

to the pupils of the school, and the noble sacrifice of the young lady led them to collecting pennies for foreign missions. They gathered more than *sixty dollars*, and in this way the dear girl's desire to give more was satisfied.

THE OLIVE.

The olive tree is an evergreen which grows to the height of about thirty feet, with very numerous branches. It is found wild in the south of Europe, and is extensively cul-



tivated in eastern countries for the sake of the valuable oil which it yields. This oil is obtained from the fruit, which is a smooth oval plum, of a green or violet colour, with a fleshy pericarp, containing a hard nut. It is the pericarp or fleshy part of the olive that yields the oil. It would be a difficult task to enumerate all the uses of olive oil. In the arts, in medicine, and as an article of food, it is very largely used. In the south of France and in Spain a good deal of it is disposed of in the manufacture of Castile soap.

The olive tree has in all ages been held in

high estimation, both for its uses and for its beauty. To the eastern mind its appearance seems to suggest peace, prosperity and home life. It was an olive leaf that the returning dove bore back to the ark, to signify to Noah that the waters of the deluge were subsiding; times without number has the olive branch borne its message of good-will from army to army; and the Bible emblem of prosperous family life is the olive, with its branches closely clustering around the parent stem.

ISA DAS.

Isa Das is a native agent under the Rev. Dr. Shepherd, Oodeypore. He is supported by the young people connected with James' Place Sabbath school, Edinburgh, and it is from a letter which he has sent home to them that we extract the following interesting particulars about himself and his work:—

I wish to tell you something about my work after I became a Christian. After embracing Christianity, I continued to learn writing and to study the Gospel, and to teach the boys in school. After this I passed as a catechist, and in Ajmere mission for a number of years preached the Gospel there, and looked after the surrounding schools. A number of inquirers came to the mission while I continued to preach in the city and in its surrounding villages. By my becoming a Christian, and by my teaching, my mother embraced Christianity; but in a short while she fell asleep in the Lord. In full faith I got married, and left the Ajmere mission to labour in Oodeypore, the capital of Meywar. My dear wife died about a year and a half ago. She too, in the zenanas and among her fellow-countrywomen, preached the Gospel. God has given me a little daughter, who is now learning the Lord's Prayer. After I became a Christian I suffered much persecution from the hands of idolaters five times, but I am ready for Jesus' sake to suffer persecution.