

PRAYING MACHINES IN THIBET.

Thibet is almost the only country in the world that will not allow missionaries to enter it. This is not because the people do not care for religion, but because they are so very religious, after their own way, that they will persecute and torture and kill those who may think differently.

They have plenty of what some people call religion, but it is not the right kind. They need a religion that will make them less cruel.

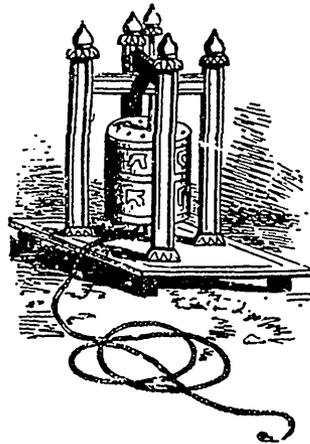
You may know that their prayers do not tend to soften their hearts when you learn that they pray by machine. Here you have a picture of some of their praying machines. The prayer is fastened to a small wheel, and every time the wheel turns, their god is supposed to see the prayers.

See the machine on the left, It has arms like a wind mill. See the prayers tied to the ends of the arms. As the arms turn around the prayers in turn come up before their god.

Sometimes these wheels are in a public place and any one who wishes ties his prayer to one of them wherever he can do so. Sometimes the wheels are placed over a little stream, and the stream turns them just as it does the little water wheel that some of you have for a play thing.

But we have praying machines in Canada more strange and wonderful than those of Thibet, machines that can speak the prayers. Did you ever see one; with the words of the prayer coming out of its mouth, while it was thinking of a game that it had yesterday, or planning for one to-morrow.

Dear young people, do not forget to pray, but do not be praying machines.



A SUNDAY GAME.

We call it the Endless Chain. We often play it in winter when the daylight is fading and the lamps are not yet lighted. Mother begins with a Scripture verse—this, for example: "I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me." Any one may follow, but it must be with a passage containing one of the principal words of the verse last recited.

Father says, "'O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.'"

Howard speaks up quickly with, "'Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found. call ye upon him while he is near.'"

The next may say, "'I am found of them that sought me not.'" Thus the chain may be lengthened indefinitely. We like the game, and hunt up many Bible verses that we may be able to take part in it creditably.—Sel.