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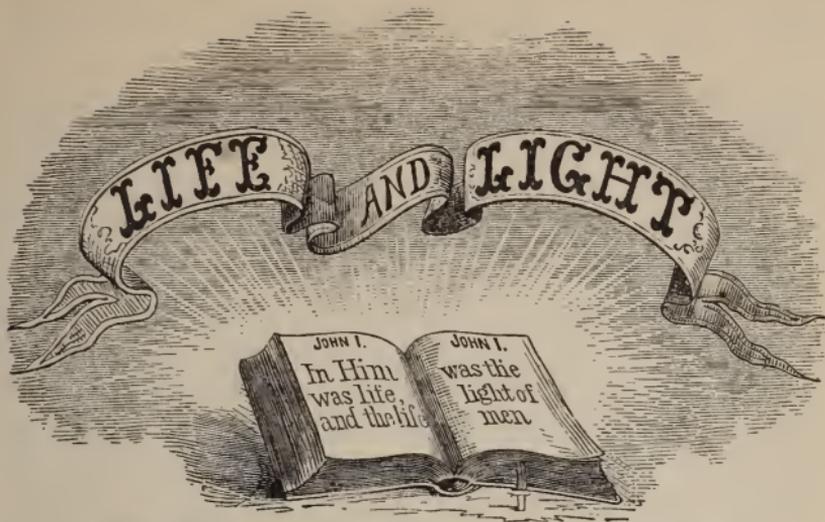
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MICRONESIA.

EXTRACTS FROM MRS. WHITNEY'S JOURNAL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TURKEY.

TEMPERANCE CRUSADE IN TURKEY.

BY MISS HATTIE SEYMOUR.

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

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

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

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

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

In the morning Miss Bush wrote out this pledge, —

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

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

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

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

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

JAPAN.

LETTER FROM MISS TALCOTT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Master Calleth for Thee.

BY MRS. S. B. PRATT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Work at Home.

INDIVIDUAL EFFORT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM MARCH 18 TO APRIL 18, 1875.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.

Maine Branch. — Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas., Augusta, Aux., \$30; Camden, Elm St. S. S., \$24.20; Bath, Central Ch. "Mission-Circles," \$50; Lemington, Aux., \$12; Waterville, Aux., \$65.06; So. Bridgton S. S., \$3.50; Brunswick, Aux., \$55; Jackson, Aux., \$7; Wiscasset, Mrs. Hubbard, .50; Thomaston, Aux., \$23; Searsport, Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Amanda S. Turguson, \$9.40; Machias, Aux., \$12.20; Madison, Aux., towards pupil in Marsovan, \$10; Solon, Aux., \$10; Portland, Aux., High St. Ch., of which \$100 by Mrs. William H. Fenn (\$25 to const. L. M. Miss Eliza Griffin), \$210.55; State. St. Ch., \$123.22; Mission-Circle, of which \$5 was given in memory of Helen G Loring by her father, \$105; Plymouth Ch., of which \$25 by Miss E. M. Gould to const. L. M. Mrs. Edward Gould, \$74.68; Mission-Circle towards pupil in Marsovan, \$30; 2d Parish Ch., \$33; Bethel Ch. to const. L. M. Mrs. John M. Gould, \$25; Williston Ch., \$19; St. Lawrence St. Ch., \$13.05; "Mission-Circle," \$7.33; West End Cong. Ch., \$1.50,

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Total, \$955 09

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

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

\$145 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Hampshire Branch. — Miss Abby E. McIntire, Treas., Claremont, Aux., towards pupil in the Const. Home, \$25 00
Pembroke. — Miss S. R. LeBosquet, 5 00

Total, \$30 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

\$136 40

VERMONT.

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

bury, Aux., L. M. Mrs. Sophronia L. Morrill, \$25; St. Johnsbury North Ch., Aux., Mrs. K., \$3; Burlington, Aux., of which \$25 by Mrs. Henry Spencer, to const. herself L. M., \$36; South Ch., \$68.65; Enosburgh, Aux., \$50; Rutland, Aux., \$41.79; Vergennes Cong. S. S., for pupil Miss Seymour's sch., \$40,	
<i>Barnet</i> . — A friend,	\$264 44
<i>Grafton</i> . — A few ladies,	40
<i>Fericho</i> . — Ladies of Cong. Soc'y,	10 25
<i>Swanton</i> . — "Cheerful Helpers,"	10 00
<i>Westport</i> . — A friend,	2 50
	5 00
Total,	\$292 59
MASSACHUSETTS.	
<i>Amherst</i> . — Aux., Second Cong. Ch.,	\$11 35
<i>Auburndale</i> . — Aux., \$5; "Mission-Circle," \$6,	11 00
<i>Beverly</i> . — "Centreville Mission-Circle," towards pupil in Miss Seymour's sch.,	34 00
<i>Boston</i> . — Mrs. Chas. E. Jewett for B. R. under Miss Hance, \$50; a friend, \$1; two children for the Scudder Fund, 53 cts.; Old South Ch., of wh. \$25 from Mrs. Charles Stoddard to const. L. M. Miss Helen M. Tead, \$275; Mt. Vernon Ch., Miss E. S. Tobey, \$2; Mrs. P. R. Woodward, \$1; Union Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Arthur Wilkinson to const. L. M. Miss Augusta White, \$88.50; Berkeley St. Ch., C. C. Barry, \$15; Family Miss'y Concert, \$5; Monthly Pledge, \$6.55,	444 58
<i>Boston Highlands</i> . — Eliot Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by a friend to const. L. M. Miss Elizabeth E. Stone, \$51.50; Walnut Ave. Ch., of wh. \$5 by Mrs. Haley, \$6.15; Highland Maternal Assn., \$4; "Highland-Rill," \$10,	71 65
<i>Boston, South</i> . — Phillips Ch., Aux., add'l,	3 00
<i>Brighton</i> . — J. W. F., at the request of the late Sally Worcester,	100 00
<i>Brockton</i> . — Aux., for sal'y of Miss Williams,	128 00
<i>Clinton</i> . — Aux.,	29 12
<i>Dorchester</i> . — Second Ch., Aux., of wh. \$50 by Mrs. Nathan Carruth to const. L. M.'s Mrs. J. H. Clapp, Miss Sarah Nixon; \$50 by Miss E. C. Shaw to const. L. M.'s Miss Rachel B. Robinson, Mrs. Sarah S. Munger;	
\$25 by Miss Ellen Carruth to const. L. M. Miss Ann Tolman; \$25 by Miss Emma Carruth to const. L. M. Mrs. F. W. Carruth, \$365.50; Village Ch., "Band of Faith," \$5,	\$370 50
<i>Dunstable</i> . — Mrs. Julia M. G. Austin, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>Groveland</i> . — Mrs. Laura S. Atwood,	2 00
<i>Hinsdale</i> . — Aux., with prev. contri. to const. L. M. Mrs. Noadiah Emmons,	7 00
<i>Holliston</i> . — Aux., towards a pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch.,	25 00
<i>Hopkinton</i> . — Aux., add'l,	50
<i>Lawrence</i> . — Mrs. Sam'l Woodman,	2 00
<i>Lexington</i> . — Aux.,	50 00
<i>Littleton</i> . — C. M. H.'s Miss. box,	1 00
<i>Middleb'd</i> . — Aux., for pupil in Miss Payson's sch., \$40; a few Misses, \$1.55; Miss S. R. Kingman's S. S. Cl., \$1.85,	43 40
<i>Newton</i> . — Eliot Ch., Aux., for sal'y of Mrs. Capron,	551 00
<i>Norton</i> . — Wheaton Fem. Sem.,	10 00
<i>Northampton</i> . — C. S. W.,	100 00
<i>Peabody</i> . — Aux.,	145 10
<i>Reading</i> . — Miss Lydia Cook,	3 00
<i>Salem</i> . — Tabernacle Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by a friend to const. L. M. Miss Harriet Putman, \$60; Crombie St. Ch., \$37,	97 00
<i>Salisbury and Amesbury</i> . — Union Evan. Cong. Ch.,	6 00
<i>Springfield Branch</i> . — Miss H. Buckingham, Treas., Balance from 1874, \$37.47; Memorial Ch., \$81.20; South Ch., \$107.39; North Ch., \$65; First Ch., \$83.70; Sanford St. Ch., \$5.72; towards sal'y of Miss Talcott, Japan. West Springfield, Park St. Ch., for pupil in Miss Closson's sch., Talas, \$40; First Ch., "Mite-Gatherers," pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch., \$30, and Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$30; Holyoke, Second Ch., towards sal'y Mrs. Allen, \$57.12; "Merry-Workers," for four pupils in Miss Closson's sch., Talas, \$160; Springfield Memorial Ch., "Little Helpers," for two pupils in Mrs. Edwards's sch., \$60,	757 60
<i>West Amesbury</i> . — Aux.,	32 00
<i>Westford</i> . — Mrs. S.,	1 00
<i>Westfield</i> . — Miss Helen E. Osborne,	5 00
<i>West Newton</i> . — A friend,	2 00
<i>Winchester</i> . — "Seek and Save Soc'y,"	150 00
Total,	\$3,218 80

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

RHODE ISLAND.

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

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

CONNECTICUT.

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

New Haven Branch. — Miss Julia Twining, Treas., Barkhamsted, Aux., \$5; Bethlehem, Aux., \$10; Bridgeport, Aux., \$205, for Miss Andrews's salary; "Willing Workers," for one pupil at Madura, and one at Inanda, \$60, total, \$265. East Haddam, "Willing Helpers," for Miss Strong's sch. Mexico, \$45; East Haven, Aux., \$32.50; Kent, Aux., for pupil at Foochow, \$20; Litchfield, Aux., for B. R. Drupatabai, \$16.62; Haddam, Aux., towards Miss Strong's salary, \$25; Meriden, "Cheerful Givers," for pupil at Harpoot, \$40; Milton, Aux., \$10; Morris, Aux., \$20.80; Mount Carmel, "Mission-Gleaners," \$25; New Britain, Centre Church, Aux., \$123.61, of wh. \$40 for B. R. Yesabai, \$83.61 for pupils at Madura, of this \$25 by Mrs. Ellen M. Wells to const. L. M. Mrs. Norman Hart, and \$25 by Mrs. Isaac N. Lee to const. L. M. Miss Ellen Tracy; South Church, for Mrs. Leonard's salary, \$100; "Cheerful Givers," \$120, of wh. \$50 for Mrs. De Forest's salary, \$40 for pupil at Marsovan, \$30 for pupil at Inanda; total for N. B., \$343.61. New Haven, Centre Church, \$116.09, of wh. \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Henry Trowbridge; \$25 for a B. R.; \$15 with \$10 before given by a friend, to const. L. M. Miss Sarah J. Hume; \$10 for support of Guanaperahasen; Church of Redeemer, \$101, of wh. \$25 fr. Mrs. W. J. Atwater to const. L. M. Mrs. H. D. Clarke; \$25 fr. Mrs. H. B. Bigelow to const. herself L. M.; \$25 fr. Mrs. H. D. Clarke to const. L. M. Mrs. W. J. Atwater; \$25 fr. Mrs. D. H. Wells to const. herself L. M.; College St. Church, Aux., \$32; Fair Haven, 1st Church, Aux., \$76.50, of wh. \$25 fr. S. S. Class of Mrs. Francis Wheaton to const. her L. M.; \$25 fr. Mrs. Mitchel S. Mitchel to const. herself L. M.; \$20 fr. "Pearl-Seekers," part p'vt for pupil at Madura; North Church, Aux., \$152.50, of wh. \$25 for Mrs. Phoebe Prowning to const. herself L. M.; \$25 fr. Mrs. Benj. Coe to const. L. M. Mrs. Anna C. Hyde; \$20 fr. Mrs. O. H. White to complete L. M'ship of Miss Alice Broughton; \$15 for

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

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Hartford Branch.</i> —Hartford, Pearl St. Ch., Aux., a friend, \$25 00	
<i>New Haven Branch.</i> —New Haven Centre Ch., towards Mary Lyon Room, 10 00	
NEW YORK.	
<i>Oswego.</i> —Cong. Ch., E. J. Hamilton, \$5; J. B. Hubbard, \$5; Haynes L. Hart, \$5; A. W. Miner, \$5, \$20 00	

<i>Rochester.</i> —Mrs. C. Dewey, \$10 00	
<i>Syracuse.</i> —Plymouth Ch., Aux., for sal'y of Miss Fritcher, 317 00	
<i>Westmoreland.</i> —Aux., 8 00	
Total, \$355 00	

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

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

OHIO.

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

MICHIGAN.

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

IOWA.

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

CANADA.

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

FOREIGN LANDS.

C. Home Building-Fund.

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

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Asst. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

CEYLON.

LETTER FROM MISS HILLIS.

TILLYPALLY, Sept. 17, 1874.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Home Department.

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

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

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

TO OUR LITTLE GARDENERS.

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

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

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

FROM MARCH 15, TO APRIL 15, 1875.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.

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

MICHIGAN.

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

ILLINOIS.

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

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

WISCONSIN.

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

IOWA.

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

MINNESOTA.

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

MISSOURI.

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

DACOTAH.

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

NEBRASKA.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

<i>Athol, Mass.</i> —For the Japan Home, by Mrs. Lewis Thorpe,	\$25 00
<i>Lincoln, Me.</i> —Cong. S. S., for the Japan Home, by Miss H. Huntress,	25 00
<i>Palmyra, N.Y.</i> —Laura E. Dada,	5 00
<i>Warsaw, N.Y.</i> —S. S., for support of Mariane in Mrs. Coffing's school,	40 16
<i>Portland, Oregon.</i> —Aux. of 1st Ch., for the Japan Home, Mrs. Lydia H. Blacklie, Treas.,	25 00
Sale of pamphlets and envelopes,	12 11
Total,	\$132 27
Total,	\$2,154 56



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GIVING UP ALL FOR CHRIST.



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

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

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



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

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

LETTER FROM KOORDISH AMIE.

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

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

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

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

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

EGIN, Dec. 18-30, 1874.

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

CONSECRATED EGG.

BY MRS. A. E. HUME.

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

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

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

- VERMONT. — *Swanton*. — “Cheerful Helpers,” \$2.50.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — *Auburndale*. — “Mission-Circle,” \$6.00.
Beverly. — “Centreville Mission-Circle,” \$34.00.
Boston. — Two Children, .53.
Boston Highlands. — “Highland Rill,” \$10.00.
Spencer. — “Hillside Workers,” \$116.17.
Springfield, West. — “Mite-Gatherers,” \$60.00; Holyoke, “Merry Workers,” \$160.00; Springfield, Memorial Church, “Little Helpers,” \$60.00.
Winchester. — “Seek and Save Society,” \$150.00.
- RHODE ISLAND. — *Pawtucket*. — “Penny-Gleaners,” \$7.00; “Cheerful Helpers,” \$5.00; Willie and Alice Tolman, \$25.00.
Providence. — Beneficent Foreign Mission-Circle, \$180.00.
- CONNECTICUT. — *Darien*. — “Ox Ridge Mission-Circle,” \$2.00.
- NEW HAVEN BRANCH. — *Bridgeport*. — “Willing Workers,” \$60.00.
East Haddam. — “Willing Helpers,” \$45.00.
Fair Haven. — “Pearl-Seekers,” \$20.00.
Meriden. — “Cheerful Givers,” \$40.00.
Mt. Carmel. — “Mission-Gleaners,” \$25.00.
New Britain. — “Cheerful Givers,” \$120.00.
Norwalk. — “Young Folks,” \$15.00; “Sunbeams,” \$15.00.
Plymouth. — “Arbutus-Gleaners,” \$75.00; “Arbutus-Gleaners,” \$25.00.
Saybrook. — Seaside “Mission Band,” \$7.00.
Thomaston. — “Free Givers,” \$56.00; “News-Bearers,” \$29.26.
Westbrook. — Seaside Mission-Gleaners,” \$11.00.
- OHIO. — *Cleveland*. — Cleveland Heights Mission-Circle, \$17.53.
- MICHIGAN. — *Owosso*. — “The Western Rocks,” \$4.00.
- ILLINOIS. — *Alton*. — “Cheerful Givers,” \$1.50.
Evanston. — Sabbath School, \$83.34.
- IOWA. — *Grinnell*. — “Mite-Gatherers,” \$6.00.
Muscatine. — “Seeds of Mercy,” \$25.00.
Sabula. — Mrs. Emerson’s Sabbath-school Class, \$3.00.
Sibley. — Children’s Box, .48.
- NEBRASKA. — *Green Island*. — Charlie Seecomb and Sister, .50.
- NEW YORK. — *Warsaw*. — Sabbath School, \$40.16.
- MAINE. — *Lincoln*. — Sabbath School, \$25.00.

RESULTS OF A MISSION-CIRCLE.

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

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

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

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

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BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

BY SAMUEL WEBB, AND HELEN HARWOOD.

I AM composed of 39 letters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

My whole is a precious promise.

ANSWER TO BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

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

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

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