A WORD FROM CHINA.

WHAT DR. MACKAY THINKS OF IT.

A few weeks ago we received a letter from the Rev. G. L. Mackay, D. D., of Formosa thanking the unknown donor for three copies of the Northern Messenger sent him. We can only make room for part of his letter but give that as it was written. He says:-

It is Just the Kind of Paper Chinese Would like if they could read English. Who says "Do h

SOME ADVICE TO BOYS.

My son, you may not be missed a great deal by a very wide circle of people when you die. It won't be necessary for you to leave much money for a tombstone. The few people who love you, who tenderly and dearly and truly love you, will know which mound covers your sleeping figure, and they can find it just by the ferns and grasses that wave above it; and a monuport in the feet when the strength of the stren grasses that wave above it; and a monument ninety feet high won't make strangers care for you, or make them love you, or make them remember you. You may not be missed a great deal by very many people when you die, my boy; but that isn't what you want to think about. You want to make yourself felt and noticed while you are here. That's what you want to do. And that is more than nost men do. Now And that is more than most men do. Now and then you will meet a man who actually And that is more than most men do. Now and then you will meet a man who actually rejoices, in a mean, envious sort of a way, to think that in a few years his more popular, prosperous, successful neighor will be dead and forgotten. It may be true. The big, wide world is so busy with the living, that she does seem to forget her children when they fall asleep. But you will notice that the man who rejoices in this is usually a man whom she has forgotten while he yet lives; who is not felt or heard in the world at all. Now, do you go ahead, my boy, and don't stop to wonder if the world will remember you and miss you one hundred years from now. Little you'll care for the old world in a hundred years from now; heaven grant it may be under your feet then! You just go ahead and make yourself felt now. When you are gone the world will get along without you, my boy; but while you are here do you make it understand that you are running part of this show yourself, if it is nothing more than standing at the tent-door, and directing the people to pass to the right and move along in front of the cages.—R.

J. Burdette.

"ENGLISH AS SHE IS SPOKE."

Among current mispronunciations is that of putting the accent on the second syllable of "exquisite" instead of on the first, of omiting to pronounce the final syllable of "bona fide," and pronouncing the word as if it were spelled "bona fied," forming wellet and resilience for violet and of saying voilet and voilence for violet and violence, of saying yeaph for yes, and Gawd for God. The latter word should have the o short as in the German "Gott." Though some people fancy that it shows greater reverence to drawl the word, one cannot reverence to drawl the word, one cannot quite understand why. A mistake very often made is that of saying "Book-ase" Note-paper is a stumbling-block to people who also speak rapidly, and they are inclined to call it "not-pepper." One should never say "figger" for "figure," "feller" for "fellow," "cairy" for "carry," "ridikilus" for "ridiculous," "preceive" for "perceive," "et'n'ouse" for "cating-house." One of the most unpleasant varieties of misprothe most unpleasant varieties of mispro-nunciation is that of a certain class of New Yorkers who run all their words together, and slide a letter or a syllable, wherever they can contrive to do so. "S'Nichlas" for St. Nicholas," "Av'noo," for "avenue," "cloes" for "clothes," "munee" for "months," "diff nt" for "different," "N'Yawk" for "New York," are familiar instances of this slovenly method of enunciation.—Florence Howe Hall, in Ladies' Home Journal.

BIBLE COMPETITION.

Over three hundred sketches of the "Life of Esther" have come in, nearly twice as many as we had of the "Life of Abraham." So much longer time has been examine them with the care which they require that we have not been able to announce the results in this number but hope to do so shortly.

BOOKS AND MONEY FOR MESSENGER READERS.

AND PICTURES, TOO, -HOW THEY MAY BE OBTAINED.

Any one who collects ten cents in payment of a bona fide new subscription of the Northern Messenger for three months may send us the address with five cents and the Northern Messenger in the laborate for Northern Messenger will be duly sent for the time mentioned, the object being to

get the paper into a new family.

Anyone who collects twenty cents in payment of the subscription of a bona fide new subscriber to the Weekly Witness for three months may send us the address with ten cents, and the Weekly Witness will be duly centre such address for the time montioned sent to such address for the time mentioned the object being to get the paper into a

new family.

Any old subscriber to the Northern Messenger who, on remitting his own subscrip-tion, can get a new subscriber to remit with him in the one envelope can have the two papers for a year at twenty-five cents each. Further, new subscriptions sent with the subscription of an old subscriber will be taken at the same rate of twenty-five cents

A permanent home library or a club circulating library of a hundred volumes, more or less, can be obtained only by subscribers to the Witness and Northern Messcribers to the Witness and Northern Messcriger on the remarkable terms below. The books are nicely printed and handsomely bound in cloth, and many of them fully illustrated. They are unabridged, and commonly sold at 75 cents each, and often at \$1.00 each. A catalogue of these works appears below. To subscribers to the Messcriger who send in their renewal or new subscriptions before the close of this year, they will be forwarded postage free year, they will be forwarded postage free for forty cents each in addition to the usual subscription price of the Witness or Mes-

Each old subscriber to the Messenger who sends a new subscription to the Weekly Witness with his renewal of the Messenger, at \$1.30 for the two, will receive free any books he may choose from the list below.

books he may choose from the list below.

HOME AND CLUD CIRCULATING LIBRARY CATALOGUE. PRICE, 40 CENTS.

Tom Brown's School Days. ... Thomas Hughes Tom Brown at Oxford. ... "
Captains of Great Roman Republic. ... Henry William Herbert Irving's Stetch Book ... Washington Irving Knickerbocker ... "

Krickerbocker ... "
Astoria ... "
Vicar of Wakefield ... Oliver Goldsmith Ivanhoe ... Walter Scott Guy Mannering ... "
Waverley ... "
Waverley ... "

Tob Roy ... "

Ivanhoe. Walter Scott
Guy Mannering. "
Waverley. "
Rob Roy. "
The Abbot. "
Crown of Wild Olives. John Ruskin
Ethies of the Dust. "
Sesame and Lillies. "
Frederick the Great and His Court. "
Frederick the Great and His Court. "
Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers. W. E. Aytoun
Mistress and Hero Worship. Carlyle
Santor Resartus. Louisa Mulbach
Heroes and Hero Worship. "
Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers. W. E. Aytoun
Mistress and Maid. Miss Mulock
Mill on the Floss. George Eliot
The Monastery. Sir Walter Scott
Two Years Before the Mast. Dana
Brief Biographics. Samuel Smiles
Self Help. "
Sanuel Smiles
Self Help. "
The Pilgrim's Progress. John Banyan
20,000 Leagues under the Sea. Jules Verne
Tour of the World in Eighty Days. "
The Mysterious Island. "
Michael Stragoff. "
The Giant Raft. "
John Halifax, Gentleman Miss Mulock
Young Mirs, Jardine. "
Though a Needle's Eye. "
Hester Morley's Promise. "
In Prison and Out. "
Bede's Charity. "
Life of Nelson. H. Rider Haggard
Bacon's Essays.
Brown's Biblo Dictionary

orge Eliot's... oldsmith's... tzgreene Halleck's..... mgsley's..... well's.

nss Aulock's
roctor's
oott's
oott's
homson's
upper's
'littier's
'illis's
gelow's
rs, Browning's gelow's rs. Browning's... obert Browning's... ryant's. rant's.....nnyson's......

Inyson.
Inyson.
Inyson.
Inyson.
Iton's.
Inpbell's.
Inpsell's.
Inppell's.
Inppell's.
Inpell's.
Inpel

" Germany Yongo
Hypatia. Kingsley
Household Book of Wit and Humor.
Imitation of Christ. A Kempis
Young Folks Book of Birds. Bibly
Young Folks' Natural History.

Kidnapped Stevenson
Cressy's Battles Hind
Life of Franklin Weems
Andorsen's Fairy, Tales.

Æsop's Fables Daniel Defoe
Swiss Family Robinson
Lamb's Essays.
Tasso's Lerusalem Delivered

THE PANSY LIBRARY.

The English edition, with about 450 pages each book, very handsomely bound in cloth, large clear type. The complete series of 27 volumes, as follows, will be sent on the same terms as the Home and Club Circulating Library. Club Circulating Library:

O Circulating Library:

Four Girls at Chautauqua.
Little Fishers and Their Nets.
Three People.
Echoing and Re-echoing.
Christie's Christmas.
Divers Women.
Spun from Fact.
The Chautauqua Girls at Home.
The Pocket Measure.
Julia Reid.
Wiss and Otherwise.
The King's Daughter.
Links in Rebecca's Life.
Interrupted.
The Master Hand.
An Endless Chain.
Ester Reid.
Ester Reid.
The Man of the House.
Ruth Erskine's Crosses.
Household Puzzles.
Those Boys.
Those Boys.

22. Those Boys.
23. Modern Prophets.
24. The Randolphs.
25. Mrs. Solomon Smith Looking On.
26. From Different Standpoints.
27. A New Graft on the Family Tree.

CHEAPER STILL

Any subscriber to the Messenger who sends in with his renewal subscription one new one, each at thirty cents, will receive one of the Pansy stories; for five cents extra the new subscriber will also receive a book. Each story is in an illuminated paper cover and well illustrated. The names of these stories that may be selected are as follows :--

THE KING'S DAUGHTER. WISE AND OTHERWISE.
FOUR GIRLS AT CHAUTAUQUA.
THE CHAUTAUQUA GIRLS AT HOME.
THREE PEOPLE.

AN ENDLESS CHAIN.

ESTER REID.

ESTHER REID YET SPEAKING. RUTH ERSKINE'S CROSSES.

One of these books will be sent to each subscriber whose name is sent by an old one with thirty-five cents, so that if an old sub-scribersendseightsubscriptions with his own and \$3.10, each subscriptions within some and \$3.10, each subscriber, in addition to having the Messenger for a year, will have one of these popular stories, and they can be exchanged among the circle until each one has read all. The Pansy books cannot be sent to the States.

FOUR BEAUTIFUL PICTURES.

Any subscriber to the Messenger who sends Any subscriber to the Messenger who sends in with his renewal subscription that of a new one, each at 30 cents, will receive his choice of any one of the following four noble pictures. If he sends in one new subscription with his own, at 30 cents each, and ten cents in addition, making 70 cents, he will receive any two of these beautiful large pictures: pictures:

"THE ANGELUS," by Jean Francois Millet.
"Scottish Cattle Raid," by Rosa Bonheur.

"THE HORSE FAIR," by Rosa Bonheur." CHRIST BEFORE PILATE," by Michael Von Munkacsy.

GRATEFUL-COMFORTING.

BREAKFAST.

ofce Gazett."
Made simply with holling water or milk. Sold only in packets by Grocers, labelled thus:
JAMES EPPS & CO., Homeopathic Chemists,
London, Engined.

YOUR on 25 SILK TASSEL, Chentile Bow, Sat NAME on 25 Fringe, Lace Embossed, Hidden Name Card (ail new) and Mammoth Package of Agent's Samples, all for 10 cents. CARD WORKS, Northford, Conn.

THE NORTHERN MESSENGER is printed and pub published every fortnight at Nos. 321 and 323 St. James st., Montreal, by John Redpath Dongall, of Montreal