

the parable of the sower, one of them said, 'I guess he is feeding the chickens,' and another, 'No, they are birds; he is going to kill them with a stone.' They had never seen a field, nor even a grain of wheat, and so we began with the bread and had the story backward; but they have to stretch their imaginations for everything except water and mountains and the few things that live in them."

WOMAN'S WORK.

—The first woman who went to the foreign field as a medical missionary stayed her soul upon this verse of Whittier:

"That holy Helper liveth still,
My Friend and Guide to be.
The Healer of Genesaret
Shall walk the rounds with me."

—This is how one woman gets on: "Mrs. Lizzie Young, a colored woman of Jacksonville, Fla., has established a draying business in that city. She owns 3 drays, and employs from 20 to 30 more when occasion requires. At present she is employed in hauling away the sand from the excavation on the government lot, and so far has sold every particle of sand dug out. But draying is not her only business. For six months every year she runs an extensive wood yard at North Springfield, and 4 or 5 teams are kept busy delivering wood. Besides this, she sells many hundred dollars' worth of pork every year, and does a good trade in poultry and eggs."—*Head and Hand.*

—In the *Sunday-School Tunes* Martha Burr Banks suggests this as an excellent method of interesting children in missionary meetings:

"Prepare a short sketch of some one missionary or band of Christian workers, writing upon a scrap of paper a few details in regard to dates, places, circumstances, work, or character, closing with some expression that has become in a measure identified with this special man or body of men. With one of the simple copying-tablets any number of copies of these statements may be taken

off with little trouble. For instance, begin with John Eliot, something in this manner: 'The first Protestant missionary who ever left Britain. He was called "the apostle to the Indians." He was the first to translate the English Bible into a heathen tongue. He was born in 1604, and died in 1690. His favorite saying was: "Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ, can do anything."' Next may come Allen Gardiner: 'An English naval officer, who went as a missionary to Patagonia about 1847. It was said that the people in this place were less civilized than those in any other part of the world. He and six companions died there of starvation in 1851, but his friends in England resolved that the mission should never be given up. Over his grave were inscribed these words: "Wait, my soul, upon God, for all my expectation is from Him." His initials were A. G.'"

—Not a few of the names of missionary periodicals issued by the women's societies are excellently chosen. Take these as specimens: *Heathen Woman's Friend, Helping Hand, Missionary Link, Life and Light for Women, Women's Work for Woman, Baptist Basket, The King's Messengers, Missionary Leaflet, Woman's Evangel, The Mission Gleaner, Woman's Missionary Advocate, The Missionary Helper, etc.*

—Missionary libraries for the use of auxiliaries are coming to be deemed a necessity. At the last Christian (Disciple) convention a committee reported as follows: "To each auxiliary be urged to proceed at once to the collection of a library for the use of its own local field, and that the missionary library in every auxiliary be henceforth established as a permanent feature of our C. W. M. work." And the *MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD* was named in the list of works which ought to be read.

—Among the missionaries of the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society who relinquish half their salary in order to send out more labor-