

because the problem of missions, in connection with the special countries in which they worked, was not more thoroughly studied and understood. He contrasted Australia and the South Sea Islands, Japan and China, especially, as presenting entirely different kinds of fields, which were to be sown with the same seed but in different ways, according to the nature of the ground, and growth already planted there. One thing he said about Japan was pretty well put—Japan is ready for anything new and European; she has taken from France a system of law; from Germany an organization for an army; from England a navy; from America a public school system; from the civilized world in general a fine system of railways and electric telegraph, etc. At present she is in the unique position of prospecting for a religion. There are, too, on the islands many missionaries prospecting for converts: they include Episcopalians of every degree of height, Presbyterians of every degree of breadth, and Methodists of every degree of warmth. Roman Catholics are practically out of the race.

"It was a thoroughly good lecture, and I would like to have it in print.

"DELAN L. PIERSON."

Latterly, the editor has been making a short tour of the great cities in the interest of missions. Among numerous letters received by him, the following will suggest their own lesson:

DR. PIERSON:

Dear Sir—Enclosed please find four dollars and ten cents, a small sum that I had intended to use toward a society pin, but if the Master can use it for telling the good story in the lands of darkness I dare not keep it for my own pleasure.

I would that it were more than it is.

May God, our Master, bless you in the work you are doing for Him, is the prayer of a college girl.

E— College, Oct. 6, 1890.

Here is another, enclosing a gold pen with a pearl handle:

Sabbath Morning, Oct. 5, 1890.

DEAR DR. PIERSON:

This gold pen was a Christmas gift. It has a sad story. It has never been used—it has lain idle ten years. May the dear Lord now use it in some way so as best to tell of the "Peace on earth and good will from heaven toward men."

ONE OF YOUR HEARERS.

The American Missionary Association has 500 missionaries. Among the Indian children they have encouraged unselfish efforts to help in carrying the Gospel to the destitute and uncivilized. But the children had no money. Some of them had never seen a copper coin. The government had offered premiums for the killing of gophers, and so the boys would hunt the gophers and bring their tails in as proof of the work done. Among other contributions was an enclosure, wrapping a gopher's tail within, and bearing this memorandum: "*Richard Fox, one gopher's tail: four cents.*"

One old colored saint in the far South used to pray with great fervor for the missionaries, and this was one prayer heard from his lips: "Oh, Lord, let de mission: ry down deep into de treasures of de Word, and hide him behind de Cross of Jesus." For whom might not that prayer well be offered?

While Christianity makes us more and more tenderly considerate even of the welfare of the most distant and destitute of the race, sin makes human beings more callous even to the most appalling misery close at hand. We have all heard of that notorious gambling resort on the Gulf of Genoa, Monte Carlo, and of the wretched and summary life-ending of many who have thrown away their means in its elegantly-furnished halls. Very lately it was reported that during ten weeks of this year as many as forty-nine