

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—During the past two months many of you have seen our missionary, Rev. John Craig, who has been in India so many years. Now he has come home for a short rest, to renew his health and strength for his loved work once more. Mr. Craig visited Ottawa in June and interested us very much, both in the Sunday School and prayer meeting, as well as by his sermon in the church. We enjoyed seeing the photographs of so many Christian preachers and Bible readers in India, who were once worshipping idols instead of the one true God. Then Mr. Craig showed us some of the idols worshipped in India, and told of the joy with which he had received them from heathen who had forsaken them for the living Christ. It is so encouraging thus to see the fruit of work in our own mission. I hope all who hear Mr. Craig talk about India will feel a new interest in collecting and giving money for his work at Akidu.

Many of our Mission Circles and Bands appoint collectors to visit the homes of those who cannot attend the meetings. Perhaps you would like to hear three girls—Alice, Carrie and Susie—relate part of their experience in this work. I will copy it for you:

CARRIE—First, we called on Mrs. Brisk for her missionary offering. "Oh, yes, indeed!" said she. "Walk in. It is all counted out ready for you. I cannot say I wish it was more because it is according to my means, and the Lord has the regulating of them."

SUSIE—Next, we called on Mrs. Kindly, Mrs. Allright and Mrs. Ready, and received their gifts with kind wishes for our success. We thought collecting easy work so far.

ALICE—Mrs. Splendid's name was next on our list. "Mission money! What is it for?" said she. So I told her about our mission in India, of the wonderful good it has accomplished and all we hope it may do with more means; but she replied, "I have many ways to use my money, and have none for you to-day." When we remembered her costly dresses and abundance of money, we felt sad at the result of our visit.

CARRIE—Poor lame Jenny's house was on our way. We did not think she ought to give anything as she is so poor herself; but Susie said we could tell her what we were doing. She clapped her thin little hands with joy because we had come, and said, while lying on her bed, she had thought much about little heathen sufferers who had never heard of the land where no one ever shall say, "I am sick." So she gave us fifty cents for her mission offering. It had been given her for candy, but she said she liked missionary candy better.

SUSIE—It gave us a sweet lesson. We had each been intending to buy a new neck-ribbon and trying to decide between pink and blue. Jenny's example made us decide on missionary ribbon, so please credit this amount to her instead of to us.

ALICE—Mrs. Dilly-dally came next, and she said, "I'll see about it. I don't know yet. How much did Mrs. Rich give, or the deacon's wife? There is always money wanted for missions or something else. You can call again, young ladies, and I'll see about it."

SUSIE—Mrs. Sharp was no better. She said, "Mr. Sharp gives enough, goodness knows! I cannot be bothered any more." Mrs. Flutter said, "Deary me, no! She just couldn't. Everything was so high, and the times were bad. Her Eliza was taking music-lessons. That costs so much. She must have a new silk dress that

year. Mr. Flutter thought charity should begin at home, and she could not give us a cent."

CARRIE—We met old Mr. Cross coming down the street and asked him for a mission offering. Though he is very rich, he never gives a cent to any good cause. When we told him about our mission and asked him for money, he lifted up both hands and said,

"Hark, hark! the dogs do bark,
The beggars are coming to town."

I told him that we were not beggars, that the mission cause was God's cause and that He had given us all we have. We ought to do all we could for those who did not know about God. So many heathen were living in sin and darkness and needed to hear of the Light of the World. Our money would bless us all the more if we gave a portion to those who needed it so much.

ALICE—It did not make Mr. Cross angry, for he just said, "Hold out your hands." Then he put a cent in each of them, saying, "That is for your mission." Then he made Carrie a low bow, handed her a five-dollar-bill, and said, "That is for your sermon."

SUSIE—And the last call we made was on Grandma Elder. She gave us her dollar so gladly, and showed us the box where she had kept her missionary money for forty years. Then she told us it was not likely she would live until we collected next year, but she would have her offering ready in the box and we could come and get it. As we said goodbye to her, she said, "God bless you, my dears," and we felt so happy.

SUSIE—So on the whole collecting is not such very hard work, and we will all be glad to go again.

SISTER BELLE.

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WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Receipts from June 27th to Aug. 6th inclusive.

Alexander St. M. C., \$15.15; Alexander St. M. B., \$39.18; Paris M. C., \$14.45; Paris M. B., \$10.35; Thedford M. C., \$4.00; Forest M. C., \$9.17; 2nd Markham M. C., \$40.00, proceeds of a lawn social; Beverly St. M. C., \$20.30; Bloor St. M. C., \$14.60; Guelph M. C., \$10.50, of this 50c. was given by a friend for school at Samulocotta; Aylmer M. C., \$5.50; Springford M. C., \$8.00; Springford M. B., \$2.00; Peterboro M. C., \$17.50; Woodstock M. C., \$12.70; Brant Association, \$3.20, collection annual meeting; 1st Brantford M. C., \$25.00, support of Bible woman; Gobles M. C., \$7.75; Gobles M. B., \$3.75; Bank Interest to July 30th, \$18.10; Sale of Tracts, 20c.; Simcoe M. C., \$37.00, of this \$25.00 from Miss Flora Pegg, to make her a life member; Wingham M. C., \$25.00, for support of Chinuama F., and a native boy at school; 2nd Markham M. B., \$2.15; Mrs. Baskerville, Dundas, \$10.00, Missionary Quilt; Total, \$355.56.

Address all money orders Mrs. W. H. Elliott.

All remittances to be included in the annual report must reach me not later than Oct. 4th, when the books will be closed for the financial year.

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WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CONVENTION EAST.

Receipts from April 28th to July 1st, 1884.

Montreal, special donation from a friend, \$10.00; First Baptist Missionary Entertainment, \$13.27; First Baptist Circle, \$43.30; Thurso, \$10.00; Kempville, \$11.00; Ormond, \$3.00; Abbott's Corners, \$13.25; Osgoode, \$26.00; Cumberland, \$7.00; Total, \$136.82.

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