

in Japan as it does in our own loved Canada. The natural intelligence of the Japanese, which some go so far as to say is unequalled, needs only to be shown the blessings of civilization in order to ensure their willingness and support in introducing measures to that end. According as the Japanese are emerging from under the dark cloud of ignorance which has overspread their land, their commerce is increasing, and caste is being abolished. Their aim is how to educate and elevate the people. Among the many signs of progress worthy of note, are building of railroads, the establishing of a system of telegraphy, navy yards and building of steamships. English books in great numbers are being translated into the Japanese language, and newspapers, even daily journals are becoming a necessity. Private circulating libraries of fiction have long been common in Japan, but since 1873 several free public libraries have been established, the largest being, however, in the Confucian Temple, in Tokio. It contains 63,840 volumes of Chinese and Japanese literature, 5,162 of English, 6,547 Dutch and about 2000 volumes of other European languages. The number of visitors to this library averages nearly 100 a day.

Hospitals, institutions for the employment of the poor, and schools, have been established. The intelligent portion of the Empire are hungering and thirsting after knowledge. Although it is true that among many of the nations of Asia woman is degraded, but it is not true of the Japanese as a nation. The Japanese women enjoy equal rights with the men. And if abuses have crept in among the lower classes, yet as a rule, woman has never been degraded in Japan. Out of 124 sovereign rulers of Japan, 8 were empresses who ruled long and wisely. Japan will not hesitate still to enforce that respect and consideration for woman, which has never been wanting about her court and among her best families. For by enlisting the assistance of her educated mother and daughters she may hope to secure a noble future.—*Notes from "Japanese in America."*

If one of our students had studied her scripture lesson last Sunday instead of one of the verbs, it would have been more profitable to her and her friends.

College Items.

STICK to it!!

MARY had a little lamb.

THE latest discovery—a girl with a conscience.

Where did you spend your Thanksgiving holidays?

VIRGIL.—"*Longani muniet albam.*" "He shall fortify Alber longer."

WHAT is the sign when you see a pane of glass broken in the upper story of a bachelor's hall?

NATURAL HISTORY.—"Name some of the reptiles." Pupil—"Frogs, toads, and alabasters," (salamanders).

It has been suggested that this is a good season of the year to begin practising upon the almost "lost art" of shutting the door after you.

NEARLY all the "Grimes Family," spent their Thanksgiving with friends, while those who had "no friends, no money, no nothing" remained in the College, and did ample justice to the Thanksgiving turkey.

ENTERING the class-room the morning after Thanksgiving, she gazed upon the vacant chairs, counted those which were occupied, and murmured thoughtfully as she took her seat, "we are seven."

If you ask a certain young lady a question she will invariably bring "whether ail" in her answer. Why it is none can say, but the surmise is that it is in some way connected with Thanksgiving.

A STUDENT read "Divers weights and divers measures, both of them are alike abominations to the Lord." Then asked, "What is peculiar about divers' weights and measures? I never knew they used anything so very bad." Query: who knows?

ANOTHER Hallowe'en has come and gone. This year the demonstrations were not very startling as nearly all were busily engaged in making taffy. Many tried to look into the future by the good, old-fashioned Hallowe'en tricks, and if what they sought was revealed to them truly remains to be seen.