

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—The Missionary Band reports in our last LINK, made me think of a poem in my scrap-book. I will copy it for some one to recite:—

Little builders all are we,
Building for eternity!
Children of the Mission Bands,
Working with our hearts and hands,
Building temples for our King,
By the offerings we bring;
Living temples He doth raise,
Filled with life, and light, and praise.

One by one the stones we lay,
Building slowly day by day;
Building by our love are we
In the lands beyond the sea;
Building by each thought and prayer
For the souls that suffer there.
Building in the Hindu land
Where the idols are as sand.

Building in vast China, too,
Living temples rise to view;
Building in Japan, as well,
Ah, what stories we could tell!
Building on dark Africa's shore,
That there may be slaves no more;
Building in the Turk's doomed land,
For Armenia's scattered band.

On Mount Lebanon's fair heights,
By our many gathered mites;
Where the Nile's sweet waters pour;
Building all the wide world o'er!
And one day our eyes shall see
In a glad eternity,
"Living stones" we helped to bring,
For the palace of our King.

When we are thinking and talking about the great darkness and sin in India and other heathen lands, it makes us glad to know that these little children of our Missionary Bands are hard at work helping to show the heathen how they may build on the "sure foundation"

Missionaries of every name are holding up Jesus in these dark lands, preaching about Him, singing of His love, leading hundreds and thousands every year to forsake their idols for the living God. This is the great work in which the dear Lord has allowed us to help, and every penny given because we love Him, helps to build God's temples, where idol temples and priests have worked for Satan so many years.

The "Caste" I told you about last month is only one of the many obstacles in the way of our Missionaries. We cannot realize their trials or help them in bearing and enduring all they must pass through before seeing the fruit of their labours. Our part is to send the money that they need for their mission-work, and then to pray for God's blessing on it and on them. There are hundreds of missionaries in India, but what are they among so many millions of heathen? Is it not sad to think that more than half of the people in the world have no bright hope to cheer a dying bed? One poor Hindu was heard to ask, when dying: "Where shall I go last of all?" They had been reminding him that death was just passing into another state of being; that his soul must go through 88 different states in the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms before it could again become human; but the poor man cared for none of these. It was the question of eternity—the "last of all"—that his heathen friends could not answer.

You remember we have been told that wretched mothers in India, mourning over little ones they have buried, are often seen looking anxiously into the face of a goat, a snake, or even a toad, to find some trace there of the child they have lost. How eagerly they ask of the missionary if the new religion allows mothers to hope to see their dead babies again? Oh, my dear little friends, are you not glad that the money we send helps to buy Bibles for these poor mothers! Bibles full of help and comfort, telling of the many mansions prepared for those who love the Lord: of Christ blessing little children, and saying: "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Then, little builders, keep bravely at work in your Mission Bands. Your efforts are needed, and the Master's blessing will surely rest on each little worker in His vineyard.

SISTER BELLE.

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THE JUVENILE MISSION BAND, in connection with Alexander Street Baptist Church, Toronto, was formed on the 11th of September, 1880, with 27 members, for the purpose of interesting the children in Foreign Missions. The meetings are held on the first Saturday in each month, and consist of readings, recitations and singing of hymns bearing on missions. The average attendance is fifteen members, who pay a fee of two cents each, which is supposed to be earned by themselves. The meetings have been visited occasionally by the ladies of the Circle, who have something to say to interest the children. The children have each a missionary box at home, in which they keep any money they save to send to the missionaries. The boxes are opened once in the three months, and the contents taken charge of by the treasurer of the band, Philip Davies. Last year the amount raised was \$13.10, and was given to the Ladies' Circle, but this year it has been kept separate, together with the amount made at a bazaar held on December 22nd, at the house of Mrs. Major Lewis. The amount raised this year from fees and boxes is \$4.28, and at the bazaar \$45, with \$25 of which, Miss Davies, the President of the Band, was made a life member of the F. M. Society. This year we have promised to pay the \$8.50 which was owing on the bell for the chapel in Cocanada; also to support Lukshmi, a young widow of 16 years of age in Mrs. Timpany's school. We will be glad to see in Alexander Street S. S. room, any children who would like to attend our meetings, which are held on the first Saturday in every month.

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