

THE PALM BRANCH.

past term. Our building is situated in the best part of the town, and this year, for the first time for years, the children of the neighborhood attend the school as daily pupils.—[Report 97.]

AUXILIARY SUBJECT PRAYER FOR JANUARY.

"That increased spiritual power may come into the church at home and abroad, and that secret believers may be taught of the spirit."

Jesus said, before he left the earth: "But ye shall receive power, after that ye shall be witnesses unto me unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Now who is the Holy Ghost here spoken of? He is our teacher and guide in the paths of truth and righteousness. In John 16: 13 we read: Howbeit, when He, the spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth." We cannot think a good thought or perform a kind action; we are never moved by a generous impulse, except through the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We never have a desire to pray or commune with God unless guided by this Divine Presence. When something within tells us we have done wrong we may know the Holy Spirit is striving with us to confess our wrong-doing; as the old hymn says:

"Without the spirit of Thy grace
We nothing good can do,"

How necessary it is then that in this, "The greatest work in the world," we should be endowed with the Holy Ghost.

It is only during the last hundred years that any serious efforts have been made to evangelize the world, and still, after all the wonders that have been accomplished during this period, the exact number of missionaries at present in foreign fields is only 5,994, or one missionary to every 166,000 heathen. Surely the harvest is great and the laborers few!

Then, how little money we give every year to the missionary cause, and how much we spend on our own comforts and luxuries! Over eighty times as much is spent this way as is given for foreign missions. This should not be, nor should we only give to God's cause the money we have left when we have used all we want for ourselves. Should we offer to the Lord that which costs us nothing? Jesus left His Father's home and came to earth to suffer a shameful death that our sins might be forgiven, and surely we should be willing to make some sacrifice of comfort or pleasure to give of our money to send the Gospel to those who have never heard the glad story of redemption. Dear Mission Band, boys and girls, at this glad Christmas time, let us pray that the Holy Spirit may come into our hearts and help us to consecrate our lives' service to this great missionary work.

Let us also pray for the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon our missionaries everywhere, that they may be strengthened to continue the glorious work they are doing for Christ and the heathen world; that all those who have accepted Christianity, and forsaken idolatry may be blessed and helped openly to confess Christ,

and may be so taught of the Spirit that they too may become teachers of His glorious Gospel.

And may the Holy Spirit so baptize our Mission Band boys and girls that they may march forth into the new century with Jesus Christ as their leader, determined to conquer the whole of heathendom for their King.
Ont. A. C. W.

GOOD TIDINGS.

(RECITATION.)

How beautiful on the mountains
Are the feet of him that brings
Good tidings of salvation
From the Lord, the King of kings!—
Tidings the angels chanted
Of old o'er field and glen:
Glory to God in the highest
On earth good will to men!"

Ho! every one that thirsteth,
Come to the waters clear;
And he that hath no money
Eere's milk and wine to cheer!
Though your sins may be as scarlet,
They shall be white as snow;
And the peace of God that passeth thought
Your weary souls shall know.

O herald! while we listen,
We hail the blessed day
When every race and tribe and tongue
Shall hear thee and obey!—
When the desert and the wilderness
As Sharon's plain shall be,
And the love of the Lord shall fill the earth
As the waters fill the sea.

Through storm and sun the age draws on
When heaven and earth shall meet;
For the Lord has said that glorious
He will make the place of His feet,
And the grass may die on the summer hills,
And the flower fade by the river,
But our God is the same through endless years,
And His word shall stand forever.

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EDNA DEAN PROCTOR.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY.

Opening Hymn—Crown Him Lord of all, two verses;
Coronation.
Short prayer for those who have never heard of Him.
Repeat, in concert, Luke 2: 14th.
Roll Call.
Minutes—Regular business, appointments.
Recitation—"There came a little child to earth."
Another verse of "Crown Him Lord of All."
Two minute talk from some visiting member of Auxiliary.
Doxology.