs. A. Homer to const. herself L. M.,	25 00	<i>Somerville.</i> — Prospect Hill Ch.	9 23
<i>Clinton.</i> — Aux.,	27 71	<i>South Middlesex Conference Asso.</i> — A friend,	1 00
<i>Dorchester.</i> — 2d Ch. Aux., of wh. \$50 by Mrs. Frank Wood to const. L. M.'s herself and Miss Lizzie Tolman, and \$25 by Mrs. Elbridge Torrey to const. L. M. Mrs. E. H. Preston, \$91.50; Village Ch. Aux., \$57.55,	149 05	<i>Spencer.</i> — S. C. D., a thank offering,	10 00
<i>East Abington.</i> — Mrs. B. B. Lord,	1 00	<i>Williamsburg.</i> — Aux., pupil in Udupitty,	30 00
<i>Edgartown.</i> — Mrs. Jared W. Coffin to const. L. M.'s herself, Mrs. Frederic W. M. Coffin, Chicago, Ill., Miss Chloe M. Coffin, Edgartown, Miss Charlotte Coffin Barrows, San Francisco, Cal.,	100 00	<i>Winchester.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>Gloucester.</i> — Aux., towards pupil in the Const. Home,	25 00	<i>Worcester.</i> — Woman's Miss'y Asso., Union Ch., \$11.20; Central Ch., \$32.14; Salem St. Ch., \$16.76; Old South Ch., \$6.50; other sources, \$3.96,	70 56
<i>Greenwich.</i> — Aux., of wh. \$12 from the late Mrs. Blodgett, and with prev. contri. to const. L. M.'s Miss Mary E. Blodgett, Mrs. L. A. T. Pomeroy,	30 00	Total,	\$2,445 20
<i>Haverhill.</i> — Miss E. B. Knights, \$10; Mrs. C. M. Hyde, \$2,	12 00	<i>C. Home Building-Fund.</i>	
<i>Ipswich.</i> — First Parish Ch. Aux.,	25 00	<i>Boston.</i> — Central Ch. Mission-Circles, for the Abbie Child Room,	\$313 00
<i>Littleton.</i> — Ladies Mission-Circle,	13 00	<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Highland Ch. Aux., \$107.45; Miss Nichols's S. S. cl., 2.62; Miss Nellie Hall's cl., \$3,	113 07
<i>Lowell.</i> — Aux., towards sal'y of Miss Sarah Sears,	220 00	<i>Danvers.</i> — Miss P. J. Mudge, \$1; Mrs. E. H. French, \$1, for Mary Lyon Room,	2 00
<i>Lynnfield Centre.</i> — Miss E. G. Kelley,	1 00	<i>Frammingham.</i> — Plymouth Ch. and Soc'y, Young People's Circle, for dormitory,	150 00
<i>Maynard.</i> — "Rising Star Circle,"	12 00	<i>Newburyport.</i> — Former pupils of Mt. Holyoke Fem. Sem. towards Mary Lyon Room,	13 00
<i>Natick.</i> — Mrs. S. E. Hammond	50 00	<i>Northampton.</i> — Holyoke pupils, by Mrs. Wm. Stoddard, Mary Lyon Room,	12 00
<i>Newburyport.</i> — Aux., \$115; Campbell Mission-Circle, \$55, towards Mrs. Tomson's sal'y,	170 00	<i>Walpole.</i> — Aux., \$44.75; "Little Gleaners," \$53.25,	98 00

## CONNECTICUT.

<i>Darien.</i> — "Busy Bees," result of concert, \$20; Ox Ridge Mission-Circle, \$2,	\$22 00
<i>Hartford Branch.</i> — Mrs. Chas. Jewell, Treas., Hampton Miss. Circle S. S., \$45; Rocky Hill Aux., \$15; Plainville Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. E. C. M. Clapp to const. herself L. M., \$50,	110 00
<i>New Haven Branch.</i> — Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Birmingham, to support one pupil at Inanda, and one at Madura, \$60; Bethlehem, part p'y't for pupil at Marsovan, \$10; Bridgeport (of wh. \$180 towards Miss Andrews's salary; \$25 fr. Mrs. Edward Sterling to const. L. M.	

Mrs. Edwin Johnson; \$60 fr. North Church S. S. to support one pupil at Inanda, and one at Madura), \$240; Centrebrook, \$27; Cheshire towards p'y't for pupil at Inanda, \$9.50; Colchester (\$25 fr. Mrs. J. B. Wheeler to const. L. M. Mrs. George R. Ransom), \$100; Cornwall, to support pupil at Marsovan, \$40; Danbury, towards Mrs. De Forest's salary, \$155; Derby (of wh. \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. W. H. Sawyer and Mrs. J. H. Vorce, and \$45 fr. "Mission-Workers"), \$95; East Haddam, towards Miss Strong's salary, \$30.30; East Hampton, towards Miss Strong's salary, \$40; East Haven (of wh. \$2 fr. "Little Workers"), \$25.42; Easton, to const. L. M. Mrs. Rufus Wheeler, \$30; Goshen, to const. Miss Sarah B. Norton L. M., \$25.13; Haddam, towards Miss Strong's salary, \$22; Killingworth, \$26.20; Madison, to support Anna Bedrosian's successor, \$110; Meriden Centre Church, of wh. \$500 legacy from Mrs. S. H. Booth, \$510; Middlefield, towards Miss Strong's salary, \$15; Middle Haddam, towards Miss Strong's salary, \$10; Middletown (of wh. \$25 fr. South Church towards scholarship in Dakota Home; \$40 fr. North Church for pupil at Marsovan, of wh. \$25 fr. Mrs. Linus Coe "in memory of Jennie" to const. L. M. Miss Mary Sage), \$65; Milton, \$10; Mt. Carmel, object to be specified in future, \$20; New Britain Centre Church (\$125 for scholarship in Constantinople Home, \$25 fr. Mrs. Wm. Churchill to const. L. M. Mrs. Frank Hungerford, \$25 fr. Mrs. Noah Stanley to const. L. M. Mrs. Mortimer N. Stanley, \$25 fr. Mrs. J. N. Denison to const. L. M. Miss Alice G. Stanley), 160.70; New Britain South Church, towards Mrs. Leonard's salary (of wh. \$25 fr. Mrs. Wm. H. Smith to const. L. M. Mrs. F. H. Churchill, \$25 fr. Mrs. Mary Eno to const. L. M. Miss Helen Katie Drew), \$100; New Haven Centre Church (\$25 fr. Mrs. H. White to const. L. M. Mrs. H. D. White, \$25 fr. Mrs. Francis Gilbert to const. L. M. Mrs. Betsy Gunderson, \$25 fr. Mrs. Treadwell Ketcham to

const. herself L. M., \$25 fr. a friend to const. L. M. Mrs. C. T. Candee, \$25 fr. Mrs. A. C. Wilcox to const. herself L. M.), \$125; Church of the Redeemer (\$25 fr. Mrs. H. B. Bigelow to const. L. M. Mrs. H. L. Pierpont, \$25 fr. "Morning Star" mission-circle, \$25 fr. "Ruby Seals" for school at Marsovan), \$181.60; College St. Church (\$75 to support B. R. Exapet; \$6 towards support of a girl or theo. student at Marsovan; "Bussy Bees," for Marsovan mission, \$46; to support one pupil at Inanda, and one at Madura, \$51.50, of wh. \$36.50 fr. "Cheerful Workers," \$5 fr. "Givers on Trust," \$5 fr. "Reapers," \$5 fr. "Wide Awakes"), \$178.50; Davenport Ch. fr. Mrs. H. W. Benedict to const. L. M. Mrs. F. W. Pardee, \$25; Dwight Place Church, \$137; Howard Avenue Church, \$16; North Church (of wh. \$10 towards L.-membership of Mrs. Catherine E. Brewster, \$5 fr. "West End" mission-circle), \$20.50; Temple St. Church, \$5; Third Church (\$25 fr. Mrs. M. T. Lamphear and daughter to const. L. M. Miss Elizabeth K. Talcott; \$25 fr. S. S. towards p'y't for pupil at Marsovan; \$206 fr. Third Church mission band, of wh. \$150 for furnishing a room in the Constantinople Home; \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. S. G. Thorne and Miss Mabel I. Stevens), \$256; Yale College Church (of wh. \$15 fr. Mrs. Dill to complete L.-membership of Mrs. C. A. Paddock, \$25 fr. Mrs. H. P. Wright to const. herself L. M.), \$90; New Milford, towards Mrs. Edwards's salary, of wh. \$32 fr. "Golden Links," \$82.15; Northfield, towards support of B. R., Gartar, \$23; North Haven, \$13.13; North Woodstock, to const. L. M. Mrs. Wm. A. James, \$25; Norwalk (of wh. \$175 towards Miss Rappleye's salary; \$25, a memorial gift to const. L. M. Mrs. J. A. Hamilton, \$50 fr. Young Ladies' mission band, towards Miss Rappleye's salary; \$75 fr. "Young Folks," of wh. \$25 to complete p'y't for pupil at Marsovan; \$25 towards support of pupil at Dakota; \$25

towards Miss Rappleye's salary; \$25 fr. "Sunbeams," of wh. \$15 to complete p'y't for pupil at Madura; \$10 towards Dakota pupil), \$350; Plymouth, to const. L. M.'s Mrs. A. D. Wells and Mrs. Minerva Hart, \$50; Portland, \$33.50; Salisbury (of which \$25 from Mrs. A. H. Holley to const. L. M. Mrs. Maria H. Rudd), \$123.60; Sharon, of wh. \$5 from "Busy Bees," \$18.50; Somers, "Willing Workers for Jesus," \$5; South Britain, "Mite Gleaners," \$5; Thomaston (\$108 towards p'y't for pupils at Inanda, \$4 fr. "Free Givers," to complete p'y't for pupil at Foochow), \$112; Warren, \$6; Waterbury (towards Mrs. Abbie L. Hume's salary, \$53, of wh. \$25 fr. Mr. S. W. Kellogg to const. L. M. Mrs. S. W. Kellogg, \$3.50 fr. "Five Brothers," towards a pupil), \$56.50; Watertown (\$25 part p'y't for Zarhouh, \$8 fr. "Earnest Workers," \$20 fr. "Little Gleaners"), \$53; Westbrook, to const. Mrs. Eliza A. Page L. M., \$30; West Chester, towards Miss Strong's salary, 55; West Haven, \$9.70; Woodbury (\$25 for Mrs. Josiah G. Minor to const. herself L. M., \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. J. E. R. Wyckoff), \$50; Southport, \$25 fr. Mrs. R. W. P. Bulkley to const. herself L. M., \$10 fr. Mrs. Chas. Perry, \$35; "In Memoriam of Mrs. Lucy S. De Forest, \$50; Millington \$10, \$4,<sup>116</sup> 93  
*Pomfret.* — Mrs. P. V. Markham, 5 00  
 Total, \$4,253 93

#### C. Home Building-Fund.

*New Haven Branch.* — Lyons, N.Y., Mrs. H. A. Teachout, \$5; Schaghticoke, N.Y., Miss Sarah A. Briggs, \$1; Danbury, Conn., Miss Mary E. Stone, \$1; New Haven, Mrs. Burdett Hart, \$10, Misses Coy, Haskell, and Marshall, \$2, Mrs. E. E. Atwater, \$5, Miss E. C. Bradley, \$5, Mrs. Wm. H. Fairchild, \$1, Mary Lyon Room, \$30 00

#### NEW YORK.

*Honeoye.* — "Happy Workers," \$5; a few friends, \$3, \$8 00  
*Walton.* — Aux., 14 55  
 Total, \$22 55

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

*Philadelphia Branch.* — Mrs. Arthur W. Goodell, Treas., Herndon Va., Aux., \$5; Stanley, N.J., Aux., \$6; A. M. S., \$10; Orange Aux., \$17.72; "Buds" for Rebecca, \$10; Paterson Aux., \$13; "Mountain Crystals," \$5; Baltimore Aux., \$62.45; "Bees," \$50; Washington Aux., \$19; Phila. Aux., \$99.25; "Snowflakes," for Miss Gouldy, \$10; "Montclair Blossoms," for Miss Gouldy, \$50. Of this \$19.66 is for incidental expenses, leaving a balance of \$336 76  
 Total, \$336 76

#### OHIO.

*Edinburgh.* — Aux., \$30 00  
*Kinsman.* — A friend, 50  
*Mesopotamia.* — Mrs. H. R. Parmelee, 2 00  
 Total, \$32 50

#### ILLINOIS.

##### C. Home Building-Fund.

*Chicago.* — A friend, \$25; Mt. Holyoke graduates in the West, \$8, Mary Lyon Room, \$33 00  
*Rockford.* — Holyoke pupils, Mary Lyon Room, 4 50

#### INDIANA.

*Lowell.* — Aux., \$20 00  
 Total, \$20 00

#### CALIFORNIA.

##### C. Home Building-Fund.

*Brooklyn.* — Mill Sem'y, Mrs. Cyrus Mills, Mary Lyon Room, \$5 00

#### FOREIGN LANDS.

*Erzroom, Turkey.* — Addie Parmelee, "Little Towel Hemmer," 50  
 Total, 50

General funds, \$7,547 56  
 C. Home Building Fund, 773 57  
 "Life and Light," 305 80  
 "Echoes," 8 15  
 Postage, 43 32  
 Weekly Pledge, 11 35  
 Leaflets, 17 60  
 Total, \$8,707 35

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Astt. Treas.*

# Department of the Interior.

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## INDIA.

### LETTER FROM MISS RENDALL.

MADURA, Dec. 29, 1874.

WHEN Mr. and Mrs. Chandler were obliged to return home, the mission appointed my father to Madura ; so that I am living now in my dear childhood's home, going over the same scenes, and seeing daily many of the people among whom my sainted mother worked for so many years. When I really stop to think, it is strange beyond words, and I seem to be living in a dream. Daily I pass through the same high walls that surround the boarding-school, and there I meet new faces. No, there is a very smiling one, good Lydia, who studied in my mother's school when she was small ; and that is the only link, but a very precious one to me. The old school-girls have all passed out of the walls ; and I meet many of them in their own homes, as mothers, and wives of our helpers.

I used to think I was as busy as could be in Battalagundu, and indeed I was ; but now I find I need to dip into many more things. The boarding-school here, only a few steps from my room, is, of course, my first thought and work ; but, besides this, there are two other Hindoo girls' schools for heathen children, and an East-Indian school, which I look after to a certain extent. In the mornings I spend from eight to ten in one of these day schools, looking after the girls' sewing, talking with them. I always enjoy this morning work exceedingly ; although I often come away, and wonder what earthly good I have

done these poor little girls. Their little minds run in such a wild, flighty way, that, in telling a long story, if I get two or three sensible answers from them, I feel happy and repaid. Two little Brahmin girls have lately come to the Hindoo school nearest us, which is held in a house very near the great temple of Menarchi. I think these a very great accession. They are two little beauties; and it is a pleasure to see their pretty, smiling faces. I hope they may be allowed to come for a long time; so that they may receive some lasting impression.

There has been a little encouragement in the boarding-school. A few months ago, there were six of the older girls received into the church at one time, and these have been a help and a comfort to me ever since by their happy, open lives.

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## JAPAN.

### LETTER FROM MISS DUDLEY.

KOBI, March 16, 1875.

WE have the thousand dollars pledged by the Japanese for the Home nearly all in, and hope we may raise more. We have secured a lot two hundred feet in width, and four hundred feet in depth, joining the grounds of the English consul on one side, and, on the other, a beautiful bamboo-grove. Behind us rises a mountain, and before us is the bay. We are quite up from the town, not too far for day-scholars, but giving us a quiet, sheltered place for boarding scholars. We paid for the ground fourteen hundred dollars, and a back tax of four hundred dollars; but, as all the land is held by speculators, we consider it quite cheap. It seems all we could desire; and we are rejoicing over the location. The house plan is about perfected, and the building is to be let in a few days.

As to furnishing, we do not want in any way to educate the girls so far above their surroundings at home, that they could not return gladly to the old life ; because it seems, for the people and their means, the most natural way. Some things want changing ; and these we hope to rectify. We think their bed, although faulty, in that it compels them to sleep on the floor, is, on the whole, so convenient and comfortable, that we had better use it. It consists of thick comfortables that can be aired in the morning, and put away in closets, giving the space for other purposes during the day. These we expect the girls to furnish. We would be glad of some of our own to accommodate a native guest occasionally. The cost of one bed would be about ten dollars.

The mats used by the Japanese are six feet long and three feet wide, with an upper surface resembling the common matting at home, but finer, and made with a stuffing so as to be soft, as they sit upon them. They are always white, and bound with blue, — are really pretty.

We think of making a compromise in the dining-room, using our high table, but, instead of the cloth, having for each pupil one of the little trays commonly used on the floor. Nearly all of the better class are discarding the old way of eating ; and this seems so much more convenient, we adopt it.

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## PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES.

ONE of our missionaries thus writes of the best assistance that can be given her in her work : —

“Oh, what can man do for this vast number of people, except the Lord work in us and through us ! I feel this so strongly ! Day by day I feel it more. We *must* be sustained by prayer, or we can do nothing. We cannot be

too often remembered thus. We are too far apart for friends to give us special advice or sympathy in times of trial, but they can intercede daily for God to give us the special wisdom and strength suited to the circumstances.

C. S."

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## Home Department.

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### THE LADIES' MISSIONARY MEETING AT KOKOMO, IND.

DURING the sessions of the General Association of Indiana, at Kokomo, May 14 and 15, the ladies had several missionary meetings. Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Howe, and Mrs. Baldwin reported in behalf of auxiliaries at Indianapolis, Terre Haute, and Michigan City. There are also societies at Fort Wayne, Angola, and Marshall; but through the State there remaineth much land to be possessed.

Mrs. (Rev.) William E. Holyoke of Chicago, representing the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior, addressed the General Association on the principles underlying the enterprise, the practical working and fruits of the Woman's Board, and the profounder faith that should animate all workers.

Miss Rankin followed with the impressive story of her work in Mexico.

The Association then unanimously adopted the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That we have listened with very great pleasure to Mrs. Holyoke and Miss Rankin, and are more deeply impressed than ever with the eminent gifts and qualifications of woman for missionary service, for kindling the missionary spirit in our churches, and collecting money for the cause.

*Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend to the sisters in all our churches to form auxiliaries to the Woman's Board."

The following day a new craft, fully equipped, bearing the name of "The Woman's Missionary Society of Koko," was launched under cheering auspices. With Him who never lost a cargo, for its Captain, may the winds of heaven swell its canvas, and, laden with blessings, many a successful voyage may it make to heathen shores, ere its faithful crew cast anchor in the heavenly port!

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FAREWELL MEETING.

THERE was an informal gathering at the Matteson House, Chicago, April 14, for the purpose of meeting Miss Spencer of Benzonia, Mich., who is about to accompany Mrs. Coffing to Marash.

Miss Spencer's parents were missionaries among the Indians in Northern Minnesota in the early days; and her own mother was killed by a random shot from one of their guns, fired in mere wantonness. But their work was not abandoned; for the Lord provided a second mother, of sweet and loving spirit, to minister in the lowly home, and take up the burden of privation. Their life was one of poverty and toil; and when, as sometimes happened, the supplies sent them by the Board failed to reach them, they would be entirely without food, save the huckleberries gathered from the woods. But they did not forsake their work until the tribe to which they were sent were virtually civilized. Thus were the early years of this young missionary spent in the very atmosphere of self-sacrifice. At the meeting she spoke of how the Lord had guided her into the work, and made the way plain before her. After a season of prayer, a short time was spent in social intercourse between the ladies of the executive committee and this new daughter of their adoption.

## NEWS FROM OUR AUXILIARIES.

OHIO. — The legacy of seventy-five dollars, left to the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior, has been paid into the treasury. The auxiliary in Sandusky has undertaken to support a scholarship in the boarding-school at Samokov. The new auxiliary at Ravenna begins its good work by pledging two shares in the Japan Home. Since the middle of February, Miss Rankin has been at work in Ohio, and has visited between thirty and forty churches. A number of new auxiliary societies have been formed during the winter and spring, mostly through her influence. Among them are the following: Berea, Wellington, Plymouth Congregational Church, Cleveland, Lorain, Pittsfield, Charlestown, Brooklyn. At Cuyahoga Falls, both a woman's missionary society and a mission band have been organized. The society of the High-street Church, Columbus, has received a new impulse.

JAPAN HOME. — During the last two months, shares have been pledged as follows: —

Chicago, auxiliary of First Congregational Church, four ; Galesburg, Ill., three ; Payson, Ill., three ; Anamosa, Io., two ; Sabula, Io., one ; Waterloo, Io., one ; Lincoln, Me., one ; Athol, Mass., one ; Portland, Or., one ; Nankin, Mich., one ; Alpena, Mich., one ; Oberlin, O., two ; Beloit, Wis., one ; Detroit, Sunbeam Band, one ; Somerset Centre, Mich., one. "The Willing Hearts," of Yankton, Dak. had a "Mother Goose party," at which "Little Mis-Mary" and many other friends of childhood were present. It resulted in two shares. Total, twenty-six.

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How many members of our societies never seem to think of the fact that they might gather up some crumb of interest, and so add to the pleasure and profit of the

meetings! Month after month they range themselves upon the seats, like rows of empty jars, waiting to be filled; and when the faithful few, who gather honey from every field, have poured in the fruit of their labors, they put some invisible seal upon their lips, and go home. Let such put the "Lord's money" to the "exchangers."

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

FROM APRIL 15, TO MAY 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to const. Mrs. W. A. Baker and Mrs. N. M. Thompson L. M.'s, \$50; C. J. Finney for the Japan Home,	\$75 00
<i>Ravenna.</i> — Aux., \$18.50; proceeds of lecture by Miss Rankin,	\$11.60,
<i>Tallmadge.</i> — Aux., for their pupil in Erzroom, Fannie E. Kerr, Treas.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$130 10

INDIANA.

<i>Indianapolis.</i> — May Flower Ch. Aux., Mary E. Bruce, Sec.,	\$6 50
<i>Michigan City.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Nellie Brown a L. M., Mrs. H. M. Kent, Treas.,	38 00
<i>Portland.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Bitlis, Mrs. R. L. Gipe, Treas.,	12 00
<i>Terre Haute.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. E. A. Keith, Treas.,	25 00
Total,	\$81 50

MICHIGAN.

<i>Alpena.</i> — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Miss Julia Farwell and Mrs. A. B. Allen L. M.'s, Miss J. Farwell, Treas.,	\$25 00
<i>Ann Arbor.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. W. M. Wagner a L. M., Mrs. M. L. D'Oogee, Treas.,	39 56
<i>Charlotte.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. C. Lacy, Treas.,	18 39
<i>Detroit.</i> — "Sunbeam Band" of	

1st Ch., for the school at Bat-talagundu, Mrs. M. R. Eddy, Treas.,	50 00
<i>East Saginaw.</i> — "Teachers' Miss'y Circle," for the Japan Home, Miss Leila Palmer, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Grand Rapids.</i> — Aux., for their Bible-Reader in Nicomedia,	23 00
<i>Greenville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. B. Stevens, Treas.,	13 00
<i>Leslie.</i> — Aux.,	5 00
Total,	\$198 95

ILLINOIS.

<i>Aurora.</i> — 1st Ch. Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. G. F. Ruggles, Treas., \$25.77; New England Ch. Aux., Fannie H. Janes, Treas., \$26.50,	\$52 27
<i>Canton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. J. Graham, Treas.,	25 42
<i>Chesterfield.</i> — Aux., Miss L. M. Lawson, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — Forty-seventh St. Ch. Aux., \$14.45; Leavitt St. Ch. Aux., for a third share in the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. M. J. Fitch a L. M., \$25; New England Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, \$20.26; First Ch., Aux., of which \$25 is from Mrs. Charles Walker and Mrs. Boardman for a share in the Japan Home, and \$5 is a thank offering from a mother, \$66.85; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$60.35,	186 91
<i>Elgin.</i> — S. S. Miss'y Soc., for a share in the Japan Home, Hattie M. Brown, Treas.,	25 00

<i>Geneseo.</i> —Aux., Mrs. A. H. Nourse, Treas.,	\$26 25
<i>Granville.</i> —Aux., Mrs. L. K. Warren, Treas.,	6 00
<i>La Salle.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. B. Treat, Treas.,	9 05
<i>Lisbon.</i> —Aux., \$20; "Busy Bees," \$3, L. Susan Langdon, Treas.,	23 00
<i>Paw Paw.</i> —Aux.,	50
<i>Peru.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. W. Brewster, Treas.,	6 37
<i>Quincey.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, and to const. Mrs. Lydia M. Littlefield a L. M., Louisa M. Robbins, Sec.,	33 75
<i>Rockford.</i> —First Ch., Aux., \$20 of which is for a pupil in Miss Porter's school, the remainder for Miss Diamant's salary, Mrs. H. J. Harding, Treas.,	52 00
<i>Springfield.</i> —Aux., for Miss Evans' salary, Mrs. Carrie L. Post, Treas.,	34 25
<i>Wheaton.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley,	10 25
Total,	\$526 42

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Appleton.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, Mrs. A. L. Smith, Treas.,	\$33 67
<i>Beloit.</i> —Aux., for Japan Home, \$26.25; Young Ladies' Society, \$16,	42 25
<i>Burlington.</i> —Aux.,	4 00
<i>Clinton Junction.</i> —Aux., for the Mexican Mission, Mrs. C. H. Bronson,	4 75
<i>Madison.</i> —Aux. to const. Mrs. H. A. Miner a L. M., Mrs. Alex. Kerr, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Mazomania.</i> —Aux., Mrs. M. M. Martin, Treas.,	1 00
<i>Milwaukee.</i> —Spring St. Ch., Aux., for salary of Stomata of Samokov, Mrs. C. N. Childs, Treas., \$50; Spring St. Ch. Mission Band, for a share in the Japan Home, and with previous contributions to const. Mrs. Merrick and Mrs. Daniells L. M.'s, Miss I. F. Shadbolt, Treas., \$25,	75 00
<i>Oakfield.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. A. Large, Treas.,	7 67
<i>Plattsville.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home.	18 00
Total,	\$211 34

## IOWA.

*Chester.*—Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs.

EVANSTON, May 17, 1875.

Elisabeth Cocking a L. M., and for the support of Tena of Samokov, Mrs. Lightener, Treas.,	\$13 00
<i>Davenport.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Geo. Wing, Treas.,	42 75
<i>Denmark.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis, and to const. Miss Minnie Day a L. M., Ella J. Brackett, \$25; "Helping Hands," to be applied to the Samokov school, Ruth Mills, Treas., \$5.25,	30 25
<i>Fairfield.</i> —Aux., Mrs. S. Reed, Treas.,	12 50
<i>Grinnell.</i> —"Mite Gatherers," \$6; Aux., \$37.45 for salary of Miss Hillis.	43 45
<i>Keokuk.</i> —Aux., Mary C. Collins, Treas.,	20 00
<i>McGregor.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	8 30
<i>Monticello.</i> —Aux.,	15 00
<i>Ogden.</i> —Aux., for Mrs. Bissell's school at Ahmednuggur, Mrs. Palmer, Treas.,	12 50
<i>Polk City.</i> —Aux., \$8; "Buds of Promise," \$9, for the Samokov School,	17 00
<i>Sibley.</i> —M. J. Keeler, "a praising-offering to the Lord,"	15 00
Total,	\$223 75

## MINNESOTA.

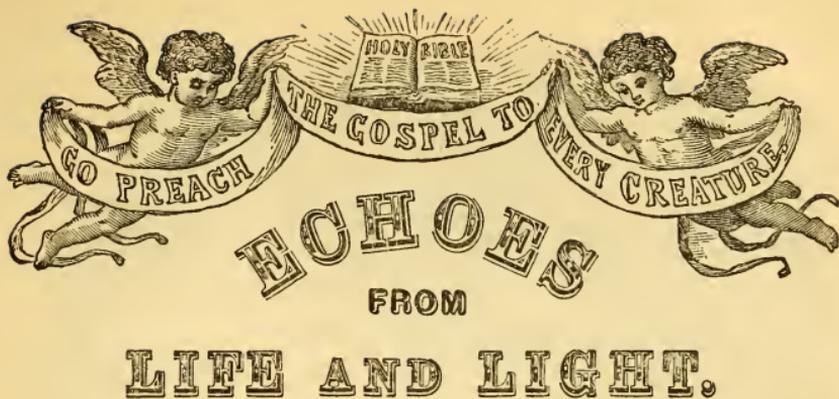
<i>Austin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley, and to const. Mrs. Frances Brownson a L. M., Mrs. A. Morse, Treas.,	\$15 60
<i>Minneapolis.</i> —Plymouth Ch. S. S. for pupil in Marash,	40 00
<i>Winona.</i> —Aux., for Miss Van Duzee's salary, 50 cts. of which is from Frankie Tenney's missy box,	51 50
Total,	\$107 10

## DAKOTA.

<i>Yankton.</i> —"Willing Hearts," for two shares in the Japan Home,	\$50 00
Total,	\$50 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

"Woman's Board of the Pacific," for the Bridgeman School, Mrs. R. E. Cole, Treas.,	\$400 00
West Charlotte, Vt.,	5 00
Sale of pamphlets,	2.55
Total,	\$407 55
Total,	\$1,936 71



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TRIAL OF MADAGASCAR MARTYRS.

BY MISS F. J. DYER.

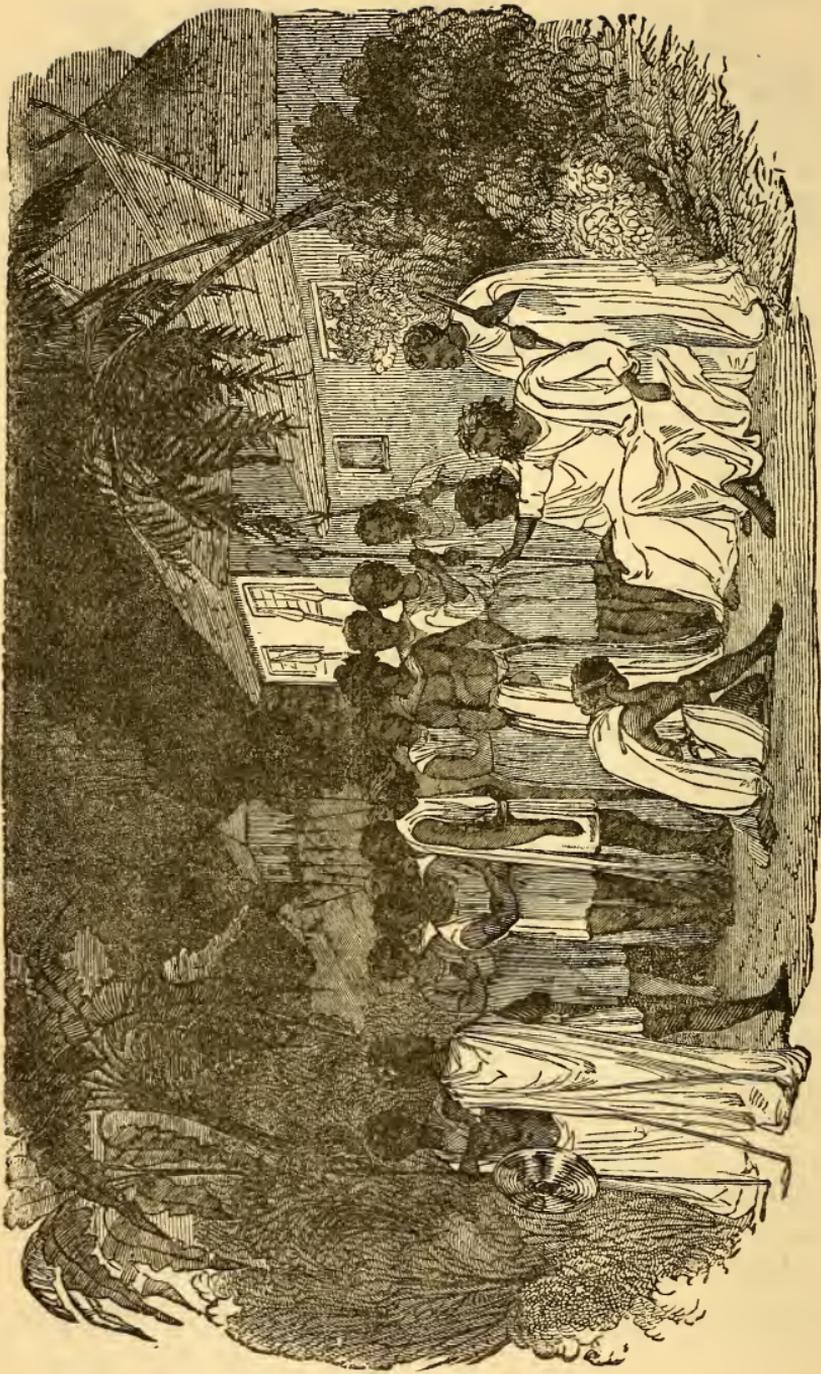


WONDER if any little reader of "The Echoes" can tell what this picture means. Perhaps you think the poor man sitting on the ground, with his face buried in his hands, is Joseph, and these others are his brethren, plotting his ruin. But here are twenty people, and Joseph had only eleven brothers: so guess again.

"Stephen!" cries some one who knows the story of the first man put to death because he loved Jesus, and would not deny him. No, it cannot be he, because these men seem to have spears; and Stephen, you remember, was stoned to death.

Now, if you will take your maps, and find the Island of Madagascar, I will tell you just what the picture represents.

A great many years ago, there lived on this island a good king, called Radama. He was not a Christian him-



self, but was wise enough to see that those who did worship the true God were in every way better and happier than the poor natives. So he allowed our missionaries to hold meetings, and teach them how to read, and to show them the difference between their foolish gods and the Saviour to whom you pray. Just as they were beginning to understand and enjoy it, Radama died. How sorry they must have felt !

After this, his wife, Ranavalona, became queen ; and I couldn't begin to tell you of all her cruel deeds. She hated the missionaries, partly because she feared they would become rulers of the island, just as the Jews wanted Christ killed, lest he should be king. She had them put to death in the most dreadful manner. A great many of them were beheaded, after which their heads were placed on a pole in some public place, to serve as a warning to others. Some were burned alive, some cut into pieces no larger than musket-balls, while others were thrown from a high cliff, and dashed to pieces against the rocks. If you will turn to the fourth chapter of Luke, you will see how they carried Jesus, at one time, to the brow of a hill, "that they might cast him down headlong."

Even the children did not escape the fury of this wicked queen, especially those who were born on what she called "unlucky" days. Sometimes they had a string tied tightly around their necks, and their heads held under warm water till they died. But it was not the missionaries alone whom Ranavalona thus persecuted. Her own people who would believe in our Bible were special objects of her hate ; and the man in the picture is one who has been seized at her command, and sentenced to death. See how they stand with their spears all ready, as if they could hardly wait to thrust them through his body. The one on the right, with his hand stretched out, seems to be

urging him to give up his faith in Christ, even at this last hour. No wonder he bows his head, and seems to be in such despair! But he will give up his life, rather than the Saviour who died for him. Would you be as faithful?

Think how such people would enjoy your privilege of going to church and sabbath school, and of carrying their Bibles openly without fear of punishment! What can you do to help them?

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### HOME-LIFE IN CHINA.



THE little readers of "Echoes" have sometimes wondered, perhaps, whether the children in far-off China looked and acted like the children whose happy faces and merry voices brighten so many homes in our own land. The accompanying picture tells you how a Chinese

baby looks; and one glance is sufficient to assure you that the babies of China must be very homely. With pale complexions, almond-shaped eyes, thick lips, and flat noses, it is not easy to believe that their own mothers think their babies pretty.

Chinese children are often treated with harshness and

neglect; they are severely punished for trivial offences. Lying and deception are almost universal among them. A child who uniformly told the truth would be considered as lacking in brightness.

You would like to know, perhaps, what sort of stories the Chinese children hear from their parents and teachers; and the two which follow will answer very well as specimens of them.

A great while ago, a thousand years or more, there lived a little boy whose name was Tsoo Yoong, who, at the age of eight, had developed such a fondness for study, that his parents were very much afraid that his eyesight would be injured by his great diligence: and so they forbade him the use of his text-books; but he would not obey them. He would frequently hide a live coal in the ashes; and after his parents had retired, and were sound asleep, he would get up, light his lamp, and go to studying. He took his clothes and the bedspread, and placed them over the window, lest the light should be seen by some member of the family. In process of time, he became very famous; and it is said that he was appointed to an important office while yet in his teens.

During the Han dynasty, there lived another remarkable youth, whose name was Kuang Hoong. He was very fond of books; but, as he belonged to a poor family, he had to do without many things, and among these was oil for his lamp.

Now, it so happened that his next-door neighbor was provided with candles, and, in order to borrow a little of this man's light, he bored a hole through the wall, and in this way managed to procure a few rays of light to continue his studies. This boy, also, became afterwards a prime-minister.

Child-life in China lacks the cheerfulness and light-

heartedness which it possesses with us. Their plays are often serious and sober affairs. One might journey a long distance without hearing a hearty, good-natured peal of laughter from a troop of frolicsome children. Their life here is full of evil and sorrow and suffering: of the life beyond the grave, to which we look forward with joyful anticipation, they know not.

Are we doing all in our power to send the light of divine truth into the darkened homes of China?

A. O. T.

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## MISSION-CIRCLES.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MAINE. — *Bangor*. — "Dakota Workers," \$57.00.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Keene*. — First Ch. Mission-Circle, \$40.00.

*Windham*. — A. C. P's Missionary Hen, 75 cents.

MASSACHUSETTS. — *Boston*. — Miss Bessie B. Ely, \$10.51; Central Church Mission-Circles, \$680.00.

*Maynard*. — Rising-Star Circle, \$12.00.

*Newburyport*. — Campbell Mission-Circle, \$55.00.

*Walpole*. — "Little Gleaners," \$53.25.

CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — "Busy Bees," \$20.00; Ox Ridge Mission-Circle, \$2.00.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH. — *Derby*. — "Mission Workers," \$45.00.

*East Haven*. — "Little Workers," \$2.00.

*New Haven*. — Church of the Redeemer, "Morning Star," \$25.00; "Ruby Seals," \$25.00; College-street Church, "Busy Bees," \$46.00; "Cheerful Workers," \$36.50; "Givers on Trust," \$5.00; "Reapers," \$5.00; "Wide Awakes," \$5.00; North Church, "West End Mission-Circle," \$5.00; "Third Church Mission Band," \$206.00.

*New Milford*. — "Golden Links," \$32.

*Norwalk*. — "Young Ladies' Mission Band," \$50.00; "Young Folks," \$75.00; "Sunbeams," \$25.00.

*Sharon*. — "Busy Bees," 5.00.

*Somers*. — "Willing Workers for Jesus," \$5.00.

*South Britain*. — "Mite Gleaners," \$5.00.

*Thomaston.* — “Free Givers,” \$4.00.

*Waterbury.* — “Five Brothers,” \$3.50.

*Watertown.* — “Earnest Workers,” \$8; “Little Gleaners,”  
\$20.00.

NEW YORK. — *Honeoye.* — “Happy Workers,” \$5.00.

PENNSYLVANIA. — *Philadelphia Branch.* — *Orange.* — “Buds,” \$10.00.

*Paterson.* — “Mountain Crystals,” \$5.00.

*Baltimore.* — “Bees,” \$50.00.

*Philadelphia.* — “Snowflakes,” \$10.00.

*Montclair.* — “Blossoms,” \$50.00.

TURKEY. — *Erzroom.* — Addie Parmelee, “Little Towel-Hemmer,”  
5 cents.

MICHIGAN. — *Detroit.* — “Sunbeam Band,” \$50.00.

ILLINOIS. — *Elgin.* — S. S. Missionary Society, \$25.00.

*Lisbon.* — “Busy Bees,” \$23.00.

WISCONSIN. — *Beloit.* — Young Ladies’ Society, \$16.00.

IOWA. — *Denmark.* — “Helping Hands,” \$5.25.

*Grinnell.* — “Mite-Gatherers,” \$6.00.

*Polk City.* — “Buds of Promise,” \$9.00.

MINNESOTA. — *Minneapolis.* — Plymouth Church S. S., \$40.00.

*Winona.* — Frankie Tenny’s Missionary Box, 50 cents.

DAKOTA. — *Yankton.* — “Willing Hearts,” \$50.00.

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## TWO CONTRIBUTIONS.

Two contributions have come in the past month that have been specially pleasant to receive, because they reminded us what patient little workers are collecting pennies for us both at home and abroad. The first one was from little Bessie, of whom we have heard before in “The Echoes.” She came into our room one bright May morning with such an eager and triumphant air, that we knew she must be on an errand that pleased her well. We soon found that she had brought a very heavy contribution, so heavy, that she could not begin to lift it herself; and her mamma had come with her to carry the precious burden.

Every Sunday morning for a year she had remembered to pass her missionary bank to each member of the family.

Again and again it had been filled; and now she had brought the contents — ten dollars and sixty-four cents in pennies and five-cent pieces — “for the heathen children.” Don’t you think she had done well for a little girl four years old? If all the readers of “The Echoes” would do as well, we should have no fears for our treasury.

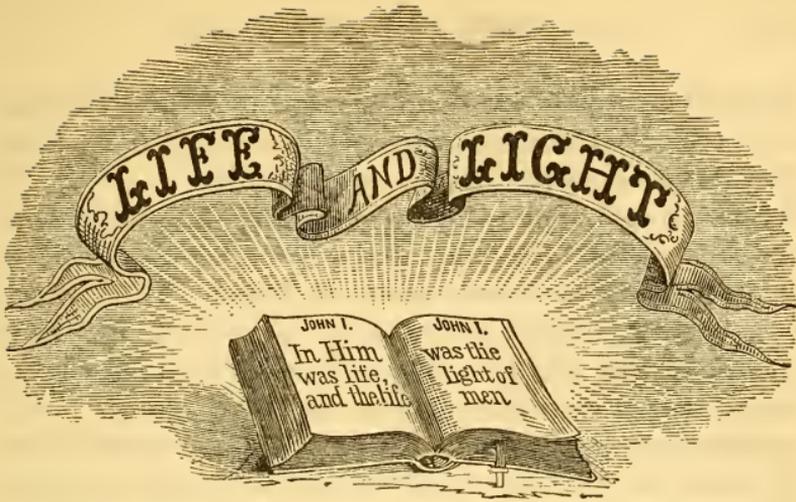
What do you think the other contribution was? It was a little five-cent scrip, very yellow and old, from Addie P., a missionary’s daughter in Erzroom, and is part of some money she had earned for the Woman’s Board by hemming towels for her mamma. She does not belong to any mission-circle, because there are not children enough to form one where she lives: so she wants to join our band of little workers as a “Towel-hemmer.” We shall be delighted to have her; shall we not, children? We will give her a welcome so hearty and strong, that she will be sure to hear the “echo” of it way off in Turkey.

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### ACROSTIC.

BY MISS ADELIA DICKINSON.

1. One who was stoned to death to gratify a covetous desire.
  2. One who was instrumental in saving the life of a prophet.
  3. King of a heathen nation.
  4. Name of an uncle of the high priest.
  5. A ruler that believed on the Lord.
  6. A prophet who returned with the Jews from Babylon.
  7. A city destroyed by fire from heaven.
  8. A woman that made garments for the poor.
  9. A city where Christ wrought one of his greatest miracles.
  10. A woman that perilled her life for her friends.
  11. A friend of a wise king.
  12. A father of two ambitious sons.
  13. The handsomest man in Israel.
  14. A city in which an apostle was imprisoned.
- My whole is a noted king.



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CEYLON.

LETTER FROM MISS TOWNSHEND.

WISHING to record some of the incidents connected with the work in the school, and among the women, in a journal form, I will begin with this new term, which opened about the middle of September. Last Thursday was the day appointed for our pupils to return from their homes; and they were all here before night, with glad, beaming faces, even after walking ten, twelve, and sixteen miles. Like uncaged birds, they commenced to sing almost as soon as they arrived, so glad to be freed from the restraints of heathen customs. I hear that one of my former pupils, when reprov'd for singing, replied, "I am redeemed: I must sing." I am glad to know that the girls have not neglected their books during the month they have been at home, but have nearly all of them committed to memory a psalm and two hymns. They have

attended church on the Sabbath ; and most of those who are in heathen homes have read the Bible, and prayed with the family every evening before retiring.

*Sept. 28.* — I went to-day to Atchuvaly, a village about five miles from here, and then a half-mile farther on, to hold a meeting with the women of Toper. These meetings are very pleasant, because the women come with such readiness, and seem really anxious to know the truth. While there, I called on the wife of a new convert. Her husband is trying very hard to have her learn to read ; but she is unwilling to listen to his teachings ; and, when I asked her to read to me to-day, she could not find the book. She seems so utterly careless and indifferent, that I had supposed she remembered but very little of the Bible truths that had been told her ; and I was surprised to hear her relate to a neighbor the account of the creation and of our first parents, in such vivid language as to make it seem like a new story.

*Oct. 10.* — Going by Atchuvaly, a few days ago, on my way to Batticotta, to attend the Annual Convention, that meets conjointly with the Annual Meeting of the Board, I called to see my new acquaintance ; but, having on a different hat and dress from what I had worn before, I could not get any attention to what I said. A bunch of artificial grass on my hat excited remarks from each woman as she came in : even the old mother peered at me with her dim eyes, and said, “What is that rubbish on your hat ?” It was with difficulty that I could persuade them that it was not rubbish, and might be allowed to stay ; but it was some time before I could get any woman to read to me.

*Dec. 3.* — Two of the most delightful hours in the week are those we spend in the prayer-meetings with the girls, — on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The older ones

have theirs on Tuesday ; and each one conducts the meeting in turn, reading or repeating some passage of Scripture, and presenting the thoughts which it has awakened in her mind. This exercise shows that these little ones read their Bibles to some purpose. On Wednesday the younger ones, or, rather, those who are not church-members, come together.

I varied the usual exercises, this morning, by asking them to repeat some verse which might be in their minds at the time, thinking I would thus have some index to their thoughts. When the first one immediately repeated, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty," the passage seemed so full of precious meaning to those who know the discomforts of the foot-traveller over the heated sands, and beneath the burning sun, that I stopped to tell these dear girls, that as they found comfort and rest beneath the shadow of the trees, in their long walk to and from their homes, so our Father's love would protect all who sought him, and continued to abide in him. As we dwelt on this beautiful picture of our Father's grace, we felt much strengthened ; and even the little ones were led to praise him in their hearts.

For the last few weeks, the conch has been sounded at noon, in the little temple across the road, to summon the worshippers to hear the reading of the Puranas, in praise of the deity who presides there. They are written in classical language, not understood by the people, read in a singing tone, and translated by an assistant, to the audience, composed of men seated within the temple, and women on the ground outside. Those who attend upon this ceremony fast through the morning, spend an hour or two at noon at the temple, listening to the recital of the history and virtues of the hero of the Purana,

perform certain ceremonial bathings, and take their first meal for the day at about four in the afternoon. Those who commence this worship are very careful to continue it daily during the weeks through which it lasts.

Yesterday afternoon, calling on an intelligent heathen woman, I commenced conversation by asking, —

“Do you go to hear the Puranas?”

“Oh, yes! I go very regularly.”

“What is your object in going?”

“To save my soul.”

“How will your soul be saved in that way?”

“The merit which I am thus laying up will secure me a place in heaven when I die.”

She seemed much interested while I tried to show her the only way of salvation; and I wish I might think she was really desirous to know the truth; but our native friends are so universally polite wherever we go, that we cannot draw any special encouragement from what is considered only an act of civility to a visitor. It is very agreeable to receive the pleasant smile and affectionate inquiry from our friends as we pass along the street, and to know that we shall receive a warm greeting in any house; but sometimes I am afraid this aspect of the work makes us less earnest, and less keenly alive to the necessity of their hearts being reached by a higher power than ours.

*Dec. 28.* — Yesterday was a happy day with us; for it was communion season, and five of our girls came to the Lord's Table for the first time. One of them, at her baptism, put away her old name, the cognomen of a heathen god, and took one signifying “greatest bliss.” We hope these young disciples will be strengthened by this public act, to live more decidedly for Christ while at their homes in the coming vacation. We already have the testimony

of their friends, that they are known as Christians, both by their own profession, and their endeavors to do good to others.

*March 23.* — During the month of January, we were all very busy, preparing for the close of the school-year and the government examination. As the amount of aid the school would receive from government the coming year depended on the efficiency of the girls at this examination, we were anxious to have all do as well as possible. We do not yet know the result.

We are hoping shortly to increase the number of pupils in the boarding-school by selecting ten girls from the different day-schools, who, we think, will best improve their advantages, and be useful hereafter. As we are obliged to take them as early as their thirteenth or fourteenth year, it is very hard to select from the many applicants who present themselves. We cannot tell who will be likely to marry a Christian teacher, or minister, and thus become a centre of good influence among her sisters, or who will be compelled to marry a heathen, and thus hide her light under a bushel, if not give up the forms of Christianity. The past shows us that the Lord's hand has been with us in helping us to select the right ones. But what shall we say of those who could not be received? They returned to their heathen homes, and are going down the dark way with their mothers and sisters.

We long for some manifestations of the Spirit, which shall turn the hearts of the village women to seek the Lord. Will you not pray that they may have their understandings enlightened, and be led to obey?

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“THE gospel opens the door of hope to the hopeless.”

“All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”

## EASTERN TURKEY.

## TOURING INCIDENTS.

BY MRS. C. R. ALLEN.

WE make the following extracts from an account of a tour sent us by Mrs. Allen of Harpoot, as showing the way in which the gospel is gradually overcoming opposition, and gaining a foothold, in a large number of Turkish villages. After speaking of some of the difficulties of traveling over the rough roads, she says, —

“We reached Egin Saturday morning, and remained till the next Tuesday. We took dinner at the house of one of the brethren, whose wife has not yet received the truth. I endeavored to persuade her to go with me to the chapel; but she avoided the application of the truth to herself in every possible way. She criticised my dress, wished to know if it would be a sin to wear a fur — almost every one in her city wore a fur, and the rich dressed in silk and satin. Her two sons are Christians; and the younger was one of the six who united with the church the day we were there. On Monday we visited the two schools, which together numbered a hundred scholars.

“The three days we spent in Egin was a feast of fat things. The unity of feeling, and the interest manifested in the cause of Christ, with the deep spirituality of those in the church, gave us joy without measure. It was not easy to gain an entrance into the hearts of this people; but, the door once opened, the truth has marched steadily on. The chief pillar of the church is a very wealthy man, who is much respected in the city; yet he esteems it his greatest honor to preach Christ, and does it on every occasion with great acceptance. He is a merchant, and of course has many opportunities to speak of his religion.

“Kohar, who was for some time assistant teacher in the Harpoot Seminary, has been laboring for the last three years among the women in Egin, going from house to house, giving lessons in reading, and instructing them in the gospel. She has borne no small amount of persecution. Sometimes as many as a hundred men and boys would follow her, throwing stones, and calling her names. She was tempted to give up her efforts, feeling that the time had not come to begin work in that place ; but those who had learned the preciousness of the word of life encouraged her to go on, and she is now reaping the blessed fruits of her labors. Nine women have united with the church, while several of over fifty years of age, and one of seventy-five, have learned to read. . . .

“On Friday we were at Chemisgesek, a city of considerable importance. I had many opportunities of conversing with small companies of women. While passing one house, a woman invited me to come in and sit down. She said she was a great sinner ; that there was no use trying to conceal the fact, she was a wicked woman. She had hated the Protestants, and persecuted them ; but now she wished her son’s wife to learn to read, and that week one of our seminary girls was to begin to give her daily lessons. So opposition gradually dies away. The women promised to form a society to earn something towards carrying on the work. . . .

“At Malatia the general feeling seemed to be that they needed, most of all, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The pastor’s wife is a graduate of our Harpoot Seminary, and is a model in the eyes of the people. She has a family of nine, and two of her children cannot walk ; but she is present at all the meetings, and makes not infrequent calls on the people. The day we reached there, I found her making a dress for one of her neighbor’s chil-

dren. I asked her if she had not enough to do for her own family ; and she smilingly replied, 'The woman did not know how to make it, and, as she asked me, I could not refuse.' At old Malatia there are only two Protestants. One of them is a blind man, who is very zealous, and says he does not wish to have his eyes opened, lest he should become worldly, and lose his soul."

In closing, Mrs. Allen says, —

"I have detailed many things relating to this tour ; but I cannot impart to you the joy we experienced in instructing those who longed to hear the way of salvation, and in talking with those who had already found the pearl of great price. This is a critical time for the work of Christ in this land. The attempts to suppress the printing of the Scriptures in Turkish, and the persecution of those who have recently embraced the Christian faith among the Mohammedans, together with the efforts of English Christians to secure religious liberty, all unite to elicit your prayers for Turkey. May we not have them ?"

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## Where hast Thou Gleaned ?

BY MRS. J. G. FOSTER.

BENEATH the soft Judæan sky,  
 The gentle, loving Ruth  
 Had come to dwell in widowhood,  
 An exile in her youth.

In humble poverty they dwelt,  
 The daughter and the mother ;  
 Yet they were rich in sweet content,  
 In loving one another.

But love to duteous service leads ;  
 And so, at early dawn,

The timid Ruth goes forth to glean  
The golden ears of corn.

At eventide, with grateful joy  
Bursting in gladsome song,  
She homeward turns, and, hastening, bears  
The bounteous sheaves along.

The mother marks the passing hours,  
And, going forth to meet  
The youthful reaper, waits and smiles  
At sound of coming feet.

And when the generous store she saw,  
Which Ruth had borne away,  
With glad surprise she questioned her, —  
“Where hast thou gleaned to-day?”

Her constant, earnest, loving toil  
Such rich returns had brought,  
That well the mother might exclaim,  
“Where, daughter, hast thou wrought?”

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Let us a moment linger here  
Beside the faithful Ruth:  
It may be that for us may fall  
Some simple grains of truth.

The world is God's great harvest-field;  
Glitters the golden plain  
On every side; afar and near  
Wide waves the ripened grain;

And distant fields, neglected long,  
'Mid heathen realms of sin,  
Are waiting for the reaper's hand, —  
Oh, who will enter in?

Oh, harvesters for God! Behold,  
The day is waning fast!  
The gleaning-time will soon be o'er,  
The harvest-season past.

Sayst thou, "There is no place for me,  
 No gain shall I receive,  
 I oft, though going forth at morn,  
 Empty return at eve" ?

Oh, say not so ! Some scattered grain  
 That others have passed by  
 May, but for thine own watchful care,  
 For aye neglected lie.

Grieve not that thou art all unskilled :  
 There's surely work for thee ;  
 And many drooping hearts may cheer,  
 If they thy patience see.

If love our humblest service prompt,  
 Reward we cannot lose ;  
 Nor single sheaf, if bound for him,  
 Will the dear Lord refuse.

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## Our Work at Home.

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### MAY MEETING.

"PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW." This ever-appropriate doxology opened the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, in May, 1875. One of the fairest days of the bright "anniversary week," there was nothing to hinder a goodly assemblage ; and soon after the hour of ten, A.M., of Thursday, May 27, a large number of the friends and patrons of the Woman's Board had convened in Mt. Vernon Church.

Attention was directed by the President, Mrs. Bowker, to the declaration of Christ, "As Moses lifted up the ser-

pent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up ;” and to his last command, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

“Here,” said Mrs. Bowker, “we have the authority for the Woman’s Board of Missions, and it is our lesson for the morning: Go, go to all the dark nations of the earth, and to the habitations of cruelty, and tell the good tidings of a Saviour’s love.” After prayer, by Miss Proctor of the Aintab mission, Mrs. Bowker mentioned a gift of twenty-five dollars, which had been placed in her hand in the early morning, by one who had been disappointed in her expectation of being present at the meeting. The gift was at once a memorial of a beloved daughter, and a thank-offering for God’s sustaining grace under extraordinary trial. To those familiar with the harrowing tragedy recently enacted in East Boston, this testimony from the mother of the late Mrs. Margaret E. Bingham came with thrilling significance; and one great throb of gratitude went up to Heaven on her behalf.

The report of Miss Child, Home Secretary, made grateful recognition of substantial growth in the home field; not so much by extension of territory, as by increased interest within bounds already established. Doubts and misgivings, which, at the beginning, met the work of the Board at home, have been dispelled by the same good Providence which has broken down barriers to the progress of the gospel abroad. Increased cordiality is manifested by churches and pastors; and, under these happy auspices, the work is prosecuted with renewed efficiency. “The Maine Branch, which, with much hesitation, pledged a thousand dollars for the year ending in June, 1874, recently sent to our treasury eleven hundred dollars, the aggregate of two months’ contributions. New Hampshire, which came to our rescue by assuming, in addition to other

work, the burden of the twelve hundred dollar school-room in the Constantinople Home, is easily redeeming her pledge by portioning out its hundred desks to different churches and sabbath schools. Vermont, true to her traditional thrift, is working quietly and systematically through the persistent personal efforts of her county vice-presidents, increasing in efficiency day by day. Rhode Island, with her twenty-five churches, has now sixteen auxiliaries, and nine mission-circles,—a proportion one would rejoice to see imitated in every State in the land. In Massachusetts, steps have been taken, which, it is hoped, will result in the formation of a branch in Berkshire and Worcester Counties; and, within the last month, three new conference associations have been organized. But perhaps the greatest success during the past five months has been achieved by the New Haven Branch. At the meeting in Rutland, when the missionary spirit was at its flood, its president pledged the branch to the sum of ten thousand dollars for its financial year, which ended in May. To accomplish this, its members gave themselves to earnest, unremitting endeavors; and their joy may be imagined, when their Treasurer's Report at their Annual Meeting gave the total of receipts as twelve thousand and five hundred dollars."

Miss Emma Carruth, Assistant Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, in reporting receipts for the five months of the current year,\* put in a plea for the completion of the fund for the Constantinople Home, as the building is now rapidly going forward, and will very

* General funds . . . . .	\$26,119.68
Constantinople Home fund . . . . .	8,403.90
Publications . . . . .	678.60
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	\$37,686.48

soon require the payment of the whole amount. A plan of the rooms, with names of donors, was suspended before the audience ; and auxiliaries and individuals were invited to assume the expense of those yet unprovided for.

A letter from Mrs. Capron of India, who gave her farewell address at the last May meeting, was then read ; and a deep impression was produced by the touching incident contained in it.

Miss West, whose long service in the East has furnished her with an unfailling fund of interesting facts, occupied half an hour with some new chapters of missionary experience. Among other things, she spoke of the establishment of a Sunday school among the Armenians, having the twofold design of benefiting the children who might be gathered in, and of giving practical instruction in missionary work to the girls in their training schools. The school went on prosperously for a time, when the priest interfered, and forbade the mothers to allow their children to attend, and so it was broken up ; but, in the mean time, the native girls had learned how to teach, and had themselves been taught to love the work, which, as opportunity offered, they resumed in other forms. But this was not the end of it. One Sunday, hearing the tramping of feet, and inquiring the cause, Miss West was informed that a Sunday school had been established in the Armenian church, the priest saying, that, five years from that time, any one who could not read would be a nobody ; "and so," said Miss West, "we thanked God, and took courage."

Miss Proctor, who is expecting to return to her field in August, made a very impressive address. Applying the promise of the "hundred-fold reward in this life," not only to those who "leave houses and lands," but to those who give their children, she related some remarkable

instances of its fulfilment, and urged others to come and share the blessing. Miss Proctor referred particularly to interviews with three mothers whom she met during a visit in Vermont; and we expect, at some time, to hear more of the little son of one of them, who prayed, "O Lord, I don't want to be a missionary; but, if you want me to, make me willing;" and, again, "O Lord, I don't want to be a missionary; but, if you want me to, make my father and mother willing."

The minor chord struck from time to time by the President and other speakers was in regard to the unanswered call for twelve missionaries, urgently needed in different fields. With this in view, Mrs. Gulliver was called upon to offer prayer; and thus closed a meeting whose quiet charm was suggestive of the "green pastures" and "the still waters."

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

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM MAY 18 TO JUNE 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

### MAINE.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas.; Garland, ladies of Cong. Ch., \$3; Hampden, Aux., \$10; "Hampden Helpers," \$20; Skowhegan, Aux., \$12.50; W. Falmouth, Aux., \$14; Bath Mission-circle, \$31.55; "Little Mills," \$8 14; Searsport, Aux., \$5.60; South Freeport, Aux., \$18; "Snow-Birds," \$3; Belfast, Aux., \$21.50; "Youths' Mission-circle," \$17; Mrs. R. C. Johnson, \$10; Mary E. Cutler, \$10; Farmington, Aux., \$15,	\$199 39
<i>Benton.</i> — Cong. S. S.	10 00
<i>Biddeford.</i> — Second Cong. Ch., Aux.,	40 00
Total,	\$249 29

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> — Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas.; Campton, Aux., \$1; Keene First Ch., Aux., for work in China, \$26.15; Manchester First Ch., Aux., \$88; Meredith Village, Aux., \$5; Hampton, Aux., towards pupil in Inanda, \$15; W. Lebanon, Aux., towards pupil in Inanda, \$21,	\$156 15
<i>Salmon Falls.</i> — Aux.,	5 00
<i>Sullivan.</i> — Mrs. A. C. E.'s, \$10; Mrs. Asa Ellis, \$1; Mrs. A. Far- rar, 50 cts.; Mrs. D. W. Nims, 50 cts.; Mrs. S. S. Drake, \$3,	15 00
Total,	\$176 15
<i>C. Home Building-Fund.</i>	
<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> — Troy,	

Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary F. Brigham, \$25; Keene First Ch., Aux. (of wh. \$50 to const. L. M.'s Miss Lauretta M. Boses, Miss Elizabeth W. Barstow, Flushing, L. I.), \$74; Milford, Aux., for desk marked, \$10; Wilton, Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. D. E. Jones, desk marked Mrs. Lizzie E. Putman, \$10; Bristol, Aux., \$1.25; Candia, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Geo. E. Lovejoy, \$25; "Young Ladies' Mission-circle," for desk school room, \$10; Epping Cong. S. S., for desk, \$10; Derry, Aux., \$21.50; Greenland, Aux., \$22.75; Hampton "Mizpah Circle," for desk marked, \$10; Jaffrey, Aux., \$12; Juvenile Aux., \$5; Newington, Mrs. Davis's S. S. Cl., \$2, Frankie W. Davis, 40 cts.; North Chichester, ladies, \$7.50; Plymouth Cong. S. S., for desk, \$10; Rye Cong. S. S., desk marked, \$11.44; Walpole, Aux., \$8, \$305 36

VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas; Charlotte, Aux., \$10; Lower Waterford, Aux., \$20; Westminster, Aux., \$25; Burlington, Aux., \$40; Springfield, Aux., \$18; Benson Mission-circle, \$5, \$118 00  
*Randolph.*—Cong. Church, 4 00  
 Total, \$122 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

*Vermont Branch.*—Rutland, Aux., for dormitory, to be called Mrs. John B. Page, \$100 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Amesbury.*—Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. J. B. Webster, \$38 25  
*Andover.*—A friend, 1 00  
*Auburndale.*—A friend, 2 00  
*Barre.*—Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary E. Kimball, 25 00  
*Billerica.*—Mrs. S. B. Work, to const. L. M. Mrs. Chas. Hazen, 25 00  
*Boston.*—Mrs. Edward C. Parkhurst, \$5; Mrs. Baldwin, \$2; Egleston Sq., Mrs. E. A. Fish, \$50; Found, \$2; Berkeley St. Ch., a friend, \$10; ladies, \$5; Union Ch., Miss C. Parcher, \$1; Central Ch., Mrs. Stephen Emmons, \$5; Mt. Vernon Ch., Miss Kirk, \$1, 81 00

*East Boston.*—Mrs. Lovejoy, as a memorial of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret E. Bingham, \$25 00  
*Boston Highlands.*—With prev. contri., Mrs. Henry Davenport, to const. herself L. M., \$20; Eliot Ch., "Anderson Circle," \$8; Aux., \$3, 31 00  
*Bridgewater.*—Central Sq. Ch., Rev. H. D. Walker, 3 00  
*Cambridgeport.*—Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. R. B. Rugg, to const. herself L. M., 170 00  
*Clinton.*—Aux., 45 00  
*Danvers.*—Aux., towards pupil in Miss Agnew's school, 25 50  
*East Somerville.*—Aux., 4 00  
*Fitchburg.*—C. C. Ch. Aux., 61 46  
*Greenfield.*—First Cong. Ch., to const. L. M. Miss Sara Kimball, 25 00  
*Haverhill.*—North Ch., Aux., \$40; Miss Mary H. Reid, to const. herself L. M., \$25; Miss Ann C. Pierce, \$1, 66 00  
*Hyde Park.*—"Wayside Gleaners," 25 00  
*Ipswich.*—First Church, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Z. Cushing, 25 00  
*Marblehead.*—"Little Mission-Workers," to const. L. M. Mrs. John S. Williams, 25 00  
*Middleboro'.*—Aux., add'l, 6 00  
*Monterey.*—Aux., 5 00  
*Newburyport.*—"North Ch. Mission-circle," two pupils at Inanda, 60 00  
*Newton.*—Eliot Ch. Aux., of wh. \$25 by D. B. Jewett to const. L. M. Miss M. D. Whitney, \$25 by Mrs. I. A. Hatch to const. L. M. Miss Laura Capron, \$25 by Mrs. Henry Claffin to const. herself L. M., \$25 by Mrs. Chas. E. Billings to const. herself L. M., 100 00  
*Northampton.*—Edwards Church Aux., of wh. \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. A. J. Lincoln, Miss Isabella G. Clarke, \$65 for B. R. in Harpoot, 115 00  
*Royalston.*—Aux., 19 00  
*Salem.*—Crombie-st. Ch., add'l, 4 00  
*South Framingham.*—Aux., 11 68  
*Springfield Branch.*—Miss H. S. Buckingham, Treas.; Springfield, North Ch., \$65; Olivet Ch., \$16; West Sp'g Park-st. Ch., \$20; Westfield 2d Ch., "Girls' Guild," \$65; Springfield, Mrs. D. J. Bartlett to const. L. M. Mrs. Hannah Russell, \$25, 191 00  
*Uxbridge.*—Mrs. Chas. Ellis, 1 00  
*Wareham.*—Aux. (of wh. \$5 by Mrs. S. G. Bodfish as a thank-offering), \$20; "Merry Gleaners" \$5, 25 00

<i>Watertown.</i> — Aux., for B. R. in India,	\$30 00
<i>Westford.</i> — A friend,	1 00
<i>Westhampton.</i> — For pupil in Marsovan,	40 00
<i>West Medbury.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Newell Adams,	25 00
<i>Winchester.</i> — (Of wh. \$25 by Mrs. N. W. C. Holt to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary F. Webb; \$25 by Mrs. Mary S. Lamson to const. herself L. M.), \$60;	60 50
<i>Vermouth.</i> — Ladies' Miss'y Circle,	5 75
Total,	\$1,403 15

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Boston.</i> — Park-st. Ch., toward dormitory,	\$10 50
<i>East Boston.</i> — Maverick Church, Mrs. Lucinda C. Collamore, to const. herself L. M., and towards the dormitory,	25 00
<i>Holliston.</i> — "Open Hands," to const. L. M.'s Miss Mary E. Dewing, Miss Lucy F. Partridge, Miss Josephine E. Rockwood, Miss Charlotte C. Adams, Miss Mary J. Warfield, Miss Emma E. Baker, Miss S. Eliza Cutler, Miss J. Allena Rawson,	200 00
<i>Montague.</i> — Aux.,	30 14
<i>Newburyport.</i> — A bequest from Mrs. Banister,	100 00
<i>North Somerville.</i> — Mrs. Lemuel Gulliver, for the Mary Lyon Room,	5 00
<i>Woburn.</i> — Aux.,	50 00

## CONNECTICUT.

<i>Greenwich.</i> — Aux., for B. R., \$46; "Bearers of Light," \$37,	\$83 00
<i>Norwich.</i> — Mrs. L. F. S. Foster, to const. L. M. Mrs. Daniel Trumbull,	25 00
<i>Windsor.</i> — Mrs. Gillett's S.S. cl.,	5 00
Total,	\$113 00

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Somers.</i> — Mrs. C. B. Pease, for Mary Lyon Room,	10 00
<i>Waterbury.</i> — Holyoke pupil, for Mary Lyon Room,	3 75

## NEW YORK.

<i>Cazenovia.</i> — Presb. S. S., for pupil in Miss Payson's sch.,	\$40 00
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<i>Franklin.</i> — "Fairy Fingers," towards pupil in Miss Payson's sch.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$65 00

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Westfield.</i> — Holyoke graduate for Mary Lyon Room.	\$1 00
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

<i>Washington.</i> — Cong. S. S., for pupil in Harpoat,	\$40 00
Total,	\$40 00

## OHIO.

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Ashtabula.</i> — Miss Emma Reed, Mary Lyon Room,	\$1 00
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## INDIANA.

<i>West Creek.</i> — Mrs. Eliza D. Gerish, \$5; Mrs. S. N. Morey, \$5,	\$10 00
Total,	\$10 00

## MICHIGAN.

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Kalamazoo.</i> — Mt. Holyoke graduates, for Mary Lyon Room,	\$4 50
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## CALIFORNIA.

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>San Juan.</i> — Mrs. Llewellyn Bixby, for the Mary Lyon Room,	\$10 00
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## FOREIGN LANDS.

<i>Udupitty Station Ceylon.</i> — For work in Japan,	\$5 82
Total,	\$5 82

General Funds,	\$2,184 41
C. Home Building-Fund,	856 25
"Life and Light,"	269 08
Echoes,	11 62
Postage,	33 81
Weekly Pledge,	6 88
Leaflets,	6 21
Interest on Temp'y Investments,	214 67
Total,	\$3,582 93

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

# Department of the Interior.

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## TURKEY.

### LETTER FROM MRS. MUMFORD.

SAMOKOV, May 22, 1875.

DEAR MRS. MEADE, — I know you will rejoice with me, when I tell you that every girl in our school has given her heart to Jesus, and is able to say that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. You can scarcely realize our gratitude to God for this work of his among our dear scholars. We had been praying (that is, all of us who were Christians) for three months, every evening ; having promised to thus continue till our prayers were granted. Sometimes the mercy cloud hung very low over us, but would pass away, and we seemed shut in by difficulties and darkness on all sides, so much so, that at times we were oppressed with the darkness like that of Egypt ; but we continued to meet and pray, telling the dear Lord of our great desires, and pleading his great promises, and now behold us the happiest school that ever existed, I think. We are rich through grace divine ; and all the consequents of this blessing are ours. I wish I could tell you the peace and joy seen on all faces, and felt in each heart. Then a volume of prayer is going up for special objects, and persons out of Christ ; and, every week, the girls go out to talk of Christ to those who hate and despise him. Every girl is a powerful missionary, carrying the blessed gospel of our Lord to dark hearts and blind minds. Great is our peace and prosperity. I want all our dear sisters to kneel right down, and praise God for this revival

in our school. You cannot thank him enough, I know; but he will receive even *little* gifts of praise from thankful hearts.

In six weeks school will close, and some girls leave us to return no more. My heart is sad to have the happy circle broken; but the world outside needs workers. Pray that these babes in Christ may be kept from falling under Satan's power, and may do a great work for God in the places where they go.

Your missionary,

A. V. MUMFORD.

## TURKEY.

### LETTER FROM BAIDZAR.

THE following letter was written by Baidzar, a pupil in the Erzroom boarding-school, to the missionary society in Madison, O.

ERZROOM, Aug. 5, 1874.

MY DEAR FRIENDS, — I think you wish our school about to know and our lessons, what they are. Of our lessons, the principal thing is the Bible, afterwards arithmetic, grammar, geography, spelling, and compositions; also, school-hours out of, we take singing-lessons, and I take organ-lessons. These two in a week two times are, and I very much love my organ-lessons. All my lessons I love, especially the Bible, which is most useful and necessary.

My city, Ordo, on the coast of the Black Sea is, and the capital of Turkey from, three days distant is, by the sea. Being small, it is not remembered the map upon. I my city from, nine days' journey distant am; and I, when to school I came, with great desire came, this condition with, — that for the Lord's work I be prepared, and if he me alive keep, and will that that time to me arrive, that his holy

word I speak, with his help, to those that need. Certainly every one is needy of his sweet words. Finally, my desire this is, that when my course is finished, in his work to labor. From you prayers I entreat for me, that the Lord me, this work in, faithful servant make. We thank you, that you, by your encouraging words, us you remember, and enough money you give for a scholar to be kept. I you very much love, although I have not seen. May the Lord grant that in heaven we each other see!

I remain with love,

BAIDZAR.

Her teacher, Miss Patrick, says of her, "We hope Baidzar is a Christian: she seems much interested in religious things, and often comes, of her own accord, to talk about herself. I will tell you a little incident about her. She came to me some time since, and said there was something she wanted to talk with me about, which troubled her. She said, that, a long time ago, she was playing with some children at Ordo, and, getting angry with another little girl, she took her shoes slyly, and threw them away. Afterwards, the girl's mother came to look after them, and Baidzar kept still, and allowed her to think they were lost. She said her conscience was not easy about it at all, and she wanted to write to the girl's mother, and confess what she had done, and that she could not feel easy until she had confessed it.

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MEXICO.

LETTER FROM MRS. WATKINS.

JANUARY, 1875.

OUR work is very encouraging in many of its aspects. I think I wrote you, that, on Christmas of 1873, we formed

a little church in Guadalajara, of seventeen members. For various and potent reasons we did not again celebrate the Lord's Supper until Christmas of 1874. At that time Mr. Watkins baptized seventy persons, fourteen of whom were children, and fifty-six adults. These fifty-six were received into church-fellowship, and give evidence, not only of a change of belief, but of a change of heart. We feel, as we look at this little band, who, two years ago, were entirely ignorant of the Bible and the way of salvation, and many of whom were stanch fanatics of the Roman Catholic Church, that God has been pleased to signally bless our labors in this, it almost seems, God-forsaken country. To his name be all the glory!

There are now waiting several others who desire to pertain to the Evangelical Church, among them an old man of over one hundred years of age. It would do your hearts good to see this palsied, tottering old man walk in to our service from St. Peters, a distance of five miles, nearly every Sunday morning, accompanied and supported by a friend of his, of seventy years of age. They are so poor, they cannot afford to hire a donkey on which to ride. Their anxiety to hear the truth prompts them, although they are so old and feeble, to walk this long distance. They are both very simple old men ; but they can read, and they are now reading, for the first time in their lives, the New Testament, and think it is a wonderful book.

And then the feeling that we are among a people so cruel and fanatical that they would kill or kidnap our little daughter for revenge, if it were possible, makes constant watchfulness and almost unlimited anxiety ever mine. O mothers in Christian lands, how much you have to be thankful for! There is no constant solicitude, lest your child be stolen from you at an inopportune moment, or yourselves brutally murdered. Oh! pray for the mission-

aries and their children in a nominally Christian land, but truly one of the most cruel on the face of the earth.

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Home Department.

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REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY FOR  
WISCONSIN.

I AM reminded that six months of the current year are nearly gone, and the By-Laws require the State Secretaries to make quarterly reports to the Home Secretary.

A few new auxiliaries have been formed. Last October, at the meeting of the State Convention, eight ladies were appointed to act as District Secretaries for the nine districts into which the State is divided. This plan was adopted as the best substitute for a State branch that could be devised at that time. A very few of these secretaries attended the semi-annual district conventions held last winter ; and it is hoped more of them will be able to attend the annual district conventions held during the summer, and bring to the notice of the churches this woman's missionary work. A large proportion of these ladies have proved to be valuable and earnest co-workers in the labor of copying and circulating missionary letters and printed missionary intelligence. We hope, next October, to be able to report a Wisconsin State branch.

My own labors for the last six months have been chiefly expended in carrying on a correspondence with these District Secretaries (between thirty and forty letters having been written), and in furnishing them with copies of missionary letters to be copied by them for more thorough

circulation. My stock has consisted of between twenty and twenty-five letters ; and these have been copied and sent, in the aggregate, over sixty times ; and the majority of them are still circulating, to say nothing of duplicates made by others. Judging by the church of which I am a member, I cannot but believe there is increased interest in the cause of foreign missions in the churches of the West.

MRS. S. D. ARNOLD.

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### MEETINGS IN CONNECTION WITH STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

AT Kalamazoo, Mich., May 18, there was a large and enthusiastic meeting of ladies ; and "Miss Rankin never did so well," so that she did nobly : but we have failed to receive any report.

At Mansfield, O., June 9, Miss Metcalf, State Secretary, writes, "The Woman's Meeting, in connection with General Conference, was respectable in point of numbers. Delegates were there from all parts of the State. Mrs. Prof. Mead of Oberlin was chosen Moderator ; and Mrs. Tuttle of Cleveland, Scribe. The first half-hour was appropriated to devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Taylor of Oberlin. Auxiliary societies reported ; and Mrs. Coffing of Turkey made an address. The next annual meeting will be in Columbus. There are sixty-one auxiliary societies in Ohio ; and about three thousand dollars have been contributed during the year. About one hundred and fifty copies of 'Life and Light' are taken.

"The earnest, patient faces of some of our home missionaries touched the *quick* in my heart. The Christian sympathy and good fellowship manifested was very encouraging. In review of the whole meeting, my only feeling is to thank God and take courage."

At Muscatine, Io., June 3, there was a full meeting of ladies ; but no report has yet been received.

LADIES' MISSIONARY ROOM AT CHICAGO.

THE Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior have hitherto been indebted for desk-room to the hospitality of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, 124 Clark Street, in taking leave of whose officers and clerks, we beg to express thus publicly our grateful sense of their uniform urbanity and consideration. Our increasing business rendered more commodious quarters a necessity ; and we have taken a room at No. 77 Madison Street, corner of State Street, in the Dore Block, where we hope to welcome many of the readers of "Life and Light." The room is easy of access by means of the elevator ; and we hope our out-of-town friends will make themselves at home there at any time.

Especially will the members of our auxiliary societies be welcomed on the first Friday morning of every month ; and we hope that next October we may see there many representatives from our sister boards of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

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

FROM MAY 15, TO JUNE 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.			
<i>Akron.</i> — Aux., Saran W. Ashmun, Treas.,	\$15 00	<i>Marietta.</i> — Aux., for support of Pauka Dachora,	\$25 00
<i>Cincinnati.</i> — Vine St. Ch., Aux., for the Japan Home, \$25 ; 7th St. Cong. Ch. for Bible-reader in European Turkey, \$30,	55 00	<i>Mt. Vernon.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	25 00
<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Maltbie,	75 00	<i>Oxford.</i> — Aux., of Fem. Sem.,	50 00
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux., for a pupil in Samokov,	18 45	<i>Saybrook.</i> — Aux.,	31 00
<i>Madison.</i> — Aux., for salary of Baidzar, teacher at Erzroom,	8 10		
		Total,	\$302 55
		INDIANA.	
		<i>Crawfordsville.</i> — Aux.,	\$40 00
		Total,	\$40 00

## MICHIGAN.

<i>Armada.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Wm. Fogo a L. M.,	\$25 00
<i>Benzonia.</i> —Aux.,	17 00
<i>Bedford.</i> —Aux., for the Micro-nesian mission,	10 00
<i>Detroit.</i> —1st Ch. Young Ladies' Miss. Circle (\$45 for their Bible-reader in Nicomedia, \$9 for a pupil in Miss Farnham's school) \$54; "Sunbeam Band," for a share in the Japan Home,	\$25, 79 00
<i>East Saginaw.</i> —for Miss Shattuck's salary,	91 75
<i>Kansas City.</i> —S. S. Class, Cong. Ch. for Mrs. Coffing's school,	5 00
<i>North Adams.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>Olivet.</i> —Aux.,	36 00
<i>Owasso.</i> —Aux., for school at Talas,	13 00
<i>Royal Oak.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Union City.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Warren F. Day and Mrs. Wm. A. Mosely, L. M.'s,	50 00
<i>Waconsta.</i> —Aux.,	10 60
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$352 35</b>

## ILLINOIS.

<i>Amboy.</i> —Aux. and S. S.,	\$22 38
<i>Blue Island.</i> —Aux.,	8 40
<i>Canton.</i> —Aux.,	5 60
<i>Chicago.</i> —First Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, \$28.60; 47th St. Ch., Aux., \$19.85,	48 45
<i>Farmington.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	40 00
<i>Glencoe.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Bishop,	18 51
<i>Granville.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Joy Prairie.</i> —Aux.,	25 00
<i>Malden.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Providence.</i> —Aux.,	13 00
<i>Princeton.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	5 00
<i>Rockford.</i> —Aux., of 1st Ch. for salary of Miss Diament, a thank-offering,	25 00
<i>Sandwich.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. E. G. Coe a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Waverly.</i> S. S., \$20; Mrs. C. J. Salter, \$5; Mrs. Wm. Homes, \$5; sale of Peoria tidy, \$1; of the amount, \$25 is for the Japan Home,	31 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$297 34</b>

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Deperre.</i> —Aux.,	\$15 00
<i>Milton.</i> —Aux.,	10 00

EVANSTON, JUNE 15, 1875.

<i>Racine.</i> —Aux., for the Manissa school,	\$36 73
<i>Ripon.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Ellen B. Haire a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Waukegan.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. Eliza A. Perry a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Whitewater.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor, of which \$5 is the gift of little Freddie Tratt, who is now in heaven,	64 90
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$176 63</b>

## IOWA.

<i>Belle Plaine.</i> —Aux., to complete the life-membership of Mrs. E. J. Lane,	\$8 50
<i>Burlington.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	25 00
<i>Des Moines.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis, \$75; "Prairie Chickens," for furnishing the Japan Home, \$50,	125 00
<i>Gilman.</i> —Aux., for the salary of Miss Pinkerton of the Zulu Mission,	15 00
<i>Glenwood.</i> —Aux., for Bible-reader in Ceylon,	11 00
<i>Newton.</i> —Aux.,	4 75
<i>Seneca.</i> —Mrs. S. A. Littlefield, of which \$2 is for the Japan Home,	5 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$194 25</b>

## MINNESOTA.

<i>St. Paul.</i> —Aux., for the salary of Miss Lindley,	\$25 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$25 00</b>

## NEBRASKA.

<i>Columbus.</i> —Aux.,	\$5 00
<i>Weeping Water.</i> —Aux.,	6 50
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$11 50</b>

## COLORADO.

<i>Denver.</i> —Aux.,	\$22 60
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$22 60</b>

## DAKOTA.

<i>Lake Vulage.</i> —Mrs. Coddington	\$ 50
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$1,435 72</b>



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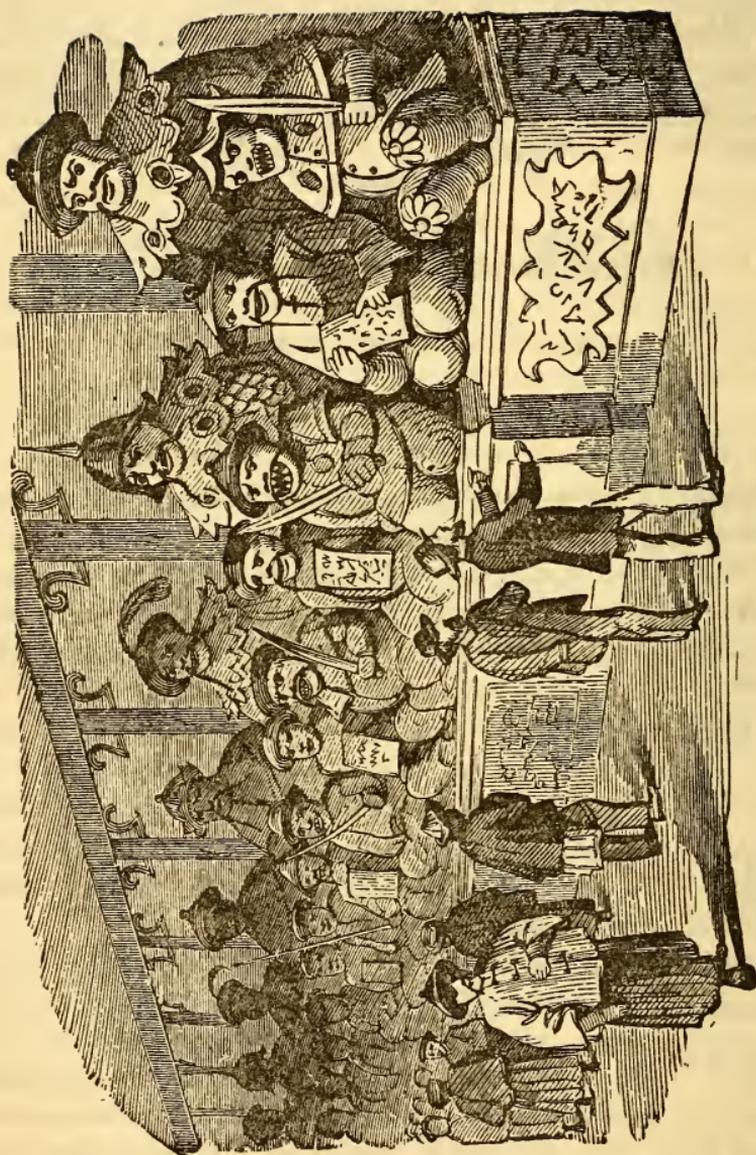
### CHINESE GOD MANUFACTORY.



SUPPOSE most of you, children, have been into some manufacturing establishment, and wondered at the hundreds of buttons or pins that machines can make in a day, or at the way in which a bundle of rags becomes nice smooth paper. But what would you think to be asked to visit a place where gods are made by the dozens and hundreds? Yet in a country like China, where millions of these

gods are worshipped in temples and private houses, of course they must be made by dozens and hundreds, and there must be manufactories for them.

The picture represents a veranda around one of these establishments, where the gods are placed, all finished, and ready for sale. You notice that there are three in each group. The largest one is supposed to be the god who presides over the lower regions; and the other two are his assistants. One holds a record of all the crimes that mortals have committed; and the other is an executioner, whose duty it is to seize and punish the guilty. Three



times in the year, the god of the spirits is carried out to a certain gate in the city, for a grand ceremony. The first one is called "letting out the spirits;" that is, allowing them to come out of Hades to visit their old homes. The second is, "counting the spirits," as the god is supposed to keep strict watch over them while they are let loose; and the third is, "gathering the spirits," when they are gathered together, and sent back to Hades.

Imagine a purchaser coming in where these remarkable beings are all placed in a row with the question, "Have you a nice cheap god you could sell me to-day?" or, "I want a good substantial god; one that will last a long time." How absurd it sounds! doesn't it? Then, if you should go inside the manufactory, you would see them in very queer plights, — some without arms or feet, and others with lumps of clay for heads to be covered with hideous-looking masks when they are dry; some lying on their backs or faces; and others standing on their heads in a very undignified way. The Chinese themselves sometimes laugh at these gods; but still they say, "It is the custom to worship them, and we cannot give it up: our fathers did it."

Let us pray for the day when they shall be convinced that the new way is better than the old, and shall know of that great and glorious Being, before whom every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess he is the Lord.



IN Turkey, when a little baby dies, it does not seem to make much of a gap in the family circle. The father of a sick child was once asked how many little ones he had lost, and he replied, in a very business-like way, "About ten, I should say."

## SWINGING-NIGHT.

BY MRS E. F. DE RIEMER.

FOR more than a week we have heard a noise in the neighborhood. It sounded something like the wailing at a funeral house ; but it proved to be singing. On further inquiry, we found that the swinging-time had come.

One night in the year, the worshippers of Siva think, if they keep awake all night, and then bathe in sacred water early in the morning, their sins will be atoned for, and they will obtain eternal bliss. The Tamils are a wonderfully sleepy people ; and so, to keep themselves awake on this important night, they have hit upon the plan of putting up swings, and, between singing and swinging, the hours wear away. Quite like holding a charity ball, and dancing for the benefit of the church, isn't it ? The swings are put up a week before the time, and are monopolized by the children. The little folks in the mission had the swinging-fever too ; and mamma was coaxed into the village to see what was going on. How those little black things did sing when they saw the "Ammah" ! Four sat in the swing, and sang a lyric by turns. Two shouted for about three minutes ; and then the other two tried to shout still louder in reply. I can't tell you the words, and it is just as well ; for they are unfit for children's lips.

Swinging-night this year came on Saturday ; and what a sleepy Sunday school we had ! The little Tamil children were nodding in every direction. It was no use to tell stories, or show pictures ; for who could be wide awake after such a watch-night ? Oh ! by how many ways people try to climb into heaven, when the simple path Christ has opened for the nations is so straight and plain !

## SA HWA'S BETROTHED.

MISS PAYSON of Foochow, China, tells us in a recent letter how a little Chinese boy who loves the Saviour is winning others to love him also. Speaking of one of the pupils in her school, she says, —

“As you are interested in Sa Hwa, you would probably like to know something of the young preacher whom she is to marry. About two years and a half ago, while he was in business away from home, his parents gave up their idols, and began to worship the true God. When he heard of this on his return, he was very angry, and threatened to have nothing more to do with his father and mother. As he saw that they bore his threats and taunts with great gentleness, he soon thought better of their religion, and began to be interested in some of the Christian books.

“This man also had a nephew, a boy of fourteen years, who was trying to live a Christian life ; and one day, being alone with the lad in a retired place, he said, ‘What kind of praying is this that you have? Can *you* pray?’— ‘Yes, I can pray,’ said the boy, ‘and I will now, if you will kneel down.’ The uncle consented ; and, when the prayer was ended, he said, ‘Such kind of worship can do no one any harm.’ He very soon became an earnest inquirer ; and he is now preaching at one of our out-stations.

“This same boy has suffered a great deal from his heathen father, because he persisted in going to church, and refused to work on the sabbath. He has been severely beaten, and compelled to go without food ; but he has endured it all with the greatest patience. He was admitted into the church a few weeks since ; and, now that his Christianity has become a sure thing, his father treats him more kindly. Perhaps the forbearance with which he has received his ill-treatment has touched his father’s heart ; and, ere long, he, too, may become a Christian.”

## WORK FOR CHRIST.

A ZULU girl was in the habit of attending the female prayer-meeting. One afternoon, while there, she said, "I have decided to give myself to the Lord. I have had Christian parents. I have lived with the missionaries, and have been taught about the Saviour; yet I have never done any thing for him. He has been doing for me all these years: now I hope to work for him."

Dear children, do you ever consider what privileges you have? Will you not only give yourselves to Christ, but try to work for him? Will you not begin now?

## MISSION-CIRCLES.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE BRANCH. — "Hampden Helpers," \$20.00.  
*Bath.* — "Mission-Circle," \$31.55; "Little Rills," \$8.14.  
*Freeport.* — "Snow-Birds," \$3.00.  
*Belfast.* — "Youths' Mission-Circle," \$17.00.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Hampton.* — "Mizpah Circle," \$10.00.  
*Newington.* — Frankie W. Davis, .40.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Boston Highlands.* — "Anderson Circle," \$8.00.  
*Holliston.* — "Open Hands," \$200.00.  
*Hyde Park.* — "Wayside Gleaners," \$25.00.  
*Marblehead.* — "Little Mission-Workers," \$25.00.  
*Newburyport.* — "North Church Mission-Circle," \$60.00.  
*Springfield Branch.* — *Westfield.* — "Girls' Guild," \$65.00.  
*Wareham.* — "Merry Gleaners," \$5.00.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Greenwich.* — "Bearers of Light," \$37.00.
- NEW YORK. — *Franklin.* — "Fairy Fingers," \$25.00.
- MICHIGAN. — *Detroit.* — "Sunbeam Band," \$25.00.  
*Kansas City.* — Sunday-school Class, \$5.00.
- ILLINOIS. — *Waverly.* — Sabbath school, \$20.
- WISCONSIN. — *Whitewater.* — Freddie Tratt, \$5.00.
- IOWA. — *Des Moines.* — "Prairie Chickens," \$50.00.

## BOYS' MISSIONARY LYCEUMS.

IN the April number of "Echoes," we asked our boy-friends to send us some suggestions for their special work in mission-circles ; and we think we must have hit upon a very difficult question, as none of them, as yet, have been able to answer it. There are a great many ways for them to earn money,—with their gardens and nutting expeditions, their fret-sawing and scrap-books, their missionary hens and hills of corn ; and we have heard of several sales lately, where they have had very successful tables by themselves : but none of these things bring them together to hear about missions, or give them any knowledge of the places to which their money is sent.

The mother of one of our best workers has thought of the following plan, which we commend to the notice of all our young readers. She proposes that the boys shall carry on missionary lyceums, in which every member of the mission-circle shall have an important part, even if be only that of "high private." Literary entertainments can be given once or twice a month, consisting of debates, dialogues, recitations, music, accounts of mission-fields, or a missionary story be related. A small admission-fee might be charged for these entertainments, and once in two or three months there might be a reception for their parents and friends, at which the mothers should be invited to furnish some simple refreshment ; and the fathers, pastor, or missionary friend, should take charge of the literary exercises. A little museum could also be one of the attractions, in which curiosities from heathen lands might find a place.

How do you like the plan, boys ? and who will start the first missionary lyceum ?

## ACROSTIC.

BY M. W. G.

My first was the pet of his father's old age.

My second is a city in a heathen land where missionaries have established a church of Christ.

My third was consecrated as a child, and grew up to serve God and his people faithfully many years.

My fourth was punished severely for his unfaithfulness as a father.

My fifth denied his Master.

My sixth was a holy woman, the mother of a prophet.

My seventh was an heroic man, who built again the walls of Jerusalem.

My eighth was fed by ravens.

My ninth is a country famed in Bible times.

My tenth was a city to which all devout Israelites went yearly.

My eleventh prophesied of Christ.

My twelfth is the name of several noted women of New Testament times.

My thirteenth "did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God."

My whole is a devoted missionary of Christ, laboring among his own people, and fitted for his work in the United States.

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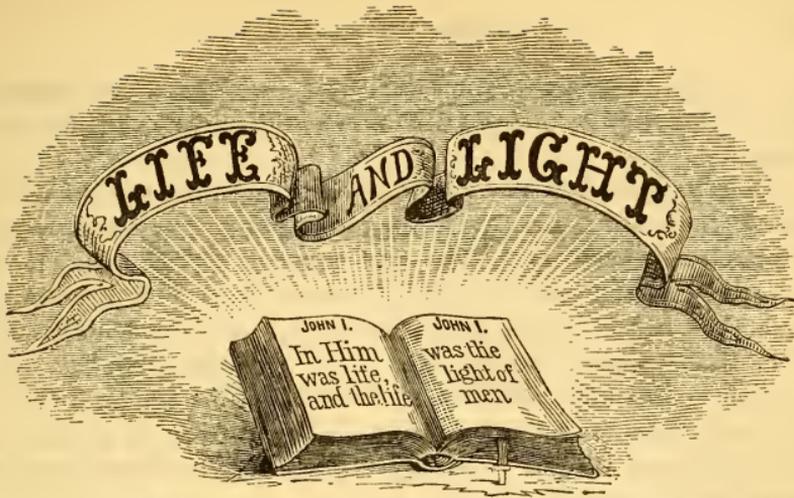
 ANSWERS TO ENIGMAS.

*May Number.* — "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."

Correct answers have been received to the enigma in the May number from E. H. F., North Norway, Me.; M. J. N., Hartford, Vt.; Mrs. J. M. H., Rutland, Vt.; L. M. S., West Roxbury, Mass.; M. C. W. Cincinnati, O.; and C. A. M., Greenwood, Neb.; also an additional answer to the one in the April number from J. F. A., Ludlow, Vt.

*June Number.* — "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

Correct answers to the enigma in the June number have been received from Mrs. J. M. H., Rutland, Vt.; A. D., Amherst, Mass.; A. A. C., Ipswich, Mass.; F. M. T., East Cambridge, Mass.; G. H. F. and C. L. F., Lincoln, Mass.; Mrs. E. A. M., Waltham, Mass.; E. M. B., Ellington, Conn.; J. M. P., Moodus, Conn.; M. C. W., Cincinnati, O.; S. L. W., Sycamore, Ill.; A. F. N. Milwaukee, Wis.



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INDIA.

THE RE-UNION.

BY MRS. S. B. CAPRON.

I INVITED such of the former pupils of the Mana Madura station-school for girls, as could do so, to spend the week from March 24 till March 31 at Mana Madura. Eighteen accepted the invitation, of whom thirteen were wives and mothers, bringing fourteen children. I did not realize what a convention of babies I was assembling, until they were all here together. I very much wanted to gather these old pupils once more. Now that they have entered upon the responsible duties of life, I wanted once more to lead them to look at life as it is. I hoped that the Lord would bless the occasion.

The preparations were not extensive. The old rooms closed during our two-years' absence in America, and the furniture stowed away, were soon put in order. Rebecca came two days earlier than the others, at my request, and was most efficient during the entire week. The useful and beloved teacher Virginia had already joined us on our return; and the love and confidence which were bestowed upon her proved the worth of her influence during their schooldays. We had the catechist's tent pitched to

give a festive appearance; and the arrivals were most entertaining, as one after another brought a baby, or a little shy child, for us to discuss.

It was my plan to have a meeting each morning, and to devote the afternoons to sewing. Evening prayers, as aforetime, gave a fitting close to each day. The first meeting, on Thursday morning, brought the past so vividly before us, that I selected the topic that had reference to our prospects, using the bright words, "He hath prepared for them a city." It needed but a single allusion to the unbroken homes of the New Jerusalem to reveal the tender sympathy of all. "For which one of us is no mansion being prepared?" was evidently a question which each one was answering for herself.

In the afternoon, when all were assembled, and the frisky little ones were decoyed into silence over a heap of playthings, — many of them the wrecks of the past, — I distributed garments that had been previously basted, and which were snited to the children, making the apparently acceptable proposition, that each one should have as many articles as she could properly sew during the week. Some of our friends in America ought to have had a sight of the frocks and slips and skirts that came, like dissolving-views, from the piles of prints that they gave me, and to know how grandly they were helping me on. They did it unto "one of the least of these," and will have their reward. The effect of this proposal was most happy in giving the entire week an air of cheerful industry; and I enjoyed seeing groups of women, with their babies on the mat before them, sewing busily, and having pleasant talks with each other. A "sewing-bee" was held for one whose painful finger made any use of a needle impossible. As in former days, they were detailed by twos to attend to the preparation of the meals.

Of course, I cannot give a record of each day's doings. On Friday morning, we had the subject, "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages;" on Saturday morning, "Are you saved? and do you know how to save others?" On the Sabbath we celebrated the Lord's Supper, and had a praise-meeting in the evening. The meeting on Monday morning seemed to me impressive. The subject was, "Do you know how to pray?" On Tuesday, we had our last meeting, and talked about Joshua's Bible and ours.

Wednesday morning, they all scattered to their homes, and my

“protracted meeting” was ended. The care of so many little children was indeed a great responsibility; but there were no cases of illness to cause us anxiety. It is to be hoped that the various topics brought up, and the pleasant memories of the visit, will afford food for thought in many quiet hours of days to come.

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## JAPAN.

### LETTER FROM MISS TALCOTT.

WE are permitted to make the following extracts from a private letter from Miss Talcott, dated May 27, 1875. In answer to a request for some details of her missionary experiences, she says, —

“When I came away from home, there were not wanting those who said reproachfully, ‘You are deserting a work right at hand for one over the sea.’ I answered, ‘The need is urgent everywhere; but the laborers are so few in foreign lands! I who can go as well as not must make one of the number.’ But I could not then realize as fully as now what a mere handful of workers there were among these millions of dark souls. I knew Christ had said, ‘The field is the world,’ and that one part was as dear to him as another; and, as I had never been drawn toward foreigners at home, I expected to be obliged to conquer an unreasonable prejudice with the recollection that the souls were precious to Christ. You can imagine my joy, then, at finding dear friends among them without having had to make the least effort to love them. I am as fond of some of the girls as I ever was of pupils at home; and the only trouble is I cannot kiss them. Kissing is entirely unknown among the Japanese, and seems a strange way of showing affection. The nearest friends, on meeting, kneel, and touch their heads to the floor, if it is in the house; or, if it is in the street, they rest their hands upon their knees, standing, and bow lower than a foreigner could do without losing his balance. I saw a husband and wife part for some years, the other day. They were both Christians, and more to each other than heathen husbands and wives; and the tears were in their eyes as they parted with the usual succession of polite bows, standing about four feet apart. It was a pitiful sight; and I longed to bring them together, that the husband might give his wife as warm a grasp of the hand as he had just given me when I bade him good-by.

“As you requested, I will try to give you ‘one day’s programme’

of my life here. To-day has not been as full of interest as some others ; but perhaps the results may be as great. Dr. Berry has been ill for some weeks; and, as Mrs. Berry was occupied with the care of him, I hastened from breakfast this morning to take charge of family prayers. There were seven outsiders present, two women and five men. We are reading Matthew in course, a few verses at a time, trying to find the full meaning of each. The gospel story is constantly new as I read it with those who hear it for the first time. It is a great pleasure to watch them growing into the truth and their growth in grace when they have accepted it. I have never seen in Christians at home such rapid development, as I have in some here during the last eighteen months.

“ After prayers, a woman came with her nephew to call upon me. I have been to her house several times: but she has always been so busy, that I have had little opportunity to tell her of Jesus; and all my efforts to bring her to church and sabbath school have failed. She came more to see the strange things about the house than to visit me ; but, after satisfying her curiosity, I took some Scripture pictures, and told her the story of the cross. She listened politely, as they always do, and, I hope, had a glimpse of her need of such a Saviour. This call ended my morning usually devoted to study.

“ After dinner, a native physician, very friendly to us and to Christianity, although, I am afraid, not himself a Christian, called to say that a missionary physician was wanted at a province about a hundred and thirty miles north-west of us, to establish a hospital, and to train native medical men. If he knew how to organize and carry on such a work, the field might include a million of people. The whole country is waking up to its need of the knowledge of medicine and other sciences. Great improvements are being made in the schools. The normal department at Tokio is doing good service to the country. Girls, as well as boys, are taught in the public schools; foreign text-books being translated for their use.

“ From two till five are my school-hours. I have twenty-nine pupils ; and I am now teaching alone, with what help I can have from the girls themselves. Miss Dudley is in Sanda, an out-station twenty miles back among the hills, where we have had preaching nearly every sabbath for a year and a half, and where are several Christians ready soon to organize a church. It seemed so desirable that some one should remain with them a while to see

the people in their homes, to advise and guide them, that Miss Dudley decided to go, taking one of our Christian pupils with her. She has already a school of thirty-six pupils there, and is rejoicing in her work.

“Our Home will be finished in the autumn. It is to be built with mud walls and tiled roof, and we hope to furnish it neatly and inexpensively. It is to have verandas all around, above, and below, which are needed for comfort during the long summer, and to protect the mud walls from driving storms. We have planned for twenty-five or thirty girls, and hope to be able to take them at three dollars a month. Of the girls now in the school, I think five or six, at least, are really Christians, although but one is a member of the church. At our little prayer-meeting after school last Friday, ten led in prayer; and some of the petitions for their heathen parents were very touching.

“I have little time to visit the women in their homes; although I might do it constantly, so many are the houses open to us. When our Home is opened in the autumn, we shall greatly need assistance. Indeed, I long to give the work here into other hands, and go into the interior to the millions not yet reached.”

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## TURKEY.

### LETTER FROM MRS. MONTGOMERY.

WE give with pleasure the following interesting letter addressed to the Union Maternal Association of Boston, in reply to their Circular sent to the missionaries last autumn, asking them to unite in the Mothers' Concert of Prayer, held the first Wednesday of every month in our own land.

MARASH, March 23, 1875.

We felt your invitation to meet with you in prayer must be extended to the native Christian mothers; and we planned a union meeting of the four churches in Marash, to be held the first Wednesday in March, at the First Church. The pastors and preachers very cordially acceded to our request, giving out particular and extended notices the sabbath previous, entreating married men whose wives were not present to be careful to carry word home to them.

March 3 came, and with it a drenching rain accompanied by

a high wind. But few men were seen in the streets ; and how could the women venture out, with only their cotton sheets for protection, for it is regarded a shame for women to carry umbrellas here? Notwithstanding, there were over one hundred mothers present ; and very full were their hearts, very earnest their prayers. Two or three often began at once. One said afterwards, " If you want a large congregation any time, just call for the mothers: nothing touches our hearts so closely as the welfare of our children."

There is much in the position of women in this Eastern land to peculiarly call forth your most prayerful sympathy. Perhaps you know the Turkish language has no word for " home," because the thing is not. The few mothers who are earnestly awake to the interests of their children find many hinderances that American mothers can hardly appreciate. There is no privacy. If a mother wanted to talk or pray with a child, she could hardly do so without a score or more persons being aware of it: the same is true of her own attempts at private prayer. In front of each house is a long, wide veranda, which is the common living-place of several families, and on which may generally be seen a number of cradles. The women sit and clean cotton, or spin, watch their babies, prepare food, and gossip, all in a huddle. The little babies kick and cry in their cradles. The older ones crawl over the veranda, now busy with a stray onion-skin or bit of cotton, or happy in licking out the copper saucepan containing the remains of a previous meal. Those three or four years old, from sheer lack of better employment, are generally in some mischief, calling forth loud and angry remonstrances from their respective mothers, often enforced by cuffs or vigorous shakings. The grandmother of the flock is supposed to be prime ruler. Very likely she has remained in the old Armenian church, entirely wanting in sympathy with her daughters-in-law. But there are a few homes, literally a *precious* few, even in Marash, where both father and mother are striving to train up their children for Christ's service; and their influence for good can hardly be overestimated. It will certainly be a source of great encouragement and joy to these mothers to feel that you are interested in and praying for them. And if this interest, which, by means of your Circular, has now become mutual, continues, we may hope to strengthen it by occasional correspondence, and thus make you acquainted with some of the more distinctive features of the needs and trials of our Marash mothers.

In most cordial Christian fellowship,

EMILY R. MONTGOMERY.

## GIRLS' SCHOOL IN TALAS.

TALAS, April 15, 1875.

DEAR READERS OF LIFE AND LIGHT, — Many of you have seen Miss Closson, and heard her familiar talks about the customs of Turkey, during her recent visit to America. Would you like to hear something of the school she is to superintend when she returns to us?

The Cæsarea Station Preparatory School for Girls, located at Talas, has had seven pupils from the surrounding villages during the last year and four months, and nine the last five months. Of these girls, three were professors of religion before entering the school; and now all the rest entertain a hope that they are among the blessed Saviour's lambs. All, with one exception, have been received to the church. These pupils, with two Armenian lady-teachers, constitute a family; but, instead of forming a separate school, all attend the Talas Protestant graded school, which contains about an equal number of Greeks and Armenians; about half the whole number being boys, and half girls. A year and a half ago, there were only twenty-five scholars with one teacher: now there are four teachers, and two hundred and ten names on the list of pupils. On April 9 and 10, the friends of the school were invited to its annual examination; and, judging from the crowd that assembled, it has many friends.

There were recitations in various studies, — in Greek, Turkish, and Armenian, in the Old Testament history from the creation through Kings, and in the harmony of the Gospels. A beautiful map of Palestine drawn by one of the older boys, and needlework by the girls, to which one afternoon in the week is devoted, were also exhibited. Interspersed among the exercises were essays, recitations of poetry and dialogues; and I think there are few schools in America whose pupils would do more credit to themselves or their teachers at such a crowded examination.

The exercises of these two days are not what rejoice our hearts most, however. We love better to hear, as we often do from the parents of the scholars, that their sons and daughters have not only left off their profanity, lying, and sabbath-breaking, but have become preachers of righteousness at home and among their neighbors.

Pray much for our school, dear friends, that from it a great light shall be emitted, which shall dispel the moral darkness of these regions.

Your sister in Christ,

CORNELIA C. BARTLETT.

## Our Work at Home.

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THOSE who have had the charge of editing "Life and Light" have been sympathizing most heartily, the last few months, with the husbandman, who, perplexed with a superabundance of fruits, wished to pull down his barns, and build greater. We have felt much cramped, at times, in endeavoring to give a fair representation of the work of the Woman's Board in the limited space allowed by our present arrangement. To pull down its boundaries would be a simple matter; but to build greater would involve very considerable increase in expenditure: and at this we hesitated. With the word "retrenchment" painfully uttered at the missionary rooms in Boston, and sadly echoed back from the foreign field, we dared not risk a penny, that was not absolutely demanded by a wise economy in the work.

At last it occurred to us, that perhaps the present limits might be retained, and yet the desired object be gained, by placing the contents a little more compactly together. Acting on this suggestion, we send the magazine to our subscribers this month with entire new type, and with a smaller margin of paper; being able, in this way, to give about a third more reading-matter than ever before. We have been anxious to do this in order to give a place to the newly-opening fields which are asking for representation in our pages, and to meet the demand for home matter, which, in justice to the work abroad, we have hitherto been unable to do. We shall hope now to have space for more choice bits of intelligence from our branches, conference associations, and auxiliaries, more rare thoughts that may be presented at their various meetings, and more suggestions that may be helpful in their labors.

We are glad to say, also, that we are not alone in the wish to increase the information in regard to woman's missionary work, that should be carried into every family in the land. Since the opening of the year 1875, there has been decided growth in four of the magazines published by other women's missionary societies. "Woman's Work for Woman," issued by the Presbyterians in Philadelphia, has increased from a bi-monthly to a monthly; and "Our Mission Field," by the Ladies' Presbyterian Board in New York, is now a bi-monthly instead of a quarterly. The July number

of "The Heathen Woman's Friend," the organ of the Methodists, appeared with twenty-four pages, instead of sixteen, as heretofore; and the Baptist Board has added another page to its "Helping Hand" for the benefit of its "Little Helpers."

So our woman's work goes on, growing in strength and beauty every day; and every day we are filled with the greatest joy and gratitude that we are permitted to share in its privileges. We are very sure that many who now turn away from it with indifference would gladly give it their hearty co-operation, if they were only convinced of its importance by being fully informed of its past successes and future possibilities. May we not depend on the cordial assistance of each one of our friends in this new effort for the diffusion of more intelligence on this subject that lies so near our hearts?

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### IMPORTANT QUESTION.

At a recent county missionary meeting held in Greenwich, Conn., there was a discussion on the question, How shall we induce more people to come to our meetings; and some of the points made were so true and practical, that they have been embodied in the following article, that their benefit might be further extended.

Since all benevolent work is done by the few, and not by the many, small numbers should not be to us a sign of failure. But, in order to secure a larger attendance at our meetings, there must be a certainty that those meetings will be interesting, entertaining; and, to make them so, much preparation in thought, labor, and prayer, is necessary.

First of all, we should grow to feel that our work, and the work of the missionaries, is one and the same, and that our part of it is just as important and necessary as theirs; that if we do faithfully what the Master bids us in this work, with a heart consecrate to him, we are with them obeying his parting command as surely as though we had been called to tell the story of his love to the far-away Zulus, or to don his armor, and attack the heathenism and prejudice of self-sufficient China.

"It matters not, or here or there,  
Where'er our lot may fall,  
We labor in the same wide field,  
And God is over all."

We should make our own attendance at the regular meeting

of our auxiliary a matter of principle. It isn't enough to have a desire to go; but our wills have a responsibility in the matter. We should set it side by side with the mid-week prayer-meeting in point of importance, and, so far as possible, bring our household matters into some degree of subordination to it.

But perhaps you say, "All the necessary preparation to make a missionary meeting interesting and attractive will cost too much." Most certainly it costs. It costs leisure-hours. It costs thought and labor on the part of some one who shall prepare an article upon some phase of the work to be read. It may cost time and research in gleaning some interesting items to take along to the meeting. It may cost us something in money; for there is a danger of too close economy in the management of meetings. But what is all this beside that which the cause has cost the missionaries?—the sundering of home-ties, the trials and privations incident to the lives of most of them, the study to acquire a strange language, the labor which in many ways must be so disagreeable, the separation from all the helpful influences of Christian society, the necessary association with such people as they live in the midst of. Can we show any record of effort and self-denial like theirs?

And think of what our salvation cost! And let that thought drive away any reluctance we may have to do any thing our Master bids us.

Our meetings should cost us a great deal of prayer. We need to come into closer communion with our Lord.

He counted it his joy to give himself for any and all who needed him; and, if our hearts beat in sympathy with his in love for a lost world, we shall anxiously say, "Lord, what can I do?" and shall count nothing too precious, and no self-denial too great, to help on his work of saving the world.

As our spiritual life does not grow of itself, but must be nurtured and cultivated, so with our interest in missions; and this heart-culture we owe to our Master as our reasonable service.

And after our meeting is arranged, our feast spread, and all is ready, we must go out, and urge our friends to come in and enjoy it with us. If, in the Saviour's word-picture of the kingdom of heaven, the householder was obliged to send forth his servants, and *compel* the guests to come in, we should surely regard it no hardship to follow his example.

But in this, as in all the dear Lord's work, we receive in way-

side blessing the "hundred-fold" for all the effort we put forth. Nor can we measure our own success; and therefore we have no right to be discouraged, because we seem to have failed in accomplishing what we longed to. God does accept and use all loving, unselfish work done for him; and it is not the largest gift or labor which will set in motion the echo which has been sounding down through the centuries as often as his followers have imitated her example, who, though surrounded by fault-finders, and those who would have prevented her, so humbly ministered to him. "She hath wrought a good work. She hath done what she could."

"If love our humblest service prompt,  
 Reward we cannot lose;  
 Nor single sheaf, if bound for him,  
 Will the dear Lord refuse.  
 And when at close of life he looks  
 Our gathered treasures o'er,  
 Perhaps his love will count that rich  
 That we have counted poor."

E. F. P.

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## RESPONSES FROM AUXILIARIES.

To the foregoing article we would like to add some suggestions from auxiliaries, which have a bearing on the same subject. The secretary of the society in Auburn, Me., writes, —

"In one of the numbers of 'Life and Light' is an article stating that one of the most frequent questions asked by auxiliaries is, 'How can we induce people to come to our meetings?' As we have had some success in this respect, I offer a few suggestions that may be of use.

"First, and most important of all, we sustain a ladies' prayer-meeting. I do not know how our missionary meetings would succeed without this basis. Our gatherings for collection of fees, election of officers, and other business, are held twice a year; but, on the first Friday in every month, we have a missionary prayer-meeting. We do not exclude other topics; but it is understood that the cause of missions is to be specially remembered. A great deal of the lack of interest which some very good Christians exhibit in the subject is owing to ignorance concerning it. They know little, if any thing, of the practical working of the Ameri-

can Board, nothing about the various localities of the missionaries; and many of them do not even care to know. Now, if we can introduce a little missionary intelligence into these indifferent minds every month, it may be, that, after a while, they will awake to the magnitude of the work, and wish to help sustain it.

“The officers of our auxiliary make it a point, during the month, to cull from all their religious reading such items as relate to missionary work, and distribute them among the members, to be read at the next monthly meeting. This works admirably, particularly if the items are circulated among those who would not be likely to come otherwise. The more we know of the cause of missions, the more our hearts will go out towards it in prayer and labor.”

From the auxiliary in Hinsdale, Mass., we have the following:—

“We number six years of life; and the interest in the good cause increases: the gospel leaven is working. Much labor has been bestowed on us by those whose hearts are in the work, and, we trust, not in vain. We gather in the pleasant homes of our ladies on the first Friday in every alternate month, — six times yearly, — and spend delightful hours in listening to missionary intelligence from various sources, often from letters written by those in the field, some of whose faces we have seen. We have singing, prayer, the secretary’s report of the former meeting, followed by reading. We have usually selected some special fields, perhaps two yearly; but, if other interesting matter came up, it was not precluded. The ladies take their work, if they choose, and sew while others read. We have an entertainment, to which the pastor is always invited. The interest felt in missions by our pastor and his wife is deep and earnest, their labors untiring.

“A sainted mother from among us, bearing the weight of nearly fourscore years, recently went to her rest. Not often could she meet with the people of God; but her gentle ways and loving Christian graces were the light of her home. She loved the cause for which we labor; and our society was once most kindly entertained at her home, — a season of peculiar satisfaction and enjoyment for her. Last winter she obtained two of the small weekly pledge envelopes, placing a silver quarter in one, and, in the other, a silver half-dollar; but, before her monthly offering was paid into the treasury, the summons had come, and she slept in Jesus. The loving heart of the mother was stilled, her earth-work done.”

## NEW LONDON COUNTY BRANCH.

AN enthusiastic meeting was held in New London, Conn., on Wednesday, June 30, composed of delegates from seventeen of the churches in New London County. The morning session was devoted to the discussion of the propriety of organizing either a county association or a branch, as the remoteness from Boston, and the difficulty of access to the branches already in the State, made it seem desirable for the best interest of the work that a county organization be effected.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to undertake a New London County branch; and the following officers were elected: Mrs. J. N. Harris, New London, President; Mrs. D. S. Brainerd, Lyme, Mrs. William Palmer, and Miss Emily Gilman, Norwich, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. William Hutchison, Norwich, Secretary; and Mrs. Joshua Learned, New London, Treasurer.

In the afternoon, Miss Andrews spoke of the lights and shades of the work in China. If the eagerness and interest with which the ladies listened to her, the earnestness with which they seemed to take up the work, and the cordial, hospitable manner in which they received and entertained all the ladies from abroad, augur any thing, we may expect that soon the required number of auxiliaries will be secured.

E. F. P.

## NEW CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

THE report of the formation of our Fifth Conference Association, in connection with the Barnstable Conference, reached us just too late for our last issue. It was organized at quite a large ladies' meeting, held at Provincetown on the 8th of June.

In addition to the regular officers, a committee on auxiliaries was also appointed, consisting of one lady from each of the towns represented, who should pledge herself to the formation of a society in her church, before the next meeting of the conference, if possible. The presence of Miss Andrews of the North China mission, who was accompanied by a representative of the Woman's Board of Missions, added much to the interest of the occasion. The great desire for documents and information, manifested at the close of the meeting, showed that a good degree of enthusiasm had been awakened.

## APPOINTMENT.

WE are happy to announce the appointment of one of the twelve young lady missionaries for whom we have been looking so anxiously the past year, — Miss Francis A. Stevens, a pupil at Oberlin College, Ohio. Her field of labor is not yet designated. Two others are also known to be seriously considering their duty in this respect. Where are the nine ?

## DEPARTURES.

Miss M. A. PROCTOR and Miss M. G. HOLLISTER are to sail for Liverpool, Aug. 7, returning to their missionary work in Turkey.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 18 TO JULY 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

## MAINE.

*Maine Branch.* — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., Waterford, Aux., to const. L. M. Miss Harriet E. Douglass, \$25; Portland, Plymouth Ch., for pupil at Marsovan, \$16.90; Machias, Aux., \$13; Winslow, Aux., \$17.50; Waterville, Aux., \$10.50; Thomaston, "Echoes," \$50; Castine, Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary M. Dresser, \$37.25; Farmington, Aux., \$10; Freeport, Aux., \$8; "Buds and Blossoms," \$2; Greenville, Aux., \$16; Bethel, Aux., 2d Cong'l Ch., \$10; "Little Helpers," \$5; S. S. Cl., \$14.50; Fryeburg, Aux., \$17.60; No. Bridgeton, Aux., \$10; Harrison, Aux., \$5; Bangor, Aux., \$10; So. Freeport, Aux., add'l, \$2 50; Union, Aux., \$7.50; Wells, 2d Ch., Aux., \$29.50; from friend, \$2; Ellsworth Prayer Circle, \$15; Kennebunkport, Aux., \$10; Bethel, 1st Ch., \$3.27, \$348 02

Total \$348 02

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*Maine Branch.* — Augusta, Aux., \$2 00

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*New Hampshire Branch.* — Miss Abbie E. McIntire, Treas.,

Exeter, Aux., \$10.47; Nashua, Aux., \$28.38; "Messenger Birds," for pupil in Miss Payson's sch., \$40; B. R., Mardin, \$40; B. R., Mahratta mission, \$40; Portsmouth, Rogers Mission-Circle, for pupil Mrs. Bissell's sch., \$30, \$188 85

Total, \$188 85

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*New Hampshire Branch.* — Hillsboro' Centre. Cong'l Ch., \$5; Nashua, Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Chas. Wetherby, \$50; "Messenger Birds," for desk marked "Willing Boys," \$10; Mrs. Sladir, for desk marked "Love," \$10; Mrs. Sabra L. Parker, \$10; Pearl Street S. S., \$25; S. S. Cl., for desk marked "Home Workers," \$10; Mission-Circle, for desk marked "Penny Gatherers," \$10, also one marked "Mary G. Beason," \$10; Mission-Circle for desk marked "Volunteers," \$10, one marked "Aaron F. Sawyer," \$10; desk marked "John F. Reed," given by young men in memory of a classmate in S. S. \$10; S. S. class for desk marked "Mizpeh," \$10; Mrs. Chas. Williams, two desks, each marked "A Christian's thank-

offering," \$20; Mrs. Slader, for desk marked "Edward A. Slader," \$10; New Boston, Aux., for desk marked "New Boston, N.H.," \$10; Rye Cong'l Ch. S. S., for desk, \$10; Rindge Ch., for desk, \$10.

\$240 00  
Total, \$240 00

VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.* — Franklin, Aux., \$7.50; Waterbury, Aux., \$16; West Rutland, Aux., \$30; Middlebury, "Green Mt. Rills," for blind Mirlam, \$15; Hartford, Aux., to const. L.M. Mrs. S. J. Briant, \$25; Royalton, Aux., \$9; Barnet, Aux., \$6; Ludlow, Aux., bequeathed by Mrs. J. Dunn, to const. L. M. Mrs. Emma A. Goddard, \$25; Brattleboro', Aux, of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Rossinie B.W. Baldwin of West Townsend, \$75; a friend, \$1,

\$209 50  
Total, \$209 50

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Andover.* — Classmates of Miss Emma S. Wilder, to const. her L. M., \$25; Free Ch., \$20.60, \$45 60  
*Ayer.* — Aux., 10 50  
*Boston* — Mrs. M. H. Baldwin, \$5; Central Ch., "Busy Bees," \$4.75; Mt. Vernon Ch., \$3; Old So. Ch., Miss Elizabeth Coverly, \$5; Berkley St. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Col., \$8.75, 26 50  
*Boston, South.* — Phillips Ch., Aux., add'l, 11 00  
*Brockton.* — Aux., 140 00  
*Chelsea.* — Chestnut St. Ch., "Busy Bees," 3 75

*Dorchester.* — Village Ch., for pupil in Inanda, 33 00  
*Easton.* — Aux., 20 00  
*East Falmouth.* — Aux., 9 05  
*East Somerville.* — Aux., 14 00  
*Foxboro'.* — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Wm. Bourne, \$25; Mrs. Daniels Carpenter, to const. L. M. Mrs. Ira B. Richmond, \$25, 50 00  
*Framingham.* — Aux., 62 20  
*Hanover.* — 2d Cong'l Ch., Aux., 10 00  
*Jamaica Plain.* — Aux., \$164.95; Central Ch., "Young Climbers," \$3, 167 95  
*Lawrence.* — Lawrence St. Ch., Aux., of wh. \$125 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. M. J. Jenniss, Mrs. M. N. Howe, Miss Annie R. Chandler, Miss Judith Varney, Mrs. Wm. C. Coburn, 174 15  
*Lenox.* — A friend, to const. L.M. Mrs. Martha L. Mattoon, 25 00  
*Littleton.* — C. M. H.'s Miss'y Box, 1 25  
*Lowell.* — Aux., of wh. \$50 to

const. L.M.'s Mrs. A.W. Burnham, Mrs. Geo. Stevens, \$117 00  
*Lynn.* — "May Flower Mission-Circle," 5 74  
*Middleboro'.* — Miss S. R. Kingman's S. S. Cl., 1 50  
*New Bedford.* — 1st Cong'l Ch., 10 00  
*Newton Centre.* — 1st Cong'l Ch., Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Jennette B. Wood, Mrs. Jane S. Warren, 53 00  
*Newtonville.* — Cong'l Ch., 12 50  
*Northampton.* — "W.," \$100; Edwards Ch., Young Ladies' Soc. for pupil in the Const. Home, \$125, 225 00  
*Norwood.* — Harriet M. Fuller, to const. herself L. M., 25 00  
*Plymouth.* — Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Hannah Thomas, 60 00  
*Sherburne.* — Mrs. Aaron Greenwood, 2 00  
*South Hadley.* — Mt. Holyoke Fem. Sem., 457 50  
*Wellington.* — Aux., 25 00  
*Whitinsville.* — Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. C. R. Whitin to const. L. M. Mrs. Isabella G. Clarke, Samokov, Turkey; \$25 by Mrs. J. W. Lasell to const. L. M. Miss Kitty S. Clarke; \$25 by Mrs. Charles E. Whitin to const. L. M. Miss Lila S. Whitin, 111 00  
*Winchester.* — Aux., for Miss Powers, \$20; "Seek and Save" Soc'y, "bulb money," \$16, 36 00  
*Worcester.* — Woman's Miss'y Asso., Central Ch., \$155.48; Union Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Charles Washburn, to const. L. M. Miss Julia Gulick, \$248, 403 48  
Total, \$2,348 67

C. Home Building-Fund.

*Boston.* — Park St. Ch., Aux., Mrs. J. W. Field, \$50 00  
*Dorchester.* — Second Ch. S. S., 60 50  
*Gloucester.* — Aux., 14 25  
*Lowell.* — Mrs. E. J. Donnell, \$5; Mrs. Joseph Kingsbury, Fran- ceston, N. H., \$5, for desk in memory of Mrs. J. G. Kerr, Canton, China, 10 00  
*Medway.* — Mrs. John Dwight, towards dormitory, 15 00  
*Millbury.* — Aux., 50 00  
*Reading.* — Aux., 9 00  
*Spencer.* — "Hillside Workers," 72 13  
Total, \$280 88

RHODE ISLAND.

*Rhode Island Branch.* — Miss Anna T. White, Treas., Providence, Central Ch., add'l, of wh. \$15 by Mrs. Moore, with

prev. contri. to const. herself L. M., \$34.50; Beneficent Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mr. B.W. Gallup to const. his wife, Mrs. Clara Gallup, L. M., \$40,	\$74 50
Total,	\$74 50

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> —Provi- dence, "Beneficent Foreign Mission-Circle," to complete dormitory, \$20; Central Falls, "Little Sunbeams," for dormi- tory marked "Little Sun- beams," \$186,	\$206 00
Total,	\$206 00

## CONNECTICUT.

<i>Hartford Branch.</i> —Mrs. Charles Jewell, Treas., Hartford, Asy- lum Hill, "Bee Hive," for Da- kota, \$100; for Inanda, \$100; Centre Ch., add'l \$1; Asy- lum Av. Ch., \$6.55; Wind- sor Locks, \$40; Terryville, Aux., proceeds of spelling match, of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Jennie G. Smith, \$51.50; Hampton, Aux., \$15.75; Rock- ville, Aux., \$13; East Granby, Aux., \$9.36; Mission-Circle, \$1.39; East Hartford, Mrs. Sus- san T. Elmer, \$10; Danielson- ville, Aux., Miss Emily Daniel- son, to const. herself L.M. \$25,	\$373 55
<i>New London Branch.</i> —Gris- wold, Mrs. E. E. B. Northrop, to const. L. M. Gertie E. Blan- chard of La Salle, Ill,	25 00
<i>Windsor Locks.</i> —A friend,	2 00
Total,	\$400 55

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Hartford Branch.</i> —Hartford, Asylum Hill, "Bee Hive," for dormitory called the "Margaret Blythe Room," \$200; Pearl St. Ch., Aux., Mrs. Olive Parish, to const. L. M. Mrs. Samuel Cap- ron, \$25; South Ch., S.S., \$25; Danielsonville, Aux., \$15; Hart- ford, Centre Ch. Aux., add'l \$20,	285 00
Total,	\$285 00

## NEW YORK.

<i>Franklin</i> —Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Silas G. Smith,	\$25 00
<i>Rochester.</i> —1st Presb. S.S., A.L.	

Hamilton's Cl., toward pupil at Harpoet,	\$6 00
<i>Sherburne.</i> —1st Cong'l Ch.,	5 00
<i>Upper Aquebogue, L. I.</i> —Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary M. Benedict,	25 00
Total,	\$61 00

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Homer.</i> —Aux.,	\$61 50
Total,	\$61 50

## OHIO.

<i>Milan.</i> —Milan "Mission Band," for scholarships in Miss Ash- ley's sch.,	\$46 00
Total,	46 00

## ILLINOIS.

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Earlville.</i> —Mt. Holyoke gradu- ate, for the Mary Lyon Room,	\$1 00
<i>Farmington.</i> —Mrs. S. B. New- ell, for the Mary Lyon Room,	5 00
Total,	\$6 00

## IOWA.

<i>Tabor.</i> —Cong'l S. S. towards pupil in Miss Townshend's sch.,	\$15 00
Total,	\$15 00

## CANADA.

<i>Canadian Branch.</i> —Towards the Madura Sch.,	117 00
Total,	\$117 00

## FOREIGN LANDS.

## ENGLAND.

<i>London.</i> —Miss E. H. Ropes, \$20; Miss S. L. Ropes, \$20,	\$40 00
Total,	\$40 00
General Funds,	\$3,849 09
C. Home Building-Fund,	1,081 38
"Life and Light,"	220 51
"Echoes,"	33 60
Weekly Pledge,	6 60
Leaflets,	5 20
Interest on temporary invest- ments,	162 50
Interest on Permanent Fund,	270 00
Total,	\$5,633 88

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

# Department of the Interior.

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## SOUTH AFRICA.

### EXTRACTS FROM MISS PINKERTON'S LETTER.

UMZUMBI, March 25, 1875.

SCHOOL opened the first of February, with ten scholars: now they number fifteen, all of whom seem interested in their studies. I came here just before the term commenced, and my general routine is as follows. After directing the girls in their outdoor work, I attend morning worship, hear two recitations in school, and study Zulu; in the afternoon, have a class of station-men, including the station school-teacher, who are learning to read and write both English and Zulu; in the evening, sing with the girls, or teach them to draw, or prepare their sewing; on the sabbath, help teach the girls in the morning, have the infant class come to my room for the Sunday-school hour, sing hymns with the people in the afternoon; and with two services the day is filled. The girls are very fond of singing, and delight in pictures. Bible scenes are a great assistance, it is so difficult for them to realize that Jesus did actually live on earth. Their memories are remarkable; but their reasoning faculties not nearly as good.

The natives use a straw, or rush, when they wish a light for a moment; and as one of the new scholars watched the lighting of our lamp, and its continuance, she exclaimed, "Why, when is it going out?"

Their heathenish ignorance is painful to come in contact with; and their superstitions seen almost a part of themselves.

The girls are divided into companies of two or three each week: one draws the water; another cuts and brings the wood; a third grinds the corn; still another sweeps the verandas and yards; and each week one of the older girls is cook. Their time is quite well filled with work or study, as we prefer to occupy the otherwise "idle-hands."

Their ingratitude is an unpleasant characteristic of this people, especially of the women and girls. The more privileges they receive, the more they wish, and the prouder and more disobedient

they become. Therefore we have to be cautious about bestowing favors.

You will not forget to pray for us and our scholars, that we may all receive bountifully of God's Spirit, enabling us to teach and to be taught to the best advantage.

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## DAKOTA.

### EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MISS BISHOP.

NORTHFIELD, MINN., June 23, 1875.

DEAR MRS. LEAKE, — I have been home about a week. Mrs. Riggs left me at Yankton Agency, where I intended spending four days in the missionary family of Rev. J. P. Williamson; but my illness detained me three weeks. . . .

The last sabbath I was at Yankton Agency, I went into sabbath school before the morning service, and attended communion in the afternoon. The church was pretty well filled on these occasions, seating perhaps seventy. The day before, a very interesting meeting was held at noon, closing about six o'clock. The word which the Indians use to designate this meeting means "a confession." All the church-members are expected to attend it, and generally do. On this Saturday, before noon, quite a company came fifteen miles. They pitched their tents, and remained till after the sabbath services. At the Saturday meeting, I heard several of the Indian women tell of their experiences during the three months since the previous meeting of this kind. Mr. Williamson calls upon each member by turn. I was much surprised at the readiness in speaking, and interest exhibited, among the women. I expected it from the men. . . .

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## TURKEY.

### WOMAN'S WORK IN THE MARASH STATION.

BY MISS M. S. WILLIAMS.

THE following extracts from the Annual Report of Woman's Work in the vicinity of Marash show what a wide influence is exerted in the surrounding towns by the graduates of our school in that city:—

“The pastor's wife at Hadjin has been the teacher there since

July; and Hatoon, who improves from year to year in her chosen labors, has had charge of the work among the women. She writes, 'My scholars have so increased, that I cannot now visit all the houses in one day; and I have to take two days for the circuit. One of the sisters has recently died a happy, peaceful death, who, a year ago, knew nothing of Jesus' love. Two more women have been received into the church, and many have been changed in heart. Among the children, both boys and girls, there has been a revival of special interest such as they have never known before. It has so occupied the minds of the scholars, that some days they have been obliged to change the school sessions into prayer-meetings.

"Teacher Turvanda, in Zeitoun for the third year, chose from among our young girls in the middle school Mariam Renbyan to return with her as teacher, and they have worked happily together, accomplishing much. Turvanda has a genuine love for her work that makes her successful in all that she attempts. She has now thirty scholars, twelve of whom are reading the Bible. Two of them, being Catholics, are not allowed to read the gospel; but no opposition is made to the religious tract put into the hands of one of them for her reading-book. One of the women would not come to church, paying no attention to the earnest entreaties to induce her to come: so Turvanada took Marnitz, the first Protestant woman in Zeitoun, and went to the house on the day for the woman's meeting. One took a child in her arms, and the other the baby, and, as it were, forced the mother to follow. Since then, she has found her way there alone. Turvanda says, 'Word comes every day from some quarter, "Come and read to us;" but I haven't the time or strength for the half that I should do.'

"At Fundajak, Gohor has been teaching the women only: two have been received into the church as the first-fruits of her labors. She has had twelve scholars (spending all her time going from house to house); and, whenever opportunity offers, she gathers quite a company of eager listeners in her own house, or on the street. There has been no preacher there this winter; and the brethren and sisters look to her with all the respect and dependence they would have for a preacher. On account of the progress of the work, the opposers have become thoroughly aroused, threatening her life. The brethren now write, that, 'unless some one comes to protect Gohor, she will have to leave, as the persecution has become so great, that it is no longer safe for her to be seen on

the street.' Two students from the Theological Seminary have gone there for the vacation, and we hope that she will be allowed to stay.

"We have now in our home in Marash twenty-one girls. Five of them are here for the first time this year; and, with our two native teachers, we are a very happy family. Although there has been no special time of awakening with us, we have counted the steady growth in the spiritual life of each of those who had professed Christ, as an unspeakably precious blessing. We have been conscious of an unusual endeavor on their part to make their daily lives correspond to that of the great Teacher. In this respect, we notice a marked change from last year, when their Christianity seemed more as if assumed for special occasions. Two, we hope, have been added to the number of converted ones; and all the others are faithful, obedient girls."

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#### LETTER FROM PASTOR TONJOROFF.

BANSKO, April 29, 1875.

DEAR SISTERS IN CHRIST, — Your letters have been duly received. Thank you very much for all the expressions of your sympathy. I have obtained your precious gifts, and they will be very useful to me.

Our enemies are very alive. You may have heard of some of their undertakings to destroy the Lord's work here. How often I have to meet with the most unfriendly looking, and frightening words! But the Lord has blessed us according to our days. Yes, we are blessed.

Our Sunday school is very interesting; and I look to it as a fountain of joy and usefulness.

Last Saturday I went to Bania, and had a very good time. The people looked at me very surprised as we passed four friends through the street.

This morning, I went to comfort a very poor family, one mother, daughter, and two brothers. One of them comes to the service. The other was out in the yard. As we were talking, the other, instructed by some of the neighbors, came in with a very large cane to whip me. After a great deal of struggle, I did not permit him to do that; but he grasped a little stick, and measured my back with it a little bit. The mother and the girl cried for me. From there, I intended to go to some other family; but I was obliged to

come home and rest a little. I am very glad that my sister is with me. After some days, I have to start for another place. Oh, how much I need the Lord's presence! Who will help me for that?

With much love, yours in Christ,

J. A. TONJOROFF.

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CHINA.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MISS DIAMENT.

SINCE the beginning of the mission-year, April 1, we have received more visits from the women than for some time previous. The approach of spring weather tempts them out after their long winter's imprisonment. I have noted down visits from a hundred and twenty-five women and sixty children. Just as we returned from our visit from Peking, about sixty came at one time: they were attending a religious feast at our next-door neighbors. The women seemed disposed to listen to what we had to say; and we managed to quiet the children by giving them texts of scripture, which I had prepared for the purpose. I find these written texts very useful. I have one especially for Mohammedans: it is, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus," followed by, "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved;" and, "There is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." I think the Chinese should be able to understand that, as they have so much to do with go-betweens in all their business-transactions.

Just now we are particularly interested in a sick man. I presume we have often written of the family, whose son has been one of the most promising members of the church here, but has met with much opposition from the family. The wife has been in our employ much of the time, and has received instruction. Twice she has expressed a desire to unite with the church, but has been kept from it through fear, and has since persecuted her son more than ever. About the time of the last Chinese new year, the family opposed his attending our services so violently, that he yielded, and comes no more. He says he still believes, and nothing can make him forget Jesus; but he thinks, that, if he quietly submits to them, after a while he will overcome their objections. I fear his Christian character will be weakened, while their opposition will be strengthened, by this yielding. Now the father is sick, nigh unto death, without God and without hope.

## Home Department.

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### A MODEL MISSIONARY MEETING.

AUSTIN, MINN., March 17, 1875.

WE have varied the plan for conducting our missionary meetings, hoping, in some way, to enlarge our knowledge of the general subject. At our last meeting, we took up the Sandwich Islands in detail; one lady preparing an account of the islands, their location, number, climate, productions, &c. Another gave an account of their moral and religious state previous to the introduction of Christianity. The next had a sketch of Obookiah. This was followed by a particular account of the going-out of the first missionaries, their reception, &c. Then a general summary was given of labor, expenditures, and results, number and character of hopeful converts, their work for Christ at home and abroad, the progress of Christian civilization in schools, books, habits of living, code of laws, church-buildings, &c. One lady had a very interesting sketch of Hapiolani; another gave in brief the late visit of King Kalakaua to Boston, and his interview with the officers of the American Board.

On the whole, I think *all* were interested, and quickened in prayer and thanksgiving, surveying thus "What God hath wrought." We propose next in a little different way to take up the Syrian mission; illustrating the items by a collection of articles from that land, in the possession of two of our ladies.

E. M. M.

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### JAPAN HOME.

A RECENT letter from Miss Dudley states that the three thousand dollars asked from our Board for the Home at Kobe falls short of the amount needed to put it in complete running order by about a thousand dollars. The interest felt in this object has secured to us pledges to the amount of \$3,575, a large proportion of which have already been redeemed. Seventeen more shares remain to be taken before our financial year closes, Oct. 15.

The time is short; but prompt and efficient action on the part of our friends will secure the sum required. Who will respond?

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE A. B. C. F. M.

WE would remind our readers of the Annual Meeting of the American Board, to be held in Chicago the first week in October, of which full notice will be found in "The Missionary Herald" and the religious papers.

We look forward to it with high hopes, believing it will bring to our Western churches new inspiration for missionary work; and we urge our friends to plan for attendance upon its sessions.

The Woman's Boards will hold one meeting during the week, at which it is very desirable that our auxiliaries should be largely represented. Seasonable notice of the day and hour of this meeting will be given through the papers.

We shall be happy at that time to welcome and to introduce to our new headquarters, corner of State and Madison Streets, any ladies interested in our work. Though in the fifth story, the room is easily accessible by means of the elevator; entrance 77 Madison Street.

Our hearty thanks are due to those who have generously contributed to render it so comfortable and attractive.

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

FROM JUNE 15, TO JULY 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Charlestown.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	\$8 00	<i>Lake Erie Sem.,</i> for salary of Miss Parsons, \$25,	\$122 00
<i>Cleveland Heights.</i> — Aux., for the school at Marash, \$27; Euclid Ave. Ch., Aux., for salary of Mrs. Watkins of Gaudalajara, of which \$25 is to const. Mrs. J. E. Twitchell a L. M., \$92,	119 00	<i>Springfield</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	18 00
<i>Columbus.</i> — High St. Ch., Aux., to const. Mrs. Lizzie Jenkins a L. M.,	25 00	<i>Tallmadge.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Erzroom,	17 59
<i>Hudson.</i> — Union Miss'y Soc.,	1 59	Total,	\$560 67
<i>Ironton.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	25 00	INDIANA.	
<i>Lafayette.</i> — Aux.,	11 00	<i>Angola.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	\$25 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford,	150 00	Total,	\$25 00
<i>Oxford.</i> — Fem. Sem., Aux.,	63 49	MICHIGAN.	
<i>Painesville.</i> — 1st Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons, \$97;		<i>Detroit.</i> — "Sunbeam Band," of which \$13 is for the school at Battalagundu,	\$63 00
		<i>Kalamazoo.</i> — Mich. Fem. Sem.,	34 00
		<i>Morenci.</i> — Aux.,	5 10

<i>Romeo.</i> — Aux., for Miss Porter's school,	\$25 00
<i>Vermontville.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 is for the Japan Home, and \$13.72 for Mrs. Watkins,	38 72
<i>Walker.</i> — Mrs. Geo. A. Pollard,	5 00
Total,	\$170 82

## ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> — Aux., of Ch. of Redeemer, \$10.50, S.S., \$1.50, for support of Sultan Bedrousin of Harpoot,	\$12 00
<i>Aurora.</i> — "Willing Workers," for the Japan Home,	21 75
<i>Chesterfield.</i> — Aux.,	13 20
<i>Chicago.</i> — 1st Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, \$30.55; New England Ch. Aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, \$58.71; Union Park Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Rendall, \$60; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$18.35,	167 61
<i>Danvers.</i> — Aux.,	5 50
<i>Evanston.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Porter, \$97.16; "Little Towel-Hemmers," for a pupil in Miss Porter's school, \$4.23,	101 39
<i>Fremont.</i> — Aux.,	17 20
<i>Galesburg.</i> — 1st Ch., Aux., of which to const. Mrs. H. S. Hurd a L. M.,	28 86
<i>Kewanee.</i> — Aux., for support of Katulka of Samokov, \$20; "Young People's Mission Circle," for the Samokov school, \$70.36,	90 36
<i>Payson.</i> — Aux.,	10 00
<i>Rockford.</i> — 1st Ch., Aux., for Mrs. Walker's Home for Miss'y children,	50 00
<i>Roseville.</i> — Aux., for the Samokov school,	18 00
<i>South Boston.</i> — Aux.,	6 80
<i>Sycamore.</i> — "Little Rills,"	5 00
<i>Waverly.</i> — Aux., for Miss Evans' salary. \$25; "Earnest Workers," for the support of Leloomie Varta of Marash, and to const. Carrie M. Root a L. M., \$30,	55 00
Total,	\$602 67

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Cambridge.</i> — Miss. Soc., for salary of Miss Taylor,	\$5 00
<i>Fond du Lac.</i> — Aux., for Japan Home,	9 00
<i>Fox Lake.</i> — Wis. Fem. College,	3 50
<i>Milwaukee.</i> — Spring St. Ch., Aux., for salary of Stomata of Samokov,	75 00
<i>Platteville.</i> — Aux., \$7, for Japan Home, \$13, for Miss Taylor,	20 00

<i>Racine.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	\$25 00
<i>Ripon.</i> — College, Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. Miss Luthera H. Adams a L. M., \$17.60; "Juvenile Mission Band," for the Japan Home, and to const. Miss Lilly Lake a L. M., \$40,	57 60
<i>South Elkhorn.</i> — Aux.,	3 25

Total, \$198 35.

## IOWA.

<i>Des Moines.</i> — Plymouth Ch., Aux., for a pupil in Miss Porter's school,	\$35 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> — Cong. Ch. Soc., for salary of Miss Hillis,	155 00
<i>Mason City.</i> — Aux.,	5 00
<i>Mitchellville.</i> — Mrs. H. F. Turner,	1 00
<i>Waterloo.</i> — "Mayflower Miss. Circle,"	5 00
Total,	\$201 00

## MINNESOTA.

<i>Minneapolis.</i> — Plymouth Ch., Aux., for Miss Lindley's salary,	\$75 00
Total,	\$75 00

## MISSOURI.

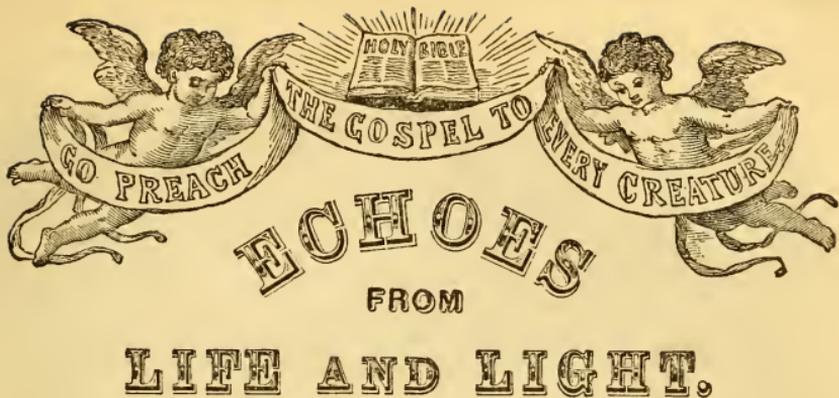
<i>Breckinridge.</i> — Aux., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. P. F. Mather a L. M.,	\$10 00
<i>Kansas City.</i> — Aux.,	10 15
<i>Kidder.</i> — Aux.,	5 00
<i>St. Louis.</i> — Dr. Post's Ch., Aux., 2; Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 5.20,	7 20
<i>Webster.</i> — Aux.,	8 00
Total,	\$40 35

## KANSAS.

<i>Leavenworth.</i> — Aux.,	\$12 00
<i>Valley Falls.</i> — Aux.,	4 35
<i>Wyandotte.</i> — Aux.,	15 20
Total,	\$31 55

## MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Colorado Springs, Col. Ter.</i> — Aux.,	\$2 91
<i>Sherbrooke, P. Q.</i> — Union, W. B. M., Miss Maria H. Brooks, for the Manissa school,	58 45
<i>Chicago.</i> — Sale of pamphlets and envelopes,	9 50
Total,	\$70 86
Total,	\$1,976 27



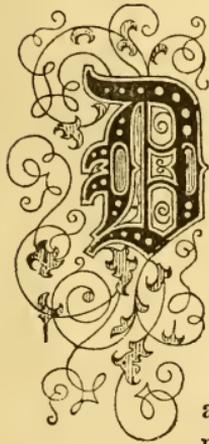
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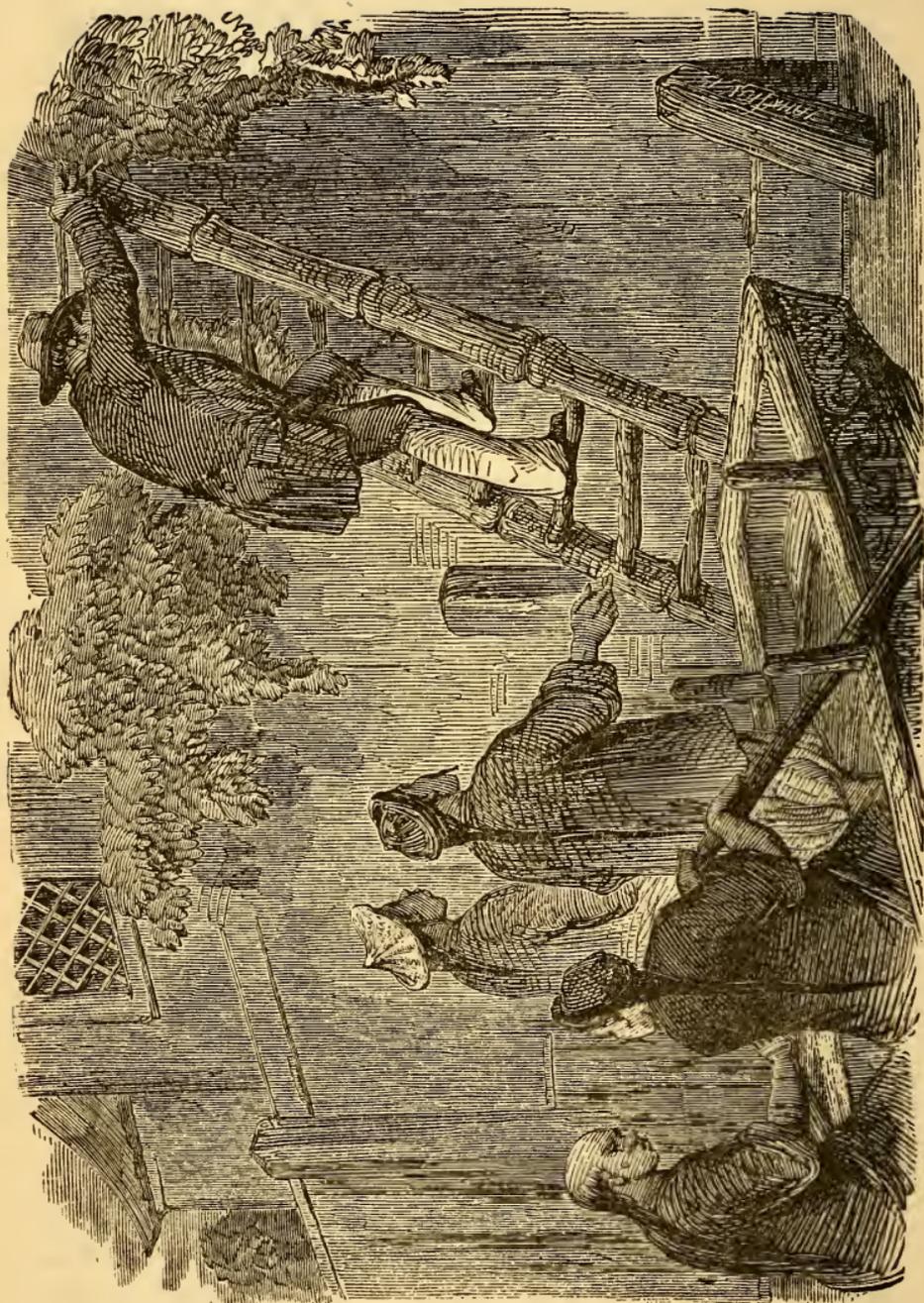
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## CHINESE BOATMEN.

BY MRS. J. W. TYLER.



DEAR boys, have you ever seen this picture? You can tell at once that four of the men are Chinamen, two of whom hold the oars of a boat fastened by bamboo withs, that run in a band attached to stakes upon the sides of the boat. Few sailors are more expert in managing their boats than the Chinese on the coast. The entrance to the river at Canton presents a gay spectacle, with its fleet of lighters, passage, freight, and flower boats, besides many others that are moored stem and stern, for fixed residences of families. Some of these are from sixty to eighty feet long, and about fifteen wide, divided into three rooms. In the sleeping-apartment, the windows are closed with shutters and curtains, and the wood-work fancifully painted; but these family-boats are not so handsome as the flower-boats, which are used for pleasure-excursions on the river. The sea-boats are called "junks," the original of which was a sea-monster. The teeth at the cut-water and top of the bows represented the mouth; and the long boards at the side of the bows formed the head, having curious eyes painted on them: the masts and sails were the fins; and the high stern, the tail of the fish frisking aloft. The unwieldy proportions of these junks, with their three masts or single sticks, without yards



or shrouds, render them unfit for rough seas; and they are often wrecked with fearful loss of life. Sometimes they carry hundreds of passengers, — as many as our largest steamships. The Chinese are beginning to learn that other nations have a better way of building sea-boats, from seeing them in their harbors. They are learning other things also, of more importance. Do you see that man in the picture going up the ladder? He is a missionary, and lives in that house right upon the bank of the river; and this is the way he goes in at his front-door. He spends his time in distributing good books to the boatmen, and has evidently been telling the men in the boat some strange story, and they are talking about it. Perhaps he has told them of the storm on the lake, when Jesus was sleeping on a pillow in a boat — how fearful his disciples as they came to wake the Saviour, and how quietly he arose to calm the winds and waves with his sovereign word, “Peace: be still.” With Christ on board, the boat could not sink; and so on the ocean of life, if Christ be with us, we shall always be safe. Will you think of it, boys? and will you remember these Chinese boatmen and their little boys, and send money for their missionary teachers?

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## NATIVE SCHOOL IN INDIA.

BY MRS. H. J. BRUCE.

In the native common schools in India, boys who are fortunate enough to be sent to school at all are taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, just enough to fit them to transact common business-affairs, and so be a little better able to earn a living. Besides this, they only learn absurd stories about their idols, as any more knowledge would be considered dangerous. Many of the schools are held in the open air, under large trees, or on the veranda of some house. The teacher is called a Gooroo; and the children think they are quite safe in his care, because he answers to the heathen god for all their sins. One of these teachers, who was using his stick a little too freely, was asked why he beat the boys so much. His reply was, “Oh! I do it to encourage them to learn.” A poor sort of encouragement; don’t you think so?

In the picture you see an advanced class in writing; and all the pupils are busy with the papers which they hold in their hands, either reading or writing. The pen which they use is the *boroo*, — a kind of reed about as large around as a lead-pencil, and sharpened



at one end. If they like black ink, they can buy it in shops ; or, if they fancy red ink, they sometimes make it from the fruit of the prickly pear, which is very abundant. Probably they are all studying the written language of their people, which is quite different from the printed books. It is considered a good accomplishment to be familiar with this written language, as many words and sentences are abbreviated, or expressed by particular signs, which make it difficult to learn. The boys often obtain old letters or business-accounts from the village merchants to practise in reading obscure writing. They do this so as to become good writers, hoping to obtain service under government.

For the younger children, the alphabet is usually marked in large letters on the wall of the schoolroom ; and the teacher points out the different ones with a rod, instructing a large class at once. The multiplication-tables are thought to be of more importance than the A, B, C's ; and all in the school, from the oldest to the youngest, are drilled in them day after day, and year after year, as high as the table of thirty. They have various other exercises in mathematics ; and the ease with which they learn to solve quite lengthy problems is sometimes truly wonderful. I wish you could ask one of these boys to square any number less than thirty, and see how quickly he would answer, or could listen to some examples the teacher might give him to perform without pencil and

paper. Indeed, I think it might be well for some of the boys and girls in America, who dislike arithmetic, to go into one of these schools near the close of the session, and hear some fifty or sixty voices sing out the changes on the various tunes to which the different multiplication-tables are set, and, perhaps, catch a little of their enthusiasm.

But although you might learn something from them even in their rude condition, yet you must remember that this is not a mission-school, and that they are ignorant of what every sabbath-school scholar ought to know, — that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Who will go and tell them this?

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### LITTLE TIMEUS.

BY MRS. EMILY GULICK.

SEVEN years ago, a helpless little blind boy, about five years old, was given to us. His father and mother were field-laborers, and obliged to work for their daily bread. Chinese parents are generally very fond of their boys; but, after this one became blind from small-pox, he was looked upon as only a burden.” The people in China have no idea that a blind boy can learn to do any thing but beg, or tell fortunes, to earn his living. This poor child’s mother did not want the trouble of him, and thought she could not afford to bring him up: so she decided to give him arsenic. He heard his oldest brother begging his mother, with tears, not to give him the poison, which she had already mixed with his food; and so, when his mother tried to force him to take it, he would not swallow it. Failing in this attempt, the mother decided to put him to death in a more cruel way; and one of the neighbors, who heard of it, asked if I would take him, and save his life. When we consented, the father and mother brought him to us, and he has been with us ever since.

Yesterday the dear boy left us to be with his Saviour. During the past two years, he has grown much in grace. Though surrounded by many temptations, and hearing much that was bad from the Chinese around us, God kept him from falling. He was truthful, trustworthy, and forbearing: indeed, he seemed almost faultless. Though blind, he had learned to do many things, and was never happier than when he was doing something to help others.

When we were in Yujo last year, Mother Tsai taught him to spin cotton-thread, and to knit. Martha is now wearing a pair of stockings that he made for her. He had more knowledge of Scripture than most children of his age. For the last three or four years, he has studied the chapter we read at morning prayers every day, committing it to memory, and seldom missing a word. He could learn about twenty verses in an hour. He knew all the hymns we sung, — about seventy, — and could play them on the *harmonicum*. I used to sing the treble to him as I sat at work; and, having a good ear for music, he could supply the bass himself.

We shall miss the dear boy very much in school. His influence among the boys was good; and his last message to them was, "Tell them to love God." During our stay in Mongolia last summer, he slept in the room with the teacher and one of the boys, named Wong, the teacher's son, the brightest and best-behaved boy in the school, about the age of Timeus. We have lately had great hope that this boy is beginning to love the Saviour. Before he went home for the Christmas holidays, he told me he was going to tell his mother about Christ, and try to persuade her to burn her idols. He also told me, that, while we were in Mongolia, Timeus taught him to pray; and every night they knelt down together. May our Father bless our blind boy's efforts to lead his school-friend to the Saviour!

Timeus's strength has been gradually failing since he had the scarlet-fever in the autumn. Two days before his death, he asked to see Mr. Gulick. He thought he was dying, and spoke with difficulty. He said, "Papa, I shall see you again in heaven." After a few hours, he revived a little, and spoke of all the things that had been given him, and what would be best to give to each one whom he loved. He said, "I shall not want them in heaven. I shall only have to ask Jesus, and he will give me all I want. Every one will be good there." His pale face lighted up with a beautiful smile as he thought of the joys of the heavenly home to which he felt himself so near. His frail body seemed gently and peacefully to fall asleep without a struggle, as the happy spirit obeyed the Saviour's summons.

## MISSION-CIRCLES.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE BRANCH. — *Thomaston*. — "Echoes," \$50.  
*Freeport*. — "Buds and Blossoms," \$2.  
*Bethel*. — "Little Helpers," \$5.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE BRANCH. — *Nashua*. — "Messenger Birds," \$50.  
*Portsmouth*. — "Rogers Mission Circle," \$30.  
*Nashua*. — "Home-Workers," \$10; "Penny-Gatherers," \$10;  
 "Volunteers," \$10; "Mizpeh," \$10.
- VERMONT. — *Middlebury*. — "Green Mountain Rills," \$15.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Boston*. — Central Church, "Busy Bees," \$4.75.  
*Chelsea*. — Chestnut-street Church, "Busy Bees," \$3.75.  
*Jamaica Plain*. — "Young Climbers," \$3.00.  
*Littleton*. — C. M. H.'s Missionary Box, \$1.25.  
*Lynn*. — "Mayflower Mission-Circle," \$5.74.
- RHODE ISLAND. — *Central Falls*. — "Little Sunbeams," \$186.00; Providence Beneficent Foreign Mission-Circle, \$20.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Hartford*. — Asylum Hill Church, "Bee Hive," \$300.
- OHIO. — *Milan*. — "Milan Mission Band," \$46.
- MICHIGAN. — *Detroit*. — "Sunbeam Band," \$63.00.
- ILLINOIS. — *Alton*. — S. S. \$1.50.  
*Aurora*. — "Willing Workers," \$21 75.  
*Evanston*. — "Little Towel-Hemmers," \$4.23.  
*Kewanee*. — Young People's Missionary Circle, \$70.36.  
*Sycamore*. — "Little Rills," \$5.  
*Waverly*. — "Earnest Workers," \$30.
- WISCONSIN. — *Ripon*. — Juvenile Missionary Band, \$40.00.

## CHILDREN'S MEETING.

THE best thing about missionary work is, that it is not confined to one State or one country. Did you ever think, little friends, that what you are doing in your mission-circles is known and talked about in Turkey, China, and Africa? and that those should be good, brave, generous deeds that are sent to the other side of the world to be imitated? We have always enjoyed our children's meetings; but we did not expect that an echo from them would come back to us from a large city thousands of miles away. See what Mrs. Bliss writes from Constantinople:—

"Our children's meeting, held this week in connection with our general meeting, was a very interesting occasion. Such a one has been customary; but a spark from your altars has kindled

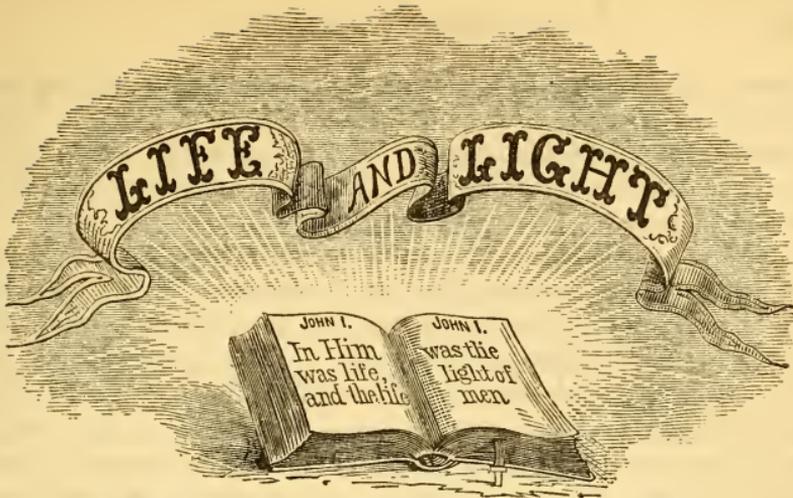
here, and for the first time, it was conducted entirely by ladies. Mrs. Farnsworth of Cæsarea opened it with prayer, expressive of deep feeling and earnest desire. Miss Closson and Mrs. Schneider made addresses, and told us something of the children's meetings in Park-street Church, with the motto, 'All the world for Jesus.' There were forty-seven children present, and about a dozen ladies. Most of those present were members of mission families, either Scotch or American; but there were a few from other Christian English families. It has been pronounced 'the best one we ever had;' and both old and young seemed to enjoy it very much."

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### ACROSTIC.

BY MISS M. E. BROOKS.

1. One who made a covenant with Isaac.
  2. A place where the children of Israel encamped.
  3. A king of Ethiopia.
  4. A king who received a letter, and spread it before the Lord.
  5. What Jesus says is easy to wear.
  6. A woman who judged Israel.
  7. A man who fell through a lattice.
  8. A color mentioned in the Bible.
  9. A name in the Old Testament given to Christ.
  10. One who carried away the gates of a city on his shoulders.
  11. A place noted for its abundance of gold.
  12. A king who dwelt at Nineveh.
  13. A river that watered the garden of Eden.
  14. One who offered strange fire before the Lord.
  15. One of the apostles.
  16. A companion of Paul.
  17. A place celebrated for its navy.
  18. One of the minor prophets.
  19. The time when Obadiah began to seek the Lord.
  20. The first Christian martyr.
  21. The birthplace of Paul.
  22. A man in the Old Testament remarkable for his instability.
  23. One highly commended by Paul.
  24. A mighty hunter before the Lord.
  25. One of Paul's epistles.
  26. A school in which Paul disputed.
  27. A very wicked king.
  28. One who slew a lion in a pit in time of snow.
  29. The steward of Abram's house.
- My whole is one of the promises of God.



## FOR WOMAN.

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### LETTER FROM MISS SISSON.

THE past few months have brought us some bright bits of experience, which, though not just what we long to see, give promise, that, in due time, we shall reap, if we faint not. I have been greatly interested in two Brahmin sisters, who have been studying with us for nearly a year. Their father having been born on the banks of the Cássí, a river whose holy waters are very famous among the Hindus, they bear the title of Cássí-Brahmins, and consider themselves quite too sacred for the touch of a common Brahmin. They asked us for instruction of their own accord; and we marvelled that they were willing that our low-caste Christians should enter their doors; but they welcomed the Bible-woman's daily visits, and learned to read and write very rapidly. At first their old father objected to Bible instruction; but, finding that we refused to go where we could not take our Bibles, he at last yielded the point. They seemed to listen very indifferently to the gospel message, although we never went to the house without telling them of Jesus. But at length the younger one brightened up, and, with evident pleasure, began to ask some questions about the truth. We were feeling quite encouraged by her growing interest, when the Bible-

woman was boldly informed that the father had said they had learned enough; there was no further use for a teacher: what remained he would teach himself. The women kindly added, "We hope you will come and see us sometimes, and the *Ammal* must be sure to come."

We were much saddened by this news. They had been under instruction a year; and was this to be the whole of it? We felt that it must not be, and agreed to ask the Lord to re-open this door that had been so suddenly closed. We suspected that the father had become alarmed at his daughters' increasing interest in the Bible; and we knew, that, if he was opposed to us, their cordial invitation would amount to little. After much prayer for guidance, I started out, one afternoon, to see them, and make one desperate effort to win them back to their books and Bible-reading. God had gone before me, although I knew it not; and I was to learn that he it is who shutteth and no man openeth, who openeth and no man shutteth. I had not quite reached the house, when a lad came out with garlands of flowers, limes, and other things,—the usual compliments of the season,—saying the ladies were very sorry; but their father was ill, and would I defer my visit to another occasion?

Later in the evening, the Bible-woman went to inquire, and learned that the poor man was very ill; and, on going again the next morning, she was met at the door by the elder daughter, who, bursting into tears, exclaimed, —

"My father will not live: my father will die! Oh! what shall we do?"

Then and there the Bible-woman preached to her "the God of all consolations," telling her how strong he made those who looked to him, to suffer and bear, adding, "He can even restore the sick, the dying, yes, the dead, to life, in answer to prayer, and will do so, if he sees best. If he takes away the dear one, he will give comfort and peace of mind to the bereaved, if they call upon him in their trouble."

"True, true," she replied, "all you say must be true: this must be the true religion. What does our religion do for us? Which of our gods hears us when we call? Who gives us peace and comfort in our troubles? We look to the four quarters; but help comes not. You are a Christian; pray for us, pray to your God who hears prayer."

"You, too, can pray," was the answer. "Jesus, the dear

Saviour, although he is so holy, hears the prayers of all the sinful and oppressed. If you will but give him your hearts, turn away from idols and serve him, he will give you his own peace and joy.”

“Stop,” she said. “I must bring my sister until she hears it all.” And, when they both returned, the Bible-woman again told them the words of life.

The next day, the old Brahmin died in his daughter's arms; and for a month the house was crowded with relatives, from far and near, who came to lament with the mourners. There was no opportunity for me to visit the afflicted; but the Bible-woman, with her less conspicuous native costume, and familiarity with native manners, many times slipped quietly in at the back door with words of sympathy in the name of Jesus. The Brahminas sent me many messages, begging my prayers, and saying they wished to resume their studies as soon as the days of lamentation should be over. Just before I left for the Hills, they began their daily lessons, with none to molest them, or make them afraid. Will you not pray for these, for whose study of the Bible God has evidently made an opportunity?

My Bible-class of young Hindus, on Sunday afternoons, have been very attentive; and sometimes I have felt that they went away impressed; but other work among the women called loudly, demanding that same bit of time, and I seriously questioned if I ought not to give up the class. While I was making this a subject of prayer, one of the young men — the one most interested as I thought — left the city for a few weeks; and the class seemed to wane. I thought this was an indication that this work ought to give place to the other; but, when I spoke of it to the young men, they begged very earnestly to be allowed to continue. When I mentioned the small attendance of the previous week or two, they said, “Madam, we are persecuted, we are mocked and laughed at for coming to the missionaries, and for reading the Bible; yet we wish to come. Will you give us up? The reason that S. and B. and D. have not been here for two sabbaths is, that their friends had just discovered that they came, and gathered a crowd of young men to stand in the Brahmin Street, and mock them as they passed along. When they saw the crowd, they were ashamed to come out of their houses. I myself,” added the speaker, “left home at eleven this morning, and walked around another way to blind my friends to the fact that I was coming here. However, when L. comes back to the city, all will be right.”

“How will all be right then more than now?” I inquired.

“Oh! L. isn't afraid of any thing. He stands up boldly for the Christian religion, and says, ‘You may laugh as much as you please: this is the truth.’ And, when others see his boldness, they are encouraged. You see if they do not all come back when L. returns!”

His prophecy proved true. I had no cause to complain of irregularity after L. was with us again; and I dared not turn away from this evident desire to learn more of the Bible. I could see in them no sense of their sin, or their need of a Saviour; but, as I told them of the simple gospel truths, I perceived a growing weariness of the hard bondage of Hinduism. As that gospel imaged before them the supreme unselfishness, the yearning love, and sublime purity of the earthly walk of the holy Son of God, there was an impatience of the senseless fables of Hindu idolatry, that vented itself again and again in long and bitter tirades against the gods of their fathers. I told them that I had nothing to do with the errors of Hinduism, were they many or few: my mission was to bring to them, loyally and reverently, a message of the only true God, our Creator, — a message that had filled my own soul with joy, and waited to bless them in the same way. Who will pray for these?

No miser ever gloated over his gold, and coveted every shining coin, more than I rejoice in and covet the prayers of God's people. The battle rages fiercely about us: the conflict is hot; and we hardly know, in the smoke of the battle, whether the din be the shout of victory, or the wail of defeat. The result depends very much on the Aarons and Hurs who sit high above us on the hills of gospel love and light, in the far-away Christian lands. Are their hands still raised? If so, we shall prevail, even though we are faint and few in this dark Hindu land.

#### THE GIRLS' SCHOOL IN AHMEDNUGGUR.

WE make the following extracts from Mrs. Bissell's last semi-annual report of her school: —

“Our school has been larger this term than ever before, numbering one hundred girls, twenty-nine of them in the higher department. It may be well to give some idea of the plan of the school to those newly-made friends who may be reading its report for the first time: —

“ It is designed for the education of the daughters of our native Christians; and very few others are admitted, none whose friends are not inquirers, or favorably inclined to Christianity. Our aim is to fit them for the position they will be likely to occupy after they leave the school. This will probably be that of wife of a catechist, a teacher, or perhaps only a farmer or day-laborer. Many of their parents were originally of low caste; and we try to teach the daughters nothing which shall tend to alienate them from home and friends, or make their future lot in some quiet village, with a very lowly habitation, seem distasteful. Their influence is wanted just there; and, if truly elevated in mind and heart, they can but rise socially. The higher castes do often recognize their elevation, and admit them and their husbands where one of their former caste would not be allowed to come. A few of them have become school-mistresses or Bible-women; but the state of society here requires great care in such an arrangement. When they go to their village homes, we say to them, that perhaps they can gather a few children together, and read and sing to them; or that their mothers may be able to take them to some neighbor's house, or gather a few women to her own for the same purpose.

“ We have usually a few married pupils in our primary department. They are mostly wives of young men in the normal school, whose husbands wish them to learn to read, and to gain some knowledge of Christianity, as their marriages are generally contracted in infancy, and the girl's parents are still heathen. About half the pupils receive assistance; some of them only a subsistence allowance, according to their needs. Our schoolrooms — four in number — are light and airy, and with the bright-colored Scripture scenes, texts, and maps on the walls, look cheerful and inviting. On last New Year's Day we had the pleasure of presenting to most of the girls who read, a copy of our new singing-book, ‘The Bulbul,’ which means ‘The Indian Nightingale.’

“ On the last sabbath of the year, five of the girls were received into the church. A new impulse was given to the school by a letter from one of the mission-circles in America, expressing great interest in us, and giving a touching account of the death of ‘little Annie,’ who had been exerting herself in our behalf. Her last-expressed wish that she might meet in heaven their little pupil in our school, not only drew tears from many eyes, but awakened resolves in many hearts to try to do more for Jesus. They built with their own hands a little elevated place back of the schoolhouse,

where those who felt inclined might, at any time, during recess, retire for a few moments of prayer. Since then, they have also sustained a prayer-meeting among themselves before chapel service on sabbath afternoons, one rule of which was, that each should bring an offering of money. At the end of the term, a small sum was placed in my hands to be used for some poor girl in the school.

“Our native teachers have formed themselves into a class for the study of the ‘Evidences of Christianity’ during the vacation of two months. The girls all did well the last term, and, we trust, will not disappoint those who are laboring for their good. Both teachers and scholars wish kind salaams sent to their far-off friends in America.”

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## TURKEY.

### THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

We give below an account of the examination at the close of the school-year at the Home, taken from a private letter from Mrs. Edwin Bliss. She says, —

“Knowing how much interest is felt by the ladies in America in our Home, it has occurred to me to give you some particulars in regard to the examinations which have just been held at the close of its fourth year.

“They were more largely attended than at any previous year, and mostly by Protestants and Armenians. On the last day, however, there were present many of the missionary circle, several English friends, and a part of the family of our new ambassador. The examinations were crowded into two half-days, and were not, I think, really as interesting an exhibition of the school as that seen on an ordinary day. Two or three weeks since, I accompanied our minister, Mr. Maynard, and his family, in a morning visit to the school. They were much interested. The pupils are now taught in English so thoroughly, that they sing a great deal in that language, of course using no books. A spelling-class in English was specially interesting for the enthusiasm manifested; and, indeed, this was marked in all the exercises. Miss Rappleye gave out the words in sentences, just as they occurred, larger or smaller, each girl spelling her word, and doing it with great rapid-

ity. As one missed, she took her seat; and, after a time, the smallest in the class, a girl about nine years old, was left alone. The whole school remained in an attitude of smiling expectation to see how long she would stand. Whole sentences were given; and she finally sat down upon putting in one 'and' too many. I have since learned that she has a mother in the school, an exceedingly interesting young woman, whom any one visiting the school would notice for her intelligent appearance. She is the wife of a colporteur, and is fitting for a teacher.

"To return to the examinations. The girls had apparently been so thoroughly drilled in the general exercises as to have lost much of their interest in them; but their progress was very manifest. The opening exercise was in the Old and New Testament, in Armenian. After being called upon by teacher and audience to repeat hymns, and only failing to know one out of many, Miss Rappleye selected one here and there to recite parables in Bible language. Next the whole school stepped into the aisle, one behind another, and repeated, in turn, the verses of a chapter from the Gospels; it being required that there be not the smallest mistake. Before it was finished, a few had been obliged to take their seats. The ten commandments in concert followed; and then a large class gave the Bible stories from Ruth to Daniel, in their own words. Of the numerous other classes, I can give few particulars. Those in mathematics did very well; and the blackboard exercises were good. The pupils are remarkable for their well-formed letters in writing. The French class, too, showed commendable progress.

"The second afternoon was more an exhibition than an examination. The girls, probably over forty in number, with the piano and organ, occupied, perhaps, one-third of a large hall. The remainder was crowded with the guests in chairs, besides many in the doors, on the stairs, and in the passage-ways. The exercises consisted mostly of recitations and dialogues in English, French, and Armenian, with vocal and instrumental music. One wee bit of a girl, introduced as 'The Baby Class,' repeated the English alphabet, and spelled words of two letters, and did it in such an earnest, scholarly way, as to be quite amusing. The number of English hymns and songs committed to memory was surprising; and the distinctness with which they were pronounced would be remarkable, even in American girls.

"The first graduating class consisted of two who have been assisted in acquiring their education by friends in America. They

were prettily dressed in black skirts, with white tarletan basques and overskirts, and each with a delicate green wreath over the shoulder. They wore no other ornament, unless a white bow in the neck and on the sleeves might be called such. Indeed, the simplicity with which all were dressed was very much to the credit of their teacher, especially in this city, where people, in changing their national costume, carry their fancies for bright colors and ornaments to an extreme.

“After the reading of the essays, which was done in English, there being no time for the Armenian also, which they had prepared, Dr. Wood presented the diplomas, accompanying them by remarks in both English and Armenian. Addresses were then made by Prof. Hagapos of Robert College, and some of the native pastors, closing with prayer.

“The company then followed the school into the garden for gymnastics and calisthenics. These were well prepared, and excited great interest. They were accompanied for fifteen or twenty minutes, by an uninterrupted succession of English songs by the girls. The prettiest exercise was where each girl, as she marched, received a wreath, which was hung on the left arm. Forming into a square, one side advanced, each girl crowning the one opposite; and, when she went back to her place, the compliment was returned. The other two sides did the same. An exhibition of fancy-work, drawings, and paintings, with a social interview, closed the exercises. Our native friends seemed highly gratified, as well they might be.”

To this account we wish to add the testimony of some of the trustees of the Home. Mr. Hitchcock writes, —

“The examinations and closing exercises of the year at the Home occurred on Thursday and Friday afternoons, July 22 and 23. On Thursday, from one to five in the afternoon, there were more than thirty distinct exercises, of which twenty-four were recitations. Although the time allotted to each was too brief, and sometimes two recitations were going on at the same time, such as demonstrations in geometry and algebra, or algebra and arithmetic, yet there was no confusion; and it was impossible for an intelligent observer not to remark the labor that had been performed.

“The recitations of hymns and Bible history were almost without mistake. The classes in mathematics were unusually good. There were arithmetic, algebra, and geometry completed, with which the pupils showed as much familiarity as with A B C.

English grammar, geography in English, and natural philosophy in Armenian, should also be marked perfect. Physiology and botany were interesting recitations; astronomy was disposed of briefly; and chemistry was not equal to the others. These last four were in English; and the pupils seemed to labor some on account of the language.

“The commencement at Robert College occurring on Thursday, comparatively few English-speaking people were present at this examination; but the room was crowded with Armenians of both sexes; and on Friday the largest hall available could scarcely accommodate one-half the people who came, — Armenians, Americans, and English.”

Dr. E. E. Bliss also says, —

“Our Home School had its anniversary the day following that of Robert College, and drew a great crowd: a very large proportion must have been Armenians, not Protestants. Every thing passed off brilliantly with, perhaps, one or two exceptions, and elicited the warmest encomiums from those who made the subsequent addresses, — Prof. Hagapos, Pastor Limm, and Pastor Garabed.”

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## A SABBATH SCHOOL IN MARSOVAN.

BY MISS WASHBURN.

Mrs. SCHNEIDER's many friends among our readers will be glad to learn of her success in missionary work since her return to Turkey. A recent letter from Miss Washburn thus describes the remarkable growth of a sabbath school under her care: —

“Last June Mrs. Schneider opened a room in the basement of her house to the children in her neighborhood, for an hour or two on Sunday noon. When I first saw them, last September, the boys were on one side of the room, with two of our theological students to teach them; the little girls, on the other side, under one of our pupils; while Maritza, assistant teacher in our boarding-school, had large girls in another room. But the school has long since outgrown its first meeting-place; and one room after another has been pressed into service, to accommodate the increasing numbers. Last Sunday Mr. Tracy addressed a class of thirty-one women in the sitting-room; and attentive, interested listeners

they were. Maritza had about twenty large girls in the dining-room. About forty-four younger ones were in the hall, in the charge of two of our scholars; and in the basement were sixty-eight little boys in two divisions,—one occupying a small room; and for the other a board or two had been laid down in the corner of the woodshed, and covered with matting. The first room used by the school, the boys have just vacated for the men, who have recently begun to attend. There were nearly forty of these last Sunday, under the care of one of our theological students. The whole number present was two hundred and three; and the average attendance the last twelve sabbaths has been one hundred and forty-four. In the rooms for the younger children is a row of little calico bags, and another row underneath made of turkey-red. Each bag is labelled with a child's name; and they are designed to hold the Scripture cards, which are committed to memory. When a card is learned, and recited perfectly, it is dropped into the appropriate bag; and twelve cards lodged there bring a little tract for a reward.

“In the early days of this school, the boys were very quarrelsome and unruly; but there has been such a marked improvement in their behavior, that it is very apparent, not only in Sunday school, but as one passes through their street. The boys in the neighborhood all know Mrs. Schneider; and, one Sunday, a boy accosted her quite a distance from her house, with the question, ‘If I’ll come, will you give me a card?’ She has sometimes invited them to her house, and entertained them with pictures and parched corn. This winter, there has been an evening class in Mrs. Schneider’s basement, of sixteen or eighteen large boys and young men, who were at their trades, and could not attend day-school; and they have seemed anxious to learn. Ever since last fall, a few girls who are too poor to go to school, having to work all day at the loom, and a few whose parents will not allow them to attend the community school, have been to Mrs. Schneider’s house every afternoon in the week but one, to learn to read. For a long time, two of our girls went for an hour or more, after school, to teach them; but the scholars have so increased, that four are necessary to meet the demand.

“A few weeks ago, Mrs. Leonard opened a Sunday school in another neighborhood, at the same hour as Mrs. Schneider’s; and it has grown very rapidly, the attendance now being more than a hundred. Will you not pray that these poor, uneducated people

may get hold of enough truth to save their souls? And then, though you cannot see these bright-faced little children, and curiously-dressed women, nor say one word to them, your prayers may make it necessary for God to do much for them."

We would also add, that our girls' boarding-school at Marsovan is in a very flourishing condition; and request has been received for a thousand dollars for a new schoolhouse. To this we have returned an affirmative answer, and rolled the burden off upon the strong shoulders of our New Haven Branch, which has pledged the whole amount.

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## Our Work at Home.

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### VITALITY OF AUXILIARIES.

A PAPER PREPARED BY MRS. B. A. SMITH, AND READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAVEN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, MAY 11, 1875.

PROMINENT among the present needs in the home-work is that of securing greater efficiency and life in each auxiliary society, a power to create, sustain, and increase the interest in these societies, through their own individual members.

The judicious mother fits her child for future usefulness by early training it to habits of self-reliance; and, as the daughters of the Branch grow to fair and comely proportions, we are led to consider this method as essential to their greatest prosperity. One life must vitalize the whole Branch; but each spray may unfold a symmetry and beauty entirely its own. The auxiliary societies are the outposts of the organization, but the centres of the work; and it is here that we hope to develop that strength and vigor which we shall need to fit us for the opening opportunities of coming years. Nor can this needed life be drawn from without: it must be generated by the societies themselves. It must be the outgrowth of individual effort and personal responsibility. All through our New England towns and villages are scattered women

of culture, piety, and influence, through whose earnest and well-directed efforts the monthly meetings of these societies might become what they are intended to be, — centres of missionary intelligence, where Christian hearts may be warmed and strengthened for the work which Christ has committed to their hands. Some of these are pastors' wives, fitted both by attainments and position for leadership in this work. Some are mothers, who are, perhaps, unconsciously fitting sons and daughters for the foreign field. Some are daughters, whose resources of physical and intellectual strength are only waiting opportunity for development.

To neither class alone has the entire interest been committed; but upon each has been laid individual responsibility. The Woman's Board asks of the pastor's wife just that co-operation which her husband has for years been giving the American Board. It asks an intelligent interest and hearty sympathy in each general work, and an earnest endeavor to cultivate the true missionary spirit in the hearts of the women of the churches. But not necessarily upon the pastor's wife does it lay the burden of the organization. The monthly meeting of our auxiliaries, like the weekly prayer-meeting of the church, should draw its interest from the warmth of many hearts. To this work, the Board invites the Christian mothers and daughters, bidding them each bring from its dusty hiding-place the talent so long folded in a napkin, and, with willing heart and ready hands, cast it for increase into the treasury of the Lord. This is an open door of opportunity to all. Here each may bring a diverse gift to ornament the fair structure which missionary hands are striving to rear. Here sweet-toned voices may lead our hearts in praise to "Him who hath loved us, and given himself for us." Here, forgetting the embarrassment of others' presence in the joy of that Infinite Presence who bends to listen, we may pour forth earnest supplication for the benighted, strengthened by the assurance that every heart is rising responsive to our own, and claim the promised answer at the throne of grace. Original papers on missionary subjects, sketches of history and biography connected with the work, gleanings from the monthly missionary publications and weekly religious papers, — all these are needed in the smallest auxiliary. Shall we, surrounded by the atmosphere of New England culture, refuse to bring to the work a gift so small, while our brothers and sisters, our sons and daughters, on the foreign field, are bearing the ignominy of the Saviour's cross, or following their Master through suffering unto death?

## MISSIONARY GATHERING.

BY MRS. S. B. PRATT.

IN an upper chamber of the Congregational House, on the afternoon of Aug. 4, a wonderful company were gathered.

At the end of the long table, and presiding over the meeting, was Sec. Clark, with his genial face as full of love as a father's at a Thanksgiving dinner. On either sides at Dr. Anderson and Dr. Treat, whose names have for so many years been identical with the American Board. The ladies of the Woman's Board were there, in the room where they have so often prayed the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers, now thanking him that he is giving an earnest of the answer.

Missionary children were there, making sunshine with their bright faces; and many well-known Christian workers filled all the available space.

Every face wore a holiday smile, and no wonder; for in that room were gathered, from many a distant field, twenty-seven missionaries, — some just returning with renewed health and joyful hearts to their former work, others girding on the harness for the first time, and still others, temporarily at home to regain strength for further labor.

Here were Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, just arrived from Harpoot, to whom it "seemed a painful dream" that they were in America, with their loved work left behind. Here was Mr. Doane, who had been "so happy, working alone with Jesus in Ponape, that he did not know whether he stood on his head or his feet." Here sat Miss Proctor, whose earnest words have so often quickened our zeal in our ladies' meetings, and her associate in Aintab, Miss Pierce, as also Mrs. Coffing, Miss Hollister, and Miss Spencer from our Sister Board of the Interior, — all to sail in a few days for Central Turkey.

Mr. Brown, too, is bound for Turkey, as are, also, young Mr. Stearns and the pleasant-faced lady who goes with him.

Here were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, returning to their old home in the Mahratta Mission, and Mr. and Mrs. Hume, both children of missionaries, who go to continue the work of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Minor have their faces set toward Madura; while Prof. and Mrs. Learned leave a work for the Master in Missouri, to find waiting harvests for him in Japan.

Very pleasant it was to hear one and another of the veterans from the various fields bear testimony to the joy of the Master's work; very cheering to see the love and courage of those who were going for the first time to be his messengers in carrying the good tidings; very sweet to commend them all — workers at home and abroad — to the abiding love of Christ; sweet to sing together of "the power of Jesus' name."

An hour of social greetings, and a simple collation, concluded the gathering, which seemed a foretaste of that greater meeting, when "They shall come from the east and from the west, and from the north and from the south," not for an hour's communion only, but to "sit down in the kingdom of God."

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### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

ONE of the missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. writes, —

"We greatly need a re-enforcement of ladies. The work for women in this land must be done by women. The work done by Miss Dudley in Sanda and the villages around shows what women can do here in the direction of preaching the gospel. But we cannot spare her from the boarding-school in Kobe; and this work must stop: the school of forty-five girls she has gathered there must be given up. We ought to have at once two ladies sent out to make a home among the two hundred and fifty thousand women in Osaka, in connection with Miss Gouldy, already on the ground. We need, also, two or three others to take up the work in Sanda, and carry it on till Kioto is opened to them, if, indeed, the latter be not open to them before they arrive here. Blind Yomamoto told me, the other day, in Kioto, that they would be very glad to have a Christian school for girls opened there at once.

"No woman's ambition could rise higher than some of the openings for work that are waiting here."

We are glad to say that several young ladies have responded to the above call. Miss Justina Wheeler of Darien, Conn., and Miss Frances A. Stevens of Oberlin, O., are to leave for Japan soon after the meeting of the A. B. C. F. M. in Chicago.

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RECEIPTS FROM JULY 18 TO AUG. 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>Hampstead.</i> — Auxiliary, \$14.35;	
Cong. Ch. and Soc'y, \$5.10,	\$19 45
<i>Henniker.</i> — Cong. Ch.,	16 00
<i>North Hampton.</i> — Miss Ella M. Haines, Miss'y Hen,	1 16
Total,	\$36 61

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Wolfboro'.</i> — Mrs. Sumner Clark,	\$5 00
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VERMONT.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., St. Johnsbury, "Mountain Gleaners," pupil Miss Closson's sch., \$40; Barre, Aux., \$12; Castleton, Aux., \$7; Georgia, Aux., \$6.70; Burlington, Aux., \$50; Lyndonville, Aux., \$18.75,	\$134 45
<i>Dummerston.</i> — A friend,	40
<i>Norwich.</i> — Two friends,	80
<i>Putney.</i> — Mrs. Harriet A. Foster,	5 00
Total,	\$140 65

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> — Rutland, Aux., \$100 to complete the Page Room; St. Johnsbury, Mrs. Mary Warner, \$150; So. Cong. Ch., \$50 for the Noah Eastman Dormitory,	\$300 00
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MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Amesbury.</i> — Aux., add'l,	\$1 50
<i>Amherst.</i> — 2d Cong. Ch., Aux.,	11 80
<i>Ashfield.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. James Dingwell, Mrs. Alvan Perry, Miss Clarissa Hall,	75 00
<i>Boston.</i> — Mrs. Jacob Fullarton, to const. L. M. Mrs. Geo. Willard Knight, \$25; Union Ch., Mrs. James Custer, jun., \$10,	35 00
<i>Boston, South.</i> — E. St. Ch., Aux.,	21 77
<i>Brighton.</i> — A friend,	10 00
<i>Clinton.</i> — Aux.,	13 40
<i>Danvers.</i> — Aux., add'l,	4 50
<i>East Hampton.</i> — Aux., \$68.50; East St. sch. children, .40,	68 90
<i>East Middleboro'.</i> — 1st Parish S.S., towards pupil in Mrs. Capron's sch.,	20 00
<i>East Taunton.</i> — Cong. Ch.,	5 00
<i>Everett.</i> — Miss Esther Oakes,	1 00
<i>Fairhaven.</i> — Aux., for out-station sch's under Misses Ely,	19 00

<i>Hatfield.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M.'s Miss Mary Ann Billings, Miss Fannie Graves, Mrs. Julia B. Greenwood,	\$75 50
<i>Hinsdale.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>Leominster.</i> — "Earnest Workers,"	20 00
<i>Marshfield.</i> — Mrs. J. H. Bourne,	5 00
<i>Medfield.</i> — Mrs. F. D. Ellis,	5 00
<i>Newton Centre.</i> — Mrs. Geo. P. Davis,	4 40
<i>Oxford.</i> — Ladies' and Girls' Prayer Meeting, for B. R. in Van, Turkey,	22 00
<i>Phillipston.</i> — Aux.,	13 50
<i>Quincy.</i> — Aux., towards the Dakota Home,	15 00
<i>Springfield Branch.</i> — Miss H. S. Buckingham, Treas., Springfield First Ch., "Cheerful Workers," \$10; towards pupil in Jalas "Mission-Circle No. 1," \$6; South Ch. "Wide Awakes," towards pupil in Foochow Mission, \$28.63,	44 63
<i>West Newton.</i> — Mrs. J. L. Clarke, \$5; Miss H. F. C., \$5 for a thank-offering,	10 00
<i>Weymouth and Braintree.</i> — Aux.,	35 00
Total,	\$556 90

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Athol.</i> — Aux,	\$47 20
<i>Boston, South.</i> — "Mission-Circle" E. St. Ch.,	30 00
<i>Newburyport.</i> — A friend, Mary Lyon Room,	50
<i>Springfield Branch.</i> — For Hooker Dormitory,	200 00

RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> — Providence Central Ch., "Willing Hands," for pupils in Dakota Home, \$100; Beneficent Ch., \$109; Pawtucket, "Youths' Mission-Circle," to complete sal'y of Mrs. Tyler, \$141; Washington Village, \$4,	\$354 00
Total,	\$354 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Bozrah.</i> — Aux., of wh., \$100 by Mrs. Raymond to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Franklin E. Fellows, Mrs. William F. Bailey, Mrs. John A. Barstow, Mrs. Louise C. Fitch,	\$116 25
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<i>Darien.</i> — Aux., for pupil, Miss Townshend's sch.,	\$30 00
<i>Fair Haven.</i> — 2d Cong. Ch., "Willing Workers,"	18 00
<i>Hartford Branch.</i> — Mrs. Chas. Jewell, Treas., Rocky Hill, Aux., towards pupil Mrs. Chandler's sch.,	20 00
<i>New London.</i> — Mrs. W. H. Chapman, to const. L. M. Miss Jessie G. Dart,	25 00
<i>Naugatuck.</i> — First Cong. Ch. and Soc'y,	50 00
<i>Thompsonville.</i> — Mrs. L. P. Terry,	3 00
<i>West Hartford.</i> — Mrs. Edward Seldon to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
Total,	\$287 25

## NEW YORK.

<i>Brooklyn.</i> — "Armstrong Juv. Miss'y Soc'y," for pupil in Harpoot,	\$41 66
<i>Buffalo.</i> — Mt. Holyoke pupil,	40 00
<i>Fairport.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>Franklin.</i> — First Cong. Ch.,	15 00
<i>Oswego.</i> — Cong. Ch., T. Burnham \$1; W. A. Rundell, \$2.50,	3 50
<i>Rochester.</i> — "Plymouth Mission Band," pupil in Harpoot,	40 00
<i>Spencerport.</i> — Ladies' Benevolent Soc'y, toward pupil in Harpoot,	30 00
<i>Westmoreland.</i> — Aux.,	6 00
Total,	\$196 16

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Buffalo.</i> — Mt. Holyoke pupil, Mary Lyon Room,	\$10 00
<i>Homer.</i> — Aux.,	40 00

## PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Philadelphia Branch.</i> — Mrs. Arthur W. Goodell, Treas., East Orange, Aux., towards pupil in Aintab, \$20; Stanley, N. J., Aux., \$20; Montclair, Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Edward Sweet to const. L. M. Miss Eulalie Van Lennep, \$44; Washington, D. C., "Ivy-Leaves," \$60; Aux., \$23.25; Orange, N. J., Aux., \$18.72; "Buds," for Rebecca, \$10; Baltimore, Aux., \$58.75; Phila., Aux., \$9; "Golden Links," for Miss Gouldy, \$34; "Carrier-Doves" for Agawan, \$4; Jersey City, 1st Ch., Aux., \$11.50,	\$318 22
Total,	\$318 22

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Philadelphia Branch.</i> — Mrs. Edward Webb, Mary Lyon Room,	\$5 00
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## OHIO.

<i>Windham.</i> — Ladies' Mission-Band, towards sal'y of Miss Closson,	\$50 00
Total,	\$50 00

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Cleveland.</i> — Jennie Stone Swift, Mary Lyon Room,	\$10 00
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## WISCONSIN.

<i>Oakfield.</i> — Three ladies,	\$3 75
<i>Kenosha.</i> — A friend,	40
Total,	\$4 15

## IOWA.

<i>Maquoketa.</i> — Mrs. C. L. McCloy,	\$2 00
Total,	\$2 00

## MISSOURI.

<i>Brownsville.</i> — A few friends,	\$11 00
Total,	\$11 00

## FLORIDA.

<i>St. Augustine.</i> — Colored S.S. for the Zulus,	\$4 00
Total,	\$4 00

## CANADA.

<i>Canadian Branch.</i> — Towards the Madura sch.,	\$76 50
Total,	\$76 50

## FOREIGN LANDS.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

Nellie Tyler,	\$1 40
Total,	\$1 40
General Funds,	\$2,038 8
<i>C. Home Building-Fund,</i>	647 70
"Life and Light,"	277 22
"Echoes,"	13 10
Weekly Pledge,	3 05
Leaflets,	3 85
Total,	\$2,983 76

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

ERRATA. — The \$25 for the life-members. Rosina P. (not Rosnie B.) W. Baldwin should have been credited to West Townsend, Vt., instead of the Brattleborough Auxilliary.

# Department of the Interior.

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## WESTERN INDIA.

### LETTER FROM MISS ANDERSON.

WE are indebted for the following extracts to the Woman's Board of Missions of Missouri:—

AHMEDNUGGUR, June 28, 1875.

I reached Ahmednuggur the last of November, 1874. Spent the winter months there, and the three spring months (the hot season) in Mahableswar. Ahmednuggur is a city of thirty thousand inhabitants, situated in the central Indian plain, or what is called the "Dec-can," two thousand feet above the sea, one hundred and fifty miles east of Bombay. The Bombay side of the Ghants Mountains is called the "Con-can." From Bombay, we can travel by railroad to Dhowd, a place forty-seven miles from Ahmednuggur. Then we ride in phaeton, or *tonga*, drawn by ponies. A *tonga* is a two-wheeled conveyance, quite unlike any thing in America. You usually ride backwards. The railroad over the Ghants is considered one of the triumphs of modern engineering, and is quite enjoyable. Although the mountains have not the Western beauty, they are not destitute of those qualities that tend to sublimity; and their strange weird forms, bathed in the glow of the setting sun, point, no less than our own dear mountains, to the Rock of Ages and the enduring beauty of the Golden City.

Ahmednuggur is nestled among trees in a valley that might be lovely. The enterprise and thrift of our own land would make it a garden; but sin is a curse to the land as well as the people. The love of God in the heart brings many a temporal blessing with it. Most of the houses are of mud, some of brick, and a few of stone, generally only one story high. At another time, I will tell you more of the city and its surroundings.

You want to know something of the girls' school. At present, there about one hundred pupils, in two departments. The smaller children, who learn to read, spell, &c., recite to native teachers. The older girls are in such studies as arithmetic, grammar, geography, astronomy, writing, drawing, &c., and the Bible. It is

not a boarding-school. The girls in the city board at home: those from the villages around board in circles near the school, and are under the care of the teachers. Caste is the great obstacle in the way of a boarding-school. The children are mostly from Christian families; still their manner of living differs. If they all board together, some will live better than they do at home, and that makes trouble after they leave school. For the Christians alone, the matter might be adjusted; but we wish to have the school arranged, as far as possible, so that any who wish can come. There are several prayer-meetings during the week. The girls also meet to sing and to sew. There are six native teachers, and two who teach part of the day. Mrs. Bissell has charge of the school at present. I occasionally go in to listen to the recitations; but it will be some time, I fear, before I can speak to the girls in their own tongue.

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## CHINA.

### LETTER FROM MISS PORTER.

I THINK you would like to know something of the first one of our school who has been taken from us by death. I saw her first, very soon after I came to China, in the school of Mrs. Collins (English Church Mission); and she was pointed out to me as a remarkably pretty and bright little girl. When Mrs. Collins's school was broken up, on account of her going to England for a visit, she, with two or three other of the pupils, came to me. This was early in 1870. From that time, she was with us, and had endeared herself to us all by her gentleness, and quietly industrious habits. Last spring she united with the church; and, by her own request, the name of Phœbe was given to her at her baptism.

Early in the spring she began to lose her rosy cheeks, and gradually looked so thin and badly, that I asked if she was sick. She only shook her head, and answered, "No, only weak;" and it was not until summer-time that I found that she had dysentery. From the time that she became ill, she shrank from being with the other children, and, as soon as school was dismissed, would steal quietly into my room, and seat herself near me, sometimes with a book (she read "Pilgrim's Progress" through here), but quite as often simply watching me while I wrote, or listening while I studied with my teacher. I saw that she so much preferred to be here,

that I ceased to try to send her away to play with the others, and, if I had any little work which she could do to occupy her, used to give it to her.

As vacation-time, the 1st of July, drew near, she grew sadder and sadder. Again and again I would look up to find her crying quietly. At first I thought it the result of her physical weakness; but, becoming convinced that there was some other trouble, I urged her to tell me her grief. Let me give you the story, as nearly as I can, in her own words. But first a few explanations to make it intelligible.

Her mother died before I knew the family; and an old grandmother, who was most devoted to the children, was taken away two years ago. The father was a wretched opium-smoker; and, when she died, he was left the only one to care for a little girl of eight, and boy of ten, years old. One vacation he took Phoebe home, pawned all her clothes (which, of course, belonged to the school), and fed her so insufficiently, that she came back sick, from cold and hunger. I then allowed her to return to school only on condition that she should never spend the holidays with him again; and for two years she had seen him only as she had been home now and then for a single day.

To appreciate the pathos of her words, imagine a frail, delicate girl of fourteen, her frame convulsed with sobs, little thin hands tightly clasping mine, saying, "I have something that I want to ask you and to tell you. I never can forget it night or day; and my heart is never at rest. You know I never go home at vacation, like the other girls; but this summer I want to go. My father is sick, and cannot live long, and has no one to wait on him. He takes no care of my little brother and sister; and they live in the street, and learn every thing vile and wicked. I have enough to eat and drink, and comfortable clothes; but I cannot forget their hunger and wretchedness, and my heart aches so! Now I am a Christian; and I want to go to my father, and try to help him, and tell him something of the truth; and, oh! won't you take my little sister?"

I drew the dear child to me, and hushed her sobs, while I told her how glad I was that God had put it into her heart to want to do something for her poor father; and then I promised to arrange some plan for her. I dared not send her to that wretched home; but, as they live very near us, I thought her wish could be gratified. I told her, that, when vacation came, she might go home each day,

but must spend the nights here, and that she might bring her little sister with her, and let her wear off the shyness, and grow somewhat accustomed to the ways of the place, before the majority of the girls came back. During the four weeks of vacation, they did so; and just at its close the father died. I do not know that Phœbe talked much with him (he was usually too stupefied with opium to understand any thing); but she served him quite beyond her strength, and came back each night "so tired."

When I went to Yüchen, Mrs. Collins, whose husband is a physician, kindly offered to care for her in my absence; and I was very glad to place her where she could be constantly under the eye of a medical man. She was there until a month or more after my return; but remedies were of no avail, and she was surely, although very slowly, failing all the time. About the 1st of December she came home. She was quite too weak to be placed with the other girls: so we fitted up a little room, next to Miss Chapin's, for her, and placed a kindly old woman with her to care for her. She used to come to my room every day, not to sit by me, as of old, but to lie quietly on the lounge, or sometimes to knit for a while. We thought her better at first; but it was only the flickering of the life-flame. I never saw such tenacity of life, or a disease so absolutely obstinate. When she came home, her desire to recover was intense; and she shrank from the least suggestion that she must die: but, as her strength failed, she ceased to struggle for life, and the last few days spoke cheerfully, even longingly, of the great change. She was a very reticent child, and said little of her hopes for the future; but, in answer to my questions, she always expressed unhesitating trust in the Saviour, and willingness to go at his call. For days before she passed away, we watched her, thinking that any hour might be the last. But again and again she rallied. At about five o'clock on the 10th of February, Miss Chapin and I were called to her side. I spoke to her; and once more she put out her tiny trembling hand to clasp mine. It was her last conscious movement. A few moments more, and gently and painlessly she had "fallen asleep."

Her life, as I said, was repressed, self-contained; but, as far as I know, she seemed a consistent, sincere Christian, always gentle and lovable. The change after she hoped she gave her heart to the Saviour was a very marked one; and I truly hope she is one of the redeemed ones, so much safer, so much happier, than any other of the girls who have left us.

## TURKEY.

## OUR SCHOOLS IN CÆSAREA.

THE absence of Miss Closson has thrown a great amount of work upon Mrs. Giles and the other missionary ladies. Often have our hearts ached as we have looked over the field, indeed "already white for the harvest." But the work is the Lord's; and he has cheered us very greatly by his abundant blessing upon all the efforts that have been made for awakening or deepening the interest of women in various parts of our field in spiritual things. No year has witnessed so great progress in this part of our work as the one now reported. With the exception of Roomdijin, Mrs. Giles has visited every out-station; and the work that she everywhere found ready to her hand was encouraging. Up to Dec. 31 we employed but two Bible-readers. Since that time, one more has been employed in the city, and two in Talas; and the amount of work that presses upon them, and upon all those laboring especially for the women, is very great. In the city, the three laborers find all that they can do; and, were there a half a dozen more at work, they would have ample opportunities to use all their time and strength. In the city, three prayer-meetings for women are held weekly, — two at the same hour on Wednesday, in different parts of the city, and one on Thursday. This is more especially for those not known as Protestants; and the place of meeting is more usually the house of some friendly Armenian family. The number present is about fifty.

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Home Department.

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## THE BAND OF FAITH.

IN the winter and spring of 1829, a few friends met together at the house of Mr. William Ropes, in Brookline, Mass., for a monthly concert of prayer for foreign missions. Soon the ladies attending this prayer-meeting formed a sewing-circle, which materially increased the contributions. They pledged themselves to pay fifteen dollars a year; and some redeemed their pledges with

their needles. This sewing-circle was a social concert, where heart met heart, and prayers and alms were presented together before the throne of God. While fervent prayer went up for all heathen nations, Japan was selected as a special object. The subscriptions and contributions, in a little time, reached the sum of six hundred dollars, which was loaned to the American Board until Japan should be opened to missionaries.

Among others deeply interested was Rev. David Greene, then a secretary of the American Board. This father's faith and prayers are his children's legacy. He has long since gone to his reward; but his name still lives on missionary soil. A son and daughter of his are missionaries in Japan; the daughter, Mrs. Loomis, being a namesake of Miss Jane Herring, who was one of the youngest and most hopeful of this circle.

When this brother and sister went to Japan, few knew the origin of the special interest in that distant country, or of the fervent prayers that had been offered in those little monthly gatherings so long ago. Was it not in answer to these prayers of faith, that, in the next generation, the gospel is preached, and the Bible will soon be read, in Japanese?

Rev. D. Crosby Greene, the first missionary of the American Board in Japan, went thither in 1870, just forty years after the formation of this Band of Faith. He is assisting in the translation of the Bible in Japan; and his sister, Mrs. Loomis, is the wife of a Presbyterian missionary there.

It is a pleasant memory to the only sister of the young disciple whose name she bears, that Mrs. Loomis has taken with her to Japan a silver cup, bearing the full name of one who labored so much and prayed so much for Japan. Miss Jane Herring was a true Christian in heart and life, and was early called home to that Saviour whose cause she so devotedly loved on earth. "She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her." M. B. H.

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#### OCTOBER MEETING IN CHICAGO.

THE meeting of the Woman's Boards, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the American Board in Chicago, will be held in the audience-room of the First Methodist Church, corner of Clark and Washington Streets, on Thursday, Oct. 7, at half-past nine, A.M.

Mrs. Moses Smith will preside; and addresses will be made by Miss Rankin of Mexico, and Miss West of Turkey. Among other missionary ladies expected are Miss Collins of Iowa, and Miss Whipple of Wisconsin, who are under appointment for Dakota.

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### ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of the Interior will be held in Elyria, O., Nov. 5, 6. Auxiliary societies are specially requested to appoint delegates, and send written reports of their work for the year.

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### TO SECRETARIES OF AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

In order that the next Annual Report may be correct, the secretaries of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior request immediate information respecting any changes in the lists of officers of auxiliaries which may have been made during the year.

“TWENTY YEARS AMONG THE MEXICANS,” by Miss Rankin, is for sale at the room of the Woman's Board of the Interior, 77 Madison Street, Chicago. Price \$1.25.

We cordially recommend this book to our readers as being both valuable and interesting.

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

FROM JULY 15, TO AUG. 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.		<i>Springfield.</i> — Aux., for the Ja- pan Home,	\$7 00
<i>Cincinnati.</i> — South St. Ch., Aux., for their Bible-Reader in the Maharatta Mission,	\$25 00	Total,	\$143 70
<i>Cleveland.</i> — Plymouth Ch., Aux., for the Japan Home,	25 00	INDIANA.	
<i>East Toledo.</i> — “Earnest Work- ers,”	10 00	<i>Indianapolis.</i> — Mayflower Ch., Aux.,	\$5 80
<i>Huntington.</i> — Aux.,	10 10	<i>Michigan City.</i> — Aux.,	7 00
<i>Kent.</i> — Aux.,	15 00	Total,	\$12 60
<i>Lowell.</i> — Aux.,	6 60	MICHIGAN.	
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., — \$25 for the Japan Home; \$20 for Mrs. Mumford's salary,	45 00	<i>Charlotte.</i> — Aux.,	\$34 83
		<i>Detroit.</i> — 2d Ch., Aux., for sal- ary of Mrs. Coffing,	71 55

<i>Grand Rapids.</i> — Aux., for their Bible-Reader in Nicomedia,	\$47 00
<i>Jackson.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. George M. Wright, Mrs. U. T. Foster, Mrs. Wm. W. Bennett, Mrs. Frank S. Clark, Mrs. Almira Reynolds, and Mrs. E. A. Church L. M.'s,	150 00
<i>Lansing.</i> — Aux., with other contributions to const. Mrs. C. B. Stebbins and Mrs. J. Essectyn L. M.'s,	45 00
<i>Linonia and Nankin.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	7 00
<i>Pontiac.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>Ripon.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Ann H. Harwood a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Utica.</i> — Aux., for their pupil at Erzroom, and to const. Mrs. Sarah G. Leech a L. M.,	21 00
<i>Waconsta.</i> — Aux.,	5 65
Total,	\$427 03
ILLINOIS.	
<i>Blue Island.</i> — Aux., for the Samokov school,	\$6 88
<i>Champaign.</i> — Aux., for the Samokov school,	10 00
<i>Chicago.</i> — 1st Ch., Aux., Mrs. W. W. Patton, for the Japan Home, \$15; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$7,	22 00
<i>Elgin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley,	15 54
<i>Galesburg.</i> — Philergian Soc. of 1st Ch., for a share in the Japan Home,	25 00
<i>Geneseo.</i> — "Miss'y Rill,"	5 00
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux.,	8 50
<i>Glencoe.</i> — Aux., Mrs. S. C. Bartlett, to const. Miss Addie E. Emery a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Granville.</i> — Aux.,	5 00
<i>Napierville.</i> — Aux., \$22; "Will-ing Workers," \$10 for the Japan Home, and, with previous contributions to const. Mrs. D. N. Grosse, Mrs. A. S. Barnard, Mrs. Mary D. Smith, Mrs. Nan Cunningham, Miss Rose Cady, and Miss Minnie Compton L. M.'s,	32 00
<i>Oak Park.</i> — Aux., for the Man-nissa school, \$25 of which is to const. Mrs. H. S. P. Meacham a L. M.,	62 00
<i>Ottawa.</i> — Aux., \$25 of which is for the Japan Home,	32 50
<i>Peoria.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>Rockford.</i> — Aux., of Female Sem. for the Samokov school,	70 00
<i>Wheaton.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley,	8 92
<i>Waukegan.</i> — Aux., for a teacher in Harpoot,	7 50
<i>Waverly.</i> — S. S., with previous contributions to const. Mrs. Platt S. Carter a L. M.,	5 00
Total,	\$360 84

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Clinton.</i> — Aux.,	\$6 00
<i>Gay's Mills.</i> — S. S. for Miss Porter's school at Pekin,	4 00
<i>South Elkhorn.</i> — Aux.,	3 25
<i>Wauwatosa.</i> — Aux.,	4 00
Total,	\$17 25

## IOWA.

<i>Algona.</i> — Mrs. J. E. Stacy,	\$2 00
<i>Carroll.</i> — S. S. class of Mrs. E. O. Price, for salary of Miss Hillis,	11 00
<i>Chester.</i> — Aux., for the Samokov school,	15 00
<i>Denmark.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. G. B. Brackett, for salary of Miss Hillis,	38 00
<i>Fairfield.</i> — Aux.,	10 55
<i>Green Mountain.</i> — Aux., to const. with other contributions, Mrs. John Jones a L. M.,	15 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis, and to const. Mrs. Edith L. Marsh and Mrs. E. R. Potter L. M.'s, \$60; Society of Christian Inquiry, for salary of Miss Hillis, \$5,	65 00
<i>Independence.</i> — Aux.,	8 70
<i>Marshalltown.</i> — S. S., for Miss Hillis's salary,	7 00
<i>Montour.</i> — Aux.,	9 00
<i>Osage.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. T. O. Douglass a L. M.,	4 70
Total,	\$185 95

## MINNESOTA.

<i>Austin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley,	\$14 15
<i>Plainview.</i> — Aux.,	11 50
<i>Waseca.</i> — to const. Miss Bertha Florence Alden a L. M. by her grandmother,	25 00
Total,	\$50 65

## KANSAS.

<i>Wabaunsee.</i> — Aux.,	\$3 00
Total,	\$3 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> — Miss Mary B. Herring for the Japan Home, \$25 of which const herself a L. M.,	\$50 00
Sale of pamphlets,	3 85
Total,	\$53 85
Total,	\$1,254 87

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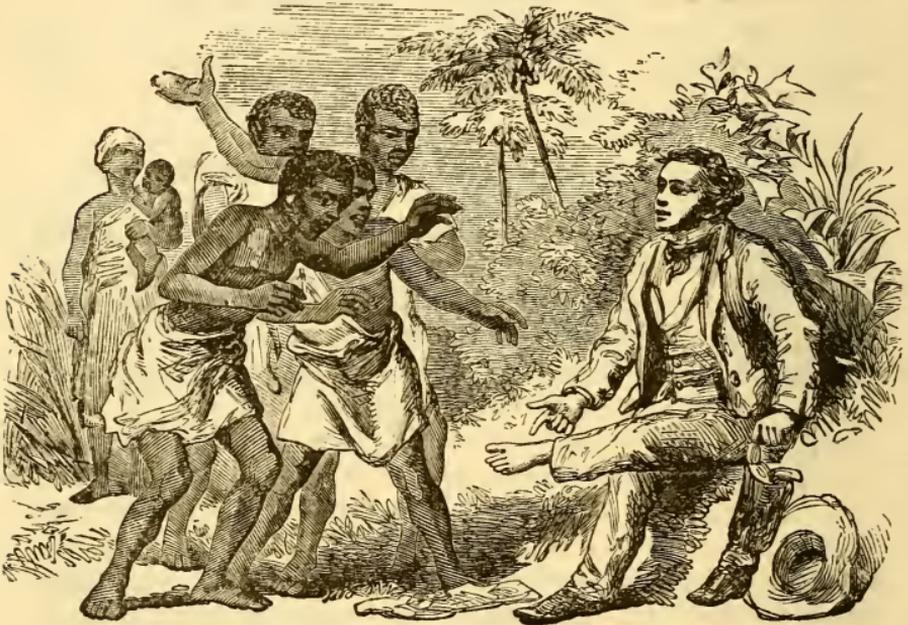
SUPPOSE the children in this land, where schools and books are so abundant, where even the babies are taught something of the beauties of the world around them, can hardly form any idea of the ignorance of some of the people to whom our missionaries are trying to carry the gospel. If any one should tell the natives of Africa that the world was round, they would think it was too absurd to be believed for an instant. Indeed, many of them think there is no world beyond the woods or the water that

surround the country in which they happen to live; and, because they are so ignorant, they are also very timid about certain things. They are continually haunted with the idea that there are spirits about them, ready to injure them in some way; and, at times, they are almost afraid of their own shadows. In "The Illustrated Missionary News," we find the following story:—

"We should not think that anybody could be afraid of a man because he happened to wear shoes and stockings, should we? They are not very frightful things in themselves; nor should we think they could have any very frightful meaning.

"But the poor Africans, among whom our missionaries went for the first time, on the banks of the Niger, thought differently. When they saw one of them and his interpreter — though they were both black men, like themselves — land on their shores, and come walking into their villages, they looked at them very carefully;

and, knowing that they had come in the big ship with the white men, they suspected that all was not right. At last, after looking very attentively at them a long while, some of them caught sight of their feet, clothed, of course, in decent shoes and stockings. Immediately they set up a cry, ‘*Moa, moa!* these are *moa* [that is, spirit]. They have no toes: they have no toes! They are *moa, moa*. They are not men. Run, run for your life! They are black, it is true; but they must be spirits; for they have no toes.’



“The missionary, as soon as he heard what it was that frightened them, sat down on a bank, and pulled off his boot. This astonished them greatly. They thought he had pulled off a piece of himself; and they crowded around him again to see if it was all right. But under his boot he wore a white stocking; and, as soon as they saw that, they began again, ‘Ah! that is what we said. Now we know you are *moa*; for you have feet without toes underneath those things you take off.’

“It was not till he had pulled off his stockings too, and shown them his feet, of a like color with their own, and with five toes on each, that they would listen to him at all, or believe that he was any thing else but a spirit.”

“FEED MY LAMBS.”

BY A MISSIONARY OF THE W. B. M.

“CAST thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days.”

I have a very pleasant incident to relate, which I should like to do through your pages, hoping it may encourage many to work on in faith, believing the precious promise given above.

Yesterday I was agreeably surprised to receive a visit from one of my most promising pupils, who came bringing her mother, younger brother, and sisters to introduce to me. After many expressions of gratitude for the care and instruction her daughter was receiving, the mother said, —

“Yes, our dear Father in heaven does answer our prayers.”

“Why do you feel so sure of that?” I asked.

“I will tell you why,” she answered. “I had long been asking God that F—— might be educated; and at last she came home from Sunday school one day, saying that you had opened a school, and asked her to attend. My husband and I thanked God that the way was opening. But we are very, very poor. We lived a long distance from the school; and F——’s shoes were all worn out, and we knew not where to get more. In a few days, a man who had been owing us a long time brought a pair in payment of his debt. Then we longed more than ever to send F——; but we felt too poor to buy any thing suitable for the child to take for her dinner, but finally concluded to send her without it, as you kept asking for her. After she started for school on that hot day, I went and asked God to keep her from being very hungry, as I could give her no dinner to take with her. When she returned at night, she was very happy; for the teacher had given her a nice dinner: then we both asked God to bless you. A few days afterward, she told me that it was a band of girls way off in your own country that were working, and sending money with which to buy your pupils dinners. So now we pray for the dear ‘Willing Helpers.’ May God give them many, many blessings! May they all be his dear children! If any one of them should ever want, it will not be long; for our dear Father remembers all things.”

Three years ago, this women and her husband received “the baptism of the Spirit in their hearts,” as they say, and joined the

Protestants. They have suffered in health because of the enmity of their friends, and persecutions from the church they left. They are poor with a poverty that those in our own highly-favored land know not of; but how rich in faith! and heirs to an eternal inheritance who can doubt?

F——'s first day in school I remember well, and the dinner given her. I found her with her face covered with her hands, and asked if she was sick. "No," she answered. "I am not sick. I am thanking God for my dinner." F—— is not quite twelve years old, but promises so well, that I think she will be one of the pupils trained to teach in her country, where the need of teachers is very great.

JULY 22, 1875.



### SWINGING IDOLS.

BY MRS. A. H. HAZEN.

HERE is a curious illustration of one way in which Hindus worship their gods. It is close and sultry in the town where you see the temple; and the people like to get out into gardens to

spend a part of the days. They think that their gods, also, will enjoy a "change of air" from the temple to the open fields.

But it will not do for the gods to sit down on the ground as the men do : so the people built this pyramid for them. They are thus raised up twenty-five or thirty feet in the air.

You see the cradle, or short swing, up under the canopy at the top of the pyramid; and in one corner sits the attendant priest, swinging the cradle, with the little idols in it, by means of a string attached. The steps, or ladders, are on the farther side of the pyramid, and so do not appear in this picture.

There are not many people about. At some of the great festivals, one can see thousands gathered on a space no larger than appears in the picture. It seems that few persons are interested in this particular show. It may be, that some have gone into the town to buy food. Shall we fancy that the people care less for their idol than they once did? I think it would be hard work to get such a pyramid built now-a-days. It is probably made of rough stones, plastered over with mud.

In the centre of the foreground, you see a man carrying water. He has a bamboo pole across his shoulder; and the water is in earthen vessels suspended in the netting. The water is for use in the worship of the idols. Others may purchase it to use in the worship of their own gods in their houses. Sometimes men bring water from the River Ganges, carrying it to all parts of the land. The water of that river is regarded as specially holy. This man is not dressed as such water-pilgrims usually are. He appears to be a servant of the temple, and brings water from some well, or tank, near by.

We see the preacher in the front of the picture. He is talking to the men seated on the mat. One of them seems to be a money-changer, who sits there ready to help people in making their offerings to the gods. The missionary is pointing up to the cradle, with its little images, and showing the absurdity of all such doings, in contrast with the thought of God and of his true worship. We can fancy his catching up their own expression, and saying that these things are merely "the play of women and children."

In the corner, not far from the missionary, we see the native preacher. He is talking to one man, who sits on the ground, refreshing himself with his long pipe. The bowl of the pipe rests on the ground.

The preachers do not wait till they gather a crowd around them

before they begin their work of telling about Jesus. It may be the one or the two will hear. Each carries his book; and they are sowing the seed of the kingdom with hope. They know that their labor is not in vain. One and another turns from the idols to serve the living and true God. By and by all the idols shall be abolished, and God alone be worshipped in that land.

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### MISSION-CIRCLES.

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\* The "Messenger Birds" in Nashua, N.H., gave us \$130.00 instead of \$50.00 as reported in the September Echoes. We beg the "Birds'" pardon, and promise not to make such a mistake again.

## MARY ALLERTON MISSION-CIRCLE.

IN these centennial times, every thing that is old has become quite fashionable. No matter how small or useless the article may be, if it is only a hundred years old, it is considered very valuable. One of our mission-circles, it seems, has been quite up to the times, and has taken to itself a name over two hundred years old. The pastor of the church with which it is connected writes as follows:—

“It appears that not only the period of adult life, but that also of childhood and youth, was represented in the memorable company of ‘The Mayflower.’ Children as well as parents came in that historic vessel across the sea. Among the former was a bright, attractive girl of eleven years, named Mary Allerton. Her mother died in the sickness of the first winter, by which the Pilgrim colony was reduced to half its original number. But Mary lived, and, after five years, found in the second marriage of her father one who worthily filled the vacant place, and under whose careful, affectionate nurture she grew to womanhood, and was much esteemed and loved. She was married, in due time, to Thomas, the son of Robert Cushman, who, succeeding Brewster upon his death, filled the office of ruling elder in the Pilgrim Church nearly forty-three years, and died in 1691. She lived after his death eight years, and was the last survivor of those who came to this country in ‘The Mayflower.’

“In the formation of a children’s mission-circle in the Church of the Pilgrimage, at Plymouth, two years ago, it was decided that it should be called ‘The Mary Allerton Mission-Circle.’ The propriety of this name is seen in the fact that the missionary idea was a prominent motive which prompted the Pilgrims to come to America. ‘A great hope and inward zeal they had,’ writes Gov. Bradford, ‘of laying some good foundation for advancing the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world.’ It is seen, also, in the Christian excellence of her who originally bore this name, and her earnest reciprocation of this idea.

“May those who belong not only to this but to other mission-circles connected with the Woman’s Board be filled with the same idea, and do what they can to extend the gospel of the blessed Saviour throughout the earth! It may be added that ‘The Mary Allerton Circle’ has undertaken the support of two Bible-readers in Turkey.”

## BIBLE ENIGMA.

BY MISS LOTTIE M. BARROWS.

I AM composed of 33 letters.

My 3, 8, 14, 15, 9, 2, has caused much trouble in the world.

My 4, 4, 30, 8, 21, the name of a celebrated priest.

My 29, 21, 19, 10, 18, 23, the name of one of Christ's disciples.

My 5, 22, 17, 29, 14, 20, 21, name of a mountain.

My 10, 29, 27, 28, 22, 1, was a woman greatly beloved.

My 32, 8, 17, 13, 4, 12, mocked some earnest workers.

My 24, 25, 11, 29, 24, was a king's faithful friend.

My 27, 20, 14, 2, 33, an animal the Jews were forbidden to eat.

My 16, 26, 22, 16, 12, 29, 21, had an Egyptian servant.

My 29, 27, 28, 16, 4, 26, asked a gift of her father.

My 5, 7, 16, 25, 10, 4, a place where Paul preached.

My 2, 6, 31, 16, 28, 29, was a prophet.

My 17, 29, 17, 33, 6, 8, 14, name of a celebrated city.

My whole is a command, which, if obeyed by all, would usher in the millennium.

## ANSWERS TO ACROSTICS.

*July Number.* — Nebuchadnezzar.

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the July number, from F. J. D., Ipswich, Mass.; H. L., Winchester, Mass.; Mrs. B. M. H., Rutland, Vt.; and E. M. B., Ellington, Conn.; also additional answer to the enigma in the June number, from F. L., Troy, N.H.

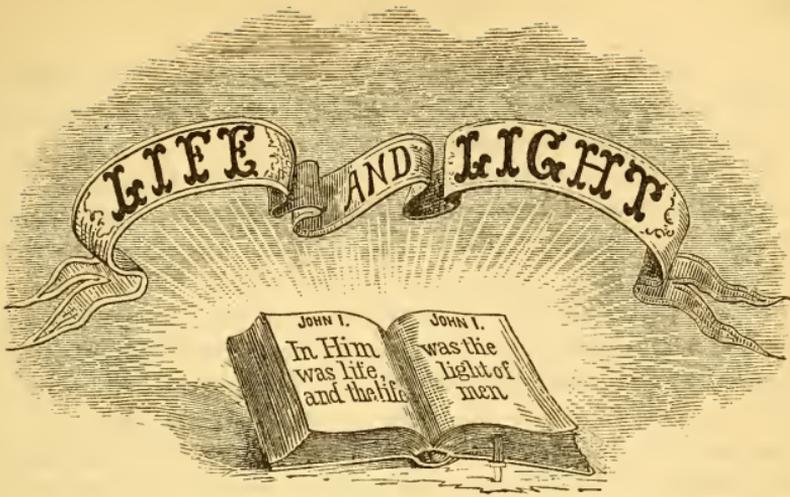
*August Number.* — Joseph Neesima.

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the August number from E. N. H., Wellesley, Mass.; A. D. L., Troy, N.H.; E. M. B., Ellington, Conn.; J. M. J., Ithaca, N.Y.

E. N. H. sends her answer in rhyme as follows:—

Joseph, his father's best beloved and pet.  
Osaka, where a Christian church has met.  
Samuel, who served the Lord while yet a child.  
Eli, in household rule so weakly mild.  
Peter, who Christ denied with oaths profane.  
Hannah, whose fervent prayer was not in vain.

Nehemiah, brave the sacred walls repairing.  
Elijah, fed by ravens when despairing.  
Egypt, the ancient land of art and story.  
Shiloh, the yearly shrine of Israel's glory.  
Isaiah, of Jehovah's prophets peer.  
Mary, a name to every Christian dear.  
Asa, who served his God with holy fear.



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### AFRICA.

#### LETTER FROM MRS. TYLER.

MRS. TYLER, in a letter to the Rhode Island Branch, gives some incidents of the work in Umzundusi, South Africa, as follows :—

“ There is an earnest, serious attention at our meetings, both on the sabbath and week days, and evidence that the truth is not heard with indifference. I was interested in a good man’s prayer the other day. He has had much trouble in his family, and had just heard of some new misfortune. He began by saying, ‘ O Lord! we thank thee that there is a happy place, where there is nothing to trouble the hearts of those who really want to serve thee: make us all ready to go there. As a woman takes her hoe, and goes into an unbroken field, and digs and digs, to clear a place for planting, so do thou come with the hoe of the word of God, and prepare our hearts, that the good seed may enter in, and bring forth evidence that it is planted by God.’

“ Not long since, I had an interesting conversation with a heathen man who came to bring his son to school. He said he believed that ours was the true God ; but, when I asked why he did not obey and love him, he answered frankly, —

“ ‘ I am living among the heathen : I wear their dress and their badge [referring to the ring on his head]; but the worst thing is, I

have two wives, and I don't know how to get over that. Give me a place to live near you, and I can remedy the first of my troubles; but the last I don't see clearly yet.'

" 'Have you ever asked the Lord about it?' I inquired. 'He helps us to do what is right; and he can help you better than I in your trouble. I know how he has helped some of your people in this very thing.'

" 'Oh, yes!' said he. 'I know he does put thoughts into our hearts. Once, when this little boy I have brought to you was very ill, so that every one thought he would die, I cried long in my heart. I could not have him die. I had learned from the missionaries that the Lord heard people when they were in trouble; and, although I had never thought about it before, I said, "I will go to him now, and ask him to help me think what I shall do for this dear boy." So I went out into the bush, and prayed a long time; then, while sitting and watching him, my heart said, "Carry him on your back to a white doctor, twelve miles away, and see if he can help you." My friends all laughed; but I told only the mother how I was led to do it, and she went with me. The doctor said he could help the boy; and in three days he was able to return home. I know by experience that the Lord is good and kind; and I want to serve him.' May the Lord give us faith, and give him wisdom to do what is just and right! "

In a more recent letter, Mrs. Tyler thus writes of a visit to Esidumbini, the place at which she was stationed before her return to America, —

"I must tell you about our pleasant sabbath in our old home. We prepared for service at an early hour. Thomas said the chapel would be filled; and so it was; while quite a number, unable to enter, crowded up to the windows on the outside. The most perfect order was maintained, the only disturbance being the breaking-down of a seat too heavily loaded with women and children, and the efforts to make room where there was none. Even the babies, of whom there were a good many, were as quiet as possible. After the sermon, we had a short intermission, and then returned for the communion. Nine persons were received into the church. One was an elderly woman, who has abandoned heathenism since we left for America; and the others were those whom we had known and taught as children. You can imagine how our hearts overflowed with joy at the sight of these lambs we had tried to nurture and guide, now entering the fold of Christ, and how we long to have them kept from going astray.

“One man came to me, saying, ‘I am dead; but my son is alive. I shall see him when I go to Jesus; but he will never come to me. He is happy; but I am miserable. All my joy is gone; but he is singing in heaven.’

“‘Then you know where he has gone? You believe he is happy?’ I said.

“‘Oh, yes! he was a Christian; and he was not afraid to die, because Jesus promises his people that he will take care of them when they go to him.’

“‘Why do you not learn to love this Jesus, then, who is so kind and good, and follow your boy to heaven?’

“‘I don’t understand about it,’ was the reply; ‘but I shall try.’

“On the Wednesday afternoon following, I met the women; and we had an interesting time, recalling the old days, and comparing them with the present. My first meeting here was with ignorant, unclad, indifferent kraal women, who came with their babies on their backs, and amused themselves by comments upon the various articles they noticed in the room, without paying the slightest attention to what I was trying, in my weak way, to tell them of Jesus. The only help I had on that day was from two little girls, who had learned to sing, and repeat the Lord’s Prayer; and the effect on my own mind was discouraging in the extreme. Now one of those little girls is the mother of nine children, and so gifted in prayer, that I often feel benefited and refreshed by her heartfelt utterances. I was glad to learn from the pastor’s wife, that most of the women attend her meeting regularly. As she has weak eyes, she employs her daughters, or some young girl, to read for her, and give out the hymns, thus fitting them better for these duties as they settle in their own homes.

“I am sure you will join us in the hope that we shall yet see greater things accomplished for Christ in this lovely valley, while we thank God, and take courage from what we have already seen.”

Mrs. Bridgeman also writes from Umzumbi, —

“The harvest is great here as elsewhere, and only waits for those who know and love the Saviour to come up to their full measure of duty in giving and doing, when there shall be a great ingathering of souls into the garner of the Lord. We deeply feel our own need of God’s spirit in our hearts and in our work, preparing the way for the seed we try to sow. We rejoice in the thought that we have your prayers: may they be increasing and fervent! so may we hope soon to write you better things.”

## TURKEY.

## SCENES IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

BY MRS. E. E. BLISS.

ON Sabbath morning, seating myself on the divan by my bedroom window, in Scutari, I found myself able to look directly in at the gate of a courtyard, within which is the Armenian church, and other buildings connected with it. I was curious to notice the contrast between the gathering at this church-door, and that of one in America: so I allowed eyes and thoughts to be thus occupied for a time. That the costume of the people should be different might have been expected; and very various it was, — from that of the boy in rags, to the feathers and flounces of some lady imitating European styles; from the soldiers in blue and red, or the little fellow in Persian dress, to the fop with his stove-pipe hat and walking-stick. Just before the gate, on some old rags, sat an elderly woman, to “ask alms of them that entered in.” I supposed her lame and blind; but occasionally she would jump up, and run inside with an alacrity that it would seem might have been put to a better use. The attendants were mostly men and boys, who came and went at their pleasure, apparently without reference to time. At a short distance in front of the door, a boy had placed his stand for selling cakes.

Soon a wealthy man came along upon his horse. Dismounting, the horse was taken to be led about while his master appeared before God in his temple. One or two carriages stood near. During the absence of their occupants, the horses were relieved of the *bamcehs*, and merely secured from running away by being tied to some part of the carriage. Then appeared in the crowd a man with a long pole over his shoulder, from which were suspended sheeps’ livers and feet for sale; and he, too, entered the gate. I had noticed a boy with a bright yellow calico vest going in; and soon he came out with another boy. They, too, had long poles, from which were suspended two or three buckets of water, which they were carrying to a neighbor. The service was probably going on all this time, as a man with a stick came out to drive away the boys.

Doubtless the fine ladies who came next spent too much time in making their toilet, as they were so late. The young woman

— a daughter or daughter-in-law — walked first, with a measured gait that seemed to say, “I am dressed to be looked at: let no one approach too near.” The aged mother follows, bent over with the weariness of years, wearing a black dress and shawl, and a black lace thrown over her head. I noticed one nicely-dressed boy with his scarlet stockings. He came up to the cake-stand, where were also other sweets; and by his side were ragged, poorly-dressed boys. I was curious to know if he was benevolently buying some for them, but I thought not. I am often surprised to see the children of the wretchedly poor spending their pennies for fruit or some other luxury.

Two men, coming out and scattering the peddlers and horses from before the door, seemed to portend something. When I looked up again, a procession was coming forth. Some of the schoolboys in ordinary dress came first, followed by a dozen or more, in two lines, wearing white robes with crimson velvet capes. Each of these had a paper in his hand, from which he was singing or chanting. Next came two or three priests in embroidered garments, preceding the bishop in full dress, — an immense mitre, doubtless of gold and jewels, and a robe heavily embroidered in silk and gold. The schoolhouse was between us and the church; and the procession entered there, followed by a crowd of men and boys, and the street was quiet once more.

A few hours later, a bell called me to the window. A funeral-procession was leaving the church. The priests had changed their bright robes for black with white trimmings. Upon the bier lay the form of a young woman dressed in her best attire, but without coffin or covering, save a shawl thrown over the body, leaving the face exposed. Another soul had gone — where? The children asked me; and I could only tell them I did not know. “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Such was the Armenian church. A few doors away was another place of worship. There, too, a company of men, women, and children, were gathering; and how did they differ? In the first, bishop and priests, in jewelled vestments, read and prayed in a language which few or none could understand. From the censers, fragrant incense arose, surrounding the worshippers as they bowed and rose again, according to indications from the altar; but, as they left the church, they took away no seed of truth to spring up and bear fruit in their hearts and lives. In the second, a hall belonging to a private house, settees and chairs were provided for

a hundred and thirty persons. With serious steps, all entered, and took their seats. Their pastor, dressed like themselves, opened the word of God, read, and addressed an attentive audience. Heads were bowed in worship as he led their thoughts and desires up to Him who will be worshipped in spirit and in truth. When these went away, they had with them that which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

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## JAPAN.

### LETTER FROM MISS TALCOTT.

THE following extract from one of Miss Talcott's letters, dated Kobe, July 10, shows how the missionary work is opening on every side. She says, —

“ All about us are more homes than we can possibly visit, where we might lead souls to Jesus; and the towns about us are offering rich harvests to the reaper. Miss Dudley has been doing a good work in Sanda, in connection with others of the mission and of our native church. She has been there four weeks at a time, with two other foreigners; and next week a church of about twenty members is to be organized there, as a centre of light to the country around. At the different places within forty miles west of us, there is work enough to engage one woman's heart and strength all the time. Sixty miles farther on is Okayama, where Dr. Taylor has now gone for a three-days' tour, taking with him one of our native Christians. How I did want to go with them! Two of our very young Christians — a man and his wife — have returned to their home there. They were 'merely babes;' but I believe the Shepherd has protected them amid surrounding dangers. East of us, about eighteen miles, a native physician of Kobe, under Dr. Berry's direction, opened a charity dispensary, and secured a preaching-place and an audience for one of the native Christians. He says, 'If only one of you ladies could go up sometimes, it might do so much good!' Meanwhile we are trying to rest, and rejoice that God is never weary, and is working all around us, though we must stop.

“ Last evening I went out, taking with me a young woman who has been hearing the truth for more than a year, but, until lately, has appeared so immovable, that it seemed almost useless to pray for her. Now her enthusiasm is in striking contrast to her former

indifference. We went to the home of one of my pupils, and, my business done, I stopped to speak of the Saviour, as I had often done before, though with apparently no good result. Soon my companion added her emphatic testimony to the truth of what I was saying, compelling, by her evident deep conviction, the respect of her listeners, though at first they looked displeased. Coming home, she referred to the expression she saw in their faces, and said, 'A little while ago, I should have stopped at that, and said no more; but now I thought, "Well, no matter what they think of me, if I can only make them believe it is good to follow Christ."' The other day she told me, that for ten days she had been praying for one especial thing, and now, at last, the answer had begun to come. This dear woman is not yet in the church, but will be soon. Five new members came in at the last communion; two of them from our school, and two others, — husband and wife.

"God has wonderfully answered our prayers for the guidance of these young disciples, making the proud ones teachable, and strengthening the distrustful to work for him."

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## Confessing Christ.

BY MISS BRAINERD.

O THOU of woman born, by woman loved,  
 Whose infant steps were guided at her side,  
 Whose weary feet she washed with many tears,  
 At whose deep well her thirst was satisfied,  
 Look down in pity at her darkened day,  
 And with thy "Weep not," take her grief away.

In loneliness a Brahmin woman sits:  
 Her path is thorny, and yet Christ is there, —  
 The Saviour lately found, her only hope;  
 And all beside is sorrow and despair.  
 For Christ confessed, all household friends are foes;  
 And hatred kills what earthly joy she knows.

Again: behold her at her teacher's side,  
 Drinking the truth with simple earnestness.  
 Hear her complete the sentence partly told,  
 "He that confesseth me," — "I will confess."  
 Hark to her promise, that, by Jesus' power,  
 They two shall meet where comes no bitter hour.

Now in the visions of the silent night  
 She thinks that she is sitting face to face  
 With the dear Christian friends so lately seen;  
 And, while they speak of Jesus and his grace,  
 A sweet voice utters in that hallowed spot,  
 Those words that thrill the ages, — "Fear thou not."

Strengthened and cheered by the dear Master's love,  
 She tells to all about his gracious word:  
 All loads seen light, all persecutions sweet;  
 For in each sorrow she will meet her Lord.  
 Rest thee, strong soul! and may there ever be  
 That same glad voice about thy path and thee!

But ah! how many never heard those tones!—  
 Sad heathen women, helpless and forlorn,  
 Unloved, unhonored, groping in the dark,  
 Upon whose night hope sends no ray of dawn.  
 Will God commission angels to disperse  
 Their midnight gloom, and to remove the curse?

Lo! he calls Christian women, timid, weak,  
 And bids them say the words that he hath said  
 To these his "other sheep," which he will bring  
 By woman's hands into the sheepfold led, —  
 Flesh of our flesh, sisters, whose hands we hold, —  
 One Lord, one faith, one shepherd, and one fold.

How shall we, as these weary prisoners cry,  
 Point them to pleasant paths which they may tread?  
 How shall we, as they sit in death's dark shade,  
 Go tell them Christ is risen from the dead?  
 How shall we roll the stone back from this tomb,  
 And show them angels sitting in the gloom?

Are there no words, no deeds, no tears, no love,  
 No self-denials, gifts of time, or prayer,  
 That we might lay before the Master's feet,  
 And tell him that for him we placed them there?  
 As Christian women to our Leader true,  
 Lord Jesus, what wilt thou have us to do?

O thou of woman born, of woman loved,  
 At whose dear cross she stood in grief and fears,  
 For whose still form she brought her costliest spice,  
 And for whose empty sepulchre her tears, —  
 Meet her, we pray thee, in her darkened day,  
 And, with thy "Fear-not," wipe her tears away.

# Our Work at Home.

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## CARE FOR YOUR MISSIONARY.

ONE of the pleasantest features of the work of the Woman's Board is the relationship, and sometimes close friendship, that is formed between the missionaries in the field, and the societies in this country who support them, or the pupils and Bible-readers under their care. Let us be careful that this bond shall be one of tender sympathy, a strong support in time of trial, and never a hinderance in their work. They often tell us of their joys, let us consider their needs. A friend who is thoroughly conversant with missionary life has sent us a communication from which we make the following extracts :—

“ Having taken a missionary for our own, have we any obligations toward her? Is it not our privilege to seek to strengthen her in weakness, encourage her in despondency, comfort her in weariness and sickness, and thus make her a better and a longer worker? She who has gone out in our stead is a woman like ourselves, needing sympathy and encouragement. She needs great faith, and a Christlike love, which shall overlook the repulsive exterior for the sake of the jewel within. She needs wisdom for the perplexing questions that come up for decision, and patience to wait when her way seems hedged up before her. If we wish her to be successful, let us pray for her.

“ Let us think of one of our daughters in her place for a moment. She leaves a happy home and loving hearts, and goes among strangers, who, though they soon cease to be such, cannot take the place of the dear home-circle. And, if she does find what she needs of human companionship, how soon do their faces fade away from her tearful eyes!—some being driven to this country by illness, the exigencies of the work demanding some for other stations, and death laying claim to others whom she feels she cannot spare. Is she not in constant need of human sympathy?

“ Let us consider, for a moment, what a busy life the missionary leads. She rises in the morning, perhaps unrefreshed, as the heat, or the discordant noises of the city, a sick pupil, or exhausting thought, may have kept sleep from her eyes. Until school-time,

she is busy looking over the lessons for the day, answering questions, taking care of the household. Then come school-hours, which are much the same as in America, with the added difficulty of teaching in a strange language. Afterwards she must ride, if she would keep well ; or perhaps take the girls for a walk, attend a prayer-meeting, make a call or two on native families, or examine compositions till tea-time. As soon as family devotions are over, callers may come in, postponing her other duties ; and, when they are gone, the accounts must be taken, orders given for the next day, native letters written ; and before she has mended the torn dress, or taken a stitch on the much needed garment, the clock strikes ten, and she prepares for bed, thoroughly fatigued with the work she has done, and perhaps more wearied in spirit by the work she has had neither time nor strength to undertake. Remembering these busy days, let us not make too great demands upon her time in the way of correspondence. We all feel that those who are able should communicate, as often as possible, with those who are trying to be interested, and to interest others in their work. But often the question comes up, ‘ Shall I give the little remnant of time this month to work long neglected, or to writing?’ When the teacher is feeble, shall she give her small amount of strength to us, or to the perishing souls about her?

“ Dear friends, let us take up each missionary, because she goes in our stead, — take her for her own sake and for the sake of Christ and his cause. Let us give her our interest and love. Let us send notes of kindly greeting, and little tokens of remembrance, that will be useful in her school, or afford her the luxury of giving, or brighten up her room, as she comes in, heart-sick, from the cheerless homes of her pupils. Every thing we do to make her more comfortable and happy, stronger in heart and body, is enabling her to work better and longer ; and whether we are privileged to reap or not, that which is far better, the smile of the Master, will be ours. When our hearts want warming and stimulating, let us find what we need, as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus, looking into the face of Christ.”

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#### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

HAVE you paid for your “ Life and Light ” for 1875? The year is well-nigh gone ; and yet there are over three thousand of our subscribers on our list who have not paid their dues. Are you one of this number, dear reader? If so, is it too much to ask,

that, during the very day on which this reaches your eye, you will enclose sixty cents in an envelope, and send it to the secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions in Boston? It is a small sum, we are aware, and may seem of very little consequence to the individual subscriber; but, when so many neglect to send it, the aggregate loss to our treasury is very considerable. We know it is only an oversight with most of this number; and we hope that only this reminder will be necessary to bring in all arrears.

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### WAKING UP.

A SOCIETY has just been formed by educated natives in Bungalow, India, called "The Literary Union." It has a reading-room, supplied with a large number of newspapers and magazines published in England and India. Meetings for discussion, and lectures, are also held. "Our Social Evils, and their Remedies" came up for discussion. Here is an extract from a paper read on this occasion by one of them:—

"The position of women in native families ought to engage our attention. The position the female holds as mother, wife, daughter, or sister, is very important; for many of the social evils of the Hindus have their origin here. The exchange of thoughts with a female is generally considered beneath notice. Their suggestions often meet with contempt; and, from this cause, the concerns of the domestic circle are frequently very defective. The woman's place in the family should be respected; and she should have a voice and part in every well-ordered family.

"Modesty in a woman is of great price; but there is such a thing as false modesty, which, coupled with the semi-zenana life she leads, is a great evil. A woman cannot shut herself up, and yet be a suitable helpmeet for her husband. Let this seriously engage the attention of all Hindus: let the females feel that they are trusted.

"The idea of a home also ought to be developed in native society. Home is not mere shelter, and sharing in the necessaries of life. The social gathering of a family, where common interest binds all the members, and where the different members seek the company of each other, ought to be impressed upon the native mind as constituting a home. Hindus have no particular time in which the different members of the family can expect to meet each other. Their meals are taken each by himself. They should have a dining-time, when the members of the family, male and

female, meet on common ground. Thus they will learn how to associate in company ; and the sacred bonds of the family will be strengthened.”

I hope this will be read aloud at a meeting of every auxiliary, because

1. It makes so real what the condition of woman is in Pagan countries.

2. It proves that the Christian ideal of woman and home is penetrating the heathen mind.

3. It urges us to go on earnestly in our work of christianizing the women of heathendom.

H. C. K.

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### OTHER SOCIETIES.

“LET us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works,” is an exhortation it is well to heed once in a while. We work on, day by day, trying to do the duties that lie immediately in our paths ; and, if moderately successful, are apt to think we are doing all that is required, when we suddenly awake to the fact that others are going far beyond us in Christian work. We need to be stimulated at times, and provoked to more strenuous efforts, by being reminded of what has been accomplished by other societies than our own. With this idea in view, we have collected the statistics given in the table below, which we hope will interest our readers.

As auxiliaries and children’s bands are constantly forming in the various branches of the different societies, the numbers may not be perfectly exact ; but they are as nearly so as it was practicable to obtain. They are given for the year ending Sept. 1. 1875. The Woman’s Board of the Pacific, co-operating with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, organized two years since, has made an auspicious beginning, exceeding the expectations of its most sanguine friends. We predict for it a bright future as the States under its jurisdiction become more thickly settled ; and we regret that we have not the statistics of its work for insertion with the others. The size of the various denominations should be taken into consideration in estimating what has been done in them by the different societies. In 1874 the Presbyterians had 4,999 churches and 506,034 church-members ; the Congregationalists, 3,403 churches, 330,391 members ; the Baptists, 21,510 churches, 1,761,171 members ; the Methodists, 14,989 churches, 1,563,521 members.

## OTHER SOCIETIES.

	Organized.	Territory included.	Auxiliaries and Children's Societies.	Missionaries supported.	Native teachers and Bible-readers.	Mission Schools.	Receipts.	Circulation of Magazines.
Woman's Union Miss. Soc. all denominations.....	1861	{ All this country, and foreign contributions..... }	299	28	66	{ 50 schools, 168 scholars..... }	\$50,000.00	Missionary Link... 4,000
Woman's Board of Missions, Cong.....	1868	{ All churches east of Buffalo, with few exceptions..... }	800	54	47	{ 20 boarding and 22 day schools..... }	70,241.85	Life and Light... 13,000
Woman's Board of the Interior, Cong.....	1868	{ All churches west of Buffalo..... }	440	26	26	{ 6 boarding and 20 day schools..... }	17,000.00	
Woman's Foreign Miss. Soc. Meth.....	1869	All this country.....	2,000	24	112	110, mostly day schools	62,499.07	{ Heathen Woman's Friend..... 19,000 }
Woman's Foreign Miss. Soc. Pres.....	1870	No territorial limits.....	824	80	120	{ 70 day and scholarships in 18 boarding schools..... }	74,253.35	{ Woman's Work for Woman..... 9,500 }
Woman's Foreign Miss. Soc. of the North-west, Pres.....	1870	No territorial limits.....	317	18	27	21	18,033.36	
Woman's Baptist Missionary Society.....	1871	{ All churches east of Buffalo..... }	820	17	15	Aid given to 17.....	31,537.80	{ The Helping Hand, 20,000 }
Woman's Baptist Miss. Soc. of the North-west, Pres.*.....	1871	{ Western States..... }	348	9	13	Aid given to 13.....	10,725.34	
Ladies' Board of Missions, Pres.*.....	.....	{ N. York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Virginia..... }	183	29	24	20	20,313.71	{ Our Mission Field, 1,200 }
Totals.....	.....	.....	6,081	285	450	.....	\$354,604.47	

\* This Society has missionaries and mission schools in the home field as well as abroad, which are included in the numbers given above.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BRANCH.

THE Second Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Branch was held at Claremont, Sept. 8. The weather was perfect, the attendance large, and the hospitalities of beautiful Claremont cordial and abundant. The branch has gained eight new auxiliaries and five mission-circles during the year, making sixty-nine auxiliaries and twenty-two mission-circles. Some of these circles are remarkably efficient. The most noticeable report was the Treasurer's, whose figures foot up over three thousand dollars.

These contributions pay the salary of Miss Norris, physician of Bombay, furnish the schoolroom of the Constantinople Home, and support schools and Bible-women. Every dollar goes to the object aimed at.

Mrs. Wheeler of Turkey made an effective address on the condition of Syrian women, followed by remarks from Dr. Gulick.

H. C. K.

### WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM AUG. 18, TO SEPT. 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

#### MAINE.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. Woodbury	
S. Dana, Treas., Madison, Aux.,	
towards pupil in Marsovan.	\$10;
Portland High St. Ch., "Corner	
Stones," towards pupil in Mar-	
sovan.	\$35;
Boothbay, Aux.,	\$10;
Waterville, Aux.,	\$17;
Bethel,	
1st Cong. Ch., Aux.,	\$8.50;
Bridgeton, Aux.,	\$10;
South	
Bridgeton S. S.,	\$8,
	\$98 50
<i>Kennebunk.</i> —Narcissa S. Browne,	
to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
	Total, \$123 50

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Miss	
Abby E. McIntire, Treas.,	
Centre Harbor, Aux.,	\$7.50;
Concord, Aux.,	\$34.90;
Dover,	
Aux.,	\$25;
1st Ch., "Busy	
Bees,"	\$50;
Hopkinton, Aux.,	
\$5;	
Lempster, Aux.,	\$2.15;
Lyme, Aux., to const. L. M.	
Miss Nancy Franklin,	\$25;
Manchester, 1st Ch., of wh.	
\$30 for pupil Mrs. Chandler's	
sch.,	\$61;
Franklin St. Ch.,	

"Earnest Workers," for B.R.,	
\$30; New Market, Aux.,	\$16;
No. Haverhill and Plaistow,	
Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs.	
Amanda S. N. Kimball,	\$25;
"We Girls," with prev. contri.	
to const. L. M. Mrs. Laura S.	
Putnam,	\$15;
Peterborough,	
Aux.,	\$12;
So. New Market,	
Aux.,	\$5.51;
Stratham, Aux.,	
\$25.05; Alton, Aux.,	\$1.10;
Claremont, Aux.,	\$54;
"Merry	
Workers,"	\$35;
Mrs. Ray's S.	
S. Cl., \$11 towards pupil Const.	
Home; Kensington, "Willing	
Workers,"	\$6;
Kingston, Aux.,	
\$15; Mason, Aux.,	\$11,
	\$472 21
<i>Fitzwilliam.</i> —Aux., of wh.	
\$100 by Mrs. Eliza W. Jenkins	
to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Martha	
S. Whittemore, Mrs. Astossa F.	
Whittemore, Mrs. Maria F.	
Whittemore, New York City,	
Mrs. Sarah R. Whittemore,	
Fitzwilliam,	107 00
<i>Westmoreland.</i> —Mother of a	
Miss'y,	1 00
<i>Yarmouth.</i> —Aux.,	6 00
	Total, \$586 21

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*New Hampshire Branch.*—Bedford, Aux., desk marked, \$10; Brookline, Aux., one desk, marked "in memory Mrs. Levi Spaulding, from her niece, Mary J. Hale," one desk, marked "Brookline, N.H.," \$20; Chester, Cong. S. S., desk, marked "Chester S. S.," \$10, Aux., 50 cts.; Concord, Aux., three desks marked "Mrs. B. P. Stone, memorial desk, a thank-offering," "A thank-offering by a friend in Concord," "In memoriam Edward Irving Harvey," \$30; Dover, Aux., \$50; Exeter, 2d Ch., desk, marked "Busy Bees," \$10; Fishersville, Aux., for desk marked, \$10; Frances-town, Aux., for desk marked, \$10; Goffstown, Aux., for desk marked, \$10; Hampton, Aux., \$25; Manchester, 1st Ch., eleven desks, \$110, marked from Mrs. Hartshorn, "Maria Hartshorn;" Mrs. B. F. Darrah, "Clinton A. Darrah;" Mrs. J. P. Newell, "Mary Bell Newell;" S. S. friends, "Mollie A. Burt;" Miss. J. S. Lane, "Charlie A. Lane;" Mrs. Cate and friends, "Susan E. Moore;" Mrs. H. Pettee, "thank-offering;" Mrs. E. G. Selden, and S. S. Cl., "Gleaners;" Mrs. H. R. Pettee and S. S. Cl., "Ready Helpers;" Mrs. H. J. Poor and S. S. Cl., "Mrs. H. J. Poor and S. S. Cl.;" Miss Hattie Miles and S. S. Cl., "The Reapers;" Manchester 1st Ch., "Little Grains of Granite," desk marked "Grains of Granite," \$10; S. S. festival, \$53.25; Franklin St. Ch., \$130, of wh. \$30 for desks marked "Mary Foster Brown," "Memorial S. Fannie Edgerly;" four marked "Franklin St. Ch., Manchester, N.H.;" two marked "Earnest Workers." Meriden, Aux., desk marked, \$10; Mt. Vernon, Aux., for desk marked, \$10; Peterborough, "Willing Hearts," desk marked, \$10; Plymouth, Aux., \$37; Portsmouth, "Mizpah Circle," desk marked, \$10; Temple, Aux., desk marked, \$10; Lempster, Aux., desk marked, \$10; New Ipswich, "Hillside Gleaners," desk marked, \$10; Antrim, Ladies of Presb. Ch. for desk, \$10; Mason, Aux., desk marked "Martha B. Goodwin," \$10; No. Haverhill and Plaistow, "We Girls," for desk marked, \$10; Portsmouth, "Rogers

Mission-Circle," desk marked "Conscience," \$10, \$633 75

VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., Windsor, Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. R. I. Searle, \$34; Sheldon, Mrs. M. M. Wait, \$2; Saxton's River, Cong. Ch., \$3.50; New Haven, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. L. M. Barrows, \$25; West Brattleborough, Aux., towards pupil in Oodooville, \$18; South Hero, "Band of Helpers" towards Miss Townshend's sch., \$25; No. Craftsbury, Aux., to const. L. M. Miss Martha White, \$25, \$132 50  
*St. Johnsbury.*—Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Jones to const. L. M. their mother, Mrs. S. W. Jones, 25 00

Total, \$157 50

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*Vermont Branch.*—Barnet, "Buds of Promise" \$17.10; Hartford, Aux., \$25 for shelves in library in the Home; St. Johnsbury No. Ch., Aux., Merrill Room, \$200, \$242 10

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Andover.*—Aux., Add'l, \$1 00  
*Ashfield.*— "We Girls" towards B. R., Mardin, 15 00  
*Auburndale.*—Aux., 5 00  
*Beverly.*—A bequest from Mrs. Susan D. Lord, 500 00  
*Boston.*—Mrs. Susan Collins, \$1; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Pledge, \$6.75; Shawmut Ch., "L.," \$10; Mt. Vernon Ch., a friend, \$1, 18 75  
*Boston, South.*—A thank-offering, 25 00  
*Boston Highlands.*—Walnut Ave. Ch., 4 00  
*Cambridge.*—A friend, 33 33  
*Clinton.*—Aux., 14 85  
*Coleraine.*—Mrs. Ellen H. S'rong, \$2; Mrs. Jane P. Snow, \$1, 3 00  
*Conway.*—Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. D. A. Foote, 25 00  
*Easton.*—Aux., towards pupil in Marsovan, 20 00  
*East Falmouth.*—Aux., 8 00  
*East Taunton.*—Mission-Circle, 2 50  
*Grantville.*—Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, 5 00  
*Groton.*—Aux., 25 00  
*Haverhill.*—Centre Cong. Ch., 3 00  
*Housatonic.*—Cong. Ch. and Soc'y, 22 50  
*Ipswich.*—1st Cong. Ch. Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Clementine Flitner, 25 00  
*Lee.*—Cong. Ch., of wh. \$30, pupil Mrs. Edwards's sch., 234 10  
*Lexington.*—Aux., 8 75  
*Lincoln.*—1st Cong. Ch., pupil Miss Payson's sch., 40 00

<i>Marblehead.</i> — A friend, \$1;	
“Youth’s Ch. Asso.” towards	
B. R., \$14; “Cheerful Work-	
ers” towards Miss Proctor’s	
sch., \$11,	\$26 00
<i>Maynard.</i> — Mrs. Lucy May-	
nard,	5 00
<i>Milford.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M.	
Mrs. E. S. Richardson,	25 00
<i>Monterey.</i> — Aux.,	2 80
<i>Newburyport.</i> — A bequest from	
Miss Elizabeth Campbell,	500 00
<i>Northampton.</i> — Edwards Ch.,	
Aux., addl,	1 00
<i>Leominster, No.</i> — J. S. and E.	
A. Thurston,	2 00
<i>Oakham.</i> — Aux.,	10 00
<i>Saxonville.</i> — Aux., of wh. \$25	
by Mrs. M. H. Simpson to const.	
L. M. Mrs. Charles Jones,	35 00
<i>Southbridge.</i> — A friend,	49
<i>Stoneham.</i> — A friend,	25 00
<i>Sutton.</i> — Mrs. M. A. Tracy to	
const. L. M. Mrs. Ellen D.	
Hovey,	25 00
<i>Uxbridge.</i> — Aux.,	33 50
<i>Wayland.</i> — Miss Susan Grout,	5 00
<i>Weymouth, So.</i> — Aux., towards	
pupil Miss Townshend’s sch.,	15 00
<i>Whately.</i> — Cong. Ch. to const.	
L. M. Mrs. Mary H. Lane,	25 00
<i>Winchester.</i> — Aux.,	25 00
<i>Yarmouth.</i> — Aux., \$5.50; “Lit-	
tle Sea-Birds,” \$2.50,	8 00
Total,	\$1,807 48

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Bedford.</i> — Mrs. Susanna Farn-	
worth to const. herself L. M.,	\$25 00
<i>Bernards’ton.</i> — Aux., \$18.50,	
“Cnp-Bearers,” \$6.50, to const.	
L. M. Mrs. J. N. Dewey for shelf	
in library of the Home,	25 00
<i>Cambridge.</i> — Miss L. S. Mon-	
roe,	10 00
<i>Grantville.</i> — Aux., to complete	
dormitory.	75 00
<i>Lynn.</i> — A friend,	10 00
<i>Newton Centre.</i> — Mrs. John	
Dwight,	5 00
<i>Northampton.</i> — Mt. Holyoke	
graduate, Mary Lyon Room,	5 00
<i>Salem.</i> — Tabernacle Ch., Aux.,	100 00
<i>Spencer.</i> — “Hillside-Workers,”	
with prev. contri to const. L.	
M.’s Mrs. Samuel C. Marsh,	
Mrs. Henry R. Green, Mrs.	
John B. Starr, Mrs. Henry R.	
Lord,	11 70
<i>Winchester.</i> — Mrs. S. A. Holt,	
for dormitory to be called the	
Holt Room,	225 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Darien.</i> — “Sunbeams,” of wh.	
\$30 for Mrs. Bissell’s sch, \$40	
Miss Payson’s sch.,	\$70 00
<i>Hanover.</i> — “Mission-Circle,”	5 00
<i>Middletown.</i> — Aux.,	10 62
<i>New London Co. Branch.</i> — Ston-	
ington, Aux., \$21.33; Norwich,	
Broadway Ch., Aux., Mrs. Amos	
W. Prentice to const. herself	
L. M., \$25,	46 33
<i>Suffield.</i> — Aux.,	86 74
<i>Windsor.</i> — Cong. Ch., a few	
ladies to const. L. M. Mrs. G.	
C. Wilson,	25 00
Total,	\$243 69

NEW YORK.

<i>Brooklyn.</i> — Frank and Andrew	
Hoyt,	\$1 50
<i>Madison.</i> — Aux., with prev. con-	
tri. to const. L. M. Mrs. George	
Hardy,	15 00
Total,	\$16 50

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

<i>Lockport.</i> — 1st Cong. Ch., Aux.,	
of wh. \$25 from the S. S. to	
const. L. M. Mrs. A. Holbrook,	
Mrs. C. A. Folger, \$1,	\$60 29

OHIO.

<i>Clarks.</i> — Mrs. E. Shumway to	
const. L. M. Mrs. James Carr,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

WISCONSIN.

<i>Janesville.</i> — Mrs. R. W. Hop-	
pin,	\$10 00
Total,	\$10 00

IOWA.

<i>Garnavillo.</i> — Mrs. H. E. Sack-	
ett,	\$1 00
Total,	\$1 00

General Funds,	\$2,970 88
C. Home Building-Fund,	1,429 84
“Life and Light,”	147 45
“Echoes,”	2 00
Weekly Pledge,	1 70
Leaflets,	3 93
Interest on Baldwin Fund,	180 00
Total,	\$4,735 80

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

ERRATA. — The contribution reported in the August number from West Medway, Mass., should have been West Medway, Aux., to const. Mrs. Newell Adams L. M. In the October number, the contribution from Pawtucket, R. I., should have been Young Peoples’ Social and Youths’ Mission-Circle, to complete salary of Mrs. Tyler, \$141; and the \$100 from the “Willing Hands” Central Ch. Providence, R. I., should have been reported for the building-fund, instead of for profits in the Dakota Home.

# Department of the Interior.

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## MEXICO.

### LETTER FROM MRS. WATKINS.

WE take the following, by permission, from a letter written by Mrs. Watkins to the auxiliary society at Lansing, Mich., dated Guadalajara, May 17, 1875 :—

“ I will now answer your questions as explicitly as possible, and give such information as I can in one short letter. You ask, ‘ Were you the first missionaries?’ To this section of the Republic we were ; but in the city of Mexico there have been missionaries for some years ; and Miss Rankin did a most noble work in Monterey.

“ The American Board has missions only in Guadalajara and Monterey, while the Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists, and Baptists have them in other parts ; as in Mexico, Toluca, Zacatecas, Matamoras, &c.

“ Of our beloved Mr. Stephens you have read, — of his tragic death and most useful life. His loss has proved irreparable to the work here. Truly God’s ‘ ways are past finding out.’ Mr. Morgan has also left the mission ; and you will thus see how we have had to struggle on alone. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have now arrived ; but of course, as yet, neither of them speak Spanish.

“ You ask about our life here. Life in Mexico for Protestant missionaries is only a living death : at least, we have found it so in Guadalajara. Did we go out in the street, we were followed by men with knives to despatch us ; so that it has not been safe for us to walk out, excepting very rarely. For months at a time we have been as closely cloistered as it has been possible to be, neither my husband nor myself having any out-door exercise ; and our health, especially Mr. Watkins’s, has suffered materially from such close confinement. We go out occasionally in a carriage ; but it is so expensive, we cannot indulge often.

“ You ask if the people are intelligent. As a race, no. Very few of the lower classes can either read or write, and but few of the women, even of the so-called upper class. But now they are

educating the girls more and more ; and the schools for both boys and girls are constantly improving. The state and municipal schools are, of course, far superior to the Roman Catholic schools.

“ You ask, again, if it is quiet here. Just now it is; but two or three months ago we were in a great state of excitement. We had repeated and heavy shocks of earthquake ; and the priests and fanatics published far and wide, that the Protestants were the cause of God’s showing his anger towards this country. Night after night, thousands marched through the streets, armed with pistols, knives, and stones, singing praises to Mary for their deliverance, and crying, ‘ Death to the Protestants!’ Of course we were on our guard ; so that, if they had dared attempt any cruelty against us, they would have been the sufferers.

“ Our work here is in a very prosperous condition. Last sabbath the Holy Spirit was very manifest in the meeting. Many were in tears; and nearly the whole congregation expressed a desire to live for Christ the remainder of their lives. I could cite many interesting cases, had I the time. Not only in Guadalajara, but in many of the towns round about, do we have an influence, sending our periodical, which we print weekly, and tracts, Bibles, and Testaments, to be sold, or given away, as the case may be. The work offers every inducement to those engaged in it to persevere, although the opposition is immense, and the difficulties greater than in heathen lands. Vices of every description abound, and virtue is almost unknown.”

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## TURKEY.

### LETTER FROM KOHAR.

HARPOOT, May 1, 1875.

MY BELOVED FRIENDS IN CHRIST, — With a grateful heart I take my pen in hand, and make known my thankfulness to you, that, for several years, you have cared for me, not only with your money, but especially, as it is my belief, with your fervent and earnest prayers. Therefore I am doubly thankful.

Doubtless you have heard that it is three and a half years that I have been laboring in the city of Agen ; and I am thankful to the Lord, that he, in his infinite grace, was a laborer with me, and blessed my work in that city. When I went there, there was only one sister who was a little persuaded of the truth, and several

brethren, who had separated from the old church (Armenian). These did not know much about spiritual things. The beginning of my work in that city was this: I had a little school of ten scholars, of whom four were women, and six little boys and girls. But these staid only two months and a half; for when the people saw that the evangelical work was making progress, even though by weak instruments, they began to make a disturbance in the city, so that men might not have any thing to do with us. Though there was a preacher there, he (being a native of the city, and the school being in his house) did not see many people, and not much was said to him.

When I went out of the house, almost all the city was moved; and they came upon me. The school I gave up. I began to go to the houses of the Protestant brethren to give lessons to their wives. There were those among them who took lessons willingly, but many from fear, being afraid of their husbands; for they had heard the slander of many about me, saying, "In a little while she will take your husbands from you; and your husbands, when they become Protestants, will take several wives, and discard you." By reason of this, though I gave lessons for six months, their lengthened countenances broke my heart in pieces; and I did not wish to stay, because, I said, "I am not useful in this work." Nevertheless, the brethren labored with all their might that I should not go to another place. I am thankful that their faith was greater than mine. After this, when the sisters saw that whatever was said against me was only slander, they began to come nearer to me, and love me. Thus I went among them a year and a half, until the wives of all our brethren were able to read the Bible correctly, and were persuaded of the truth.

I began another work the first of May, 1873. I opened a school in a house of one of the brethren; for we did not have a special place for meetings and schools. At first I had only eleven scholars but, two months after, the number was twenty-five. Thus pass three months. Our scholars loved the school, and the hymns taught them, very much; but the priests began again to oppose, to excite the people, so as to hinder their children from coming to our schools. A number left, and only eighteen remained at the close of the year; but, a year after, the number had increased; it reached sixty. Not one of them knew the alphabet when first came. Some of the parents feared, that, if their children trained by us, they would surely become Protestants

took them out, though they left us with tears. The present number is fifty-five.

While I am in Harpoot at school, another sister takes my place at Agen, who will remain till my return. Now a little church is established in that city with nineteen members, of whom there are eleven brothers and eight sisters: two others have also been pronounced. While there, my work was to stay eight hours in the school, and then to go the houses, and give lessons to six sisters. All the day I gave my time to that beloved work. I am very joyful. I never have repented that I did not have time, except evenings, for other work. At first, when I passed through the streets of the city, the people gave me much trouble; but afterwards many became my friends, and desired me to come to them and talk.

There is no school-building, but the boys and girls study in one house. In that city, house-rent is very high, and the brethren are few. There are only four brethren who are able to pay taxes: all the rest with difficulty pay for their daily bread; for the price of every thing is nearly double what it is in other cities.

Of course it will be pleasant for you to hear about the lessons of the pupils. They study the Bible, Testament, Catechism, "Mother at Home," "Great Truths," arithmetic, grammar, geography, physiology; and a few read the Primer. Every Wednesday there is a lesson given to the sisters from a book, "Letters," giving good counsels. If I should seek my comfort, I should wish more to stay in the Harpoot school; but, when I look at the usefulness of the work, I wish to be in Agen, though it is much harder. I am thankful to the Lord that this year he has given me an opportunity to learn a little more, that I may be better able to teach others.

The work is the Lord's, and he is the worker: we are only tools in his hands. Therefore it is meet that the glory be given to him eternally.

With much love I salute you all. I pray for you, and I entreat that you will not forget me in your prayers.

The handmaid of Christ,

KOHAR KAPRIELIAN.

*[Precious stone or jewel, the daughter of Gabriel.]*

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LET us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

## Home Department.

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### LETTER FROM A HOME-WORKER.

THE following is from the pen of an old lady of over threescore years and ten, who is too much of an invalid to attend the missionary meetings, but who is still actively interested : —

“DEAR LIFE AND LIGHT, — I have been thinking, for a long time, that I would write you. I like your name, because in Jesus was Life, and he was the Light of men ; and this is your mission, — to scatter light wherever your leaves reach. You are a welcome visitor at my fireside ; and I always feel my heart warmer towards you after reading your pages. How can we review the work you have undertaken, and feel otherwise? When I read of the sacrifice the dear missionary ladies are making for Christ, I ask myself, ‘Have I done any thing which he could accept?’ In comparison, nothing. I am an unprofitable servant.

“And now you are the representative of the Woman’s Boards of Missions. , God bless them and you ! This would all seem to be the crowning work of the Master to hasten on the millennium ; for your ‘voice is’ indeed ‘heard in all the land.’

“See how he is bringing out and consecrating the talent of the sisters, — those timid ones who have always ‘kept silence.’ They are now anxious, even waiting, to lift up their voices in behalf of the cause of Him who died for us ; and no one says, ‘Let the women keep silence.’ Has there been any new revelation from heaven ? Or has the angel Gabriel brought some secret message to them as to the woman of old ? Or has he sounded a new trumpet ? They hear the sound, and are equipped for the battle ; and do they not make good soldiers ? God giveth strength ; and ‘Onward’ is the watchword. He is watching and directing you ; and speedily is the influence you exert upon us carried to the hearts of the dear missionaries. It waits for no heavy laden ship, or even for the swifter telegraph ; but, while you are yet speaking, the message of prayer from our hearts is wafted to the self-denying laborers.

“Oh ! what a privilege it is to live in this day of his power, and to be able to work in his vineyard. May the Lord give each one of us grace to inquire, ‘What wilt thou have me to do?’”

## AFTER MANY DAYS.

SOME of us now in this country have labored many years among the heathen, and look back upon lost opportunities, and regret that so little good seemed to have resulted from our daily work while among them : even *we* must cast *this* care on the Lord, and feel that what little we did, the Lord will bless.

One or two incidents of interest may help us all to feel more encouraged.

A few years ago a missionary lady who labored for two or three years in one of the cities in India, in her weekly visits to the jail, found there a woman who had been an inmate many years for some crime. She was an attentive listener, and learned to pray. The missionary soon left India, and heard no more of this woman, until a private letter to her (from which I am allowed to copy) gives the following account : —

“ Do you remember teaching her how to pray ? She was taken very ill in jail some months ago, and was allowed to go to her own home, for she had only one more year to serve ; but she did not live long. She died praying, and telling her people to turn to Christ. Her people say that she did not live like them while she was with them ; and although there was no Christian in her village, or ever had been, yet this old woman’s light, feeble though it was (and which you had showed her how to kindle), burned so that the people knew she was very different from them.”

I will mention another incident.

The woman who lived in my family eight years, and took care of my babies while I was occupied in my missionary work each day, remained, to all appearance, an unconcerned heathen. When we left India, she was almost beside herself with grief at parting with us, especially with the children ; and *my* sorrow was, that she had not been brought to Jesus. This week a letter from my sister in India says, “ Last Tuesday, your old *ayah* turned up. I do not think I have seen her since you left. She has just returned from England, where she went in charge of Dr. T’s baby. . . . She says they were in a dreadful storm, and she thought the ship would go down. Several men were drowned ; and, while she was in the greatest fear, she suddenly remembered your reading the story of Jesus and his disciples on the Sea of Galilee : so she thought, “ Jesus is surely here,” and she cried to him just as the disciples did, and she said, —

“I am telling the truth. He heard my prayer; and from that time the storm ceased, and we were saved.”

Thus the smallest mustard-seed springs up: the feeblest effort for Christ results in some good.

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### NEW MISSIONARIES.

Miss M. C. Collins and Miss E. Whipple of Keokuk, Io., and Mrs. A. M. Curtis of Fort Atkinson, Wis., who have recently been appointed to labor among the Dakota Indians, leave for their field immediately after the meeting of the American Board in Chicago. The two former go to Fort Sully to share in the work of Mrs. Thomas Riggs and Miss Bishop. Mrs. Curtis goes to the Sisseton Agency to labor especially among the women. They have all been adopted by the Woman's Board of the Interior; and we bespeak for them the interest, cordial support, and prayers of our auxiliaries.

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LET no one make the mistake of thinking that an auxiliary society, or a State branch, once well organized, will *run of itself*. Officers will not suffice. Gifts of money will not suffice. There must be given *time and labor and forethought*. As well expect a perfect, polished engine to do its work when fire and water fail, as a society to live without the interest, prayers, and little sacrifices of its members.

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

FROM AUG. 15, TO SEPT. 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.			
<i>Atwater.</i> — Aux., Miss A. A. Hutchinson, Treas.,	\$13 00	Young Ladies' Missionary Society, \$12, for a pupil in Marash,	\$81 00
<i>Chatham Centre.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	15 50	<i>Painesville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Parsons,	40 00
<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Maltbie,	75 00	<i>Ravenna.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	13 00
<i>Hudson.</i> — Miss E. E. Metcalf, for the Japan Home,	25 00	Total,	\$263 40
<i>Marietta.</i> — Aux., \$69, of which \$35 is for the support of Pauka Dachora of Samokov, \$25 is for a share in the Japan Home;		INDIANA.	
		<i>Angola.</i> — “Workers for Jesus,”	\$16 00
		<i>Kokomo.</i> — Aux.,	7 00
		Total,	\$23 00

## MICHIGAN.

<i>Adrian.</i> —Mrs. D. Kitchum, \$50;	
Mrs. G. R. Merrill, \$4.50,	\$5 00
<i>Greenville.</i> —Aux.,	16 00
<i>Litchfield.</i> —Aux., \$25; "Shin-	
ing Lights," \$14, for the Japan	
Home,	39 00
<i>Richmond.</i> —Aux.,	2 35
Total,	\$62 35

## ILLINOIS.

<i>Aurora.</i> —Aux. of 1st Ch., of	
wh. \$10 is from G. F. R. for	
the Japan Home,	\$17 00
<i>Chicago.</i> —1st Ch., Aux., for the	
Japan Home, \$14.05; New-	
England Ch., Aux., for Miss	
Chapin's salary, \$15.75, for the	
Japan Home, \$5; Mrs. E. W.	
Blatchford, for printing circulars,	\$9.25; a friend, for the
Japan Home, \$5; another, for	
home expenses, \$7; Plym. Ch.,	
Aux., German girl, for Japan	
Home, \$1,	57 05
<i>Clifton.</i> —Aux.,	4 00
<i>Evanston.</i> —Aux., \$10.25 for Miss	
Porter's salary; \$10 from Mrs.	
L. H. Bowtell for the Japan	
Home,	20 25
<i>Galesburg.</i> —Aux. of 1st Ch., for	
the Japan Home,	34 73
<i>Granville.</i> —Aux.,	7 00
<i>La Salle.</i> —Aux.,	9 50
<i>Moline.</i> —Aux., of which \$35 is	
for a pupil in Erzroom, \$25 for	
the Japan Home, and to const.	
Miss Sara R. Reed, Mrs. Charles	
Atkinson, and Mrs. H. L. Bul-	
len. L. M.'s,	60 00
<i>Port Byron.</i> —Aux.,	6 50
Total,	\$216 03

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Delevan.</i> —Aux., \$11 for the Ja-	
pan Home; \$11.19 for Mrs. Cof-	
fin's "tours to villages,"	\$22 19
<i>Eau Claire.</i> —"Eau Claire Help-	
ers,"	10 00
<i>Green Bay.</i> —Pres. Ch. S. S., for	
Miss Porter's School,	40 00
<i>Lancaster.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>Racine.</i> —Aux., for the Manissa	
school,	28 56
<i>Whitewater.</i> —Aux., for Miss	
Taylor's salary,	25 00
Total,	\$135 75

## IOWA.

<i>Bowen's Prairie.</i> —Aux.,	\$10 00
<i>Dubuque.</i> —Miss Calista C. Rog-	
ers for the Japan Home, and to	
const. Ada M. Clarke a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Fairfield.</i> —Aux., for the Japan	

Home, from a friend of mis-	
sions,	\$2 00
<i>Lansing Ridge.</i> —German Cong.	
Ch., Aux., for the Japan	
Home,	5 00
<i>Lyons.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss	
Day,	35 00
<i>M'Gregor.</i> —Aux., of which \$6	
is for the Japan Home, the	
remainder for the support of	
their Bible-Reader in Turkey,	10 25
<i>Mt. Pleasant.</i> —Aux.,	7 00
<i>Waterloo.</i> —Mrs. A. C. Miller, for	
the support of a Bible-Reader	
in Zeitoon,	50 00
Total,	\$159 00

## MINNESOTA.

<i>Mazeppa.</i> —"From two willing	
children, for the Japan	
Home,"	\$2 00
<i>Plainview.</i> —Woman's Cent.	
Society, for the Japan Home,	3 00
Total,	\$5 00

## DAKOTA TERRITORY.

<i>Sisseton Agency.</i> —Good Will	
Mission, Aux., of which "for	
the sake of her little boy, who	
two years ago entered eternal	
summer," Mrs. Martha Riggs	
Morris, \$1; Henry Morris, "for	
little brother's sake," 25 cts.,	\$13 80
Total,	\$13 80

## KANSAS.

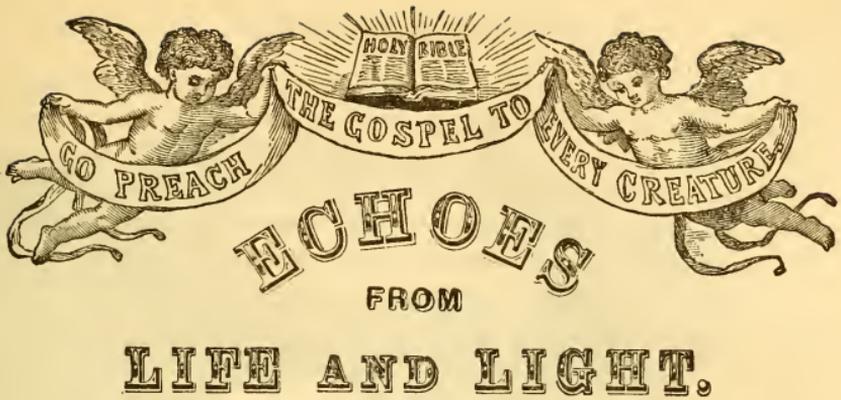
<i>Lawrence.</i> —Aux., \$10; Child-	
ren's Society, \$30, for the	
support of a pupil in Turkey,	\$40 00
Total,	\$40 00

## COLORADO TERRITORY.

<i>Colorado Springs.</i> —Aux.,	\$3 30
Total,	\$3 30

## MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Amherst, Mass.</i> —Mrs. Lester	
for the Japan Home,	\$20 00
<i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> —Miss M. B.	
Herring, for the Japan Home,	
which, with contribution pre-	
viously acknowledged, consti-	
tutes herself and Miss Laura	
Porter Hill Life-Members,	2 00
Woman's Board of Missions of	
the Pacific, for the Japan	
Home, Mrs. R. Cole, Treas-	
urer,	700 00
Total,	\$722 00
Total,	\$1,644 43



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### BRAHMINS.



MOST of you little friends must have heard of the Brahmins, who belong to the highest of the many castes in India; but perhaps you would like to know a little more about them. According to the Hindu books, all the people in India sprang from one great being. Some came from his mouth; and they know how to pray, to read, and to teach. These were the Brahmins. Others came from his arms; and they had strength to draw the bow, to fight, and to govern. Those from his hips had charge of commerce and agriculture; and those from his feet were born to labor and to serve. So, as the Brahmins were the only ones who could read and pray, all the mysteries of their religion, and all sacred knowledge, is confined to them. They alone know how to read the holy books, and perform the religious rites for the people. In some parts of the country, they are considered so holy, that, when they travel, men go before them to clear the way. Even when their food is carried along the highway, the common people must hide themselves, or fall down to the earth, lest their breath should pollute the air while the food of a Brahmin passes by.

The Brahmins also go through a great deal of suffering to obtain the favor of their gods, or in order to be considered holy. Some of them hold their arms in one position so long, that at last they



cannot move them, if they would. Of course, this makes them perfectly helpless, and, as they go about from place to place, the people have to care for them, even the most beautiful ladies thinking it a great privilege to feed them, and wait upon them. Others go long distances, rolling over and over on the ground all the way till they look more like animals than men.

Many of the more intelligent of them, however, see the foolishness of all these things, and live as comfortably as any one in America, dressing like those you see in the picture. Yet even these are so easily polluted, that they are obliged to go through a great many ceremonies to purify themselves,—so many, that it would puzzle any one but a Brahmin to remember them.

Oh, if they only knew and loved our Saviour, how free and happy they would be! We won't rest till we have done all we can to help them to know him, will we?

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## CHINESE SCHOOL-GIRLS.

BY MISS PAYSON.

I AM very much pleased to learn that so many societies in America take such a deep interest in my school as to be willing to support some of its pupils. I trust, that, in addition to the money, they will offer before the mercy-seat many "golden vials full of odors," which are the prayers of God's people. The giving and the teaching, your work and mine, dear little friends, are worth nothing without the praying. I am very sure that prayer ascends from your midst for the scholars whom you support, for their schoolmates and teachers. And now I want to ask you to pray for a child's paper in Chinese that I have lately started here. The two ladies of the Methodist mission who assist me have charge of several schools; and, judging by the eager way in which their pupils and mine read it month by month, it is going to be very attractive to these Chinese children. If it is read, it will certainly do good; for here, as well as in America, children like to have wholesome doctrine and morals sugar-coated with a story. The little paper contains chiefly anecdotes, long and short, mostly religious, translated from the books and papers for children published in foreign countries.

In one of the late papers was a story about a girl, who, from

having been disliked by everybody for her harsh and unkind remarks, learned to set such a watch over her lips, that she became, in time, the special favorite of all. One of my little girls came to me yesterday, saying she wished for one of the papers: she had not money to buy more. "Which one do you wish?" I asked. "Oh!" she replied, "I want the one that tells about the girl who took care of her tongue." I was pleased with the answer, because it showed that the story had made an impression upon her.

My scholars go home for vacation at the end of this month; but I think very few of them look forward to it with much delight. Nearly every one of them comes from a home of the greatest poverty, where it is a matter of course for parents and children to shiver in winter for lack of clothing, and all the year round to feel weak and faint for want of food. If by some unlooked-for good fortune, such as the selling of a baby-sister at a high price, a few extra dollars find their way into the family-purse, they are hoarded up at once to buy a wife for the eldest son and brother. One of my scholars, about ten years old, is named *King Ngük*, which means "golden gem;" and her good scholarship, as well as her amiable, unassuming manners, make her quite worthy of such a name. This good little girl goes to a home worse than that of any of the others, — to a wretched household, where the father does nothing but smoke opium, using every bit of money he can secure from the miserable earnings of his wife, to buy the deadly drug. The wife's work, I suppose, is to bring heavy loads of wood down the mountain-side, or to stand, knee-deep, under a broiling sun, in a marshy rice-field, setting out plants, and pulling out the weeds. *King Ngük* is always sweet-tempered, and was never known to speak an angry word. But I have never heard her laugh aloud; and her face always has a look of resignation about it, as though, child as she is, she had learned patience by suffering.

*Siang Muoi* sits at the same desk with "Golden Gem," and is a diminutive little creature; but long ago her mother set her to bringing heavy loads of wood down the hillsides, like a strong, grown-up woman. She often beats the frail, delicate child, and is so harsh and cruel, that I think the school is almost a paradise to *Siang Muoi*, compared with her home. *King King*, or "Gold Gold," has a stepmother who has no love for her, and begrudges her every grain of rice she eats while at home.

But *Ting Ngik*, the "Precious Gem," and *King Leng*, the "Golden Lily," have parents who are Christians; and in their homes they will be gladly welcomed. A Christian home, and a heathen home, — what a world-wide difference there is between them! The fathers of these girls are two of our most valued native preachers; and their mothers are graduates of mission boarding-schools, in every way worthy to be the wives of preachers. Five of my scholars have expressed a wish to be received into the church soon; but they are very young, and we may think best to have them wait some months longer before they are admitted. Two of them are betrothed to heathen; and probably will have to endure much persecution, if they should determine to come out boldly on the Lord's side. My two oldest pupils are to leave school, and to be married in a short time. They are both members of the church; and, as the wives of Christian men, I hope they may be of much use in leading their neighbors and others to the Saviour.

Pray for these two, that they may let their light shine, and never be ashamed to "stand up for Jesus."

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## MISSION-CIRCLES.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE BRANCH. — *Portland*. — "Corner-Stones," \$35.00.  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE BRANCH. — *Dover*. — "Busy Bees," \$50.00.  
     *Manchester*. — "Earnest Workers," \$30.00.  
     *North Haverhill and Plaistow*. — "We Girls," \$25.00.  
     *Claremont*. — "Merry Workers," \$35.00.  
     *Kensington*. — "Willing Workers," \$6.00.  
     *Exeter*. — "Busy Bees," \$10.00.  
     *Manchester*. — "Gleaners," \$10.00; "Ready Helpers," \$10.00;  
     "The Reapers," \$10.00; "Little Grains of Granite," \$10.00;  
     "Earnest Workers," \$20.00.  
     *Peterborough*. — "Willing Hearts," \$10.00.  
     *Portsmouth*. — "Mizpah Circle," \$10.00.  
     *New Ipswich*. — "Hillside Gleaners," \$10.00.  
     *Portsmouth*. — "Rogers Mission-Circle," \$10.00.  
 VERMONT BRANCH. — *South Hero*. — "Band of Helpers," \$25.00.  
     *Barnet*. — "Buds of Promise," \$17.10.  
 MASSACHUSETTS. — *Ashfield*. — "We Girls," \$15.00.  
     *Bernardston*. — "Cup-Bearers," \$6.50.  
     *East Taunton*. — "Mission-Circle," \$2.50.

*Grantville.* — Sallie, Fannie, and Helen, \$5.00.

*Marblehead.* — "Youth's Church Association," \$14.00; "Cheerful Workers," \$11.00.

*Spencer.* — "Hillside Gleaners," \$11.70.

*Yarmouth.* — "Little Sea-Birds," \$2.50.

CONNECTICUT. — *Darien.* — "Sunbeams," \$70.00.

*Hanover.* — "Mission-Circle," \$5.00.

NEW YORK. — *Brooklyn.* — Frank and Andrew Hoyt, \$1.50.

OHIO. — *Marietta.* — Young Ladies' Missionary Society, \$12.00.

INDIANA. — *Angola.* — "Workers for Jesus," \$16.00.

MICHIGAN. — *Litchfield.* — "Shining Lights," \$14.00.

WISCONSIN. — *Eau Claire.* — "Eau Claire Helpers," \$10.00.

*Green Bay.* — Presbyterian Church Sunday School, \$40.00.

MINNESOTA. — *Mazeppa.* — "Two Willing Children," \$2.00.

DAKOTA TERRITORY. — *Sisseton Agency.* — Henry Morris, 25 cents.

*Kansas.* — Children's Society, \$30.00.

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### LETTER FROM NELLIE TYLER.

MANY of our young readers will remember that we received a very acceptable contribution from Africa just a year ago, — the contents of Nellie Tyler's missionary-box. If they do not remember the contribution, they have not forgotten the nice little letter that came with it, and will be glad to read another from the same source.

MY DEAR MRS. BOWKER, — Ever since I sent you my last money, I have been trying to get some more in my box; but I could not get enough: so I emptied all my purse, and had only two pennies left. My white money all went jingling into the box, and it made a good deal of noise; but I wanted to send more than I did last year, and was quite disappointed when mamma counted it, and it was not quite so much. As I was going to Durban soon, where the stores are, I saved my black pennies to buy some candy, because I had not been to Durban before since we landed. And now that is the story I want to tell you about.

One morning mamma took me to a nice store, where there were big bottles of candy and nuts, and other nice things; and I told Mr. Jameson I wanted to buy some candy. Then he asked me how much money I had; and I emptied my purse, and there were pennies and some half-pennies, making in all five pennies. He took the money, and gave me some candy out of nearly all the bottles, and then went to the raisins and nuts, and made a parcel large

enough to fill my reticule quite full. He had to squeeze it hard to get it in; and it was so heavy I asked mamma to carry it for me. I came home quite happy; for I had not bought any thing with my own money for more than a year. But now let me tell you how funny it was. When I came to open the bag to take out the sweets, all the money I had given came out with them. Mamma said it was like Benjamin's brothers in the Bible, who found their money in their sacks; and she asked me what I would do with it. I told her we could put it with Mrs. Bowker's money; and she found it was just enough to make five shillings, except one penny wanting. She gave me the other penny: so I can send you just the same as last year. I wish it was a great deal more.

I like to hear about other little children in America, about their fairs and their picnics, and the way they earn their money. I am six years old now, and much larger than I was last year. Those little twins, Gracie and Daisy, that I told you about last year, are growing very fast too.

There are a great many other little girls here, and one little boy named Aaron. On Christmas Day, I gave him a toy kitty that I brought from America, because his mother gave us her live kitty to kill the mice; and he was so pleased when he heard it cry, that he jumped up and down, and said, "The kitty talks." Every day the little children come to learn to read; and I often go to the door, and hear them saying their letters, or counting, or singing. In recess I let them swing; and they swing me. And now I want to go out to play, and must say good-by, dear Mrs. Bowker.

Your affectionate little friend, NELLIE TYLER.

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## Children's Missionary Hymn.

BY MRS. DANA.

O God! who gives us food and health,  
 And love of parents dear,  
 In homes where we are taught to praise  
 Thy holy name with fear,

What can we do to spread abroad  
 The knowledge of thy love?  
 To distant heathen children point  
 The way to heaven above?

For darkness, sorrow, death, and sin  
 Surround their pathway drear:  
 No sound of Jesus' friendly voice  
 Has reached their deafened ear.

Oh, send kind teachers!— send, we pray,  
 To tell them Christ has died,  
 And lives again in heaven, whence  
 He calls each sinful child.

Our penny mites we cheerful give;  
 Accept them, Lord, we pray,  
 And teach us to ask God to bless  
 The heathen every day.

And, while we pray that heathen souls  
 Be washed in Jesus' blood,  
 Our hearts we bring for cleansing too  
 To thee, O Lamb of God!

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## ENIGMA.

BY MISS HATTIE E. GRAVES.

I AM composed of 31 letters.

My 1, 21, 5, 10, 22, 9, was one of Jesus' disciples.

My 10, 16, 18, 29, 30, was one of Abraham's sons.

My 2, 14, 17, 57, was a cruel king.

My 20, 8, 25, 22, 8, is a mountain in Palestine.

My 29, 6, 19, 10, 22, 31, 13, 29, 11, 22, was the residence of a rich man  
 spoken of in the New Testament.

My 22, 18, 6, 19, 3, 24, was the husband of one of Saul's daughters.

My 22, 17, 8, 12, 29, 8, was one of the sons of Haman.

My 29, 12, 13, 16, 23, was the youngest son of Zeruah.

My 14, 4, 8, was a Jewish priest.

My 27, 17, 26, 22, 9, was a city from which St. Paul sailed.

My 12, 28, 8, 25, 14, was an unclean animal spoken of in the Old Testa-  
 ment.

My 1, 29, 15, 13, 29, 31, 2, was Solomon's daughter.

My 12, 10, 11, 17, 25, 29, was the site of one of the seven churches spoken  
 of in the New Testament.

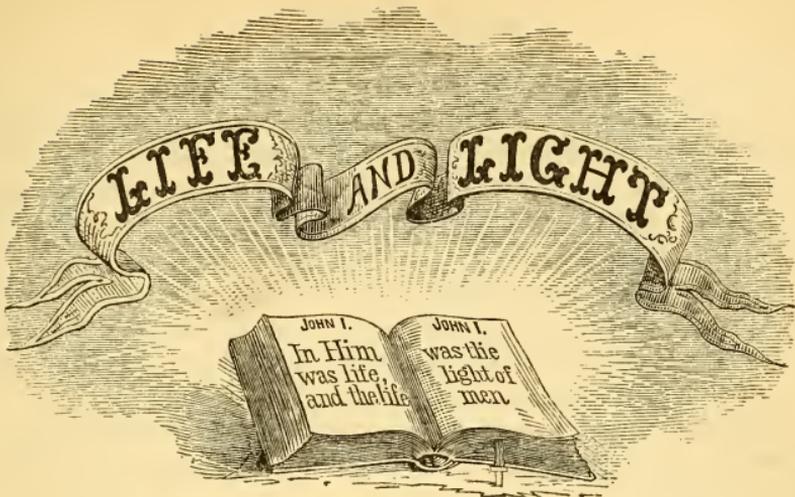
My whole is a verse in the Psalms.

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## ANSWER TO ACROSTIC.

"As thy day so shall thy strength be."

We have received correct answers to the acrostic in the September  
 number, from H. E. G., Amherst, Mass.; H., South Milford, Mass.;  
 S. H. P., Norwich, Conn.; J. M. J., Ithaca, N.Y.



## FOR WOMAN.

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THE ROYAL STANDARD.

BY MRS. S. B. CAPRON.

AMONG other pleasant experiences in America was an invitation, from Mr. Sargent of the Congregational House, to help myself to some of the treasures in his attractive bookstore. Thankfully accepting the kind offer, I took possession of one of those rolls of Scripture passages, entitled "Heavenly Sunshine." I thought, "I will have this in my own room; and these songs of the Lord shall refresh me in my home in the jungle." When I unpacked it, my room was in the hands of the masons; and I hung it on the handle of the open door, leading from the hall to the veranda.

Not long after, as I was passing through the room, a young man who had been sitting there said to me,—

"I have been reading those words. What does it mean by 'perfect peace'?"

I replied, "Then you do not know in your heart what such peace is?"

"No, I am sure I do not! far from it. It must be very blessed indeed to have perfect peace in one's soul." We had a long and earnest conversation about the new birth and its blessings.

A few days after, he said to me, as he was leaving, —

“I hope that you will keep those pages hung up in this room. Those who come here will read them; and I like to read them myself. They give me many thoughts. The one there to-day — ‘There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother’ — needs explanation.”

So it has come about, that the “Heavenly Sunshine” that I brought to shine into my own heart shall “declare his glory among the heathen,” and “say among the heathen, that the Lord reigneth.” Precious, precious word of God!

Every morning I unfurl my standard with its wonderful proclamation. “What is that?” asked a man, one day, who did not know English.

“It is the royal standard,” I said. “It may always be known in which of her palaces the queen is residing by the banner floating from the staff above it. We are heirs of the heavenly King. These words are from him; and we may rejoice in them all the day long. Oh! how poor you are, when you might ask him to fill your house with his presence and he would surely come.”

He knew what I said, and he felt what I meant, and replied, —

“If I lived in this town, I should know more about these things.” Then followed a conversation about the poverty of one far from God, that seemed guided by the Spirit.

A few days ago, I heard some one slowly spelling these words as he stood in the doorway: —

“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.”

What a proclamation for Mana Madura! Dear child of God, are *you* praying still for Mana Madura?

Pray on; for he that seeth in secret will reward you — *even you* — openly.

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## THE NEW STAR.

BY MRS. J. E. CHANDLER.

ONE day, some six years ago, a woman came to our house in Madura, in company with a village catechist. She was young (nineteen or twenty), and wished to be admitted to the boarding-school to learn of our religion, and to read our *vethām*. She was

an ordinary looking woman, of the shepherd caste, who had been married; but her husband had divorced her, and taken another wife. She had been doing coolie work, and in this way had been employed by the catechist's family, and had attended meetings for a time. She said the first she had ever heard of this new religion was during the year previous, when the missionaries were itinerating with a tent, in that region, from village to village. She stood around, and listened to their preaching, and had a great desire to hear more, but did not see any way, until she went to the catechist's family for work and food. At their suggestion she came to me.

I told her we had no class in which to put a grown woman; but if she would help in the kitchen, and be cheerful and obedient, I would give her a home for a month, and then decide about her future. At the end of the month, she had done so well, and shown such a desire to learn, that we had no hesitation in keeping her. She seemed to believe in Jesus from the very first. One day she said to me, "This religion is so beautiful! It is like a new star in my sky." After six months she surprised me by repeating some verses from the Testament that she had learned by herself. At the end of a year she united with the church; and her life has been consistent with her profession.

I have not heard from her recently; but I hope to meet her among the innumerable throng, where we shall see the "Bright and Morning Star" that beamed upon her in her heathenish darkness, and guided her to his own bright home above. When she united with the church, I asked, "Would you like a new name?"—"I have selected one," she answered, and gave me the name *Samathanum*, which means "peace."

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## TURKEY.

### HANUM'S LETTER.

WE give below a letter from one of the graduates of our Harpoot Seminary, written to her teachers. Miss Seymour writes of her as follows:—

"Hanum's father was formerly a shoemaker in Harpoot, but, being very anxious for an education, left his trade, and studied medicine with Dr. Nutting. When Dr. Reynolds first went to Van, he accompanied him, taking his family. Hanum is his only child; and he has taken a great deal of pains with her. She told

me, that, when she was a little girl, he used to rouse her from her sleep before light in the morning, that he might give her a reading-lesson before going to his daily work. She has one of the best minds we have ever had in our school. I well remember the day when she gave herself to the Saviour; and I have watched her spiritual growth with great interest."

"MY DEAREST TEACHERS, — Lo, now I have heard that Brother Bedros will rise to a journey Monday to return to Harpoot; and while to-day is Saturday, and the sun has already entered the west, I am not able to write a long letter, and to write to my fellow-pupils, as I had intended to do. I send you a translation of a tract, 'The Way to be holy.' Oh, how blessed would it be if this translation should be useful to our beloved scholars! Then would my joy in being able to translate the tract be twofold and tenfold. My beloved ones, I believe the Lord wishes to give a great blessing to your school this year; and, while I pray about this thing, my desire increases from day to day. It seems to me that the Lord wishes to give the blessing, therefore with faith and expectation let us continue our entreaties: surely he will give it.

"Behold, these events about which I now write happened Monday and this morning. Six months ago Tavit and Markar, two brothers, who were driven with blows from their father's house, came to our house for safety. Yesterday evening Markar, the younger brother, came again to our house for the same reason. The father had commanded that they should not come to Protestant meeting; and, truly, for two sabbaths they came not, for the father's sake. But, seeing that the hinderance would be continued, they came last sabbath. The father sought them, and, finding them in the meeting, did not make any disturbance, but, in the evening, beat and drove Markar out of the house. He came to us; and we put medicine on his swollen arm where his father had beaten him with a stick. This morning the mother and father's sister came to take him away. This aunt is a wicked woman, unmarried, and from thirty-five to forty years old. She purposely has remained unmarried, that she might enter the kingdom of heaven. She sews shoes; and every sabbath day she carries them to the door of the church, and sells them. And to-day, in Van, we heard dreadful curses and blasphemy fall from her mouth. She said to my father, 'The wounds that the Virgin Mary can give fall upon you.' To me she said, 'Are you writing a letter to Satan (a letter which I had been writing was in my hand)? may

the writing and reading destroy you, soul and body! To Dr. Reynolds she said, 'May that tall form of yours enter the earth, that you may not come here to ruin our land, to take our children from our hands.' And thus with cursing and swearing, and many bad words, she left us.

"A little while after, the father, and an influential man from his quarter of the city, came to Dr. Reynolds to take the boy. Markar said, 'If you will give me permission to go to the Protestant chapel, I will go with you.' The father gave his word, took the boy, and left. While they were talking, my father had gone to Markar's house to talk with the father, and to tell him, that, if he would permit the boy to come to the chapel, he would return home: if not, he would stay with us. But, not finding the father there, he had much discussion with Markar's older brother and with his mother and aunt. When the father came, he had much talk with him also. When my father returned home, he told us of these things, and said his going did a great deal of good: all of them listened with great sweetness.

"My beloved Miss Seymour, I received your loving letter, and, reading it, I greatly rejoiced. My beloved ones, I have well understood the sincerity of your love; and, when your letters delay to come, I never think it is because you have forgotten me. If for years I should not receive letters from you, I should still know there was a reason, and should not think your love had lessened, or that it was indifference. Hearing that the work is going forward in Harpoot and Egin, we greatly rejoiced: our faith was increased, and our trust in God's promises strengthened."

In another letter, speaking of Mr. H. S. Barnum's little boy whom she greatly loved, she writes:—

"When we returned from the burial, my heart was very much troubled. I went to a solitary place, and fell at God's feet, and said, 'Lord, I do not wish to live any longer in sin: I do not wish to be a half-hearted Christian, that I should be warm one day, and another cold; one day joyful, and another sorrowful; one day ready for death's coming, and another fearing it; one day filled with faith, and another plunged into despondency. I do not wish to have such a state: I want that thou shouldest establish my mind, and keep it in perfect peace. I entreat that quickly thou grant me an answer.' The next day, as I sat thinking about my request, I said to myself, 'What is this that I am saying? Can one be perfect in this world? And so am I not asking to leave the

world?' But instantly the words of Christ came to my mind when he prayed to his Father, saying, 'I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.' And this last text greatly encouraged me to pray with more faith that this gift might be imparted to me. And this text also, 'He was made unto us, of God, wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.' Yes, I believe that he is my holiness. I have cast all my soul upon him; and I believe he will help me that the evil touch me not. And I know that the Lord has begun his work in me; for I often see that he keeps me free when I have had no thought, and made no effort.'

In her last letter she says :—

"How I should rejoice, if, with the other scholars, I could enjoy your loving presence and your sweet countenance! But praise be to God for my present condition; for I know that my coming here has been very beneficial to my soul. In the days of my exile here, as my heart turns to my native place, I think at the same time of my heavenly home, and my desire to reach there is increased, where, in perfect holiness, we shall see our blessed Saviour face to face, and not, as now, with the eye of weak faith. And in this state of strangerhood I have also learned to tell Christ about every thing, and to give him to solve all the questions I do not understand; so that the way of life may be plain before me. Again, in these days of my strangerhood, I have learned from the Holy Spirit to seek for a holy life. The desire arose, after translating the tract, 'The Way to be Holy' and since the death of Georgie Barnum. And these days I think much about the faithfulness of God, who gives to my soul such unspeakable joy and comfort. Therefore, my beloved ones, how can my soul not praise the Lord for his blessed electing love? and how shall I not say, 'Lord, thy will be done. Yes, Lord, choose thou my lot, and let thy will be done in all things'?"

"In one of my letters I told you of a boy named Markar, who suffered great persecution for the gospel from his parents. Last sabbath, his mother and aunt came again, and dragged him out of the chapel, beating him, and raising a great commotion; so that our service stood still for about ten minutes. Let us pray that our heavenly Father pour out his Holy Spirit upon his work, so that his persecuted servants may confess him with courage. And, comparing the former state of Paul the apostle with his latter life, let us take courage to pray for these opposers of the gospel.

"ILANUM."

## EXAMINATION-MEETINGS.

BY MISS M. A. C. ELY.

OF the quiet yet decided religious interest in our school, I said something in a former letter. This interest continues, and is a most pleasant and encouraging feature in our work. For several years we have had, almost without interruption, weekly meetings with our pupils; no one else being present. They are very informal, and, from their general character, have come to be called examination-meetings. The object is to invite the girls to a full and free recital of their every-day experiences, their little joys and trials, their daily defeats and victories, and the hopes and resolutions they have for loving and serving the Lord. In the great freedom that marks these occasions, each one feels at liberty to speak of any thing she likes, — to ask for counsel, information, or for the prayers of her teachers and schoolmates.

We often wish that those who love and pray for these girls could be present at some of these gatherings, — see the serious, earnest faces, hear the simple, touching narrations. Yesterday being the day for our regular meeting, I called the older pupils to my room to give them some advice as to their relations to the five new scholars who entered the school last week. After prayer and a few words of counsel, I desired them to speak, or offer prayer. First, Shamman, — married, a few weeks since, to a young man studying for the ministry, — with characteristic earnestness and simplicity, said, “I have been thinking, lately, of the time when I shall go to the villages. I am very much afraid I shall not know how to answer the difficult questions that may be asked me, and that I shall not glorify the Master in my conduct before strangers. If I were going to my native village, I should not be so fearful; but, if we go to Derkevant, I have many fears. I hope you will not forget to pray for your weak sister.” I told her I thought it was often the best way not to try to answer the questions and arguments raised by opposers, but, instead, to turn their attention to plain practical truth; perhaps by quoting Scripture, as, for example, “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine;” or, “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son.” I also told her, that if she sincerely loved the Saviour, and tried to glorify him, she ought not to doubt the result. Shamman is a very earnest worker. She was one of the converts in the revival last winter, and is a member of the Bitlis church.

Another said, "I am very anxious to lead a Christian life, and particularly to set a good example to my new companions. Pray that I may not be a cause of stumbling to any of them." Said Salvan, "Pray for me that I may be a true Christian, and live in great love with all my schoolmates. Especially I ask your prayers for my mother, that she may give her heart to Jesus." One who has been a consistent disciple of the Lord spoke as follows: "A few weeks since, my mind became greatly confused. I did not enjoy prayer or religious talk as formerly, and was very unhappy. For two sabbaths past I have given close attention at all the meetings, and have derived great benefit from them. I am happy again. Prayer and religious talk seem very sweet to me."

One who hopes she gave her heart to the Saviour last winter said, "I am very weak and sinful. I see that I often fall into temptation; but I trust in Christ. My hope in him is strong. I ask your prayers, that, wherever I may be, I may work for Christ, and glorify his name." Little Surpoohi spoke of having much thought and care for her mother and older sister, because they are not Christians, and hoped her companions would remember them in their prayers, and also pray for her, that she might be faithful in every duty. Surpoohi is one of the youngest in school, studious and diligent, and, better than any thing else, gives evidence of having consecrated her heart to the Lord.

Margaret told of increased joy in spiritual exercises, particularly in private prayer, and said she was trying very hard to have good lessons, to maintain good conduct, and live in love with her companions. I reminded her, that, a few days previous, she had complained of having too long lessons; and she said she had done so, but would not again. Lucine said, "I am trying to be a Christian. Pray that I may do my whole duty, and help my schoolmates to do right; and also for my parents, that they may receive the truth." These remarks were closely followed by three prayers, when, the hour having more than expired, I told them we must close our meeting.

Our scholars told us, a short time since, whenever we wrote to the Woman's Board, to present their grateful salutations.

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"SCATTERING on every side the sweet incense of the Saviour's name." Such is the work of the Christian missionary, which is a sweet savor unto God in them that are saved.

# Our Work at Home.

## PROPORTION OF WOMAN'S WORK.

THE women of the Presbyterian Church have been censured by some for not extending a share of their sympathy and aid to the cause of Home Missions as well as to that of the foreign field. Twice has an effort been made, through the authority of the General Assembly, to secure a division of funds raised by all existing societies and auxiliaries, between the two causes.

On the other hand, the answer has been given, that already far more was done for the home than for the foreign cause. It has been shown, that even in Philadelphia, where the interest in the foreign work is greatest, the proportionate gifts to the home work are as seven to five ; that in New York they are still greater ; and that in Baltimore, where the Assembly met two years ago, the proportion in one of the largest churches was as nineteen for the home to eleven for the foreign work. Nor are these amounts a mere fictitious value put upon "cast-off clothing." Almost invariably either new garments, or money, is sent. Generally new material is purchased and made up, because the *making* is a further help to the missionary's wife. The valuation is generally below, rather than above, the real cost. When we remember that a much larger number of churches are engaged for home missionaries than for foreign, it seems probable that at least twice as much is done for the former as for the latter. Whether this aid shall be rendered through the Board in New York, and shall consist wholly of money, or whether it shall be sent to the missionaries directly, is a question to be settled by the parties concerned. But, in any case, that work, however carried on, should not interfere with that which is done for the foreign field.

A recent report of the Woman's Missionary Society of Rochester Presbytery shows the following proportions :—

For Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$1,921.82
For Home Missions, Cash . . . . .	\$1,624.37
Cash Value of Boxes . . . . .	2,127.29
	3,751.66

*From the Foreign Missionary of the Presbyterian Church.*

What is true in the Presbyterian work is emphatically true in the Congregational, as the following paper, prepared by one of our directors, will show.

## HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

BY MISS HELEN LAMSON.

THE great question of the day, the question pressing on the hearts of Christians, is the work of home and foreign missions. The Head of the Church is calling for enlarged effort in both. How are the American churches meeting this demand? Has there not been a misapprehension as to the relative standing of the two?

Because an organization like the American Board is able to report an annual income of from four hundred to four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which is expended in the foreign work, while the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society has but seventy thousand dollars, it is neither right nor just for any one to assert that the foreign work prospers at the expense of the home-field. The greater part of the work abroad is done by one or two societies in each denomination; as, for example, the Baptist Missionary Union, the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and the Episcopal Board. As there are so few organizations, the amount of each one's receipts will be large; and so a false idea may be conveyed of the proportion between the contributions of the churches to the home cause and to the foreign. In the home-field, the number of organizations is much greater, as the work divides itself into manifold branches, — homes for the destitute, for seamen, and for children and aged persons; hospitals for children, for consumptives; Christian associations for young men and women; city missionary and relief societies; home missionary work in the Western States; schools and colleges among the freedmen. As, therefore, the number of societies is so much larger, the income of each one is, of necessity, smaller.

If we take the city of Boston, we shall find that there are seventy-two charitable associations within its limits. Of this number, sixty-four are devoted to various departments of home-work, five are engaged in foreign fields, and three divide their receipts between the two causes in the average proportion of one dollar for the foreign field to eleven dollars for the home. From statistics compiled for the government, it appears, that in the year 1873 (which

was not exceptional in the amount of contributions), exclusive of State aid, the city of Boston gave to home charities \$3,466,437, and assisted about one-fifth of its population. The contributions of the Boston churches to foreign missions for a year amount to about eighty thousand dollars, or one dollar for foreign work to forty-three dollars for home.

We should remember, in connection with this subject, that the foreign work labors under one very serious disadvantage. The contributions to the home societies are what they are represented to be; while those to the foreign societies, being in currency of the United States, have to be changed into gold before they can be used. What is a dollar to the home-work represents only from eighty-five to eighty-seven cents to the foreign. Many inquiries have reached us on these points, and, having collected the preceding facts, we cheerfully submit them. While these statistics may be a surprise to most of us, the lesson which they teach is certainly, not that we should give less to home missions, but more to foreign. The poor we have always with us, and their claim upon our charities is large; but we must not forget that the foreign work is based upon a special command of our glorified Master, fortified by a special promise; and that it was his parting charge to "go into *all* the world, and preach the gospel to *every* creature."

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#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

A LARGE attendance at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Branch gave promise of the "success" (beyond numbers) which, at the close of the sessions, was realized by those most anxious for the result. On invitation of the President, Mrs. Dr. Ray Palmer, about two hundred had assembled in the chapel of the Belleville Avenue Church, Newark, N.J., and joined first in devotional exercises. Then a greeting was extended to all by Mrs. Palmer, inviting all present to the collation provided at noon.

The Secretary's Report showed one new auxiliary in the Plymouth Church, Philadelphia, and mentioned others about to organize, with new members added to the older societies. The love and confidence expressed in the "written message" from Boston gave an incentive for progress, enforced by salutations from the New Haven Branch, closest in relationship.

The Vermont Branch sent greetings; also the Woman's Board

of the Interior. And, failing to come and address the meeting, Mrs. Wheeler of Harpoot appeared by letter, telling in glowing words the need of missionary efforts, and pleading for prayer. Miss Goulding, representing a Woman's Union Missionary Society in San Francisco, spoke of its work, one with the others, who seek to elevate heathen women. The different auxiliaries reported their year's work, which proves, in many cases, growth, and much increase of interest. From the Treasurer, about fifteen hundred dollars was reported as the receipts of the branch last year.

Papers were read by Mrs. Chickering of Washington, and Mrs. Whiting of Philadelphia, both intended to aid and stimulate the home-workers. Adjourning to the church-parlor, a social gathering brought all into acquaintance and sympathy. The afternoon session was devoted to missionary addresses. Mrs. Williams, of long experience in Eastern Turkey, gave her testimony to the power of Christian influence over the ignorant and superstitious women in that land. Mrs. Hume, from the New Haven Branch, gave the motto, "Love for God," the only aim and guide in this work for him. Mrs. Chandler, of the Madura Mission, told of the encouragement in her school, and also in the zenana work, yet stated the vast numbers of those still unreached. Thus the echo of the charge from Boston — that we "go forward" — was heard in the facts and appeals presented. The officers of the previous year were re-elected; and the meeting closed with devotional exercises.

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### A DELIGHTFUL GATHERING.

ON the 12th, 13th, and 14th of October, there was held in the Island Ward of Boston a convention of the presidents and secretaries of branches connected with the Woman's Board of Missions.

The convention was a peculiar one, inasmuch as its meetings were not held in any church or public building; but, through the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowker, the ladies from abroad were their guests for the three days; and the sessions were all held in their ample parlors.

Very pleasant was the home-feeling thus secured in the morning and evening meetings for prayer; and here, while the warm October sunshine rested without on the bright maples and on the sparkling waters of the harbor, we sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We met as strangers, "whom, having not seen,

we loved," for their work's sake; but now, looking into each others' faces, and grasping each others' hands, we became personal friends.

Questions for discussion had been previously sent by the Branches; and on these a free interchange of opinion was given, and much unanimity of feeling shown.

On Wednesday afternoon, very able papers were read on topics which had been previously sent to the several branches. One of these, presented by Mrs. Lemuel Gulliver, was on "Organization, the Relation of the American Board to the Woman's Board, of the Woman's Board to its Branches, and of Branches to Auxiliaries;" one, by Mrs. N. G. Clark, on "Special Appropriations;" one, by Mrs. Bates, on "Publications;" and one, by Miss Child, on "A Bureau of Exchange."

These papers were all adopted by the convention; and they will be published in "Life and Light," or in leaflet form.

On Thursday the presidents and secretaries of conferences connected with the Board were present; and after some important papers had been read, and topics discussed, Mrs. Wheeler of Harpoot addressed the convention; and her warm, loving words brought both smiles and tears, drawing all hearts to herself and her Master.

At an evening reception on Thursday, members of the Prudential Committee, and other friends of missions, were present; and the season of social enjoyment will long be remembered.

Surely, as we separated, each to our home and our work, we were ready to say, in the words of the grand old Apostles' Creed, "I believe in the communion of saints."

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### ONE MORE CHANGE.

WE trust our readers will not think us "unstable," that we come again this month with notice of change. They will see in the Children's Department that *Echoes* is issued in its present form for the last time. The reasons are briefly these:—

At our rooms in Boston, we have heard more than one distant voice, from over seas as well as from this land, saying, "We wish we had more foreign letters printed," "more information about the home work," "more missionary items." "Is it not a mistake that you issue *Echoes* twice?"

"The Well-Spring" came to us recently with propositions to use the fourth page of their issue for the coming year. As we have

ever felt that the training of the young was the elementary work of our society, we gladly accepted this opportunity to come to the children weekly, instead of monthly, in a form which they will consider their own.

This arrangement leaves the eight pages now occupied by Echoes for the increased demands of our work. We trust the change will be acceptable; and, to make it a success, it only remains that you individually see, that, if "The Well-Spring" is not already in your sabbath school, it be introduced, remembering that it is the child's paper for the Congregational denomination.

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### DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.

MRS. KATE P. WILLIAMS, Miss ELLEN C. PARSONS, and Miss CLARISSA H. PRATT, recently-appointed missionaries of the Woman's Board, sailed from New York in "The City of Chester," Oct. 23, *en route* for Turkey. Mrs. Williams and Miss Parsons go to the Constantinople Home; and Miss Pratt is to be associated with Miss Sears in the school at Mardin. Mr. and Mrs. Andrus—the latter well known to our readers as Miss Olive Parmelee—were also of the party, returning to their work in Mardin. Miss Hattie G. Powers, who has been in this country for two years past on account of ill health, also left New York Oct. 6, for Manissa, Turkey.

So the ranks are filling up. God speed them in their work!

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### WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPT. 18, TO OCT. 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

#### MAINE.

*Maine Branch.*—Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana., Treas., Bethel, 2d Cong. Ch., "Little Helpers," \$50; Whiting, Aux., \$10; Norridgewock, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Sally W. Fletcher, \$25; St. Albans, Mission-Circle, \$3.75; Albany, Mrs. H. G. Lovejoy, \$5; New Gloucester, Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. J. G. Leavitt, \$27; Machias, Aux., \$16.75; Madison, Aux., \$10; Waterford, Aux., \$15, \$162 50

Total, \$162 50

#### VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas., West Westminster, Aux., \$12.67; Georgia, Aux., \$10.75; Shoreham, Aux., \$25; Enosburg, Aux., \$7.25; Springfield, Aux., \$17; Burlington, Aux., \$40; St. Johnsbury, So. Ch., \$18.75; Lower Waterford, Aux., prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. E. M. Wells, \$10.75; Newport, Aux., \$32.17, of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Alvin W. Adams, "Cheerful Workers," \$5; Middlebury, Aux., of wh. \$50 to

const. L. M.'s Mrs. Dugald Stewart, Mrs. Henry Wilson, \$88.10, \$267 44  
 Total, \$267 44

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*Vermont Branch.*— Rutland, Aux., toward Daniels Room, \$35 53

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Adams.*— "Little Folks' Miss'y Soc'y" \$6 00  
*Auburndale.*— A friend, thank-offering, 5 00  
*Blackinton.*— "Busy Bees," 7 00  
*Boston.*— Mrs. H. B. Hooker, to const. L. M. Miss Clara N. Herendeen of Falmouth, Mass., \$25; Mrs. Wm. W. Whitcomb, to const. herself L. M., as a thank-offering, \$25; Miss Parcher, \$1; Berkeley St. Ch., Ladies' Monthly Pledge, \$9.75; Mt. Vernon Ch., Mrs. Hall, \$5; Mrs. Colby, \$5 for organ, 70 75  
*Brockton.*— Aux., 60 00  
*Charlestown.*— Winthrop Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Mary Ann Flanders, 88 00  
*Chelsea.*— 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., \$62.25; Central Ch., Aux., \$75, 137 25  
*Clinton.*— Aux., towards sal'y of Mrs. Giles, 46 44  
*Danvers.*— "Cheerful Workers," pupil, Marsovan, 40 00  
*Dedham.*— Contents of mite-box, 14 00  
*East Charlemont.*— Aux., 5 76  
*Fitchburg.*— C. C. Ch., Aux., 49 00  
*Granby.*— Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. R. Henry Davis, Mrs. Julia Bates, Miss Jennie De Witt, 75 00  
*Holbrook.*— Aux., Miss Sarah J. Holbrook, to const. herself L. M., \$25; Miss Ann E. Holbrook, to const. herself and Miss Ruth W. French L. M.'s, \$50; 75 00  
*Lincoln.*— Aux., of wh. \$50 to const. L. M.'s Miss Julia A. Bemis and Miss Eliza F. Fay; \$10 for work in Papal lands; "Cheerful Givers," \$5.65, 65 65  
*Pittsfield.*— Mrs. Thomas Colt, to const. L. M. Mrs. John Tatlock, 25 00  
*Springfield Branch.*— Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas., 1st Ch., "Mission-Circle," \$6; South Ch., Young Ladies' Circle, \$64.72; West Springfield, Park St. Ch., \$91; Palmer, 2d Ch., \$37.50; "Helping Hands," \$3.56, 202 78  
*West Amesbury.*— Aux., 28 35  
*Wellesley.*— Aux., 1 scholarship Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$30; Dakota Mission, \$50; China and Japan, \$85; "Penny Gatherers," \$10, 175 00  
*Weymouth.*— Aux., to const. L. M. Miss Mary E. Loud, 25 00

*Winchester.*— Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Maria B. Bodge to const. L. M. Miss Martha J. Richardson, \$35; "Seek-and-Save Soc'y," \$17, \$52 00  
 Total, \$1,302 98

*C. Home Building-Fund.*

*Boston Highlands.*— Eliot Ch., Mrs. M. M. Thompson and Mrs. Burgess, for the Burgess Room, \$175 00  
*Fall River.*— 1st Cong. Ch., 50 00  
*Methuen.*— Aux., \$20.37; "Little Christian Workers," \$15.97; Infant S. S. Cl., \$1.82, 38 16  
*Newton.*— Aux., Newton Room, 100 00  
*Winchester.*— Miss Helen Lamson, 10 00

RHODE ISLAND.

*Rhode Island Branch.*— Miss Anna T. White, Treas., Providence Union Ch., Aux., \$115; S. S., \$100; Beneficent Ch., Aux., add'l, Mrs. Leonard, to const. L. M. Miss Flora H. Leonard, \$25; Mr. Putney, to const. L. M. Mrs. Darius Putney, \$25; Central Ch., Aux., add'l, Miss Abby A. Peck to const. herself L. M., \$25; Gloucester, Aux., \$11; Bristol, Aux., of wh. \$100 by Mrs. Rogers and Miss De Wolf, \$188, \$489 00  
 Total, \$489 00

CONNECTICUT.

*Bolton.*— Cong. Ch., \$17 00  
*East Hampton.*— Baby Freddie Griswold's bank, 25  
*New Haven Branch.*— Miss Julia Twining, Treas., Bethlehem, to complete p'y't for a pupil at Marsovan, \$20; Bridgeport, towards Miss Andrews's sal. (of wh. \$25 fr. Mrs. N. S. Wordin to const. herself L. M., \$25 fr. Miss Eliza M. Day of Colchester to const. L. M. Mrs. G. B. Day of B—), \$222.75; Canaan, part p'y't for pupil at Miss Townshend's sch., \$25; Cheshire, tow. support of Samathanum, \$25; Colchester, \$3; Colebrook, Aux. towards L. M.'ship, of Mrs. Henry A. Russell, \$15; Colebrook, "Laurel-Leaves," to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Robbins Allen, Miss Jennie Whiting, and to complete L. M.'ship of Mrs. Henry A. Russell, \$60; Cornwall, "Hillside Workers" (of wh. \$30 for pupil at Madura, \$25 for a share in the Marsovan sch. building), \$55; E. Haven, "Young Workers," \$38; E.

Haddam, fr. Mr. E. W. Chaffee to const. L. M., Mrs. E. W. Chaffee, \$25; Haddam, towards Miss Strong's sal., \$12; Kent, to complete p'y't for pupil at Fochow, \$10; Litchfield, towards support of Drupatabai, \$44.31; Middletown, North Ch., for pupil at Marsovan (of wh. \$5 fr. Mrs. E. H. Goodrich to complete L. M.'ship of Mrs. Chas. T. Curtis, Montclair, N. J.), \$30; Milford, Sewing Soc. of 1st Cong. Ch., and Mr. John Benjamin, to const. L. M. Mrs. J. A. Biddle, \$25; Morris, \$5; Mt. Carmel, object to be hereafter specified, \$20; New Britain, South Ch., towards Mrs. Leonard's sal. (of wh. \$25 a thank-offering fr. Mrs. M. M. Davis to const. L. M. Miss Minnie L. Peck; \$25 fr. Mrs. Henry Stanley to const. herself L. M.), \$50; New Haven, Centre Ch. (of wh. \$18 fr. Miss Tucker's B. C., part p'y't for pupil at Ahmednuggur; \$35 fr. Mrs. J. Dickerman for pupil at Marsovan), \$58; Church of the Redeemer, fr. Mrs. Sam. Merwin to const. L. M. Mrs. L. E. Osborn, \$25; College-st. Ch., fr. Mrs. Wm. B. Nash to const. herself L. M., \$25; Fair Haven, First Ch. (of wh. \$50 fr. Mrs. Wm. J. Morris to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Levi Fowler and Miss Eliza Fowler of Waterbury), \$122.25; North Ch., \$3; West End Mission-Circle, towards support of Luxami in India, \$18.25; Third Ch., infant class, \$20; New Preston, for pupil at Madura, \$30; Norfolk, fr. Mrs. Dr. Eldridge to const. L. M. Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, \$25; North Branford, \$12; Norwalk, fr. Mrs. Helen K. Barnum to const. L. M.'s herself, Miss Louise M. Randle, Miss Clara Randle, and Mrs. Sarah L. Steele, \$100; Salisbury, \$21.98; Saybrook, Aux., \$30.58; Saybrook, S. S., for sch. at Ahmednuggur, \$30; Sharon, "Busy Bees," \$55; Thomaston, part p'y't for pupils at Inanda (of wh. \$25 fr. Mr. G. W. Gilbert to const. L. M. Miss Abbie Potter), \$47.60; Trumbull (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Nathan T. Merwin; \$6.30 towards another L. M.), \$31.30; Waterbury, "Five Brothers' Mission-Circle," part p'y't for pupil at Ahmednuggur, \$7.95; Water-town, "Juvenile Miss. Asso.," for pupil at Miss Townshend's sch., \$13.04; Westbrook, "Seaside Mission-Gleaners," to complete p'y't for furnishing

a room at Dakota Home, \$14; Westchester, towards Miss Strong's sal., \$15; West Winsted (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Moses Camp), \$54.60; Whitneyville, for Marsovan pupil, \$50; Wilton, for pupil at Dakota Home, \$50; Wolcottville, \$15; Woodbury, North Ch., part p'y't for pupil at Miss Townshend's sch., \$21; Mrs. John Churchill, Woodbury, \$5, \$1,594 61

*Norwich Town.* — Lathrop Memorial Soc'y, 32 40  
*Pomfret.* — Mrs. P. V. Markham, 2 00  
*Unionville.* — Mrs. James A. Smith, 25 00

Total, \$1,671 26

## NEW YORK.

*Mooers.* — Mrs. D. Parker, \$1 40  
*Rochester.* — A friend, 5 00

Total, \$6 40

## PENNSYLVANIA.

*Philadelphia Branch.* — Mrs. A. W. Goodell, Treas., Stanley, N. J. Aux., \$12.50; Middletown, N. Y. Aux., \$3; Phila., Aux., \$14.98; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$13; "Carrier-Doves," \$5; Orange, N. J. Aux., to const. L. M. Miss Adele Greene, \$25; "Buds," \$10; E. Orange, Aux., \$21.36; Baltimore, Aux., \$21; "Bees," \$25; Newark, Belleville-ave. Ch., \$53.18; "Dew drops," \$11; Jersey City, 2d Ch. Aux., \$14; Paterson, N. J., Aux., \$8.50; Heridon, Va., Aux., \$4; col. at annual meeting, \$14.96, of wh. \$5 were spent for Mrs. Chandler's travelling-expenses, leaving a balance of, \$251 48

Total, \$251 48

## OHIO.

*Cleveland.* — 1st Cong. Ch. Aux., \$38 00

Total, \$38 00

## IOWA.

*Tabor.* — Aux. towards Miss Townshend's, \$10 00

Total, \$10 00

General Funds, \$4 199 06  
 C. Home Building-Fund, 408 69  
 "Life and Light," 164 52  
 "Echoes," 1 15  
 Weekly Pledge, 9 19  
 Leaflets, 6 37  
 Interest on Bartlett Fund, 300 00

Total, \$5,088 98

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

# Department of the Interior.

## AFRICA.

### LETTER FROM MISS PINKERTON.

INANDA STATION, NATAL, July 12, 1875.

DEAR FRIENDS, — Many, many thanks for your kind, cheering letters, which did me much good. I never fully realized how much companionship there may be in letters, until I came here. I seldom have the pleasure, in my Umzumbi home, of entertaining my friends; but when post-day comes, especially if it brings American mail, I am highly entertained, and have a good old-fashioned visit, — almost as good as if I had seen the writers themselves.

My first term of school closed pleasantly; and, immediately after it, I went to Durban to attend the annual meeting of the missionaries. Then I went north of Durban to visit the stations, and become somewhat acquainted with this part of the mission, which is much older than the part where I am now located.

First I came to Umvoti, Mr. Grout's old station. Mr. and Mrs. Rood, and Miss Hance, are now there. I am told that it is the oldest station. Many of the people have very good houses, and live in quite a civilized style. The large church, which seats from five to six hundred, in great measure paid for by the people, contained a good congregation on the sabbath. The churchyard is consecrated by the grave of Mr. Lloyd, who died there about ten years ago, after a short but very earnest missionary career. I attended a prayer-meeting in a kraal, where twenty women gathered to learn of Jesus and the way to him. I watched the expression of their countenances with much interest, and rejoiced to see that they evidently understood and wished to learn.

On our way to Inanda, we stopped at the old station of Mr. Lindley, — a spot where he lived for a time, though he afterwards removed to Inanda, his church going with him. Two broken walls mark the place where the house stood; but the spot is venerated and loved by the mission-circle principally because the devoted Mr. Bryant found his last resting-place there. We sat for a while by the side of his grave, and thought of his useful though short sojourn in this land of his adoption.\*

\* The greater portion of this letter, which was crowded out by the unusually large receipts in this department, will be given in the January number.

## Home Department.

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### CHICAGO MEETING.

THE seventh public meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the American Board, was held in the Clark-street Methodist Church, Chicago, Thursday morning, Oct. 7, 1875. The church, which seats over a thousand, was compactly filled; and a second meeting was opened in a smaller room, at which missionary ladies spoke, after addressing the larger audience.

Mrs. Moses Smith, President of the Board of the Interior, presided. The audience having sung the hymn, "Assembled at thy Great Command," Mrs. Smith read part of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation; and, after a few moments of silent devotion, Mrs. Burdett Hart of Connecticut offered fervent prayer.

The Report of the Boston Board was presented in a letter from Miss Child, read by Miss H. S. B. WALLEY. This Board has ten branches and about eight hundred auxiliaries and mission-circles, and has raised, since Jan. 1, over fifty-one thousand dollars.

Mrs. N. G. CLARK then offered the cordial greetings of the Boston ladies, saying they were at this hour praying for a blessing upon this assembly. She quoted from one of them, who had said, that, in speaking of our love for the heathen, we must remember that Christ's love for them was far greater than ours. When the Bethany sisters sent word to Jesus of the sickness of Lazarus, they did not say, "Lord, he whom we love is sick," but, "Lord, he whom *thou* lovest is sick." If Christ did not love the perishing, our love would avail them little.

The PACIFIC BOARD had sent a written report, which was not read, because of the unexpected presence of their Treasurer, Mrs. COLE of San Francisco, who addressed us. From the report, it appears, that, in two years, they have formed twenty-one auxiliaries among the sixty Congregational churches of California. Their special interest is naturally elicited by the Chinese and Mexicans, while they have contributed seventeen hundred dollars to the Japan Home. Mrs. Cole mentioned, as an example of zeal, an old lady who made work-aprons for farmers' wives, and walked many miles to sell them, sending, as the fruit of her toil, fifteen dollars to the treasury.

Mrs. FRANCIS BRADLEY, Treasurer of the Board of the Interior, gave the history of the Japan Home, for which we had pledged three thousand dollars a year ago. Four months ago we found that that estimate must be doubled; but by the aid of seventeen hundred dollars from California, eight hundred dollars from the Japanese, and the readiness with which our auxiliaries took the twenty-five dollar shares in it, the Home is now paid for; "and, at last accounts, they were house-cleaning. One thing more is required for its furnishing, — one more missionary." \*

The President next introduced "a mother in Israel" from the Madura mission, Mrs. TAYLOR, whose countenance is a benediction. She went on with missionary-work in India after the death of her husband, and left a daughter there, — our dear Miss Taylor, — when her own health required her return to this country. Her son is a missionary in Micronesia. She needed to say few words to enlist the interest of the audience; but those words were an affectionate "God bless you!"

Mrs. CHANDLER, for twenty-nine years in Madura, gave an interesting statement of some of the results of woman's work there, — of the city schools, and of the zenana work, whereby the Bible-readers reach the women in their homes, often having audiences of twenty or thirty, and teaching them the coveted fancy-work *after* their learning to read. Some of the husbands are becoming anxious for the elevation of their wives, and for such intelligent companionship as they have examples of in the missionary families. Some of the very poorest children saved a few mites to help pay the debt of the American Board.

The next speaker was Mrs. ALFRED RIGGS of the Santee Agency, Dakota mission, whose five years among the Indians have shown her the necessity for training the girls from their very earliest years, since the women are even more degraded than the men.

Mrs. THOMAS RIGGS, who has been among the Dakota Indians two years, paid a glowing tribute of praise to Miss Lizzie Bishop, her faithful, exemplary, and devoted helper and teacher, who, despite her failing health, had labored unremittingly for the Indian girls. At the close of her remarks, Mrs. Strong of Northfield, Minn., sent a note to the platform, stating that this beloved missionary, Miss Bishop, had fallen asleep in Jesus the sabbath of the preceding week. In the hush which followed this announcement

\* This appeal was responded to the following day by Miss Starkweather of Illinois, who is now under appointment to Japan.

of our bereavement, doubtless more than one heart thought tenderly of the sorrowing mother and sister, while yet rejoicing with the freed and happy spirit.

Mrs. E. W. BLATCHFORD, in lieu of a report from the Board of the Interior, gave a message from Secretary Clark in behalf of our young-lady missionaries. In the zeal of outgoing, they readily promise letters to the auxiliary societies which contribute towards their missions or schools; but when they are actually at work, studying the language, teaching, and laboring with the women out of school-hours, they find no time for letters, save their evenings, which they need for rest and recreation. Let us be very lenient towards them, cheering them with frequent home-letters, and exercising the self-denial of not demanding answers to all these letters. Dr. Clark also desired her to say that he looked to the women of the North-west to sow those seeds of missionary interest which should hereafter yield the abundant fruits of liberality.

Mrs. EDWARDS, for seven years the successful teacher of a school of Zulu girls in Southern Africa, began her remarks by saying, "Excuse me if I do not speak with much apparent enthusiasm. The romance had passed out of my life before I went abroad. When I landed on the east coast of Africa, I was warned that only a few girls would be suffered to come to me. It was only after meeting some of the head men of the stations, assuring them we would be friends to their daughters, punishing them, if necessary, but still their best friends, that they consented to send them. Before school opened, nineteen girls presented themselves, with bundles of clothes on their heads; neither girls nor bundles in a very tidy condition. Before long, we had forty-three pupils; and now many of them are teachers."

Mrs. MELLEEN gave, as the result of nine years' experience in the Zulu mission in Africa, that, notwithstanding the deep degradation in which she found the women, there had yet been raised among them family altars and Christian homes.

After a fervent prayer by Mrs. Magoun of Iowa, Miss Shaw of Chicago sang, from the oratorio of the Messiah, "Come unto Him;" after which Miss ANDREWS of Tungeho, North China, made an earnest plea for Chinese women. They need help, and they need it now; and from whom shall it come, if not from American women? If they are to be converted, missionary women must go to them in their homes. They cannot come here: they must have Jesus taken to them. It will not avail merely to scatter

books, for they cannot read: only personal work will meet their case. Those who had been converted were truly so; and they did not cease praying. In one case she visited a little hamlet, and a few were turned into the way of life. Three years passed without their seeing a missionary. Then Miss Porter visited them, and found them still watching, praying, and rejoicing in the faith once delivered to them.

Mrs. COLE, from Erzroom, Eastern Turkey, said it was often asked if it "paid" to teach Armenian women. She answered the question by several incidents, showing the great good done by missionaries and converted natives. The power of converted Armenians among their fellows was often greater than that of the foreign missionary. Many other dear missionaries were present, whose faces it was delightful to look upon as they sat in goodly array upon the platform, silently reminding us of the noble work they had done in Africa, or Turkey, or the islands of the sea. And several young ladies were there, bound for Dakota and for Japan. But time failed us, and we could only hear from one more, — Miss WEST of Turkey; and of her address it is impossible to give any sketch in these brief limits. We must refer you to her fascinating book, "The Romance of Missions."

The audience sang the Doxology; and the President closed the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration.

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### In Memoriam.

Died, in Northfield, Minn., Sept. 26, 1875, of consumption, Miss Lizzie Bishop, for a year and a half missionary to the Dakota Indians.

When the American Board met at Minneapolis, two years ago, Mrs. Thomas Riggs made a plea in the Woman's Meeting for some young lady to return with her to Dakota, not merely to teach the Indian girls, but to be, also, a sister and helper to herself. To this call, Miss LIZZIE BISHOP responded. When the American Board met in Chicago in October, 1875, and Mrs. Riggs was called on to say a few words, the burden of them was an affectionate tribute to this faithful associate, whose illness prevented her presence with us on that occasion. A few moments later, it was announced that already had her spirit been called to the "rest that remaineth."

In the early removal of Miss BISHOP, the Board of the Interior

has lost a daughter beloved, — the first of our own dear missionaries called to her heavenly reward. Her fatal disease had manifested itself while she was at work in Dakota; but she bravely hoped that her summer's vacation might restore her. While on her return journey in June, she had a serious hemorrhage at Yankton Agency, where her mother met her, remained with her two weeks, and then took her home to Northfield. It is a comfort to us that God mercifully permitted her to end her days among her own kindred, where the ministrations of mother and sister did all that could be done to alleviate her sufferings, and soothe her last hours.

In her last letter to us, after speaking of her intention to visit Sisseton Agency before coming home, "but our Father's plan was different from ours," she adds. "I speak the truth, when I say I am very glad so many young ladies are waiting to enter upon the missionary work; but you don't know how sad it makes me feel, when I think of the possibility of not going back myself in October. I do now strongly hope, by care and medicine, to be able to return; but, should it at any time become manifest that it will be better otherwise, I shall be satisfied, and thankful for the year and seven months I was permitted to be with dear Mrs. Riggs, and for what little I was able to do for the Indians. It was a busy and yet happy life that I led there. This last winter it was a great joy to me to be able to teach the children's school. I intend to study the language this summer." . . . These few words evince the courageous spirit of which Mrs. Riggs spoke to us in the Woman's Meeting; and we feel sure that this earnest young disciple is still actively serving her Master, under his immediate supervision.

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." — REV. xiv. 12.

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

FROM SEPT. 15, TO OCT. 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.		
<i>Cleveland.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, by Mrs. M. B. Lukens,	\$25 00	is from the sale of a bed-quilt, \$25 for the Japan Home, \$30 00
<i>Columbus.</i> — Aux., \$26; "Cheerful Givers," \$90,	116 00	<i>Elyria.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 is from Mrs. Heman Ely, for the Japan Home, 100 00
<i>Conneaut.</i> — Aux.,	41 36	<i>Hudson.</i> — Woman's Union Foreign Miss. Soc., for a Bible-reader in the Madura Mission, 10 00
<i>Cuyahoga Falls.</i> — Young Ladies' Mission-Circle, for the Japan Home,	25 00	<i>Mansfield.</i> — Mrs. Edward Sturges, \$5; Miss Susan M. Sturges, \$2, 7 00
<i>Edinburgh.</i> — Aux., of which \$5		

<i>Marietta.</i> —Mrs. G. W. W., of 2d Cong. Ch.,	\$3 00
<i>Mt. Vernon.</i> —Young Woman's Miss. Soc., for the Japan Home,	18 15
<i>Oberlin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and with previous contributions to const. Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Mrs. M. P. Giddings, Mrs. E. W. Andrews, Mrs. O. M. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Backus, Mrs. J. F. Siddall, and Mrs. Chapman, L.M.'s,	25 00
<i>Ruggles.</i> —Mrs. H. S. Taylor,	1 00
<i>Tallmadge.</i> —Aux., for pupil in Erzroom,	10 00
<i>West Farmington.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Wellington.</i> —Aux., \$40; "Little Gleaners," \$5, for the Japan Home,	45 00
Total,	\$461 51

INDIANA.

<i>Fort Wayne.</i> —Aux., to const. Mrs. Charles H. Abbott a L.M.,	\$25 00
<i>Indianapolis.</i> —Mayflower Ch. Aux.,	24 16
<i>Michigan City.</i> —Mrs. J. C. Haddock and Mrs. E. Kent, for the Japan Home,	2 00
Total,	\$51 16

MICHIGAN.

<i>Adrian.</i> —Aux.,	\$2 10
<i>Armada.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Pinkerton,	10 00
<i>Bedford.</i> —Aux.,	12 85
<i>Charlotte.</i> —Aux.,	12 16
<i>Detroit.</i> —Aux. of 1st Ch. for salary of Mrs. Coffing, \$75; Sunbeam Band of 1st Ch., \$20,	95 00
<i>Detroit.</i> —Woodward Ave. Ch. Aux., for salary of Mrs. Coffing,	33 00
<i>Eaton Rapids.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>East Saginaw.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Shattuck,	91 75
<i>Flint.</i> —Aux., for salary of Stomata Artenseise of Samokov,	35 00
<i>Galesburg.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	28 90
<i>Jackson.</i> —Aux., of which from E. W. S., a thank-offering,	130 00
<i>Litchfield.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	14 00
<i>Morenci.</i> —Aux.,	4 65
<i>Nankin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Pinkerton,	5 00
<i>North Adams.</i> —Aux.,	5 00
<i>Owosso.</i> —Aux., for school at Talas,	29 43
<i>Royal Oak.</i> —Aux., for pupil in Erzroom	6 00
<i>Somerset.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	26 00
<i>St. John.</i> —Girls' Miss. Circle, for the Manissa sch.,	6 70
<i>Tipton.</i> —Aux.,	4 75
<i>Vermontville.</i> —Aux., of which \$30 is for salary of Mrs. Watkins; \$18 for the Japan Home,	48 00
<i>Wacousta.</i> —Aux.,	10 00

<i>Wayne.</i> —Aux., a thank-offering for salary of Miss Pinkerton,	\$10 00
Total,	\$630 29

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> —Ch. of the Redeemer, Aux., for the Japan Home,	\$12 00
<i>Aurora.</i> —Aux., of 1st Ch.,	20 00
<i>Big Woods.</i> —Aux.,	5 50
<i>Bloomington.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home,	13 00
<i>Byron.</i> —Aux., for a bed in the Japan Home,	10 00
<i>Chesterfield.</i> —Aux.,	8 50
<i>Champaign.</i> —Aux., for the Samokov school,	10 00
<i>Canton.</i> —Aux.,	21 50
<i>Chicago.</i> —47th St. Ch., Aux., to const. Mrs. H. A. Brundidge of Great Bend, Kan., a L.M., \$21; 1st Ch., Aux., \$64.60, of which \$54.60 for salary of Miss Patrick, \$10.00 from Mrs. Lavinia Morris for the debt of the A.B.C.F.M.; Leavitt St. Ch., Aux., \$25; Union Park Ch., for salary of Miss Rendall, \$100; Plymouth Ch., Aux., of which \$10 is to complete the L. M.'ship of Miss Annie M. Converse by her mother, \$38.60,	249 20
<i>Clifton.</i> —Aux.,	1 50
<i>Danvers.</i> —Aux.,	14 30
<i>Elgin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, \$30; Young Ladies' Miss'y Soc, for furnishing the dining-room of the Japan Home, \$50,	80 00
<i>Evanston.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Porter, of wh. \$25 is from Mr. Mark Decoudres, \$5 from Mrs. Julius White, \$5 from Mrs. C. K. Banuster, \$5 from Miss Maria White, \$5 from Miss Minnie White, and \$5 from Miss Lizzie R. White; S. B. Bradley completes the L. M.'ship of Mrs. S. S. Smith of Ridgefield, Conn.,	150 97
<i>Farmington.</i> —Aux., for the Japan Home, and, with previous contributions, constitutes Mrs. A. M. Potter, L. R. Stetson, and Mrs. J. C. Chapman, L.M.'s,	55 00
<i>Forest.</i> —Aux.,	3 62
<i>Fremont.</i> —Aux., to complete a share in the Japan Home,	8 50
<i>Galva.</i> —Aux.,	12 00
<i>Geneseo.</i> —Mrs. I. M. Hosford,	2 00
<i>Geneva.</i> —Aux.,	10 00
<i>Jacksonville.</i> —Aux., for salary of Miss Evans,	67 30
<i>Kewanee.</i> —Young Peoples' Miss. Circle for the Samokov school,	12 00
<i>Lamoille.</i> —Mrs. J. R. Jones, for the Japan Home,	20 00
<i>Lisbon.</i> —Aux.,	22 00
<i>Lombard.</i> —S. S. of 1st Cong. Ch., for the N. China Mission,	20 00
<i>Mendon.</i> —Aux.,	5 00

<i>Napierville.</i> — Aux., from Mr. Henry Parmilee of Lansburg, N. Y., in response to a request from the late Mrs. Knickerbocker, and received after her death, for Miss Dudley's salary,	\$50 00
<i>Onarga.</i> — Mrs. L. C. Foster,	25 00
<i>Payson.</i> — Aux.,	25 00
<i>Polo.</i> — Aux.,	4 75
<i>Providence.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, of which \$10 is from Mrs. Benj. Dexter,	13 25
<i>Richmond.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	10 00
<i>Rockford.</i> — Aux., of 2d Ch. for the salary of Miss Diamant,	292 72
<i>Sycamore.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	10 00
<i>Waverly.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, and to const., with previous contributions, Mrs. David Turnbull and Mrs. L. A. Brown, L. M.'s,	25 00
<i>Wheaton.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley,	15 35
Total,	\$1,284 96

## WISCONSIN.

<i>Appleton.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, of which \$5 is from the "Ledyard Mite-Box,"	\$42 83
<i>Barraboo.</i> — Aux., of which \$10 from Mrs. A. A. Avery,	12 00
<i>Bloomington.</i> — Aux.,	7 00
<i>Eau Claire.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	25 00
<i>Fort Atkinson.</i> — Aux.,	11 12
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux.,	52 00
<i>Kenosha.</i> — Aux.,	29 00
<i>La Crosse.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>Madison.</i> — Aux., to const. Mrs. Charles H. Richards a L. M.,	28 00
<i>Milwaukee.</i> — Spring St. Ch., Aux., for the Japan Home, \$25; Mission Band, \$25.	50 00
<i>Milton.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor,	15 00
<i>Oconomowoc.</i> — Aux., \$6.00; S. S., \$6.40, for the Japan Home,	13 00
<i>Platteville.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Taylor,	20 00
<i>Sparta.</i> — Aux., \$27.65 for the Manissa school; H. E. Kelley, \$14; Mrs. M. C. Kelley, \$5; Edgar S. Kelley, \$5; Paul Kelley \$1, for the Japan Home,	52 65
<i>Stoughton.</i> — Aux., \$2; S. S., \$2,	4 00
<i>Watertown.</i> — Aux.,	23 25
<i>Waukesha.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, and to const. Mary A. Dana a L. M.,	25 00
<i>Waukegan.</i> — Aux.,	7 72
Total,	\$428 57

## IOWA.

<i>Anamosa.</i> — Aux., for a 2d share in the Japan Home,	\$25 00
<i>Chester.</i> — Aux., for the Samokov school,	14 00

<i>Denmark.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	\$25 00
<i>Fairfax.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home, of which \$6.28 is from the children,	25 00
<i>Glenwood.</i> — Aux.,	14 00
<i>Grinnell.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Hillis,	88 19
<i>Keokuk.</i> — Aux., for pupil in Er-room,	20 00
<i>Marion.</i> — Aux.,	23 48
<i>McGregor.</i> — Aux., to complete the support of Bible-reader in Harpoot,	18 70
<i>Ogden.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	21 57
<i>Osage.</i> — Aux., of which \$6 is for the Japan Home,	9 50
<i>Polk City.</i> — Aux., \$17; Buds of Promise, \$6.10, for a pupil in Samokov,	23 10
<i>Rockford.</i> — Aux.,	2 69
<i>Tabor.</i> — Aux.,	12 50
Total,	\$322 79

## MINNESOTA.

<i>Mankato.</i> — Aux.,	\$6 75
<i>Minneapolis.</i> — Aux., of Plymouth Ch. for salary of Miss Lindley,	75 00
<i>Rochester.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Lindley,	23 00
<i>Winona.</i> — Aux., for the Japan Home,	10 00
Total,	\$114 75

## MISSOURI.

<i>Breckenridge.</i> — Aux.,	\$6 00
<i>Kansas City.</i> — Aux.,	5 00
<i>Kidder.</i> — Aux., all for salary of Miss Anderson,	12 50
Total,	\$23 50

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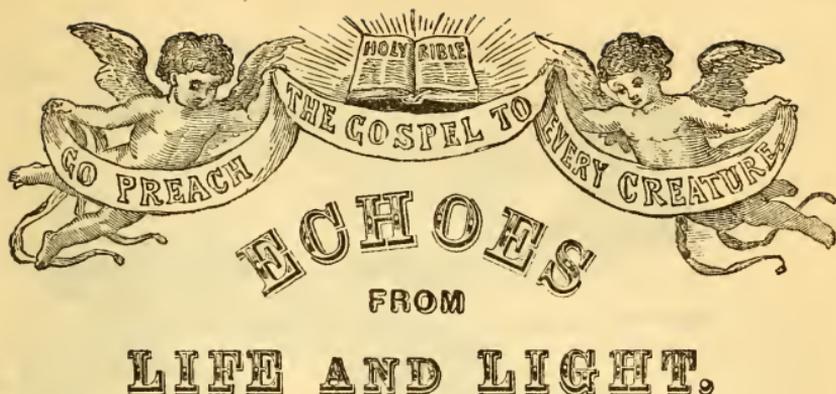
<i>Ashland.</i> — Aux.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

## KANSAS.

<i>Paola.</i> — Mrs. N. D. Coleman,	\$2 00
Total,	\$2 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> — Miss Mary B. Herring, in memory of the "Band of Faith" for the Japan Home, and to const. Mrs. Edith M. Degen of Portland, Oregon, a L. M.,	\$50 00
<i>N. Carolina.</i> — A friend, Woman's Board of the Pacific,	5 00
Mrs. R. E. Cole, Treas.,	500 00
Sale of envelopes,	2 30
Total,	\$557 30
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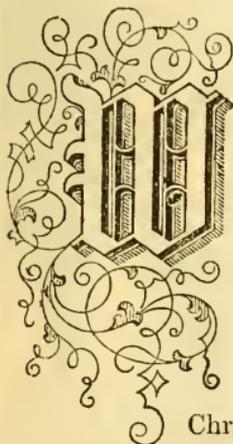
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### ABDALLAH THE MARTYR.

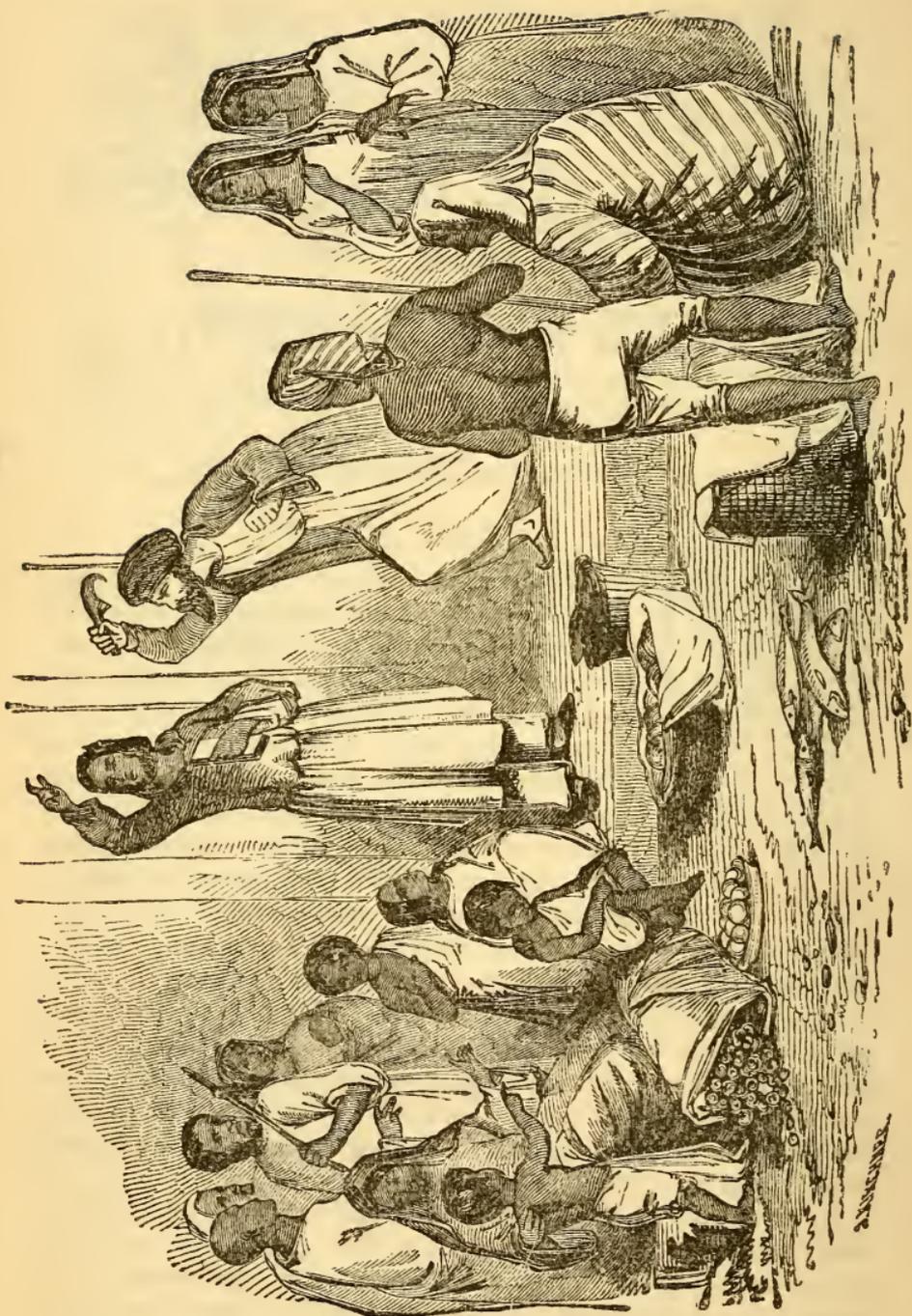
BY MRS. A. B. HALL.



W<sup>HICH</sup> would you rather do, my dear little girl, — give up going to Sunday school, or have your right hand cut off? And yet that man in the picture is offering his hand to the executioner's axe, rather than give up the Bible, which you go to Sunday school to study. His name is Abdallah. He was once a Mohammedan, and was thought to be very holy, because he had visited the tomb of the prophet. An Armenian Christian lent him a Bible; and, when he read it, he forsook Mohammed, and became a Christian.

But in Cabul, where he lived, every Christian was put to death. Therefore he fled to Bokhara. Sabat, who professed to be a friend, followed him; and, when they met, Abdallah threw himself at Sabat's feet, confessed all, and begged for mercy. But Sabat had no pity. Abdallah was dragged before the king, sentenced to die, and led out into the market-place to be executed. At the last moment the king offered him his life if he would deny Christ. "No," said he: "I cannot deny Christ."

You see him standing there, with one hand upheld, and the other clasping the Bible. After his right hand was cut off, a doctor came, by the king's command, to cure the wound if he would give up that Bible; but he still refused. Then the executioner cut the left hand; he remained steadfast; and, when the axe



came down the third time, his headless body fell to the ground, and his soul was safe with God.

You see the wonder of those men and women who are looking on. They cannot understand how a man can die for the religion of Christ.

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### A WEDDING IN TURKEY.

I DARESAY you have been to a great many weddings in America, dear children, and enjoyed them much; but could you have been with me, the other day, you would have opened your eyes very wide, to see how differently they do things in Turkey. One day, not long ago, we received a written invitation to the wedding-feast, accompanied by a little candy, a part of the entertainment. When we arrived, the men were shown into the best room; and we waited in another, until they had dined. We were rather hungry before our turn came; and I began to think I should like to live in a country where the ladies are treated as equals, at least. I thought so all the more when we crowded about the low, round table, and all—including six hungry children, whose hands were not as clean as yours are—dipped into the same dish, which stood in the middle of the table.

The bride was a little girl of fifteen, and ought to have gone to school at least five years longer. She looked any thing but happy as she sat perfectly still, not speaking a loud word after we had fastened on her bridal veil with a wreath of fresh roses. After she was dressed, and all the people had looked at her as though she were an animal in a cage, the bridegroom's friends came to take her to the church; and we all followed in procession. The minister preached a sermon; we sang some hymns, such as, "Happy Day," and "Out on an Ocean;" and then the ceremony was performed, after which the bride and groom walked side by side to his father's house, accompanied by all the guests. We remained long enough to say, "Light to your eyes!" to the newly-married couple; then the bride kissed the hands of every one present, and we took our departure.

Are you not very glad, dear children, that you live in a country where you can enjoy a free, happy childhood, and go to pleasant schools and sabbath schools? And do you always remember why there is such a difference? It is because of the blessed Bible, that every one is taught to read. You cannot teach the children here;

but you can help very much, by your prayers and your gifts, to sow the good seed, and may hope to reap a glorious harvest by and by.

A. M. G.

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## TWO KINDS OF PRAYER.

If all the children, and the men and women, in America, would pray as *much* to the true God as the heathen do to their idols, we should be better people than we are; but the *way* in which the heathen pray, I would not recommend. They are obliged to offer so many prayers, that they have a great many contrivances to make it easy for them. A missionary from Tartary once wrote as follows of what he saw there:—

“ One day, while on a preaching-tour, I was told that a Calmuck princess had pitched her tent quite near me. Thinking it was a good opportunity to tell her about the true God and a Saviour, I rode to her tent, and was invited in. I found her at prayer. ‘ At prayer?’ you exclaim. Yes, children, at prayer. You are surprised, and ask me if she was a Christian. She was not: she was an unconverted, ignorant princess, and a heathen, too, praying. But you ask me, ‘ How did she pray? and to whom?’ That is just what I am going to tell you.

“ In the back part of the tent stood the family god, — a rude carved image of wood, painted black. It had eyes, but saw not: ears, but heard not. Before this idol’s face was placed a wheel, in the rim of which were cut a great many niches, into which were put small written prayers, purchased, at a great price, from the *molla*, or priest. She sat on the ground or floor of the tent, turning the wheel round so as to bring each prayer right before the idol’s eyes, allowing it a short time to read the prayer, before she turned up another.”

How much good do you suppose those prayers did to the princess? Do you think any one can pray constantly to our God without being better and happier for it? Even the youngest of you would trust a praying man. I remember once reading a story about good Dr. M——, who once went to New York to visit a friend. This friend received him gladly, and gave up his own bed to him. Beside this bed was a crib, in which the little daughter of the doctor’s friend slept; and she, being in bed when the doctor arrived, was left undisturbed. Early in the morning, the little girl awoke, and, as usual, turned round towards her parent’s bed;

but, to her great surprise and terror, she saw, instead of her own dear mother, a strange man in the bed, with his eyes fixed upon her. The little girl raised herself up in her crib, and, looking the doctor hard in the face, said, "Man, do you pray?" Dr. M— immediately answered, "Yes, my dear child. I pray to God every day of my life: he is my best friend." Satisfied that all was right, since the stranger was a man of prayer, she turned round, and went to sleep again. Wasn't this little girl right in trusting herself near even a strange man who loved and feared God, and prayed to him every day?

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## MISSIONARY ECHOES.

WELL, dear children, I wonder if we are going to make you most sorry or glad. The sunshine is all the brighter after the rain, you know; and we hope you will see it, even if the tears fall first. Your Echoes will no longer come to you, in the form you have liked so well, twelve times a year. Now, are you not sorry? Did you quite know how well you liked it? But listen! Fifty-two times a year they shall greet you on the fourth page of "The Well-Spring," which I hope you have loved too. Will you run and ask your mother, your superintendent, to write as quickly as they can, and order "The Well-Spring" for next year?

Let me tell you a little secret about it all. We shall give you three times as many goodies as you had before. And so, you see, we shall hope you will often have something to say to us, which will be so interesting we can't help printing it for all to read. But you know we are still "Missionary Echoes:" so it must be about something you are trying to do for our Saviour, through the poor people who have not yet found out how he loves them. Ah! do we any of us know that? Well, we shall know better and better, always, if we only let him love us.

I am making too long a story, I fear; but perhaps you will read a few words more, which will tell something of our hopes for the new Echoes. This summer I was sailing—no, rowing; the wind would not blow just then: so rowing it was—on an arm of the sea, which ran up nine miles into the land, between high hills at first, which grew lower and lower as the head of the sound drew near. One of the cliffs under which we rowed was very perpendicular, and over five hundred feet high; and so steep it looked as

if some huge knife had sliced it from top to bottom. Opposite was a quieter mountain, which sloped softly away till the sky seemed to fold lovingly around it. Other hills were about. But what I wanted to tell you was, that, about midway on the water, we took up our oars, and shouted, "Good-morning to you, friend!"

Who was it that answered in such a deepened tone, "Morning to you, friend"? Another took up the words, a little fainter; and another still. Three times, distinctly, we heard the words and rumbles long afterwards. A little girl in the boat, in her high, clear treble, invited our unknown to "come out, and show yourself;" and the response expressed a like desire, but in still clearer treble. It was both weird and strange to listen to these unseen voices; but I cannot stay to tell you of all our half-hour's amusement with these echoes. You have tried it, perhaps, yourself; though I doubt if you ever found just such a place as this.

I wanted, rather, to ask you if you would make our name true, and repeat to the children you see what you hear from us, only making it more clear and bright, as this wonderful place did all for us? We older ones are only echoes, you know. "We love him because he first loved us." Now, would you not be glad, if you might help some one to this love? Who shall say that one way for you may not be through our little paper, which we and you will try to make better and better every week?

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## MISSION-CIRCLES.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- MAINE BRANCH. — *Bethel*. — 2d Cong. Church, "Little Helpers," \$50.00.  
 VERMONT BRANCH. — *Newport*. — "Cheerful Workers," \$5.00.  
 MASSACHUSETTS. — *Adams*. — "Little Folks' Missionary Society," \$6.00.  
     *Blackinton*. — "Busy Bees," \$7.00.  
     *Danvers*. — "Cheerful Workers," \$40.00.  
     *Lincoln*. — "Cheerful Givers," \$5.65.  
     *Methuen*. — "Little Christian Workers," \$15.97; Infant Sabbath School Class, \$1.82.  
 SPRINGFIELD BRANCH. — 1st Church Mission-Circle, \$6.00; Palmer "Helping Hands," \$3.56.  
     *Wellesley*. — "Penny-Gatherers," \$10.00.  
     *Winchester*. — "Seek-and-Save Society," \$17.00.  
 RHODE ISLAND BRANCH. — *Providence*. — Union Church S. S., \$100.00.  
 NEW HAVEN BRANCH. — *Mission-Circles*.  
     *Colebrook*. — "Laurel-Leaves," \$60.00.

- Cornwall.* — "Hillside Workers," \$55.00.  
*East Haven.* — "Young Workers," \$38.00.  
*New Haven.* — "West End Mission-Circle," \$18.25; Third Church  
 Infant Class, \$20.00.  
*Saybrook.* — First Church Sabbath School, \$30.00.  
*Sharon.* — "Busy Bees," \$55.00.  
*Waterbury.* — "Five Brothers," \$7.95.  
*Watertown.* — Juvenile Missionary Association, \$13.04.  
*Westbrook.* — "Seaside Mission-Gleaners," \$14.00.
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 25 cents.
- PHILADELPHIA BRANCH. — *Philadelphia.* — "Carrier-Doves," \$5.00.  
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*Lombard.* — S. S. of 1st Church, \$20.00.
- WISCONSIN. — *Appleton.* — "Ledyard Mite Box," \$5.00.  
*Milwaukee.* — "Mission-Band," \$25.00.  
*Oconomowoc.* — S. S., \$6.40.  
*Sparta.* — E. S. and Paul Kelley, \$6.00.
- IOWA. — *Fairfax.* — "The Children," \$6.28.  
*Polk City.* — "Buds of Primrose," \$6.10.

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## Taught by Jesus.

BY MRS. C. B. DANA.

THE mind intent on serving  
 Will taught of Jesus be;  
 And youngest hearts who love him  
 May ways of service see.  
 Bringing our hearts to Jesus,  
 Our loving praises too,  
 We know he will receive us,  
 And teach us what to do.

The love of Jesus prompts us  
 Our mites to earn and give,

To send the blessed Bible  
 Where heathen children live;  
 That those who worship idols  
 May learn the better way, —  
 To know and love the Saviour,  
 And serve him every day.

To bow in heart to Jesus,  
 God's Son, our Saviour, Friend.  
 From death and sin he frees us:  
 Our love should know no end:  
 And though the gold and silver,  
 Dear Lord, are all thine own,  
 The gift we love to render  
 Before thy heavenly throne.

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### ANSWERS TO ENIGMAS.

*October Number.* — “Let all your things be done with charity.”

We have received correct answers to the enigma in the October number from C. S., Augusta, Me; Mrs. J. M. H., Rutland, Vt.; H., South Milford, Mass.; N. W. C., Winchester, Mass.; M. C. F., Lincoln, Mass.; M. R. C., West Roxbury, Mass.; M. C. F., South Boston, Mass.; K.; Moodus, Conn.; A. B., Norfolk, Conn.; and E. M. B., Ellington, Conn.

*November Number.* — “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

We have also received correct answers to this enigma from S. H. B., Ware, Mass.; S. E., Norfolk, Conn.; M. S. P., Washington, D.C.

As this is the last number of Echoes, we do not give an enigma, as there will be no opportunity to publish the answer. We think our little readers have enjoyed studying out gospel truths and promises in this way; and we hope every one of them will be sure to look for the enigmas and acrostics in “The Well-Spring and Missionary Echoes,” which, we trust, will prove a brighter and still more welcome visitor than “Echoes from Life and Light.”









