My New Yoar's Gift.
" Ircer ns I am," thino uwn tu bin. Friend of the young, who lorest me To consecrate myseli to thee,

O Jesus Christ, I come.
In the glad morning of my day. My life to give, my vows to pay, With no reservo and no delay, With nll my heart I come.
I would live over in the light. I would work ever for the right, I would serve theo with all my might, Thereforo to the I come.
" Just as I am," young, strong and frec, To be tho best that I can to For truth, and righteousness and thee, Lord of my life, I come.
With many dreams of fame and bold, Suceess and joy to make mo loldi; But dearer still my fath to holl, For my wholo hife, I come.
And for thy sako to win renown. And then to take my vetor's crown, And at thy feet to cast it down, O Mastor, Lord, I cuthe. Marianne Farnnyham.

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## Pleasant Hours:

a paper for our young folk.
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FOR THE YEAR 1887.
Whare greatly obliged to our friend Dr. Sutherland, the indefatigable Missionary Secretary of our Church, for the following kind remarks in the last number of the Oullook. We are Catermined that our missionary interesiz shall be kept prominently before our young people. We would lespeak for the fullook an increased circulation in all our congregations. It gives full information as to the missionar, opern tions of our Church. The arst number, for instance, has letters of absorbing interest, more fascinating than romance, from Japan, Jias River, North Bay, Fort McLeori, also departments for

Woman's Work and Ioung Folks. The Oncinuh casts ouly furly cents a sear. Eyght copies or more to any address, only twenty-five cents. Cannot many chuls be formed among the teachers and senior classes of our schools? Now is the time to subseribe. The cheer from the Outlook we wish to quate are these: "A few years ago we thought it would be a grood thing to have an illustrated missiomary paper for our Sunday-schools, but that need is so well supplied by the admitable series of papers under the editorial management of our able and seholarly: fromd 1)r. Withrow, that the weat of a sepanate missionary paper has long been abandoned. In almost every issue the Doctor has a word of cheer for our mussion work, and no doubt he will soon be telling us of what he saw in this connection during his recont trip th the Pacatic Coast. Uur sundayschool papers are, m our judgment, the best and the chenpest published on this contment."

Is writing to the Secretary of tho Sunday-school Board, correspondents will please confer the favor of always giving their full frost office address, in cluding the Province and Conference. We have just received a letter contaming five dollars, but cannot tell in what Province or Conference the brother who sends it lives. We looked in a gazetteer of Canada and find that there are six places of the name of the post otice from which his letter comes. Frequently we have to look through the Minutes of ten Conferences to tind out to which one money is to be credited. Please, brethren, give your address in full.
We have just received two other applications for a grant without full midress, which sends us again to tho gazetteer-and this at our very busiest season.

Tue Pilgrim Hand-books, junior and semor, of the International Iessons for 1887 , edited by M. C. Hazard and Miss Ordway, (Congre gational Publishing House Boston,) are admarable little manuals of the lessons for the coming year. Prices, 16 and 20 cents.

## A MOTHER'S LOVE.

On, there is an endearing tendernass in the love of a mother to her $60 n$ that transoends all other affections of the heart. It is neither to be chilled by selfishness, nor daunted by danger, nor weakened by worthlessncss, nor stifled by ingratitude. She will sacrifice he: comfort to his convenieace, she will surrender every pleasure to his enjoyment; she will glory in his fano and exult in his prosperity ; and if adversity overtake him he will be dearer to her by misfortuno; and $i \hat{i}$ disgrace settio upon his name, she will still love and cherish him; and if all the world beside cast him off, abe will be all the world to him.

## OUR OHINESE MISSION IN

 VICTORIA, B. O.Nountina more strougly impressed the present writer during his recent visit to the Pacilic Coast than tho ubiquitous presence of the Chinaman. He is everywhere-in the towns nud villages and country -camperd beside the railway and washing gold by the river bank and travelling by tho steamboat and railcars and on foot. They occupy whole streets of Victorin with larg" business establishments, with two Joss-houses-a sort of temple -and one or two theatres. They do most of the market gardening nud domestic service and menial work of the city.

Wip were continually haunted by the thought that here was a fragment of a vast srstem of paganism in the heart of nur Chrictian civilization. Among the three or four thousand Chinamen in Victoria not twenty are Christians. These thousands of heathen are representative of four hundred millions of our race. Is there not here a grand opportunity for the Christian Churches to do important missionary work among these pagans in our very midst! Even self-interest should impel them thereto, for if they do not seek to Christianizo those pagam masses, they will to a no small degree paganize the communities among which they dwell.

We are glad that the Methodist Church has entered the open door of opportunity thus set before it in the city of Victorin. We had the pleasure of twice attending the service of the Chinese Methodist Mission and were greatly impressed with the value of the good work being done. When Dr. Sutherland was in Victoria in 1885 he baptized and received into Church membership eleven Chinese converts. These wo found, we think without exception, amid discouragements and persecution, holding fast to their Christian profession.

A most valuable missionary has been found in Mr. Vrooman, an accomplished Chinese scholar, who devotes himself with enthusiasm to the work. He is the son of a Presbyterian missionary, was born in Chima and speaks the language with such fluency that ho is employed in the Custom-house as Chinese interpreter. It was very impressive to hear him go over with his Chinese congregation the Ten Commandments and tho Lord's Prayer in both English and Chinese, and to hear them sing the familiar doxology and such hymns os "Blest be the tie that binds," and others in their strange foreign tongue. We had the privilege of addressing, through him, this interesting congrega. tion. On being introduced to soveral of them they exhibited much intelligence and thankful appreciation of the provision made for their religious and secular instruction. It is a romarkable fact that the attendance at the purely religious mectings is much larger than that at the classes for secular instruction.


## TWO GOOD HANDS.

Whan I was a boy I onen becamo esperially interested in the subject of inheritinces. I was particularly anxious to know what my father's inheritance was. So one day, after thinking about the matter a good while very seriously, I ventured to ask him; and this was his reply: "My inheritance ? I will tell you what it was: two good hands and an honest purpose to make the best use in my power of my hands and of the time God gave me." Though it is now many years since, I can romember distinctly the tones of my fnther's voice as he spoke, with both of his hands lifted up to give emphasis to his words.

Many a boy does not receive a large inheritance of money or lands; but every one has a pair of good hands, which are better than thousands of moncy. And the good purpose to make the best use of them is in every boy's power. Remember this wise injunction, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

## A NEW YEAR'S WORK.

Tae old has gone, and the new has come. With its work achieved or loft undone, with its successes and failures, whatever they may have been, the old is now numbered with the years of tho great past, and its record is unchangeable. In the great day to come, when the books shall be opened, and the final accounts be rendered, all the record of the year will come up again for review, and men will be judged according to that which they have done.
But here is a new year again before us. It is fresh from the hand of God, pure and white, unstained by sinful deed or thought. And what wealth the yoar brings-.three hundred and sixty-five days of yolder opportunity, days for loving serrice, days for doing good, for walking int the Mraster's footsteps.

What use shall we make of tine blessings which the Now Year offers: Whatever wo shall do will be done to Christ. "I was an hungered," he will say, "and yo gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and yo took me in: naked,
and ye clothed mo: I was sick, and yo and ye clothed me: I was sick, and yo visited me: I was in prison, and yo came unto me." Or he will say, "I was an hungered, anil ye gave mo no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave mo no drink," etc. And, "Inasmuch as ye have done it, or, ye have not done it, unto tho least of these my brethren, ye have done it, or ye have not done
it, unto me."

