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THE LINK.

To bring the light of life divine
To those who in the darkness pine,
And ever deeper sink—
To bind our hearts to India's land,
That we may lend a helping hand.
It is a golden LINK.

Of those devoted souls to tell,
Who in that distant region dwell,
And toil and teach and think—
To make us partners in their cares,
And keep our hearts in touch with theirs,
It is a precious LINK.

To unify throughout this land,
All who obey our Lord's command,
Whose courage will not shrink—
To bind in one aggressive ring,
All those who serve our glorious King.
It is a living LINK.

To tell of those triumphant made,
Whose names, like wells in Palm tree's shade,
Invite our souls to drink—
To bind us to that noble throng,
Who sing with joy the victor's song,
It is a sacred LINK.

Dalesville Que., 1904.

T. WATSON.

OUR hearts were gladdened at our Board meeting when we were told of a young sister who joyfully handed in twenty-five dollars to make herself a Life-member of our Foreign Mission Society. This doubtless involved much self-denial and shewed that the work was taking hold of the young people, who are the hope of the future. May others be stimulated to follow her good example.

NOTICE TO CIRCLES.

Dr. Pearl Chute desires to express, through the LINK, her regret that she has to refuse invitations to address meetings on account of her health and home duties. We all love to have our missionaries speak, but they have come home for rest and should not be overtaxed.

"LEST WE FORGET."

The attention of our readers is called to Miss Hatch's article in the January LINK, giving us the requested information regarding the need of bungalows for our single lady missionaries. Our hearts were deeply stirred at the Convention, when it was brought before us, but very little money has come in since, for that purpose. The need is urgent and must be met, not by our contributions to the regular work, but by voluntary offerings which will necessitate self-denial on the part of many, but will furnish its own reward in the joy of knowing that we have had a share in providing our missionaries comfortable homes, thus preserving their health, and enabling them to accomplish greater service for the Master. Let the Circles see what can be done. There are not many who can give largely, but a number could spare a dollar and others less, and if given with "a willing mind," would be as acceptable to the Lord as larger sums. Above all, it is the Lord who can enable us to do this work, and He would be inquired of.

WHAT MISSIONS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED?

To the question, What have missions accomplished for humanity and for the progress of mankind? Dr. Mirbt, of Marburg, answers: "Missions have had the most essential part in the abolition of slavery, in the removal of Cannibalism and massacre; they mitigate wretchedness and poverty, sickness and famine among the heathen peoples; they protest against ruining of the heathen nations by the imports of rum and opium; by their well-ordered social and religious labor, they exalt family life and contend against polygamy and premature marriages; and, above all things, by their educational efforts they raise even the most degraded peoples into wholesome morality. It is no matter of chance that missions work everywhere for humanity, for Christian morality is the religion of perfect humanity."—*Der Missions-Freund*.