

Work Abroad.

COTE ST. ANTOINE, Feb. 18th, 1893.

My Dear Mrs. Newman:—The following urgent letter has been received by our corresponding secretary Miss Green, who has been laid aside by illness, and your President would earnestly desire that the Baptist Sisters of Eastern Ontario and Quebec would read and be prepared to act upon this appeal of Mr. Brown, by giving of your means and prayers.

The Churches and the Circles in the East do nobly. We should be glad to have increased means so that this request may be fulfilled without delay. A speedy response would bring joy to many hearts.

Is there no one from among us who will answer "here am I! Send me! Send me!"

J. CLAXTON.

VOYYURU, Kestria District, India, Dec. 24, 1892.

Dear Miss Green:—It is scarcely necessary for me to repeat that the need of this field is a crying one. The efforts of the male missionary must be mainly towards the men. Often and often in villages his only hearers are men. Occasionally a few women listen behind walls, in doorways or at street corners, but frequently even when there, the glance of the missionary in their direction is sufficient to make them flee away. The women too, need the gospel most. The reasons are many:—(1) They are much more ignorant than the men. (2) They are despised, abused and down-trodden. (3) Their influence in the training of the children is paramount. The work on this field, I am sure would receive a mighty impetus, if a young lady worker with half a dozen competent Bible-women were constantly at work. The vast majority of those baptized are men. This ought not so to be, and would not be so, if the same work were done among the women as is done among the men. During the month of November alone over sixty were baptized, and on every hand the work is greatly increasing. I have two good Bible-women at work and there is another woman, the wife of one of my Brahmin converts, a well educated, cultured, fine young woman, who has been training for the Zenana work. A well educated Brahmin widow is believing and longs for baptism, who might make a very good Bible-woman. I feel that what we need now, to complete our staff is just such a young lady as you could send us. Pray do keep the matter ever before the sisters. Now that 1892 has about gone by, let not 1893 fail to witness the sending out of a young lady to represent your board. The Christian teachers and preachers keep asking for news about the young lady. Please let me have the joy of telling them soon, that "our young lady" has been found and is soon to be sent. Remember that a year or more will be spent in acquiring the language, so that the sooner she is sent, the sooner she will be ready for service.

Mrs Brown does not enjoy good health in India. She is quite feeble, her head gives her much trouble, and her whole system seems extremely weak. I often fear that we shall have to return to Canada which the Lord in His great mercy forbid! Having to leave India with all her loneliness, weariness and care would be the saddest trial of my life. My work is so hopeful and so interesting that one forgets the great burdens which he has daily to bear, in seeing scores turning from dumb

idols unto the loving God and offering incense of true worship to Jehovah. Won't you ladies of the East send us a helper in this great work? Won't you remember the poor down-trodden women of the Vuyyuru field and send a messenger of life to them? May God move all hearts! There is nothing like increase of endeavour to develop a deepening interest. "Forward" must ever be our watch-word in this great work. "Attempt great things for God" and we may also expect great things from God.⁶

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Ever faithfully yours,

J. G. BROWN.

BANGALORE, Jan. 4th, 1893.

If dear LINK, you love me *still*, you must have been gratified with my record for the past year. I have not forgotten, nor have I been indifferent, but you have been well supplied with what was good and timely, while "many things" have come between your pages and my purpose to write.

But we have been to conference,—let me give you a few notes. We met in Ramapatam; that name has a familiar sound, has it not? and recalls memories of first things in connection with our Foreign Mission. Here A. V. T. began his work, here was our first home, here Dr. Boggs now carries on the Seminary with its scores of students. We saw graduated a class of 16 on the first day of our gathering. In visiting needy fields within the bonds of this mission await ten times that number of such trained workmen.

There was a grand rally of missionaries, 46 in all were present; and of these mostly young people, a choice and goodly band. The Baptists of America have sent this Mission a re-enforcement of 20 during the past year. What grand things, by God's grace, these may accomplish for His glory and for the Tuluvas.

Papers and discussions were the order of the day. The former were pronounced able and orthodox, the latter lacked neither vigor nor point, neither did they lack abundant good feeling and pleasantry. "Shall we accept Government aid in our school work," was decided in the negative with but one opposing vote. The devotional services were, above all, delightful. Eagerly and warmly we greeted each other, more eagerly every heart responded to the call to prayer and praise, and the Master, surely, was "in the midst." On Sunday besides the English services Dr. Narayanaswamy, a Tuluva professor in the Madrass Medical College, and also pastor of a small independent Baptist Church in that city preached, eloquently on John iii: 16. A large congregation of natives "feasted" as they said, on his words. The services of this man to the Christian interests in Madrass are of course, of one of a volunteer and unremunerated. Pandian, another native Baptist of Madrass, was listened to with much interest on his schemes to wring from a deluded Government justice for the lowest classes of his countrymen. His effort is attracting attention and substantial sympathy. A gentleman has offered to send him to England to lay his protest and appeal before Parliament. Pandian feels that the time for that has hardly come. It made the cheek hot with indignation to hear how the pariahs are stripped of every shred of justice by their tyrannical high cast countrymen. The older missionaries abundantly confirmed the words. Dr. Boggs told how he knew of the Christians on his fields being mobbed,