

attempts to serve Him are so contrary to His teachings? Travellers of the present time, in visiting Rome, tell us of witnessing the procession of the Bambino, a huge doll representing the infant Jesus, decked out in rich dress and costly gems, before whom the people prostrate themselves in reverent worship. And in our own land, in the Annual Fete Dieu; a wafer composed of flour and water is solemnly blessed, placed upon a richly decorated cushion, carried about in grand procession, and solemnly worshipped as God. A converted Hindoo lately visiting Montreal publicly expressed his astonishment, that the religion of the Roman Catholics in this country was so like the Hindooism of his own land. How sad that such Paganism should exist in our day and country. Is there not need of true Christian effort among these? The aim of our Woman's Missionary Society is to spread the knowledge of God's Word by gathering the children into Mission schools and our French Institute, by maintaining Bible women, who visit the homes and distribute the scriptures and tracts and tell the people of the free salvation God offers them in His Word, which their priests withhold from them. Are they entitled to the name of Christians who forbid the searching of the Scriptures as Christ commanded? Let our sympathies and prayers be abundant and unceasing for those so ignorant of the true way of salvation in our own Canada.

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EASTER GEMS.

A BANNER EXERCISE FOR SEVEN GIRLS.

[The color of the banners should coincide with that of the gem alluded to, if at all possible. On these should be inscribed, in some harmonious color, the name of moral gem it represents.]

- 1st.—A gem of purest lustre
I bring, this Easter day,
A Diamond, brightly gleaming
From faith's resplendent ray.
- 2nd.—I bring a shining Sapphire,
Of clear and splendid blue,
A gem of truth eternal
Dear friends, I choose for you.
- 3rd.—A radiant Easter Opal,
A gleam of hope, I bring,
And lay it on the altar
Of Christ, the risen King.
- 4th.—A jewel to the Master
I offer at his shrine,
A Ruby of forgiveness,
The Christian's royal sign.
- 5th.—To Christ, the King of glory,
My love I would increase,
And for my Easter token
I bring a Pearl of peace.

6th.—Here is my Easter offering,
Its-banner green I wave;
The Em'rald is the symbol
Of life beyond the grave.

7th.—I bring a Garnet jewel
My loyalty to prove;
I love my blessed Jesus,
And red's the sign for love.

All.—These jewels for the Master
We bring with one accord,
And lift our hearts in praises
To bless our risen Lord.

Oh may this Easter morning,
With all its emblems, be
The dawn of peace and gladness
Of our eternity;

And may we be the jewels
Of faith, and hope, and love,
To grace the Master's kingdom
That waits for us above!

EASTER TREASURY.

A JAPANESE WRITING-LESSON.

INSTEAD of going to a large school, little Japanese children, whose parents are in good circumstances, are sometimes taught by a private teacher. The teacher sits watching them and perhaps he tells the girl that she does not hold her brush in the right way. They use fine brushes, instead of pens, and their ink is in bars, and is used much as you use your water-color paints.

Unless one learns to write while quite young, it is very difficult to hold the brush and make the fine strokes properly. You would not be able to do it, nor could you sit upon those soft mats, at those low tables, with your limbs bent under you, as they do.

O, how they would ache, and how numb your feet would grow!

How then do these children sit so comfortably?

Because, when they are mere babies, their tender bones and muscles are trained to bend in this way. They can sit in that position for hours. Then, when they are ready to go home, they will bow to the floor before their teacher, and thank him for his kindness. This, also, is the result of early training.

May I tack a little moral to the "writing-lesson" for you?

If you begin to work and give and pray for missions, while you are children, it will become an easy, comfortable thing to do all through life.

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