

Entertainment from Eugene Field's Writings.

A short time ago it was my privilege to attend a little entertainment given by a mission circle not far from Boston.

This circle, numbering about sixty boys and girls, had met at four o'clock every Sunday afternoon, all the winter and spring. They had one entertainment in February. I think, when they brought their mite-boxes, and opened them, finding about nineteen dollars in them, and now they were ready with their bells of various colors.

The entertainment was all from Eugene Field's writings and was almost entirely given by the children, many of whom were dressed to illustrate the piece which they spoke or sang. There was "Good Children Street," "With Trampet and Drum," "Our Whippings," "Pittypat and Tippytoe," and several others. About midway of the programme came the collecting of the mite-boxes. All the children formed in two lines, boys on one side and girls on the other. A large boy headed each column, but the littlest ones came next to them and then the next smaller and so on. Marching down the side aisles, they met at the middle aisle, and forming a double column, marched to the front, where as they again separated, a boy and girl stood, one on each side, with a large tray on which the bells were heaped. And as they marched they sang the following to the tune of "Jingle Bells:"

"All the winter through
We've met to sing and pray
And learn what we could do
For the children far away;
So now we bring our gifts,
And it makes our spirits bright
To send them on their mission glad
For Jesus' sake tonight.

CHORUS.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle bright and gay,
Take a glad, sweet message
To the children far away;
Jingle on, jingle on,
Jingle bright and gay,
Jingle happy pennies
Going gladly on your way."

As they sang the chorus they raised their bells and shook them with a right good will, and merrily the dimes and pennies jingled. Well they might, for when the boxes were opened it was found that they held over \$24.

I pass this account on to those who would like to have a similar mite-box opening.—[Cousin Delight, in Mission Dayspring.]

The income of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which was established in 1701, and is one of the oldest missionary societies in the world, amounted last year to \$1,587,160, the highest it has ever received in any year.

THE UNSEEN CORD.

There is an unseen cord which binds
The whole wide world together;
Through every human life it winds,
This one mysterious tether.
It links all races and all lands
Throughout their span allotted,
And death alone unties the strands
Which God himself has knotted.

However humble be your lot,
However your hands are fettered,
You cannot think a noble thought
But all the world is bettered.
With every impulse, deed, or word,
Wherein love blends with duty,
A message speeds along the cord
That gives the earth more beauty.

Your unkind thought, your selfish deed,
Is felt in farthest places,
There are no solitudes where good
And wrong can hide their faces.
There are no separate lives; the chain,
Too subtle for our seeing,
Unites us all upon the plane
Of universal being.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

[We do not know who wrote this sweet poem, but we do know that it goes straight to the heart].

"MY FATHER'S HOUSE."

The Father's House has many rooms,
And each is fair;
And some are reached through gathered glooms
By silent stair;
But He keeps house, and makes it home
Whichever way the children come.

Plenty and peace are everywhere
His house within.
The rooms are eloquent with prayer,
The songs begin,
And dear hearts, filled with love, are glad,
Forgetting that they once were sad.

The Father's home is surely thine,
Therefore, why wait?
His lights of love through darkness shine,
The hour grows late.
Push back the curtain of thy doubt,
And enter—none will cast thee out!

Suggested Programme for Mission Bands—September.

Subject for Prayer "African and Jewish Missions."

1. Hymn—"I Gave My Life for Thee."
 2. Scripture Reading—Acts 10: 34 to 47.
 3. Prayer by President.
 4. Minutes, Roll Call.
 5. Reports.
 6. Hymn—"Ninety and Nine"
 7. Paper on the Destruction of Jerusalem and belief in Jesus.
 8. Double Quartette—"Rose of Sharon."
 9. Field Study—Questions.
 10. Hymn—"Jesus will reign."
 11. Lord's Prayer in concert.
- Distribution of Palm Branch.

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