

THE FATHER'S CARE.

In the trees the birds are singing, in the mountains and the glens,
By the rivers and the brooks and by the sea;
But there's food for all the robins and the tiny little wrens,
And there's bread in His hand for me.

All the meadows bloom with daisies and with dandelions bold,
And the clover-blossoms cover all the lea;
But there's clothing for the lilies and the buttercups of gold,
And there's raiment in His hand for me.

And the clouds of trouble gather, and the stormy wind is heard,
And the angry tempest rages wild and free;
But there's shelter for the sparrow and the little humming-bird,
And there's safety in His arms for me;

And the world is full of children, oh so many and so fair!
Like the sunbeams as they sparkle on the sea;
But there's room for all the children in the Father's tender care,
And there's room in his heart for me.

Chas. J. Junkin in S. S. Times.

THE GIFTS OF THE BIBLE.

A pleasant exercise for a children's meeting would be one which would teach the boys and girls about the gifts God has promised through the Bible.

At the preceding session each child could be instructed to bring to the Gift Meeting a slip of paper containing a passage of Scripture in which God has promised us some blessing or some gift. These slips could be collected and read aloud, and as each is read the child who brought it could rise and tell where it is to be found. Each could also later be asked to repeat the verse that he brought.

Among the most notable passages containing reference to gifts are John iii: 16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Also Matthew xi: 28: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Likewise John xiv: 27: "My peace I give unto you." Other passages are: Acts xvii: 25; I John v: 11; I Corinthians xiii: 7; James I: 5; Revelation ii: 10.

A KOREAN BOY'S COMPOSITION ON FARMING.

There are two kinds of fields in Korea, one is land field and the other is water field.

Here are the principal names of grains which are sown in land field: Barley, wheat, oats, peas, broom-corns, buckwheats, and castor oil beans; but the grain which is sown in water field is just one, the rice.

Now I am proceeding about how they do sow them.

There are two ways of sowing the barley in Korea—some one sows them in autumn and some one sows them in spring, but the barley which was sown in autumn is more good for to eat and the spring barley is worse.

Then there are two kinds of grains which are sown in autumn, the autumn barley and the wheat; but all the rest are sown in spring.

When they begin to sow their seeds in autumn or in spring they carry out the manure into the land

fields beforehand and then spread it out just after they plow the fields into lines and sow the seeds upon the lines where the manure is, and then cover the seeds with earth.

In summer they weed their fields two or three times.

I guess Korean farmers are more troubled than other countries because they have not many machines like foreign countries, but they have only plows, oxen, hoes, rakes, and sickles, and the manure costs very dear, so some of poor farmers are very difficult to have a good farming.—*Over Sea and Land.*

SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

SELF-DENIAL week, in the mission band, As, of course you readily understand, Was planned for the purpose of giving a lift To the mission cause by an extra gift.

"Oh, dear! cried Bessie; "Oh, my! Oh, my! I don't see how I can self-deny. I've nothing to do with it at all; I've scarcely a penny my own to call; Whatever I save must be very small."

"I wonder, I wonder," cried Tom and Lou, "What in the world we can ever do. Not a cent is ours to spend or give; 'Tis as much as we all can do to live. If we earned a little 'twould be so small It would't be worth our giving at all."

So the children talked; but they talked in vain, For the leader hastened to make it plain That the "doing without" for the Saviour's sake, And the little sacrifice each could make, Were the very things that they all should seek, Just a day at a time, self-denial week.

You might never guess how it came about, But each one found something to do without, For their hearts in earnest they really gave, And their best endeavors to earn and save.

Not a single member of that bright band Had a chance to do something great and grand, But the little things by the many wrought Exceeded all they had hoped or thought; And the gift of their hands went far and wide, That the bread of life might not be denied, But the hungry souls might be satisfied. If you add the littles and multiply You will find that they count up by and by, It is *keeping on*, after all, that counts, And that brings to the treasury large amounts.

—*Julia H. Johnston, in Over Sea and Land.*

THANKS TO THE W. M. S.

The Indians of Kitamaat in public meeting assembled, request the Revd. G. H. Raley to forward their hearty vote of thanks to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, for substantial aid already rendered towards the maintenance of a home for the training of their children.

With the wish expressed by all:—"That the kind-hearted ladies of the W. M. S., and all Christian friends, may, as God inspires them, of their bounty, remember the little Indian children, who are waiting to eat the crumbs that fall from their table."