



## MISSIONARY GLEANINGS.

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### Work Amongst the Blind at Peking.

**T**O show how thoroughly in earnest these Christian blind women are, I know two instances in which a blind Chinese woman has induced her relatives to bring her a whole month's journey day by day across the rough ice of frozen rice-stubble fields, in order to reach Mr. Murray's school for blind women, that she might go back to her own village able to read the Scriptures to herself and others. They could not travel in summer, because the country is all rice-swamp, and there are no roads. The wheelbarrow is the only means of locomotion the poor in China have.—Miss C. F. GORDON-CUMMING in "The Gleaner."

### "He must Wait for His Father!"

**I** AM reminded of an earnest seeker who was Baptized last Sunday. She is the first of her village to come, and was so hotly persecuted that when I saw her a year ago she seemed to have given up the contest. But she was still praying in secret, and God heard her prayer. I shall not forget her joy when she told me how her husband and mother-in-law were both becoming inquirers, and were willing that she should come to school. I met her on her way to church to be Baptized, and asked her if baby was to be Baptized too, and she said sweetly, "No, he must wait for his father!"—Miss E. M. K. THOMAS in "The Gleaner."

### "His Life for Me."

**T**HE Rev. Henry Mathews, S.P.G. Missionary at Tai-an-Fu, North China, referring to the murder of his fellow-worker, the Rev. S. M. W. Brooks, says:—"I need not say what a terribly anxious time I have had. My poor Christians are many of them burnt out, one of our churches has been plundered, and another burnt to the ground, while my dear, brave fellow-worker is dead. I cannot tell you all it means to me. He practically gave his life for my sake, for it was almost entirely in order to cheer me in a difficult time that he determined to return. He was very brave, for he knew it meant danger. His was a martyr's death, and I know, from what he has often said to me, that he was willing to meet it. Very strangely, he dreamt some time ago that he saw his name (the only one there) written upon the wall of the cloisters of St. Augustine's—his college—in a space reserved for the names of martyrs."—From "Church Bells."

## OUR BIBLE QUESTIONS.

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1. **W**HERE was Our Saviour born? where was He baptized? and by whom? 2. Give three examples of Our Saviour's use of the Old Testament. 3. Give an instance of Our Saviour's healing of a man suffering from three terrible afflictions. 4. How many different trades are named by St. Matthew? 5. How many different animals are named by St. Matthew? 6. Give some examples of Our Saviour's love for little children.

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# Jesus said: "Abide in Me."

ST. JOHN XV. 4.