

those who uphold temperance, righteousness and purity and those who consider only how best they may gain wealth and power and gratify their depraved appetites, caring not who suffer—heedless alike of the anguish of fathers and mothers and the cries of helpless childhood—faithful missionaries and others in the Bombay Presidency have been bringing to light the fearful evils of the rum traffic, the opium traffic and State regulated vice, and urging the abolition of this threefold curse.

Three missionaries were imprisoned in Bombay jail, their crime being that they write, preach and protest against those public evils for which the Government is responsible. There was no peace across the line until slavery was abolished, so there will be none in India until the rulers learn righteousness. There is need of those who "will swear to their own hurt and change not," instead of upholding those in power because their living comes from the Government.

Rev. A. W. Prautch, who has been imprisoned in Bombay, has been sent out to England by the anti-opium party to arouse the British people to the condition of things there. Dissolute Americans and Englishmen who have gone to Calcutta, Bombay and Canton to make their fortunes, defame the missionaries because the holy lives and pure households of these people are a constant rebuke to the libertines stopping there, but the men and women of God go on with their work—people as good and self-denying as was Moffat, who, when asked to write in an album, wrote these words:

"My album is in savage breasts,
Where passion reigns and darkness rests
Without one ray of light—
To write the name of Jesus there,
To point to world both bright and fair,
And see the pagan bow in prayer
Is all my soul's delight."

Yes, there are still men and women with the consecration of Melville B. Cox, who, embarking for missionary work in Africa, said to a fellow student, "If I die in Africa come and write my epitaph." "What shall I write?" "Write," said he, "Let a thousand fall rather than Africa be given up."

District Conventions.

THE Convention of the Sarnia and Strathroy Districts of the Woman's Missionary Society met in the Methodist Church, Petrolea, on Wednesday, April 17th, 1895. The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. (Rev.) Bond. Mrs. McKittrick gave a very helpful Scripture lesson, and Rev. Mr. Ford, of Wyoming, led in prayer. Hopeful and cheering reports came from the Sarnia, Strathroy, Watford and Petrolea Auxiliaries, also from Sarnia and Strathroy Mission Bands. A warm and hearty welcome was extended to the delegates by Mrs. Denham, and responded to by Mrs. Kinder, of Strathroy. Miss Reid sang a sweet solo, entitled "Nearer, my God, to Thee." A very thoughtful and suggestive paper on "How to Make Auxiliary Meetings Interesting" was given by Mrs. Luscombe, of Sarnia, followed with a duet by Misses Huffman and Spurr. Then came greetings from the sister societies, Mrs. McHaltie responding for the Presbyterian and Mrs. Rogers for the Church of England. Mrs. McRitchie sang a solo. Mrs. Bond gave a synopsis of the work of the W.M.S., including work done in British Columbia, China, Japan, Newfoundland and the French work. An excellent paper, entitled "Scrap-Book on China," was given by Miss Neelands, of Strathroy; also one by Mrs. Major, of Sarnia, on "The Responsibility of Christian Women." Rev. Mr. Ford, of Wyoming, and Rev. Mr. Oaten, of Wanstead, were here introduced to the Convention, and gave short addresses. The Question Drawer, in charge of Mrs. McMechan, of London, brought out some useful information. Mrs. Adams read a paper on "The Scattered Helpers' Scheme." At the close of the afternoon session a bountiful tea was provided by the ladies, and a social hour spent, which was much enjoyed. The speakers of the evening were Mrs. Edwards, of Sarnia, who gave a very vivid and interesting account of Indian Work on the St. Clair; and Mrs. McMechan, of

London, who gave a practical address on "Woman's Work." The District Organizer reported five Auxiliaries and two Mission Bands, there being a number of unorganized Circuits. During the evening excellent music was furnished by the choir, under the leadership of Miss McCann. This closed the first Convention of the Sarnia and Strathroy Districts, which we trust will be the means of giving us more zeal in the missionary cause.

S. RUSSELL, *Rec. Sec.*

AYLMER.—The District Convention of the W.M.S. on the Aylmer District met in the Methodist Church, Aylmer, on Tuesday, April 30th, at 2.30 p.m., with a good attendance, the President, Mrs. (Rev.) Treleven, in the chair, and Miss Heydin, of Yarmouth Centre, was appointed as secretary. The exercises were then opened by Bible reading and hymn, followed by prayer. The programme was preceded by some very interesting and enthusiastic remarks by the President, awakening the zeal and missionary spirit of all present. Reports of the different Auxiliaries were then read, showing the great interest taken in the work. Very instructive addresses were delivered on "Medical Missions," by Miss Elliott, and "Does Mission Work Pay?" by Mrs. (Rev.) McNair. Quartette by the Mission girls. Mrs. Treleven then read the reports of the Foreign Work, after which Mrs. Cassidy, late of Japan, gave a very interesting description of the customs of the Japanese. The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. T. R. McNair, and all adjourned for tea, which was served in the Sunday-school room by the ladies' Auxiliary of Aylmer. Rev. Mr. Treleven occupied the chair at the evening meeting. The church was filled to the doors, manifesting the interest taken in the work. A most interesting programme was rendered, consisting of music, dialogues, recitations, and an address on "Japan" by Rev. F. A. Cassidy, in Japanese costume; also an address on "Missions" by Miss Martin. At the conclusion of Mr. Cassidy's interesting address, Mrs. Cassidy and he sang in Japanese "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye," the congregation joining in the last chorus in English. The meeting was then closed by Rev. Mr. Treleven pronouncing the benediction.

In Memoriam.

VICTORIA, B.C.—It is with deep regret we chronicle the death of another dear sister, Mrs. Captain Buttler. After a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude, she passed to her eternal rest on the 3rd of April. Her loss is deeply regretted by all. She was ever ready to help in any good cause. Eternity alone will reveal the good she has done here. Who can tell the outcome of a life such as hers! We look forward cheerfully to a reunion in the "Land that is fairer than day."

A. J. PENDRAY, *Cor. Sec.*

BRANTFORD (Wellington St. Aux.).—It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we record the death of one of our devoted members, Mrs. Belfry. Although, on account of failing health, she had not the privilege of attending our monthly meetings, she was ever ready to aid with her sympathies and prayers. She gave her heart to God when young, and lived a consistent, Christian life. To her the theme of the love of Christ and the spread of His Gospel seemed ever fresh and new. True and faithful are His promises, and we are sure that to her was given the encomium, "Well done." We bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, who alone knows when our work is done, and who will, in due time, call us to our reward.

H. E. JENNINGS, *Cor. Sec.*

A HINDOO and a New Zealander met upon the deck of a missionary ship. They had both been converted from heathenism, and were brothers in Christ, but they could not speak to each other. They pointed to their Bibles, shook hands and smiled in each other's faces; but that was not all. At last a happy thought occurred to the Hindoo. With a sudden joy he exclaimed, "Hallelujah!" The New Zealander, in delight, cried out "Amen!"