

ending account of a recent cyclone at Chittagoug.

One million of people have been made homeless and about five thousand lives were lost.

We know the Lord must have some wise purpose in sending these many afflictions upon the people of this land. Oh, that they might hearken to His voice and turn from their foolish worship of idols of wood and stone and worship Him, who is the only true God!

We have seen enough of the famine, to know what want of rain means, to these poor people.

Saturday morning, from far and near, the people crowd outside the Compound gate, and wait for us to distribute grain to them. At first we gave rice, and then decided, if all who came were really needy, they would be glad to get a coarse kind of grain, of which, for the same amount of money, we could get a much larger quantity. This we did, and the numbers did not decrease. We have counted from two hundred to two hundred and seventy at one time.

I sometimes think my heart has grown hard, seeing so much of want and misery, since I came to India, but even yet, I know I have some keen heartaches, when I go among these poor sufferers and see their wretchedness. Many of them are so greedy, never seeming to care whether the one sitting next gets anything or not.

We have them sit in rows, and tell them to keep in their place until all are helped, but some times one who has been helped moves along slyly and sits among those who have not yet received their share, and so gets a double portion. Another manoeuvre is for one woman to claim a certain child and ask a share for it, then when we get along a little farther among the crowd, we find another woman possessing the same child, so as to get a double measure. I have keenly felt this ingratitude and then have been brought to examine myself and see that I am more ungrateful for what my Heavenly Father gives me than those people can

possibly be, for what little we give them.

You remember in my last letter I told you that Somalingam's wife seemed near the Kingdom. The work of grace has been going on slowly and steadily, and about seven weeks ago, she asked for and received baptism. We had been praying and looking for this since her husband's baptism in the beginning of '94.

The wives of Veerachayalu and Evaron seem to show little, if any interest in the gospel. Will you join with us in praying that they may be brought to feel their need of Christ, and give their hearts to Him who yearns over them and longs to make them His own?

When the Christ-life appears how it transforms and brightens! If Christ dwelt in each heathen home in Bimfi, what a transformation this would be!

This has been a good year throughout our Missions, and we feel encouraged. I know you have rejoiced with us, that so many have been brought into the light of the gospel of Jesus.

Yours in Him.

Lillie P. Morse.

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## N. B. Home Missions

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During the year, ending Sept. 1st. 1897 forty eight churches were aided by the Board. The total amount expended for the year was \$3213.00 Since Convention the Board has engaged Rev F. D. Davidson, formerly pastor at Gibson, to go out as general missionary. He also gives part of his time to Sabbath School work.

Mr. C. H. Schutt B. A. who spent the summer in the French work in Madawaska country, has returned to McMaster Hall, Toronto, to complete his studies. His place is now filled by Mr. Paul F Madliger, a native of Switzerland. Bro. Madliger is a graduate of Newton Theological Seminary, Mass., and speaks French as