

## Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper).

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Perhaps some of our Mission Bands are preparing for a Christmas concert. A Band away out west, in Kansas, called "Willing Workers," had one of its little members recite these verses at such a meeting last year.

Kind parents and friends, we welcome you here,  
To join in our service at close of the year.

It is pleasant to have our friends who are dear,  
So ready to help, and so willing to cheer.

We are only one of your Mission Bands,  
But with loving hearts, and with willing hands  
We try to obey our dear Saviour's commands,  
To carry His Gospel to far away lands

We work when we bring but one penny, to pay  
For a tract or a Bible to send far away;  
We work when others we think every day,  
For Jesus we work, while we give, while we pray

Gladly we greet you with sweet songs of praise,  
And thank you for aid through this year's happy days;  
A new year of service to-night is begun,  
We ask for your prayers and your help till it's done.

Another recitation would do as a dialogue for six little folks.

*First one.*

"In due season we shall reap if we faint not"

*Second*

He that goeth forth and weepeth,  
Trusting in the Lord,  
Let him know that all he soweth  
Of the precious Word  
He shall reap.

*Third*

"There shall be one fold and one shepherd."

*Fourth*

And is the time approaching  
By prophets long foretold,  
When all shall dwell together,  
One shepherd and one fold  
Shall every idol perish,  
To moles and bats be thrown,  
And every prayer be offered  
To the True God alone!

*Fifth*

"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the rivers to the ends of the earth."

*Sixth*

The whole wide world for Jesus  
Once more before we part,  
Ring out the joyful watchword  
From every grateful heart.  
The whole wide world for Jesus  
Be this our battle cry;  
The Crucified shall conquer,  
And victory is nigh.

And one of the very little girls can stand upon a chair and say, as loud as she can, these little verses, to help make the concert interesting:

I am a very little thing as you may plainly see,  
But then I know who came to bring God's gift of love to me,  
When I am well I know who makes my life so fair and bright,  
When I am sick I know who takes care of me day and night;  
And when I die I know whose hand will lead my soul away  
Through death's dark valley to the land where it is always day.

Just such little girls as I live over the ocean wave,  
They do not know who came to die a sinful world to save.  
Poor little heathen! Friends, I pray that you will quickly go,  
Or send somebody, right away, to tell them—all I know.

But, dear boys and girls, while working earnestly in your Mission Bands that the heathen children may learn of Jesus, be sure that your own hearts are safe in His keeping. If Christ is your Saviour, and has forgiven your sins, it will make you far more anxious to tell others about His wonderful love. Let us commence the new year of 1884 with giving our whole hearts to Jesus more fully than ever before; then it will indeed be a Happy New Year to us all.

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A MISSIONARY MOTHER.—From a Japanese journal, noticing the funeral of Mrs. Gulick, the widow of the late American missionary, it says:—"Last Friday, there was a notable funeral in Kobe. Grandma, as we all loved to call her, has gone home. Born in 1798, she sailed with her husband, Rev. P. J. Gulick, to the Sandwich Islands, fifty-six years ago. After nearly half a century of labour there, and after seeing the savage islands transformed into a civilized kingdom, as fully evangelized as any on earth, she came with her husband to Japan nine years ago. Five and a half years ago, her husband passed away, and now she has gone to meet him. Their last days here were full of blessed influences for us all, and especially for the natives who saw them, and also to many who only heard the story of their lives and their results. This mother in Israel, in addition to labours abundant as a missionary, trained eight children up to manhood, all but one of whom remain to this day. One died thirty years ago, while preparing for the ministry; seven are to-day on missionary ground, five as missionaries of the American Board, one as agent of the American Bible Society in China, and one as independent missionary to Japan. Four are in Japan, one in China, and two in Spain. Let those who pity missionaries' children, or who think that they ought not to have any, make a note of these facts; they are suggestive in many ways. I doubt if there is a woman on this planet any richer than this mother was."

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