

## On The Way Out.

Some people imagine that the Missionaries on the way out to India have a magnificent chance to see the world. Were it possible to step off at a number of points and break the journey by a week or two of sight-seeing this "Chance to see the world" would be more tangible. As a matter of fact we hurry on to our destination with no break except a week in London and often that time is mostly taken up with business of one kind or another. But the voyage often gives a very welcome opportunity for quiet meditation and study of the Word. This is especially true of the journey from England onward (for we are more certain of fine weather) than upon the surging and restless Atlantic. Crossing the latter is often an ordeal so serious that we do not care to repeat the experience many times in the course of a life-time. As some one has pertinently expressed it, we are chiefly occupied in "Keeping inside the berth and outside the dinner."

However this has been an exceptionally good voyage. The captain says it is one of their best trips and he thinks it may be due to the fact that Missionaries are on board. I should not be surprised if that fact had more to do with the smooth passage than the Captain supposed unless the many prayers offered for our journey were waste breath.

We reached Rimouski (from Moncton) about daylight on Sunday 14th. Quite a snowstorm had recently occurred and the place had a very wintry appearance. Perhaps the thought that it was probably the last snow we would tread for sometime to come added zest to the sensation as we on that memorable Sabbath morn "as it began to dawn" trudged along with our valises to the hotel. After a quiet day in this French-Catholic village we boarded our steamer which arrived in the evening from Quebec and lay at anchor in the river waiting for us. This is Monday evening 21st. Right days since we left and we are now entering the Mersey and shall be ashore before bed-time. Before the new Missionaries had been twenty-four hours at sea they had laid violent hands upon my Telugu Grammar and had compassed the first two chapters. Since then they have, when not too sick, pegged away at these dreadful letters, much to the amusement of some of our fellow passengers, who seemed to think that ejaculating Telugu aspirates was either an indication of lunacy or of an approaching storm of desperate sea-sickness. They hope to continue the study of the language under the writer's tuition and by the time they reach India will perhaps be able to "astonish the natives," and possibly put to silence the weird howls of the Indian jackals, by their vociferous juggling in the Telugu tongue. Will the friends at home pray that in this tedious business of mastering the language these Missionaries may be given all needed grace and patient perseverance? It will be a hard uphill pull for them amidst many trials to both flesh and spirit, before the jaws will "work" and the tongue "wag" Telugu-fashion. There are some ways in which Telugu tongues wag that that we do not expect our Missionaries to imitate. It is not safe to follow the heathen in all his ways, but let the new Missionary aim to imitate his heathen brother in all his expressions of native idiom (whether expressed by tongue, face, or gesture) so long as he confines himself to "decent" Telugu.

We have had the privilege of doing some work for the Master in the way of gospel services on board ship. Bro. McCallum of Truro loaded us with tracts which we have distributed as occasion offered. The second saloon and steerage have been visited several times and they seemed to enjoy the singing, and listened attentively to the Word as we preached it. Yesterday morning we were unexpectedly called upon to conduct worship in the first saloon. We replied that we did not know the Episcopal service, to which we received the reply: "O give a Baptist service then." This we consented to do, and it fell to Bro. Hardy's lot to preach a "Baptist sermon." This he did as all who know him will readily believe. Well these first salooners probably got more gospel packed into that half hour than they have had for the last six months, if the usual method of conducting divine service on board ocean steamers is any criterion. Seed has been sown—enough on this voyage to save a good many lost souls who crowd these decks—if they would only believe. May the Spirit convict them of sin, convict them and grant us the joy of knowing at the Judgment Day that some of these, whose lives have touched ours so briefly, have found Jesus through our influence.

Tonight we proceed to London, where we hope to arrive about midnight. After

a week in that great city we shall proceed to Marseilles by rail, and thence to Bombay by S. S. Oriental. We are due at Bombay on Dec. 30th, and after three days rail journey across India we hope to take Christmas dinner somewhere in our mission.

W. V. HIGGINS.  
R. M. S. Labrador, Nov. 22nd.

## Grande Ligne Mission.

The Baptists of the Maritime Provinces have in many ways shown their interest in the work of French evangelization in Quebec and in their own provinces. They, therefore, are entitled to hear from this work more than they have of late especially. Our excellent new president, Rev. R. W. Dudson, D. D., has made up his mind to see to it that the MESSENGER AND VISITOR be occasionally supplied with information on this work. He has requested me to write a short article on this subject, and I gladly perform the pleasant task.

Dr. Wyeth, of Philadelphia, who has written a series of missionary biographies, the Judsons, the Wades, Isaac McCoy A

Gefasy of the Hurman Sky, and Poor Lo, is now engaged in re-writing the life of Madame Peller and the history of Grande Ligne Mission. At his request Rev. T. Lafleur and myself read his manuscript with a view of passing a friendly and helpful criticism upon it. Though familiar with this story, I am filled with deep emotion and gratitude to God as I peruse the pages of this manuscript. It seems to me that very few narratives can equal this in interest, deep pathos, and spirituality. It is, even to one long acquainted with the facts, like a fragrant breath from heaven itself. No better book of the kind, it seems to me, could find its way into our Sunday School libraries and into our homes. The book will soon be out and notice of its publication given. It will contain about twenty engravings, pictures of Grande Ligne missionaries and Grande Ligne mission buildings.

I had intended to write about the work, but will postpone this lest I take too much of your valuable space.

Montreal, Nov. 27th. A. L. THERRIEN.

## Notices.

York and Sunbury Quarterly Meeting will convene with the first Keswick church, month of the Keswick, on the 10th day of December, at 7.30 p. m., Bro. F. B. Seeley, L.C., to preach the introductory sermon on Friday evening, and Rev. C. N. Barton to preach the Quarterly sermon on Sunday morning. We hope to have a full representation from the churches and expect a good time.

F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y.-Treas.

The Carleton Victoria and Madawaska counties, Baptist Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Rockland Baptist church on the Third Friday in Dec. (17) at 7 p. m. Sermon by Rev. F. N. Atkinson; missionary sermon by Rev. A. H. Hayward; Quarterly sermon by the writer, on Sabbath morning. We hope to have a large delegation to represent these churches.

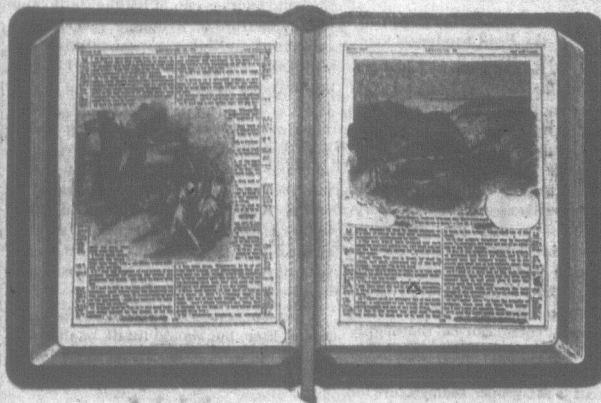
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Woodstock, Nov. 26th.

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US, 14. They overtake the children of Israel.

may serve the E-gyp'tians? For it had been better for us to serve the E-gyp'tians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 ¶ And Mo'ses said unto the people, ¶ Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the E-gyp'tians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 ¶ The LORD shall fight for you, and ye EXACT FACSIMILE OF THE TYPE.

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4 Chr.

20. 15. 17.

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5 Or, for

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Deut. 1.

31. 23.

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