

missionary quilting bees, at which every guest paid 10 cents for their tea. The proceeds of these bees were over \$9.00 cash, besides four quilts, which we intend to send in a box with clothing, etc., to some mission field where we think they are needed. We take ten *OUTLOOKS* and seven *Monthly Letters*. Our average attendance is nine members, and we have raised during the year the sum of \$59.

MRS. JOHN GARRETT, *Cor. Sec.*

NAPANEE.—During the year now closing the Auxiliary of the Eastern Methodist Church, Napanee, has been actively prosecuting its work, and will report an advance over last year. The President, Mrs. Grange, has been untiring in her efforts, and the regular meetings have been uniformly interesting and instructive. The "Watch-Tower" has been an attractive feature of the programmes. The Easter Thank-offering was very satisfactory, both in the number contributing and amount received. "Crusade Day" resulted in an addition of ten new members. An excursion to Picton during the Conference was financially and socially successful. The chief event of the year, however, was a lawn party given by the President and Mrs. W. A. Rockwell, on July 4th. The weather was delightful; both houses and lawns were placed at the disposal of the guests. An excellent programme of musical selections was rendered, and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The houses and grounds were beautifully lighted and decorated with Japanese lanterns, etc. We purpose having a Missionary Sunday early in September. Mrs. Kendry, of Peterboro', is expected to be present, and has kindly consented to favor us with an address. Mrs. Grange and Mrs. Cleworth have been elected delegates to the Branch Meeting.

S. ELLIOTT, *Cor. Sec.*

Facts and Illustrations.

A MAN must be great in soul to stand the test of being lifted up.

GIVE men mountain-moving faith without love, and every mountain would be standing in the wrong place.—*Ram's Horn.*

THE Indian students of Carlisle Industrial School have between \$11,000 and \$12,000 in bank toward a start in life when they leave school.

I WONDER many times that ever a child of God should have a sad heart, considering what the Lord is preparing for him.—*S. Rutherford.*

A SOUND body, a trained mind, linguistic talent and common-sense, a rounded character and a loving heart, clear, firm faith and consecrated piety—these constitute fitness for the mission work.

IF you prepare a dish of food carelessly you do not expect Providence to make it palatable; neither if, through years of folly, you misguide your own life, need you expect Divine interference to bring round everything at last for the best.

THE ears of 3,600, whom they had conquered, was the token and trophy that Japan sent home from a victory in Corea three centuries ago. Now they take as much care of the wounded Chinese as of their own, and their best steamers are at the service of the Red Cross Society; and a quantity of wooden limbs was recently ordered for those who had been maimed in the last war, their own soldiers and Chinese prisoners as well.

THE last census shows nearly half of the whole number of Roman Catholics in the United States are to be found in the one hundred and twenty-four cities which have a population of twenty-five thousand and upward; and in the four principal cities—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn—Roman Catholics constituted two-thirds of the whole number of Christian communicants in those cities. In these four cities there are one-sixth of the membership of the Episcopal churches, and about half of it is in the cities of more than twenty-five thousand population.

THE *Missionary Review* gives the following interesting case of heroic treatment: "Not many years since, the officers of one of our societies were surprised by a visit from a man who brought his check for \$1,000 as his offering to missions. When the question arose whether this was not a large gift for him, he said: 'It is! It is one-quarter of what I own. I found that as I prospered my money engrossed more and more of my thought. I am not going to be a slave to the money God may give me, and I am going to conquer the love of money by giving it away.'"

THE Hindu "saints" submit to very severe penances in order to win salvation. Says a Presbyterian missionary, writing from Jeypore: "They do subject themselves to terrible penances. I saw a man there on a bed of spikes, men hanging by the heels to a tree, a man buried up to the neck, a man sitting between five fires before the blazing sun, a man lacerating himself till the blood gushed out, a man holding up a right arm till it dried up. This was all done to gain salvation—not, alas! in the Christian sense. Salvation has with them various senses. Absorption into the Great Spirit, deliverance from the fear of having to take another birth, and such like. Even with some it means only the good things of this life—plenty to eat and nothing to do."

THE telephone and the electric light have been the subjects of serious discussion by the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars in Rome. Asked whether the installation of the telephone in a convent might be permitted, the Congregation decided affirmatively, with the double stipulation, however, that the apparatus should only be used on "grave occasions," and that the communications should only be made in the presence of two of the sisters. Regarding the employment of the electric light in churches, the Congregation decided that, although it might be used for the illumination of the building, it must not serve directly in the celebration of ceremonies strictly belonging to the act of worship. In other words, when a light is prescribed by the liturgy for any ceremony, candles are obligatory, and electricity is proscribed.

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