

ONLY A LITTLE SUNBEAM.

Only a little sunbeam,
But it fell on an opening rose ;
Only a tiny rain-drop,
But it helped a leaf unclose.


Only a robin singing,
But the song reached heaven above,
Only a pink-tipped blossom,
But its mission was one of love.

Only a look of pity,
That fell on an aching heart ;
Only a gentle hand-clasp
But it made the glad tears start.

Only a kind word spoken,
To a wretched outcast one,
Only a word that told her
Of the Father's loving Son!

Only the cry "Forgive me!"
And the Saviour looked and smiled
On a happy pardoned sinner
Whom the Father calls His child!

FIELD STUDY FOR NOVEMBER.

 HIS month we "thank God and take courage."
How surely the one follows the other! When
tired, perplexed and disheartened, nothing
cheers like counting our mercies.

One of the most notable points of David's character was his courage, another was his constant and varied expression of thankfulness to God. The one it seems to me explains the other.

We have reason for thanksgiving in that the lives of our missionaries have been spared ; for those who, after a period of rest, have returned to their work with renewed health. They have been a blessing to us at home, and go back fitted for immediate service, as those new to the work could not be.

In China the missionaries are again settled in Chentu. Dr. Hart, who is at present in Canada, says that the officials throughout China are now committed to the protection of the missionaries and their property. How our hearts thrill at their courage ! Surely, we may give thanks that we are sisters of such Canadians.

Our privileges as Canadian girls are many. While we have lived in peace and security, enjoying our restful Sabbath service, with abundant opportunity to develop the best that is in us physically, mentally, and spiritually, other girls have missed some or all of these blessings. What has this year brought to them? Many girls in Japan have been sold by their fathers, in some cases into a life of such sin and misery as happily you can not conceive of. Yet the position

of women in Japan is better than in most eastern countries. What has this year brought to the daughters of Armenia? There is no need to suggest the answer.

These things bring before us the second part of our subject—Thank-offering. "How that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said : 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" There are some things we can all give, sympathy, love, prayer. To give these we must have knowledge. The story of thousands dying of famine in India, or drowned by floods in China, move us less than one family in destitute circumstances in our own town, or a single boating accident in one of our own rivers. So there is necessity for giving thought and study. If we give these our money offering will be "as the Lord has prospered us."

I feel as I write that there is one at least, among those studying this page, whom God will honor by calling her to give her life to this work.

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QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER.

What ought we to do this month ?
Which act comes first ?
Mention two most notable points in David's character ?
As Mission workers what are our special reasons for thanksgiving ?
As Canadian girls what privileges and advantages] have we had this year ?
What has this year brought to the girls in Armenia ?
How can we best show our gratitude ?
What can we give ?
To give these truly and heartily what do we first need ?
Are we getting ready for service in larger fields ?

ALL THE SAME.

In a New England poem which has become one of the classics of the school-room, a dear little child "hates to go above" her schoolmate, and gives as her reason : "Because, you see, I love you."

The incident was lately repeated in a class of children in China, one of whom was able to make the Golden Rule his guide in a trying situation.

The youngest of the children had, by hard study, contrived to keep his place so long that he seemed to claim it by right of possession. Growing self-confident, he missed a word, which was immediately spelled by the boy standing next him.

The face of the victor expressed the triumph he felt, yet he made no move toward taking the place, and when urged to do so, firmly refused, saying :

"No ; me not go ; me not make Ah Jun's heart sorry."

That little act implied great self-denial, yet it was done so thoughtfully and kindly that spontaneously from several lips came the quick reply :

"He do all same ee Jesus' Golden Rule."—*The Gleaner.*