

are laying down their lives rather than renounce the name of Jesus. She should know of methods of work tried by others, and study to adapt such methods to her own field. The way for all this is made quite possible by *The Missionary Magazine*, *The Helping Hand*, *The King's Messenger*, the beautiful and complete Hand Book, and the various other books and leaflets published by our missionary societies, some or all of which may be used as circumstances permit.

Another suggestion in the educational line is circulating books. This will reach those in the homes, who cannot attend the meetings, as well as those who can. Let the pastor's wife, or any one else who owns a bright missionary book, write her name on the fly leaf, and lend it. When this one has read it, let her enter her name second, and pass the book on to a third and so on. The list of names on the first page will tell who have read it, and as it goes on its quiet way from house to house, "sowing the seed," who can tell "what shall the harvest be?" A book that has stood untouched on the shelves of the Sunday-school library, by this personal effort at circulation may come to be one of the best-known.

The pastor's wife, too, may help greatly by keeping before the women the *best motives* in their work. If the aim be to stir the sympathies for and enlist interest in one individual alone, and that one fail of the high standard set for her, then everything goes down. The interest is not in mission work, but in one worker. Let interest be drawn to one and to another, certainly. Use every effort to have people know the fields, and be in touch with the workers; but, above and beyond the sympathetic interest in the workers, keep for the ruling motive *obedience to the Lord and Master*.

Suppose the women say, "Oh it's no use talking about missions here. We are not interested in foreign missions!" Suppose they are not interested and don't care to be interested, does that remove their responsibility? It is not a matter of interest or no. It is a matter of obedience or no. I say to my boy, "Paul, I have prepared this basket of things for Mrs. Vaughn's family. I want you to take it this noon." Do you suppose he will go serenely off to school and leave the basket untouched, simply saying to me, "Oh, you know I'm not especially interested in those Vaughns." *What has his interest to do with the matter?* I tell him to carry the basket; his business is to obey.

Jesus' last words on earth were a special charge to you and to me. He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Can you or I ever look up in his face and say, "Lord, I never was especially interested in foreign missions. I was afraid that what I gave would not be spent wisely, and would

not amount to much after all." Oh, I could never bear His look of condemnation, and hear his voice say, "He that keepeth not my sayings loveth me not." Rather than bear that I will give all that I have, money, time, heart and soul to His work now. I will leave nothing undone, so that some day I may meet His loving look, and hear His voice say to me, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." I want to hear that, don't you?

So, dear sisterhood of pastors' wives, let us realize that very largely the interest of the church and its effective work in missions depends upon us. Let us bend every energy to help lift the world to Christ. It is our God-given mission. Let us make love to our Lord Jesus Christ, and obedience to His command, the fulcrum for our lever. Then the consecrated lives of our noble missionaries, the consecrated money and prayers of Christians, and the Holy Spirit, who will come in answer to prayer, banded together shall be the power that shall bring to fulfilment our whole motto, It will be not only "Christ for the world," but just as truly "The world for Christ."—*Baptist Missionary Magazine*.

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE TELUGU REPORT.

STATISTICS OF MISSION FIELDS FOR 1894.

AT AKIDU, MR. CRAIG.—In our monthly meetings with the helpers we have had part of the Gospel of John to learn by heart and also the metrical version of the history of Joseph. For some time past we have had the "Guide to the Study of the Life of Christ." A tract is also studied each month, and its contents told at the meeting, so that I may know that the workers are availing themselves of the literature provided. Sermons are prepared by the preachers and read before a congregation at Akidu. The preachers are thus encouraged to write out their sermons, but they are told that, as a rule, it is better not to read them.

For a few months past I have had a young man who is doing very well at colportage. Recent publications of the Christian Literature Society of Madras rejoice the heart of anyone who wants to sell good literature. The pice papers and also the anna books in both English and Telugu command a ready sale. I find that I can sell many English books and tracts in taluk cutcherries and other such places, and many Telugu books and tracts in primary schools.

The colporteur has sold 139 first and second books, 140 books of an anna and upwards in price, and 217 tracts. I have sold 13 first and second books, 117