

them do so. If some can conscientiously prefer the secular or charitable aspects of the work itself, without impugning their sincerity, or sitting for a moment in censorious judgment on their acts or motives, we say, let them do so. To their own Master let them stand or fall. Let others, better than ourselves, do as they will, or as they can, or as they must. But we (let those whom we are now advising say) but we, knowing our own infirmities, would rather cling to apostolical example, and on that ground, if no other, 'we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.'—*Biblical Repertory*,

MISSIONARY ANIMALS AND FRUITS.

In the last printed Annual Report of the English Church Missionary Society may be found many entries of contributions really earned by animals. From among such notices, we take at random the following:—

Missionary Bees,.....	£1	1	0
Bees in a Vicarage garden,.....	0	14	3
Collected by Bees,.....	3	19	0
Sale of Poultry,.....	0	7	0
Missionary Hen,.....	0	11	0
Sale of Milk,.....	0	12	6
Honey and Wax,.....	0	9	7

Then there is a mention of missionary pigs, poultry, and even of a cow.

But not only do live-stock help the funds; the fruits of the earth contribute their part also, and so bring forth fruit in a double sense. The gooseberry tree mentioned below has been most fruitful for many years. Every year, for a long time past, the Society has had the benefit of its well-laden boughs, and it is not going too far to say that from that gooseberry tree as much as fifty pounds, in all, has been realized for the Society.

Missionary Walnut Tree,.....	£1	10	0
Sale of Acorns,.....	1	5	6
“ Flower Seeds,.....	1	15	10
“ Apples and Pears,.....	4	11	0
“ Sweet Peas,.....	1	12	2
Gooseberry Tree,.....	0	14	3
Missionary Flowers,.....	1	12	0
First coomb of Corn sold,.....	1	10	0
Grain of Mustard Seed,.....	2	16	4

Some entries rather puzzle one. We have money from “a Parsonage Mangle;” eleven shillings comes out of “Missionary Kettle;” “a silver Cow” yields 1*l.* 4*s.*; “an Organ Box” 1*l.*; and some “Chinese Figs,” (what can they be?) 15*s.* Children also may learn an example from the “Sale of Dolls’ Clothes,” 16*s.* 7*d.*, and “Worsted Jugs,” 2*l.* 7*s.*

Other entries are affecting. We have a “Poor Woman’s Offering on her 70th birth-day,” of 1*l.*, and “Sale of old Mourning Rings,” 1*l.* 8*s.*

Not many years ago, a poor old woman came to the Church Missionary House, London, and gave in a very small parcel, saying it was her “Offering for North-west America.” What do you think it contained? Think of the poor woman mentioned in the Gospel, and her two mites, and you will not be far wrong—just seven farthings, and a few thimbles and needles for her red sisters in the snowy north. She doubtless did what she could.—*Juv. Instructor*.

LUTHER’S PRAYER FOR MELANCTHON.

On a certain occasion a message was sent to Luther to inform him that Melancthon was dying. He at once hastened to his sick bed, and found him presenting the usual premonitory symptoms of death. He mournfully bent over him; and, sobbing, gave utterance to a sorrowful exclamation. He roused Melancthon from his stupor—he looked into the face of Luther, and said, “Oh, Luther, is this you? Why don’t you let me depart in peace?” “We can’t spare you yet, Philip,” was the reply. And turning round, he threw himself upon his knees, and wrestled with God for his recovery for upwards of an hour. He went from his knees to the bed, and took his friend by the hand. Again he said, “Dear Luther, why don’t