

I do not think there is much to add in the clothing line; a few towels, also old white rags for dressing sores are always needed.

The school was closed for a month while the Indians were away hunting after putting in their crops. Miss Cameron went home for a week in August. I have not been away; we cannot well leave the work.

The Indians have worked well. All the grain is harvested in good condition, none injured by frost. Many thanks for your kindly expressed sympathy, and above all for your assurance of remembrance at the Throne of Grace.

FOR DECEMBER MEETINGS.

The Cross of the Christian Jew.

The following instance will show how difficult it is in Palestine for a Jew to become a Christian. A Jew from Safed was employed as teacher in Tiberias. While there the Rev. W. Ewing became very intimate with him; they read Hebrew together, and discussed the claims of Jesus to be the Messiah. The result was that the young man openly declared that he was no longer a Jew, and that he would be baptized. Immediately the Jews began to oppose. Bribes were offered and threats made, but he remained firm. The missionaries arranged that he should remove to Nazareth in order to be baptized. But on the night he attempted to escape he was waylaid, beaten when he resisted, and carried back to be kept in custody till he should recant. This he at last was compelled to do. Mr. Soutar is convinced that he is still a Christian at heart. He has, in some measure, broken loose from his friends, and is working as a labourer, although a man of learning. He declares that he will yet be baptized.—*U.P. Missionary Record*.

The Theological College at Florence.

During the forty years of the existence of this college, 155 students (no fewer than 105 from the Vaudois Valleys) have been received. None have been dismissed for misconduct, and none have ever disgraced the ministry by immoralities. All the present pastors, and almost all the evangelists in the Italian Mission field have been trained in the college. It has sent out three pastors to South America and one to North Carolina, while two missionaries have gone to the Zambesi, and one to Lessonto. This is a worthy record of good work done. It may be added that while these missionaries have come from the Valleys, there is now going out as Italy's first missionary to China a young man from Girgenti, Sicily, one of the last towns evangelized.

The Bible in Italy.

The circulation of the Scriptures goes on increasing. Last year the two great Bible Societies distributed 189,633 copies of the Bible in whole or in portions. This shows an increase of 20,000. There are many indications of a widespread and growing interest in the Word of God.