

Canadian Missionary Link.

VOL. XVIII.

TORONTO, FEBRUARY, 1896.

No. 6.

Editorial.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE LINK.—We are trying to complete a set of THE LINK for the library of McMaster University. Can any one furnish us with March and April Nos. of '81? Also a complete set, or as nearly so as possible, from Jan. '86 to the present time?

PRAYER UNION.—As the present month's Treasurer's statement shows a serious falling behind in the regular income of our Society, would it not be well for each one to ask herself, am I remembering the noon hour of prayer? God is abundantly blessing the work in India, but shall we not pray that He will put it into the heart of His people to send more money into the treasury, so that the great danger of having to cripple the work which is of so much importance, may be avoided?
MARION CLEMENTIA, *Port Hope.*

DIVISION.—Having noticed from time to time reports from Circles as to the division of the funds raised, and that a number report, "divided between Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Grande Ligne, and North-West Missions," it seems that a word of explanation to such Circles would be timely. Our Circles were originally organized by the late Rev. A. V. Timpany to aid the Foreign Missionary Society by providing for the work among the women and children of India. After about eight years, Home Mission work was added. The Woman's Home Missionary Society embraces Home (Ontario), Grande Ligne, and North West Missions. If the Circles divide the money as stated above, they give twice, and more than a due proportion to the last two, leaving Foreign Missions the sufferer.

Let us not by our puny efforts towards a world's redemption, prove that we are ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, but let us who have been so abundantly enriched by our Saviour's blessings, see to it, before God, that we, up to the full measure of our ability, discharge our obligations. The King who came "to give deliverance to the captives," commands us, saying: "Deliver them that are carried away unto death. And those that are ready to be slain see that thou hold not back. If thou sayest, Behold we know not this; doth not He that weigheth the hearts consider it? And He that keepeth thy soul doth He not know it? And shall not He render to every man according to his work?" Prov. xxiv: 11-12 (R.V.).
—*Rev. J. Goforth, of China.*

In New York City this year, over, 85,000 Bibles have been distributed.

THE first newspaper issued in Congo Free State was published by two educated negro women.

It is said Victoria, as Empress of India, has more Mohammedan subjects than has the Sultan himself.

"Thou shalt not steal." The Gospel does not belong to you. It belongs to God and to the world, and if you do not spread it you are stealing.—*Rev. Ed. M. Noyes.*

MR. BARING-GOULD on a recent tour was impressed by three things in the China missions: The great influence of medical work, the heroism of the ladies, and the devotion of many of the converts.

When the day of systematic giving comes, the millennium will be near at hand. In the mean time we could, as Auxiliaries, hasten that day by simply paying what we owe quarterly. We have yet to learn that in giving, as in everything else, it is steadiness, regularity and promptness that makes easy what would otherwise be hard work.—*Miss Herald.*

WHEN Dr. Duff began work in Calcutta, he found that a cow had more rights and higher rank than a woman, and he said that to try to educate women in India was as vain as to attempt to "scale a wall five hundred yards high." To-day, in the province of Bengal alone, one hundred thousand women and girls are under instruction, and India's most gifted daughters are laying hold of the treasures of the higher education. Zenana doors have been unlocked by the gentle hand of Christian womanhood, and a transformation is already accomplished which centuries of merely human wisdom and power could not even have begun.—*Dr. A. T. Pierson.*

"I am in circumstances to give so little to the missionary work of any kind, and it is so painful to read of the great needs of the work throughout the world and not be able to respond, that sometimes I feel like dropping the missionary papers altogether. But I feel that I can least of all afford to lose that enlargement of heart which comes from deep sympathy with the Master in the work of drawing a sinful world unto Himself."—*Extract from a subscriber's letter.*
—*Ex.*

A Hindu woman wrote to Victoria, Empress of India, recounting the many terrible wrongs under which the women of India labored and pleading with her to have them righted. With the recounting, the burden of their wrongs came to her afresh, and in bitterness of soul she cried: "O God, I pray thee, let no more women be born in this land."—*Missionary Review.*