

It is probable that these sisters will be sent to Bimlipatnam under the care and direction of Brother Sanford until they have had time to familiarize themselves with the people, their language and their needs. Then, upon the return of Brother Sanford to this country, the station can be left in their care, until his return.

This addition to the staff of workers will necessitate enlarged beneficence on the part of our churches, and aid societies, but the means will not long be wanting to carry forward every department of the work, if the wonder-working hand of God is but seen directing, guiding and controlling the work He has given His servants to do.

### Thoughts suggested by Miss Muir's Letter.

I have just been reading Miss Muir's letter in the LINK for April. I shall be glad to join in the proposed prayer circle, and I should like to say something on the second point—giving. Now all Christians belong to Christ. But do we give Him all the money we might. The spring is coming on when we want new clothes. Would not a less expensive dress do, and give the remaining money to the mission; or a dress with less trimming; or a bonnet with fewer flowers. At the last day it will not matter to us whether in the summer of 1884 we dressed in silk or not. But it will matter if some poor dark soul has been made light-through the money we gave. And is it not in these things that we shall receive the reward of the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or bad? This will apply to all women, whether ladies or servants. Servants have more money at their disposal than ladies. They earn good wages, and have only to draw out of them. If they are servants of Christ let them put some of these earnings out at interest in this way for Him, that at His coming He may receive His own with usury, and they hear His "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many." Cannot some thing be done without in our homes? A new carpet, new curtains, perhaps expensive fancy work, to be given like a pound of ointment, very costly, showing in some measure the love of the giver.

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### A Scrap for a Circle Meeting.

One of the first essentials in any Christian mission is faith. Not the faith that must see the why, wherefore and immediate results, but one that can overreach the years and see the *final success* of the work. Without this element what could the early missionaries have done, those who toiled for four, ten or twelve years without seeing the conversion of a single soul. It was this *faith* in the *final success* of the mission that bore the soul of Paul above the tides of adversity that overtook him. How great was his faith! How much greater should be ours! We who have seen the triumph of the cross; we who are so near the glorious day that the light is breaking upon us. Let us pray, "Lord increase our faith," for what saith our blessed Master, "According to your *faith* be it unto you." I. B.

### Annual Meeting at Buffalo.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society was held in the Prospect Avenue Church on the 16th and 17th of April. About five hundred delegates and visitors were present, all of whom entered heartily into the spirit and exercises of the

meeting. The opening service was a prayer meeting of great earnestness and power. Mrs. Colby, the president, conducted the meeting of the society, and the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Gordon.

The society reports for the year, 24 missionaries, 90 schools, 4,448 scholars, 47 Bible-women, and 183 baptisms.

The report of the Treasurer, Miss Mary E. Clarke, of Boston, showed that the receipts were \$50,955, and the disbursements \$58,686.53, leaving a debt of \$7,956.53. \$48,076.07 was collected from thirty States and Territories represented in the society.

(Special contributions, taken during the second day, amounting to about \$1,500, will reduce the indebtedness).

The afternoon session was very profitable. Mrs. Clark, of Assam, gave an outline of the work of herself and husband among the Assamese. Miss Price, of Salem, Mass., read a choice paper on "Our Heritage and our Opportunity." Miss Payne, of Burmah, related interesting experiences of her work. Mrs. M. H. Bixby, of Providence, spoke on "School Work in Missions—Who shall do it?" The session closed with an admirable address to children, by Mrs. J. N. Cushing, who happily described child-life in Burmah.

The house was completely filled at night, notwithstanding stormy weather. Mrs. Downie, of Nellore, captured and held her delighted audience by an address of rare merit, delivered most naturally and effectively. She was followed by Dr. Henson, of Chicago, who paid a noble tribute to the work and worth of Christian women, contrasting them with novel-reading, theatre-going, pleasure-seeking, worldly women.

The reports of the State Secretaries, on Thursday morning, were of very great importance, and showed increasing interest in the churches, enlarged contributions, deeper consecration, and many other evidences of genuine devotion and hope. Mrs. Freeland, of Ontario, conveyed the greetings of the Canadian societies.

A most charming and touching missionary poem, called, in Burmese, "Koung-kin-boné-pou" (heavenly blossom), was recited by its author, Mrs. O. W. Spratt, of Brooklyn, who was born in Burmah, and whose father (a returned missionary) now resides at Lewisburg—Rev. G. P. Watrous.

At the afternoon session, Miss Wayte made some very appropriate remarks, in view of her early departure to India. A young Telugu girl, Seatama, spoke in English very acceptably. Mrs. Gates read a faithful and searching paper on "What are our Related Needs?" Funds and helpers, she claimed as the reply. Mrs. Armstrong, from Burmah, told of her work among the Karens, and recited the pathetic story of Nana, a Bible-woman of ardent zeal for Christ. Mrs. Rathbun gave an excellent address on "Missions," and a carefully prepared and instructive paper was read by Miss Clarke, on "Our Helps to Study."

Much interest was manifested throughout the entire sessions. Every arrangement possible had been planned by local committees for the comfort of the delegates and the success of the meetings. The young lady ushers representing the various churches, faithfully and gracefully performed their tiresome, yet pleasant work.

At the Thursday evening session, a large audience assembled. By special request, Mrs. Spratt repeated her beautiful poem. Dr. Clough graphically outlined the geography, history experiences and success of the renowned Telugu Mission Field. His address was listened to with rapt attention and profit. Throughout all the meetings, an earnest, Christian spirit prevailed, and much gratitude to God for his abundant blessings.