

We expect one or two more girls. We cannot refuse them, but we must have more money if we keep them next year. They come from long distances, pleading to be received, and we need workers, and should be training them, so I felt that we could and must trust the Lord to send food for them. Oh, I just wish you had been here to have heard the stories and the 'cases' as we had them to consider. I am very busy, for it is difficult to get supplies, and I need books, slates, etc., having had to provide for more than our usual number. A man has just returned from the station, a 48-mile walk, with a parcel of books."

MISSIONARY NEWS.

An order has been issued in the Philippine Islands that no teachers shall give any religious instruction to his pupils,—not even "under the shadow of his own roof"—and adds that "in this Catholic country" it is not right to encourage the reading of the Bible, especially the Protestant Bible.

Natal has been celebrating her diamond jubilee—the seventy-fifth anniversary of the coming of the Gospel to Natal. The meetings, some of which were presided over by Viscount Gladstone, were wonderfully enthusiastic, and have, by showing the development of the Zulus, due to Christian work, made many converts to Missions. A Zulu choir, 345 strong, aroused great enthusiasm by their singing, and the attendance at the meetings went up to 4,000.

One of the European magazines reports a great religious awakening in Bohemia. The sixth of July, the birthday of John Huss, and the day on which he was burned, is kept as a great holiday in many cities. Addresses on Huss are given, and the people crowd the streets singing the songs of Huss.

Bibles are being eagerly asked for, and eagerly read.

Two years ago, at a Christian Endeavor Convention, President Clark issued a challenge that within two years 10,000 new societies should be formed and 1,000,000 members enrolled. At the recent Convention held in Atlantic City it was found they had gone away beyond their goal, for 10,345 new societies had been formed and 1,002,500 new members enrolled.

Equally encouraging are the figures of Sunday-school work disclosed during the June Convention in San Francisco. The number of Sunday-schools in North America reaches the grand total of 173,459, with an enrolment of 16,617,350, a net gain in the three years of 150,718. Still better is the report of 1,193,422 conversions in the Sunday-schools, an average of over 1,000 a day for three years.

The grace of giving is being developed among the African Churches to a large extent. In one church of 200 members just "wug out of heathenism" every single member gives a tenth of every bit of money received, one out of every ten fish caught, and one member out of every ten is dedicated to the Christian ministry. Where did they learn it? Hardly from Christian America, we fear.

We are accustomed to think that slavery is almost a thing of the past nowadays. But "The Missionary Review of the World" is authority for the statement that at least 40 slaves are sold every week in the open market in Morocco City. The market is held twice a week, and there are plenty of buyers. It is estimated that 10,000 slaves may change hands in the whole country in the course of a year, and that there is a probable mortality of 30 per 100 due