

hence no child widows. Women are on an equality with men. Besides the eight million Burmans and thousands of Chinese and other races, about one million Indians make their home, or at least earn a competence here, attracted by the better wages and salaries. The religion of Buddha is perhaps the purest and most kindly of the non-Christian faiths. Still it is a cold, depressing belief. By years of meditation and self-denial, Buddah claimed to have learned the way of peace. He pointed men to it and said "save thyself." On the steps of a pagoda a missionary asked a worshipper, "are you praying to Buddha?" "I am praying to no one." "For what then are you praying?" "I am praying for nothing," was the reply. And *nothingness* is the supreme goal of the Buddhist.

Ever since Judson pre-empted this land for Christ and the Baptists over one hundred years ago, our people have known something about mission work here. Since the beginning Baptists have led the way and there are more of them here now, missionaries and church members, than in all other missions in this country put together. In this city alone are fifty A. B. Missionaries and in their schools over three thousand students and pupils. This educational work is largely, in some cases altogether, financed by the Christians of the country who are keen for education and able to pay for it. The A. B. M. Press, with five Americans engaged, is entirely self-supporting aside from furlough expenses. Rangoon, ranking fourth among the seaports of the world and with a population of 345,000, is a city of many tongues. Baptist mission work is being done in ten languages just here. Our Telugu school near by has seven hundred pupils, Judson College three hundred students, with nine Americans on the staff. There are two theological seminaries for Burmans and Karens, and two Bible training schools for women.

It is with Judson College, dear Link, that some of your friends are connected. About two-thirds of the three hundred in attendance are Christians, about one-third

are girls. Six young women graduated last year with the degree of B.A. They are a fine, attractive lot of people, friendly, bright and keen. They are fair in colour with good physiques, well dressed, self-respecting. The Karens especially are fond of music and fine singers. The missionaries in charge feel it a great privilege and responsibility to have these young folk under their influence.

The college compound is a cheerful spot. Here are the homes of the missionaries and hostels for the students. One of our windows overlooks the sports field on which Judson boys have won the name in the local papers of playing a "clean" game. In full view of another is a National school for girls, where scores of little maidens make the air vocal with their sing-song lessons and games. Just beyond this, a peep of a big Chinese school house, and, in line but nearer, one of the hostels from which issue sounds of singing, violins, laughter, and other merry school boy noises. The first sentence in a Freshman's essay the other day was, "My first day in Judson College was the happiest day of my life"—happier perhaps than subsequent days have been! The Burman, like the Brahmin, is hard to win. But they are coming. By the preaching of the Cross and the lives of thousands of converts the Truth is being commended and the golden chain of miracles grows. And there is the promise: "He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he set judgment in the earth," "and the isles shall wait for his law."

M. B. McLaurin.

Rangoon, Burma.

PIONEER MARY JANE FRITH GOES HOME

At the home of her brother, Mr. J. P. Frith, of Winnipeg, after an extended illness that began with a stroke on February 28th last—her 73rd birthday—there passed to her heavenly home on August 5th, Miss Mary Jane Frith, the first single lady missionary to the Telugus in India from the Baptist constituency of Ontario