

"Let us eat even the crumbs that fall from your table of peace."

These, and cries like these, rang in her ears and assuaged her heart.

She turned and looked at her Guide. He had forgotten her. His eyes full of pity and longing, were fixed upon the passing throng.

Even as she gazed, he was gone, vanished from her sight. She could ask nothing, but she knew in her soul that if she would offer gifts to the Lord, she must bring him souls.

When she awoke, she wept over her empty purse. Never again did her Christmas money flow only in the accustomed channel. She gave to her friends, but she gave first to her Lord. She made first for him her little cake, no matter how small her handful of meal.—*Helping Hand.*

Mrs. Dale's Mission Vine.

Mrs. Dale was unmistakably poor. She lived in a little humble cottage, and took in washing to pay the taxes on it. It seemed sometimes as if she could not make both ends meet, and I must confess that it was hard work for her to keep out of debt. She belonged to the little mission band of the village church, and wanted to do her part. But how? In the little garden back of the cottage she raised vegetables for the use of her own family—herself and her two young daughters. There were potatoes and corn and tomatoes, and back of these, over an old trellis, grew a grape-vine.

"What can I spare for missions?" This was the question that was troubling her. The vegetables were a necessity to herself and her children; she could not spare them. Suddenly a light broke upon her mind, "I know," she said, clapping her hands, "I can give my grape-vine; I will give it to missions."

And so in one sense the grape-vine was consecrated. The vine hung full of great stems of luscious grapes, slowly but surely purpling in the September sunshine. Irene and Laura Dale often looked longingly at the graceful vine, and felt very strongly tempted to pick "just a grape or two." But their mother said quite decidedly, "No, my dears, you can go without grapes for Christ's sake. I must make my harvest-offering a worthy one."

Towards the last of September the grapes were all ripe. Mrs. Dale bought twenty small baskets of the grocer, and with the help of her little daughters filled them with grapes to be sold; and the result was ten dollars for missions. Mrs. R., a wealthy member of the society, had contributed five dollars, but after Mrs. Dale's offering had been received, she added twenty dollars to her own gift.

A few days passed, and there came one which brought great joy to the Dale's.

"There," said a ruddy-faced farmer, rolling a great barrel of beautiful apples into the widow's home, "I heard from my wife how you wouldn't touch one of the Lord's grapes; God bless you! But here's your apples. And I've got some pears for you, too. I'm a farmer, Mrs. Dale, and my wife's a mighty good woman, if she has been a little stingy on the mission question. She'll never be stingy any more, Mrs. Dale, neither to missions nor to you; may God bless you!"—*Missionary Reporter.*

HUMAN SACRIFICES.—Three men in Travancere, southern India, called an old man and woman and their granddaughter, in order to procure their heads as an offering to the guardian demon of their fields, which were suffer-

ing from want of rain. When they were arrested, they frankly confessed the crime and their reasons for committing it. This statement is taken from *Progress*, a Madras periodical.

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