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"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM,"

Sunday, the First Day of the Week.

Dear Miss Buchan.

Papa read to me in the paper this morning, that you asked one penny a week from the Baptist women. What do you think baby and I will do? We will each get a box and we will put in the box a penny a week, and we will send it to you. Good bye, MISS. BUCHAN.

MISSIONARY IGNORANCE, AND HOW TO OVERCOME IT.—A sister writes us: "THE LINK is always delightful and so inspiring, but this November number is especially interesting. A great many of our women have the idea that the missionaries receive enormous salaries and that a great amount of money is wasted, so I would like very much to have a few extra copies of November LINK, so that they can see just how the money raised in our Circles and Bands is appropriated. These women, of course, do not belong to our Circles and do not take the Denominational papers and I shall distribute THE LINK and try to get them to subscribe."

A WIDOW, who possessed little of time or means, being anxious to do something for the cause of missions, suggested to her little daughter that she might get subscribers to THE LINK. This little girl in two days' time got seventeen subscribers, in a place where there had hitherto been only four. May these new readers of THE LINK all be led into a deep and living interest in the heathen. Then, indeed, it shall be true again that "a little child shall lead them."

IT IS NOT often that our editorial drawer is so abundantly filled with original articles as at present. Our readers may expect a feast of good things from time to time as we have space to print them.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.—"As my Father hath sent me into the world, even so, send I you."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR DEC.—That those whose hearts seemed touched during Miss Gray's visit in Sep., may renounce all, and turn to Christ.

By the time the Dec., number of THE LINK reaches our readers, every one will be busy with preparations for Christmas. I wonder how many have remembered to send a Christmas letter to our workers on the foreign fields?

Amid your preparations should there not be a special offering to Him, whose coming we celebrate this Christmas tide? Cannot something be saved from your own home gifts, that the light, and warmth, and brightness which the Christ-child brings to your home, may be at least reflected in the dark places of earth?

We give for our Responsive Reading this month, one entitled, "Promises and Responses." A number of such are kept constantly on hand.

A list of leaflets has been published in our Woman's Column, in the *Messenger and Visitor*. Will our sisters cut this list out and have it near by, so that our Aid Societies and M. Barts may never want for food.—A. E. J.

PROMISES AND RESPONSES.

PROMISE.—Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.—*Mark xvi: 15, 16.*

RESPONSE.—"I will go." *Ann Hasseltine.*

PROMISE.—If any man serve me, let him follow me: and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my father honor.—*John, xii: 26.*

RESPONSE.—"I am not my own, nor would I choose for myself. Let God employ me where he thinks fit, and give me patience and discretion to fill my station to His honor and glory." *Wm. Carey.*

PROMISE.—Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—*Josh. 1, 9.*

RESPONSE.—"I would rather walk in the dark with God, than go alone in the light."—*Ex. Gov. Wilson Lumpkin.*

PROMISE.—If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—*John 15: 7.*

RESPONSE.—"North America for Christ."—*Am. Baptist Home Mission Society, motto.*

PROMISE.—Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.—*Luke xii: 6, 7.*

RESPONSE.—Oct. 28th.—"We know that He who careth for the sparrows, knows and cares for all our needs. We shall not want. Oct. 30th.—Didn't I say we had the Lord's promise, and it would not fail! Just when I did not know what to put in my baby's mouth, we looked out and beheld the steamer, with supplies, entering our little harbor."—*Mrs. Willard, missionary in Alaska.*

PROMISE.—And He said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile; for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.—*Mark 6: 31.*

RESPONSE.—"I have been saying, 'Lord help me to work for Thee'; now I pray 'Lord help me to rest for Thee,' and He said unto me, 'My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.'"—*Home Missionary.*

PROMISE.—Say not ye, 'There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?' Behold I say unto you, 'Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.' *John iv: 35, 36.*