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CIRCLES ATTENTION.

The list of Home Mission pastors needing boxes in the autumn is ready. Apply to Mrs. Shenstone, 40 Walmer Road, Toronto.

We live best when we are most nearly what God made us to be, when we do most nearly what He sent us to do. One writer says that a true Christian life is indeed, "a new picture of Jesus of Nazareth." Our errand in this world is in a small way the same that Christ's errand was. He does not now Himself in person go about doing good—we are to go for Him. The only hands Christ has for doing kindnesses are our hands. The only feet He has to run His errands of love are our feet. The only voice He has to speak cheer to the troubled is our voice.

REV. J. R. MILLER, D.D.

During the Laymen's Missionary Congress, two meetings were especially arranged for women at Convocation Hall. So great was the interest that half an hour before the time for the meeting, the Hall was filled and doors locked, while hundreds of disappointed women lingered outside and missed the privilege of hearing Sir Andrew Frazer.

On Friday evening another meeting was held, addressed by Bishop Thoburn, the veteran of fifty years work in India. His subject was, "The Past and Present of India." The contrast is great. When he went he found the women in a state of mental darkness,

and the men so prejudiced as to their capacity for being educated as our women, that any effort to enlighten them was considered useless. He spoke of the great work that had been done by women missionaries for the women of India. He had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Swain, the first medical lady to India, in company with his sister, Miss Thoburn, who accomplished so much in educational work and for whom Thoburn College is named. Dr Swain met with much discouragement by the government and male practitioners, but was not easily discouraged in her undertaking to train the native girls; and such was her success, that Lord Dufferin, had five medical colleges thrown open to women students. He believed that nothing had done so much to weaken the force of caste as the medical and collegiate education, of which he gave some striking instances.

Dr. Ziveman forcibly presented the claims of the Mohammedan world on Christian nations to give them the Gospel, as doors that have long been closed are now opening. There was the challenge of might given by 230,000,000 adherents, with their great extent of territory from the shores of Africa, bordering on the Atlantic, to the shore of China on the Pacific.

In India, 96½ per cent of the Mohammedans are illiterate, not being able to read or write. The challenge of the dawn comes to us, for these people are beginning to wake up, and shall we not give them the Light of Life.