

polity of Methodism. The first ten years of Annie Leake's life were spent within this circle of influence, "all upward tending," so we see that she had a good start upon the life that has thus far been a success and blessing. About this time, she went to live with her uncle, Rev. Christopher Lockhart, of blessed memory. Of that time, she says: "Uncle thought he had adopted me, but I did not stay adopted; for love of the old home, and those I had left behind me was too strong, so I spent my girlhood partly at Uncle's, and partly at home." Again I read from a letter received: "I probably got my missionary bias at Uncle Christophers', for those were the days of "Juvenile Offerings," an English Missionary publication. They were my only reading in those days, for you know no novel was ever allowed to enter either of my homes, and that is why I feel so strongly upon the influence of a child's reading. Get the young to read the thrilling story, or stories of real life, as found in our missionary literature, if you wish them to have a love for the cause." Another clipping from a letter in my possession reads: "I was especially fond of missionary meetings, from my earliest recollection. For instance, when I was teaching at N. C., I left a request at home, that they were to send for me when the missionary meeting was to be held, and one of my brothers drove ten miles, on a winter day, so that I could attend that meeting; but I was disappointed, as two students, who came from Sackville, were so full of fun and anecdote, that I did not enjoy it as much as I anticipated." Of that early time, I again find this note—"Although I had made several attempts to find the Saviour, while at Uncle's, the happy event did not take place until I had returned, for good, to the old home. On the 12th of Feb., 1857, at the close of special services, that had been held for six weeks, I found Jesus. That was the turning point in my life. Rev. Jas. Buckley was the preacher. He was assisted by Mr. Matthew Lodge, Mr. George Harrison, Uncle Chas. and Grandpa Lockhart, all now in the better land. The following Saturday evening, my Grandfather Lockhart was leading the meeting, and in response to the invitation to those who were seeking a deeper work of grace in the heart, I went forward as such, and now know that I received that baptism of the Spirit, spoken of as the "Second blessing," "Fullness of Joy," "Rest of Faith." Call it what you will, but if I have accomplished any good in my life so far, it dates back to that yielding up all for Jesus, in that country church, on the Parrsboro Circuit, on that Saturday evening, Feb. 1857."

The next influence that came into Miss Leake's life, that was to fit her for future usefulness, was hearing Dr. Forrester, the father of the common school system

of Nova Scotia, lecture in the old Presbyterian church, Parrsboro. Then and there she saw before her a chance for usefulness to others, as well as self-support for herself, and availed herself, after that, of the educational advantages of Truro and Sackville. After leaving school, Miss Leake taught ten years in the "Model School," Truro, and ten years in connection with the "Methodist Academy," St. Johns, Newfoundland. Five years in Victoria, B. C., in the "Chinese Rescue Home." And once more I feel I must quote, and trust my old friend will not think I am betraying my trust, but her own words express what mine would fail to do, so just this once more, I will give the purport of a letter in connection with her missionary work. Miss Leake's words are to this effect: "Yes, I believe honestly that if there had been a Woman's Missionary Society when I was young, I should have given my life to the foreign work. Also, that had I gone out early enough in life to have learned the Chinese language, I should not have returned to the Atlantic coast. And, that I consider it the greatest privilege and honour that God has ever given me thus far in life, the position in the Chinese Home. For those first five years it was difficult. No one but Our Father in Heaven knows how difficult, and why it was so, but He carried us through, and gave us success, by the outpouring of His Spirit. Also, that it was one of the greatest trials of my life, when I had to leave those poor girls; but I would not have one chapter of my life changed or different from what it is, or has been; because I committed my way unto God early in life, and I am sure it has been according to His promise he has brought it to pass." To write up the history of the work in the "Chinese Home," during those five years of faithful work, I will not attempt in this paper, but if Mrs. Tuttle would give it to the readers of the PALM BRANCH, I am sure it would be a help and inspiration to those who are trying, however humbly, to sow seed by all waters. I have only attempted, in a simple way, to tell the story of a life, and if this imperfect sketch should lead even one young life to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," it will not have been written in vain. There is no doubt that untold good can be accomplished by a single earnest worker, especially if the ground has been thoroughly prepared, by home training, good reading, education, and the grace of God in the heart.

"Blessings be on their pathway, and increase!  
These are the moral conquerors, and belong  
To them the palm branch and triumphal song—  
Conquerers, and yet the harbingers of peace!"

M. J. SHENTON.

St. John, Nov. 10th, 1895.

### BIBLE QUESTIONS.

What little girl carried away captive into a heathen country became a missionary?

What woman formed a supply committee of one by making coats and other garments for the poor?

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