

Krishna, Kam, etc., who were placed under a canopy with flowers scattered before them. They looked so much like a doll show that it was hard to associate them with religion or the serious worship of reasoning, human beings. The priests also (with whom Miss Branch held an interesting conversation in Hindi) was not one bit like the idea I had formed of these leaders of the people. He stood before us a rather intelligent looking man, who had no objections to his female relatives being taught the Bible by Mrs. Cole, and who evidently did not believe in the doctrines which he himself taught the people; yet the god of this world blinded his eyes, and made him cling to his worldly riches rather than give up all for his eternal gain. The saddest sight I think I have witnessed in connection with heathen worship was that of young men of education who took off their slippers and reverently bowed themselves before the stone image of an idol with all apparent marks of devotion. They ought to have known better, but when education teaches them the utter uselessness of such a worship, will their eyes be open to receive Christianity? For if not, in what a condition will they be, as they cry with Micah, "Ye have taken away my gods and what have I more?" The Hindi work is increasing so fast that our great need at present is more helpers, both European and native. It is very difficult to obtain the latter with qualified certificates for the work, and as for the former, why we are only two of our society in all the central provinces! We shall indeed be most thankful to welcome back the Misses Daubles next year, especially as I should like to take up work in the village of Gurha, where Emma Page is at present working single handed. We are also thankful to have been permitted to stay in our present bungalow which has many advantages tending to the increase of our work. Miss Branch says more natives visit us here than in the former house, and when the Babus know us and trust us, they invite us to visit their womenkind. It was only about a fortnight ago a Babu called and asked us to visit and teach a widowed relative of his, a young and pretty woman. He said he had persuaded the elder and more bigoted females of the Zenana to allow this, as he knew he could trust Miss Branch to do nothing underhand or deceitful. He had no objection to the Bible being taught as long as his relative was not unduly pressed to accept Christianity, in fact, he himself had been educated in the Mission School and the Rev. W. Chandler used often to read and explain the Bible to him, which may account for his liberal mindedness towards Christianity, though himself not a believer. We were delighted at this opening into one of the rich Hindu houses, especially as the Babu called again a week later to know when Miss Branch would fulfil her promise and come. Accordingly she went, but alas! the bird had flown. "She had gone on a visit to her friends," such was the excuse, but we think the old ladies had taken fright and pre-arranged the

plan. Evidently the Babu knew nothing about the arrangement, and was much disappointed, he has promised to send for us again when the widowed relative returns, so for the present, we must leave it. They are such timid creatures and so ruled and fettered by the strong iron chains of custom that few have courage to take the first step, either as regards education or anything else. Next year I am looking forward to being fully in work. Once I understand the language and am understood, and find out the work appointed (ordained, prepared) for me to do, I am sure I shall enjoy it and never regret the day when I was led to choose Zenana Missions work in India as my life work.

### God's Treasury Department.

#### MISSIONARY CATECHISM; OR BIBLE RULES FOR GIVING.

Mrs. W. E. Knox.

1. Q. What did the Lord Jesus say about giving?  
A. It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts. xx. 35.
2. Q. What kind of a giver does God love?  
A. God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. ix. 7.
3. Q. How have we received, and how should we give?  
A. Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. x. 8.
4. Q. How much should we give?  
A. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God, which he hath given thee.—Deut. xvi. 17.  
(Also) Thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God according as the Lord thy God has blessed thee.—Deut. xvi. 10.
5. Q. What is the least that we should give?  
A. Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the *tenth* unto Thee.—Gen. xxv. 22.
6. Q. How are our gifts accepted?  
A. If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.—2 Cor. viii. 12.
7. Q. How should we honor the Lord?  
A. Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase.—Prov. iii. 9.
8. Q. What promise does God make to such?  
A. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.—Prov. iii. 10.
9. Q. What is said of him that pities the poor?  
A. He that hath pity upon the poor *lendeth* unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will He pay him again.—Prov. xix. 17.
10. Q. How shall we give?  
A. Every man according as he prospereth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. ix. 7.