

A LITTLE HEART AND HOW IT GREW.

'Twas a wee little heart when it entered the world,
 'For how could a baby have anything big?
 There was room for the baby himself and his wants,
 But as for all else—why he cared not a fig!
 If the baby was hungry, he knew it right well,
 If he felt very poorly, he fretted and cried;
 But the dear little heart was too little, you see,
 To know or to care for the world outside.

But the little heart grew as the days rolled by,
 In the sunshine of love and the showers of care;
 And the dear ones at home all so quietly crept
 Right in to the heart and were welcomed there.
 And yet there was room for them all and to spare.
 So quickly the heart of the baby grew;
 And soon in his heart he had friends by the score,
 Whom he loved with a love that was loyal and true.

And the baby grew big, and so tall, and so wise,
 He could scarcely be known as a baby at all;
 And he heard the sweet story of Him who, of old,
 Was cradled to rest with the beasts of the stall:
 The children's best Friend, and their Saviour, and King,
 The dear loving Shepherd, who died for the sheep;
 And down in his heart there was room for the Christ,
 And a love that was trustful and tender and deep.

And yet even more did this little heart grow,
 In knowledge and love, and in heavenly grace;
 For the heart that loves Jesus is certain to grow,
 Till it takes the wide world in its loving embrace.
 Ye children who read of this dear little heart,
 How quickly and sweetly and grandly it grew,
 Come, answer a question, consider it well—
 How big is the heart God has given to you?

REV. CHAS. I. JUNKIN.

—"Children's Work for Children."

FROM MANITOBA.

The Cor. Sec. of the Manitoba Branch, W. M. S., received a most interesting letter containing eleven dollars, from the mother of dear little Herbie Bellamy, (Moose Jaw) whom our young people will remember reading about in the January number. Mrs. Bellamy had seen in the "Outlook" the appeal made to Mission Bands, by the Board of Management, for "an Easter Thank offering," to help start a small Orphanage in Chentu, China, to be called "The Jennie Ford Home." So she made fifty small silk bags, and gave them to the little ones the Sunday before Christmas, asking them to save some of their Christmas money for that purpose—and they had a Mission Band meeting in the Church and sang missionary songs and gave recitations, &c. A converted Chinaman was there and he gave them all some nuts he had brought from China. They were all so pleased, and when the bags were opened eleven dollars was the result.

Herbie is very busy writing people's names with his foot for ten cents each, which he puts in his "Mission box" for the education of his Japan boy, whose name is "Naotoka San."

Mrs. Bellamy says Herbie is very happy, especially on Christmas Day, looking at his presents, which they put on a tree for him because he cannot hold them—and he often writes: "God good to Herbie."

We do thank God for ever knowing about this little ten year old Christian boy, and his dear mother, and to know that both of them are working so faithfully to help spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ among the poor heathen. Will not our young readers follow their example, and this New Year work more earnestly for the same cause!

M. CARCARY.

MISSIONARY MEETING. 1897.

What the "Little Tots" Can Do For
 The Missionary Cause.

One of the most practical and unique missionary meetings ever held in Moose Jaw was that given in the Methodist church on Thursday, April 29th. Since August last the children of the infant classes in the Sabbath School have been collecting in mite boxes for the purpose of educating a boy in Japan. The programme was prepared by the children of the class under the leadership of Mrs. Bellamy, and Mrs. Ferrier, who assisted her. The selections of music and recitations were all of a missionary character and were well rendered to a crowded congregation. The church was beautifully decorated in Japanese style, with the following motto for a back ground: "We will do all we can to win Japan for Jesus." The result of the collections in the thirty-four boxes was the handsome sum of \$83.00. This is to be used to educate Naotoka San in the Kanazawa Orphanage, which is under the control of the Woman's Missionary Society, with Miss Veazey as Superintendent. A pleasing feature to the children was a picture of Naotoka San with his class mates.

This work had its origin in the interest taken by Herbie Bellamy. At the close of the meeting it was moved by Regie Johnston, seconded by Gordie Bole, that Herbie be appointed president of the band. On the motion being put it carried unanimously.

These boxes contained amounts all the way from 35 cents to \$20.06. Some fifty of them are to be distributed for the work of the coming year. The above effort has not in the least diminished the zeal of the congregation for Missions. The congregation contribute \$140.00 to the general fund, and the Women's Auxiliary \$21.00 to the work of the W. M. S., making in all a grand total of \$244.00.