

deplorable looking creature. It wheels about, and uttering a loud, tremulous bleat of perfect despair, flies from the frightful vision. The mother's voice arrests its flight; it

returns—flies, and returns again, generally for ten and a dozen times, before the reconciliation is fairly made up.—*Lay Sermons, by the Elrick Shepherd.*

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## MISSIONARY.

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### A HOTTENTOT GIRL.

A little Hottentot girl, nine years old, was asked how she and her young sister spent their time. She replied, "We often pray to our Saviour to own us as his children, to keep us from growing up as children of the devil. Then we sing verses together, which we learn at school. Sometimes we help old mother Lydia to work, and she gives us a piece of bread for our labour, for our parents are a great way off; and when they are at home we have to dig for roots in the field to

satisfy our hunger, for they are very poor, and have little to give us."

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### MISSIONARY SCRAPS.

The fetish tree, in Western Africa, is sometimes loaded with the mangled bodies slain in sacrifice. The sight caused the traveller Lander to faint.

The Cannibals of the Feejee Islands have been known to devour 28 human beings at one meal.

Mr. Bampton has seen hundreds of dead bodies around the temple of Jugernaut, in India, and the living using the dead bodies for pillows.

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## THE MISCELLANY.

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### One Good Word every Day.

A good word is one which does some one good: it may be a word of teaching, a word of warning, or a word of comfort; always a word of truth and love. Speak one such word at least every day.

Our days are few at best; certainly no one of them should pass by without an opening of the lips for God. Who can tell the effects of a single sentence, uttered with faith and prayer? It may reach to thousands; it may reach into eternity. As wave moves wave in the ocean, so one word of grace may reach from mind to mind, and thus be producing effects long after the tongue which uttered it shall have turned to dust. Never despair of being useful so long as you have the gift of speech. If you can say nothing else, you

may at least repeat some blessed text of Scripture; this may save a soul. That child, that servant, that visitor, that stranger may praise God in heaven for the truth heard from you.—"Let your speech be seasoned with salt." Keep the heart full, and you will have something to say. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Every day the ungodly are uttering fatal words, kindling bad passions, and destroying souls. Every day, therefore all Christians should be saying something for Christ. Many a time, through grace, a single saying has been blessed to the awakening of a soul. Pray for help to devise and utter such things, every day of your life, as may lead those who hear you to faith in your Redeemer.