

## Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the little folks who read this paper).

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Many of you will be old enough to write little letters to your friends who are away from you. Our pens, like our tongues, have great power for good, if we learn to use them aright. Letters will often tell about Jesus if our hearts are full of His love. In the schools which our good missionaries have commenced for the heathen children, they, too, are taught how to write letters. A Mission Band in Wisconsin recently received seven letters from Miss Eastman's school in Tounong, Burmah. Two of them were published in the Chicago *Standard* last week, and I will copy them for you. The first is from Martha Verona, a Karen girl supported by the Wisconsin Band:

"OFT, MY DEAR SISTERS,—As you have told us about yourselves, now I will lift up my hand to you, and cause you to know a little about me. Some of us have brothers and sisters, some have a father or a mother, but I have neither father, or mother, brother or sister. I am all alone, and I study with mamma Eastman, and she loves me very much as if I were her own dear child. In order that from this time forth we may study in this place, and may be able to love the Lord and fear Him will you always remember us in your prayers? Please remember also my country, Burmah. The people are mostly heathen who have never heard of Christ, and we desire that they should come to Him as we ourselves have done. Notwithstanding we have no power, we are unable to lead them to Christ, we can pray for them, and let us with patience pray together for them. The Lord is not hard to be entreated, for He commanded His apostles to ask of Him whatever they needed. At this time there is much work to be done, and there are none to do it, and we entreat you that you will remember us in your prayers. Final words: may the blessing of God be with you every one in all your studies. Your sister Martha writes these few words.

"P.S.—We are not able to write your names, for they are English and very difficult. We only write our own names."

The other letter was from a little girl named Sharo:

"MY DEAR SISTERS,—Now we have received your letter, and our mamma has read it to us in the Karen language, and we hear that you love us very much, and you tell us about things in America, therefore we hear with great pleasure. We desire to see you face to face, but on account of the great distance we cannot, but we hope that, notwithstanding we cannot see each other on earth, if we believe God, we shall see each other in heaven. . . . Oh, my dear sisters! I wish to tell you a little about myself. How many years old I am my parents did not write. My father and mother died while I was still a child, and I do not know my age. I have neither father or brother, mother or sister. I am one alone. I have been in school four years, and I am with the mamma, and more than that, my heart is strong to study with the teachers and mamas. Therefore when you assemble to consult together, and to pray to God, remember us, and we will remember you. We do not forget you. Yet another thing. We hear that you are good and that you love Christ, and have become His disciples, and we are very glad. Our mamas teach us and guide us and love us very much and we also love them very much. I was baptized three years ago. If there is leisure, we will write to each other occasionally. Last words: We desire that the blessing of God the Father, who lives forever, may rest upon you abundantly. Amen. I Sharo write this.

"P.S.—Sometimes I am very happy in my studies. Sometimes I remember my parents, brothers and sisters, and am not very light-hearted. It is because I miss them. Please remember me."

How thankfully these girls receive their education. Do you work as hard for the lessons you learn, I wonder? Let us have thankful hearts for all the blessings we

receive in this Christian land, and then remember the heathen children in India. May God send more good teachers to them speedily!

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## Women's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society.

The fifth annual meeting of this society was held on April 12th and 13th, in St. James'-square Church, Toronto. There was a very large attendance of ladies from the city and elsewhere, delegates being present from a number of the auxiliaries. Many friends from a distance were also present, including Mrs. Roby, of Detroit, and Mrs. Wardlaw, of London, England.

The reports showed that the number of members in the general society is 495; number of auxiliaries, 49; average number of members in auxiliaries, 25; number of mission bands, 9. There are two Presbyterian societies—Hamilton, with six auxiliaries and three mission bands, and Whitby, with seven auxiliaries and one mission band. Amount raised by auxiliaries, \$2,879 51; amount raised in Toronto, \$1,104 28. Eight of the nine mission bands have alone raised \$1,000. Total amount raised during the year, \$4,666 55.

On the afternoon of the 13th, Mrs. Wardlaw, who had spent thirteen years among the Telugus of India, in connection with the London Missionary Society, gave a very interesting address on the condition of Hindu women. Mrs. Lyle, of Hamilton, Ont., also read an able and instructive paper on Japan, as a mission field.

The Presbyterian women are meeting with great success in the Home work of their Society; and are raising more money than the General Society can at present expend upon work strictly for women. It was, therefore, resolved that this surplus should be given to the General Society to expend in the erection of some necessary buildings for educational purposes.

The meeting was a most enjoyable one. Every session was full of interest, and an earnest feeling of gratitude and devotion to God pervaded all the exercises. The next annual meeting will be held at Peterboro', Ont.

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Of the special contributions, one dollar was from little Lizzie Shaver of Westover. She says, "I like to send all my pennies to the poor little girls Sister Belle writes about." A little girl in Port Hope also sent a gold dollar.

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