

istence in its church an embryo circle in the form of a Mission Band? In these Bands we should see certain promise of such Mission Circles and missionary meetings as we vainly wish for to-day. Without a doubt it is in this direction that we shall find most speedily the realization of our brightest hopes.

Communion.

"My sheep hear My voice."—JOHN 10: 27.

"Behold, now I have taken it upon me to speak unto the Lord"
Gen. xliii. 27.

"My child, it is not necessary to know how much to please Me, it is sufficient to love much. Speak to Me as thou wouldst to a mother, if she drew thee near to her.

"Are there any for whom thou wouldst pray to Me? Repeat to Me the names of thy relations, thy friends; after each name add what thou wouldst have Me do for them. Ask much, ask much. I love generous souls who forget themselves for others.

"Tell Me of the poor whom thou wouldst relieve, the sick whom thou has seen suffer, the sinners thou wouldst have converted, those who are alienated from thee, whose affection thou wouldst regain. For all say a fervent prayer. Remember that I have promised to hear all prayers that come from the heart; and is not a prayer from the heart that which is offered for those we love and who love us?"

"Are there graces thou wouldst ask for thyself? Write, if thou wilt, a long list of all thou desirest, of all the needs of thy soul, and come and read it to Me.

"Tell Me simply how proud thou art, how sensitive, egotistical, mean and indolent; and ask Me to come and help thee in all the efforts thou makest against it. Poor child, do not blush; there are in heaven many saints who had thy faults; they prayed to Me, and little by little their faults were corrected.

"Do not hesitate to ask Me for blessings for the body and mind, for health, memory, success. I can give all things, and I always give when blessings are needed to render souls more holy.

"To-day, what wilt thou have, My child? If thou knowest how I long to do thee good! Hast thou plans that occupy thee? Lay them all before Me. Do they concern thy vocation? What dost thou desire? Dost thou wish to give pleasure to thy mother, to thy family, to those on whom thou dost depend? What wouldst thou do for them?"

"And for Me—hast thou no zealous thought for Me? Dost thou not wish to do a little good to the souls of thy friends whom thou lovest, and who have perhaps forgotten Me?"

"Tell Me in whom thou art interested; what motives move thee; what means thou wouldst employ. Whom dost thou wish interested in thy work? I am Master of hearts, My child, and lead them where I will. I will bring round thee all who will be necessary to thee. Be tranquil.

"Bring Me all thy failures, and I will show thee the cause of them. Hast thou not troubles? Oh, My child, tell them all to Me fully. Who has caused thee pain? Tell Me all, and thou wilt finish by adding that thou wilt pardon, thou wilt forget; and I will bless thee.

"Dost thou dread something painful? Is there in thy heart a vain fear which is not reasonable, but which is tormenting; trust thyself wholly to My care. I am here. I see everything. I will not leave thee.

"Are there those near thee who seem less kind to thee than they have been, and whose indifference and neglect

separate thee from them, while thou canst see nothing in which thou hast wounded them? Pray earnestly to Me for them, and I will bring them back to thee, if they are needed for thy life's sanctification.

"Hast thou not joys to make known to Me? Why dost thou not let Me share thy happiness? Tell Me what has happened since yesterday to cheer and console thee. Was it an unexpected visit which did thee good; a tear suddenly dissipated; a success thou thoughtest thou shouldst not reach; a mark of affection, a letter, a gift which thou hast received; a trial which left thee stronger than thou supposed? I have prepared it all for thee. Thou canst show thy gratitude and give Me thanks.

"Hast thou promises to make to Me? I can read the depths of thy heart. Thou knowest—thou canst deceive men, but not GOD. Be then sincere.

"Art thou resolved no longer to expose thyself to the temptation? To give up this object which leads thee to evil? Not to finish this book which excites thy imagination? No longer to give thy friendship to a person who is not religious, and whose presence disturbs the peace of thy soul? Wilt thou go at once to do a kindness to this companion who has hurt thee?"

"Well, My child, go now, take up thy work, be silent, humble, submissive, kind, and come back to-morrow, and bring Me a heart still more devout and loving."

"To-morrow I shall have more blessings for thee."

—Written by a Converted Brahmin.

FOR THE LINK.

Some Inmates of an Indian House.

Next to the family the principal inmates of an Indian bungalow are snakes, scorpions, toads and lizards. Nice companions, are they not? In some localities snakes are most common, in others, scorpions, in others, toads, while the house lizard is a general guest.

Scorpions take refuge indoors from the rain. They are frequently found on the cool iron fastenings of doors. Snakes, it is said, come indoors after the toads to be found there. I think, however, they are more frequently stragglers with no particular business on hand.

In our bungalow toads are most common. They have a purpose in coming. With night-fall they are wide-awake, and come hopping in with a well-bred blink of their funny eyes, as much as to say, "Good evening to you. What's the prospect for flies?"

When the rains set in great numbers of winged insects are hatched. At night these fly indoors and swarm about the lamps. In a short time they lose their wings and fall to the floor. Then toady gets his fill! I have watched him eat until he could scarcely move. While dining he opens his mouth with a quick, noiseless motion, never taking in more than one insect at once. When he swallows, his eyes sink into his head in the most comical way! Toads sleep all day. Sometimes they hide away in the house. Once we found seven in a heap fast asleep under a convenient corner of the bamboo matting. Baby, when called to see the sight, gave it his opinion that there was "Too much toad."

Once we discovered one of their toadships in a singular position. In the "drawing room" was an American steamer chair. Part of the bottom of this chair folded in beneath the main seat, forming quite a large space. In this a toad was found. When watched it was ascertained that this was his headquarters, to which he returned every morning, and where he slept all day. He reached his bedroom by climbing, Crusoe fashion, up the