

that Alice Somers, who had only ten cents in her jug, has saved these at a great sacrifice; and like the widow of old, has brought her all. Faith feels that the book rightfully belongs to this little girl, and has asked me to award it to her. Do you think Faith has decided wisely?"

"Yes sir, yes sir," came from every child.

"Alice," said Mr. Preston, "I now gladly give this volume to you." Then calling Faith to his side, he placed a hand on each little girl's head, and said, "You have both learned the secret of all true giving—self-sacrifice. Ever follow in the footsteps of Him who pleased not Himself, even our Lord Jesus. May God bless you and your companions, who have striven, I trust, not for any earthly reward simply, but for the approval of the Good Master of the vineyard."

A smile of pleasure lighted the orphan's face as she received the gift, and it more than paid Faith for the effort it had cost her.

That night Faith dreamed of the golden streets, gates of pearl, and walls of precious stones. And One came toward her with a tender, loving face. He took her in His arms, and said, "Thou art My child, for whoever strives to make the yesterdays bright is a son or daughter of the King." The morning light from the window woke Faith. She told her mother the whole story of the conflict and the victory, and this is what the mother said:

"He who takes care of the *to-days* need never fear but what the *yesterdays* will take care of themselves."
—*The Missionary Helper.*

Facts and Illustrations.

THE Government of Japan has forbidden lecturing against Christianity.

WE have heard of a child who said her prayers, and then added, "Good-bye, God, we are all going to Saratoga, and pa and ma won't go to meeting or pray any more till we come back again."

THE following are the words of another missionary: "I have so often felt sure that I was reaping in answer to the prayers of those far away, that on this subject my heart is full, and my first and last words to friends are, Pray for us."

AS IN our home churches, revivals follow the earnest and united prayers of Christians, so in the foreign field we may expect the same results. Of a mission school it was said, "Most of the revivals commenced on the day of the monthly concert of prayer."

MR. O'NEILL, H.M. Consul at Mozambique, says: "Ten years' experience in Africa has convinced me that mission work is one of the most powerful and useful instruments we possess for the pacification of the country and the suppression of the slave trade."

THE General of the Jesuits reports 2,500 missionaries under the direction of that order. They are at work. If the Protestant Churches desire the spread of a pure gospel they must increase their zeal and enlarge its liberality; otherwise another gospel may supplant the truth.

JOSEPH RABINOWICH writes from Kischerneff, March 29th, 1886: "The work in Russia is progressing exceedingly, so that every Sunday our house of prayer, where the sons of the New Covenant assemble, is filled with Israelitish men and women who are thirsting for the Gospel."

ONE of the native preachers of Canton is wholly paralyzed in his legs, arms and hands, except the partial use of one thumb and forefinger. Nevertheless he is carried to chapel and preaches either sitting or lying on his back, and many have thus received the saving truth of the Gospel from his lips.

THE Wesleyan Medical Mission at Fatsan in China has won for itself not only the confidence of the people, but the recognition and support of the Government of the province. The visit of their mission to the Chinese army in Tonquin on behalf of the wounded, was undertaken at the request of the Viceroy, and at the cost of the Government.

ACCORDING to the seventy-second report of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, which has just appeared, "Austria continues to be the only country in the world where Methodist worshippers are not allowed the right of gathering for religious exercises. They may not meet except on payment of a police tax for every meeting, and even then they may neither sing or pray. In Hungary there is full toleration."

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