#### FAITHFUL IN ALL THINGS.

The clock was striking five as Fanny Lenox ran up stairs and stopped at the door of her aunt's little study. The portiere was only half drawn ; beyond it the room looked warm and inviting in the red glow of the coal fire, and at a low table near the window sat Aunt Clara herself, busily writing by the fading daylight.

May I come in, auntie ?"

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"Certainly; come right in," answered Aunt Clara, without looking up. Fanny drew up a chair before the grate and sat down, with her elbows on her knees, and her chin in her hands, gazing meditatively into the fire. Presently, Aunt Clara laid down her pen, and asked, as she hunted through the mass of papers before her for an envelope:

"Was it a pleasant afternoon, Fan ?" "Oh, yes; very pleasant," answered Fanny, absently. Then, suddenly turning toward her aunt, she said :

'You know that Jessie Mather I thought I was going to like so much?

"I think so; the pretty, slender girl who lives down on Willow street ?" In that lovely house back from the street, with a sloping lawn and a low fence with woodbine growing all over it. Yes, that is the one, and just let me tell you what happened this afternoon. While we

were at sewing society; Mrs. Foote asked us if we would be willing to make a little contribution for the Indian girl they are going to send to school out West, and Jessie gave less than any of the rest." "Perhaps she has other uses for her

money," said Miss Chester. "Well, then, after that we girls tried to

get Jessie to take a class in sewing school, and she wouldn't promise. She said she would like it, but her time was so much taken up that she didn't think she could. and I know she doesn't have any more to do than I do.

"Perhaps she has home duties. You know, Fan, that last Saturday morning when I reminded you of that tear in your skirt, you said you would not have time to mend it, for you had to hurry not to be late for sewing-school."

Fanny made a wry face and laughed. "Oh, but I call that unkind," she said, "to choose this moment to expatiate upon my deficiencies ! Never mind, auntie, I promise you I will have it mended by Saturday. I will, truly. But I have not finished about Jessie yet. You know how fond we girls all are of Mrs. Foote. She is always so kind and nice to us. So when she asked us if we would like to have charge of the dolls' booth at the fair in December, and take turns in coming down, we all agreed at once, except Jessie. She refused point blank to have anything to do with it. Oh, no, she wasn't rude. She was very polite, but she just wouldn'tthat was all there was about it—and I must say we were disappointed not to have her fall in with any of our plans.'

"It was disappointing," returned her aunt, "but Miss Mather does not look like a selfish or frivolous girl, so I think she probably has good reasons for refusing to join you; but may I speak to you quite frankly about all this charity work, Fan?" "Do please."

"It seems to me," said Miss Chester, thoughtfully, "that it has become the fashionable thing now for every one to have some mission work to do. If it is not a class in sowing school, or kitchen garden, it is a sale or charity concert. Now, it is a useful fashion certainly, and I hope it may last, but I think there is danger of forgetting the real object of all this, and remembering only the social pleasure of it. It was only the other day I heard you speak of the way some of the girls tried to freeze out' that quiet Miss Warner because she does not exactly belong to your set in society. Oh, I know, my dear, that you had no share in that, but there is too much of that spirit. We should not bring up distinctions of that sort when we come to-gether for missionary work. And now about giving: Fan, don't you-and the other girls too-have an idea that if you give so much of your time and money to good works, the rest of it belongs to you to do whatever you liko with? I think you do. I used to feel that way. All your time and money is God's, my dear, and you should bear that in mind as much when you buy a pair of gloves for yourself as when you use a part of your allowance for the Aid Society, and try to make the time as well spent in His service which you take for your French lessons, as the hours spent

in church every Sunday "Does any one live like that?" asked Fan, looking up at her aunt with a flushed and thoughtful face.

"Oh yes ! Many do," said Aunt Clara, and it is easier than to live two lives, each independent of the other."

The tea-bell put an end to the discussion for the time, but one day, a week later, Fanny came into her aunt's room again. Miss Chester was lying on a lounge with her face turned toward the flickering fire-

light. The **19**0m was nearry used. "You see before you a guilty and abject which " said Fanny meekly. " Hive you a hassock handy ! A low position best befits my humble state of mind. Will it tire you if I talk?"

"No, indeed, go on," said Miss Chester. "You know Jessie and I agreed to go to the Camera Club's exhibition together, this afternoon, so I called for her at three o'clock. The servant showed me up into Jessie's room—such a charming room auntie, Indian curtains and bamboo chairs and pictures everywhere-and there was Jessie ripping away at an old coat. I of fered to help her, but she said she had nearly finished ; her mother was going to alter it for some girl who needed it. Tt was a nice coat, not a bit shabby. When we were ready to go, Jessie asked me if I would mind going a little out of my way, as we were so early. Of course, I said No, and we went down stairs. Jessie's mother came out to say good-bye to us, and she gave Jessie a bunch of beautiful roses. I couldn't imagine what she was going to do We stopped at a house on with them. Bridge street, where a little lame girl lives only think, auntic, she is hardly ever able to leave their room, and her grandmother has weak eyes, and is sick in bed with rheumatism now, besides. • Jessie goes down to read to her nearly every Saturday, and she gives the little girl drawing lessons, and that is why she can't come to sewing school. When we had left the house. said : 'Jessie, how pretty those roses would have been with your white dress at Mrs. Lee's musicale to-night !' 'Yes,' she said, but I shall do very well without them, and they would have been spoiled any way, while now Mrs. Morrison will have them three or four days.' Then I just thought I'd ask her why she wouldn't be in the fair, and she said her mother did not like her to take up such things while she was in school, and they thought it would be just as useful if they made their contribution in money."

"I should think so indeed," said Aunt Clara.

"You speak feelingly, auntie," said anny. "One thing more and I am done. Fanny. I asked Jessie if she and her mother made a rule to give just so much to mission work and all that. She told me her mother said that all their money belonged to God, and she tried to keep that in mind whatever she used it for.'

"That is it, exactly," said Miss Chester, 'and I think, Fan, that if you too will remember that, all these little perplexities will settle themselves for you as you go along."—N. Y. Observer.

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### PRIZE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

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Ing of our matter's kingdom. EDITOR HOME DEPARTMENT.—Enclosed please find \$1.56 for which kindly continue to send the *Witnessas* usual and the *Northern Messenger* for a year to one of the many missionaries in Japan, where it may be acceptable.

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ceived the following reply. "I would.....suggest the following names which I try to write plainly in order to avoid the mistakes that easily arise in reading foreign names. Miss Mitsu Shigemi, Sanyo, Jogakko, Okayama, Japan. Rev. T. Kajiro, Kirisutokyo, Kwaido, Tottori, Japan. The first name is that of the principal of a large girls' school, and I am sure she could make the paper useful to herself and her pupils. The other person being in a place remote from other Christian workers has often sont to me for books or papers in easy English which would afford him help in the preparation of sermons, Sunday-school talks, etc. He could also use the papers in a girls' school and a young people's society which are under his cure. I am sure that both persons would make good use of the paper and I think them more likely to see that it is put where many will get the benefit of it than would be the case if it were sent to pupils in the schools. Those toh face so kindly offered to send the papers may be assured that the seed they have some will full indo good ground. In this critical period of Japan's history every good influence is doubly effective. "OTHE CARY."

Now we should like to know how many of our young friends are going to see their way clear to engage in this very practical mission work. We will help them in every way we can, and for any one who will send such a subscription we will, as far as lies in our power, see that it reaches the places where it is needed. Would not this be a good way, too, for our young friends to keep themselves posted on the mission work being actually done in that wonderful "Land of the Rising Sun ?" We feel sure that missionaries receiving these papers would write us short letters occasionally telling us something about their work.

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