

cency without wisdom, is foolery : be therefore as wise as serpents, and innocent as doves. The subtlety of the serpent instructs the inno-

cency of the dove ; the innocency of the dove corrects the subtlety of the serpent. What God hath joined together, let no man separate.



THE MISSIONARY RABBITS.

When I was a little girl, I often heard about the Missionary Society, and I thought it strange that rich people did not give more money to send missionaries to tell the poor heathen children about God and Christ, and to take them the Bible to read, and teach them to read it. I had not much money of my own, and it never came into my mind that I could work for some.

But one day there was a meeting in the chapel at —, and there were many ministers, who told a number of stories about the heathen—how wicked they are, and yet how glad some would be to be taught better. They also told about poor people in this country, who, when their other labour is done, work for money to send them ministers and books.

The meeting was at night, and the chapel was full, and the people who were there were much pleased with all that all that was said ; began to think, " What can I do to get money to give ? " when our own

minister told this tale :—" In a village not far from here, there was a poor woman who loved her God, and tried to bring her friends to love and serve him ; but she was so poor that for some time she had nothing to give to the Missionary Society, and this made her sad. At last she found a way and it was this : She put up all the pennies she could save until she had as many as bought a hen, and kept it in the corner of her house, in such a nice warm place, that it laid even when the frost and snow were on the ground. She sold the eggs, and sent the money she got for them to the society, thus giving as much money as many who are well off." When this story was told, the people clapped, and praised the poor woman, and I am afraid some of them just forgot that it was God who put the thought in her heart, and that she only gave to God what he had given to her.

" Now," I thought, " there is a plan. I will buy some rabbits, and the young ones I will sell, and then I shall have something to give."