

know a native man of power in the early days of our mission and heard him preach. One woman said, "Oh, Missamma, what must I do? I believe, I want to be a Christian, but my husband says 'No!' Is it right for a wife to obey? What must I do?" Then one is glad that the Bible is clear, and the word that seems so hard is understood, and I say, "Before all others your husband, before your husband, God." It is a new and strange doctrine to her.

Oh, you can have no conception of the slavery of the women of India, she belongs body and soul to her husband. It is soul-searing, such bondage can never have been ordained of God. In India obedience to a husband means to have no individuality of one's own. It is awful, it harrows my soul. Sometimes we cry, Oh, Lord, how long? Send deliverance to these poor people. Some of the Christian characters are firm and show the refining, purifying influence of Christ's love in the heart.

is not half as bad as it sounds and the people have a code of etiquette that is just as nice for them as ours is for us. They say I make a good native. Nearly one hundred took dinner, and I assure you it was a pleasure to see some of our poor Christians who do not often have a full meal, eat all that was set before them and begin again on a liberal supply. I need not say I did not get through with my first plateful, but I did enjoy it all except the three red peppers I chewed up, much to my own discomfort. The folks all laughed as tears came in my eyes. They are so used to hot condiments that to them such a thing is no discomfort.

I will try and get off a letter for the April LINK, but fear it may be old news by then. I am

Yours sincerely,

MARTHA CLARK.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 31, 1905.

Received from W.M.A.S.:	F. M.	H. M.	TOTAL
Nova Scotia	\$845 37	\$321 97	\$1197 34
New Brunswick	512 61	83 25	595 86
P. E. Island	91 28	45 44	136 72
Donations	23 10	1 00	24 10
Tidings			13 00
Reports			12 85
Leaflets			7 35
			\$1957 22

"Art tired?
There is rest remaining. Hast thou sinned?
There is a sacrifice. Lift up thy head,
The lovely world and the over-world alike,
Ring with a song eternal, a happy rede,
Thy Father loves thee." —Selected.

TEKKALI, GANJAM, MADRAS PRES.,
INDIA, Dec. 26, 1904.

My Dear Mrs. Redding:—

You letter received and I write at once to say that it is impossible to get a report of our Conference to you by Feb. 10th. as our own Convention does not close until the 10th of January, and we always have to make a week's allowance anyway, as the mails are not regular.

We had our Christmas celebration on Saturday, and I think everyone enjoyed it. All the Christians were invited to the Compound early in the afternoon for sports, which I think they enjoyed. Mrs. Higgins and I dressed up the Christmas Tree, and as it grew dark all were invited into the Church, and after singing and impromptu speeches, and short stories, the tree was unloaded. There was nothing expensive, just a little gift for each. Then we all sat down on the floor and a green leaf was placed in front of each; soon it was piled up with rice and curry, and after the blessing we all fell too with our fingers and ate in real native style. It

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Paid Treas. F.M. Board	\$2262 50
" Block, engraving, L.M. Certificates	20 00
" Printing L.M. Certificates	4 50
" " Leaflets	6 00
" " Tidings	8 50
" Provincial Sec. New Brunswick	5 00
" County Sec. "	5 65
" Postage Miss. Band Leaflets	7 50
" Drafts and Postage	3 56
	\$2223 21

MARY SMITH

Amherst, Feb. 4th, 1905.

Treas. W.B.M.U.

Mrs. Smith writes that we close our second quarter \$300 in advance of last year for F.M., and \$100 behind on H.M. Sisters, why this deficiency? The need is certainly no less than usual. Pause a moment and ask ourselves if we "have done what we could?" Let us not slacken our efforts on F. M. lines, but strengthen our giving for our needy ones at home.