

Pray that our faith fail not; that we may be enabled to take hold of the promises of God, lay them humbly before Him, and ask Him to fulfil them towards us.

Last evening, while talking to some poor people, one man said, "If we worship your God, will he give us rice?" I said "Yes, because if you worship Him, you will do as He says." Then he asked, "What must we do?" I stated several things that must, or must not, be done; but told the man that God said one particular thing about this rice question, they were always talking about, viz., "If a man does not work, neither shall he eat." Two or three others said, "We have strength, and of course we must work." Again, a woman asked, "If we do as you teach, can the *Savoy* on the hill hurt us?" They fear that the idol in the temple will send illness upon them, destroy their flocks or injure them in some way.

We have quite a large day school here, in which I spend two hours every morning, mainly engaged in teaching Bible lessons. Three nice girls came in to-day, and one of them is as bright and smart as I could wish. Gathering in girls and securing regularity of attendance is up-hill work, and there are not yet half as many girls in the school as I want. I have one class in sewing, and am about forming another. The pupils in this second class are beginners. So they will come with dirty hands and tangled hair; will hold the needles every way but the right way; knot the thread and twist it about the cotton. But they are learning to sing, and a woman said to me last evening, "Nunisummah sings a hymn after the work is done at night."

Can Christian hymns fail to have other than a good influence?

We are very anxious that the Lord should come near to us in blessing, and, my dear friends, I believe the blessing will be given, as soon as we get within its reach.

In looking over this letter, I see that I have called my life monotonous. Be all that as it may, I am very, very glad and thankful that I am strong enough to work, and that God has work in this country for me to do. It is a privilege that I would exchange for no other, until He bids.

CARRIE HAMMOND.

March 2nd, 1883.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba.

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

The President of one of our Circles requests that special prayer be made to God on behalf of our sisters who are working in India, namely: The wives of the missionaries; Miss Frith; and the native helpers; that strength and wisdom may be granted them, and that an abundant blessing may crown their work.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The first annual meeting of the *Brant Association Society*, in connection with the Woman's Foreign Mission Work, will be held in St. George, Ont., on Friday, June the 8th.

The afternoon session will be in the Methodist church, and commence at 3 o'clock.

A public meeting will be held in the evening, in the Baptist church.

ANNA MOYLE, *Assoc'n Sec.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The attention of the treasurers of the Ontario Circles is called to the change in the name and address of the treasurer of the Central Board. They will in future remit to MRS. W. H. ELLIOTT, 267 *Sherbourne Street*, Toronto.

A CORRECTION.—By a typographical error in the figures of the quarterly report of the treasurer of the Ont. Society, as given in last month's *LINK*, the amount "Spent at Home" was made to be \$96, instead of 96 cents.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The secretary writes that the Circle is increasing rapidly in numbers, and that they hope to do much for the Master's cause.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—A Woman's Mission Circle has been recently organized.

MORRISBURG, ONT.—A few of the ladies of the church met at the Pastor's house on April 26th, and organized a Women's Foreign Mission Circle in connection with the Eastern Society. The present membership is seven, and it is hoped others will soon join in this work.

THE REV. JOHN CRAIG has generously given a copy of Miss Havergal's book, "Kept for the Master's use," to each of the Circles in the Eastern Society.

HAMILTON, ONT.—*Dear Link*,—You have not heard from the Hamilton Circle for some time and perhaps a few remarks about our condition will not prove uninteresting. We meet regularly, and these gatherings are increasing in interest. Many of us look forward with sincere pleasure to this assembling of ourselves together to talk of ways and means of furthering missions. Interesting original papers have been read at our recent meetings, and others have expressed their willingness to do what they can in this direction. Our collectors do their work thoroughly, and as they go from house to house they are heartily welcomed by many who consider it a blessed privilege to give to such a cause. We held a public meeting on Thursday, April 26th, which was pleasant and profitable. Those present enjoyed it thoroughly. Papers were read by members of the Circle and a soul-stirring address was given by our pastor, Rev. J. W. A. Stewart. He looks upon our circle as a means of blessing to the church. Would that other pastors would see as he does regarding such work. Perhaps this cheering information from our young circle will encourage some other church to make a beginning in this great and glorious work.

LIZZIE MOORE, Sec.

WYOMING, ONT.—As our church membership does not exceed fifty, we cannot have a very large Circle. It is two years last month since it was organized with a membership of eleven. At the end of the first year our number had increased to eighteen; our funds in hand for that year amounting to \$20.00. The second year we had only thirteen members to begin with, which number, before the close of the year, increased to sixteen, with \$26.00 in hand. The reason for falling off in numbers for the second year was, that several of our members removed to other places. Third year, beginning April last, we started with eighteen members, and already number twenty. We feel that our Saviour did not hesitate to send a woman to tell his followers that he had risen