flower pots in front of the verandah. Running down the steps to find it, he had squeezed himself in between the pots and the edge of the verandah, when the long striped curled up thing met his eye within a foot of where he was standing Knowing his danger, he climbed up the side of the verandah and rushed in to tell his mamma he had seen a snake. Mrs. Davis did not feel special fear at the first, the boys call almost any small worm a snake but she raised the alarm and the school boys and others rushed forward with bamboos, clubs and sticks, anything that they could lay their hands on. Hearing the noise, the snake which had been pushing its head under a pot, looking for a toad, roused itself, saw the combatants, threw up half its long body, spread out its hood, and hissed, preparatory to springing forward on the first one who ventured near. But the long bamboos did good service, and it was soon helpless, writhing on the ground. - It proved to be a female cobra about four feet long and about a year old, an age in which the deadly poison is said to be the most vicious. So Georgie escaped with his life. His mamma asked him if he remembered learning the verses about no evil befalling him and about being kept in in all his ways, and he remembered. How many of the boys and girls who read this, know where these verses are ? They are in what has often been called "The Missionary Psalm."

#### THE CHILDREN'S PLEDGE.

O dear little babies far over the sea, In China, or India, where'er you may be, In Africa, Burma, Korea, Japan, We're going to help you as fast as we can. Your little brown faces are looking this way Your little brown hands reach for ours to-day. And this is the secret we'll tell far and wide With you our best things we are going to divide.

We'll send you our Jesus-He's your Jesus, too, We wish all your mama's knew how He loves you. We'll send you our Bible ; then, when you are grown, You never will worship those idols of stone. The light that shines here you will see by and by, If to send it in earnest we little folks try ; So we're saving our pennies and praying each night That we may help make your lives happy and bright. -W. F. M. S. of M. E. Church.

#### A NEW VERSION.

"Sing a song of six-pence," A pocket full of dimes; Shall I spend them on myself To help me have good times ?

Not while so many girls and boys In far-off heathen lands Have no chance to hear of Christ And learn the King's commands.

I think I'll give for missions At least one dime in ten ; Then if, our friends, you're lacking, Just call on me again.

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