

dinance of his hands. In one hour and fifteen minutes Dr. Clough baptized two hundred and nine; then the native preachers took up the work and baptized, in turn, those who had been converted under their immediate work, or in their respective fields. At seven o'clock the last of three hundred and fifty-two was baptized.

Thus closed a day of great rejoicing for the work of the Lord in the Ongole field. On the following morning the Lord's Supper was administered for the special benefit of the newly baptized. It having been learned that large numbers back in the villages were anxious for baptism, Dr. Clough decided on an adjourned quarterly meeting to be held two weeks hence. In the meantime the preachers were to go to the several villages and arrange for all who could to come to Ongole. This was done and Saturday evening, Dec. 27th, long before night, the eager, anxious throng began pouring into the mission compound. Sunday morning it was soon found that the chapel would not accommodate one-third of the people, for they came by the thousands.

The meeting was then arranged under lovely the shade trees just west of Dr. Clough's bungalow, and the steps of his veranda were used for the pulpit. Between three and four thousand sat closely crowded together, forming a semi-circle in front of the steps where stood their beloved leader, Dr. Clough, ready to give to their hungry souls the nourishment of the Word. His text was a most appropriate one for the occasion. Hundreds of the men, women, and children before him had come, wending their weary way on foot through the sand and sun, from villages fifty to seventy miles distant. Then how deeply must have moved upon their hearts the words of the compassionate Lord, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke up on you, and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

From these words Dr. Clough addressed this vast concourse of Toluus for one hour and twelve minutes, during which time not one moved from his position or scarcely took his eyes of the speaker. All paid the most profound attention and seemed wholly absorbed in the glory of the discourse, as Dr. Clough portrayed to them the great love and tender care of Him who gave this invitation. Following the sermon, and from half past nine to one, about fifty preachers and teachers were busy in hearing the evidence of those who came for baptism.

Now begins to dawn upon us the magnitude of the harvest. At twenty minutes past one the entire throng gathered around the baptistery. There, as we beheld the multitude of candidates for baptism, a deep sense of gratitude and a thanksgiving prayer went up from our hearts, rejoicing that God had truly heard the prayers and accepted the offerings of His people, and answered them with an abundant saving of India's hosts from the hopeless shadows of heathendom.

The native preachers began the work, and continued, two baptizing at the same time, for three hours and five fifteen minutes, baptizing one thousand and sixty-five. Dr. Clough and the writer then entered the water and proceed to baptize the remaining six hundred and six, completing the work at a quarter to six, and making the total number baptized in four hours and twenty-five minutes, sixteen hundred and seventy-one. This makes the grand total for the quarter two thousand and twenty three.

Thus, we feel, closed one of the greatest days in the history of missions, and it will be remembered by the posterity of those whose prayers, tears, and sacrifices brought

about these happy results, long after they themselves have gone to their blessed rest with Jesus.

Many urgent appeals were sent in from those who could not come, asking for some one to come and tell them more about Jesus. All this lays upon our hearts and hands the burden of an ever-widening work, and it seems that we are wholly inadequate to the task. Dr. Clough, whose labors God has so abundantly blessed, has more than he is able to do, and I have not the language yet, but the power of God is manifest among the people, and we rejoice at the outlook.

We are praying for the abiding presence of the Lord to give us strength for the work and His unerring direction in all we do. We shall trust all to His gracious care, and feel safe in His keeping, for we know that the name of Jesus must be honored among the nations, and that all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His anointed. *Rep. Miss. Mag.*

Missionary Scrap Books

Sometime ago I was reading about the success of a missionary album as a means of interesting a girls' sewing class for missions, when other things had failed. It seemed to me that such a thing might add interest to some of our Mission Bands, so I give this suggestion.

Let the leader of a Band procure a scrap-album. Show it to the children and ask if any member of the Band can bring one missionary picture to see if it would be suitable to paste in it. If any one could give a photograph of a living missionary it would probably be the most valuable picture in the book. The children might be allowed to ask for pictures from their companions, parents or friends, and be taught that any little thing they do to help on the Lord's work, must be done from the heart, must be willing work to be acceptable in His sight. In cases of lack of interest or interested friends, the leader could help these children, by suggesting Christian friends from whom they might get a picture, by asking politely for it. Instruct the children not to cut off the titles of the pictures, and to bring any reading that belongs to them, to see if it would be useful. There are some friends of the children who have old papers that have not seen the light for years, with pictures of foreign scenery, illustrations of customs, tiny scraps of reading, pictures of missionaries, mission boats, mission houses, etc., that would do good service, and if their friends will now put on their missionary spectacles, they will be sure to see where such would be useful. These scraps should be placed together in the book according to the countries to which they belong. Then the Home Mission scraps should be together. If preferred, a place can be kept for letters from missionaries, and another for compositions by members of the Band which have been approved and other items of interest. The book should be made by the leaders, or some competent person, and brought to the meetings occasionally to report progress, and keep up interest by showing it round, and allowing the children to read something from it. If at the end of a year there is enough in it, and it should seem advisable, it could be shown at a public entertainment of the Band. And still its work is not done. There are many new Bands starting wanting help and information, and if the children have enjoyed this work of collecting scraps, and have seen them all till they know every one, what a happy Band they will be when the day comes to give away their scrap-book to another Band, that they may enjoy it too.