

ILLUSTRATIONS OF LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY.

1. Deut. 6: 5.—In every age and country, there are some found with divided hearts on the subject of religion. Such was Hiram, king of Tyre, who while he blessed the Lord that Solomon was king, and gladly traded with him for some of the materials for building a temple to Jehovah, also contributed one hundred and twenty talents of gold towards its erection; and yet, in his own country, he dedicated a golden pillar to Jupiter, built the temple of Hercules and Astarte (the Ashtaroth of the Sidonians), and enriched the shrines of the god and goddess by valuable gifts. So there are some people now who appear very religious at times, and yet their hearts go after covetousness, and they are quite at home in the circles of the gay and in the indulgence of sinful pleasures.

2. Matt. 10: 22.—Bishop Hooper was condemned to be burned at Gloucester, in Queen Mary's reign. A gentleman, with the view of inducing him to recant, said to him, "Life is sweet, and death is bitter." Hooper replied, "The death to come is more bitter, and the life to come is more sweet. I am come hither to end this life, and suffer death, because I will not gainsay the truth I have here formerly taught you." When brought to the stake, a box, with a pardon from the Queen in it, was set before him. The determined martyr cried out, "If you love my soul, away with it! If you love my soul, away with it!"

3. Matt. 7: 21.—Bunyan, in the "Pilgrim's Progress," represents Christian, after he had left the cross and passed by Simple, Sloth, and Presumption, seeing Formality and Hypocrisy come tumbling over the wall. They were born in the land of Vain-glory, and were going for praise to Mount Zion. They had not entered in at the narrow gate, as that, by all their countrymen, was esteemed too far about, and they would fain make a short cut, for which they pleaded custom, foolishly arguing, "If we get into the way, what matter which way we get in?" To which Christian beautifully contrasted his own sure evidences of acceptance at the last:—"When I come to the gate of the city, the Lord thereof will know me for good, since I have his coat on my back." But when they came to the foot of the steep Hill Difficulty, they turned aside, one into the path called Danger, which led him into a great wood; the other into the path called Destruction, which led him into a wide field, full of dark mountains, where he stumbled and fell, and rose no more.

4. 2 Tim. 1: 12.—James Renwick, in his dying testimony, says:—Since I came to prison he has strengthened me to brave man and face death, and I am now longing

for the joyful hour of my dissolution; and there is nothing in the world that I am sorry to leave but you: but I go to better company, and so I must take leave of you all. Farewell beloved sufferers, and followers of the Lamb; farewell Christian intimates; farewell Christian and comfortable mother and sisters; farewell sweet societies; farewell desirable general meetings; farewell night-wanderings in cold and weariness for Christ; farewell sweet Bible and preaching of the Gospel; farewell sun, moon, and stars, and all sublunary things; farewell with a body of sin and death. Welcome scaffold for precious Christ; welcome heavenly Jerusalem; welcome innumerable company of angels; welcome general assembly and Church of the first-born; welcome crown of glory, white robes, and songs of Moses and the Lamb; and, above all, Welcome; O thou blessed Trinity and one God! O eternal One! I commit my soul into thy eternal rest.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDG- MENTS, &c.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of the following sums during the past month:—

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

L. S. McKean, Mabou.....	\$10 00
Onslow.....	50 00
Abram Patterson.....	5 00
Thanksgiving col. Taylor's Head....	4 00
W. Logan, Centre Falmouth, Hants..	2 00
James Church, New Glasgow.....	51 74
Carleton.....	10 50
Truro, part of thanksgiving col.....	100 00
Samuel F. Johnson,* (boy of 8) Middle Stewiacke, proceeds of his mission hen.....	3 25
Juvenile Missionary Society, Lower Selmah.....	6 00
Sherbrooke.....	84 00
Tangier.....	6 18
Rubina Smith, Dalhousie Mt.....	1 00
West River Cong., Rev. Mr. Roddick.	25 00
Ladies Sewing Circle, Half Way Brook, Middle Stewiacke.....	6 00
Poplar Grove, additional to \$152 al- ready given.....	20 00
Maria and Mary E. King, Sheet Har- bor, proceeds of Juvenile Bazaar...	3 13
Coldstream Cong., per Rev. J. Layton.	20 00
Samuel F. Creelman, Otter Brook, Stewiacke.....	5 00
St. John's Church, Chatham, Ladies Rel. & Ben. Society.....	8 00

* Sammy Johnson had a present last winter of a hen. He loved our Foreign Missions and resolved that the profits of the prolific bird should be applied to its support. Last month he remitted \$3.25 received by him for eggs sold. If our children generally have the spirit of this youthful Samuel, there need be no fear of our mission funds becoming exhausted.