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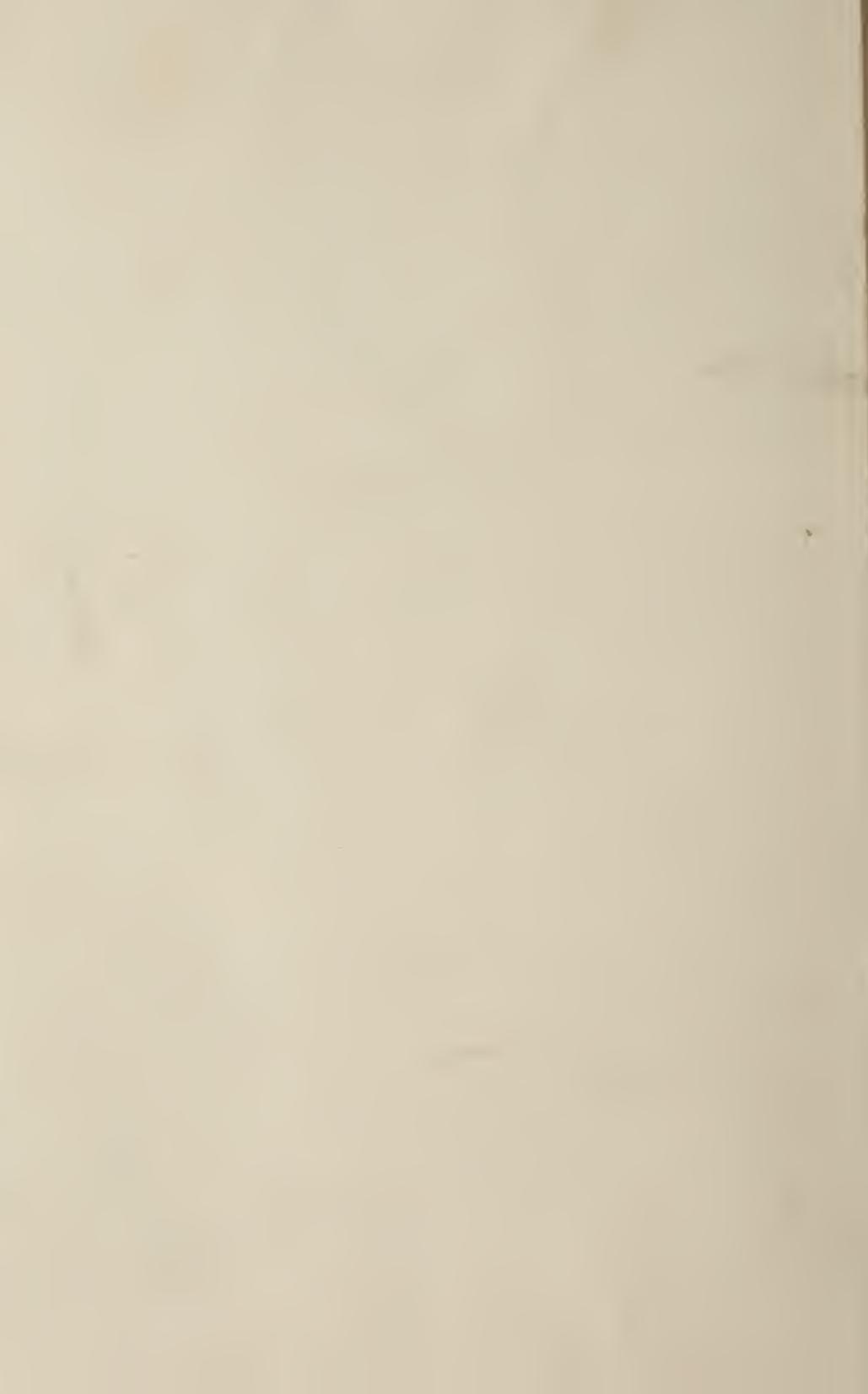
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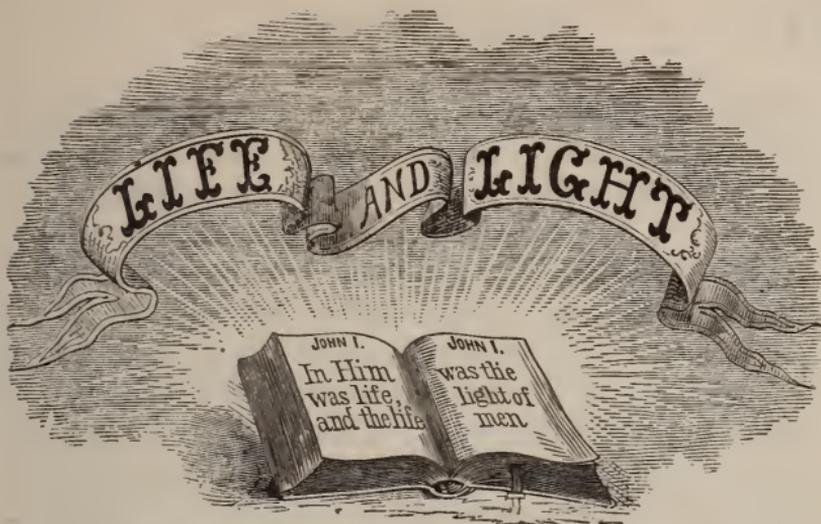
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AFRICA.

TWO MARRIAGES.

BY MRS. MELLEN.

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

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

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

“If the missionaries had never come here, that would have been our fate.”

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

“It is Unozindhow, the one who ran away at the time of her engagement, and came here for protection.”

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

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

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

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

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

She stoutly denied having been troubled in any way.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS WILLIAMS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Work at Home.

ANNUAL MEETING.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A very interesting letter from Miss PROCTOR of Aintab, the first missionary-lady who ever addressed an annual meeting of the W. B. M., was read by Mrs. George Gould;

when Mrs. CAPRON, recently returned to this country, narrated in her own graphic style — to which we make no attempt to do justice — some of her personal experience in the work in India. She described her visits among high-caste women, and showed how valuable may be the assistance of native Christian women, mentioning the faithful labors of her own Bible-reader, who continues during her absence to make visits three times a week. Mrs. Capron closed with an account of the triumphant death of a native Christian woman, whose parents had died in heathenism, who, when her sufferings were most intense, said, “My divine Master, as much as thou wilt. For me to live is Christ; but to die is — oh, it is gain!” and thus she passed to her home.

Meeting then adjourned till two o’clock.

AFTERNOON.

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

REPORTS OF DELEGATES.

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

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

Mrs. George Gould read reports from auxiliaries in MIDDLEBURY, VT., WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., WOBURN, MASS., KEENE, N.H., HYDE PARK, MASS., NEWBURYPORT, MASS., VERGENNES, VT., MONTREAL, CANADA, SYRACUSE, N.Y., and CAMBRIDGEPORT and WALPOLE, MASS., which in many instances indicated marked progress.

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

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

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

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

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

"Blest be the tie that binds."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

FROM DEC. 20 TO JAN. 1 INCLUSIVE.

MRS. HOMER BARTLETT, TREASURER.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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

VERMONT.

Dorset.—By Mrs. Moore, ladies of Cong. Soc., of which to const. Miss Carrie G. Pratt L. M., \$46.
St. Johnsbury.—N. Cong. Ch. Aux., by Miss Anna L. Blodgett, \$64.10.
 Total, \$110.10.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Ashland.—Mrs. S. N. Cutler, to const. herself L. M., \$25.
Boston.—Park-st. Ch., Miss Millett, \$1; Mrs. A. Simonds, \$5.—\$6.
B. Highlands.—Eliot Ch., by Mrs. R. Anderson, Treas., \$12.
Cambridge.—Shepard Ch., "Little Workers," by Miss Rogers, for a pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, \$30.
Foxboro'.—Ladies of Cong. Ch., to const. Mrs. Chas. Morse L. M., \$25.
Hatchville.—A. H. Perry, \$4.
Hadley, S.—Mt. Holyoke Fem. Seminary, a monthly concert collection, \$16.
Newburyport.—Mrs. W. F. Sweetser, towards L. M. for Mrs. E. D. Sweetser, \$10.
Truro.—Miss I. B., to const. Mary E. Noble of Truro L. M., \$25.
Worcester.—"Seek and Save" Soc., \$5.
Westfield.—1st Cong. Ch. Aux., Miss F. E. Vining, Treas. (of which \$25 by Mrs. E. R. Van Deusen to const. herself L. M.) \$100.
Weymouth.—Aux., Miss H. P. Vickery, Treas., \$12.50; Mrs. J. W. Loud's S. S. class, \$5.—\$17.50.
 Total, \$275.50.

C. Home Building Fund.

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

CONNECTICUT.

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

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

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

Hebron.—Aux., by Mrs. George S. Dodge (of which \$25 by Mrs. G. S. Dodge to const. herself L. M.), \$42.25.

New Haven.—Branch, Mrs. R. P. Cowles, Treas. (of which, for Mrs. Edwards's salary, their missionary at Inanda, \$432.25; three B. readers at Marsovan, \$150; two B. readers at Madura, \$100; ten pupils at Marsovan, \$400; sixteen pupils at Madura, \$480; two pupils at Foochow, \$80; one pupil at Ahmednuggur, \$30; one pupil at Inanda, \$30; salary of A. Boderica, N. teacher at Marsovan, \$110; for Miss Clark's school at Broosa, \$315), \$2,133. Also a private remittance to Mrs. Leonard of Marsovan, \$55. Total, \$2,440.30.

NEW YORK.

Smyrna.—1st Cong. Ch. S. S. for pupil at Harcot, \$30.

Union Falls.—Mrs. F. B. Duncan, \$5; M. B. Duncan, \$3; E. B. Duncan, \$2.—\$10.

Westmoreland.—Aux., Mrs. A. M. Deane, Sec. and Treas., \$13.
 Total, \$58.00.

OHIO.

Farmington, W.—E. D. and Miss Page, \$1.

Salem.—Mrs. D. A. Allen, towards L. M. \$5.

Windham.—Young Ladies' Circle, by Mrs. James Shaw, towards Miss Baker's salary, \$100. Total, \$106.

Quarterlies since Dec. 20, \$32.50; bound vols. \$11.. \$93.50.

C. Home Building fund.... 6.15.

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

\$3,115.65.

Amount for December previously reported.....\$2,683.58.

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

FROM JAN. 1 TO JAN. 20.

MAINE.

- Bath.*—Aux., Central Ch. S. S., towards salary of Miss Baker in Syria, \$22.38.
Gardiner.—Miss C. M. Bryant. \$2.
 Total, \$24.38.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

- Keene.*—2d Cong. Ch. Aux., Miss F. M. Rand, Treas. (of which to const. Mrs. Isa Duren L. M.), \$61.60.
Lebanon, W.—Aux., towards support of a pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school, \$12.
Nashua.—Aux., Mrs. R. T. Smith, Treas., \$44.66; Pearl St. S. S. \$21.16.—\$65.82. Total, \$139.42.
Nashua.—Aux., Juvenile Fair for C. Home Building Fund, \$186.77.

VERMONT.

- St. Johnsbury.*—“A Thank Offering,” \$25.
Rutland.—Aux., addl., \$3.
 Total, \$23.00.

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

MASSACHUSETTS.

- Andover, N.*—L. L. Mitchell, \$1.
Auburndale.—Juvenile Miss. Soc., Carrie Snow, Treas., \$4.
Boston.—Mrs. Bryant, \$5; Mrs. Morland, \$5; “Persus,” \$1; Old South Ch. Interest, in part, on “Sarah Baldwin Fund,” \$120; “L. F. B.” monthly sub., and to const. Mrs. Joshua W. Davis of Boston L. M., \$30; Thos. J. Hadley, to const. Mrs. Melissa R. Hadley L. M., \$25; Mrs. Mary A. Pitkin, \$25; Miss C. P. Lillie, 5; Miss J. M. Noble, \$1; (Old South, \$206); Union Ch. to const. Misses Martha and Kate Williams of B. Highlands L. M's., also Misses Carrie Snow and Hattie Gulick of the S. Islands L. M's., \$100; Shawmut Ch., “A Friend,” \$2; Park-st. Ch., Mrs. J. W. Coburn, \$10; Mrs. Allen, \$4; Miss Dicks, \$1.—\$334.
Boston, E.—Maverick Ch., “Maverick Kill,” by Miss Nellie P. Norcross, \$23; Mrs. S. J. Price. \$1.—\$24.
Boston, S.—E.-st. Aux., Mrs. D. F. Wood, Treas., \$7.
Boston Highlands.—Eliot Ch. Aux., Mrs. R. Anderson, Treas., \$29; “Star Circle,” \$9.15; “Zulu Mission Band,” \$2.67.—\$40.82.
Cambridge.—“Franklin's Mite Box,” \$1.50.
Clinton.—Aux., for pupil in Miss Blake's school at Barcelona, Spain, \$37.73.
Cambridgeport.—Miss Mary M. Gilbert, \$5.
Dedham.—Miss Chickering, \$1.
Falmouth.—Miss M. Freeman, \$1; Mrs. Bourne, \$2; others, \$1.50.—\$4.50.
Fall River.—Aux., Miss J. S. Brayton, Treas., salary in full of their missionary, Miss H. Seymour, in Syria, \$350; also two pupils at Harpoot, \$60.—\$410.
Hopkinton.—Aux., Mrs. J. E. Plimpton, Treas., \$32.50.
Hubbardston.—S. S. for pupil in Marsovan school, \$15.
Hyde Park.—Aux., Mrs. Wm. Sturtevant, Treas., \$18.
Haverhill.—W. Cong. Ch., Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$10.
Hatchville.—Mrs. A. H. Perry, \$4.
Ipswich.—“Friends,” \$7.47.
Indian Orchard.—Mrs. J. S. Harris, \$4.
Ludlow.—Aux., of which to const. Mrs. Laura Cushman L. M., \$27.75.
Lincoln.—Aux., of which to const. Mrs. Mary Rice L. M., \$31.
Leominster.—Aux., Miss S. M. Haskell, Treas., for Mrs. Edwards's school, \$17.
Milton.—Mrs. S. B. Crechore, \$1.25.
Medfield.—Mrs. and Miss Ellis, \$3.
Marblehead.—Mrs. H. Hooper and the Misses Hooper, \$4.
Medway, W.—H. W. Deans, \$1.
Malden.—Aux., for Bible Reader, “Parkeum,” at Madura, \$40.
Reading.—Aux., Mrs. J. B. Leathe, Treas., \$20.
Readville.—Mrs. A. B. Cozzens, \$1.25.
Roxbury, W.—Aux. Soc., \$11.10.
Shelburne.—Ladies' Miss. Soc., by L. F. Bishop, Treas., \$4.
Southampton.—Aux., Mrs. J. Z. Judd, Treas. (of which to const. Mrs. (Dea.) Saml. Lyman L. M.), \$36.50.

- Walpole.* — Aux., Mrs. M. B. Johnson, Treas., \$34.46, of which to const. Mrs. James Ellis and Mrs. Relief Baker L. M.'s.; "Little Gleaners," \$5 54. — \$70.
- Williamstown.* — Aux., Mrs. E. S. Chadbourne, Treas. (of which to const. Mrs. Mark Hopkins L. M.); "A Friend," by Mrs. C. Stone, four silver quarters. — \$38.25.
- Worcester.* — Piedmont Ch., Deacon S. Knowlton, \$50; Mrs. Preston Cummings, \$10. — \$60.
- Westfield.* — Norman Leonard, to const. his wife L. M., \$25.
- Woburn.* — Aux., Mrs. C. S. Adkins, Treas. (of which \$25, by C. S. Adkins, Esq., to const. his wife L. M.). \$26. Total, \$1,378.62.

C. Home Building Fund.

- Boston.* — "A Missionary Teacher," \$1; Mrs. Freeman Allen, \$200; Mrs. C. A. (Saml. Sen.) Johnson, \$250; Mrs. Mary A. Pitkin, \$25; "A Friend," Central Church, \$20.
- Falmouth.* — Miss Robinson, \$5; "A Friend," \$5. — \$10
- Grantville.* — "A Friend," \$1.
- Milton.* — Mrs. S. B. Crehore, \$5.
- Newton.* — Mrs. J. R. Crane, \$5.
- Winchester.* — "A Friend," \$7.
- Quincy, Aux. Soc.,* 61.65
Total, \$535.65.

RHODE ISLAND.

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

CONNECTICUT.

- Burnside.* — "From A Friend," \$1 50.
- Hartford.* — Aux., Mrs. Charles Jewell, Treas., Wethersfield-ave. Ch., balance of B. reader's salary, \$5 50; Pearl-st. Ch., \$9; Centre Ch., \$1.50; S. Ch. S. S., for B. reader, "Radka Repajee," at Ahmed-nuggur, \$40. — \$59.
- Stamford.* — Mrs. S. M. Bean, \$5.
- Windsor Hill, E.* — Mrs. Mary C. Reynolds, to const. herself L. M., \$25.
- Waterbury.* — An Episcopalian for school at Marsovan, \$10.
Total, \$100.50.

LONG ISLAND AND NEW YORK.

- Flushing.* — Williams's Memorial Association Congl. Ch., Mrs. P. G. Quimby with previous contributions, to const. Mrs. A. E. Leavitt L. M., \$17.50.
- Geneva, N. Y.* — Mrs. Sarah M. Webster, \$5.
- Rensselaer Falls.* — Mrs. Rockwood, \$1.40; Mrs. Murdock, \$1. — \$2.40.
- Utica.* — Miss Mary A. Lord, to constitute herself L. M., \$25.
- Rochester.* — "A Friend," \$25.
- Watertown.* — Mrs. S. H. Morgan, \$1. Total, \$75.90.

C. Home Building Fund.

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

OHIO.

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

ILLINOIS.

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

WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA.

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

IOWA.

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

- Subscriptions and donations
from Jan. 1 to 20. \$1,900.32
To C. Home Building-fund 1,110.42
Periodical. 411.75
" Echoes. 28.25
Due and since paid for
Quarterlies of 1872. 50.50
Due and since paid for
Echoes of 1872. 8.00
Total receipts from 1st
to 20th Jan. \$3,509.24



INDIA.

AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT.

BY MISS S. POLLOCK.

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

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

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

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

The thought, that in all this mass there were, perhaps, not a dozen souls who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, that all that hurrying crowd were hastening to a black eternity, oppressed me so painfully I could hardly bear to speak.

Dark and terrible doubts rushed over me with overwhelming force; and I reached home wearied, and almost ill, from the excitement of those hours spent at a heathen festival.

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

CHINA.

EXTRACT FROM MISS PORTER'S JOURNAL.

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

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

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

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

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

TURKEY.

LETTER FROM MISS VAN DUZEE.

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

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

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

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

Home Department.

WORDS OF CHEER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

Centre Belpre.—Union Centre S. S. Soc., Mrs. E. M. Goodno, Treas., \$27.10.
Elyria.—Aux., for salary of Miss Maltbie, Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, Treas., \$75.
Medina.—Aux. to be applied to the Samokov school, Mrs. H. E. Howard, \$10.
Oberlin.—Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to constitute Mrs. L. Hubbard L. M., Miss Emily E. Peck, Treas., \$25. Total, \$137.10.

INDIANA.

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

MICHIGAN.

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

ILLINOIS.

- Amboy.*—Aux., \$14, Sunday School, \$10.12, Mrs. W. B. Andruss, Treas., \$24.12.
- Blue Island.*—Mrs. S. F. Dickiusion's contribution, \$2.30.
- Champaign.*—Aux., \$10 of which is from Rev. T. Volentine as a Christmas offering in memory of his wife, to be applied to the support of a pupil in Samokov, Mrs. Plank, Treas., \$20.
- Chicago.*—Union Park Church Aux., for support of Miss Rendall, of which \$25 is from Mrs. S. A. Kent to constitute Mrs. B. B. Boynton L. M., Mrs. Geo. Sherwood, Treas., \$218.24.
- Chicago.*—First Church Aux., for support of Miss Patrick, to const. Mrs. Keller, Mrs. H. Moore, Mrs. M. Reed, Mrs. Danforth, Mrs. Taylor, L. M's, and Miss Sarah Slossom by Mrs. Orton's Bible Class, Mrs. E. I. Yates, Treas., \$152
- Danvers.*—Aux., Mrs. M. Hastings, Treas., \$5.70.
- Evanston.*—Aux., for support of Miss Porter, Miss M. White, Treas., \$75.60.
- Farmington.*—Aux., Mrs. M. I. Esbin, Treas., \$50.
- La Moile.*—Mrs. I. R. Jones, \$10.
- Payson.*—Aux., of which \$15 from Miss E. Scarborough to complete Miss Electa Scarborough's life-membership, Miss Ellen Thompson, Treas., \$17.50.
- Princeton.*—Aux., Mrs. Converse, Treas., \$6.
- Roseville.*—Aux., to be applied to the Samokov school, Mrs. Mary A. Wykoff, Treas., \$50.
- Waverley.*—Aux., for support of Miss Evans, and to constitute Mrs.

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

WISCONSIN.

- Clinton.*—Cong. Sunday School for a pupil in Miss Porter's school at Peking, \$10.
- Gay's Mills.*—Aux., for a pupil in Miss Porter's school, by Mrs. T. W. Gay, \$4.20.
- Janesville.*—Wright Mission Band, to const. Miss Ella De Baum L. M. Miss Ella I. Cutting, Treas., \$25.
- Lancaster.*—Aux., Mrs. C. E. Eaton, Treas., \$32.
- Stoughton.*—Aux., \$9; S. S. Society, \$3.74; total, \$12.74. Total, \$83.94.

IOWA.

- Belle Plaine.*—Aux., Mrs. E. J. Lane, Treas., \$12.
- Decorale.*—Aux., \$5; "Little Helpers," \$2.52.—\$7.52.
- Muscatine.*—Young Ladies' Mission Circle, to constitute Mrs. W. W. McQuesten and Miss Emma Olds L. M's, Emma Olds, Sec., \$50.
- Polk City.*—Aux., Mrs. C. M. Rogers, Treas., \$6. Total, \$75.52.

MINNESOTA.

- Medford.*—Aux., Mrs. I. G. Brown, Treas., \$5.
- Winona.*—Aux., for support of Miss Van Duzce, Miss S. H. Hatch, Treas., \$100. Total, \$105.00.

MISSOURI.

- Kidder.*—Aux., Miss H. E. Temple, Treas., \$5.
- Windsor.*—Aux., \$5. Total, \$10.00. Total, \$1,218.82.
- EVANSTON, Jan. 15, 1873.

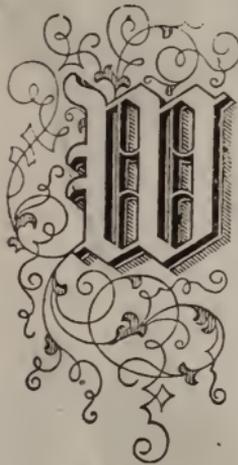




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SCHOOLHOUSE GODS.



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

“You would laugh if you were to go into our school. We have no desks and no benches. The boys sit in three long rows, cross-legged, on our earth floor; and before each one is a piece of board. They sprinkle some sand on this; and then with a sharpened stick they make letters and figures very nicely.

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



THE CONTRAST.

BY MRS. TYLER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- NEW HAMPSHIRE. — *Nashua*. — Juvenile Missionary Society, \$186.17.
 MASSACHUSETTS. — *Auburndale*. — Juvenile Missionary Society, \$4.00.
Boston (East). — “Maverick Rill,” \$23.00.
Boston Highlands. — “Star Circle,” \$9.15; “Zulu Mission Band,” \$2.67.
Cambridge. — Shepard Church, “Little Workers,” \$30; Frankie’s Mite-box, \$1.50.
Winchester. — “Seek and Save Society,” \$5.00.
Walpole. — “Little Gleaners,” \$5.54.
 RHODE ISLAND. — *Pawtucket*. — “Cheerful Helpers,” \$30.00.
 OHIO. — *Windham*. — Young Ladies’ Circle, \$100.00.
 IOWA. — *Iowa Falls*. — Mites from the Infant Class, \$1.00.
 MINNESOTA. — Lillie L. Frink’s earnings, \$8.00.

 “WHAT CAN CHILDREN DO FOR MISSIONS?”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

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

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

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

ACROSTIC.

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

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

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

ANSWER TO DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

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

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

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

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