

and if one gives out a load must be left or we must remain until the carrier is better, and besides, when sick myself, there is no other hand but my own to give me the necessary help. My health and strength appear to be steadily on the increase. I look out upon the future with hope, and pray much for strength and guidance to do a good work. We have had no regular mail since last January. The other day the carriers come up from the coast with word that the boat had been several days expected, and that some declared that it had gone down, with our mail, etc.

By the time this reaches you the Union meetings will be over. Let me know what kind of a time you had, and what was done with reference to our foreign mission. Most of my correspondents in Canada put fifteen cent stamps on their letters of ordinary weight. I think this ought not to be. Benguella, in the Province of Pungola, is in the postal union, and the postage on a letter from the United States is only five cents. Please inquire into this matter at the general office, Montreal, or at headquarters, for I believe that our friends are unjustly taxed.

Word has just come that the King of Bihe drank himself to death the other day. The report, however, is not yet confirmed, though it was brought to us by a messenger from Bihe.

I almost forgot to mention that the brethren in Bihe have been threatened with expulsion if they do not yield to a demand made upon them by the old men for cloth. What will follow if it be true the king is dead, we cannot tell.

I open this to say it is true the King of Bihe is dead. His caravan came up from the coast a short time ago, bringing liquor. He drank first freely of wine, and then after of rum, till serious vomiting and inflammation set in, and he died.

W. F. CURRIE.

Bailundu, April 19, 1887.

[Enquiry at the Montreal Post Office shows the necessity of fifteen cents postage on letters to Mr. Currie. The full reports alluded to are being put together, and will before long be sent to the various ministers, printed in a pamphlet. A brief history of the West Central African mission will also be sent. It is hoped that some one will forward the case of surgical instruments asked for; his name may be inscribed upon it. To heal the sick is one of the best ways of winning confidence and preparing the way of the Lord.—THE SECRETARY.]

The Toronto Northern Church Sunday School have purchased the case of instruments, and will forward the same to Mr. Currie for his own personal use.—ED.

THE late Mr. W. D. Alexander, of Tunbridge Wells, has bequeathed \$100,000 to the London Missionary Society, \$150,000 to the London City Missions, and \$50,000 each to the Religious Tract Society and the Bible Society.

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"TALK YE OF ALL HIS WONDROUS WORKS."

To interest people, tell them of something really interesting, and which touches a responsive chord in your own soul. To appear grieved or surprised or disappointed because another is indifferent to that which to us is full of meaning will never awaken interest or kindle enthusiasm. What is a reality to us must become so to others before they will share our feelings. Very few will become interested or enthusiastic from a "sense of duty," though the spirit of obedience may push them on mechanically.

It is not enough to say, "What a wonderful work is going on in Japan," or "How hard it must be for those Micronesian missionaries to get their mail only once a year," or "It makes me shudder even to think of those Hindu widows." What to you is a vivid picture may be the faintest shadow, without light or colour, to your friend. Tell your friends whom you meet incidentally, of "all His wondrous work" in Japan. Speak definitely of what the missionaries write of events at Niigata, Sendai, Kyoto and Kobe; of Mr. and Mrs. Guick going down to Kiushu, and Miss Dudley's touring, and training school for Bible women.

Your own heart has been deeply touched by the story of the condition of Hindu widows, the women in African kraals, in the harems of Turkey and the zenanas of India. Read again, carefully, that you may talk with certainty of details, as you do of what has occurred under your own observation. Do not forget to give instances of the fulfilment of God's promises, of regeneration and changed life, and of the liberality of gifts among the native converts.

You read these thrilling accounts in the *Missionary Herald* and *Life and Light*; give them out again. Like Paul, "keep back nothing that is profitable" to others, and, with David, be ready to declare, "I have not concealed Thy loving kindness and Thy truth." Do not wait for the monthly concerts or the woman's missionary meeting. Talk of it everywhere. Speak of persons and events. Tell of the work in Africa under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Stover, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman and others. Speak familiarly of the incidents and subjects of sketches given by the last mission studies.

Connect items referring to the same person, or the same place. For instance, you noticed in the "column" that Dr. Ingersoll had paid a visit to her aged father in Kansas, and is now on her way as a missionary to Micronesia. Soon after you saw in the *Advance* a notice of the death of her father. Express your sympathy for the sorrowing daughter. Again you read in last week's *Advance* the obituary notice of Rev. B. F. Haskins, the father of our young missionary in Mexico. Make others acquainted with these facts.