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Expect Great Things from God. Attempt Great Things for God.

IMMANUEL.

BY MRS. MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

Few there were to bid Thee welcome
In that first fair Christmas morn,
When the great word found fulfillment,—
“Unto us a child is born!
Unto us a son is given!”
Evermore with us to dwell:
Tell it unto earth and heaven
This His name, Immanuel,

Few, O blessèd Christ, were waking,
Few from earthly slumber stirred,
When the faint rose dawn was breaking,
And the shepherds overheard
Seraphs singing, 'neath the starlight,
“Peace on earth, good will to men!
Glory, glory in the highest!”
Few there were to greet Thee then.

In the stable, 'mid the shadows,
Mary hushed her heart to hear
Sweetest strains that far and faintly
Whispered to her listening ear;

And she loved Thee and adored thee,
 She whose womb had been the cell
 For the gift to earth of heaven,—
 Son of God, Immanuel.

Myrrh they brought and gold of Ophir,
 And the precious spices sweet,
 The three Orient kings who followed
 Where the star led to Thy feet;
 While the multitudes unheeding,
 Jew and Gentile, with no thought
 Of the marvel and the music,
 Left the Holy Child unsought.

And our latest Christmas wakens
 To the splendor and the cheer
 Of that miracle of ages
 Thrilling down this flying year.
 Christ is born! Exultant nations,
 Send the tidings wide and far;
 Christ is born! The world is throbbing
 To the pulse-beat of His star.

—*The Congregationalist.*

ARMENIAN REFUGEES. The first company of Armenian refugees to come to Boston arrived the last week in October. While waiting for employment they are comfortably housed and cared for, and their beaming faces show what an immense relief it is to them to feel that they are safe from torture and massacre, with the prospect of earning a decent livelihood in a Christian land. As would be expected, one of their first visitors was Mrs. S. M. Schneider, so long a worker among them at Gedik Pasha, in Constantinople. It was a mutual delight to find among them two young men whom she had known well in her night school years ago.

PONAPE OPEN. Friends of mission work in Micronesia will be glad to learn that the Spanish authorities have granted the Morning Star full and free permission to visit Ponape once more. Missionaries are not yet allowed to remain there, but it will be a very great comfort to the little band of Christians there and the heroic Henry Nanpei to communicate with their friends, and to receive whatever aid and sympathy that may be allowed.

ANOTHER TESTIMONY. I assert it to be a fact beyond contradiction that there is not a ruler, official, merchant, or any other person from emperors, viceroys, judges, governors, counselors, generals, ministers, admirals, mer-

chants, and others, down to the lowest coolies in China and Japan, Siam and Korea, who, in their associates or dealings with their fellow-men in that quarter of the globe, are not indebted every day of their lives to the work and achievements of the American missionaries.—*Rear Admiral George E. Belknap, U. S. N.*

SUCCESS OF MISSIONS. I want to scatter to the four winds the utterly false remark of cynics and worldlings that missions are a disastrous failure. I say on the contrary that when we compare the poverty of the means adopted, missions are a supreme and unprecedented,—I do not even hesitate to say,—a superhuman and miraculous success.—*Dean Farrar.*

LI HUNG CHANG. Now let all the friends of China lay to heart that Li Hung Chang is a man to be prayed for, and let the two-penny critics of missions lay to heart what Li Hung Chang says missions have done for China.—*Woman's Work for Woman.*

A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS. When John Bowen was chosen Bishop of Sierra Leone, his friends urged him to decline the climate so deadly. His answer was: "If I served in the Queen's army, and on being appointed to a post of danger were on that account to refuse to go, it would be an act of cowardice, and I should be disgraced in the eyes of men. Being a soldier of the cross, I cannot refuse what is now offered me because it exposes me to danger. I know it does, and therefore I must go. Were I offered a bishopric in England I might feel at liberty to decline it; one in Sierra Leone I must accept."—*Missionary Review.*

FROM ENGLAND AND AMERICA. There were over fourteen million of dollars given for Protestant foreign missions last year. Of this England gave more than seven million, and the United States more than five million. May these two strongest nations in the world ever go hand in hand in the good cause.

TIGER-BONE soup is used by the Koreans as a medicine for cowardice.

DR. GEORGE F. PENTECOST has again been requested to make a tour in India on a mission to the English-speaking people there. May this second visit prove even more fruitful in spiritual results than the first.

IN a recent meeting in Calcutta where men of many tongues were present, Hindi, Marathi, Hindustani, Tamil, etc., the only language in which they could make themselves intelligible to each other was English,—the language of the Bible and of missions.

JAPAN.

FESTIVALS IN JAPAN.

BY MISS ADELAIDE DAUGHADAY, TOTTORI.

THROUGH the course of the year the Japanese have many holidays and festival occasions. There are the *matsuri*, or days observed in honor of various gods. In some places, at such times, there are great processions; idol cars are drawn through the streets by men and women, others dancing before and behind the cars, while a straggling throng follows after.

There are many national holidays, such as the emperor's birthday, the death days of some of the most distinguished of former mikados,—as the Japanese, following the usual order of doing everything entirely the reverse of Occidental ways, commemorate the deaths of their dead heroes rather than their births,—and the great day celebrating the ascension to the throne of Jimmu Tenno, the founder of the empire. Another festival, called Toshi Koshi, is a sort of national birthday. After that day every man, woman, and child counts himself and herself one year older. Then there are the various flower *fêtes*, when all the Japanese world goes blossom-viewing, beginning in March with the plum, that sweet harbinger of spring, followed by the beautiful cherry, called by the Japanese “the king of flowers,” and succeeded by a regular order of exquisite bloom down to the stately chrysanthemums in the late autumn.

The New Year season is a time of great rejoicing. It is not confined to a single day, but is often celebrated for a week, or longer, according to localities. In some country districts where primitive customs still prevail, there are two distinct New Year festivals. The first one, in January, is observed by the Christians and government officials; and the second, some weeks later, according to the old-time calendar, by the people generally. This is the time when the gayest clothing is donned, and the streets swarm with people, while the air is full of “*Akemashite omedeto*” (the year has opened; we congratulate you). They also ask each other for a continuance of the friendship and favors of the past year. Men and women give themselves up to the enjoyment of the hour with the abandon of little children, for housekeepers are care free, as for a week previous the homes have been thoroughly cleansed, and decorated with pine, scarlet berries, ropes and cornucopias of straw, sometimes mingled with oranges and lobsters, prayers for prosperity and long life. Men feel no financial responsibility, as during the closing days of the year all indebtedness has been canceled, generally by borrowing from some new source; and so, unburdened with

an old debt, they and their wives fully enjoy the social pleasures of the season, and the winter games of kite flying and battledore and shuttlecock.

The Christian world has adopted Christmas and Easter. At first they were regarded more as festivals to bring the believers together socially, for the pleasure-loving Japanese cannot have too many holidays, and former heathen ones must be replaced by others. But gradually the spiritual significance of those days seems growing upon them, and their joy seems to be touched more and more with reverence and solemnity. We sometimes feel that veneration for holy things seems to be almost lacking in the Japanese nature; that the germ of that faculty seems to expend its strength in awe for the person of the emperor, and reverence for the past. But the Christians say, when we tell them of seeing boys strike and throw stones at idols, and of farmers beating them with bamboo rods when their prayers for rain are unanswered, "We have it in us, but there is nothing in ethnic faiths to develop it." One special Christmas stands out clearly in my memory. There had been no hint in the appearance of the great city of the character of the day,—no Christmas bells, carols, nor Christmas odors in the warm, sun-lighted atmosphere; not even snow to remind of the beautiful Christmases in the home land. The tide of humanity had surged to and fro; the various trades had been plied as usual, the workers, most of them, sitting on pieces of matting on the ground in the thoroughfares; jinrikishas passing dexterously in and out among them and the passers-by; and temple-goers had worshiped at the many shrines. Now, as the sweet silence of evening was settling down on the busy multitude, little lights began to twinkle in the houses, increasing in number with the darkness. These were the candles on the god-shelves, and sounds of a soft clapping of hands and intoning of prayers began to be heard. In a building differing somewhat in size and form from the gray monotony of small, tile-roofed houses stretching interminably in every direction, many scores of people sat on the floor. The room was bright with festoons of evergreens and many lamps, while the red blankets spread on the straw mats on which they sat, contrasted pleasantly with the dark eyes and hair and dull blue of their clothing. A look of happy anticipation rested on every face. Joyful hymns were sung, and a short, earnest address was given on the words, "And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." The speaker told of the great Father-love always brooding over this sin-stricken world, suffering world; of the birth of Jesus, the Christ, the ineffable expression of that love, our Saviour from sin, and perfect example of holy living. He said: "And is this insect life of waking, toiling, and sleeping all there is for us? When

we contemplate the ideal life, do we not realize, though faintly, the evil in our natures to be overcome, the Christian brotherliness and helpfulness we owe all the world, and glorious hope of eternal life?" Afterwards came "the children's hour." Amusing speeches, many songs, and satisfying, though very inexpensive, toys were distributed.

Does it not depend upon us, those that send and those who go, whether these small bands of believers shall increase, and that streams of Christian influence shall purify the foul waters of heathenism?

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE GLORY KINDERGARTEN, KOBE.

BY MISS ANNIE L. HOWE.

A CHRISTMAS day there is a little unique. To us who live in America, Japan, with its intensely blue skies, its mountains everywhere, its large proportion of coast line giving to so many exquisite views of mountain and plain the added charm of the sea, with its white sailboats, its quaint junks, and often its steamships and men-of-war; the grotesque but charming pines, which stand out like green pictures against the sky or sea; the graceful bending, feathery bamboo; the camelia trees, loaded with blossoms at Christmas time; the fields where wheat is already sprouted for next spring's crop,—all this is not America. Nor does this unique landscape end the difference between Japan and our own land. We have mountains here,—in spots. We have the sea in America,—at a great distance from most of us. We have pines, but they are pretty straight ones; but we do not have temples and shrines, occupying the best sites everywhere. We do not have 191,168 Shinto shrines and 71,000 Buddhist temples crowded into a country, the area of which is only equal to the New England States with New York and Pennsylvania! So, while you think of the rare, quaint beauty of the natural scenery in Japan, just add to your mental picture the temples and shrines so abundant.

And the people in this far-off Japan! Some of the men and boys wear the coats, trousers, boots, and hats of England and America; but most of them wear the long kimonos and the clogs of Japan, and disdain hats, even at Christmas time; while the women and the girls appear in the soft crepe kimonos, brocade sashes (four yards and a half long, doubled, wadded, and wound around and around, to be piled up at last in the back), clogs, and only their elaborately dressed hair as head covering.

Christmas day finds a great bustling about in Japan; not because it is Christmas day, but because everybody in the empire is looking forward to

the dawning of the New Year,—the fathers and mothers to the settling of all accounts, to the provision of festival apparel and food, to the cleansing and adorning of houses and shops; the children to the fun of being dressed up three days in succession, of feasting and playing without stint.

One purpose of the Glory Kindergarten has been—under the blue skies, beside the sea, in the shadow of the hills, yes, in the presence of the thousands of shrines and temples of heathenism, at the time of preparation and excitement attending the mere advent of a new year—to make a festival for the children which shall celebrate the birth of Christ, the King of all this



TWO KINDERGARTEN BOYS.

earth. For months before the teachers have been preparing. The story of Christ has been told to the children,—his birth, childhood, and work. New and special Christmas songs have been faithfully practiced at the morning exercises; each class has made its gifts to adorn the Christmas tree, while the teachers have carefully planned the programme, the decoration, refreshments, reception of guests, and all the many details that go to make up a successful gathering.

All is ready in good season, several days before; the gifts have been finished for parents by the children, for the children by the teachers. The day before the festival Mr. Yokota (the business manager) and the teachers

unite in making the large Johnson playroom as attractive as possible. The dear old O Ba San, our janitress, sweeps and dusts for us while we mark the gifts,—no, “we” don’t; the foreigner is out on that performance; she couldn’t any more make those Chinese characters which stand for names, than she could fly! But the other teachers can, and do, fold them in spotless white paper, and tie them with the red and gold strings which signify a gift.



CHRISTIAN CHILDREN.

A bouquet, made of a small pine tree, a cabbage very likely, exquisite red berries, a few of the small chrysanthemums which blossom late, or some other flower, is placed in a tall vase, which in turn is placed on a small table. This adorns the room at one side the table where the master of ceremonies will sit. On the other side will stand the Christmas tree; and back of it all runs the long, narrow window, with its sliding sash and clean white curtains. Over the window on festival occasions is usually hung two large Japanese flags, drooping low. But I shall always remember with gratitude one Christmas when Mr. Yokota made two flags from chrysanthemums, one Japanese, one

American, and put them up either side the Christmas motto; a very sweet and delicate attention in that land where “Japan for the Japanese” sometimes makes people forget that we are all brothers.

Then comes the trimming of the Christmas tree; and what fun it is where ornaments are abundant in the shops. Red, blue, silver, gilt and green glass balls and pine cones can be had in plenty, large, small, and tiny. In the Chinese shops small candles of all colors with ornamental holders can be bought. These gay things, with the gifts the children have made, make the tree very pretty. In another room the cakes for the children and the guests are carefully laid on spotless white papers, one parcel for each; bean paste, sugar storks, flowers, or some such pretty conceit instead of our prosaic but satisfying cake.

Two large flags are hung either side the entrance. In all probability an evergreen arch studded with small oranges and chrysanthemums has been built over the gate. We take a last look at each room, to see that all is as it should be, and then go home to dress. At least an hour before the time we must be on hand to welcome the children and their friends. There is much of very low bowing, of urging to take the upper seats, of showing about the rooms; there is also much of care necessary lest the children get too uproarious. We generally shoo them off into one room, shut the sliding doors, and entertain them until the guests are gathered.

When the hour arrives to begin, Mr. Yokota takes his seat. A march peals from the organ, and before the expectant eyes of the guests march in the pretty company, each class led by its teacher. Such bright faces; such beautiful little hands; such resplendent costumes! Pale green silk, black silk, soft gray crepe gaily besprinkled with bright flowers, fine sashes with over sashes of rose pink sometimes, gold-embroidered collars inside the dresses, artificial flowers for the black locks, and often, I grieve to say, paint and powder for the little girl faces.



KINDERGARTEN GIRL.

The children are seated; the organ stops; the bow to guests is made in concert, and then sweet Christmas songs, "Once in David's Royal City," "Waken, Little Children," sound forth from the children's lips. The music just as you sing it here; the words unintelligible to a foreigner. And then when these songs have died away, and all is hushed, Mr. Yokota prays beautifully for us all. Again they sing, "Heaven and Earth this Night Rejoice," "Christ is Born"; these two Christmas songs, followed by the kindergarten ones appropriate to the year, "Autumn Winds," "Do the Little Brown Twigs Complain?"

A circle is formed and games played, after which comes a story of Christmas time, and then the delight of unloading the tree. Mr. Yokota and the teachers take off the gifts, call each child up by name to receive the present he has made for mother or father, and something for himself as well. The



KINDERGARTNER, MOTHER AND BABY.

child goes quietly to the front, bows most profoundly, receives his gifts most reverently, and returns,—his eyes dancing.

Then the songs at the end, the cake, the sayonaras, the “If it must be,” which answers to our good-by, and all are gone only Mr. Yokota, the teachers, and our dear, faithful old O Ba San, left to talk over the day, and separate for a vacation.



SANTA CLAUS'S STRANGE GREETING IN AFRICA.

BY MRS. W. M. STOVER.

[A Christmas Story for Children.]

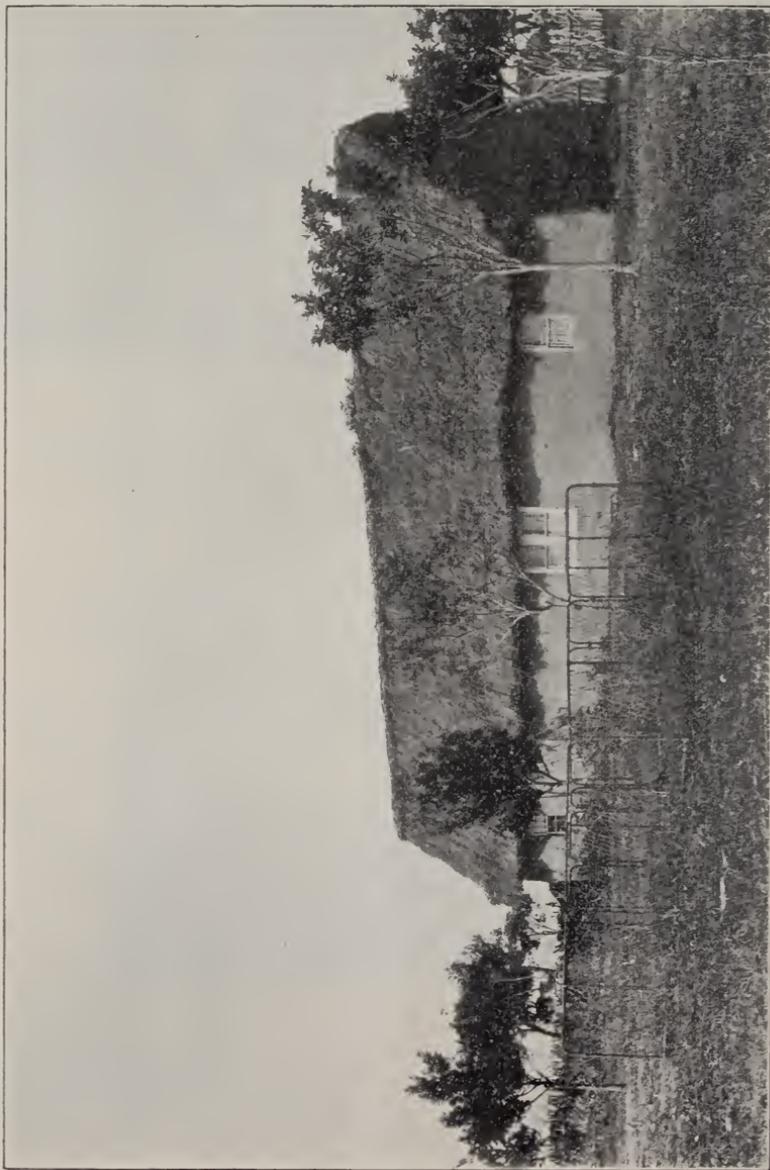
THE three wise ones looked at one another, and said, "Did you know?" "Have you thought?" "Is it possible?" "Why, yes, Christmas is coming." And immediately they began to take an inventory of their "stock in hand," and to calculate the possibilities.

The three strong ones rubbed the cobwebs from their eyes, and tried to remember whether the small gifts for the coming Christmas, ordered the previous January, had yet arrived.

"Christmas is coming!" "O goodie!" "What do you suppose we will get?" "What do you think we are going to do?" "O, I am so anxious!" "Dear me! I can hardly wait." This from the small fry.

"Christmas is coming." "How do you know?" "O, I heard them talking about it." "Yes, Christmas is coming; that is good." "What is coming,—what do you mean by Christmas?" asks a fresh arrival. "Why, Christmas means the day the son of God was born, and our teachers have told us how he came to earth long ago, and was born a little babe; and they love him so much that they remember his birthday, and celebrate it by making others happy with gifts, just as God has made us happy by giving us his son; therefore we are so glad that Christmas is coming." This from the lads and lasses in black.

And now the question to settle is, what shall be done? There have been feasts, and there have been trees. There was one Christmas when, just at



HOUSE WHERE SANTA CLAUS APPEARED.

the close of evening worship, some one gave a wild cry outside of the compound gate; and when the lads plucked up sufficient courage to sally forth with guns, and clubs, and torches to ascertain the cause of the unusual disturbance of the evening stillness, they saw on the ground, just outside of the gate, a huge basket securely sewed over with canvas. After securing the key and unlocking the gate, they brought the basket into the house amid the wonderment as to who the bearer was, and what the contents might be. But when the canvas was cut loose, and the well-known bags of sweets began to tumble out, some one shouted, "O, I know; it is Christmas."

But this time there must be something entirely new. "Why not try to have a visit from Santa Claus?" suggested one of the three wise ones. "Why not, to be sure?" said another. "It is a vote," said the third. And so it was decided.

The days fly, as days will where there is plenty to do. But what are the outward indications of the approach of this festive season? There is no snow on the ground. "Jack Frost" disappeared on the Fourth of July. Doors and windows are wide open; bright flowers are in bloom; strawberries are ripe, and perhaps there will be apples enough for a pie. The bright summer sunshine is interspersed with thunder showers. Who ever saw weather like this on Christmas? But it is the heart that makes Christmas,—the heart warmed and filled with the love of Christ.

The longed-for day dawns at last. "To-night at six o'clock we are all to meet in the big kitchen." "What for?" interrupts some one. "You will see," says a knowing one. "We are to come to sing after prayers, they told us," said a third. "You will see what we are to do," said the knowing one again.

The great strong one had been padded, and powdered, and packed until his mother would not have known him. The other two strong ones met at the baby organ after the usual evening worship, and sang song after song until one of the wise ones, who were everywhere present, gave the signal. The door flew open, and in walked Santa Claus. But, dear me! what consternation. He was greeted with shrieks, and groans, and cries of "Let me out," "It is the evil one," "It is the day of judgment." The small fry, catching the infection, fled to the bedroom, while the children in black, prone upon their faces, crept under chairs and tables, anywhere to hide themselves. Poor old Santa Claus never met such a greeting before. As soon as he realized the panic he had caused, he tore off his tall hat and white cotton beard, and from the bags on his back began to throw gifts right and left, and to tell who he was. Reassured once more, they were soon all laughing and chatting, munching the great "red breads" (doughnuts), tasting their fruits,

or nibbling at the sweets in the familiar little bags. One is wondering which end up he is to hold the fork Santa gave him. Another is trying on his new shirt. The girls are arranging their bright-hued handkerchiefs into nobby turbans, while others still are trying to find some place about their scanty clothing where they can stow away the bunch of thread, paper of needles,



A BAILUNDU SCHOOLBOY.

and cake of soap. Each one is trying to talk louder than his neighbor, while they examine the pointed paper shoes of good old Santa Claus, who frightened them almost to death. One said he thought Elijah had returned, another that it was John the Baptist. Another thought that it was Satan himself, and "all my sins rose up before me"; while still another said, "My only thought was to hide myself."

“What a funny time! Where could it have been?” some one asks. Dear hearts, let me tell you; it was only one of the small beginnings of a new life in far-off Africa. For it is only since the missionaries went to Central Africa that the poor children there have heard of such a thing as a birthday, or of Christ. And, of course, wherever his birthday is proclaimed, this day is celebrated. Why, do you know, it is one great source of amazement to these people that the white teachers know their own ages! And as they learned more and more, they saw how nice it must be; and then said they, “Since we cannot count our own years, we can remember our children’s.” And that was how it came about that one of the teachers keeps a book in which is recorded the date and name of every new baby that is born. And now, when the time of year in which they were born approaches, the parents begin to question: “How long till Naomi’s birthday?” “How old will John be next moon?” And the fathers bring cloth to the mission station for a little shirt or dress to be made, and the mother slays a fowl and makes a spread for her child and its mates.

Will Jesse ever forget the day he was four years old, when, having been invited with all the other wee ones, both black and white, to the mission house, he received a new frock, a cake of soap, a handkerchief and a bright picture book? and when in the midst of the music and games, the cakes, the fruit, the popcorn, and no end of fun and frolic, he would suddenly spring to his feet, and, dancing about on his toes, clapping his small black hands, would shout, “It is my Christmas! It is my Christmas!” Christmas having been the happiest day in his short memory, he thought this must be a repetition of that occasion.

And what a happy thought was that when one dear dusky mother came to one of the white mothers and, with many a fear, confided to her a plan. “Next week will be Rebeka’s birthday. I should like to make the children happy. Do you suppose I could make a little supper, and have all the children sit at the table as your children do? and—do you suppose the four little white girls would care to come? I should be so pleased to have them.” Care to come! Just as if they needed urging to eat *iputa* (mush) stirred by Nesoko’s hand. And so the white mother helped the black mother, and while the one stirred mush, cooked beans, and roasted peanuts, the other made cake, fried chicken, and popped corn. And did the little white girls enjoy it? There was one who did, I know, and who looks back to that day with loving memory.

And now, dear ones, Christmas is coming again. What does it mean to you? In the balmy south land, in the icy north land, in our own dear middle land, the Christ Child is King. And as you eat your goodies and re-



HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD OF W. M. STOVER,

joyce in your gifts, will you not be thankful that there are a few, though only a few, bright spots in poor, dark Africa where His name is known, His praises sung? And will you "take and take, and never give?" or will you with grateful hearts share your good things with them who know Him not? And oh! will you not pray that those dear children of whom you have just read may not only know that Jesus was born, but also that he died to make them free; that he lives again that they too may live, and that it is his life given for all mankind which is the true Christmas gift.

BERTHA STOVER.

BAILUNDU, AFRICA.

THE CHRISTMAS IDEA.

BY ANNA FRANCES BURNHAM.

"WHAT you been squandering your money on now, Aunt Judy?"

The girl's soft cheek was cuddled too close to the old gray curls for impertinence, and after the first start of surprise, Aunt Judy promptly answered her thirst for information.

"Them Armenians!" she said, concisely. "I thought you's upstairs in the bedroom. But that woman begged like a good one, and besides, there's been a line o' poetry kept dinging in my ears night an' day for the last fortnight, and I just took fifty dollars out the bank and sent it off to help that Clarry Barton and her Relief Corpse, or whatever you call it. Now I can sleep nights a little. 'Fore that I was always saying it over to myself, that poetry,—

'Can you hear the children crying, O my brothers?'

Besides, it's my birthday, and a kind of a way of celebrating. What was you after—the missionary magazines? Tell your mother to hurry up and get through with 'em and lend 'em round the parish, won't you? What wouldn't I give if we had a reel live missionary meeting, where we could meet an' talk 'em over! A year ago we had one."

"Poor, but pious!" said Stella, who had a grudge against it.

"It kinder died. But we need it. You young gals need it."

"We're going to have a Christmas Club!" said Stella, perversely. "I'm going to start it."

Aunt Judy sat up straight and eager, and dropped the sock she was knitting.

"Why don't you hitch the two things together,—kind o' combine the two? Don't you see that's the reel Christmas idea? That would be beautiful!"

"They wouldn't come!"

"All depends on how you went at 'em, child! You want to make it sound interesting. How was you going to work about your Christmas Club?"

"Why, we were going to meet round at the houses every other Saturday, and do things. That's one difference, to begin with. Missionary meetings meet in that old barny vestry, and we feel as sociable as stuffed owls."

"What's to hinder anything's meeting at houses?' I'll take ye all in here, and welcome!"

"Oh, well, that isn't all, you see! It's the Christmas idea, as you call it—the—the making things and giving them, and being kind of cozy and Christmas-y about it. Can't you understand? And then we were going to read stories—Christmas ones—and read up all the history and origins and things. It's a lovely idea, if I did get it up, Auntie!"

"So 'tis!" said Aunt Judy, warmly. "You always was a master hand to set things going. Now, what I want of you is to tack right on to the end of that nice little Christmas plan of yours ——"

"O Auntie!" cried the girl, pettishly. "There isn't the least bit of use in talking. What would the girls say? What kind of a way would it be to go and upset all our Christmas projects now at the last minute! We've every one of us got the most beautiful Christmas presents planned out, and fairly begun, some of them, and ready to bring along to work on. And we were going into the information part of it, too; you ought to see the books we've got from the library, and the papers to be written on Christmas in other countries, and all that. I think we shall grow a good deal broader-minded! And now you go and wish ——"

"I wish Christmas was sunk!"

"Why, Aunt Judy!" said Stella, fairly startled at the flashing eyes and "temper-y" tone that accompanied this explosive sentence.

"Well, I do! To think o' the blessed time o' the Lord's birthday, when he come down from heaven an' give gifts to men, being all set off away from him, and delivered over to making and persenting a lot o' trumpery little presents to one another! While the great world is a-begging and calling, and the real story of Christmas is knit into everything in this world that's anyways worth knowing about, talk about being broad-minded! You're too thin, and narrow, and slimpsey to make a shadow, Stella Mackintyre,—you and the whole set of ye together?"

Two minutes later hot-tempered Aunt Judy bit off a piece of the yarn she had been using for a "stent marker," and wished it had been a piece of her tongue instead. Stella was gone, of course, and Aunt Judy told herself re-

proachfully that the child had some reason to be "huffy." In imagination she followed her hasty, departing footsteps; but only in imagination, or she would have heard something to relieve her disturbed feelings.

In old times a certain king of men was going his ways, and the Lord met him and "turned him into another man." Something like that happened right in front of Aunt Judy's gate this frosty November morning.

"I wonder if she's just right, and abominable as it sounded!" said Stella, as the gate banged behind her. "And I wonder if we are narrow-minded, we girls, the whole set of us, always thinking about 'me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more,' and not even reading about the other ones! She isn't, I'll say that for her! Harps everlastingly on the 'Societies,' takes all the old missionary magazines and lends 'em half over the township, and takes her own money right out of the bank in big nuggets to help any good cause that's going. My dear amiable Aunt Judy, I've the best good mind in the world to give you such a surprise party to-night that you'll think you are in the seventh heaven, and whether you're in the body or out of the body you cannot tell!"

November dusks come early, and Aunt Judy had been knitting and reading an hour by candlelight when a cheery knock apprised her of visitor. In came a gay bevy of girls, laughing and looking back down the walk, where by twos and threes a dozen or so more were coming.

"So good of you, dear Miss Morris!" chirped two or three, gushingly. "But I'm afraid it's too much trouble! Where shall we take our things off? We're pretty snowy."

"This is the Christmas Club, Aunt Judy!" said Stella, blandly, opening the door again for the twentieth girl. "We aren't all here this time, but we're coming. I told 'em about the Christmas idea, and how much you thought of us! I told them about that fifty dollars, too, and about it's being your birthday, didn't I, girls? And we've come to make you a birthday present of a missionary society, and it's to be called the Christmas Club, and you're to be president! There, now!"

If it hadn't been for the embarrassment of having three times as many guests as chairs to seat them in, Aunt Judy might have made a little speech.

The little scurry for chairs that followed broke any spell of awkwardness, and in ten minutes they were animatedly discussing ways and means for the new society.

"Stella's got the cutest idea for fees—membership, that is!" said Nan Bellew. "It's a LIFE AND LIGHT subscription—not for yourself, but for somebody. Anybody can join, you see, on that plan, for it doesn't take money. Lucky for me, for I couldn't raise a silver stick-pin. Bartered my

very last one for a crochet needle to work my afghan. I'm that poor and downtrodden. But I made life a burden to every woman on my street till one of them promised to take LIFE AND LIGHT, and give me the money to-morrow."

"Well, that'll do for this time," said Aunt Judy, thoughtfully. "Good idea, I guess. Likely to help bring in some of the outsiders. What we want to work for is a good live, waked-up interest. But I'd sort o' confine that little scheme to the original members—kind o' keep it in the family! We need membership fees for one thing and another, and it will be easy enough getting 'em once the folks are interested. LIFE AND LIGHT will put some new ideas into their dead-and-alive darkness. If there is one thing I do mean to work and pray for, it's to get these women folks to read the papers!"

"I didn't carry those magazines home to mother, after all, Aunt Judy," put in Stella. "Here they are for you to read to us out of. And you've got to portion out the countries to us, and give us papers to write and things to do, and make it interesting. Really, I don't see why that wouldn't be a splendid way to get to know about these countries—through the gate of religion! And just as 'broadening' as any way."

"O girls!" said Aunt Judy, pink-cheeked and shiny-eyed, "you don't know! It's the only way!"

"Say! I'll make a portrait-book!" volunteered Sue Sampson. "Give me all your old magazines, and Ethel, you be Miss Gradgrind and collect facts for it."

"I'll contribute pictures of places," said Kate Holliday. "I've been saving them for years, and some of 'em will make you break the tenth commandment."

"And I'll tell you who we ought to work for!" said Lou Blaisdell. "That lovely Miss Bellamy, that's going back to the Ceylon Mission, is visiting at Aunt Carrie's, and I just wish you could hear her talk! Do take her to work for this winter."

"Let's! That's what I say. Drop the old afghan, Nan! Don't let's mind about presents. Let's try to work up Aunt Judy's Christmas idea, girls!" cried Stella, enthusiastically.

"Giving as He gave!" said Aunt Judy, joyfully.

There was a moment's happy hush, and then Aunt Judy broke it.

"Girls," she said, "I'm ever so much obliged to you for my birthday present. I wouldn't change it for a di'mond as big's a bushel basket. All the same, if anybody had give me such a ridic'lous thing as a di'mond, you know what I should 'a done with it?"

“Hard telling—as big as that!” murmured Stella.

“Turned it right over into the Lord’s treasury. Some things are too precious to be anywhere but in the church. Did you ever think of that? I always do, every time I see a lot of you young gals all so nice and happy together! O yes, I’ll hang on to you for a month or so. But Christmas time, when they’re all givin’ presents, I’m going to give mine—a bran’-new Young Ladies’ Auxiliary to the Woman’s Board! You’ll all be willing, won’t you?”

“Might as well say ‘Aye,’ girls,” said Stella, the leader. “It’s the Christmas idea.”

And twenty girls said, “Aye.”

A MEETING OF JUNIOR WORKERS.

THE Committee on Junior Work of the Woman’s Board of Missions held a meeting for workers in that department on Saturday afternoon, October 17th, in Pilgrim Hall, Congregational House. Special invitations had been sent to leaders of Junior Auxiliaries and Children’s Mission Circles, and about one hundred interested workers responded. After Scripture reading, prayer was offered by Mrs. R. B. Grover, and words of greeting were spoken by Miss Kate G. Lamson, Secretary for Junior Work.

Miss Annie C. Strong, of Auburndale, spoke on methods of conducting a Junior Auxiliary. She touched upon the patience and tact necessary to win and hold the girls, and the care with which the best hour for the meetings and the best talent for leaders should be selected. The arrangement of programmes and conduct of meetings were also considered, and the importance of prayer was emphasized.

Work among the children was next considered, and Miss Lydia Hayes, of Somerville, gave many valuable suggestions as to organizing and carrying on this work. After interest is won, work which touches the children should be presented, and it should always be in the name and for the love of Christ. Childhood is a period of activity and imagination, and these facts should always be remembered in the arrangement of programmes.

Mrs. D. A. Newton, of Winchester, gave an interesting account of her work among young girls. Success depends in large measure upon the amount of time, thought, and prayer given. The leader must have individual love for the children, and must manifest great love and loyalty to the work. She should be the power behind the throne, but should leave all the work of preparing the programme and conducting the meetings to the children. The study of missions needs to be definite, and the devotional service is of the

greatest importance. Mrs. Newton emphasized the desirability of training the children to give more themselves rather than to get the money from others.

Mrs. E. C. Brigham, of Manchester, N. H., followed with a thoughtful paper on "For What is Your Life?" The fact of the moral responsibility of every human being needs to be more clearly impressed on the individual conscience; then the want of interest, which is the real cause of the lack of workers, will be done away with.

Under the leadership of Miss Alice M. Buswell, of Newton, fifteen minutes was then devoted to a discussion of questions suggested by the different addresses. The value of the Covenant as a help in this work was brought out, and part of the Covenant Hymn was sung.

Miss Abbie B. Child gave a vivid picture of life without Christianity as she saw it in Madura last winter. She quoted a little girl in the Girls' School who said, "If Jesus gives us a work to do he will surely give us strength to do it," and closed with an earnest appeal for increased interest and prayers for the work. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. H. D. Noyes, of Hyde Park.

S. L. D.

FOR CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.—JANUARY.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

HAVE the room represent, by an arrangement of tables and chairs, the editorial sanctums of Miss Child and Rev. E. E. Strong. Let two children represent these editors, and let them describe to their callers whence they get the material of the magazines they edit.

Let other children represent the LIFE AND LIGHT, the *Missionary Herald* and the *Dayspring*, and the editors call on them to describe themselves.

Have several members represent the Circulating Library at the W. B. M. Rooms, and other missionary publications. Let them stand in a row as if books on a shelf, each wearing the title of a book, and, if possible, being dressed in some costume described therein. Let a child personating Miss Hartshorn, who has charge of the publications, call for each book to tell its story in such a way that all shall wish to know more about it. Each leader may find material nearer than at the W. B. M. Rooms. A list of books may be obtained there, so none is given here.

The main object of this meeting is to secure new subscribers for the missionary magazines, and this can be done most successfully by getting the children to do the canvassing, and report their success at the February meeting.

It is expected that the January number of the *Dayspring* will appear with a new title page. This will furnish a good opportunity for fresh canvassing, which leaders and children will do well to employ fully.

TOPICS FOR CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

- December.*—Constantinople.
January.—Missionary Literature.
February.—Travels in Turkey.
March.—An Hour in Spain.
April.—The Gods of India.
May.—Foreign Babies.
June.—Mexican Children.
July.—How Children Worship in China.
August.—A Voyage in the Morning Star.
September.—Boys and Girls in Africa.
October.—Missionary Heroes.
November.—Thank Offering Meeting.
December.—Christmas in Mission Stations.

Our Work at Home.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

BY ALICE M. KYLE.

PERHAPS the dominant note of the twenty-ninth annual meeting, held in the Franklin Street Church of Manchester, N. H., November 4th and 5th, was "Hopefulness." The cordial welcome into the beautiful homes of Manchester, the large number of delegates and representatives of Branches present,—two hundred and six,—the inspiration of having with us again, after her safe and happy journey round the world, our dear Home Secretary,—above all, the deep devotional spirit of the delegates' meeting of Tuesday, conspired to make the occasion one of peculiar interest and power. The glorious sunshine without was reflected in the faces within, while the bright decorations of the church and the gay badges added to the good cheer of the scene.

The devotional meetings, led on Wednesday morning by Mrs. Henry Fairbanks, of Vermont, and on Thursday by Mrs. John De Peu, of the New Haven Branch, swelled higher the tide of loyal, reverent emotion.

The public session opened at ten o'clock Wednesday morning. The President, Mrs. Judson Smith, read as the Scripture lesson 1 Cor. iii., and the blessing of God was invoked by Mrs. E. N. Packard, of the New York Branch.

After a gracious welcome on behalf of the hostess Branch and the ladies of Manchester, from Mrs. S. P. Leeds, president of the New Hampshire Branch, to which Mrs. Smith responded, the report of the Home Department was presented by Miss Stanwood in a most felicitous manner, and the perusal of the facts clothed upon with such attractive garb will make most interesting reading.

For the first time in November the Treasurer, Miss Carruth, reported a complete financial year. Amount received in subscriptions and donations, \$105,340.86; in legacies, \$25,212.90; making a total of \$130,553.76. About \$10,000 beyond all regular contributions is needed to complete the sum required for the appropriations of 1897.

To meet this need an advance of ten per cent in each Branch, to be secured by the assumption of heretofore unappropriated work, was proposed to the Branches at the delegates' meeting, and met with most encouraging response.

Following the survey of foreign work in Africa, Micronesia, Ceylon, and Spain, ably presented by Miss Lucy M. Fay, corresponding secretary for those missions, came a picturesque description of the work in West Central Africa, by Mrs. Wm. H. Stover, who moved her audience from smiles to tears as she told, "Why I believe in missions." As we heard of the woeful degradation and desperate need, and of the transfigured, glorified lives of the women, we saw reason for the fervor of her belief as she said, "We have fought hand to hand with evil for the salvation of a human soul, and over all has brooded the love of the God who bade us go."

After the reading of the survey of the missions of Western Turkey, Mexico, and Austria, prepared by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. O. Means, Miss Susan H. Olmstead, of the W. B. M. I., for seven years a teacher in the American College for Girls at Constantinople, spoke of the great influence of "Our College" among thirteen nationalities, and of the influence of the alumnae as they go out to carry the blessing of the gospel, as teachers, into all Asia Minor, and even to Russia, Greece, and Bulgaria.

Mrs. Isaac Pierson, formerly of the North China Mission, in quaint Chinese costume, worn to "bring the Chinese sisters a little nearer," gave most hopeful statistics of the slow but steady growth of the work there. Child life in China has been touched by a loving Saviour. Dim old eyes are painfully learning "the character," that they may read the Bible. All the girls in the Pao-ting-fu Boarding School have unbound feet,—symbol of the loosing of mind and soul from the iron bands of superstition. It is an "assured victory," the fulfilling of prophecy; "for these also shall come from the land of Sinim."

A social hour, with refreshment for the body and the pleasant interchange of friendly greetings, followed, and the afternoon session opened at quarter past two.

Dr. Kate C. Woodhull, of Foochow, spoke of the medical work there, and of the wonderful revival in that province. This religious interest, in one quarter, began with the work in the dispensary among the opium smokers. "Medical work is many sided. We have a hospital with twenty-five beds, a dispensary, and are often called to minister in wealthy homes. The training of native nurses and assistants is a very important feature of the work; and as there is no such thing as an unmarried Chinese woman, we have had to establish a kindergarten for the children of our native helpers!"

All were deeply grateful for the privilege of looking into the face of Miss Eliza Talcott, the Florence Nightingale of Japan, and of hearing about the blessed work she has been permitted to do among the Japanese soldiers and Chinese prisoners in the five great hospitals of Hiroshima, as she went to and fro un hindered, more welcome even than nurses or physicians, putting into the hands of these men thousands of the "little Gospels,"—divine seed to be carried by them into all parts of the Island Empire.

There was a marvelous hint of the coming triumph in the fact that the Cross of the Nazarene, despised and trampled under foot in Japan only thirty years ago, was everywhere welcomed during the war as the badge of the Red Cross Society!

Miss Child's "Glimpses of Work in China and Japan," proved to be wide-open doors, through which our fascinated eyes saw, as never before, our work going on in school, and street, and Bible woman's home. Who will soon forget the mellowing of the harsh Chinese language into the universal language of love, as the girls in lovely Foochow repeated together, at their evening devotions, the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians, and one by one saluted with "Peace!" the dear visitor from America?

One of the most impressive features of the whole meeting was the grouping upon the platform of eighteen missionaries, representing Turkey, China, India, Japan, Africa, and Bulgaria, each of whom was presented by Miss Stanwood to the audience. Looking upon those who stood for so much of precious costly service, one could only whisper, "These are they which came up out of great tribulation;" and all hearts were bowed before God, it may be as never before, while Mrs. Strong commended each dear life to Him whose they are and whom they serve. Rev. Luther D. Wishard, Foreign Secretary of the Student Volunteers, "brought greetings from the college world to the vanguard of the missionary army of the Congrega-

tional Church," and made a ringing, incisive appeal for the speedy evangelization of the world.

The evening session, after the presentation of an encouraging statement of the Junior Work, by Miss K. G. Lamson, Secretary for that department, was largely devoted to an address by Dr. Grace N. Kimball, recently of Van, who held the audience in almost painful stillness as they listened to her unimpassioned, yet tremendously forceful story of the "two terrible years." No pen can report the work of destruction and of relief, of bane and of blessing, of suffering and of succor; for "nothing but a picture from the infernal regions can tell what a Turkish massacre is."

Secretary Barton, of the American Board, gave the closing address of the evening, giving testimony to the noble work done "all around the world" by the devoted missionaries of the Woman's Board, whose influence, multiplied in many a young life, shall finally overthrow the crumbling arch of heathen faiths. During the evening Mrs. Zilla McQuesten Waters rendered the beautiful solo, "Emmanuel," by Paul Rodney.

Thursday morning brought sullen skies, but unabated cheer pervaded the ranks of the delegates and their friends. After devotional exercises, Mrs. Daniels presiding, kindly greetings were received from the W. B. M. I. and W. B. M. P., through letters read by Miss Stanwood. Mrs. Strong's admirable survey of the missions in European, Central, and Eastern Turkey was fittingly emphasized by an address from Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, of Harpoot, who told, with pathetic force, "Why the missionaries in Harpoot cannot come home."

Again we were privileged to look through Miss Child's eyes; this time upon the beautiful Hindu girls, to go with her, "with an air of ownership," into some of the buildings in India belonging to the Woman's Board, and to feel afresh the needs of the growing work.

The last hour of the morning was given to the expansion of the thought discussed during delegates' day, "How shall we place our missionary work upon a higher spiritual plane?" A thoughtful, stimulating address by Mrs. C. L. Goodell was followed by an earnest, practical discussion of the mighty theme, and so we came up to the culminating hour of the feast, as Mrs. Capron unfolded to us the vision of "The Heavenly Sufficiency"; sufficiency for salvation, sufficiency for sonship, and now, last of all, sufficiency for service. In that hour God drew near and communed with many a heart, and days to come shall reveal the richness of the blessing there received.

The afternoon session began with the election of officers. Miss Carruth, Treasurer of the Board for eight years, having declined re-election, her

resignation was reluctantly accepted, and the gratitude and regret of the Board was expressed in the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Woman's Board be given to Miss Ellen Carruth for her useful term of service as treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, and our deep regret that she feels the necessity of resigning. We would express our recognition of her faithfulness and deep devotion to every interest connected with the treasury, and shall ever feel that during these days which have looked so dark for the financial affairs of the Board, we may congratulate ourselves that such an able, thoughtful, and devoted officer served us. May the blessing of the Master abide with her ever, as she lays aside these active duties for those nearer home.

Miss Sarah Louise Day, of the Executive Committee, was elected Treasurer, and Mrs. W. H. Fairchild Assistant Treasurer, in place of Miss H. W. May, whose resignation because of ill health was received with regret last January. Mrs. W. H. Wellington, Mrs. A. A. Lincoln, and Miss Grace Weston were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, occasioned by the regretted withdrawal of Miss Amelia De F. Lockwood, and Mrs. Jas. L. Hill, now president of Essex South Branch.

Mrs. F. L. Holmes, of Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch, offered prayer for the newly elected officers. Miss Ellen M. Stone then gave a charming account of the "fair little land of Bulgaria," and its hero, Prince Alexander. Again we found the universal language in the words embroidered by the widow of the prince upon the ribbon tying the memorial wreath,—“Love Never Faileth,” and in the chosen verse of the Bulgarian Christians,—“Call upon me, and I will answer thee.” Miss Emily Wheeler, of Harpoot, gave from her personal experience signal examples of “answered prayer,” and made an enthusiastic appeal for greater faith in God, as the hearer of daily prayer.

The President, Mrs. Smith, in the closing address called attention to the fact of the great opportunities presented at this meeting,—“our responsibilities have been increased, our understandings enlightened, our eyes opened. May the Divine spark so lighted here kindle other lives, and so raise our work in all its departments to a higher spiritual plane.”

After a responsive service the closing prayer was led by Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, of Harpoot, Turkey, and the meeting adjourned to meet in November, '97, in New London, at the invitation of the Eastern Connecticut Branch.

So once again has each of us been taught to say anew:—

“My life is not my own, but
 Christ's, who gave it;
 And He bestows it upon all the race.
 I lose it for myself, and thus I save it;
 I hold it close, but only to expend it:
 Accept it, Lord, for others through Thy grace.”

SIDELIGHTS FROM PERIODICALS.

Chautauquan, November: "Japan as an Industrial Power," by W. E. Griffis, D.D. In same, "Current History and Opinion on Japan and Turkey."

Forum, November: "The Eastern Question:" 1. "The Immediate Future of Armenia," by W. K. Stride. 2. "Shall the Frontier of Christendom be Maintained?" by Julia Ward Howe.

Century, November: "The Chinese of New York," by Helen F. Clark.

Cosmopolitan, November: "Personal Recollections of the Tai-Ping Rebellion," continued, by Gen. Edw. Forester. In same, "Through Oriental Doorways," illustrated, by Laura B. Starr.

Atlantic Monthly, November: "A Night and a Day in Spain," by Miriam Coles Harris. In same, "Dust," by Lafcadio Hearn.

Contemporary Review, October: "The Constantinople Massacre."

Nineteenth Century Review, October: "The Massacres in Turkey," discussed by five writers.

Harper's Magazine, November: "White Man's Africa," Part I, "Jame-son's Raid," by Poultney Bigelow.

The English Illustrated Magazine, November: "Impressions of the Transvaal," by Melton Prior, special artist of the *London Illustrated News*.

Review of Reviews, November: "What to Do with Turkey." "The Eastern Ogre, or St. George to the Rescue," by W. T. Stead. Articles on the Eastern Question in "Leading Articles of the Month," in same. Indian Missions are no longer foreign missions to us; but in view of the fact that this year is the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of John Eliot's labors among Indians in New England, he a foreign missionary to our own soil, we shall read with interest in

The New England Magazine, November: "John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians," by James De Normandie. In a line with this in

Lippincott's, November: "The Land of the Five Tribes," by Allan Hendricks.

Alaska is so nearly foreign missionary soil, and so little comes to us from its far-away life, that we suggest in

Scribner's Magazine, November: "Over the Chilkoot Pass to the Yukon," by Frederick Funston.

M. L. D.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS.

December.—Signs of Promise in 1896. Reports from the Annual Meeting of the Board. See LIFE AND LIGHT for November.

1897.

January.—Missionary Literature.

February.—Outlook for Christ's Kingdom in Turkey.

March.—An Hour in Spain.

April.—The Condition of Our Own Auxiliary.

May.—Bulgaria: its Condition and Mission Work.

June.—An Hour in the Mexican Field.

July.—God's Promises the Foundation of the Missionary Structure.

August.—A Voyage in the Morning Star.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

TOPIC FOR JANUARY.

GOOD suggestions for a meeting on Missionary Literature were given in *LIFE AND LIGHT* for December, 1894. Aside from these we suggest the following: Let six of the members take a representative book on some country, divide it up among them, and each one give a *resume* of what she has read, in her own words. Such books as the following would be interesting: "Forty Years Among the Zulus," "Life of A. M. Mackay, of Uganda," for Africa; "My Life and Times," by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin; or "Turkey and the Armenian Crisis," for Turkey; "The Bishop's Conversion," or "A Lady of England, The Life and Letters of Charlotte Maria Tucker," for India; Chinese Characteristics," or "Life of John L. Nevins," for China; "Life and Letters of Joseph Hardy Neesima;" "A Modern Paul in Japan," for Japan; "Life of Luther H. Gulick," or "Letters and Sketches for the New Hebrides," by Mrs. John G. Paton, for the Islands.

Another suggestion would be for several ladies to give brief talks on the different departments of literature in the Board. A sketch of *LIFE AND LIGHT*, its history, and an epitome of the numbers for the year just closed. A statement of what the *Dayspring* does for children, and a *resume* of its contents for a year or two. An account of the Leaflets of the Board and the place they occupy in the Board work; the Calendar, and what it does for the missionaries, both in this country and in the field. Specimens of these different departments of literature would add much to the effectiveness of what would be said about them. Copies of *LIFE AND LIGHT* and the *Dayspring* will be sent free when desired, also a list of leaflets, from which orders could be sent. Calendars may be obtained at twenty-five cents each, thirty cents if sent by mail. All orders may be sent to Miss A. R. Harts-horn, No. 1 Congregational House, Boston.

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Franklin Co. Branch.—Miss L. A. Sparhawk, Treas. Conway, Aux., 36; Orange, Aux., 55.15, Merry Workers, 5.63, Boy's M. C., 12.93; Sunderland, Aux., 8.44; Whately, A King's Daughter, 2,

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Hampshire Co. Branch.—Miss Hattie J. Kneeland, Treas. Amherst, Aux., 80; First Ch., S. C. E., 15, South Ch., Willing Workers, 12; East Hampton, Aux., 107.13, Emily M. C., 20; Enfield, Aux., 40; Granby, Aux., 6.25, Cong'l Ch., 5.80; Hatfield, Aux., 46.40; Northampton, Edwards Ch., Aux., 4.05; South Hadley, Miss Judd, 1; Westhampton, Aux. (of wh. 100 const. L. M.'s Mrs. James Clapp, Mrs. A. D. Montague, Mrs. Wm. G. Edwards, Mrs. R. W. Clapp), 115, Lanman Band, 30; Williamsburg, Cong'l Ch., 20, Th. Off. at R. dly, 8.15, Stoddard Memorial Fund, 489.45,

1,000 23

Hebronville.—Mrs. L. J. Bourne, 1 40

Middlesex Branch.—Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Treas. Lincoln, Aux. (prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Martha E. Whitney), 65, Cheerful Givers, 50; Maynard, Mrs. Lucy A. Maynard, 12; Natick, Aux., 52.35, Cradle Roll, 4.65; Saxonville, Aux., 25; South Framingham, Aux., 36.20; Wellesley, Aux., 44,

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Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.—Miss Sarah B. Tirrell, Treas. Braintree, Aux., 9; Bridgewater, Aux., 37.26; Brockton, Aux., 30; Chiltonville, S. C. E., 3.02; Duxbury, Aux., 5; Eaton, Aux., 22; Halifax, Aux., 13.50; Hanover, First and Second Ch's, 10; Hingham, Aux., 15; Holbrook, Aux., Th. Off. (of wh. 50 from Miss S. J. Holbrook const. L. M.'s Mrs. C. L. Hyde, Miss Susan A. Whitcomb), 106; Kingston, Aux., 8.85; Marshfield, Aux., 5; Milton, Aux., 18; Plympton, Aux., 2, Cong'l Ch., S. S., 5; Quincy, Aux., 56.06; Rockland, Aux., 25; East Weymouth, Aux., 52; Weymouth Heights, Aux., 24; South Weymouth, Aux., Old South Ch., 5; Wollaston (of wh 5 sp. Th. Off.), 25, S. C. E., 5,

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North Middlesex Branch.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, Treas. Acton, Aux., 10; Ayer, Aux., 36.84; Concord, Aux., 32.30, S. S. Missy's Ass'n, 40, S. C. E., 10; Dunstable, Aux., 19.50, Pansy M. B., 26; Harvard, Aux., 46.50, S. C. E., 10, Memorial, S. C. E., 5; Littleton, Aux., 10; Pepperell, M. S., 10,

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Old Colony Branch.—Miss Frances J. Runnels, Treas. Attleboro, Aux., 85, Second Ch., 49.29, S. C. E., 10; Fairhaven, Aux., 15; Fall River, Aux., 11, Willing Helpers, 180; Iakeville, Aux.,

20; Marion, Inf. Dept. S. S., 6.50; Middleboro, Aux., 128.06, S. C. E., 10, Henrietta Band, 5; New Bedford, Aux., 210; North Dighton (of wh. 50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. George S. Gooding, Mrs. Benj. P. Jones), 65; Rochester, Aux., 45.50; Somerset, Aux., 20, Whatsoever Circle, 15, Pomegranate Band, 5; South Attleboro, Aux., 20, Bethany Chapel S. S., 15; Taunton, Aux. (of wh. 100 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Geo. Woodward, Mrs. E. E. Richards, Mrs. Dr. Emery, Mrs. M. I. Richmond), 166.53, S. C. E., 20; Winslow, Juniors, 8.50, Cradle Roll, 5, 1,115 38

Pittsfield.—Mrs. S. A. Warriner, Cradle Roll, 5 00

Springfield Branch.—Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas. Agawam, Aux., 38.14; Blandford, Aux., 60; Brimfield, Aux., 27.73; Chicopee, First Ch., 14.50, Third Ch., 26.05; Chicopee Falls, Aux., 51.50; Granville Centre, Aux., 17; Hampden, Aux., 15.65; South Hadley Falls, Aux., 8.37; Holyoke, Second Ch., Aux., 340; Longmeadow, Aux., 19; East Longmeadow, Aux., 27; Ludlow Centre, Aux., 650; Ludlow Mills, Aux., 40.37; Monson, Aux., 79; Palmer, First Ch., Thorncliffe Aux., 9; Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 69, Opportunity Seekers, 115, Hope Ch., Aux., 44.02, Memorial Ch., 163.69, Lend-a-Hand Soc., 40, Primary S. S., 2, North Ch., Aux., 88.50, King's Helpers, 5, S. C. E., 5, S. S. Class, 1.50, Olivet Ch., Aux., 69.50, Olive Branch, 26, Golden Links, 50, Park Ch., Aux., 10, South Ch., Aux., 146.38, Young Ladies' Soc., 180.05, Opportunity Club, 15; Indian Orchard, Aux., 35; West Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 32, Park Street Ch., Aux., 40; Westfield, First Ch., Aux., 266.90, S. C. E., 20, Light Bearers, 6, Second Ch., Aux., 97; Wilbraham, Aux., 4.50, 2,311 85

Suffolk Branch.—Miss Myra B. Child, Treas. In memory of a dear friend, 500, M., 24; Allston, Aux., 126.01; Boston, B., 50, Miss O. F. Kimball, 5, Mt. Vernon Ch., Aux., Susan E. Thatcher, 8, Shawmut Ch., Y. L. M. S., 255, Union Ch., Aux., 18.77; Cambridge, North Ave. Ch., Aux., 152, Shepard Memorial Ch., Aux., 139.74; Dorchester, Mrs. Geo. M. Amsden, 2, Harvard Ch., Aux., Thank-off Memorial of Mrs. A. D. Bicknell, 13, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 69.18, Second Ch., Aux., 157.34, Y. W. M. S., 25, Village Ch., 5; Everett, Ladies' Aid Soc., 10; Hyde Park, Aux., 36; Medway, Village Ch., M. B., 15; Newton, Eliot Ch., Aux., 564 (of wh. 50, by a friend, to const. L. M.'s Mrs. S. C. Monroe and Mrs. T. C. Parks; 25, by Mrs. N. P. Coburn, to const. L. M. Mrs. W. F. Bowman; 25 to const. self, Mrs. R. A. Reid, L. M.). Y. L. M. S., 94, Cradle Roll, 18; Revere, Aux. (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Annott Hamblin), 26; Roslindale, Aux. (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Melissa K. Blasland), 31; Roxbury, Eliot Ch., Aux., 65, Walnut Ave. Ch., Aux., 10; Somerville, Franklin St. Ch., Aux., 42, Prospect Hill Ch., Woman's Union, 5; South Boston, Phillips Ch., Aux., 95.85, Y. L. M. S., 5; West New-

ton, Aux., 25; West Roxbury, Aux., 41, 2,632 89

Worcester Co. Branch.—Mrs. C. L. Sumner, Treas. Clinton, Aux. (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Mrs. George Grant), 118.49, 1strim. S. S., 10, Jr. Y. L. E. Soc., 10; East Douglas, Aux., 40.40; Fisherville, Aux., 11.80; Northbridge Centre, Aux., 31, Lamplighters, 5; North Brookfield, Aux., 34, Thank-off, 35.50, Happy Workers, 6; Oxford, Aux., 20; Rockdale, Aux., 28.28; Rutland, Aux., 9; Southbridge, Globe Village, Aux., 5; Spencer, Aux., 25, S. S., 10; Sutton, Ladies' Miss, Aux., 19; Upton, Aux., 8.32; Uxbridge, Aux., 18; Warren, Aux. (prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Royce C. Strickland), 18; Webster, Aux., 47.77; Westminster, Aux., 35; Worcester, Union Ch., Aux., 32.58, Piedmont Ch., Aux., 125.50, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 18.40, Park Ch., Aux., 1.23, Extra Cent-a-Day Band, 2.27, Belmont Ch., Aux., 15, 740 54

Total, 11,446 83

LEGACY.

Newtonville.—Legacy of Mrs. E. C. Stiles, 100 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Rhode Island Branch.—Miss Anna T. White, Treas. Kingston, Aux., 43.40, Cheerful Givers, 25; Newport, United Ch., Jr. S. C. E., 36.72; Central Falls, Y. L. M. C., 50; Barrington, Aux., 5; East Providence, United Ch., 23.50; Pawtucket, Aux. (of wh. 50 to const. L. M.'s Miss Elizabeth Shedd, Miss Lizzie Kenyon), 216.93, Weekly Offerings, 95.21, Y. L. M. C. (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Miss Mabel L. Dana), 110, Happy Workers, 25, S. C. E., 10, S. S., 23.42, Cradle Roll, 7.35, Golden Rods, 12 07; Park Place, Aux., 53.04; Peacedale, Aux., 118.77; East Providence and Seekonk, Aux., 50; Providence, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 45, Morning Stars, 35, Union Ch., Jr. S. C. E., 5, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 12, Little Pilgrims Cradle Roll, 3, Beneficent Ch., Aux., 177.77, Busy Bees, 50, North Ch., Aux., 52.25, Union Ch., Jr. Aux., 10, Plymouth Ch., Daughters of the Covenant, 14, Central Ch., Aux., 450, Cradle Roll, 3.75; Tiverton, Aux., 10; Westerly, Aux., 21, Y. F. M. C., 15, 1,862 20

Total, 1,862 20

CONNECTICUT.

Eastern Conn. Branch.—Miss Mary I. Lockwood, Treas. Colchester, Ida M. Keigwin, 1; Danielson, Aux., Thank-off, 57; New London, First Ch., Aux., 74.83, Jr. S. C. E., 5.81, Second Ch., Aux., 103.50; Norwich, Broadway Ch., Cradle Roll, 7.50, Park Ch., Aux., a Friend (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Miss Alice W. Cogswell), 30; Taftville, Aux., 10.86; Thompson, Aux., 10.50; Wauregan, Busy Bees M. B., 3.58, 304 53

Hartford Branch.—Mrs. M. Bradford, Scott, Treas. Berlin, Golden Ridge, M. C., 5.30, Cradle Roll, 1.10; Bristol, Aux. (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Miss

Grace E. Manross), 48.41, Jun. S. C. E., 20; Collinsville, Aux., 67.50, Hearers and Doers, M. C., 26.96, Cradle Roll, 7, S. S., 5; Columbia, Aux., 70; East Hartford, Aux., 40.25, Real Workers, M. C., 20; East Windsor, Aux., 15, Cradle Roll, 3.25; Enfield, The Cleaners, M. C., 30, Kings St., M. C., 20; Glastonbury, Jun. Aux., 70; Granby, Aux., 17.25; Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., Daisy Chain, M. B., 7.75, First Ch., S. S., 30, prim. S. S., 5, Cradle Roll, 5.25, Fourth Ch., Aux., 33, S. C. E., 10, Wethersfield Ave., Aux., 25; Kensington, Aux., 17.17; Manchester, First Ch., Aux., 62, Second Ch., 25.20; Mansfield, Aux., 10; New Britain, First Ch., Aux., 34.14, South Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 by Mrs. J. E. Case const. L. M. Mrs. Martin S. Wiard), 57.10, Cradle Roll, 3.50; Newington, Aux., 84.17, Y. W. F. M. S., 25, Raindrops, M. C., 5, Cradle Roll, 1.50; Plainville, Coral Workers, M. C., 3.50; Poquonock, Aux. (of which 25 to const. L. M. Miss Lizzie M. Bassett), 41, Cheerful Givers, M. C. (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Miss Grace Lord), 25.74, Cradle Roll, 1; Rocky Hill, Aux., 10; Rockville, Aux., 65; Simsbury, Aux., 1; South Coventry, Aux., 27.65; So. Glastonbury, 10; Southington, Aux., 50; South Windsor, Jun. Aux., 5; Stafford Springs, Aux., 35.25; Suffield, L. F. M. C., 67.76; Talcottville, Aux. (of wh. 64.05 Th. Off.), 75, Little Lightbearers, M. C., 23.62; Terryville, Aux., 30.31; Tolland, Aux., 20.50, Jun. S. C. E., 5.36; Unionville, Aux., 5; Vernon Centre, Aux., 10; West Hartland, Ch., by Miss Emma H. Gaylord, 5; Wethersfield, Aux., 122; Windsor, Aux., 87.50, M. C., 37.50, Cradle Roll, 5; Windsor Locks, Aux., 26.80, M. C., 5, 1,709 29

New Haven Branch.—Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Ansonia, Aux., prev. ack. to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Chauncey Leach and Mrs. J. F. Osborne; Bethel, Aux., 21.35, Y. L., 10.15; Bridgewater, Aux., 24; Cheshire, Aux., 48; Colebrook, Aux., 21.55; Cromwell, Aux., 2; Danbury, First Ch., Aux., 2, S. C. E., 10, Second Ch., Aux., 34.60; Darien, Aux., 1.65; Essex, S. C. E., 8.25; Falls Village, S. C. E., 9.60; Goshen, Mrs. Moses Lyman, 5, S. C. E., 10; Guilford, First Ch., Aux., 55; Haddam, Aux., 12; Kent, Aux. (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Miss Mary Hatch), 48, Y. L., 10; Litchfield, Y. L., 140; Middle Haddam, Jun. S. C. E., 22; Middletown, First Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 by a friend to const. L. M. Mrs. Samuel G. Smith), 43.68, S. C. E., 25; Milford, First Ch., S. S. 5.60; Plymouth Ch., Aux. 31; New Canaan, Aux., 15; New Preston Hill, Aux., 10; North Haven, S. C. E., 5.52, King's Daughters, 10; North Madison, Aux., 13.65; North Stamford, Aux., 1; North Woodbury, Aux., 12; Norwalk, Aux., 26.75; Orange, S. S., 2.76; Plymouth, Aux., 8; Portland, Work and Win, 16; Salisbury, Cradle Roll, 50 cts.; Saybrook, Aux., 44, S. C. E., 7.80; Sharon, S. C. E., 7.66; Shelton, Aux., prev. ack. to const. L. M. Mrs. Luther M. Keneston; South Canaan, Aux., 5.80, S. C. E., 3.72; Southport, S. S., 30; Stamford,

Jun. S. C. E., 9; Stratford, Aux., 5, S. C. E., 6; Torrington, Third Ch., Aux., 120; Warren, S. S., 50 cts.; Washington, Cradle Roll, 58.25; Waterbury, Second Ch., S. C. E., 25; West Avon, M. C., 1.20; Westbrook, Aux., 12.50, S. C. E., 4.21; Westchester, Aux., 10.87, S. C. E., 1, Cradle Roll, 13 cts.; West Cornwall, M. B., 11.60; Westfield, S. C. E., 8.50; Westport, Cradle Roll, 3.25; Westville, S. C. E., 7.35; Wilton, S. C. E., 7.50; Winchester, S. C. E., 2; Litchfield Co., meeting coll., 59.87, 1,174 32

Total, 3,188 19

NEW YORK.

Denmark.—Mrs. J. T. Kitts, 5 40
Freeport, L. I.—A Friend, 5 00
New York State Branch.—Mrs. Guilford Dudley, Treas. Aquebogue, Aux., 8.25; Brooklyn, Puritan Ch., S. C. E., 27, Tompkins Ave., S. S. prim. dept., 10; Buffalo, Mrs. W. G. Bancroft, 125, Niagara Sq., Aux., 10; Churchville, S. S. M. C., 15; Elmira, Park Ch., Aux., 15; Hamilton, Aux., 2; Jamestown, Aux., 32; Little Valley, Aux., 5.39; Lockport, First Ch., Aux., 25; Napoli, Aux., 10; New York District, 20; Plattsburgh, Mrs. P. D. Moore, 5; Poughkeepsie, Aux., 5; Siloam, Welsh Ch., 14, Susquehanna Ass'n's, 5; Utica, Plymouth Ch., Jun. S. C. E., 5; Walton, Aux., 9; Westmoreland, Aux., 10. Less expenses, 9.13, 348 42

Total, 358 82

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Miss Emma Flavell, Treas., N. J., Bound Brook, Aux., 15, Pilgrim Workers, M. B., 5; Elizabeth, S. C. E., 10; Glen Ridge, Aux., 150, M. B., 48.12; Jersey City, Aux., 47.14; Montclair, Aux., 140; Newark, Belleville Ave., M. B., 85; Plainfield, Aux., 10; Westfield, Aux., 113.35, Infant Class, 2.60; Va., Falls Ch., Aux., 20; Herndon, Aux., 7, 653 21

Total, 653 21

OHIO.

Cleveland.—Mrs. Walter C. Parmley, 5 00
Mallet Creek.—Mrs. E. Watkins, 25 cts., Mrs. Emilia Randall, 1 25

Total, 6 25

ILLINOIS.

Jacksonville.—Susie M. Hall, 1 00
 Total, 1 00

IOWA.

Beaman.—Mrs. W. M. Carver, 5 00
 Total, 5 00

General Funds, 17,735 07
 Special Gifts, 592 43
 Variety Account, 57 61
 Legacy, 100 00

Total, \$18,485 11



TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

AMID circumstances of wondrous mercy we again gather for the annual review of the work of the Woman's Board.

The *personnel* of our Board remains much the same. We greatly miss our dear sister Mrs. Dwinell, who has folded her hands in sleep; nay, has awakened into a holier communion and service beyond. We have been compelled to accept the resignation of Mrs. H. H. Cole as Home Secretary, from her removal to the northern part of the State. Her place is filled by Mrs. J. A. Cruzan. In the beginning of the year a change was decided upon in regard to the meetings. Concentration upon one subject at one time seems to be the approved method of the day in all lines of labor and of thought. And so, instead of a monthly meeting, with but partial interest, it was thought best to have quarterly all-day meetings, with a prepared programme, papers presented for discussion, missionaries secured, and every accessory to make such a meeting an inspiration, and beget fresh enthusiasm, which is the real need of our work; and through these means receive the "breath from the Holy Spirit," which shall fill every sail anew, and quicken every effort. This plan being adopted, the intervening months are simply committee meetings for business. To briefly review these special meetings we look back to our annual, just one year since, which was held in the First Church of this city. This meeting was memorable from the presence of the now well known "Japan deputation," sent out by the American Board to adjust, if possible, the somewhat complicated affairs in our mission in that country. It was a great privilege to listen to these gen-

tlemen, and to the admirable paper from that gifted lady Mrs. Joseph Cook, who was also *en route* for Japan to meet her husband. A goodly number of missionaries, each of whom knew whereof she spoke from actual experience of many years in distant and difficult fields, graced the platform, among whom was a young Japanese lady, Miss Ranawaki, who had just completed a course of study at Holyoke.

A delightful and bounteous lunch was spread in the spacious parlors of the church. The papers presented in the afternoon were "Woman's Rights in India," by Mrs. Willett, of East Oakland, and "A Problem in Interest," by Mrs. Hoyt, of Sacramento. It was pleasant to have with us Mrs. McClelland, the president of our Oregon Branch, and Mrs. J. H. Williams of the Southern Branch, and to listen to their words of greeting.

The Young Ladies' Branch was represented by Miss May Williams, who is its president. This Branch had just celebrated its tenth anniversary. It has proved its right to be, if only by looking at its treasurer's figures, which in the ten years of its existence show an ingathering of over \$8,000, and this mostly by the aggregation of the littles. What a lesson our Saviour taught us in "gathering up the fragments, that nothing be lost!" The fragments of time, money, and strength now wasted and useless, would, if wisely gathered, carry our missionary societies far beyond any want or lack.

In December our meeting was held in the missionary room, and was an especial meeting, in that a definite programme had been prepared, the subject being that which has been so much on our hearts the past year, viz., Turkey and its woes; and we might add Turkey and its horrors, or Turkey and modern martyrdom, or Turkey and modern heroism.

The January meeting was held in Oakland, the first of the series of quarterly meetings planned at the beginning of the year. It proved to be a decided success, from the addresses and papers of interest which were presented.

The February meeting was held at the missionary room. In this we united with the young ladies of the Branch in their interesting afternoon meeting.

The March quarterly was held in Plymouth Church, San Francisco. The programme was of much interest. A very instructive and inspiring paper was given by Mrs. Cruzan on "Missionary Literature," which contained some new and valuable suggestions. Mrs. Farnum brought before us again "Our Missionaries," whom we wish to keep personally in mind as much as possible. Mrs. Professor Foster brought vividly before us the effect on missionary work of the "recent cut" as necessitated by the American Board. Mrs. Freeland presented a paper on "Our Present Needs," the principal one of which was "the woman who has no interest in foreign missions."

The third of the quarterly meetings was held in Berkeley, and by a happy repetition of a similar experience was made a missionary reception, as we were favored by the presence of some of the choicest spirits and most devoted workers in our missionary fields: Mrs. Logan, whose name suggests volumes of self-sacrifice; Miss Crosby, who had recently returned from those islands; Mrs. Watkins, formerly connected with our Board, and welcome among us as in the days gone by, who told us of the advanced work in Mexico; Mr. and Miss Mary Perkins, of India; and Mrs. Sidney Gulick,

daughter of our Mrs. Fisher, who went to Japan some years since as a missionary bride.

In the afternoon a procession of these representatives from the ends of the earth entered the room in the costumes of those nations. Thus were brought together the North and the East, the South and the West, all under the one banner, that of Christ our Lord. Is not this a faint foretaste of the time so outlined in the prophet's vision when "the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God"?

It was pleasant to have with us Miss Crosby, the dear sister from whom we looked for so much help and inspiration, but whom the Lord in his infinite wisdom has laid aside from this her loved work. Miss Crosby had been appointed Field Secretary of our Board, and we felt that now had come to us the realization of our hopes and plans, so well fitted did she seem for this work.

OUR LITERATURE.

"Tell me the songs of a nation, and I will tell you its history and its principles," said one. Still more emphasis would we lay upon what the people read, what our women read. Could we insure the conscientious reading of our rich and varied missionary literature, it would mean a higher education for our women, and an increase in our treasury from the consequent increased interest. *LIFE AND LIGHT* stands at the head of our women's magazines. It is sixty cents a year, and well repays careful and thoughtful perusal. The department of *The Pacific* has been filled regularly each month with matter peculiarly our own. *Mission Studies*, from the Board of the Interior, and *Mission Dayspring*, for youths and children, complete the series. The latter is illustrated, and is a beautiful little magazine for Sunday schools, among whom it is largely taken, and can be obtained in quantities for twelve cents a year. Should the cost of these magazines seem too great, two or three can combine to secure them. We have also the *Missionary Banner*, published by the united contributions of both the Home and Foreign Boards.

Three hundred and nineteen copies of *LIFE AND LIGHT* have been taken on our Coast States the past year, against 343 the previous year; 267 of *Mission Dayspring* this year, 495 last,—a decrease of both; 101 of *Mission Studies* are taken this year, 116 last. Our "column" is still filled each week in *The Pacific* by our President, which must keep all our constituency fully informed of the sayings and doings of the parent society.

OUR LIBRARY AT HEADQUARTERS.

"In books lies the soul of the whole past time," wrote Carlyle. And such books as these which we have in our very small library, lives of the good and great, and the achievements they have made for the uplifting of mankind, what more ennobling to the mind than this reading? A supply of missionary leaflets is also found here for free distribution, and maps for loaning to missionary meetings.

OUR HEADQUARTERS.

We still hold this room in the Y. M. C. A. Building, conjointly with the "Woman's Home Missionary Union," although it is not yet accomplishing all we desire. Could we have retained Miss Crosby our hopes in regard to it would no doubt have been fulfilled. But, as it is, it gives us a center for our work and a place for our literature, and still more for the weekly prayer meeting held each Monday afternoon.

OUR TREASURY.

The pulse of our organism—how do we stand this year? It has been a year of trial and perplexity to our mission Boards and of anxious thought on mission fields as they try to make one dollar do the work of two dollars; as they try to keep up their schools, to continue their Bible readers, to help the poor and suffering. And such poverty that we can hardly conceive of! Has there been any sacrifice on our part, so safely out of harm's way as we are?

OUR APPROPRIATIONS.

These are accepted as sent us by the American Board after much deliberation and discussion, and are much the same as in previous years. They include the work in Africa, in Brousa, in India, in North China, in Japan, in Spain, and in Micronesia, which includes the money for the Morning Star. This is mostly contributed by the Sunday schools, and is gathered by the young ladies of the "Branch."

We again recommend the envelope system. These little reminders throughout the fleeting months of the year have been proven to be the most efficient and systematic method of giving. Take them, dear friends of your Treasurer, and place them in your handkerchief box, where they will confront you each week or month, and you can't forget. And the tenth—shall we ever attain unto the tenth?

The past year has been one of financial depression, and, like many another society, we have been hampered by this depression. The decision as to our appropriations is based upon the average gifts of our societies for the two or three previous years, and receives the most careful consideration. It is often a very difficult problem to solve, not knowing what the gifts for the coming year may be, and so it is largely a work of faith.

To our sisters up and down our coast we look for the conscientious gifts which shall enable us to meet the obligations of the year. Our missionaries on the field must be sustained, far from country and home and friends; their support must come from the home land.

God grant that in the bright future toward which we look, when no man will need to say to another, "Know the Lord," so no one will need to stimulate the other to give unto the Lord's work, but "everyone whom his spirit makes willing" will offer gladly of his substance.

J. C. SMITH, *Rec. Sec.*



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TURKEY.

TALAS, TURKEY IN ASIA, June 1, 1896.

I SHALL most gladly let you know some of the details of our work. At present, with the exception of Miss Burrage, our missionary force resides in Talas, a town of about fifteen thousand inhabitants, located much like Duluth, on the side of a spur of Alidagh, a small mountain five or six miles from Cesarea. In the early years of missionary work in this region the missionaries lived in Cesarea, and there Dr. Farnsworth has always lived; but because of the healthier location the Girls' Boarding School was started in Talas.

Miss Closson and I have rooms, and spend our time, of course, in the school building, where fifty-five girls keep things lively from half past five in the morning until eight in the evening. For meals we go to the missionary homes,—a week at each of the two places in turn. This is a very delightful arrangement, as it gives us a little change three times a day.

The work of the gentlemen is quite at a standstill. It is now two months that every request to get permission to visit the villages has been refused by the local government. This puts Mr. Fowle and Mr. Wingate rather in the position of prisoners, allowed the freedom of Talas and Cesarea, but nothing more. This naturally hinders relief work as well as religious work, as there are but few natives who can be trusted with money or provisions for distribution.

The native who has been handling the most money has been arrested, and for several weeks has been awaiting a preliminary examination. In Cesarea three thousand Armenians are furnished with a weekly dole of flour at the rate of two cents worth a day per person. The ominous fact is, that the starving list is increasing every day, and contributions are decreasing.

In our Girls' Boarding School we have within a few days had an interesting experience in the receiving of fourteen girls recently orphaned. A gift from a friend in America partially providing for the support of ten such girls set us to looking up the matter, and one day a short time ago I went to Cesarea with Mr. Fowle to make the selection. As we entered the door a pitiful group of girls of all sizes, and women, some with tiny babies, rose to meet us. The girls advanced rather timidly, but curiously, to inspect our faces and clothes, and two or three mothers began at once to beg for their respective children. We went up an outside flight of stairs from the court to a sort of balcony room, where we admitted the applicants one by one. Mr. Fowle noted items, and led the interrogation, which ran about like this: "What is your name? How old are you? Was your father cut up?" Horrible question, but decidedly to the point, and the word most commonly used. Then, from the mother, how many children she had, and whether her house was plundered. Usually the women answered quietly the question put to them, but one poor creature would insist on unwrapping her hand, now badly deformed, and in locating the precise spot on the back of her neck where she had received a ghastly wound.

Twenty-three girls were brought up ranging in ages from eight to nineteen years, all with much the same sad story,—“Father killed; very poor; large family.”

One poor little thing when brought before us was labeled “Has nobody.” Of this number only six could be chosen, as four had been previously selected. When there was only one more chance, five most hopeful-looking girls were called back, and stood in a row while we looked at them again, and wondered how we could say “no” to any one of them. Then it was discovered that our list was actually full, and not one of them could be taken. Among these five were three who appeared so bright, and of such good ma-

terial, that it seemed impossible to give them up. So two of the committee present decided to go into partnership on two of them, and they were added to the list. It was not easy to announce the decision, but the disappointment of many was bravely borne. Mr. Fowle went down into the court, where the group closed round him, and gave them a very kind talk, saying how much we had wanted to take all, but how we had money enough for only six more. Then, knowing well with what uncomfortable persistency and lack of self-respect these people can "beg," Mr. Fowle told them firmly that there must be no words of complaint or entreaty when the decision was known.

Looking over the balustrade from above, it was an affecting sight, so much hung on the next few words,—the lifting of a few from beggary and ignorance to a life of comfort and intelligence, and the leaving of the others behind to hunger, abuse, hard work, and as speedy a marriage as possible to anyone who could be found to relieve the family of the burden of a girl.

The division into two groups was quickly made, and those whose faces were radiant with happiness answered up promptly that they were all ready to go that afternoon. Then it was that a few could not restrain their grief, though they tried to be very quiet about it, in order not to displease the *Bodvelley* (religious teacher). While the committee were saying a few last words together, and regretting that two certain girls were left out, Miss Burrage decided to add to the already heavy benevolences she carries, and put one in for the rest of the year, at least. The other we concluded to throw in on faith, and Mr. Fowle, stepping to the edge of the balcony, shouted "Good tidings," and told them that there were two more fortunate girls. One happy girl looked up to us with a face shining through her tears, but the other one was so deeply grieved that she could not stop sobbing even for that she wanted most.

In two hours they were back, beds, bundles, smiles, and all. And such tiny bundles! Some, most of them, contained not more than three garments; yet it was plain that there were loving hands who tied them up, for in several I saw a piece of a favorite kind of bread, supposed to be very fine because it has a little shortening in it. Three girls had no beds. One of these was asked, "But where is the one you sleep on at home?" "I have no bed; I sleep on a *mindër*" (a thin cushion about two and a half feet square). "Very well, bring that." Then it came out that four little girls were sleeping at home on two such mats, for they are hardly more than that.

Last Saturday, owing to the generosity of a Dr. Lepsius, from Germany, we went into Cesarea again to look up girls. The examination was much like the one I have already described, but with one or two amazing variations.

In both cases the donors specified that the girls must be daughters of men recently killed. One little girl, the first one brought up, was accompanied by a dried-up little old man who said he was her father; but though he couldn't claim to have been killed in the massacre, he said he was as good as dead. The laugh that went up at that statement didn't at all disconcert him, and he hobbled off without any show of embarrassment or chagrin.

Twenty-nine girls were brought up, twelve of whom were accepted. Many were from five to eight years old, entirely too young for us to take. I remember one dear little five-year-old in particular with a grave, sweet face. This was the record,—father, mother, brother, sister, and brother-in-law killed, two girls from that house carried off, and a man who ran in from the street was chased up, dragged from the cellar, and killed by the street door.

I think often of what Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Man can endure what man cannot hear." You will be interested to know that there was no annual meeting this spring in Constantinople, although it was not given up until very late. When the next one comes we do not know. Meanwhile we are to wait, and "let patience have her perfect work" for us.

Sincerely,

CORA A. NASON.

CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS NELLIE N. RUSSELL.

KALGAN, CHINA, Aug. 9, 1896.

MY DEAR MISS WRIGHT: Your letter of March should have been answered long ago, but the days have been full, and now I find my vacation time about over, and so little accomplished. I left Peking nearly two months ago, and came up here for a cool place to study and rest, and expect to leave for Peking in a few days. Doubtless we shall have a hard time getting home, as we hear the roads are in a horrible condition. We have had a great deal of rain this year.

I expect to do about the same kind of work the coming year as last,—that is, country work. I hope to do even more, perhaps have shorter classes for the women, so as to give more time for village visiting. At mission meeting the question of a Bible Woman's Training School came up, and everyone feels the need, and that the time has come for one. I feel that our great need is trained Bible women to go out into the country and live with the people, move them around from place to place every two months or so. Our work could be doubled had we the proper women.

Our country work is so large that I cannot do it justice, let alone entering the open doors in the near villages. I do the latter even at a sacrifice of the

older work and better known places, as I feel that God is going to provide in some way the helpers to enter all these villages. I am afraid I am a crank on village work, but it seems to me such a "lasting work," and we can reach so many more people. One of my Bible women has been at one of our out-stations for two months, but on account of the condition of the roads I have only been able to get one letter from her. She wrote me of new doors opened in the city, and some in near villages. If I had a trained Bible woman for each of our out-stations, I should be so happy that, should you listen, you might hear me shout for joy even above the din of Chicago. Well, I have faith to believe that day is coming, and so rejoice in the anticipation.

I hope that the school may be in Peking for various reasons. It will be near the Bridgman school, and the older girls can help. It will be in easy communication with our expected kindergarten teacher. If these women could have two lessons a week in the training of children and care of them, what a help they would be to the young mothers in the villages. Then they will be near our lady physician, where they can also have training in simple diseases and preparation of food, etc.; also work in the two dispensaries, and gradually may be able to work into house visiting in the city. There is such a field of work in China, but we are so hampered by lack of funds and workers. God speed the day when we can push out and enlarge our borders.

TURKEY.

FROM THE HARPOOT DISTRICT.

DEAR FRIENDS: I wish that you could spend a day or two in Harpoot, and see with your own eyes the scenes of destitution that are constantly before us. From the windows of Mr. Gates's house one's heart is saddened by the view. From one window we see the blackened walls of the chapel; from another, the ruins of the Wheeler house, and of many city homes; from the third, in place of the beautiful and convenient building for the girls' school, we see only a few walls and piles of stone and earth. The walls of Mangaan remained standing; a roof was put on, partitions built, and we carried on the preparatory school in a corner of our former building.

The boarders have spent seven or eight months in the printing room, which is connected with Dr. Gates's house. In that one room the girls have spent the day, prepared their food, gathered around the low, wooden tables for their meals, and spread their beds at night. Ah! I have not told you

all the uses of that wonderful room; for at a quarter before eight the college girls came trooping in with smiling faces, and after prayers professors, tutors, and scholars lost themselves in their lessons.

In the dilapidated school building of the Armenians, near the ruins of their church, our primary school has been continued. In a private house in another quarter of the city our kindergarten has found a home. In former years every pupil came to school in a whole, clean dress and jacket with good stockings. Our hearts have often ached as we have seen the girls in rags, without stockings and shoes. We have given dresses to the most destitute, and have tried to find pieces for the others to use in mending. Do you know what it means to have lost your piece bag? We have guarded every small piece of cloth and calico as if it were a treasure. Day after day women with pinched faces come to us for help. One has a shawl to sell which she has crocheted from coarse yarn made from wool by herself. Her husband was killed, and she has a family of small children to support. She has no money, no work; and so the shawl is purchased, to be passed on to some needy body next winter.

Another woman brings a pair of stockings; a third, a few yards of lace; so on for hours: each has a tale of sorrow, suffering, and want to tell to sympathetic friends. God only knows how these hungry thousands are to be fed this coming winter. All that we have been able to give has been bread. Many have taken only bread since last November. One little boy ate a dry crust of bread and then went to school. He was so hungry that he left, and went home crying. He asked his mother "Do you think that we shall have enough fruit this year to know its taste?"

I have given fruit to women who have been working for me, and although they were hungry, they wrapped it up to carry home to their children.

Who will supply the clothing and bedding? Many will die unless bedding can be furnished. We hear pitiful tales of people who have slept leaning against others; of those who were sick with fever, and occupying the bed with their well friends.

A poor woman comes into the yard, leading her lame child by the hand. Her husband has become Moslem, and taken another wife. A merry, naughty little girl in our school has had a sad story. Her father changed his faith, from fear; he finally took his own life,—from fear. The mother and children were urged and threatened to accept Islam; they remained firm. Pray that little Elmas may accept the true Christ, and be a real follower of him.

A dear little pupil of ours saw that her father's life was in danger. She threw herself on his neck, and saved his life, but gave her own; her oldest sister, an earnest Christian and faithful wife of a pastor, was killed instantly.

Dzadzán, another sister, is in school; her face is sad, but she has a sweet smile. When she prays, she prays as if she had seen the Lord. The father and two brothers of Lucia, one of our graduates, were killed. Her step-mother has left the family, to support herself in another city. Lucia is left with two sisters, who look to her for everything. She was a brilliant scholar but proud; her sorrow has humbled her. Poor child; I am so sorry for her. Pray that she may lead her sisters in paths of peace and righteousness. As I write, face after face comes before me of women and girls for whom we have labored and prayed, and who are now bearing heavy crosses, whose grief no one knows.

The land is full of sorrow and woe. The pitying God hears and knows all; pray that he may send speedy relief; pray that the land may be full of peace and quiet, but above all, that each heart may be at peace.

As the roads are not very safe, and there is fear in many places, and because some of our girls have no homes, fifteen of our girls and boarders remain with us this summer. To give employment to these and to the needy teachers, as well as to keep children out of the street, we opened a summer school, which is attended by two hundred pupils. We have hired a large house in the city as a home for the boarding department, and for the college. We have more room for the different schools; we have engaged more and better teachers. There are crowds of children who long to come to school. In many cases the mothers are too poor to pay. This summer I have purchased whole sheepskins with the wool, have had the wool cut off, washed, picked over, combed, spun into yarn and made into stockings. I take the stockings, and credit the money with a certain sum on her bill for tuition. I feel very strongly that the schools should not be free, but it takes quite a capital to furnish work, and funds are low. We hope to be able to furnish one or two hot meals a week to those girls who eat only dry bread in their homes.

Every few days a woman comes and says, "Will you help me put my daughter in school as a boarder?" The answer has to be, "If the money comes; pray for the money." Let me tell you how much money our Y. P. S. C. E. sent to Africa last term. You know our girls lost their all. Three liras (\$13.20) may seem a small sum to you, but it means much to us, as the girls worked hard to earn their money, and much self-sacrifice was exercised.

We have a grand opportunity of gathering in the children, and of influencing them for Christ. Will you not help us? We are few in number, as Miss Wheeler and Miss Allen have been obliged to go to the United States with sick parents, and the needs are great. Oh! it is a blessed work,—for we are colaborers with Christ.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. B. M. I.

DES MOINES, IOWA, October 27, 28, and 29.

THE twenty-eighth annual meeting of the W. B. M. I. has come and gone. It will pass into our history as a meeting marked by a quiet, devotional atmosphere, and a spirit of deep-seated loyalty to our organization, to our work on foreign fields, to our divine Exemplar and Master. Des Moines gave us a warm welcome in more than one sense as we met in its Plymouth Congregational Church. Fortunately such a body of women as met there can be indifferent to weather; and whether fair skies and warm sun smiled upon us, calling fans into requisition, or whether blue was turned to gray, and smiles to tears, through sunshine, wind, and rain, the delegates came and filled the palm-bedecked church at each session for three days. At ten o'clock on Tuesday morning the delegates came together for a preliminary conference on practical points in our work: the value and necessity of a State Dime Fund, the place of prayer in the auxiliary meetings, methods of collecting funds, the responsibility laid on solicitors, and the patience needed by them. The development of such topics as these resulted in a stimulating and helpful hour. When, at a later session, the reports of the fourteen States of the Interior were brought to us, read, in most instances, by the State presidents, these practical thoughts came into strong relief: The falling off in contributions from many of the States was laid at the door of "hard times," yet Dr. Bradley's ringing accusation later on, "There is money enough for other things," swept away that excuse. And the words of another speaker, "The mite we give may not be the 'widow's mite,'" again laid the responsibility upon each member of our churches. "Know, and you will feel; know, and you will pray; know, and you will help."

The review by the foreign secretaries of the work done during the past year in Micronesia, Africa, China, Japan, and elsewhere, took us by their vivid words, as by a magic carpet, to these various missionary fields, and showed us the state of the work at the present time. From all came such words of courage, such reports of eagerness to learn of the Christian's God; from China, such reports of crowds coming to hear, and such pressing need of more workers; from Japan, of such honor shown to our kindergarten graduates, and demand for their services as well as work for Bible readers; from Turkey, such pictures of outrage and persecution, of heroism and love, of crowded schools and churches, as made our hearts burn within us.

All these reports were emphasized and illuminated by the presence and the words of four missionaries: Miss Annie Howe, of the Glory Kindergarten, Kobe; Miss Mary Wainwright, Kyoto; Miss Anna Jones, Constantinople;

and Miss Luella Miner, Tung-cho, China. The devotional meeting of Wednesday, based on the text, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you," led us by the same line of thought up to our Father's throne; and when a cablegram was read, sent the very day before from Miss Newton, of Foochow, China, containing the single word of appeal, "Recruits," the effect was electric. The treasurer's report and the home report, both bearing so vitally on our work, were listened to with intense attention; the former showing receipts from regular sources of \$61,000, and an additional legacy of \$15,000 from the late Mrs. C. L. A. Tank, of Wisconsin, left us with a clear balance sheet. The home report mentioned the return of two missionaries to their fields, and the sending out of three new ones, giving us a list of sixty-nine. The discussion on the treasurer's report, and the timely paper by Miss Mary P. Wright on "Be not disobedient to the heavenly vision," the vision of open doors and broadened opportunities, crystallized the feeling among those present into many expressions of the conviction, "No step backward is possible."

"Work among the children: how to do it," was presented by Mrs. Geo. H. Bliss, of Chicago, in a thoroughly practical paper sparkling with bright suggestions, and illustrated with models of an African village and a mission compound. It was a most helpful presentation for all leaders of children, big and little. An hour later in came a procession of a hundred boys and girls, giving our Misses Miner, Jones, and Howe opportunity to show how interest can be aroused and held by bright, descriptive talks and tangible illustrations. A forceful presentation of the young ladies' work, by Mrs. S. E. Hurlbut, Chairman Junior Committee, who urged the formation of a young ladies' society in every church, was followed by a beautiful story, true to life, on the "Daughters of the Covenant," exemplifying the winning influence which a loving woman can exert in calling other daughters into this covenant of obedience with the Lord Jesus, the Redeemer of all nations.

Many helpful, practical suggestions were brought out at the sectional meetings on the work among senior auxiliaries, among the young people, and on the children's work, which it is impossible even to touch upon here. We only trust that the coming year's work will prove their usefulness.

When busy ministers can take three days out of their overcrowded week, and travel many miles, to give us words of inspiration, we owe them a debt of gratitude; and so we are happy debtors to Rev. Dan F. Bradley, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and to Rev. Michael Burnham, of St. Louis. Dr. Bradley brought a message in stirring words to the young people of our country; a message to them to open their eyes to the full import of this

work of bringing the whole world to Christ. "This is a matter of dignity, a matter of statemanship. . . . It is not a little collection in a corner, it is the biggest thing in the world!" Not less impressive was the scholarly address on Thursday evening by Dr. Burnham: "The Church must find in Christ the basis and degree of power in her work for the evangelization of the world." After this fitting close the Board adjourned, to meet in 1897 in Evanston, Ill.

I have purposely left till the last the account of what was, in many ways, the crowning point, the climax of interest; viz., the recognition of Mrs. Moses Smith's twenty-fifth anniversary as President. In the midst of the program of Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Lyman Baird, first Vice President, came to the front of the platform, and motioning to our astonished chairman to keep still, said, "For once your program committee has stolen a march on our presiding officer, and taken this half hour into its own hands. The question arose among us, What shall be done to the woman whom this Board delights to honor? Shall we array her in a purple robe, and place a ring on her finger? Nay, rather her works, they do follow her; let them speak for her." And then in eloquent words came a review of the last twenty-five years of the Board; marking some of the milestones along the way. "As a society we have had a rare experience, let us say a special Providence, in the fact that we have had but two presidents, Mrs. S. C. Bartlett and Mrs. Moses Smith, since our organization, in 1868, and two treasurers, Mrs. Francis Bradley and Mrs. J. B. Leake." A graphic picture was given of the annual meeting in April, 1872, when the "little woman with curls at the sides of her face, a quiet firmness about the mouth, and a composedness of manner," who had for six months been acting president, was made president by election.

"The Board never did a wiser thing than when it put that same little progressive woman at its head. To her we owe, in a large measure, the effective plan of reaching and inspiring the women at home, through branch and state auxiliaries. She organized the young women, and one of her many original thoughts found expression in the unique covenant for our Young Ladies' Societies.

"Only once during the twenty-five years has she failed to preside at our annual meeting, and then she was detained by serious illness. . . . Mrs. Smith was our representative at the World's Conference of Missions held in London, in 1888. She was the first to suggest a World's Woman's Committee on Foreign Missions. At her instigation a paper on 'Our responsibility in regard to the exportation of intoxicating liquors' was prepared, and she was made one of a committee to lay this before President Harrison,

State-Secretary Blaine, and the committee of Foreign Affairs; which paper bore its fruits in the instruction to the United States delegates to the Brussels Conference to 'advocate the most extreme measures looking to the limitation of the liquor traffic in Africa.' . . . She has been pre-eminently a devoted and self-sacrificing leader. We all have felt her power. Original in thought, ready with suggestions, her motto has always been, not 'Go on' but 'Come on.'

"I voice the sentiment of the entire Board when I say we love her for what she is, we admire her for what she has done, we respect her for what she has led others to do. God bless her!"

Mrs. G. B. Willcox followed with an original poem, from which we give an extract:—

"Dear friend, we cannot half express
The love and gratitude we feel;
Nor number o'er the thousands more
Who bless thee when they daily kneel.

"In schools where heathen children learn
The wisdom of the life to come;
In kraals where moans and woman's groans
Are changed to songs of 'home, sweet home.'

"Where dark-browed Bible readers speak
To groups that round them throng and press,
The blessed name of Him who came
From heaven to give them life and peace.

"Where missionary daughters sent
From our broad prairies teach the Word,
Angels look down thy work to crown;
The 'Inasmuch' for thee is heard.

"We lay our tribute at thy feet;
God give thee all that life can hold!
He keeps for thee a crown of gold,
Immortal, bright, with heaven's own light,
And starred with jewels manifold."

Mrs. J. B. Leake then presented to Mrs. Smith two boxes, one containing an album of autographs of nearly every member of the Executive Committee, past and present, from the last quarter century, over two hundred of them—some having been written by hands now still. The other box held sixty photographs of the various members.

A beautiful climax was felt to be reached when Miss Frances Wells came to the platform, accompanied by a little golden-haired girl carrying an arm-

ful of American Beauties, and in the name of all the young women of the Interior gave Mrs. Smith "a big, hearty thank you" for what she has done for young womanhood, and presented twenty-five roses—the queen of flowers, one for every year of service—to our Queen. A lump was in the throat, and tears in the eyes of every woman in the house, as Mrs. Smith arose to her feet to respond; and simultaneously the audience arose, and gave the Chautauqua salute to our Queen among women.

MRS. J. H. MOORE.

ONE of the missionaries present at the Annual Meeting was Miss Luella Miner, who has spent nine years in Tung-cho, both teaching and doing evangelistic work. A graduate of Oberlin, she is there again now for a short course of additional study before returning to China.

MISS ANNIE HOWE was never more interesting and stimulating than during the meeting in Des Moines. Her message to the young ladies was in the words, doubly emphasized: "Don't you be afraid to go as missionaries! Trials there are, of course, but there are ample compensations. Don't go for the romance of the thing, but don't you be afraid to go."

MRS. LOGAN is just about reaching Ruk, where she goes to join Miss Abell and Miss Kuney. The latter writes that her family of her forty girls, and her care over them, bodily, mentally, and spiritually, makes her feel like "the old woman in a shoe."

WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE INTERIOR.

MRS. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPTEMBER 10 TO OCTOBER 10, 1896.

ILLINOIS.

BRANCH.—Miss Mary I. Beattie, of Rockford, Treas. Alton, Ch. of the Redeemer (of wh. 39.01 is Th. Off.), 75.01; Amboy, Feast of Ingathering, 69.92; Atkinson, 10; Buda (of wh. 26.53 is Th. Off.), 31.03; Canton (of wh. 26.05 is Th. Off.), 62.25; Chebanse (of wh. 4.89 is Th. Off.), 8.49; Chesterfield, 9.40; Chicago, Mrs. J. A. Adams, Th. Off., 2, Duncan Ave. Ch., 25, First Ch., 345.05; Lake View, Ch. of the Redeemer, 10, Th. Off., Aux. and Junior, 16.40, Leavitt St. Ch., Th. Off., 25.55, Lincoln Park Ch. (of wh. 24.93 is Th. Off.), 30.93, New England Ch., 101.25, Plymouth Ch., Mrs. Converse, Th. Off., 15.50, Union Park Ch. (of wh. 113.75 is

Th. Off.), 263, Waveland Ave. Ch., Th. Off., 4; Danvers (of wh. 16 is Th. Off.), 22.50; Dover, Th. Off., 12.82; Elgin (of wh. 50.75 is Th. Off.), 61.34; Elmhurst, 20.73; Evanston (of wh. 100.50 is Th. Off.), 294.73; Forrest, 8.57; Galesburg, Central Ch. (of wh. 58.76 is Th. Off.), 95.61; Galva (of wh. 18 is Th. Off.), 43.20; Geneseo (of wh. 73.05 is Th. Off.), 95.02, Mrs. J. M. Hosford, Deficit Fund, 80 cts.; Geneva, 14.50; Glencoe (of wh. 48.85 is Th. Off.), 139.95; Godfrey, 3; Gridley, 5; Griggsville, 34; Huntley (of wh. 12.25 is Th. Off.), 16.80; Ivanhoe (of wh. 17.85 is Th. Off.), 30.58; Jacksonville, First Ch., 20; La Grange, Charles W. Vial, member of Wee Folks Band, 23; Lyonsville (of wh. 30 is Th. Off., and 6.75 Deficit),

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6 is Th. Off.), 20; Normal, 5; Oak Park,	
Second Ch. (of wh. 17.44 is Th. Off.), 91.37;	
Odell, 15; Onarga, Unity Ch., 2; Oneida (of	
wh. 12.69 is Th. Off.), 14.30; Ottawa,	
22.50; Paxton, 51.30; Peoria, First Ch.,	
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Seward (of wh. 6.95 is Th. Off.), 16.95;	
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The King's Children, Th. Off., 1.43;	
Hinsdale, Th. Off., 15 25; Joy Prairie,	
Th. Off., 5.13; Longwood, Two Brothers'	
M. S., 5; Lyonsville, 23.88; Rollo, 1.81;	
Wayne, Thistle Down (of wh. Th. Off.	
Boxes, 6), 10.16,	163 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Chicago, Doremus Ch., 7;	
La Grange, Th. Off., 11.60; Paxton, 5.12;	
Peoria, Plymouth Ch., 1; Roberts, 30	
cts.,	25 02
Total,	4,109 07

INDIANA.

BRANCH.—Miss M. E. Perry, 51 Broadway, Indianapolis, Treas. Elkhart, 28 93; Ft. Wayne, 3; Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch.,

46.50; Michigan City, 4.75; Mooresville,	
Mrs. Richey, 1; Marion, 1.50; Terre	
Haute, First Ch., 12.95,	98 63
C. E.: Michigan City,	1 05
JUNIOR C. E.: Indianapolis, Mayflower	
Ch.,	1 17
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Indianapolis, May-	
flower Ch.,	5 50
Total,	106 35

IOWA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. E. Rew, of Grinnell,	
Treas. Algona, 6.50, Mrs. Caroline	
Ingham, in memory of her daughter,	
Annie C. Ingham, 10; Almorat, 12;	
Alpha, 10; Anita, 2.25; Atlantic, 11.35;	
Belle Plaine, 25; Cherokee, 26.41; Chester	
Center, 5.58; Clinton, 3; Cresco, 5;	
Cromwell, 15; Danville, 5; Decorah, 9;	
Des Moines, North Park Ch., 41.10,	
Plymouth Ch., 12.40; Dubuque, Summit	
Ch., 12; Dunlap, 36.06; Eagle Grove,	
8.15; Evergreen, Miss Carrie Smith, 5;	
Fairfax, 5; Fairfield, 4.40; Farragut,	
30.65; Glenwood, 16.40; Grand River, 2;	
Grand View, 13; Green Mountain, 19;	
Grinnell, 102.28; Hampton, 26.30; Inde-	
pendence, 2; Iowa City, 3.42; Jackson,	
10; Jewell, 5; Keosauqua, 18; Lincoln,	
3; Manchester, 24.96; Marion, 10; Mc-	
Intire, 1.20; Mrs. D. W. Kimball, 3.80;	
Miles, 10; New York, 3.30; Osage, 49.49;	
Oskaloosa, 24; Ottumwa, 13.65; Preston,	
12; Rowan, 11; Salem, 25; Sheldon, 30;	
Shenandoah, 8.87; Tabor, 25; Washta,	
3.50; Waterloo, 24.25; Waucoma, 10;	
Wells, Mrs. I. W. Brownell, 1,	812 27
JUNIOR: Clay, 23 55; Des Moines, Plym-	
outh Rock Soc., 85; Grinnell, 21.25;	
Cedar Rapids, from sale of lace sent by	
girls of Kusaie School, 6,	135 80
C. E.: Decorah, 10; Fairfax, 1.50; Grin-	
nell, 2; Manchester, 6.50; Traer, Ripley,	
5; West Burlington, 3.50,	28 50
JUVENILE: Cedar Falls, 3; Cedar Rapids,	
Willing Workers, 3; Grinnell, Busy	
Bees, S. Br., 1.63, from sale of candy at	
County Fair, S. Br., 10, W. Br., 15; Osage,	
Coral Workers, 4.94,	37 57
JUNIOR C. E.: Eldora, 22; Glenwood, 5;	
Hampton, 4.60; Traer, 15; Webster City,	
2.54,	49 14
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Alden, 5; Cedar Falls,	
5; Decorah, 1.31; Gilman, 2.18; Grin-	
nell, 8.28; Keek, 50 cts.; Manchester,	
8.25; Maquoketa, 1.50; Milford, 1; Mt.	
Pleasant, 3.78; Shenandoah, 2; Sloan,	
4.32; Strawberry Point, 2.65; Traer, 5;	
Union, 1; Victor, 1.85; Wittenberg,	
1.33,	54 95
THANK OFFERINGS: Alden, 25; Ames,	
38.55; Anita, 12; Bear Grove, 3.15; Cedar	
Falls, 21; Cedar Rapids, 21.33; Charles	
City, 25; Cherokee, 47; Corning, 8.50;	
Cresco, 20.75, C. E., 5.50; Cromwell, 10;	
Decorah, 36.48; Des Moines, Plymouth	
Ch., 89.36, Plymouth Rock Soc., 23; Dun-	
lap, 36.02; Glenwood, 26.45; Junior C. E.,	
86 cts.; Grinnell, 149.64, Busy Bees, S.	
Br., 20.16; Independence, 3; Magnolia,	
12.80; Manchester, 42.36; Maquoketa,	
7.25; Marion, 9; McGregor, 45.75; Mus-	
catine, 40; Newell, 25; Preston, 5.80;	
Shenandoah, 17.77; Sioux City, First	
Ch., 22.45,	850 93

SPECIAL: Grinnell, Mrs. Eliza A. Potter, for Bible Reader in Arrupucottai, India, 30, Th. Off., special for Marash, 10, for Rev. G. E. White, 15,	55 90
Total,	2,024 16

KANSAS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. T. S. Mason, of Topeka, Treas. Arkansas City, 6; Atchison, 10.10; Carson, 4.15; Emporia, 10; Centralia, 10, Mrs. B. N. King, 15; Eureka, 34.50; Fancy Creek, 5; Highland, 8.75; Hiawatha, 2; Kansas City, 18; Lawrence, 5.50; Leona, 1.12; Manhattan, 86.80; Netawaka, 5; Oneida, 2; Part- ridge, 5.87; Paola, 9; Russell, 3; Sa- betha, 3.25; Sedgwick, 1.90, St. Mary's, 6; Topeka, Central Ch., 14.91; Wabau- see, 5.65; Wellsville, 10; Wellington, 12.22,	295 72
C. E.: Kinsley, 3; Portis, 3.40; Sabetha, 6.50, St. Mary's, 3.45,	16 35
JUNIOR: Sedgwick,	2 10
JUVENILE: Partridge, Children's Birth- day Box,	3 93
Total,	318 10
Less expenses,	2 00
Total,	316 10

MICHIGAN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ann Arbor, Treas. Adrian, 5; Alpena, 4; Ann Arbor, 27.55; Addison, 7.75; Allen- dale, 5; Benton Harbor, 10; Cheboygan, 4; Charlotte, 25; Central Lake, 1.50; Ellsworth, 1; Detroit, Brewster Ch., 25, Woodward Ave. Ch., 20; Gaylord, 5; Grass Lake, 1.50; Grand Rapids, Sec- ond Ch., 13.50; Galesburg, 11.80; High- land Station, 1; Jackson, 23; Litchfield, 25; Lansing, 3.75; Manistee, 30; Mem- phis, 2.52; Morenci, 8.20; North Adams, 17; Olivet, 20.65; Pontiac, 11.50; Port Huron, 52.25; Romeo, 5.60; Stanton, 2.40; Sandstone, 4.38; Three Oaks, 10.91; Traverse City, 25; Union City, 6.25,	417 01
JUNIOR: Cooper, 8; Grand Rapids, South Ch., 9.90, First Ch., 25; Greenville, 5; Pontiac, 16.88,	64 78
C. E.: Bancroft, 10; Covert, 3.08; Charle- voix, 13; Detroit, Canfield Ave. Ch., 2.75; Litchfield, 9.25; Lansing, 3.75; North Adams, 2; Saginaw, 14,	57 86
JUVENILE: Ann Arbor, Children's Miss'y Soc'y, to const. L. M. Mrs. Priscilla M. Wagner, 25.01; Detroit, First Ch., Chil- dren's Miss'y Army, 8; Owosso, Emily Ament Mission Band, 11,	44 01
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Covert, 4.69, Y. L. S. S. Class, 1.82; East Saginaw, prim. dept., 5.33,	11 84
THANK OFFERINGS: Ann Arbor, 163.15; Detroit, Brewster Ch., 13.66; Flint, 16; Grass Lake, 10.63; Greenville, 36.46; Grand Rapids, Plymouth Ch., 3.77; Galesburg, 8.20; Hancock, 15; Highland Station, 12.27; Lansing, 12.80; Manistee, 50.77; Memphis, 2.48; Olivet, 53.05; Stan- ton, 10.74, A Friend, 5; Sandstone, 16.09; Union City, 44.14,	474 21
Total,	1,069 71

MINNESOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 East University Ave., St. Paul, Treas. Brownton, 1.75; Duluth, Pilgrim Ch., 22.31; Elgin, 4; Glyndon, 4.50; Grove- land, 65 cts.; Hamilton, 3.65; Hawley, 10 cts.; Marshall, 10; Minneapolis, First Ch., 15.61, Plymouth Ch., 156.33; North- field, 20.10; Plainview, 5; Rochester, 55.75; Spring Valley, 2.60; St. Charles, 1.06; A Friend, 5; St. Paul, Bethany Ch., 10, Plymouth Ch., 6.43; St. Anthony Park Ch., 14.80; Stewart, 40 cts.; Stewartville, 76 cts.; Wabasha, 9.50; Winona, A Friend, 5,	355 30
JUNIOR: Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch., 56.18; Northfield, 8.70,	64 88
C. E.: Northfield,	10 00
INTERMEDIATE C. E.: St. Paul, Bethany Ch.,	1 10
JUNIOR C. E.: Pillsbury,	1 00
JUVENILE: Hutchinson,	3 40
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Ortook,	10
THANK OFFERINGS: Minneapolis, Plym- outh Ch., 56.20; Northfield, 17.75,	77 95
Total,	513 73
Less expenses,	29 87
Total,	483 86

MISSOURI.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. M. Adams, 4427 Morgan St., St. Louis, Treas. Amity, 9.15; Aurora, 11; Breckenridge, 16.15; Kansas City, Olivet Ch., 5; Lebanon, 14.75; Neosho, 1; St. Joseph, Tabernacle Ch., 12.20; Springfield, First Ch., 35 cts.; St. Louis, First Ch., 34, Hope Ch., 5, Central Ch., 24.12, Fountain Park Ch., 20,	152 72
C. E.: Kansas City, First Ch., 10.70; Springfield, First Ch., 5, German Ch., 3; St. Louis, First Ch., 12.50,	31 20
JUNIOR C. E.: Old Orchard,	5 00
THANK OFFERINGS: Breckenridge, 9.35; Lebanon, 13; Neosho, 12; Springfield, First Ch., 22; St. Louis, First Ch., 77.76, Fountain Park Ch., 17.60,	151 71
Total,	340 63
Less expenses,	4 00
Total,	336 63

MONTANA.

UNION: Mrs. H. E. Jones, of Livingston, Treas.	10 00
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Helena,	10 00
Total,	20 00

NEBRASKA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. H. G. Smith, of Exeter, Treas. Arlington, 1; Ainsworth, 13; Ashland, 15.80; Bertrand, 5; Bladen, 1; Blair, 12; Camp Creek, 8; Clarks, 2.50; Columbus, 16; Crete, 37; Curtis, 2.50; Exeter, 3.80; Franklin, 3.40; Fremont, 41.27; Friend, 2; Hildreth, 7; Hastings, 11.95; Holdrege, 3.35; Irvington, 6; Indianola, 6.95; Lincoln, First Ch., 10, care of Miss Wright; Lincoln, First Ch., 51.34, Plymouth Ch., 16, Vine St. Ch., 3, Butler Ave. Ch., 1.89; Milford, 11.44; McCook, 8.57; Minersville, 1.35; Ne- braska City, 4, from Miss Wainwright's lecture, 7; Norfolk, First Ch., 17.02; Norfolk Junction, from Mrs. Jeffries, 1;	100 00
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Omaha, First Ch., 45.46, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 52.08; Red Cloud, 66 cts.; Rising City, 2.25; Riverton, 2.36; Rokeby, 12.45; Sutton, 3.25; Scribner, 5; Syracuse, 6.15; Seward, 3; Ulysses, 3; Verdun, 5.50; West Point, 2; Wallace, 2.95; Waverly, 5.42; Weeping Water, 22.06; York, 15,	520 72	
JUNIOR: Indianola, 2.50; Lincoln, Vine Street Ch., 9.13; Omaha, First Ch., 13, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 25,	49 63	
JUVENILE: Curtis, 1.75; Exeter, 3; Omaha, First Ch., 12, Plymouth Ch., 1.56; Riverton, 2.25,	20 56	
C. E.: Ashland, 2.50; Bladen, 1; Columbus, 3.59; Fremont, 15; Boldrege, 65 cts.; Kearney, 5; Lincoln, Vine St. Ch., 5; Nebraska City, 3.25; Fallsdale, 1.25; Ravenna, 3.50; Rokeby, 4.75; Westcott, 1.60; York, 3,	50 09	
JUNIOR C. E.: Ashland, 50 cts.; Columbus, 1.25; Norfolk, First Ch., 6.07; Omaha, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 10,	17 82	
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Bisbee, 6; Fremont, 1.50; Omaha, First Ch., 7.16, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 5.53; Sutton, 4; Weeping Water, 2.94,	27 13	
COLLECTION AT BEATRICE,	4 76	
	690 71	
Less expenses,	40	
Total,	690 31	
NORTH DAKOTA.		
BRANCH.—Mrs. C. H. Phillips, of Jamestown, Treas. Harwood, 6.50; Jamestown, 30 cts.,	6 80	
Total,	6 80	
OHIO.		
BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. Akron, First Ch., 20, West Hill Ch., 25; Alexis, Mite Box Society, 5.45; Ashland, 22; Ashtabula, 10.73; Atwater, 17.70; Austinsburg, 20; Bellevue, 10; Belpre, 27.12; Berea, 8.10; Brecksville, 13.67; Brownhelm, 3.74; Chardon, 6; Charlestown, 3; Chester Cross Roads, 13.40; Cincinnati, Vine St. Ch., 6; Walnut Hills Ch., 57; Clarksfield, 11.50; Cleveland, Archwood Ave. Ch., 23.18, E. Madison Ave. Ch., 10, Euclid Ave. Ch., 33.50, First Ch., 54, Franklin Ave. Ch., 2.75; Lakewood Ch., 65 cts., Mt. Zion Ch., 6.40, Plymouth Ch., 30.35; Coolville, 5.60; Cortland, 3.70; Cuyahoga Falls, 7.10; Elyria, 48.55; Fairport, 5; Freedom, 25 cts.; Garrettsville, 12; Geneva, 32.50; Greenwich, 1.82; Hampden, 6; Harmar, 3.40; Hudson, 13.50; Ironton, 10; Huntsburg, 12.67; Jefferson, 17.10; Kelloggsville, 4.18; Kent, 15; Kirtland, 8; Lima, 5; Lindenville, 11; Litchfield, 50 cts.; Lodi, 1.60; Lorain, 15; Mansfield, First Ch., 33.47; Marietta, First Ch., 70.55; Marysville, 14; Medina, 15.05; Mt. Vernon, 25; Newark, 16.61; New London, 3.40; Norwalk, 1.75; Oberlin, 187; Painesville, 37; Ravenna, 17.60; Richfield, 16.20; Ridgeville Corners, 7.50; Rootstown, 6; Shandon, 10; Sheffield, 15; Springfield, First Ch., 14.60; Stenben, 15; Steubenville, 7.44; Toledo, Central Ch., 12, First Ch., 110, Washington St. Ch., 40; Twinsburg, 28; Unionville, 16.37; Wakeman, Second Ch.,	24.50; Wellington, 17.39; W. Andover, 6; Williamsfield, 1.50; W. Williamsfield, 10; Windham, 29.65; Zaneville, 5,	1,523 36
JUNIOR: Elyria, Dr. Root Club, 10; Marietta, First Ch., 37.50; Mt. Vernon, 9; Painesville, 30,	86 50	
C. E.: Chardon, 7; Clarksfield, 2.50; Cleveland, Archwood Ave. Ch., 15, Euclid Ave. Ch., 30, First Ch., 30; Columbus, Eastwood Ch., 5, Mayflower Ch., 10, Plymouth Ch., 15, South Ch., 2; Couneaut, 20; Elyria, 25, Lake Ave. Ch., 10; Fitchville, 1; Lorain, 5; Marietta, First Ch., 5; Medina, 15; New London, 5.30; North Amherst, 5; North Ridgeville, 15; Oberlin, First Ch., 17, Second Ch., 50; Painesville, 5; Rootstown, 4; Ruggles, 4; Toledo, Washington St. Ch., 5; E. Toledo, Second Ch., 2.50, St. Mary's 1; Unionville, 6.50; Wellington, 15; Wakeman, 10; York, 10; Huntington, W. Va., 5; Newport, York St. Ch., Ky., 5,	362 80	
THANK OFFERINGS: Elyria, Dr. Root Club, 2.25; Marietta, First Ch., Y. L. S., 5; Huntington, C. E. S., W. Va., 12,	19 25	
JUVENILE: Berea, Willing Workers, 5; Clarksfield, 2.25; Lake Breeze, 5; Mt. Vernon, Coral Workers, 2; Oberlin, First Ch., 10, Second Ch., 21; Painesville, Enterprise M. C., 2; Ruggles, 16.50,	63 75	
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Cleveland, Euclid Ave. Ch., 10, Plymouth Ch., 10, Lake Side Ch., 3, prim. dept., 2; Marysville, 2.50; Oberlin, Second Ch., 20; Twinsburg, 1.79; Clark Marshall, 58 cts.,	49 87	
JUNIOR C. E.: Cincinnati, Walnut Hills Ch., 5; Cleveland, Archwood Ave. Ch., 5, Euclid Ave. Ch., 5, First Ch., 10.50, Lakewood Ch., 2.52, Park Ch., 10, Plymouth Ch., 11; Fairport, 1; Hudson, Intermediate, 5; Litchfield, 2.50; Marietta, First Ch., 3; Medina, 6; No. Amherst, 3.60; Toledo, Washington St. Ch., 1.25; Twinsburg, 2.63,	74 00	
THANK OFFERINGS: Akron, First Ch., 23; Alexis, Mite Box Society, 50 cts.; Andover, 9.45; Berea, 15.05; Brownhelm, 2.10; Burton, 11; Chester Cross Roads, 20 cts.; Cincinnati, Walnut Hills Ch., 28.65; Clarksfield, 3.25; Cleveland, Archwood Ave. Ch., 9.17, Hough Ave. Ch., 3.52; Elyria, 62.75; Geneva, 19.15; Greenwich, 2; Harmar, 4.65; Ironton, 4.25; Lodi, 5.55; Lorain, 15; Medina, 10.70; Newark, 2; New London, 2.20; Oberlin, 118; Ravenna, 14.90; Rootstown, 12; Sandusky, 25; Springfield, First Ch., 14.40; Unionville, 5; Wakeman, Second Ch., 16; Wellington, 34.53; York, 2.57,	476 54	
SPECIAL: Harmar, Mrs. Norton, for pupil at Samokov, care of Rev. H. C. Haskell,	40 00	
Less expenses,	2,701 07	
Total,	16 84	
Total,	2,684 23	
ROCKY MOUNTAIN.		
BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. B. Packard, of Denver, Treas. Buena Vista, 25; Boulder, 9; Colorado Springs, First Ch., 160, Second Ch., 6; Crested Butte, 13.10; Denver, Third Ch., 5, Boulevard Ch., 16.63, Plymouth Ch., 51.15, So. Broadway Ch., 15.21; Greeley, 18.25; Highland Lake, 6.30;		

Pueblo, First Ch., 11, Pilgrim Ch., 6; Trinidad 5; Walsenburg, Mrs. Bissell, 1; Whitewater, 7.40; Fort Logan, Miss Parish, 3,	359 64
C. E.: Denver, First Ch., 10, So. Broadway Ch., 5; Grand Junction, 12.50; Greeley, 12.50; Manitou, 5; Whitewater, 2,	47 00
Total,	406 64

SOUTH DAKOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. R. Kingsbury, of Sioux Falls, Treas. Aurora, 3.22; Mitchell, 7; Vermillion, 12.75; Yankton, 10,	32 97
JUVENILE: Webster,	1 50
C. E.: Erwin, 11.17, Ward Academy, 5.00,	16 17
THANK OFFERINGS: Athol, 12.75; Colum- bia, 10; Chamberlain, 1.26; Ree Heights, 3; Yankton, 31.52; South Dakota, A Friend, 25,	83 53
Total,	134 17

WISCONSIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of White- water, Treas. Arena, First Ch., 11.40; Appleton, 65.14; Antigo, 15.73; Berlin, 10; Beloit, First Ch., 46.60; Burlington, 20; Brodhead, 20.51; Brandon, 28.50; Columbus, 22; Clinton, 44.25; Clinton- ville, 10; Cooksville, 3.15; Delavan, 10; De Pere, 13; Edgerton, 18; Elroy, 6.30; Eau Claire, 68.75; Evansville, 5.43; Eagle River, 25; Elkhorn, 30; Endeavor, 4.01; Fox Lake, 10; Footville, 9; Ft. Atkin- son, 10.80; Fond du Lac, 25; Grand Rapids and Centralia, 57.55; Green Bay, 25; Hayward, 9.60; Janesville, 25; Ke- nosha, 75; Koshkonong, 12.10; La Crosse, 29.53; Lake Geneva, 40; Menasha, 32; Milton, 25; Madison, 25; Milwaukee, Pilgrim Ch., 31; New Richmond, 20; Necedah, 3; Platteville, 8.25; Rhine- lander, 7.70; Rosendale, 12.60; Racine, 5.39; South Leeds, 2.50; Sun Prairie, 25; So. Milwaukee, 8.60; Stoughton, 5; Sparta, 48.80; Tomah, 83 cts.; Viroqua, 10; Waukesha, 36.63; Wauwatosa, 16; Windsor, 20.85; White Creek, 2; White- water, 25; Wisconsin, 1,	1,178 50
C. E. Arena, First Ch., 5; Beloit, First Ch., 10; Elroy, 5; Endeavor, 3.86; Fond du Lac, 10; La Crosse, 9.62; Milwaukee, Pilgrim Ch., 5, Grand Ave. Ch., 5; Nor- rie, 1; Oshkosh, First Ch., 1; Peshtigo, 8; So. Milwaukee, 2; Sparta, 2.40; Watertown, 2.60,	70 48
JUNIOR: Fond du Lac, 20; Grand Rapids and Centralia, 25; Janesville, Loani Band, 50; Wauwatosa, 10,	105 00
JUVENILE: Beloit, First Ch., Tiny Dew- drops, 1.60; Clinton, Busy Bees, 6.50; La Crosse, Magic Missy Soc., 6.25; Sparta, 10; Whitewater, Kindergarten, 50 cts.,	24 85
JUNIOR C. E.: Arena, First Ch., 5; Beloit, First Ch., 11.41; Fond du Lac, 5; En- deavor, 4.13; Hartford, 5; Rhinelander, 2.30; So. Milwaukee, 7; Whitewater, M. B. and Jun. C. E., 5,	44 84
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Green Bay,	35 00
Total,	1,458 67
Less expenses,	29 16
Total,	1,429 51

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

BRANCH.—Brandon, 1.65; British Hollow, Mrs. E. L. Davies, B. D. G., 6; Big Spring, 3.13; Lake Mills, 1.05; Lancaster, 8.20; Madison, 50; Oshkosh, Plymouth Ch., 16; Oconomowoc, 3; River Falls, 28; Stoughton, 10.45,	127 48
C. E. Edgerton, 10; Oshkosh, First Ch., 1; Stoughton, 3,	14 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Beloit, First Ch., 1; River Falls, 3; Waupun, 5,	9 00
Less expenses,	150 48
Total,	3 04
Total,	147 44

WYOMING.

UNION.—Mrs. H. N. Smith, of Rock Springs, Treas. Cheyenne, First Ch., Ladies' Miss'y Soc.,	64 00
Total,	64 00

ARIZONA.

<i>Nogales</i> .—Wbman's Miss'y Soc.,	7 00
Total,	7 00

CHINA.

<i>Pang-Chuang</i> .—G. and G. Wykoff, Th. Off., 18, Special, 25,	43 00
Total,	43 00

FLORIDA.

<i>Melbourne</i> .—Mrs. J. H. Phillips,	25 00
Total,	25 00

SOUTH AFRICA.

<i>Umzumbe</i> .—Mrs. L. B. Bridgman, sale of stamps,	2 25
Total,	2 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of leaflets, 34.79; boxes, 7.60; envel- opes, 1.80; articles donated, 35 cts.,	44 54
Receipts for month,	14,140 77
Previously acknowledged,	54,659 92
Total since Oct. 24, 1895,	\$68,800 69

ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND.

<i>Illinois</i> .—Forrest, Th. Off., 21.90, C. E., Th. Off., 11.33; Griggsville, Cree Miss'y Soc., 3.18; Ivanhoe, 5; Odell, 10; Rockford, Second Ch., Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. J. L. Keep, 2,	53 41
<i>Michigan</i> .—A widow's mite,	10 00
<i>Minnesota</i> .—Northfield, Th. Off.,	5 00
<i>Nebraska</i> .—Cambridge,	2 00
<i>Wisconsin</i> .—Brandon,	1 00
Receipts for month,	71 41
Previously acknowledged,	596 16
Total,	\$667 57

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