

This month's issue is a special number, devoted to the educational work of our Mission in India. Each article is written by one of our workers who is most closely in touch with the work of which she writes, and the body of information thus presented ought to prove both interesting and instructive. There is scarcely any possibility of overestimating the good influence of these different schools, what they mean now and what they will mean in future years to the children, young men and women who are now under instruction in them. This work among the children ought surely to appeal very, very strongly to the women of our land and no call for better equipment, for more competent teachers, or for support of deserving students, ought to go unheeded if there is any possibility of responding to it.

The following extract recently received will give a glimpse of the importance of the work seen from the missionaries' standpoint and what it means when we do not respond to the need:

Mr. McLaurin, writing of a day at Ramachandrapuram lately, says: "We were the guests of Miss Hatch and Miss Jones. The 'cut' by the Women's Board seems to have fallen on the work here, and Miss Jones is naturally feeling badly about having to close the newly organized caste school. She is going to hang on to it till the last minute, hoping that some help may come from somewhere. The day we were present there were fifty-five boys and girls in the school, all the very brightest from the higher castes and learning rapidly. They tell Bible stories and sing hymns to the queen's taste. It does seem hard to have to give up right of entrance to so many caste homes, and Miss Jones is the one to make good any opportunities given her."

MISSION SCHOOLS HERE AND THERE.

Under the old regime of Turkey, it was almost impossible to secure permission to erect school buildings. Now there is comparatively little difficulty and there are enlarged opportunities ahead.

Persia has changed and is changing. The Presbyterian Mission School reports since the revolution, a great influx of Moslem students. In five years they have increased from 5 to 120, in addition to 140 Armenians. Moslems and Armenians unite in chapel exercises and Bible lessons. Surely a revolution!

We have long heard of the crying need in Russia for a trained ministry. Our Baptist denomination is there strong and ever growing stronger, and it is good news to hear that the founding of the theological seminary is now a settled thing, and the location remains to be decided. Many places are in the field. To us it will be interesting to know that Baron Uixknill offered his house in Reval, but it has been declined.

The manning of the Mission schools of the future surely does not need to cause alarm, when we hear of 3,624 college students devoting their Christmas vacation to a Missionary Convention, and of 100 volunteers going the present year to the foreign field, a number of whom will surely find their way to school work.

Educational work in foreign lands has extension work as well as our home colleges. The Christian Endeavor Convention, held in Agra recently, comes under this heading. 400 Missionaries and more than 3,000 native converts were in attendance. Means to support 20 new native Christian Endeavor secretaries were raised.

The munificent gifts to Missions of the late Mr. Kennedy have included large bequests to Mission schools and colleges. Robert College, Constantinople, has received \$1,500,000; Anatolia