

A little girl sends the following letter, the juvenile style of the writing, showing that her tiny fingers are more familiar with the needle than they are with the pen :

DEAR SIR :—Enclosed is one dollar which I wish to send to the foreign missions. I received it as a premium on a quilt that I sent to the fair. The reason why I could not send you any money, was because I had none, I have often thought about the missions, and wished that I could send some money, and I hope the Lord will bless it in its work. Yours, from your friend,

ELLA.

P. S.—I hope E. L. & W. can soon send you the price of this year's "missionary pig." L. & W. send enclosed the 13 cents received for their dog they sold when I was too sick to take care of it for them ; also 6 cents pop-corn money, and 15 cents of E.'s that she worked for. I hope she will live to be a missionary.

MOTHER.

—*Advance.*

AMUSEMENTS.

TEST QUESTIONS.—Amusement may be accurately tested by a few very simple questions :

Are they costly?—Young people should be thrifty—saving up something for a good start. Amusements that use up what should be savings, are evil.

Are they refreshing?—The amusement that makes you less able to go on with your work is badly chosen.

Are they healthful?—If after any party, play or dance, you have a headache, backache, cold, or a restless appetite—that amusement was evil. Avoid it.

Are they pure?—Purity is a matter of thought quite as much as of fact. To the pure all things are pure. But alas, few of us men are pure. And plays that are innocent as the frolic of lambs, become to some persons stimulants of evil and unspeakable thoughts. Beware of those plays.

Are they well earned?—Except a man workn, either shall he play. All plays and all dances are wicked for a lazy, idle man. Only the industrious can safely amuse themselves in any way.

WHAT MUST YOU DO?—Reader, do you feel the slightest drawing toward God, the smallest concern about your immortal soul? Does your conscience tell you this day that you are not forgiven, and have not yet felt the Spirit's power? Listen and I will tell you.

You must go at once to the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer, and beseech him to have mercy upon you. You must go direct to that open fountain of living water, the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall receive the Holy Ghost (John vii. 39). Think not that you are shut up and cut off from hope. The Holy Ghost is promised to them that ask him. Give the Lord no rest until he comes down and creates in you a clean heart. Cry mightily unto the Lord ; say unto him, "Bless me, even me also ; quicken me, and make me alive."

I dare not, for my part, send anxious souls to any one but Christ. I cannot hold with those who tell men to pray for the Holy Spirit in the first place, in order that they may go to Christ in the second place. I see no warrant of Scripture for saying so. I only see that if men feel they are needy perishing sinners, they ought to apply first and foremost, straight and direct to Jesus Christ. I see that he himself says, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink" (John vii. 37) I know it is his special office to baptize with the Holy Ghost, and that "in him all fullness dwells." I dare not pretend to be more systematic than the Bible. I believe Christ is the meeting place between God and the soul ; and my first advice must always be, *Go to Jesus and tell your wants to him.*

Reader, remember this. I have told you what to do. You are to go to Christ if you want to be saved.