

The Critic's Corner.

Arrangements have been made for the undersigned to occupy a small space in each issue of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, in criticisms upon important and difficult passages of the Word of God, and he will be pleased to receive any suggestions or queries in regard to such from any of its readers; with the understanding, however, that only such questions as relate to what is practical and useful will receive attention, and that subjects of mere speculation or idle curiosity will be discarded. E. SHEPARD, Walkerton P. O., Bruce Co.

Is there any Scriptural precept or example for family worship? QUERIES.

He who puts this question attends to family worship himself, but has come in contact with brethren who do not, and who would excuse themselves by the plea of no command for it in the Bible.

"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"—is an Apostolic exhortation to the brethren of Philippi and is applicable to the followers of Christ in all places and in all time. It touches the heart of the pious believer and quickens him to regard prayer and thanksgiving not only as a duty but as a blessed privilege bestowing the sweet influence of the "peace of God." But where shall he enjoy this privilege?

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting."—1 Tim. ii. 8. To him who has a prayerful spirit no limit as to place is given; and, surely at home, the dearest spot on earth, sweetened by the hearts of the household rise together in the holy incense of prayer for family blessings and in devout thanksgiving for the mercies enjoyed through the beneficence of our Heavenly Father, and thus, also, dwell together as fellow-heirs of the grace of life. E. S.

A Woman's Work.

Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following sums have been received since last report:—

Table with columns for location and amount. Includes entries for Walkerton, Ridgeway, Blenheim, etc.

JENNIE FLEMING, Treasurer. Kilyath, May 20, 1890.

MINNESOTA.—The following sums have been contributed to the Minnesota, Man., Church Building fund since last report:—

Table with columns for name and amount. Includes entries for Mrs. M. Dawes, Mrs. W. Anglo, etc.

JENNIE FLEMING, Treasurer O. C. W. B. M. Kilyath, May 19, 1890

A LADY'S EXPERIENCE IN CHINA.

A young English lady missionary to China, writing of a recent thrilling experience, says:—

"Last Sunday some of us were out visiting, two or three with each our native woman. Three of our sisters were giving away tracts outside the city. The people thought these were rice-tickets, and rushed in a mob upon them, seizing the tracts, and even turning out their pockets in search for more. They got separated in the crowd from each other and from their women, and none of them could speak Chinese much. I cannot tell you all the story. In the end God inclined the heart of a Chinese gentleman to protect them. He took them into his house, and, after some time, sent them home with an escort of thirteen men. But even then they had difficulty in getting home, and when they reached the door could scarcely get in; the crowd surged them backwards and for-

wards, even carrying them off their feet, and, had it not been for the brave behavior of our men-servants, who pulled them in by force, they might have been hurt by the people.

"They were no sooner in than the whole party united in special prayer, for there were five more of us who were still out in the city, and perhaps through their prayers only did we get home as safely as we did! Our God is a wall of fire! We—another sister and I—had dense crowds in an open space, where we were enabled to speak to the people, and sing and give away tracts. We did not dare to stay long in one place, but moved on as soon as the crowd began to get noisy. They followed us from place to place, but they did not attempt to lay hold of us. . . I had a worse experience yesterday. I was returning with Miss Harding from an opium case, when several beggars followed us. They ran in front of us, and, kneeling in the narrow street, entreated for money. We told them we had no cash with us, but they would not believe it, and continued blocking our way and begging for money. Other beggars soon joined them, crying loudly, 'Ts'ien, ts'ien' ('Money, money'). We walked on as quickly as we could, but the crowd and the noise increased. They began to pull our clothes, and more and more laid hold of us, till I was literally tugging Miss Harding along the street. A kind of terror came over me as I realized our position. All that I had heard of Chinese crowds flashed into my mind. At last she gasped out, 'I am choking! I am choking!' And indeed the people had such fast hold of us that we could not move. Wrenching myself out of their hands, I ran to the other side and, using all the strength I had, dragging or snatching her away from them. Before they had time to be upon us again we ran. Yes, through the narrow, crowded streets we ran, with our women behind us, pushing us on whenever we attempted to slacken our pace, for the beggars were following hard. Happily we were not far from home, and just got in safely. . . It is a dreadful feeling to be alone in the midst of a hungry crowd. But no, we were not alone, we were delivered."—Exchange.

Children's Work.

Mrs. Jaa. Lediard, Supt., Poplar Hill, Ont.; to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

DEAR CHILDREN,—The year's work is fast drawing to a close. You will have, I hope, held your business meeting, drawn up and sent your annual report, counted up your funds, and rejoiced that you have been able to do that much to rescue some child from a life of ignorance and sin, and that through your help it will be clothed and fed and cared for at least for a year. As it is not likely that many of you will be at the annual meeting, look out for the children's column in the next paper for news of what is really to become of your money. I am sure you will be interested to know, and your interest will grow just in proportion as you forget yourselves to think of others. All your help is needed, for the dear children in heathen lands are every day growing older in ignorance and sin, and there is no help for them for want of money. Try harder than ever next year to help them. There are so many ways by which you might save a little if you only remembered the needs of others at the right time, and the Saviour will bless every effort you make as though it were for Himself. J. E. L.

"Willing Workers."

The Band in this town has been considerably increased by allowing children not connected with the Sunday school to attend and by their leader and teacher, Sister Leonora Whitehead, making the gatherings not only useful but delightfully interesting.

I have no words to express my admiration of her devotion and zeal in her grand work which cannot but result in great good.

On Tuesday evening, May 20th, the Band under her training and direction gave an entertainment in her father's house. It was a fine success. The selections in music, singing and of recitations were well chosen and the rendering of them met with merited applause. One of the band, dressed in Japanese costume,

told of the good done by our missionaries in the country she represented.

Bro. Thomas Whitehead presided. Considerably over one hundred were present. The collection amounted to over ten dollars. E. S.

Walkerton, May 22, 1890.

Doing its Best.

By GEORGE COOPER.

I am but a tiny cricket, Living in a summer thicket, Thore I take my rest. Many songs are gay, prouder, Many a voice is sweeter, louder— But I do my best!

In my song there's no complaining, Even when the sky is raining; Birds fly east and west— Silent hide in leafy covert; But I chirp till all is over, Doing still my best!

When the leaves are round us flying, When the birds and bees are hying On their autumn quest, You will find me in the stubble, Though the clouds look full of trouble. Singing still my best!

Glad in garments dark and sober, Here I linger till October; Sunshine warms my breast. While the wintry days you number, Sweet and quiet is my slumber, For I've done my best!

—Sunday School Times.

What a Little Maid Gave.

"Oh dear, I've nothing to put in the box for foreign missions!" complained a little girl.

"No," said her friend, as she gave the little maid a carcase, "but you are a little home missionary."

And was she not? She spent an hour that morning amusing her baby sister, who was cross with cutting teeth. She sewed up a tear in brother Ned's ball, and hunted up some twine for his kite-string, and she did it with a smiling face and not a word of being bothered.

Yesterday, this little home missionary attended the door-bell for Mary the housemaid, and let her go visit her sick child. Meantime she wrote a letter to her absent father, who was away on business, in which she told him all the news in a frank, artless way, giving the man a thrill of loving pride and pleasure in his little daughter.

In many ways did this little maid help and cheer her mother. So, though she could not contribute to the aid of foreign missions, she did what she could to add to the happiness of those about her. Who can do better than that?—Sel.

"Take Your Religion."

"Good-bye," said Uncle John to Will, as he entered the train for a few weeks' vacation in the country. Good-bye, Will. Have you got all your traps?"

"Yes, uncle, think I have. There's my trunk and satchel, and gun and umbrella, and—"

"There, boy, I didn't mean these traps. They're not over anything."

"What then?"

"Oh! something more important."

"Well, I've got money enough to take me there."

"Not that, my child."

"Perhaps you think I've forgotten my Bible, but I haven't."

"I hope you haven't forgotten that; though, to be sure, it is an easy matter to take it about, just for the respectability of the thing. Mind you use it. But how about your religion? Is that going into the country with you? Many professed Christians take a vacation from their religion just as they do from business. Don't do that, my boy. Take your religion with you! You need it. Others need it too."

"Thank you, Uncle."

"Take your religion with you!" sounded in the young lad's ears as he took a seat in the train. It made him feel more courteous to fellow travellers. It helped him to speak a word to them.—Selected.

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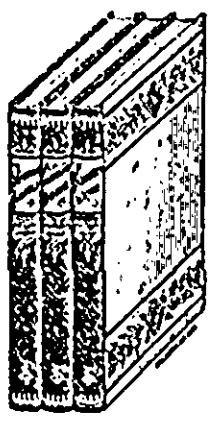
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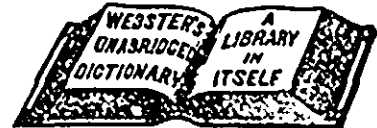
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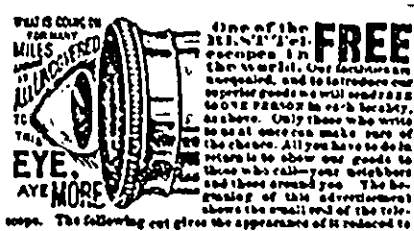
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