

Let us have *live* meetings at our Associations this year!

Will the Societies of Carleton, York, Victoria, Queens, Sunbury, and Northumberland Counties, remember that the Western N. B. Ass. meets at Range (2nd Grand Lake) on Friday, 24th June. Let us have a good representation.

Work while it is day, the night cometh.

Yours in the work,  
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### Letter For Tidings.

My Dear Sisters:

Tonight it seems hard to realize that I am in India—that land of the scorching sun. All around our cottage are growing the familiar geraniums, fuschias callas, roses and pansies; on the winding roads I am constantly meeting Europeans or Americans, who wear warm clothes and wraps as you do at home in the last of May; in the evening we gather around an open fire and enjoy it.

You have no doubt surmised where I am—in Octacamund at an elevation of about seven and a half thousand feet. Now do not suppose that your new missionaries are not well. Indeed we are; but Miss Newcomb and I were advised by some of the missionaries to come up here for the first hot season, when we could be of little use on the plains, so as to save up our home energy for next year when we hope to be able to commence work.

We are working daily at the language, and enjoy it in this delightful atmosphere. We have a good munshi and two others of our own Telugus with us, so we shall have opportunities for Telugu conversation. In nearly every letter that I receive from the homeland, I am asked to tell about the famine and plague in our part of India, so I thought this would interest you most at present.

We your missionaries—are not in the famine stricken district. True, it has been felt by our people, yet I have not heard of one death as the result of the famine from among the Telugus.

Last December just after the failure of the "latter rains," which has caused the famine, the price of rice went up about fifty percent; but since then there has been no change in the price. The number of beggars does not seem to increase, and I do not remember of seeing any really emaciated people. On some of our fields and down to the south of us, I have heard that some people have only one meal a day; but yet I know of one town where the government established a sort of kitchen to feed the needy with a coarse but healthful food, and it was so poorly patronized that the official considered it hardly worth while to keep it open.

Bear in mind, please, that this that I have written refers only to the Telugu country where your missionaries are stationed.

During the last of March the greater portion of the Telugu land was refreshed by unusually heavy rains. While this would have no direct effect upon the rice crop, it filled up the tanks in