

any great change in India, we must begin with the children. Some of the older ones may be saved from hell but never from sin. As the tree is bent the twig is inclined. Many children's meetings have been held, day schools, Sunday schools, caste girl's schools, caste children's meetings, schools among the Madigas, the Malas, the outcasts, in the house or on the road-side. Every possible means seems to have been used to implant in the young hearts the imperishable seed of divine truth. The story of the Life of Christ, verses of Scripture, Gospel hymns have been taught, and not only the children have been reached but sometimes the mothers listen and they too have been won by the precious words of love heard in Scripture verse or Gospel song." Miss Simpson gives an interesting account of a Sunday school of sixty held on the road-side, also a caste girl's Sunday school conducted by Miss Gibson. Miss Baskerville tells of three in the Malapilly. Miss Stovel of Sunday schools and four caste children's meetings. Miss Rogers has four Sunday schools with an attendance of 300 children who rejoice her heart by their remembrance of the hymns and Scripture verses that have been taught them." Miss Hatch reports three Sunday schools with an average attendance of 213.

Village Schools.—"The policy of the missionary in village school work is to encourage the Christians to undertake the work themselves, hence the older and stronger schools are not supported by the Society." There are six schools on the Akidu field which are self-supporting. Gunnapudi, the largest, is attended not only by boys and girls, but by young men and women. Five others in that region are supported by the Christians. Mr. Craig, Akidu, reports fifteen supported by our Society, Mr. Davis, Cocanada, reports nine, Mr. Gar-side, Tuni, reports three, Mr. Brown, Vuyuru, reports thirteen, Mr. Walker, Peddapuram, reports two.

The attendance at these schools varies from a very few to sixty or seventy. Their importance lies not only in the fact that children who otherwise must grow up in ignorance learn to read, write, sing and repeat verses of God's Word; but many of the preachers' wives have received their first instruction here and afterwards in the girls' school and in their turn have become teachers. Very good work has been done in many of these schools.

Books and Tracts.—The reports of this work have been much more satisfactory than on any previous year. The preachers and Bible women as well as the missionaries have distributed a great many copies of the *Messengers of Truth*, leaflets, Gospel tracts and booklets. Whenever possible the Christians have been encouraged to buy them. Sometimes the Missionary's name and address are stamped on the tracts, so that any one desirous of enquiring further can have the opportunity. As they are scattered among Christian and heathen at the bazaars, the weekly fairs and great feasts, some receive them eagerly, others tear them up.

The Work before Us.—"We know that we are of God, and that the *whole world lieth in the evil one*, and we know that the Son of God is come and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."

More help is wanted from us. Our missionaries are working to the outside limit of their strength. It is very important that one or more ladies should be sent to India every year. There are now on our field 300,000 women and girls depending on house to house work for a knowledge of the Gospel. Two hundred and

fifty thousand have never had the opportunity of hearing of Christ and His love. Before we meet in Convention next year many of these shall have passed into eternity. Will the ascended Lord hold us responsible for their souls?

God's promise must be fulfilled. "The heathen shall be given to His Son for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession."

Christ's last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," must be obeyed. The Gospel must be preached for a witness among all nations. Shall we carry it? And shall many of these 300,000 women and girls on our own Telugu field, be among that "great multitude which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, who shall stand before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes and palms in their hands, crying with a loud voice, salvation to Him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever."

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RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the past year the Board has held four regular meetings and one special meeting. At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board for the year held in the Talbot St. Baptist Church, London, on Oct. 30th, 1891, the following appropriations were made:

Woman's work for women	\$3,260
The usual appropriation on the general work, namely for village schools, books and tracts, and for student labor	980
Samulcotta Seminary, all the estimates exclusive of Mr. Stillwell's salary and \$150 from the Eastern Society	2,153
Total	\$6,393

At the first meeting of the Board an executive committee was appointed consisting of the officers and Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Firstbrook and Miss West. Mrs. Freeland and Mrs. Newman were re-appointed to represent the Society on the General Board for two years. At the request of the General Board a committee was appointed to confer with them as to the suitable celebration of the Carey Centennial. The committee on printing was authorized to take the Ontario share of the surplus from the LINK for use in this work if necessary. At the meeting held on April 14th, a communication was received from a committee of the Woman's Home Mission Board expressing on behalf of that Board their willingness that there should be an amalgamation of the two papers the *Visitor* and the LINK, should such union recommend itself to this Board as practicable and for the best interests of both Societies. It was requested by this Board that the question be deferred pending the settlement of matters which would affect the possibility of union. At the meeting held on July 1st, the following resolution was passed: that the Foreign Mission Board do not consider that the amalgamation of the *Visitor* and LINK is practicable or for the best interests of either Society. Subsequently, however, a note from the President requested the Recording Secretary to defer sending a copy of the above resolution to the Woman's Home Mission Board, as on fuller information, the action of this Board appeared to the President to have been hastily taken and to be out of accordance with the resolution passed at the April meeting. A communication was received from the Woman's Methodist M. S. asking for the appointment of a committee from the Board to act with others to secure the suppression of the importation of Chinese girls on the Pacific coast. The officers were appointed a committee, and in concert with other Missionary Societies, an effort has since been made in this direction. A grant of \$200 was made to our honorary