

Sister Belle's Corner.

For the Little Folks who read this Paper.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—Do any of you know what a famine means? If we had no rain for many months, the ground would become hard. Our farmers might plant wheat and corn, but the seeds would not grow. When the harvest time came there would be no grain to reap. Very soon it would be hard to get food, and many little boys and girls would go to bed hungry. That is the way a famine begins, and then people starve to death. A little while ago there was a great famine in India. Hundreds of mothers saw their little children crying for bread, and had none to give them. Strong men grew weak and pale and thin, and many people died of hunger. Then the news came to our land that a whole nation was starving for food. God had given us good harvests that year, and our barns were full of grain. So when we heard of the heathen dying in that far-off land, we sent help over the ocean to buy food for them. This famine did not last long; but a worse one is in India now. It has lasted for hundreds of years. One year ago these people were dying for want of bread to feed their bodies; but their souls have been starving all their lives. Our souls need food just as much as our bodies, and we cannot have eternal life unless they are fed. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh unto me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." This is the food that our souls need, and the heathen in India are starving because they never heard about Jesus. Let us pray that God will put it into the hearts of our people to send more men and women to lead them the old, old story of Jesus and His love.—Then let us give all the money we can to help this work. That is one way in which our prayer will be answered. God works through His people, even by boys and girls. They may be "fellow-helpers" with the missionaries. Every copper we give helps to send tidings of Jesus, the Bread of Life, to these people whose souls are starving. Did you ever think that God sees each copper you give? He can read in your heart the feeling that led you to give it.

We are going to have a "Thanks-giving Day." People all over the land will thank God for all the blessings of the past year. Have you anything to thank God for? Your home, your friends, food and clothes, health to enjoy these blessings, but most of all for His great Gift. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

May our hearts be given to this dear Saviour as a thank-offering.

SISTER BELLE.

Brantford, Nov. 17th, 1877.

CHINA! VAST CHINA!—At the recent Conference on Missions held in Shanghai, Rev. Dr. Williamson observed,—"That each province in China is as large as Great Britain; so that China proper may be compared to eighteen Great Britains, placed side by side. But when we include Mongolia, Manchuria, Tibet, and other dependencies, we find that the vermilion pencil lays down the law for a territory as large as Europe, and about one-third more.

The Church of God, all the world over, has long prayed for the opening of China. God has more than answered our prayers. The evangelization of the empire is now thrown upon this generation. The Church must either accept the responsibility, or answer for it.

IN A WILD FOREST OF NORTH AMERICA a missionary was preaching to the Red Indians on "Christ Jesus and Him crucified." The motley group felt the power and influence of the truth, and they began to weep. Presently a tall-son of the forest, with tears on his cheeks, asked, "Did Jesus die for me—die for poor Indian? Me have no lands to

give Jesus, the white man take them away; Me give Him my dog and my rifle." He was told that the Lord Jesus could not accept these gifts. "Me give Jesus my dog, my rifle, and my blanket; poor Indian he got no more to give, he give Jesus all." The Red Indian bent his head in sorrow, meditated, then raised his head once again and said, "Here is poor Indian, will Jesus have him? A thrill of joy ran through the souls of the missionary and the people, as this fierce son of the wilderness now sat in his right mind at the feet of Jesus.—*Illus. Miss News.*

NO NEW HEATHEN TEMPLES!—At a recent Missionary anniversary the Rev. Mr. Parkhurst said:—"In my travels round the world I saw not one single new heathen temple. All the pagan worship I saw was in old dilapidated temples." Not very long ago there were 100,000 idol-gods in Raratonga; but a young man from Raratonga visiting the British Museum, has since seen among the wonders there the first Raratongan idol his eyes ever beheld. He was born and had lived nineteen years in Raratonga without ever seeing an idol, so clean a sweep had the Gospel made. In India 77,000 persons profess the Christian faith in connection with the Church Missionary Society. Lord Lawrence said:—"The Missionaries have done more to benefit India than all other agencies combined." Sir Bartle Frere said:—"They are working changes more extraordinary than anything ever witnessed in modern Europe." A Missionary among 10,000 Fijians said:—"I do not know of a single house in which there is not family worship." A recent Turkish newspaper says:—"Thirty years ago there were 50,000 Mussulmans on the island of Cyprus: now there are hardly 20,000."

BAPTIST MISSION TO AFRICA.—THE ENGLISH BAPTISTS are sending out two Missionaries, Revs. T. L. Johnson and W. Richardson, to Africa, to preach the Gospel in that dark, benighted land. Farewell services were held in the Metropolitan Tabernacle under the presidency of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, who, in an earnest speech, introduced the Missionaries, when the latter discoursed earnestly to a large congregation on the great work of their mission in Africa.

Africa is a great field, calling for earnest and faithful heralds of the Cross, to proclaim the blessings of the great Salvation.—*Christian Visitor.*

THE WONDERFUL LIBERALITY OF CHRISTIANS in Europe, America, China, and elsewhere, has greatly affected the Chinese mind. The self-sacrificing spirit of the missionaries in going into the famine-stricken districts, where fever and pestilence abound, as dispensers of the funds, has still more astonished them, especially when they have learned that a number have lost their lives in the attempt. One of the highest Chinese officials publicly declared that the religion of Jesus must exert a powerful influence on the hearts of its followers when it led them to give even their lives in endeavouring to save the people of China. A native Chinese paper of Shanghai, that has hitherto opposed missionary effort, closes a most laudatory article with these words:—"Let us, then, cherish a grateful admiration for the charity and wide benevolence of the missionary, whose sacrifice of self, and love towards mankind, can be carried out with earnestness like this. Let us applaud, too, the mysterious efficacy and activity of the doctrine of Jesus of which we have these proofs. We record the same in writing for the information of all noble-minded men 'within the seas.'—*Advocate of Missions.*

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT seems to be alive in the coloured Baptist churches. In Virginia they are preparing to send a missionary to Africa, and will soon accomplish their purpose. In South Carolina there are sixty-seven coloured societies, which aid the Educational, Missionary and Sunday-school convention of that State. Each member of these societies contributes four cents a week. *Christian Visitor.*

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Texts.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me. Endure hardness as good soldiers, &c. Let your light shine. Endeavour are the everlasting arms. Go ye into all the world and preach, &c. Unto the upright there ariseth light, &c. Stand therefore, having your loins girt, &c.

DOXOLOGY.

To God the Father of our Lord Enthroned above the skies, Let endless praises from our lips Unto His seat arise.

PRAAYER.

Give wisdom, Lord, and grace, and zeal; O bend our will to Thine, Own all our efforts in Thy work Shine on them, JESUS, shine.

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