



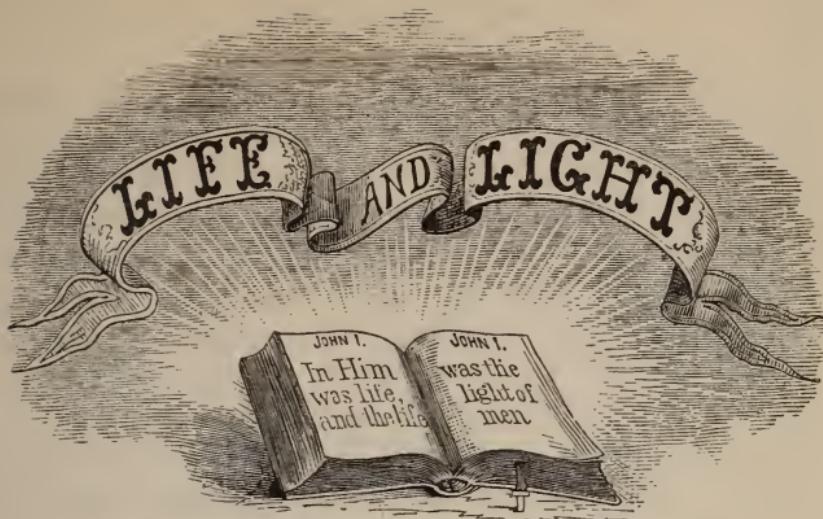
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TURKEY.

EXAMINATION AT THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

BY MISS J. A. RAPPLEYE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“After addresses in Armenian, the entire assembly

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

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

CHINA.

MI HING'S WEDDING.

BY MISS A. M. PAYSON.

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

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

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

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

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

Our Work at Home.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM NOV. 18 TO DEC. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

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

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

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. George H. Fox, Treas.; Franklin, Aux., \$2 50; Royalton, Aux., \$8.00; Pittsford, Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Josie Howard and Mrs. A. Hammond, \$50; Dorsett, Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Wm. Williams and Mrs. Geo. Holley, \$50; East Hardwick, Aux., \$17.40; Middlebury, Aux., of which \$75 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. H. T. Kitchell, Mrs. Julia Goodridge, Miss Jane Nichols, \$125; Middlebury S. S., towards B. R. under Mrs. Wheeler, Harpoot, \$33; Cornwall ladies, of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Helen Magill and Mrs. Henry Lane, \$48; Burlington, Aux., towards Mrs. Park's sal'y, \$25; Rutland, Aux., towards Miss Ely's sal'y, \$117.83; Mission-Circles of Rutland for schs. in China and Ceylon, "Willing Helpers," \$2.30; "Wayside Gleaners," \$11.56; "Little Gleaners," \$5.35; "Willing Hands," \$8.05; "Little Sowers," \$5; "Busy Bees," \$5.10; "Cheerful Givers," \$5.86; "Children of the Light," \$5; Juvenile Cl., \$5; "Loving Hearts," \$5.42; Mrs. Dunton's Cl., \$2.39; "Buds of Promise," \$5; "Busy Larks," \$3.71, \$583 36	
Bridgport.—Ladies Cong. Ch.,	18 34
North Craftsbury.—Mrs. D. W. Loomis, to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary Ann Root,	25 00
Wallingford.—A Friend,	10 00
Total,	\$636 70

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

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

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

RHODE ISLAND.

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

CONNECTICUT.

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

New Haven Branch. — Miss Julia Twining, Treas. (to Dec. 15), Barkhamsted, Aux., \$5; Bridgeport, Aux., \$50, to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Henry Jones and Mrs. Bronson Hawley; "Willing Workers," \$50; Cheshire, Aux., \$6, to complete p'y't for Samathanum; Mrs. Paddock's Bible Cl. to complete p'y't for pupil in Mrs. Edward's sch., \$14; total, \$20. Colebrook, "Laurel Leaves," to const. L. M. Miss Annie W. Gilbert, \$25. Cornwall, "Hillside Workers" (of wh. \$30 for a pupil in Mrs. Chandler's sch.), \$80. Fair Haven 2d Ch. Aux. (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. J. S. C. Abbott), \$71.06. Kent, Aux., \$10. Litchfield, Aux., towards support of a B. R., \$23.87. New Britain, Centre Ch., Aux., \$84.40. New Haven Centre Ch., Aux., (of wh. \$25 for Mrs. James Dickerman to const. L. M. Miss Harriet E. Peck, \$25 for Mrs. Mary L. Skinner to const. L. M. Mrs. John W. Fitch, \$10 for Mrs. Wooster Hotchkiss towards support of a B. R.), \$387; Church of the Redeemer, Aux., \$73.75; Davenport Ch., Aux. (of wh. \$40 for S. S. girls to support a pupil in Miss Fritch's sch., \$25 for Mrs. John Dewell to const. Miss Sarah R. Dewell L. M., \$25 for the Aux. to const. L. M. Mrs. Isaac C. Messerve), \$100. Fair Haven, 1st Ch., Aux. (of wh. \$25 for Mrs. Samuel Harrison to const. herself L. M.), \$130; Howard Ave. Ch., Aux., \$47.32; North Ch., Aux., \$23; Third Ch., Aux. (of wh. \$27 for Mrs. W. A. Ives for pupil in Miss Fritch's sch.), \$97; Trinity Ch., Mrs. Mary Wadsworth, \$1; Yale College Ch., Aux., for scholarship in Con. Homie, \$125. Total in N. H., \$984.07. New Milford, Aux. (of wh. \$25 for Miss Sally Northrop to const. herself L. M., \$25 fr. "Golden Links," \$25 fr. "Star Circle," \$134 towards Mrs. Edward's salary), \$184. Northford, Aux., \$36.65. Norwalk, Aux., Ladies' Ch. Association (of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. E. L. Morgan), \$150; Young Ladies' "Mission Band," \$50 (of whole amount \$175 to be sent to Japan), \$200. Oxford, Aux., \$21.35. Saybrook, Aux..

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

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

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

C. Home Building-Fund.

New York City. — "Cheerful-

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

PENNSYLVANIA.

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

Total, \$494 05

OHIO.

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

IOWA.

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

KANSAS.

Grasshopper Falls. — Mrs. B. Hillier, \$1; Mrs. L. P. Wilson, \$1, \$2 00
Total, \$2 00

CANADA.

Canadian Branch, \$229 12
Total, \$229 12
Donations, \$5,912 63
C. Home Building-Fund, 911 00
"Life and Light," 827 25
"Echoes," 69 95
Weekly Pledge, 7 60
Interest on temporary investments, 490 06
Leaflets, 7 00
Legacy from the late Mrs. Elizabeth L. Haven, 100 00
Total, \$8,325.43

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, Ass't. Treas.

In Memoriam.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. P. T.

Department of the Interior.

TURKEY.

EXTRACTS FROM MISS MALTBIE'S LETTERS.

VACATION WORK.

SAMOKOV, Sept. 19, 1874.

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL RE-OPENED.

Sept. 21.

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

ELENKA'S WORK AND ILLNESS.

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

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

DEATH OF THE TEACHER MARIKA.

PHILIPPOPOLIS, Oct. 23.

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

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

AFRICA.

A PARTY IN ZULU-LAND.

BY MISS M. E. PINKERTON.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Home Department.

A THANK-OFFERING.

FROM BEYOND THE MISSISSIPPI.

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

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

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

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

THE JAPAN HOME.

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

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



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

FROM NOV. 15 TO DEC. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

<i>Atwater.</i> — Aux., Miss A. Hutchinson, Treas.,	\$16 00
<i>Columbus.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. A. Mahoney, Treas.,	30 50
<i>Edinburg.</i> — Aux.,	20 00
<i>Granville.</i> — Aux., Mrs. L. K. Warren, Treas.,	8 00
<i>Ironton</i> — Aux., Mrs. Clara R. Rodgers, Sec.,	33 00
<i>Kent.</i> — Aux., Miss H. A. Converse, Treas.,	30 00
<i>Oberlin.</i> — Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to constitute Mrs. John E. Peck a L. M., Miss E. E. Peck, Treas.,	40 00
<i>West Farrington.</i> — Aux., Miss Emily Page, Sec.,	3 20
<i>Tallmadge.</i> — "Messenger Birds," Lillie M. Little, Sec.,	10 00
Total,	\$190 70

MICHIGAN.

<i>Ann Arbor.</i> — Aux., with previous contributions to constitute Mrs. H. L. Hubbell and Mrs. M. E. Morwick L. M.'s, Mrs. M. L. D'Ooge, Treas.,	\$20 45
Total,	\$20 45

ILLINOIS.

<i>Alton.</i> — Aux., Miss Ellen M. Pierce, Treas.,	\$13 90
<i>Aurora.</i> — Aux., Mrs. G. F. Ruggles, Treas., \$9.15; for travelling expenses of Miss Rankin, \$4,	13 15
<i>Chicago.</i> — 1st Ch. Aux., for salary of Miss Patrick, Mrs. C. H. Whittlesey, Treas., \$43; Tabernacle Ch. Aux., Mrs. J. A. Cole, Treas., \$5; Union Park Ch. Aux., Mrs. R. E. Jenkins, Treas., \$30,	78 00
<i>Jacksonville</i> — For travelling expenses of Miss Rankin,	10 00
<i>Peoria.</i> — Mission S. S. for pupil in the Bridgeman School,	10 00
<i>Quincy.</i> — By Miss Rankin,	5 00
<i>Rockford.</i> — By Miss Rankin,	7 00
<i>Sandwich.</i> — Aux., Mrs. A. P. Crapser, Treas.,	24 04
<i>Waverly.</i> — "Earnest Workers," Louise Tupper, Treas.	10 00
<i>Evergreen.</i> Dec. 15, 1874.	

<i>Wheaton.</i> — Aux., by Miss Rankin, \$12.63; "A Friend," for the Japan Home, \$20,	\$32 63
Total,	\$203 72

WISCONSIN.

<i>Appleton.</i> — Of which \$10, from Miss Kimball for Mexico, by Miss Rankin,	\$18 00
<i>Madison.</i> — By Miss Rankin,	10 00
<i>Mazoo Manie.</i> — Aux., Mrs. C. M. Howe, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Milwaukee.</i> — By Miss Rankin,	500
<i>Oconomowoc.</i> — Aux., Miss A. B. Sewell, Treas.,	4 00
<i>Ripon.</i> — By Miss Rankin, \$10; "A Friend," by Mrs. Jeremiah Porter, for the Japan Home, \$300,	310 00
Total,	\$352 00

IOWA.

<i>Clinton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. Russell, Treas.,	\$28 73
<i>Oscaloosa.</i> — Aux., for the Micronesian Mission, Mrs. K. A. Trask, Treas.,	33 80
<i>St. Clair.</i> — Aux., by Mrs. Van Atwerp, \$13; "A Friend," \$5.50.	18 50
Total,	\$86 03

MINNESOTA.

<i>St. Paul.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. H. Howard, Treas.,	\$25 00
Total,	\$25 00

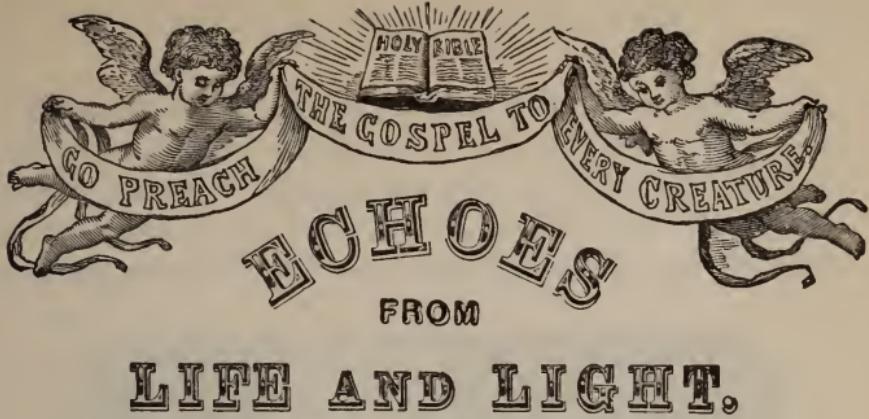
MISSOURI.

<i>Kansas City.</i> — S. S. class for pupil in Marash,	\$3 00
Total,	\$3 00

NEBRASKA.

<i>Norfolk.</i> — Aux.,	\$5 00
<i>Steele City.</i> — Mrs. Dean,	1 00
<i>Weeping Willow.</i> — Aux.,	27 60
Total,	\$33 60

<i>MISCELLANEOUS.</i>	\$20 40
Total,	\$934 90



ECHOES FROM LIFE AND LIGHT.

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WATER-CARRIERS.

BY MRS. H. J. BRUCE.



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MAINE. — *Maine Branch.* — *Portland.* — “Orient Girls,” \$35.50 ; “Helping Hands,” \$5.00 ; “Little Gleaners,” 8.80 ; Union Class, \$6.00 ; “Cheerful Workers,” \$6.00.

VERMONT. — *Vermont Branch.* — *Rutland.* — “Willing Helpers,” \$2.30 ; “Wayside Gleaners,” \$11.56 ; “Little Gleaners,” \$5.35 ; “Willing Hands,” \$8.95 ; “Little Sowers,” \$5.00 ; “Busy Bees,” \$5.19 ; “Cheerful Givers,” \$5.86 ; “Children of the Light,” \$5.00 ; Juvenile Class, \$5.00 ; “Loving Hearts,” \$5.42 ; Mrs. Dunton’s Class, \$2.39 ; “Buds of Promise,” \$5.00 ; “Busy Larks,” \$3.71.

MASSACHUSETTS. — *Jamaica Plain.* — Central Church, three little boys, \$1.00.

North Weymouth. — Arthur M. Dow’s Missionary Box, \$1.05.

RHODE ISLAND. — *Providence.* — Central Ch., “Willing Hands,” \$50.

CONNECTICUT. — *Darien.* — “Ox-Ridge Mission-Circle,” \$2.50.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH. — *Bridgeport.* — “Willing Workers,” \$25.00.

Cheshire — Mrs. Paddock’s Bible-Class, \$14.00.

Colebrook. — “Laurel Leaves,” \$25.00.

Cornwall. — “Hillside Workers,” \$80.00.

New Haven. — Davenport Church, S. S. girls, \$40.00.

New Milford. — “Golden Links,” \$25.00 ; “Star Circle,” \$25.00.

Norwalk. — “Young Ladies’ Band,” \$50.00.

Thomaston. — “Free Givers,” \$25.00.

Watertown. — “Little Gleaners,” 20.00.

West Haven. — Oak Hill Seminary, \$45.00.

Wilton. — Mission Band, \$150.

Putnam. — “Mission Workers,” \$60.00.

NEW YORK CITY. — “Cheerful Workers,” \$400.00.

PENNSYLVANIA. — *Philadelphia Branch.* — “Baltimore Bees,” 20.00.

Newark. — “Workers for Jesus,” \$72.32.

Paterson. — “Mt. Crystals,” \$4.00.

Jersey City. — “Earnest Workers,” \$51.00.

OHIO. — *Tallmadge.* — “Messenger Birds,” \$10.00.

ILLINOIS. — *Peoria.* — Mission Sunday School, \$10.00.

Waverly. — “Earnest Workers,” \$10.00.

MISSOURI. — *Kansas City.* — Sunday-School Class, \$3.00.



WHAT PENNIES CAN DO.

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

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

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

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

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

The Children's King.

BY MRS. S. B. PRATT.

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

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

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

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

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

BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

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

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

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