# NORTHERN MESSENGER.

GIFTS FOR JESUS. Written by a little deaf and dumb girl in the Philadelphia Institute.

Little children ! There are many Who have neither time nor skill, Gold nor silver, yet may offer Gifts to Jesus if they will.

There are ways-Jesus knows them, And his children all should know, How to find a flower for Jesus Underneath the doopest snow.

How to wreathe a lovely garland, Winter though it be and cold. How to give the rarest offerings,

Costing-something-but not gold, How to buy, and buy it dearly ; Gifts that he will love to take, Nor to grudge the cost, but give it

Cheerfully, for Jesus' sake. Does this seem so strange, dear children ? Yet 'tis surely nothing new,

All may give him noble presents, Shall I tell you of a few ?

Well, sometimes 'tis hard to listen To a word unkindor cold, And to smile a loving answer.

Do it, and you give him-gold ! Thoughts of him in work or playtime,

Smallest grains of inconse rare, Cast upon a burning conser Rise in perfumed clouds of prayer.

There are sometimes bitter fancies Little murmurs that will stir

Even a loving heart-but crush them, And you give our Saviour-myrrh !

Flowers-why, I no'er could finish Telling of the good they do, Yet I'll tell you how to plant them, In what garden plot they grow.

Modest violets, meckest snowdrops. Holy lilics, white and pure, Loving tendrils-herbs of healing,

If they only would endure ! And they will-such flowers fade not,

They are not of mortal birth ; And such garlands wreathed for Jesus Fade not like the flowers of earth.

And I think you all must see, that They are emblems, and must trace In the rarest and the fairest.

Acts of love and deeds of grace, Now, doar children, can you tell mo Have you still no gifts to lay

At the throne of our dear Saviour, Any hour or any day ?

Let us give him-now-forever, Our first gift-the purest- best

Give our hearts to Christ, and ask him How to give him all the rest.

The Pansy.

#### MORE USES FOR THE PHONO-GRAPH.

A recent Italian scientific paper reports that Americans have recently found it to be practicable to apply the phonograph to locomotive whistles. Whether this state-ment has any foundation or not makes no difference ; the idea is worthy of American genius.

What a convenience it would be to have the whistle shout, in a stentorian voice, "Hoosac Junction! Ten minutes for refreshments !" How it would save the brakeman his indistinct enunciation ! What a pleasure to all travellers, if the conventional old lady were periodically informed that the train was just two minutes late, and that there was no ice-water in the baggage-car ! But since it has been found that, by

the mere substitution of a metallic cylinder for a wax one, it can be made to talk loudly there is no end to the possible uses to which it will be put. Hitherto it has been proposed to employ it only as a substitute for the loquacious reporter in his various capacities.

we may, at any time, expect Dug to see the deaf-mute listening to a conversation through the medium of an audiphone, and replying, in perfect Eng-lish, with an instrument which is a storehouse of syllables, manipulated as one would manipulate the characters in a type-writer. One key may supply him with a rippling laughter for frivolous occasions, while an other enables him to furnish with condoling, sympathetic sighs a weeping mourner.

Again, upon ringing the door-bell at the house of our friend of modern ideas, we need not be surprised if his door-panel informs

us that our friend has just gone down to the office, but that his wife will be glad to see us.

PRIZE BIBLE COMPETITION No. 2. WHO IS SHE?

For the three best accounts of the life of the woman depicted in this picture, not exceeding five hundred words in length, three prizes will be given.

FIRST PRIZE.-A Bible with limp leather cover, references and maps. SECOND PRIZE.-A Bible similar to the

above but smaller in size.

THIRD PRIZE.-A history of the Old Testament.

### CONDITIONS.

The conditions are these :- The young people competing must be under eighteen years of age, and must write the story without help from any one. The stories must be written on one side of the paper only, on note paper, or foolscap cut in four the name, post office address and age of the | Lorne.

THE PRIZE AWARDED. We have great pleasure in putting before our readers, especially those of our young people who took part in the Dominion Competition, the decision of the Marquis of Lorne. The lady who wins the typewriter and he who has won honorable mention from the Marquis of Lorne, and all the Province prize winners will be in good spirits and ambitious mood at the kindly words given by our former Governor-General. We read now and then how Crabbe received £3,000 for his "Tales," and how Byron received an extraordinary sum for the manuscript of so-and-so, but which of them got, as one prize-winner has done, a hundred and twenty-five dollars for his first few pages of literary work? Miss Holden has our congratulations as well as those, we are sure, of all the competitors for the prize and all our readers. That she can write with much power of invention and expression she has the assurso as to be near note paper size, and have ance of no less an authority than Lord



WHO IS SHE?

writer clearly written on the right hand upper corner of the first page. Pin or tack the sheets together at the left hand upper corner, but do not fold or roll to mail-In judging for the prizes, writing, spelling, and general neatness will be taken into consideration, as well as accuracy of history and style of composition.

Now, Messenger renders, let us see how much you can exceed your record of last year. Then three hundred names were enrolled in our pages as Bible students. Let us have two or three times as many this year. The prizes alone are worth it, and "Adele," by "Lily," shows most power they are not the chief end for which you study.

Begin reading as soon as you get this number of your paper, as all stories must be in our hands three weeks from the date of this paper. Address all your stories

"BIBLE COMPETITION" Northern Messenger;

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There are about as many geniuses in one decade as in another, and among those who are rising to fill the places of their literary forefathers, may be some of these writers whose eight stories were selected out of many hundreds for special honors. On the other hand, the rising geniuses may be among the winners of the county, or even of the school prizes.

The letter from Lord Lorne reads as follows:

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