My New Year's Gift.

Friend of the young, who lovest me.
To consecrate myself to thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.

In the glad morning of my day, My life to give, my vows to pay, With no reserve and no delay, With all my heart I come.

I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve thee with all my might,
Therefore to thee I come.

"Just as I am," young, strong and free, To be the best that I can be For truth, and rightcousness and thee, Lord of my life, I come.

With many dreams of fame and gold, Success and joy to make me bold; But dearer still my faith to hold, For my whole life, I come.

And for thy sake to win renown,
And then to take my victor's crown,
And at thy feet to cast it down,
O Master, Lord, I come.

— Marianne Farningham.

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FOR THE YEAR 1887.

WE are 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 Outlook. We are determined that our missionary interests shall be kept prominently before our young people. We would be speak for the Outlook an increased circulation in all our congregations. It gives full information as to the missionar, operations of our Church. The inst number, for instance, has letters of absorbing interest, more fascinating than romance, from Japan, Nass River, North Bay, Fort McLeoil, also departments for

Woman's Work and Young Folks. The Outlank costs only forty cents a year. Eight copies or more to any address, only twenty-five cents. Cannot many clubs be formed among the teachers and senior classes of our schools? Now is the time to subscribe. The cheer from the Outlook we wish to quote are these; "A few years ago we thought it would be a good thing to have an illustrated missionary paper for our Sunday-schools, but that need is so well supplied by the admirable series of papers under the editorial management of our able and scholarly friend Dr. Withrow, that the idea of a separate missionary paper has long been abandoned. In almost every issue the Doctor has a word of cheer for our mission work, and no doubt he will soon be telling us of what he saw in this connection during his recent trip to the Pacine Coast. Our Sundayschool papers are, in our judgment, the best and the cheapest published on this continent."

In writing to the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, correspondents will please confer the favor of always giving their full post office address, in cluding the Province and Conference. We have just received a letter containing 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 office from which his letter comes. Frequently we have to look through the Minutes of ten Conferences to find 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 address, which sends us again to the gazetteer—and this at our very busiest season.

THE Pilgrim Hand-books, junior and senior, of the International Lessons for 1887, edited by M. C. Hazard and Miss Ordway, (Congregational Publishing House Boston,) are admirable little manuals of the lessons for the coming year. Prices, 16 and 20 cents.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

On, there is an endearing tenderness in the love of a mother to her son that transcends all other affections of the heart. It is neither to be chilled by selfishness, nor daunted by danger, nor weakened by worthlessness, nor stifled by ingratitude. She will sacrifice her comfort to his convenience, she will surrender every pleasure to his enjoyment; she will glory in his famo and exult in his prosperity; and if adversity overtake him he will be dearer to her by misfortune; and if disgrace settle upon his name, she will still love and cherish him; and if all the world beside cast him off, she will be all the world to him.

OUR CHINESE MISSION IN VICTORIA, B. C.

Norming more strongly impressed the present writer during his recent visit to the Pacific Coast than the ubiquitous presence of the Chinaman. He is everywhere—in the towns and villages and country—camped 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 Victoria with large business establishments, with two Joss-houses-a sort of temple -and one or two theatres. They do most of the market gardening and domestic service and menial work of the city.

We were continually haunted by the thought that here was a fragment of a vast system of paganism in the heart of our Christian 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 Christianize those pagan 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 Victoria. 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 we 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 China and speaks the language with such fluency that he 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 the Lord's Prayer in both English and Chinese, and to hear them sing the familiar doxology and such hymns as "Blest be the tie that binds," and others in their strange foreign tongue. We had the privilege of addressing, through him, this interesting congregation. On being introduced to several of them they exhibited much intelligence and thankful appreciation of the provision made for their religious and secular instruction. It is a remarkable fact that the attendance at the purely religious meetings is much larger than that at the classes for secular instruction.



TWO GOOD HANDS.

WHEN I WAS A boy I once became especially interested in the subject of inheritances. 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 remember distinctly the tones of my father'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 money. 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.

THE old has gone, and the new has come. With its work achieved or left undone, with its successes and failures, whatever they may have been, the old is now numbered with the years of the 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 year brings—three hundred and sixty-five days of golden opportunity, days for loving service, days for doing good, for walking in the Master's footsteps.

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