

How very foolish these customs seem to us! Even little children in a Christian land would know that no one on earth could in any way help a dead friend by such things.

The manners and customs of the Chinese are very odd to us. Instead of shaking hands with each other when they meet, each man clasps and shakes his own hand. It is just as well often, for a great many people there have diseases on their skin that are unpleasant to look at or feel. If you were to sit down at one of their tables they would give you chop-sticks to eat with, instead of knives and forks. These are often made of ivory, and are shaped very like knitting needles. You would want to be sure that you were eating good food, however, for the Chinese eat a great many things that we do not. An Englishman was once taking a meal with a Chinese gentleman, but he did not speak his language. When the meat was brought in he pointed to it as said "Ba-a-a!" meaning to ask if it were mutton. The Chinaman understood him and replied "Bow-wow" to tell him it was dog. I am afraid the Englishman went without any meat that day. When you see people in China dressed in white it is a sign of mourning. A son dresses in white for three years after one of his parents dies.

Whitewash would much improve their dark, dirty homes. But white is called an unlucky color, so they prefer to have their walls black with smoke, mould and other forms of dirt. Some believe that to whitewash a room would cause a death in the family to follow. Let us thank God that we were not born in China, but in a land where light and air are freely admitted to our homes, and where the Bible brings its light and truth into our hearts. I have much more of interest to tell you about China at another time.

SISTER BELLE,

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PORT HOPE.—An entertainment was held here on the 21st, which was very interesting and successful. The principal attraction was a colloquy, "The Missionary Clock," by twelve little girls. The following programme was given: Duets, "Who will Reply?"—Reading, "Pitchers and Lamps." Solo, "Make me a Worker for Jesus." Reading, "A real Missionary." Solo, "Tell it again." Recitation, "Missionary Music" (M. B. Portfolio). Colloquy, "The Missionary Clock" (M. B. Portfolio). Solo, "Only a drop in the Bucket." Recitation, "Bear the Message Onward." Quartette, "Calling for You." The collection amounted to twenty dollars, and is to be used for Miss Frith's Zeana Home. Mission Bands wishing to borrow any of the above named selections may have them by writing to the following address,

ASNIE CHISHOLM.

Box 49, Port Hope.

WESTPORT.—DEAR LINK.—We wrote you a year ago, telling of our forming a Mission Circle, perhaps it will not be out of place, to send word what we have been able to accomplish in the year. We got six boxes from the Book Room, and distributed them; have added six to our number, so that we have now fourteen members. The collection in the boxes and our monthly subscriptions amounted to \$24.16, and \$2 extra for the Building Fund. In our Sunday School (which has about thirty members) we pledged ourselves to raise \$10 towards the support of Mr. Cassie in the Cocanada school. We have a Missionary reading and a collection for Missions on the last Sunday in the month. One of our scholars collected \$2 in her box, and we had a Juvenile Missionary Meeting to help make up the sum. Making a total of \$36.17. We thank God and take courage. We have also four subscribers for the LINK, who enjoy the paper very much.

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ZENANA HOUSE.

Perth, \$3.10; Komptville, \$5; Baraston, \$5; Costbrook, \$1.50; Cornwall, \$5; Abbotts Corners, \$3; Montreal First Baptist, \$10; Westport, \$2; Clarence, \$5; Georgville, \$3; Osnabrook Centre, \$0; Ottawa, \$10. Total, \$70.80.

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