

DEAR sisters of the W. M. S., the vacation season opens. Another year's work has practically closed; its record is on high. To keep alive to the interests of our work, order your OUTLOOK to your summer resort, and may the presence of the Master be with us all.

Chat with the Editor.

"The Lord giveth the word: the women that publish the tidings are a great host."

AFTER reviewing the reports of Auxiliary efforts, Band work, Organizers' reports, District Conventions, and the official letters from the workers in the fields, which we present to our readers in this issue, the thought contained in the above verse is suggested to us. How delightful to read of these evidences of the zeal and labor of our workers. These reports come from one end of our great country to the other. In this June number we give our readers rather more than a bird's-eye view of our work, from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia, in the churches, while our missionaries tell of the latest doings in our French, Indian and Japan fields. There is actual accomplishment here, not mere theory, not the buzz of machinery, but the performance of deeds and the record of results really achieved. Think of all the meetings, the planning for them, the correspondence, the conversation necessary, the invitations to co-operation, the prayers offered, the faith exercised, the purposes matured, the inspirations given, the seed sown, the self-denial required, the growth of character developed, the hopes kindled, the friendships evoked, the lives brightened, and all the many-sided links in this beautiful chain of work for God and humanity, of which not the least beautiful nor enduring is that which binds us in a common sympathy with each other, and makes us co-workers with Him who is our Life. Live workers have we whose hearts beat true to the interests of our work. Let every member read our paper, and call the attention of members of the home to it. It is not a "made" paper, no "patent inside." It is full of voices of our own workers earnestly telling of consecrated activity. Tell your best thought to it for the good of others; give your best suggestion to it; help it to scatter the best seed; do your best to circulate it; let it grow to your heart; give it a share of your love, your sympathy, and your prayers, and we trust it will continue to grow and prosper, making welcome and profitable visits to every W. M. S. home for the benefit of the work and the glory of God.

WOMEN are said to have the genius of detail. We think they manifest a genius for organization, and probably for the above reason. Thorough work needs thorough organization. We women are organized into Auxiliaries, our young women into Circles, our children into Bands, and now come the *babies*! With what joy the blessed babies are welcomed into Christian homes, the tender little lovelings, fresh and pure as from the very bosom of God; and some bright woman has originated the idea of making them helpers in the missionary cause from birth. The "Little

Light Bearers" are enrolled for membership, 25 cents a year.

A leaflet (3 cents) describing the scheme may be obtained at Room 20, Wesley Buildings. *Light Bearers Day*, with an afternoon "reception for babies" and their mothers, with the little tots in high chairs at the table, partaking of baby food, etc., is at least suggestive of novelty, and no doubt worth trying. Children up to five years are enrolled. The W. F. M. S. in the States issues enrolment cards, one of which is presented to each baby by the Auxiliary or Band adopting this department of work.

THE great opium traffic, carried on by the British Government, and of which we have heard so much; the equally destructive and degrading liquor traffic; the abominable traffic in women likewise legalized and licensed by the British Government: none of these glaring vices, these palpable hindrances to the progress of Christianity, were noticed by this great body of the Missionary Army of King Jesus. Many of the missionaries, we are told, felt that they should put themselves on record as opposed to the policy of the Government in making revenue out of these glaring sins, but the conspiracy of silence was decided on by the Conference Committee. Is it possible that any thing can justify silence on the part of an organized responsible body of Christian missionaries on such topics? Some of our W. C. T. U. Round-the-world Missionaries are devoting themselves to work among the poor, helpless victims of the licensed traffic, and letters have been published describing this abomination maintained in the interest of British troops. These women call in heart-breaking tones for deliverance. Think of it! Voluntary sin is certainly hard enough to witness. Think of compulsory sin, by legislative enactment, under legalized conditions of a government which boasts the Word of God its cornerstone of greatness! If "watchmen upon the walls of Zion" fear to sound the note of warning, if heralds of the Gospel message are dumb in the presence of sins which make the heathen cry out for deliverance, what are we to expect of native respect for Christianity? Large numbers of the ministers would have been glad to have been placed on record against these horrors, but were denied. We hope they will find voice somehow. Silence appears to give consent, and compromises with sin belong to Satan. It will not be forgotten that within a few months a native deputation visited England, to urge at the request of the native influential population the withdrawal of England's opium trade.

MRS. E. A. HAMILTON, Parkdale, desires us to say that the honor of organizing the Parkdale Mission Band belongs to Rev. Mr. German, and not to her as previously reported.

THE Bishop of Lahore (Church of England), India, has given women permission to baptize in cases of necessity.

THE Massachusetts Episcopal Convention last week decided to allow women to be present and vote in parish affairs.