

"Do sing something." When once begun, all join heartily, and the hymn is well sung. The president offers prayer, a scripture lesson, is read, then—"Mrs. B. will pray?" is timidly asked. "Please excuse me to-day," is the prompt reply.

The secretary remarks, "it is hardly worth while to call the roll, so many are absent."

When the minutes are called for, "There was no meeting last month; only two or three of us were here, and it was not worth while to do anything," is the reply.

"The treasurer is absent to-day, and has not sent her book," is the next announcement.

"Do you know how much I owe, I have not been here for several meetings, and I do not remember when I paid any dues." "Nor I," echo one or two voices. "Well I suppose we cannot collect the dues to-day, as the treasurer's book is not here. You will have to hand your dues to her some other time."

"Mrs. G. promised to prepare a paper on 'Our Relations with the Indians, and our Duty to their Daughters,' but she is absent. Has any one present an item of interest to contribute?" asked the president.

Dead silence is the sole reply.

"I have brought a fine article which I would like to have read. Miss C., you will surely favor us," again asks the president in a tone of appeal.

"Really you must excuse me, I could not read anything without having practised."

[And yet she had acquired some reputation as an elocutionist.]

The obliging secretary reads the article. The long metre doxology is sung, and the meeting adjourns. The president heaves a long-drawn sigh; and one member remarks audibly on going out, "What stupid meetings we have! I do wonder why they are not more interesting."

Wanted—The baptism of enthusiasm in missionary work! The pictures presented are in sharp contrast. What constitutes the difference?

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Hu King Eng's Experience.

Nothing was more interesting in connection with the meeting at Niagara Falls, in August last year, than the relation of the native Christian girls from Burma, Siam, and China, of their personal religious experience. Miss Hu King Eng is a young Chinese lady now about eighteen years old, the daughter of one of the most efficient and eloquent native ministers of the Foochow Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her mother belongs to the small footed class of Chinese women. Hu King Eng was truly converted, and became desirous of pursuing a useful life amongst the women of China. Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler writes of her in the *Christian Advocate*—

"Hu King Eng also embraced the Christian religion. Inspired with an ardent desire to be useful, she determined to prepare herself to the utmost of her ability to be an efficient worker in Christ's vineyard. She longed for a medical education, but had not the means adequate to secure it; so, she says, she 'prayed God,' and He prepared the way for her to go to America.

"Since she entered the school here she has won her way into all hearts. Her artless manner, her simple

faith in God, and her constancy in the performance of what she considers to be her Christian duties, have not failed to make a deep impression on the others. She is very industrious and bright, makes rapid progress in her studies, and is said to have a remarkably retentive memory."

We will let her tell her own story as she told it at Niagara Falls. She said:—

"I came to America to learn English and study medicine, then I go back to my China, make people well, and talk about Jesus. When I was a little girl—I like to study very much—I think I like to study medicine. One day my father preach in church—he said everybody sin—when I heard—I was so sorry—I asked my father have I sinned? My father say—yes! I say—Why, I never kill anybody—then my father told me O! many things and—say—yes! you sin. Then I say I sorry—I cry. My father say—You better not sorry—you pray God—and He take away my sin and make me so happy. Then my father say, God take away your sin, make you have peace and joy, do you want to do something for God? I say, O, father, so long a time I want to study medicine, and help sick people, then he say—You go pray God. He will help you know. In three months I went to Foochow Hospital and learn some—then Miss Trask (medical missionary in China) want me come here and I so glad; but I leave father, mother, brother, sister, friend, that so hard, say good-bye, but God come with me, and help me every day—help me study and learn, I work hard, then I go back my China make everybody well, and help their bodies; then I talk to them about Jesus. I hope you pray for me, I learn soon—so I go back to my China."

Jug Breaking—Amherst, N.S.

DEAR LINK.—Thinking that a few words in regard to the work of 'The Fishers' may be encouraging to other Bands, as well as interesting to your readers, I send you a sketch of one day's work done in behalf of our benighted brothers and sisters and for the furtherance of God's kingdom upon earth. Members of our Band having had jugs for something over a year, in which they were collecting pennies of their own saving and gifts of friends, we thought it time to have our 'Jug Breaking' so long talked of, when we received word from Mr. and Mrs. Churchill offering their presence and help at our entertainment, which we accepted with much pleasure.

We met in the afternoon having Mrs. Churchill and our pastor present. Opened by singing and prayer after which our President, Mrs. G. B. Smith, took charge, and called for several recitations and readings from members of the Band, interspersed with music. Then came the 'Jug Breaking.' As the names of those having jugs were called; each own came forward, placed their jug upon the table, took a small wooden mallet and broke it, when the contents was at once counted by those in attendance. After the debris was thrown aside, we had the pleasure of listening to a very pleasant and encouraging address from Mrs. Churchill. There was a large number present and we believe all went away well pleased.

Proceeds from Jug Breaking and collection \$52.00.

In the evening Mr. Churchill gave a very interesting lecture on the "Telugus and their Customs," showing many Indian curiosities. Admission 10c. from which was realized \$12. Total \$64.00.

I have much pleasure in saying, we have just closed a very successful year in which we have made about \$90,