

LONSDALE AND EMPEYHILL.—As it is some time since we have sent any report from our Auxiliary to the OUTLOOK, we think it time to let our sisters hear from us. Our auxiliary was organized six years last spring. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for his protecting care over us, during this time death has not entered one of our homes. As we read the memoriams of other auxiliaries in the OUTLOOK each month as it comes, we can truly say God has been good to us. We sent \$42.78 to Branch Treasurer, and a box of bedding and clothing, valued at \$32 00. We find each year adds more interest to the cause, and we hope to see the time when every Christian woman may feel it a privilege as well as a duty to work in this God-honored cause. MRS. C. H., Cor. Sec.

EASTON'S CORNERS.—Although it is some time since we have reported to the OUTLOOK, we have not been idle, but are working steadily on. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the homes of the different members. We use the suggested programmes at our meetings, and find them both interesting and instructive. We have three new members added to our number, which has repaired the breach made by removals. Also have nine subscribers to the OUTLOOK, and take twenty copies of the *Monthly Letter*. On Easter morning we held our Thank-offering service, the proceeds therefrom being \$7.00. We trust that God will inspire our hearts with greater zeal for the cause which lies so near the great heart of the Divine Father, and that we, by our prayers and contributions, may help to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of His Dear Son. GRACE M. PUTNAM, Cor. Sec.

## Facts and Illustrations.

ARCHBISHOP WHATELY said: "If our religion is not true we are bound to change it; if it is true we are bound to propagate it."

BETWEEN five and six thousand tons of opium are sent from India to China annually, as an article of English trade, from which the Indian Government derives at the present time an annual revenue of about \$32,000,000.—*James S. Dennis.*

THE person who stands alone in the advocacy of a great reform is called a fanatic; when a few cluster around him he is then called an enthusiast; but when everybody endorses his opinions he is called a hero.—*Lady Henry Somerset.*

AT least in some parts of China the truth has been fairly well planted; for a missionary affirms: "I could walk from Canton to Shanghai, over eight hundred miles, not walking more than twenty miles a day, and could sleep every night in a little village or town that has a little Christian community."

THE first matter to be settled with anyone who is consciously called to be a foreign missionary is this: Am I cordially willing to put myself absolutely at the disposal of the Lord? The more our own will is merged and lost in His will, the more *usable* we are. God does not allow an instrument long to be idle, which He has thoroughly prepared for His uses. And He has ways of His own of indicating both the field of labor and the path by which it is to be reached. Were there a truer self-surrender and less self-reserve, were there more believing prayer and less dependence upon man, God's workmen would sooner get at work where He would have them, and be more successful in their spheres. . . . We grow more and more into the unalterable conviction that *comparative destitution* is the law of choice. Mary Lyon used to say to her pupils, "If you would serve God most successfully, be prepared to go where *no one else will*." That deserves to be engraved as the motto of a consecrated life. The most heroic missionaries have been the men and women who went to those most hopelessly lost to God without the Gospel.—*From Replies to Correspondents, by A. T. P., in Missionary Review.*

AN American lady, Mrs. Ellis, is physician to the Queen of Corea, at a salary of \$18,000 a year.

A HINDOO conversing with a Church Missionary Society missionary, in answer to the question, "Which of all our methods do you fear the most?" said, "Why should I put weapons into the hands of an enemy? But I will tell you. We do not greatly fear your schools, for we need not send our children; we do not fear your books, for we need not read them; we do not fear your preaching, for we need not hear it; but we dread your women and your doctors; for your doctors are winning our hearts and your women are winning our homes, and when our hearts and our homes are won, what is there left us?"

THE conversion of the world waits on the generosity of God's people. The habit of storing or laying aside one-tenth of our income is the secret of a happy, useful, and often a steady-going Christian life. Of course it pays. A Christian Hindoo, who tried both keeping and neglecting it, once remarked, "It pays to mind it, for nine-tenths with God's blessing goes much further than ten-tenths without it." We hold our possessions as stewards from God. Mark Guy Pearce says: "There is no stealing so mean or so bad as stealing from God." Then, on the other hand, the habit of giving elevates the character, enlarges the heart, and invigorates spiritual life. "It is a great help in getting away from self." One of our members, who two years since adopted this plan, met the Secretary the other day, and said, "Do you know anything that wants funds? I have given all my subscriptions, and I still have money to give away." In another case, whenever a special sum is needed for some purpose, the Secretary has only to telephone, and it is sent over. Other instances might be given showing the benefits to the giver of adopting this plan, and sticking to it. If you are paid weekly, and your salary is \$10 each pay day, take out \$1 and put it in this separate box, recognizing it not as your own.—*Association Monthly.*

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