

THE MISSION CIRCLES.

SOME MISTAKES ABOUT FOREIGN MISSIONS CORRECTED.

Miss Lucy M. Jones.

In my visits to your homes and Circles questions have come up that I wanted to answer, but could not for lack of time. As I leave you for another term of service in India, I have tried to leave with you a solution of at least some of your problems.

"What would you say to him?" they ask the missionary. "One of our wealthiest members, when a missionary meeting is announced or an offering for Foreign Missions is requested, says, 'Give! Why, I would like to help send the Gospel to the heathen, but while ninety cents of every dollar given stays in Canada to pay home expenses, I prefer giving to poor people at home.' Please tell us how much does stay at home for secretaries and other expenses?"

Our Foreign Mission receipts and disbursements are not kept secret. The treasurer's reports are published in the Year Book and Annual Foreign Report. These are also printed separately and distributed at each Convention. It should be easy to secure a copy. With the report before him, your wealthy member will find it necessary to reverse his proportion. At least ninety cents of every dollar goes to the foreign field, and is there expended for missionaries' allowances, for salaries to native pastors, evangelists, teachers, colporteurs and Biblewomen, for supporting our boarding and other schools, for our hospitals, for supplying Bibles, tracts, etc. Ten cents or less, he will find, is expended in the homeland to carry on communication between the far-away missionary and the churches at home, to supply missionary information to

churches, Sunday schools, Mission Circles and Bands, Young People's Societies and individuals, to plan and encourage advance, etc. Our paid workers at home have the missionary spirit. Without them the needed funds could not be raised, nor so economically expended. We ought to spend more at home. Were it not for the unusual ability of our paid leaders, and for the busy women and consecrated business men, who give, not only money, but freely of time and strength to planning and executing our work, a larger home expenditure would be imperative.



Miss Lucy M. Jones, en route to India.

Another says: "We do not wish to suggest that our missionaries are extravagant, but to us at home it seems strange that they should require more than one servant. And why should their bungalows be so large? Could our missionaries not live more like the people, and save expense? Won't you kindly explain?"

"The Bishop's Conversion," by Ellen Maxwell, can be purchased for fifty cents. It makes unusually interesting and even amusing reading, and at the same time explains the hundred and one little things that those interested in