

## WHERE TO FIND HEAVEN.

A minister one day preached on heaven. Next morning he was going down town, and met one of his old wealthy members. The brother stopped the preacher and said :

"Pastor, you preached a good sermon about heaven, but you never told where heaven is.

"Ah!" said the pastor, "I am glad of an opportunity this morning. I have just come from the hill top yonder. In that cottage there is a member of your church. She is sick in bed with a fever, her two little children are sick in the other bed; and she has not got a bit of coal nor a stick of wood nor flour nor sugar nor any bread. If you will go down town and buy five dollars' worth of things—nice provisions—and send them up to her, and then go up and say, 'My sister, I have brought you these nice provisions in the name of our Lord and Saviour, then ask for a Bible and read the twenty-third psalm, and then get down on your knees and pray—if you don't see heaven before you get through I'll pay the bill.'"

The next morning he said :

"Pastor, I saw heaven, and spent fifteen minutes in heaven as certainly as you are listening." *Sel.*

## OBEDIENCE.



**A** LITTLE boy who rose from his knees after a very short prayer, was asked by his father what he had said to God. He replied : "I said, 'God help me to be obedient to-day.' We offer prayer selfishly for success, for joy and health, but this child's prayer is more needful for us. It exalts the will of our heavenly Father above our own. It expresses a consciousness of our weakness and the need of enabling grace. It reveals a high, even the highest, ideal of Christian life, obedience. 'Lo, I come to do thy will, O God,' was the Saviour's expression of his highest purpose. Stretching forth his hands over the company of disciples he said : 'Whosoever doeth the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my mother, and sister, and brother.' Another time he said : 'My meat is to do the will of my Father in heaven.' An obedient people God needs most of all in the world to-day. It is the practical demonstration for which the world waits. A sincere offering of the child's prayer by all Christians would produce such a revolution in the financial and social and spiritual life of the Church that nothing could delay its speedy conquest of the world.

## LIGHT ON THE BIBLE IN CHINA.



**O** N the streets of Peking at almost every step one sees or hears things which illustrate passages of Scripture.

1. In an American city the bells on the street car horses are about the only little tinkling bells one hears. In Peking every donkey, every mule, and the last one of every six camels has a bell or a string of bells around its neck. May the prophecy of Zech. 14, 20, be soon fulfilled, when "holiness unto the Lord" shall "be upon the bells of the horses."

2. The beggars wear nothing but a single large garment, having a pan of charcoal under it to keep them warm. This illustrates how "blind Bartimeus" could cast away his garment (Mark 10, 15) when he came to Jesus.

3. The most common talk that greets our ears on the street is that about food, drink, and clothing. When Christ said, "Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek)" if he said, "For the Chinese seek it," it would have been true.

4. The Chinese love to be called *Hsien Sheng* (teacher). So much so that our school boys are all *Hsien Shengs*. The head carpenter is *Shih Fu*, as is also the tinker. A teacher in the school is *Lao Shih* (old teacher.) They love to be greeted not in the "market place" only, but everywhere, not as *Rabbi, Rabbi*, but as *Hsien Sheng, Hsien Sheng*.

5. When the Chinese close their letter, instead of saying, "Yours truly," or "sincerely," they subscribe themselves, as one did to me a few days ago : Ch'en Wei P'ing, Worships. "And they came and fell down at his feet and worshipped him."

6. One of the duties of a housewife here is regularly every morning to reckon with her servants. Only those who have had this reckoning to do, can understand Matt. 25, 19.

7. Last week I went to the Great Examination to distribute books. As we passed along the street we heard a man remark to his companion : "These foreigners are good men and want to do good." His companion insisted upon it that we were bad men. I thought of Acts 19, 32, "Some cried one thing and some another."

8. Many would come to the cart and ask for books, but as our intention was to give only to those from a distance, we had to have some sign; so we let their dialect be the "shibboleth" to test them. One man pretended to be from Shantung, but spoke Pekinese. When I told him so the crowd laughed, and said : "You can't fool him, he understands Shantung talk." Another said he was from San Si (Shan Hsi), and, like Peter, his "speech betrayed him." *Sel.*