

my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold. Take myself and I will be only ever all for thee?"

Is God deceived? Does not the Almighty know that if she had spread her table plainly she might have saved from housekeeping expenses many dollars for His work. That if she had bought a plain hat instead of the one she now wears, that a family's life in India might have been saved? That if she had made her last year's clothes which are still good, though a little behind the times, do service for this year, that that missionary in India might have retained the services of a native preacher or Bible-woman, who had to be dismissed, because, though he sent a stirring appeal to the board, sufficient funds were not sent him.

I can imagine two redeemed ones standing before the throne; one standing alone in silent sorrow; the other joyfully with many beside her.

I can imagine the Master saying to the one, "Daughter, tell me why so many sheaves are of your gleaning." And her joyous answer: "Master, for many years I was in darkness, but when the Light came and I stood in the glorious light and liberty of the gospel, I wanted all the world to know. I had not much money nor many years to spend, and I knew that the King's business required haste, and I longed to bring many to the kingdom.

"I ate plain food, I wore plain clothes; my friends went back and walked not with me, and called me a missionary fanatic. But the heathen to whom I sent the gospel call me blessed, and worship Thee O Christ in whom they believed when they heard Saviour I love Thee, and these are thine in token of my love."

How sadly the question is put to the other: "Daughter, I entrusted to thee much more of wealth and time, why comest thou alone?"

How sorrowfully she would answer: "Master, I loved beauty and ease, refined surroundings and elegance. I had my household to keep in order. My husband and children liked dainty food, and we had so many friends to entertain. My social duties left me but little time to give to Thy cause. In order to retain my social position I had to dress well, and so had but little money to send the gospel to the heathen or help the work at home.

"In the circle in which I moved it was not considered the correct thing to speak to another of personal religion, and so I came alone.

"Father, I love Thee, and I trust in Christ for my salvation, as my offering to Thee I bring nothing but leaves."

Which of these two did the will of her Father?

MISS LANGTON.

WORK ABROAD.

La Paz, June 19, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Newman:

Before leaving home I promised you to write of our Bolivia work to the Link. Its readers, I think, have not heard from any of us yet, and will, I feel sure, be interested in our woman's side of the work. Mrs. Routledge with her longer experience, would be more competent to tell you of its needs and had intended writing before Mr. Routledge became ill with the fever. But that, of course, put a stop to all duties save that of nursing him; and though it has been very trying for her away from home and friends and kindly neighbours, we have found kind hearts in La Paz, who were willing and eager to help in many ways. Owing to the presence of fever amongst us our school has been closed for the present, but we expect to reopen on the first of July, in a new and more desirable house, which we hope to lease for a term of years. The school has been growing very rapidly, and numbered forty-five before it closed. There are two departments, that of the older boys, of which Mr. Routledge and Mr. Mitchell have charge, and that of the girls and younger children, which fall to Mrs. Routledge and myself. In Bolivia the girls must not be placed in the same classroom with the older boys, neither must they play together in the same "pattio," which is the garden of the Bolivian homes—not a grass-covered, tree shaded garden, as at home; but a square court yard, paved with stones and generally encircled by the four sides of the house which runs completely around it, and whose galleries overlook it often from all sides. In the homes of the more wealthy the pattio's contain fountains and flowers, and present a pretty home-like appearance to the passers by.

Should we be successful in obtaining the house we desire, there will be the universal advantage of a real green garden, and a soft turf for the boys and girls at play.

In addition to the day-school pupils there are the private pupils, and there are more of these applying than we can find time to teach. Like our day pupils, they are of the wealthy families, who are all anxious to learn English, some as an accomplishment and some for business purposes. A few of our pupils intend completing their education in America. The gentlemen come to the house, but Mrs. Routledge and I must go to the homes of the lady pupils—another fine Bolivian distinction. Teaching these private pupils affords us in addition to private