

World of Missions.

Notes of Foreign Missions.

The Executive of the F. M. C. has agreed to extend a call to the Rev. G. B. Wilson Ph. D. of Winnipeg to become associate to the Rev. W. Gaudin in North Formosa. This is recognized as an unusually important appointment and Mr. Wilson is regarded as a young man of large promise. He has taken a distinguished college course, and will thus if he accepts have a splendid opportunity in Oxford College of taking part in the preparation of a future ministry of the North Formosan Church.

A consideration more important than Scholarship however is that Dr. Wilson is a man of consecrated heart and life. To few men does a more glorious opportunity come for large and far-reaching service.

The Missionaries in China have returned to Honan, and received a hearty welcome from the people. They immediately sent a cablegram asking the men to return. Mr. Goforth left Toronto on the 21st instant and will sail for Vancouver on the 2nd December. Dr. Leslie, Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Grant will follow later. Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Grant will go direct from India where they have been doing splendid work in that Mission so over loaded since the famine.

When the Missionaries reached Honan they found that the buildings did not look bad from the outside, but the tearing out of woodwork made serious havoc inside as well, as damaging the walls. In a temple near by were found pieces of flooring, broken shutters, window frames, a broken organ, &c.

Many of the Christians gathered about them, and there were about eighty persons present at service on the first Sabbath.

The general impression amongst Boards is that there is to be an interesting time in China almost immediately.

The Reform Movement is awakening again, and this time will have the support of persons in authority. When the critical time came in Japan, had the churches been able to men the field, the results would have been much greater. We should now be in readiness to double our staff in China which of course means men and money.

But this has been a good year in Canada. Every paper reports increase of trade. Merchants report the largely increased sale of personal comforts. Ought there not to be a corresponding increase in gifts to the Lord's Treasury? There is practically no limit to the requirements of Foreign Missions. The fields are white, but the laborers are still few. With increasing opportunities the urgency increases.

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Mormons in Japan.

We are sorry to see, just when God is so wonderfully pouring out His Spirit upon Japan, that the Mormons have been seeking to go in and lead souls astray. Their leader is "Apostle Grant," who, when pressed in the papers, has disclaimed that his church any longer teaches the doctrine of polygamy. Yet he has, strange to say, made this admission in the columns of a Japanese paper: "We still believe that under certain restrictions honorable men should be allowed to take additional wives, with the consent of their first wife."—The Missionary.

Health and Home Hints.

For the Invalid.—Every woman loves soft, dainty colors and pretty clothing, and to many an invalid it is a constant trial to wear always the white robe which is customary. Then, too, there is the feeling of being illly prepared to meet one's friends, from which a sensitive invalid is never free, although she may have been confined to the bed, and worn the white night dress for years.

Dressing sacques of bright cashmere or of the dainty printed French flannels to slip on during the day over the customary white gown, will be welcomed by any woman; and her friends also will be glad to see her in colors. Mother Hubbards may be made from the same goods or even from the pretty, delicately tinted outing cloth for daytime wear, or during the winter a robe of eider-down flannel will be comfortable and becoming. These colored sacques or dresses will commend themselves to the practical members of the family also, as well as to the invalid, for they will make a material difference in the washing and ironing.

For the invalid confined to the bed, yet able, in a measure, to wait upon herself, it is a great convenience to have on the wall within easy reach from the bed, a shelf about twelve inches wide and perhaps two feet long, to hold papers, books, pen and ink, etc. It should have a cover of gray or white linen or other wash material about twelve inches wider than the shelf, the bottom of which has been turned up to make pockets about eight inches deep. The hem across the top of these, also the divisions between, should be catstitched in bright floss which launders nicely, and on each pocket should be a flower or some pretty design embroidered in the same silk. Another similar cover but of different color and embroidery design should be supplied to substitute when the first needs laundering, and to provide the bit of change which, in an invalid's room, seems so necessary, for the well must remember that to the invalid her room is her world; her horizon is bounded by its four walls, and all the variety that comes to her life must, in some way, be brought within its confines.

The pockets in the lambrequin will be convenient receptacles for comb and brush, handkerchief, watch, etc. If a small table stands beside the bed, pockets attached to it may hold a bit of fancy-work, paper, envelopes, pencils and such things. It will not only be a source of comfort to the invalid to have all these daily necessities within easy reach, but it will give her a pleasing sense of independence to be able to wait upon herself and save her friends many a little effort of waiting upon her.

To have a valance wherever there is an excuse for one is to be the latest mode. The most desirable bed is a colonial mahogany four-poster with a valance around a tester and all around the frame to the floor. The correct fashion of hanging over draperies now is to have a straight breadth hanging each side of the window or doorway, with a valance all across the top. The openings of bay windows are also decorated with a valance now.

Little Nina went to church with her grandmother, and for the first time put two pennies in the contribution plate. Leaning over she whispered very audibly: "That's all right, grandma, I paid for two!"—The Junior Herald.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Presents of All Sorts for Little Girls.

For little girls there come ordinary and extraordinary dolls, dolls' furniture, consisting of brass and wooden bedsteads with complete fittings of mattress, pillows, bolster and canopies; dolls' cradles and baskets completely fitted, as well as trunks completely filled; tiny sheets, pillow cases, counterpanes, blankets and comforters; linen closets, dolls' bureaux, washstands with complete china toilet sets, dolls' towels, bath robes and tiny porcelain-lined baths.

For little girls with house-keeping proclivities there are complete sets of kitchen furniture, consisting of stoves, washing machines, ironing outfits, toy sweepers, and kitchen utensils which may really be used.

The dolls this year are provided with real-houses, real furniture, real satchels, shawl-straps, umbrellas and waterproof coats. Other gifts for girls are little workbaskets and boxes fitted with thimbles, scissors, etc. Low tables in white enamel and in willow-ware, are tinted in the delicate shades, and little chairs to match, are apparently waiting for these same little girls.

The children's books this year are bound more prettily than ever, and many come in sets. The new paint boxes, with tubes and brushes, are for the little maiden who thinks she can paint, and the boxes of pencils and the prepared cards for the one who is quite sure that she can draw.

In jewelry, pins, rings, necklaces and the dress studs are always useful gifts, and little girls are always pleased with an addition, however slight, to their stock of bureau silver.

Useful gifts are muffs and collars of fur in white or gray, boxes of handkerchiefs, umbrellas and waterproof coats.

For Those You Have With You Always.

In your Christmas purchasing do not be tempted to forget those who, because of their poverty, are unable to do any shopping either for themselves or for others. Let your presents to them be of a substantial character—a ton of coal, some warm clothing, some money, a box of groceries, or a basket of Christmas marketing topped with a bunch of holly. And to the little children in whose homes Christmas is little more than a name send some of the many bright, new tin toys which are so inexpensive, some candy, some fruit, bright red woollen mittens and Tam o' Shanters, and, if you can afford it, some good stout shoes and warm stockings. A piece of bright-colored plaid will make a pretty gift for the little girl who has never, perhaps, had a new dress in her life. Accompany your Christmas presents with some cheery Christmas greetings and some Christmas greens. Be very sure that this thoughtfulness will bring its own reward, and that in the years to come the memory of the Christmas when you gave most and received least will be the happiest of all memories to you, for "there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Conviction for inbred sin is very deep, it enters into the inner chambers of the soul, and goes to the bottom of the root of inbred sin. Repentance must of necessity be deep.

Men who repent of inbred sin, with a godly sorrow that causes them to hate, loathe and abhor it, will not have any trouble trusting Jesus, when they learn that the people of God are made holy by faith.