

service was the anointing of Jesus with a box of ointment; the prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed with a devil. Jesus never let fall such words of royal commendation as concerning these three women. Of the poor widow he said, "She has cast in more than they all." Of Mary He said, "She hath done what she could." And to the Canaanitish mother he said, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt."—*Dr. Her-rick Johnson.*

—The *Zenana Missionary Herald*, the organ of the English Baptist women, for June, quotes Dr. Somerville, who, in speaking of prayer for missions, uses these words: "I hope I may not offend any if I venture to recommend the use of a prayer-book which I have found of service, and which can be had from the shelves of Messrs. Keith & Johnston; I mean a *pocket atlas*, which should be spread, like Hezekiah's letter, before the Lord, and be gone over carefully from day to day." Then follows a sketch of mission centres in India held by that society, like Calcutta, Benares, Delhi, Cuttack, Madras, etc.

—A missionary in Lodiana writes thus of her *Zenana* girls: "I have been teaching in some of the wealthier houses where a bride would have 30 or 40 changes of raiment and almost her weight in ear-rings, nose-rings, bangles, and so on. As to their personal characteristics, I have found my class of Hindu girls as loving and as lovable, as bright and as troublesome as any class I ever had at home. The school in which I am teaching was a new one last fall, and the girls were very wild and exceedingly suspicious, and they are shy still. I invited them to come to see me, and one afternoon I beheld a flock of girls in red and yellow clothes flying past our house like so many frightened geese. I had told my man to watch for them and call them in, and, hearing his voice, they fled like wild animals. I brought them back, but they looked suspiciously at everything, especially

when I called them into the parlor and closed the door. What they feared I cannot tell, but they were soon flying home again."

—The Congregational women of San Francisco have recently opened a missionary library and reading-room, with about 30 volumes for a beginning, and several magazines, with plans too, for the addition of maps and other helps. And why should not the women of all denominations in every city and large village join to maintain such an institution?

—*Life and Light* for June is a temperance number, and contains original articles from such prominent temperance workers as Lady Henry Somerset and Miss Frances E. Willard, with portraits of these two women. The one writes of the great "polyglot petition," which, with its 3,000,000 signatures, is presently to be borne around the globe in a vessel chartered for the purpose, and the other of the history of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union.

—Miss Fannie Meyer, the first self-supporting Methodist missionary to be sent out under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, expects to sail for China this fall. Miss Meyer received her training and her impetus toward special missionary work in the Chicago training school. She will be accompanied by Miss Helen Galloway, whose entire expenses will be borne by a young lady at home, who sends her as a substitute.

—The Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church reports 123 mission schools on the various fields under the care of the Board; nearly 400 teachers commissioned, and more than 9000 children in training for useful citizens. More than 100,000 Presbyterian women are organized for this specific educational work, and during the year just ended have raised \$335,660 for its prosecution. The blessing is diffused among Mormons,