

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:—A missionary lady in India has written this true story for us. A poor heathen woman had two babies sent her from God. Very lovely the little twins looked lying side by side in their basket-cradle which was swinging from the branches of a cocoa-palm tree near their home. But the mother's heart was full of sorrow, for one of the babies was a girl and blind. She said she knew that the gods she worshipped were angry with her, or both her babies would have been boys. For a short time she grieved over it and then said "I must please the gods no matter how much it costs me." The missionary could not comfort her, nor did the terrible meaning of her words enter her heart until one evening she found the mother weeping bitterly by the cradle. One baby was gone—the beautiful, dearly-loved boy! Only the little blind baby-girl remained. The mother had thrown her boy into the Ganges to be food for the crocodiles that the gods might be pleased. The missionary was dumb with horror at first, but at last asked, "If you felt that you must destroy one child why did you not give your girl and save the boy you loved best." "Ah, that would not do!" she answered, for I dared not offer a girl when I had a perfect son. That would only have made the gods more angry. They must always have our best. Alas! for my beautiful boy, my beautiful boy, the sunshine of my heart! He has gone forever!" Dear boys and girls, can we not learn a lesson from this sad story? If the heathen who have no reason to love their gods feel that they deserve the best of their possessions, how should it be with us? Our Lord spared not His only Son, but freely gave Him up to suffering and death that we might be saved! And yet we receive this "unspeakable gift" carelessly and grumble over giving the smallest portion of our wealth, our time, our talents, our love to Him. Oh, that we might learn to give freely of the best God has given us to spread the "glad tidings of great joy" to the uttermost parts of the earth." We are told that when Andrew Fuller went into his native town to collect money for foreign missions, an old friend of his said, "Well, Andrew, I will give you five pounds, seeing it is you." "No," said Mr. Fuller, "I cannot take anything for this cause in that way." His friend felt the reproof, and after a few minutes said, "You are right, Andrew, here are ten pounds, seeing it is for the Lord Jesus Christ."

Children, you who know the Saviour,
Does the story of His love
Ever thrill your souls with gladness,
Or your hearts to sorrow move?

Do you think of Him in glory,
Where, your faithful prayer he hears,
On the child with favor looking
Who His name both loves and fears?

Would you send abroad the story
Of our great Redeemer's grace,
Poor, benighted heathen, telling
That they, too, may seek His face?

Children bend their knees to idols
In these far-off heathen lands;
Gifts they bear into the temples
Earned by labor of their hands.

Not of that which costs you nothing
Let your ready offerings be:—
Work for Jesus, cheerful working,
With an earnest will and free.

Though your gifts may seem as trifles
In the haughty worldling's eyes,
Christ, your Lord, will smile approval,
He, the proof of love, will prize.

Then, let prayers, sincere and earnest,
Rise to Heaven on wings of love,
That on heathen lands God's Spirit
May come freely from above.

I am very anxious that all the members of our Mission Bands may give their offerings to this work for *Jesus sake*, and not for any other reason. God will help us if we ask Him.

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NOTICE.

The second annual meeting of the Brant Associational Society, in connection with the Foreign Mission work, will be held in Jerseyville, on Friday, June 6th. Afternoon session in the Temperance Hall to commence at 2.30 o'clock. A public meeting will be held in the evening in the Baptist Church. Special efforts are being made by the committee to make the meetings interesting and profitable, and they hope a large number of delegates will be present.

A. MOYLE, Assoc. Sec.

THE LINK for June will contain a wood-cut of the Samulcotta Seminary. Orders for extra copies must be sent in before the 1st of June.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Receipts from March 26th to April 30th, 1884.

Hamilton, M. C., \$31.95; Paris, M. C., \$15; Paris, M. B., \$9.61; Stratbroy, M. C., \$18.75; Springsford, M. B., \$8 (towards the support of a student at Samulcotta; Baker Hill, M. B., \$4.10; Wyoming, M. C., \$17; Yorkville, M. C., \$15.40; Belleville, M. C., \$6.72; Wingham, M. B., \$25 (for the support of Chininama Fisher and a boy in Mr. McLaurin's school); Sarnia, M. C., \$40, of this \$18.65 from a social; Sarnia, M. B., \$5; London (Adelaide St.), M. C., \$24 (of this \$7.65 proceeds of a lecture by Rev. J. W. A. Stewart); Delhi, M. C., \$8; Stratford, M. C., \$6; Goble's Corners, M. B., \$25 (proceeds of a quilt to make Mrs. J. G. Goble a life member and to be applied to Seminary work); Port Hope, M. C., \$27; Hartford, M. C., \$10; Aylmer, M. C., \$8; Jarvis St., M. C., \$19.20; Alexander St., M. C., \$10.93; Thedford, M. C., \$3; Boston, M. C., \$14 (support of student at Samulcotta); Boston, M. B., \$14 (support of Cocannda Mission); total, \$365.66.

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W.B.F.M. SOCIETY, CONVENTION EAST.

Receipts from March 5th, to April 28th, 1884.

Tayside (Roxburgh Circle), \$5; Clarence, \$20; Morrisburg, \$14; Cornwall, \$5; South Gower, \$15; Perth, \$8; Brackville, \$20; Dominionville, \$6; Montreal (Miss Payne), \$5.—Total, \$98.

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