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DECISION OF CONFERENCE IN INDIA AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE FIRST BUNGALOW.

Resolved.—That inasmuch as Vuyyuru is the first station requiring accommodation for a single lady, that the new house for single ladies be erected there.

The need was brought to our notice by Mrs. Chute, at Aylmer, and by Miss Hatch in her letter in the January LINK, to which I would refer any desiring information on the subject. In response to the circular sent out by Mrs. Lloyd to the Associational Directors we hope for a generous response from the Circles—not to lessen our offerings for the regular work, but an extra, freely given for those who have been willing to leave home and friends and be our representatives in India, while many of us remain at home at "ease in Zion."

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MISS McLAURIN

FEB. 23, 1904.

Having another lady in Vuyyuru will mean, of course, another bungalow, and we are now getting out plans and estimates.

It is almost like getting married, isn't it? We are going to housekeeping at any rate. Things move slowly in India, so I do not expect we will be in our new bungalow for almost two years yet. We cannot submit plans and estimates to Conference until July. Then they have to go home and be sanctioned by the Board, and the money has to come. Then the rainy season must be allowed to pass, so that if we begin building eleven months from now we will do well. Dr. Hulet and I will have to live in one room until our new house is ready, and that room is the only place we shall have for receiving patients, holding meetings, etc. So it will often be very inconvenient, but I will make myself as scarce as possible by touring all I can—and I can do the more because she will be there to look after the town work.

K. S. McLAURIN.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stillwell and family and Miss McLeod are on their homeward journey. Let us pray that their journey may be a safe and pleasant one.

The act of giving is divine. God loves to give—to bestow life and health and beauty and joy upon His creatures. Christ Jesus came to give himself for man. This is heroic, and men are heroic in proportion as they spend themselves and their powers in behalf of others. This is most elevating in its influence on ourselves, and, when wisely directed, on those for whom it is expended. "God rains down his large benedictions from above, and below men offer their glad and free contributions." "God loves a cheerful giver." There is an unconscious and uncalculated reaction received by the cheerful giver, enlarging the heart and lifting it toward the level of the Supreme Giver.—Selected.

I am convinced that while our work needs reinforcing, while we need more funds to carry it on, all the needs are secondary. There is one primary need, and that is prayer. This work is not merely that of impressing upon the Chinese the intellectual superiority of the faith that we profess, nor merely showing that the morality of Christianity is higher than the morality of Confucianism and Buddhism, or any other of these faiths. We go out to fight against the great enemies of God and mankind, against the powers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places; and for that service, for that warfare, if we are to be strong, it must be you at home who will make us strong. As long as your hearts and hands are uplifted to God in earnest supplication, just so long will victory be ours.—F. Howard Taylor.

A Christian heard a heathen woman praying passionately in a heathen temple. She had in her arms a pitifully misshapen baby, and she was praying that it might grow beautiful like other babies. As she turned to go away, the Christian asked her: "Friend, to whom have you prayed?" "I do not know," she answered; "but surely there must be some one somewhere to keep a mother's heart from breaking!" The message of missions is that there is this Some One.—Selected.