

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper).

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—The "Cheerful Gleaners" of our Ottawa Mission Band have promised to report themselves in this paper. Their meeting last week pleased me very much. I hope to see Mission Band reports every month in our LINK. If only in a few words, try to tell what you are doing, and the plans of work that succeed best. This will help other Bands in their meetings. Perhaps it will encourage you to hear of the good your cents can do. We all take an interest in knowing just how far missionary money goes. A kind lady has sent me a story for you about the mite-box of a little boy. He had saved his pennies until the box contained eleven dollars. Then he sent the money to a missionary in Syria, who bought with it :

1. A Bible for the Baalbec hotel.
2. A large reference Bible for a friendly Greek priest in a village near by.
3. A reference Bible for an influential Greek who was seeking Jesus.
4. He paid the travelling expenses of an orphan girl on mule-back, from her mountain home to the Sidon Seminary.
5. A reference Bible for a fatherless girl in one of his schools.
6. A pocket Testament for a watchman in a vineyard, who had leisure moments to read it.
7. A pocket Testament for a man, whose fellow-villagers were so bigoted that no direct mission work could be done among them.
8. A family Bible for a man of leading influence in another village.
9. A hymn-book for a Christian girl living in Damascus.
10. A reference Bible for a man who had helped the missionary in his work.
11. A Bible for the use of a school and prayer-meeting.
12. Four Testaments for children, who had no money to buy them.
13. A pocket Testament for a man, whose business kept him constantly in the saddle.
14. Several copies of sermons for circulation.

All this was the result of one little boy's saving his money for the missionaries. Who can tell the good yet to be done by these Bibles in years to come?

Another little story I find is about one cent. Fifty years ago a child gave one cent to the missionary box. He was sowing a very small seed, but it became a mighty tree. A little tract costing just one cent was bought with it, and some one gave it to a young man, the son of a Burman chief. He was so anxious to know what it meant, that he travelled 250 miles to learn to read it. The Christian teachers taught him, and after reading that tract, God gave him a new heart. He went home with a basketful of tracts to give to his people. Crowds came to hear him talk about the Gospel, and many learned to love Jesus. In one year 1500 heathen became Christians and were baptized as the result of his labors.

Perhaps these stories will make you feel like singing this mission hymn of Mrs. Sigourney's,—

Onward | onward | men of Heaven,
Hear the Gospel Banner high,
Rest not, till its light is given,
Star of every pagan sky.

Rear it where the pilgrim stranger
Faints 'neath Asia's vertic ray;
Bid the red-browed forest ranger
Halt it, ere he goes away.

Where the arctic oceans thunder,
Where the tropics fiercely glow,
Broadly spread its page of wonders,
Brightly bid its radiance flow.
India marks its lustre shining,
Shivering Greenland loves its rays,
Afric, 'mid her deserts kneeling
Lifts the untaught hymn of praise.

Rude in speech or grim in feature,
Dark in spirit though they be,
Show its light to every creature,
Prince or vassal, bond or free.
Lo! they haste from every nation,
Host on host the ranks supply;
Onward! Christ is your salvation
And your victory is nigh.

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GOD uses not the most capable, but those nearest at hand and the most willing. Those who are watching at the gates and waiting at the posts of the doors are first to receive his orders, and to be advanced to power and influence.

Discouragement is not a fruit of humility, but of pride.
—Fenelon.

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