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**Bearing fruit.** We are in the midst of the fruit, season. Through July, August and September, fruits of all kinds, small and large have been ripening. Here are two verses on fruit bearing. Learn them :

"Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit."

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

**Taking up work.** By the time this Record gets into the hands of its young readers, many of them will be beginning work again after their summer holidays. The schools will be opening and will call many once more to the lessons and books. Mission bands will be taking up work for the winter. Whether the summer has been one of work or play, let the autumn with its cooling days, its long and pleasant evenings, find us all facing forward with purpose and hope, determined with God's help to make the coming year the best we have ever lived.

**Missionaries wanted.** In the home, to live the life of Christ among their brothers and sisters, and to help and make glad their fathers and mothers; in the school, to show how faithfully and well work should be done there and to gladden the hearts of the teachers; on the play ground, to show how boys and girls should play, how gentle and kind, and true and honest and brave they can be; in the office and shop, to show how faithfully work should be done and errands run; on the farm, to work and sing; in the lonely settlements of our own land and far off among the heathen, to teach the way of truth and peace and love. Yes, Missionaries wanted everywhere. Will you be one just where you are? until God wants you to go elsewhere.

## A LETTER FROM HONAN.

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Honan, China, June 8, '93.

### MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:

**I**T is now the time of wheat harvest. Everybody is busy. The wheat all ripens about the same time and the cutting only lasts a few days. Another harvest of corn, beans, millet &c., will be gathered about October.

It is well the Chinese have two harvests each year, because once a year as in Canada, would not be nearly enough to feed the people. If you could climb onto the town wall with me and look over these fields of golden grain and see the great host of men with sickles reaping it, you would say, "The harvests are too few and the reapers or rather the consumers are too many." China has too many mouths to fill, so that if the harvests are not plentiful every year, many starve.

Just now there is a famine in the Province of Shansi. The Emperor has sent 1400 camels loaded with rice to them, and it is said that when he heard of the famine, he exclaimed, "Oh if we had a railroad running there, there need not be any famine at all. A railroad would speedily and cheaply take grain from one part of the land to the other like the British Government in India does, and prevent many thousands from starving."

During these days the town is almost deserted, because most of the people young and old have gone to the fields; those who have grain, to reap, those who have none, to glean and to steal.