

we enjoyed them does not half express it. Their meetings are well attended and deeply interesting, a larger number taking part in their social meetings, according to the number of members, than we generally see. The brethren are united and seem to be deeply interested in their young preacher, and he in them. Our short stay among these dear brethren was very enjoyable. May they be faithful unto death.

Not being able to visit the brethren in Kempt, where Bro. Frank is engaged for one-half his time, I am depending on such reports from this part of the country for what I may write of the work there. These brethren were without preaching so long, that now that they are having regular preaching they are greatly encouraged. They speak highly of their preacher and his work, and are looking toward a forward movement as soon as the weather and roads will permit. This is a promising field, and only needs faithful work to place the cause there in the front rank of those working for the salvation of precious souls. May the Lord bless those faithful brethren.

All being well, we hope to return to our work in Cornwallis early in March. We are extending this visit much longer than we expected when we left home in January. But since this is the first real vacation we have taken in a ministry of over thirty years, we feel confident our friends will not complain, especially when we assure them that we are having an exceedingly pleasant time, and feel that we can return to our work stronger in body and spirit than when we left.

This visit among our friends in these parts will be one of the brightest experiences of our life. May God bless the dear friends who have done so much to make our stay among them so pleasant.

E. C. FORD.

Milton, Queens Co., Feb. 18, 1898.

Home Mission Notes.

In the death of our late brother, O. H. Leonard, the Home Mission work sustains a great loss. For five years he was on the Board, and his interest never abated in the work. The last evening the writer spent with him hardly anything else was talked about than the work and workers at our mission points. We sorrow not as those without hope. The Lord will protect the widow and care for the fatherless boys. Brother Leonard was a man whom all loved and whom all will miss. Though rich, he was humble and generous, and the influence of his life will always be felt for good.

We are not able at this time to give treasurer's report for February, but it may be that the preachers at our mission points will only receive half the amount due. Last month the treasurer had to advance some to pay in full. We had hoped, when the brethren knew this, they would send in enough to pay all claims. For some reason the money has not come to hand. Each one can give their excuse or reason for not extending the helping hand to the work that is nearest to them. Shall we fail or shall we succeed? Brethren, the answer is in your power. What shall it be?

RECEIPTS.	
Acknowledged,	\$270 79
Westport Church,	6 00
" Mrs Bolton,	1 00
" Miss C. F. Payson,	1 00
Tiverton, per T. Ossinger,	7 00
Cornwallis, Mrs H. Corbett,	50
" " J. T. Jackson,	50
" Miss L. N. Jackson,	1 00

St. John, Coburg St Mission Band, ...	\$3 85
" " Miss E. Christie, ...	3 00
" Main St, "M",	10 00
Lord's Cove, C. A. Laubert, ...	5 00
" Mrs. "	1 00
Leonardville, Dr. Murray,	2 00

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J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

Foreign Missions.

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Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.

FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE.

Dear Friends: This morning Miss Graybiel and I went out to visit two villages near us for a little glimpse of what what waits a messenger with glad tidings of great joy.

We went first to a village about four miles distant called Pachpara. Some of the men of the village were out to greet us, and we were invited into a sort of court, and the usual cot bedstead was brought for us to sit upon. Perhaps 300 persons gathered there to see and hear. We found out that about one-fourth of the population had died of starvation or the results of their starved condition. As I looked at the faces I seemed to be able to read quite clearly, without words, their history. There was the pitiful ugliness of an old age that was not ripened and beautiful, for the youth had been marred and deformed by idolatry and the sins connected with their worship and their idea of God. There was hopelessness in face and attitudes. The world had dealt harshly with them, and there was no hope of a better beyond. There were dirty-faced children leaning against mothers wrapped in ragged, soiled garments. The hard years of disappointment and hunger had not made mothers ambitious or energetic.

Miss Graybiel said to me, when at last the village had gathered, "Let us sing the old song, 'Jesus Has Saved Me.' Let His name be the first spoken." When we sang of the deep running river of death and of the old boat they shook their heads dolefully, and how we wished that they could grasp the after hope, "Jesus will take me across." Then Ram Dayal, our native preacher, spoke of the time when we must all go before God and how to the outcast Chamar (worker in leather), and the Brahmin is the invitation "Come Unto Me," and, finally, how the poorest may become rich in eternal life.

Then Miss Graybiel took off her hat and said: "We know our gray hair speaks of going away. Where are we going? Where there is joy or sorrow? There are two divisions in the other world — one where there is eternal joy and one where there is everlasting sorrow.

They sat very quiet and then she went on and told them of a Saviour who saves from suffering here and hereafter, and finally she recited the wonderful fullness of John iii: 16, and told them that the suffering which had come to them in this life was but for the "little while," but that the pain of hereafter for sinners was the everlasting unless Jesus the Son of God saved them, and then we sang "There is No One to Save You but Jesus." A group of old women sat at our feet. Most of them were nearly, if not quite, blind. Quite blind were they all, for "the eyes of their foolish hearts were darkened."

We went back towards the bungalow, two miles, to Chander, a smaller village, where about 300 people live, and they told us one-sixth of their people had died in the famine.

An old blind woman came up and wanted to rub our feet, after their custom, when travelers come in tired. Here we saw the same pictures, the same hopelessness, the same failing of strength and general misery. Ram Dayal told them there was good news for Chander and for all the world. He said, you cultivate worldly fields, but you can have heavenly fruits. Several of the men in both villages came up to Miss Graybiel, smiling, with the rare look of hope in their faces. They had been able to sow their fields and cultivate them, through the aid received at her hands, and they spoke so gratefully and sincerely that we wondered if the influence of the tilling of the soil was not everywhere a strengthening of manhood.

We turned homeward with hopeful hearts. We had had a glance into the wonderful field of opportunity at our door, and we hoped it would be but a beginning to a regular work in this untouched field where souls need so much cultivation.

ADELAIDE GAIL FROST.

Mahoba, India.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$110 76
Eldon, P. E. I., A sister,	2 00
St. John, Coburg St. S. S.,	2 52
" " Ladies' Aid, (Dec.)	1 45
" " " " (Jan.)	2 25
Tryon, Mrs. J. J. Crawford, ..	2 00

Total, \$120 98

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DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

On the 27th of March, 1884, the first Junior Society of Christian Endeavor was organized. Therefore, March 27th has been set apart for annual celebration by the junior societies and mission bands. It is asked that all observe this anniversary in a manner keeping with the motto: "We for Christ; Christ for all." Hence, the time from anniversary day until Easter is set apart as a special season of labor and self-denial on the part of the young people. All the money thus earned and saved is to be devoted to missions. At the Eastertide, or the most convenient date near that time, an entertainment should be given, or an "open meeting" held, when you can bring the offerings which you have thus secured, and by taking a collection you can give your parents and friends an opportunity to encourage and assist in the work we are striving to do. I will send you a copy of the new Easter concert exercise on India, and I hope all the bands and juniors will unite in giving this entertainment. This offering is to be devoted to the work in India. It is hoped that enough can be secured to finish paying for the extension of the orphanage at Mahoba. The orphanage has been completed, but it will require several hundred dollars to meet unpaid bills. It is also desired to get the home for the missionaries at Deoghur well under way. Don't let us get discouraged at the greatness of the work. We are few in numbers, but we haven't got to do it all. We are working together with hundreds of girls and boys in the United States, and our united efforts must accomplish something for the Master. We want to publish the names of all those who, by working or by self-denial, raise a dollar or more each for these objects, and we ask each band leader to keep a list of the sums given by the young people. Please forward the Easter