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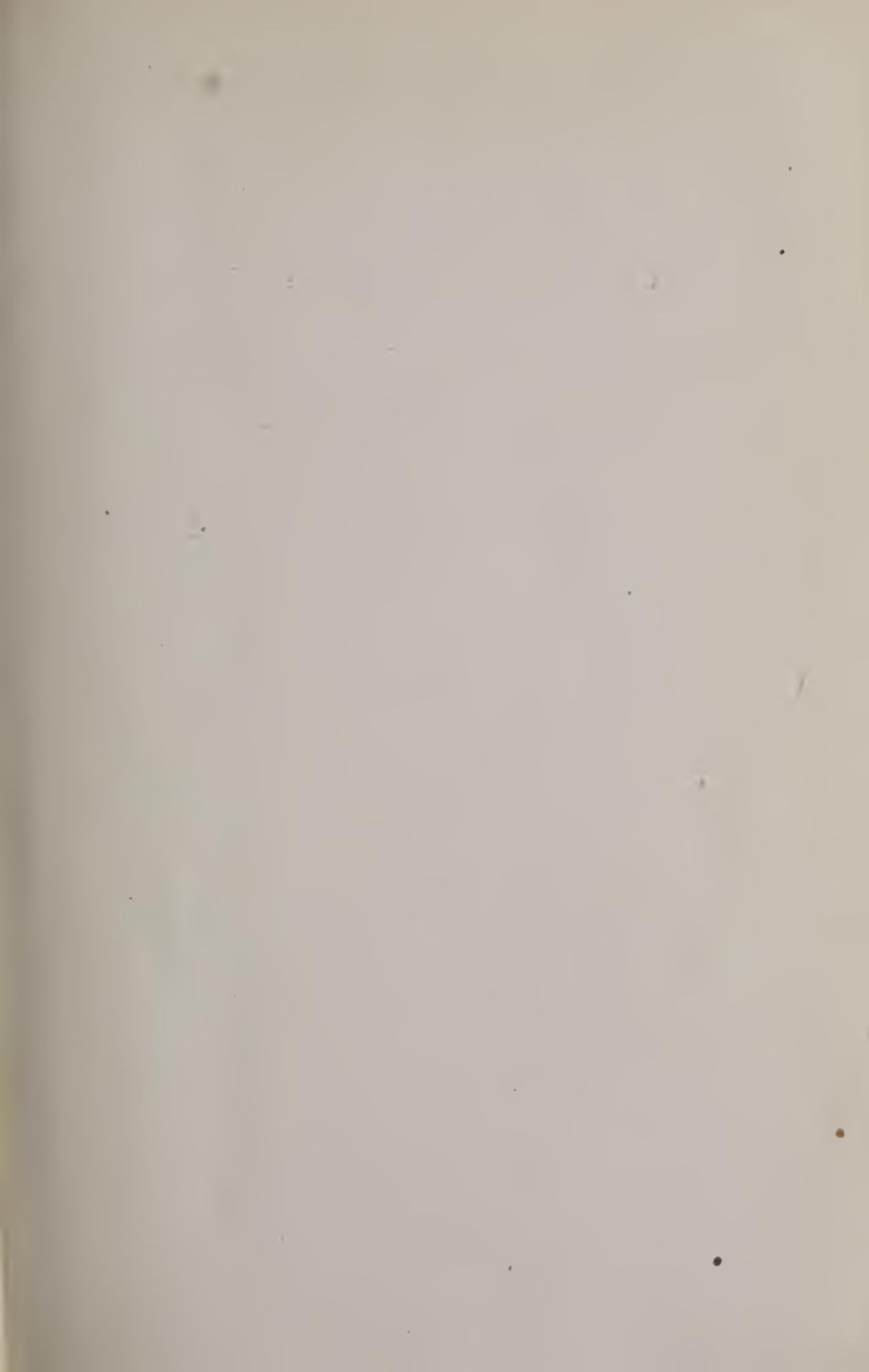
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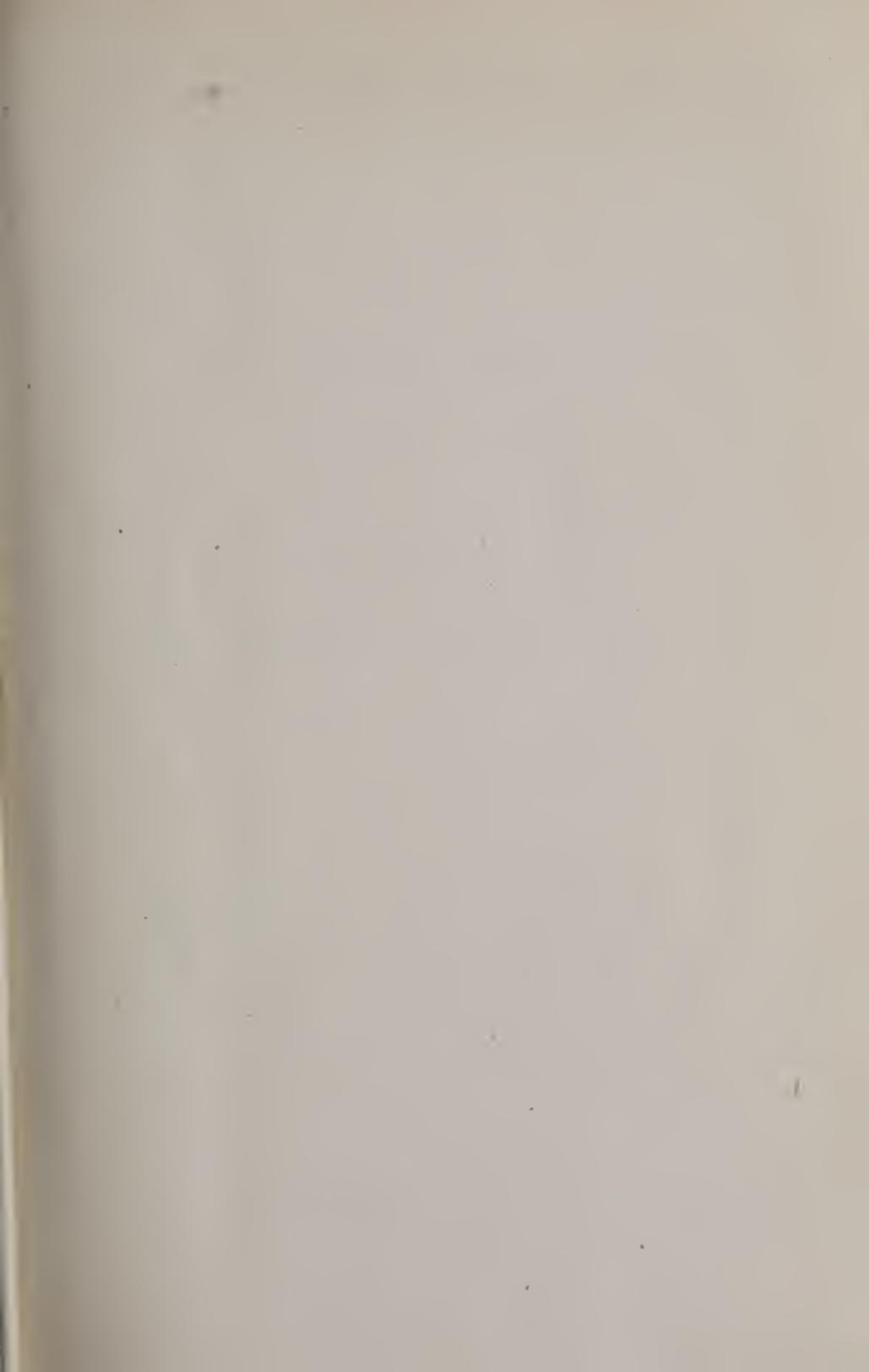
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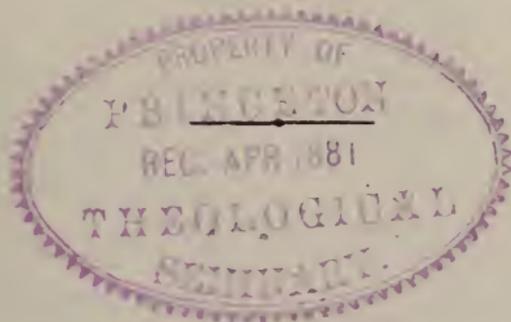
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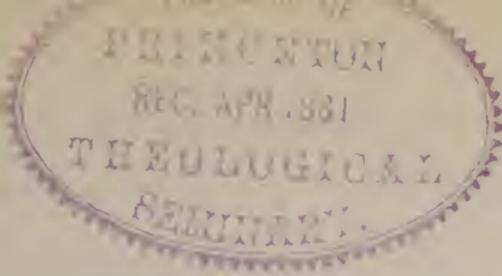
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TURKEY.

HARPOOT FEMALE SEMINARY.

BY MISS C. E. BUSH.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAPION'S LETTER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LETTER FROM MRS. PARMELEE.

ERZROOM, TURKEY, Sept. 18, 1873.

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

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

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

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

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

Having visited four villages, we felt that we must return

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

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

AFRICA.

HEALING THE SICK.

BY MRS. A. B. ROBBINS.

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

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

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

Our Work at Home.

CONSECRATED TALENT.

BY MRS. DR. ANDERSON.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER MEETING.

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

MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW BRANCHES.

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

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

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

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

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM OCT. 18 TO NOV. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.	MASSACHUSETTS.
<i>Auburn.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. E. Rideout, Treas., \$33 00	<i>Ashby.</i> — Ladies of Cong. Ch., \$2 25
<i>Waldoboro'.</i> — Ladies of 1st Cong. Society, 16 50	<i>Ayer.</i> — S. S. classes, towards support of pupil in Miss Proctor's sch, 21 45
<i>Waterville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. E. C. Cameron, Treas., 44 00	<i>Boston.</i> — Berkeley St Ch., \$21; Mrs. W. Willcutt, \$1; "Rebecca," \$10; Two Aged Friends, \$45, 77 00
Total, \$93 50	<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Walnut Ave. Ch., Mrs. Stone, 5 00
NEW HAMPSHIRE.	<i>Boylston, West.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Sarah Barstow Johnson, 25 00
<i>Exeter.</i> — "Cheerful Givers," \$1 00	<i>Burlington.</i> — Ladies' Prayer and Miss. Soc., Mrs. H. A. Hudson, Treas., 28 00
<i>Goffstown.</i> — Miss Eliza Kennedy, 10 00	<i>Cambridge.</i> — Union Aux., of Shephard Memorial, North Ave. and East Cambridge ch's, support Miss Bliss, \$263; "Willing Helpers," with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Geo. P. Saunders, \$5, 268 00
<i>New Ipswich.</i> — Children's Fair, 1 00	<i>Carlisle.</i> — Mrs. Lydia S. Patten, 10 00
<i>Portsmouth.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Helen C. Knight, and \$15 to complete life-membership of Mrs. Dea. Joshua Brooks, 61 13	<i>Clinton.</i> — Aux., Miss H. M. Haskell, Treas., 26 02
Total, \$73 13	<i>Conway.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Arthur Shirley, Treas., 20 00
VERMONT.	<i>Fitchburg.</i> — Central Cong. Ch. Aux., Miss A. S. Haskell, Treas., \$10; Rollstone Cong. Ch. and Soc., \$23, 33 00
<i>Vermont Branch.</i> — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas. Springfield, Aux., \$8; Middlebury, Aux., Mrs. C. H. Ladd, Tr., of which \$75 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Thomas Merrill, Mrs. Julius Beckwith, Miss Mattie Barrows, \$105.97; Mrs. C. H. Ladd and Mrs. C. K. Webber, \$80; Mrs. Asa Severance, \$35 for Agamise, at Constantinople Home; S. S. for Bible Woman at Hoghi, Turkey, \$16.52; Cornwall, Ladies' Society, by Mrs. D. Ladd, \$12.50; Pittsford, Aux., Mrs. A. M. Caverly, Tr., \$21; Chester, Ladies' Society, by Mrs. J. G. Hale, \$5; Newbury, Aux., Mrs. W. R. Shedd, Tr., of which \$25 from Mrs. E. Hale to const. herself L. M. \$33.50; Sheldon, Cong. Sab. School, \$50.	<i>Framingham.</i> — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. L. R. Eastman, jun., 25 00
Total, \$367 49	<i>Groton.</i> — Mrs. Eliel Shumway, to const. L. M. Mrs. Nathan Gallott, 25 00
	<i>Hopkinton.</i> — "Little Workers," 7 00
	<i>Lakeville.</i> — Mrs. C. L. Ward, with prev. contri., to const. herself L. M., 15 00
	<i>Lunenburg.</i> — Mrs. Geo. A. Jewett, 1 00
	<i>North Bridgewater.</i> — "Messenger Birds," 70 00

<i>Peabody.</i> — Pennies from the purse of a departed boy,	\$0 35
<i>Reading.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. B. Leathe, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Taunton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Geo. M. Woodward, Treas., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Geo. P. Atwood, Mrs. Harrison Tweed,	50 00
<i>Wellesley.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Chas. Dana, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Fannie Currier, \$25; from Mrs. L. W. Dana, to const. L. M. Miss Mary L. Dana, Portland, Me.; \$30 for the support of pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.; \$50 for the Dacotah Home; \$70 for the work in China and Japan,	200 00
<i>Westford.</i> — Ladies of Cong. Ch.,	5 25
<i>Winchester.</i> — Aux., of which \$25 from Mrs. D. N. Skillings to const. L. M. Mrs. M. A. T. Chapin; \$10 from a Friend in Rochester, N. Y., for the support of Miss Hattie Powers,	60 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — Mrs. M. C. Spaulding,	3 00
<i>Yarmouth.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Bangs Hallett, Treas.,	16 50
Total,	\$1,008 82

Boston, Legacy of Mrs. Homer Bartlett, by Rev. Dr. P. H. Fowler, Ex., \$5000 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Boston.</i> — Miss Bessie Brewster Ely on her third birthday,	\$3 00
<i>Framingham.</i> — Aux.,	1 00
<i>Somerville.</i> — "H. M. G."	15 00
<i>Worcester.</i> — "Seek and Save" Society,	5 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Berlin.</i> — Aux., Miss A. Hubbard, Treas.,	\$24 00
<i>Goshen.</i> — Cong. S. S. for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's sch.,	30 00
<i>Hartford.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Chas. C. Jewell, Treas., Mrs. Douglass, \$5; Windsor Locks, Mrs. B. R. Allen and Mrs. H. R. Coffin to const. themselves L. M.'s, Miss Olivia Pierson to const. L. M. Miss Edith Allen,	80 00
<i>Southport.</i> — S. S. of Cong. Ch., towards support of pupil in Harpoot Sem'y,	30 00
<i>South Windsor.</i> — A Friend, to const. L. M. Miss M. A. Willey,	25 00
Total,	\$189 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

Windsor Locks. — Mrs. L. P. Dexter, to const. herself L. M., \$25 00

NEW YORK.

Smyrna. — S. S. Miss. Soc. 1st Cong. Ch., towards support of pupil in Harpoot Sem'y, \$30 00

Total, \$30 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

Malone. — Miss Mary Fleming, \$1 00

NEW JERSEY.

Montclair. — Cong. S. S. for support of pupil in Harpoot Sem'y, \$40 00

Morristown. — Rebecca Kerr, 1 00

Total, \$41 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia Branch. — Mrs. W. E. C. Wright, Treas., Philadelphia, Mrs. Nancy Webb, \$5; An. Memberships, \$12; Golden Links, \$100; for advertising, \$8; Vineland, N. J., Aux., \$2; Washington, D. C., Aux., \$47; Orange, N. J., Aux., \$41; "Orange Buds for Rebecca," \$20; Jersey City, Aux., \$11; Baltimore, Aux., \$37.87, \$281 87

Total, \$281 87

OHIO.

Cleveland. — Ladies' Miss. Soc. 1st Cong. Ch., of which \$30 to educate Bible Reader in Harpoot, \$38 00

Medina. — Young Ladies' Miss Soc., 10 00

Total, \$48 00

KANSAS.

Grasshopper Falls. — Mrs. B. P. Hillyer, \$1 00

Total, \$1 00

CALIFORNIA.

Oakland. — 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., Mrs. B. E. Cole, Treas., balance of Miss Rappleye's salary, \$200 00

Total, \$200 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

Oakland. — 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., \$100 00
Subscriptions, \$2,333 81
C. Home Building-Fund, 150 00
Legacy, 5,000 00
"Life and Light," 376 76
Weekly Pledge, 6 30

Total, \$7,866 87

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, Assist. Treas.



ANNUAL MEETING.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY MORNING.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

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

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

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

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

In Memoriam.

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

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

The following action was unanimously taken by the Board: —

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

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

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

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

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

FROM OCT. 15 TO NOV. 15, 1873.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

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

MICHIGAN.

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

ILLINOIS.

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

<i>Dewey.</i> Treas., \$25; Tabernacle Ch., Aux., Mrs. A. E. Foss, Tr., \$14.62; Union Park Ch., Aux., for Miss Rendall's salary, \$53.70; "A Friend," towards redeeming the \$15,000 pledge, \$46.29; 1st Ch., Aux., Two Friends, towards redeeming the pledge, \$65; New England Ch., Aux., for Miss Chapin's salary, \$306.69; M. E. B., for furnishing the Samokov school, \$92.60,	\$603 90
<i>Danvers.</i> — Aux., Mrs. M. Hastings, Treas.,	3 75
<i>Elgin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley, Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas.,	35 97
<i>Evanston.</i> — Aux., for Miss Porter's salary, \$10 of which is from Mr. Mark De Coudres, \$144.40; S. S. for Dr. Chester's school at Dindigul, \$37.50; "Little Towel-Hemmers," for the Bridgman school, \$11.48,	193 33
<i>Farmington.</i> — Aux., \$10 of which completes the L. M. of Mrs. S. B. Newell, Mrs. M. G. Erwin, Treas.,	40 00
<i>Galesburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. H. S. Hurd, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Geneva.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. E. Coc, Treas.,	12 25
<i>Hoyleton.</i> — S. S. Miss'y Soc.,	10 00
<i>Lisbon.</i> — Aux., L. S. Langdon, Treas.,	13 00
<i>Odell.</i> — Aux., for the Samokov school, Mrs. B. F. Hotchkiss, Treas.,	15 50
<i>Oak Park.</i> — Aux., for school at Manissa, Mrs. Thomas Aikiu, Treas.,	45 51
<i>Ontario.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. Crane, Treas.,	16 00
<i>Payson.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Treas.,	3 25
<i>Princeton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. B. Converse, Treas.,	9 50
<i>Quincey.</i> Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. E. Littlefield, Treas.,	26 00
<i>Rockford.</i> — 2d Ch., Aux., \$25 of which constitutes Mrs. L. J.	

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

WISCONSIN.

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

IOWA.

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

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

MINNESOTA.

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

DAKOTAH.

Yankton. — "Willing Workers,"	\$4 63
Total,	\$4 63

CONNECTICUT.

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

EVANSTON, Nov. 15, 1873.





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THE GODDESS KALI.

BY MRS. H. I. BRUCE.



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

A BABY MISSIONARY.

BY MISS RAPPLEYE.

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

MISSION-CIRCLES.

THE CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY CONCERT.

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

It has no stereotyped order of exercises. Sometimes the

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

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

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

Reports from mission-stations comè next in order.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TURKISH PRINTING.

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

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

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

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

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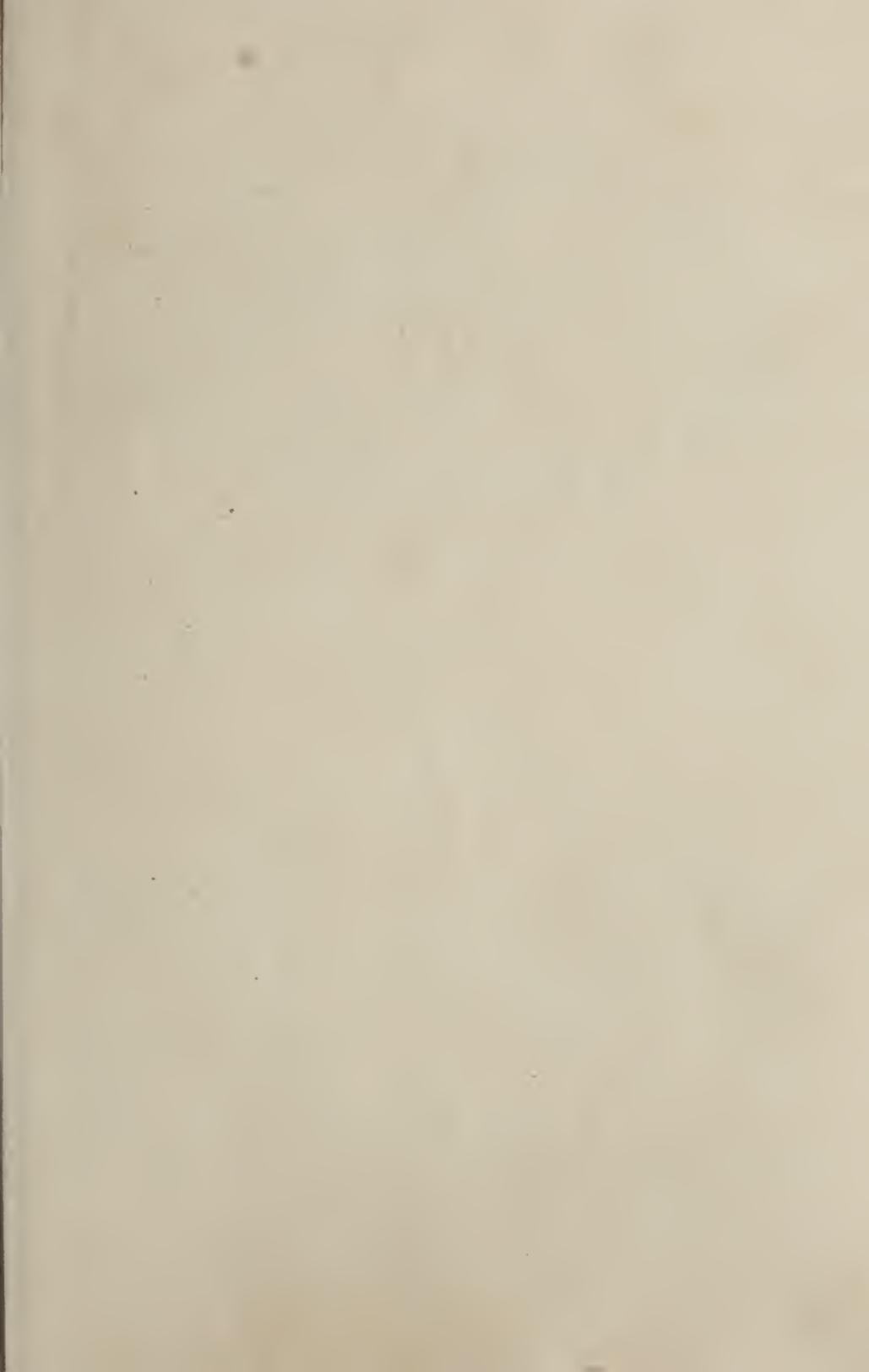
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ANSWER TO ENIGMA.

Sunday school Children.

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