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THE WORTH OF LIVING.

All the worth of living
Is loving, hoping, giving.
Love survives the breath;
Hope grows strong in death;
Gifts thy God returns to thee
With increase—through eternity!

MARY WHEATON LYON.

AN OFFERING OR A COLLECTION.

Though frequently used as a synonymous, the words "offering" and "collection" are widely different in meaning. The distinction is happily set forth in this anecdote.

A small boy had a dog which he had named Fido. One day at dinner the boy's father noticed him take the best portion of the roast beef which had fallen to his lot and place it on another plate. Upon inquiry the father learned that the meat was for the dog, Fido.

"My son" said the father, "it would be better if you ate that meat yourself and gave Fido some of the scraps which are left." The boy protested, but the father was obdurate.

At the conclusion of the meal the boy took out to Fido a plate heaped with scraps of the roast. "Here Fido," said the boy, "I wanted to make you an offering, but here is only a collection."—*Exchange.*

Let us never forget that it is the costly offering which receives God's blessing and is followed by it. It is the costly offering which lifts our hearts nearest the level of the celestial. It is the costly offering, that which cost us money and labor and sacrifice, it is that which you and I will remember with the greatest joy, with greatest gratitude and triumph when all this earth to us is a forgotten circumstance and we are standing before the rainbow like unto an emerald which is around the throne of God.—*R. S. Storrs in Mission Studies.*

A BIBLE FOR THE KING OF PORTUGUAL.

On December 1st., their Majesties the King and Queen of Portugal graciously accepted from the British and Foreign Bible Society, a copy of the Portuguese Bible. The volume was specially bound in royal blue morocco, and contained a suitable inscription illuminated on vellum. The deputation from the Society consisted of Lord Kinnaid and Mr. George Spicer, Vice-Presidents, and Rev. J. H. Ritson, Secretary.

There are just arriving on our shores two sons of a Zulu chieftain. This chief is not a Christian himself, but he desires that his successor shall be one, and therefore he sends his sons to America "to learn and to believe." The oldest son, who is the natural heir is not a Christian and has two wives whom he leaves behind. The younger brother has been in our mission schools at Lindley and Amazintote and is a lay preacher. The father pays all the cost of sending and supporting his sons, and it is to be hoped that his desire that his tribe shall be governed by a Christian ruler, though he himself is not one, will be gratified.—*Missionary Herald.*

A Christian woman heard a Heathen woman praying passionately in a heathen temple. She had in her arms a pitifully misshapen baby, and she was praying that it might grow beautiful like other babies. As she turned to go away the Christian asked her, "Friend, to whom have you prayed?" "I do not know," she answered; "but surely there must be some one somewhere to keep a mother's heart from breaking!" The message of missions is that there is this Some One.—*Selected.*

Our Society will be pleased to learn that Miss Alexander, daughter of the late Rev. John Alexander, has accepted the appointment of our Board to become our Foreign Mission Secretary.