

"Yes, dear."

"Then you know how we all prayed with her. I felt as if she had put her arms around me and carried me right to the feet of Jesus Christ, and He was looking into my heart as He looked at Peter. I was ashamed; and yet the gladness was stronger than the shame, because the love was what seemed surest, but I wanted to get up from my knees and run away. For all at once I saw that I had been planning to be a herald of the kingdom of darkness, instead of the kingdom of light; and instead of saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand,' with sight for the blind, and deliverance for the captives, and comfort for the broken-hearted, I had been intending to say that the kingdom was not coming, and all their working and waiting was a mistake. That was just what I meant to do, Aunt Mary. I had taken all the points from these two articles on the failure of missions, and expected to overwhelm those women by showing them how mistaken they were in thinking they really accomplished anything. And since I couldn't run away there was nothing for me to do when they called for the herald but to confess what a silly, conceited, useless sort of a servant I had been and how ashamed I was of it. And the only bit of good news I had to tell them was to repeat the verse we read in your 'Daily Strength' this very morning,—'And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.' I didn't think of myself when we read it, because you see I didn't know I was blind."

"Dear child," said Mrs. Seymour, as Helen laid her soft, fresh cheek against her pale face, "you know now what that other verse means, 'The kingdom of heaven is within you.' When it comes to us in that way we cannot help proclaiming it, for we know it is at hand."—*Life and Light*.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Designation and Departure of Missionaries.

Within the past few weeks, events of unusual interest have transpired in connection with the Foreign Mission work of the Church. During that time we have been privileged to wish God-speed to tried and faithful laborers, veterans in Foreign Mission work, who, after a season of rest in the Home land, have returned to their various Fields; and we have also been permitted to take part in inspiring and impressive services, at which new workers have been appointed to foreign lands.

On the 18th, ult., Miss Bella Ptolemy was designated missionary to Indore, Central India, in Knox Church, Binbrook. Mr. Hamilton