

most complete independence, they are obedient and industrious subjects. They never conspire, pay all tributes, and respect our *abuna* as much as do the Christians. If they are worse in Europe, it is because the Christians, too, are worse. Our Lord Jesus forgave them on the cross. Why should we persecute them? You, at least, do not persecute them. May the other Christians of Europe imitate you.

"What you need is to return to our God, to observe all His ordinances, to no longer separate Moses and the prophets from the apostles or St. Peter from St. Paul. Whoever wishes to serve God must humble himself and obey. You know that, envoy of God. Teach it in Europe and Asia. I am having it taught in Africa.

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

"MENELEK."

The Evangelistic Training School planned last summer by the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union is at work with excellent results. It has a non-resident class of about fifty. Its resident students, as a "College Settlement," are doing noble service in one of the worst parts of New York City. They carry on a meeting in the chapel every evening, a Sunday-school, boys' meetings, girls' meetings, a Young Woman's Club, free kindergarten, etc. The work is sadly in need of funds. (Address J. Fowler Willing, 463 West Thirty-second Street, New York City.)

In setting forth the debt of science to missions, Dean Farrar offers these interrogatories, with their answers:

"Is it nothing that through their labor in the translation of the Bible the German philologist in his study may have before him the grammar and vocabulary of two hundred and fifty languages? Who created the science of anthropology? The missionaries. Who rendered possible the deeply important science of comparative religion? The missionaries. Who discovered the great chain of lakes in Central Africa, on which will turn its future destiny? The missionaries. Who have been the chief explorers of Oceania, and America and Asia? The missionaries. Who discovered the famous Nestorian monu-

ment in Singar Fu? A missionary. Who discovered the still more famous Moabite stone? A missionary. Who discovered the Hittite inscriptions? A missionary."

The universal adoption of the 2-cent-a-week plan by the Christian Endeavor societies would bring to-day \$3,000,000 into the mission treasuries of the various denominational boards. China, it is said, spends \$300,000,000 annually on worthless, idolatrous practices, because every idolater gives regularly and constantly about 2 cents per week to defray the expenses of idol worship.

The adoption of this plan by the Christian Endeavor societies of the world would support an army of 1000 foreign missionaries and 20,000 native preachers, who would reach yearly 25,000,000 of hearers.

The Burmese write prayers on slips of paper, and fasten them into slits made in wands of bamboo. These wands with the prayers at the end of them are then held up before the idols in the Buddhist temples and waved to and fro.

In some parts of Africa they make marks, signifying prayers, with a burned stick on a board. The marks are then washed off, and the water with which the board is washed is given to the sick, who are supposed to get the good of the prayers.

In Tibet they have round boxes which revolve by means of a string. Into these cylinders they put written prayers, and whenever they feel disposed, take them up and spin them, imagining they are praying. Even on a journey, on foot or on camel-back, Tibetans are often to be seen, it is said, with such a whirligig in one hand, vigorously pulling the string with the other.

"The British Syrian Mission" requires lady missionaries at once to take charge of districts where urgent appeals have come from the people themselves for schools. (Apply to Mrs. Auriol Barker, Camano House, Tonbridge.)