

The Eastern Society

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On Friday evening, June 6th, in the First Baptist Church, Montreal, a farewell meeting was held to wish Godspeed to Dr. D'Prazer and Miss Lottie Sanford, who left this port on Saturday, June 7th on the S. S. Marlock. The Rev. Chas. Smith presided, and the devotional exercises were led by Rev. Mr. Linton and Rev. Geo. Gilmour. Dr. Gordon introduced Miss Sanford as the dear daughter of his beloved friend Dr. Sanford.

In sweet, simple words Miss Sanford spoke of the joy and privilege of being able to return to India, the land of her birth, where she hopes to continue in the medical work which is such a mighty factor in the work of evangelism. As we know Miss Sanford is assisting Dr. Smith in Pithapuram, the large hospital centre of our field. She told how they are seeking to train Hindoo helpers to minister to their own people in hospitals and dispensaries and of the wonderful opportunity they have to reach the minds and bodies of people of all castes as they go into their homes with their ministry of healing.

Dr. Eva D'Prazer then gave a solemn and beautiful address which thrilled all hearts. She told of the stimulus she had received in her visit to Canada and in touching words thanked the Baptists for all they had done for her people in the past fifty years and how she rejoiced to know that our love and interest were not abated. This would be told by herself and Dr. Joshee as they returned to their own people. She told of the little prayer circle that had been formed among her friends in India, pledged to pray for her every Thursday that she might be made a great blessing as she went from city to city in this dominion of ours and she thanked God that many had testified that their faith had been strengthened and a determination to serve God as never before been created in their hearts. She said many had pledged themselves to train for service in foreign lands and thus as she returned to her own land to carry

on her ministry of healing to the afflicted in mind and body of her own people it was in a spirit of deep gratitude to God for the wonderful experiences in this land. She assured us that many in the palaces and zenanas of the wealthy in India were true followers of Christ, though secret disciples. She left us a legacy of prayer begging us to intercede for a Maharajah who had been the object of prayer for many years and who is no doubt a Christian, but has not been able to face all that a public decision would involve. He is fighting a great battle and if he can only renounce the faith of his fathers and come out on the Lord's side it is certain that thousands of his subjects would express a desire to be taught Christianity. She also pleaded for our prayers that the English government might be induced to pass a law insisting on the segregation of lepers. "You will hold the ropes strong and fast in the Home land will you not"? were the impassioned closing words of this wonderful woman, surely one of India's noblest daughters.

THE JOY OF HARVEST

The following extracts are from letters recently received from Miss Murray. "The joy of the harvest" was the theme of the last quarter's report. Many baptisms during the last quarter of the year 1923 gladdened our hearts. A number were Kondiah's relatives and friends and nearly all were from that side of the field, which singularly enough was the section of this part of the country most seriously threatened by the flood which accompanied the cyclone. It certainly was trying to watch from our bungalow the rising water obliterate the familiar land marks and be powerless to help the people whose lives might be in jeopardy and to be unable for several days even to learn of their fate. The fields are white and now Dr. Wolverton has come, so strong, sympathetic and enthusiastic and Miss McLeish remains so capable, with the interest of the field at heart and a **good reaper, for the reaping time has come.** One feels like saying like Simeon of old—