

which I in my selfishness would fain have withheld, and instead of helping, would only have hindered the home work, for our church has grown and prospered during the last year in a way it has never done. Who will say that much of it is not due the self-sacrificing efforts of the sisters who, while forgetting self in labour and prayer for those less favoured, have been spiritually blessed and quickened, and we as a church are reaping the reflex benefit. Personally I have been so wondrously blessed through this Auxiliary that I would be a renegade to every grateful emotion did I not, wherever our future lot be cast, strive for the upbuilding of this work, and in the most practical way wish it God speed. I could not well do other than this," he added, half-smilingly, "for my wife would scarcely pardon me did I not, and together we hope to labour unto life's end in a cause that this year has become so dear to us."

As he resumed his seat he caught the faintly-whispered words, "loved much," and he knew that would be her watch-word for all time.

Missionary Readings.

NO DOCTOR BILLS IN JAPAN.

THE San Francisco *Chronicle* is responsible for the following curious information:—A Japanese doctor never dreams of asking a poor patient for a fee. There is a proverb among the medical fraternity of Japan, "When the twin enemies, poverty and disease, invade a home, then he who takes aught from that home, even though it be given him, is a robber."

"Often," said Dr. Matsumoto, "a doctor will not only give his time and his medicines freely to the sufferer, but he will also give him money to tide over his dire necessities. Every physician has his own dispensary, and there are very few apothecary shops in the empire."

"When a rich man calls in a physician he does not expect that he will be presented a bill for medical services. In fact no such thing as a doctor's bill is known in Japan, although nearly all the other modern practices are in vogue there. The doctor never asks for his fee. The strict honesty of the people does not make this necessary. When he is through with a patient a present is made to him of whatever sum the patient or his friends may deem to be just compensation. The doctor is supposed to smile, take the fee, bow, and thank his patron."

Our Young Folk.

THE LITTLE BOY'S HYMN.

IN April, 1764, there appeared in the *Gospel Magazine*, a hymn entitled "Shame of Jesus Conquered by Love," by a youth of ten years. It was the production of a boy named Joseph Grigg, who wrote it about the year 1738, and who in 1743 became the co-pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Silver Street, London, but who at this early period of his life had been touched at heart by the Gospel, and led to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and to know Him as his Saviour and his Friend. This hymn, though written and published so long ago, has not yet lost the sweetness of its savor, but is precious to many a Christian heart to-day. Here is the hymn, as slightly altered by Benjamin Francis, who gave it to the public. We hope that some of our young

friends may learn it and love it, and that older persons may recall to mind one of those precious songs which was so dear to their hearts in days gone by:—

"Jesus, and shall it ever be
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?"

"Ashamed of Jesus, sooner far
Let evening blush to own a star;
He sheds the beams of light divine—
O'er this benighted soul of mine.

"Ashamed of Jesus, just as soon
Let midnight be ashamed of noon;
'Tis midnight with my soul, till He,
Bright Morning Star, bid darkness flee.

"Ashamed of Jesus, that dear friend
On whom my hopes of bliss depend?
No; when I blush be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.

"Ashamed of Jesus? yes, I may,
When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tears to wipe, no good to crave,
No fears to quell, no soul to save.

"Till then—nor is my boasting vain—
Till then I boast a Saviour slain;
And, O, may this my glory be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me."

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