

how very much mistaken you are! These books are full of the most wonderful things. I know there are some pages hard to understand, but if you once get interested in the people themselves, their lives will please you greatly; you know something about our own India mission, and have vague ideas of Carey and Judson; also, a little about China and the ways and customs of her people. But these two great heathen countries are only the beginning. Who knows anything of mission work in Japan? It is called the "Land of the Rising Sun." and until a few years ago this terrible notice was printed and posted up all over the land, "So long as the sun shall warm the earth, let no Christian be so bold as to come to Japan; and let all know that the King of Spain himself, or the Christian's God, or the great God of all, if he violate this command, shall pay for it with his head." For more than two thousand years this land had remained unknown to outsiders, but the people had a history going on all the time. You remember it is only twenty years since foreigners were freely welcomed there, but God's cause has made wonderful progress in that time. Perhaps no heathen country has aroused more interest of late than Africa. How many of you know anything of the yearly missions there? Or of Greenland with its noble band of Moravian Missionaries? Or of Madagascar and the persecutions the people of that island have endured for Christ? Or of the many islands of the sea, and the conquests of the cross in them? Then think of all the missionaries whose names you remember. How many of you have clear ideas as to their parents, their native homes, the reasons why they chose this work. Can you name any special trials they had to endure? Any great difficulties they had to overcome? Do they seem like real people to you, or only some far away creatures who had no such feelings as we have? I wish you would agree to begin 1890 with real study along this line. It will make you able to work in the Band with far more heart. The monthly meetings will be welcomed gladly instead of counted dry. I will try to help you (if the editor can spare room), by giving short monthly talks about some of these missionaries, just telling you enough about each one to make you want to hear more. Then mamma will help you learn more about them all, and some of you will be able to send the LINK stories that interest you for other Bands to read. As we hear about men and women giving up so much for Christ, it will make us long for more of the same spirit. Jesus will help us to take home to our own hearts the lessons we learn by studying these noble lives. Let us ask Him every day to bless all the boys and girls of our Bands, and lead us all nearer to Himself. Then we shall have a happy New Year.

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IF THEY ONLY GAVE ONE PER CENT.—The people of God waste their strength and wealth on unprofitable pleasures, and with *hundreds of millions of dollars* under their control, permit churches and missions to starve. If Christians spent every cent of wages, salary and income on themselves, and gave to missions only one cent on a dollar of their real and personal property, their contribution would be \$87,284,000 instead of \$5,500,000. The luxury, extravagance and unfaithfulness of God's people must be removed or our nation is doomed."—*Rev. Dr. Barrons.*

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