

Young People's Department.



OFFERINGS.

IT is wonderful how much can be done for the cause of God by saving little things—"here a little and there a little." "One of the things most carefully impressed on the native Christians by missionaries" says an old number of the *Gospel Missionary*, published in England by the "S.P. G." "is that since they have freely received they must freely give. One way in which this is done is by the women, when making ready the family meal, laying aside a little, say half a handful of the rice—to be given away. Half a handful each day fills a good sized sack in time, and she is proud when she can pour it out as alms for the Church on the floor of the mission store house. But if for any reason she cannot give rice perhaps she can give something else—a little of her time, now and then. Some of the good Christian women will join together and go, with an English lady teacher

to take the lead, into the heathen streets or villages—to teach their more ignorant teachers. One very common way of getting them to attend is by singing hymns to them in Tamil, and by degrees the women will ask questions about the hymns and so learn more and more."

Think what can be done by saving little things regularly. After a missionary meeting once, an old laboring man put a gold coin into the collection. How was he able to give so much? They thought he had made a mistake, but no—he had saved it all, and in this way. He used to go among the farmers with a thrashing machine, and was continuously asked to "take a drink." But John always said "Thank ye, master, but I will take two pence instead. This he carefully saved in a bag and at the end of the year was able to give his gold coin to the missionary society.

Every little child could learn to save money in this way, and grow up to be a useful and active member of the Church.