

The groom here, too, was a child of about ten years, and was in the midst of the circle enjoying the entertainment, but the bride was not visible. We were told she was a little girl of seven years. From here we were escorted by a rich Brahmin, whom we know, to the scene of another wedding, which was then in progress, and just a few yards away there was still another of these child-marriages being celebrated. Here our friend the Brahmin brought the tiny bride out to exhibit her; she was a little girl of six years. She seemed to be very happy, and quite proud of her pretty native dress and jewelry; her necklace, we were informed, cost Rs. 1200.

As we turned away, our hearts sickened at the sights before us, we were filled with gratitude that the story of Christ and His love had always sounded in our ears, and grateful, too, that the Father had honored us by sending us with this wonderful redemption story to these people; but with the present staff in the field we are not enough for them; and in order that these people may all know of a crucified Saviour and risen Redeemer, we are praying for fifty-two missionaries this year, for we believe that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? And how shall they be sent except there be those who are willing to come?

Sincerely yours, S. SIMPSON

## THE WORK AT HOME.

### "She hath done what she could."

The loving words of praise bestowed by our Master on one of His followers has been brought to the mind of the mission workers of Ottawa, as they parted with Mrs. A. P. McDiarmid, the president of the Foreign Mission Circle. A union meeting of the Circles in connection with the First Baptist Church, the mission in Hull, and the Ottawa Mission Band, was held in the church on April 17th. The earnest labor, the many thoughts and prayers, the love and zeal our sister has given to the cause, has been an example to many of us who were more "at ease in Zion." We felt deep regret at the parting from our President and wished to express this feeling in a tangible way. After the meeting had been opened with reading and prayer, Mrs. Parson, on behalf of the Circles and Band assembled, in a few well-chosen words, presented Mrs. McDiarmid with a black silk dress, asking her to wear it in loving remembrance of the work and workers in Ottawa, as a slight token of the regard in which she was held by us all. She spoke of the help and counsel Mrs. McDiarmid had been at all times given to the different Circles; of the organization of the Mission Band through her efforts, and of the loss each of these societies will sustain at her departure. As the present meeting was one of women, as the idea had grown out of a woman's meeting, we had thought it fitting, that our little remembrance, should be in woman's apparel. Though this parting brought tears to all eyes and sorrow to every heart, we must look forward to the home where we shall all meet never to part, where we shall still wear raiments, but the robe shall be white, washed in the blood of the Lamb. After a few words uttered with deep feeling, from Mrs. McDiarmid in reply, we joined in singing "Blest be the tie," after which our

pastor joined us and all present were invited to a bountiful tea prepared by the ladies.

A few hours of pleasant social intercourse were appropriately closed by the regular church prayer-meeting in which our beloved pastor and his wife were especially commended to the watch-care and guidance of our Father in Heaven.

B. H.

Ottawa, April 18th, 1889.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.—The Mission Circles of the Walkerton Association will (D.V.) hold their annual meetings in Tiverton, on the afternoon and evening of the 12th June. Hope to give more particulars in the June LINK.

ANNIE V. BRADEN, ASSN. Director.

BRANT ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual meeting of the Circles in the Brant Association, will be held in the Methodist Church, Platteville, Tuesday June 4th, at 2.30 Mrs. McLaurin is expected to be present. It is desirable that every Circle and Church in the Association be well represented.

A. MOYLE, Assoc. Dir.

"News from the Circles" is unavoidably crowded out.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

### The Call from India.

The boys and girls who read this department of the LINK may not have seen the *Baptist* lately. When I was a little girl, and my dear father was a minister, he read a great many books and papers that would have been Greek to me.

But the papers that had a corner for children, were my special favorites, and that corner was always read eagerly. We older people have felt our own hearts wonderfully stirred up lately, on the subject of our mission in India. The letters from our dear missionaries there, have been so full of cries for help, that no who loves Jesus could read them without longing to do a little more than ever before, to share in their work. But I am afraid our boys and girls have not read these letters, so perhaps your old friend Sister Belle may tell you a little about them.

All of you who attended Mission Bands will be ready with answers to my question, where are our missionaries in India; in the Telugu land; among the heathen, where nobody knows about God; where people pray to gods of wood and stone, yes, these answers show you know something about their work. You have often felt sorry for these dear missionaries who have left pleasant homes in Canada with all that makes home what it is to us, and who have said goodbye to the fathers, mothers and friends whom they love as dearly as you and I love ours. Let us think about their sacrifices. We have our homes in a Christian land where churches are built in every city, town and village, yes, often in little country places, where there are not houses enough to make a village. All these churches have been built for the people of Canada to worship God in. Earnest true men who have given their lives to the noble work of preaching "Christ and Him crucified," stand in these churches, week after week, to tell us about God's love in sending His only Son to die for the sins of the world. Sunday Schools are