

## Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the little folks who read this paper).

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—The Mission Band Report made me glad. I would like to visit those fifteen girls in Nova Scotia who are showing the people of Farmington that they have a mind to work "for the missionaries." I do know some members of the Paris Band, and rejoice with them at their great success. May this year be still more prosperous! What Mission Band will send the next Report?

The Paris mission boxes reminded me of a lady who loved this work. She thought many people would save odd change for Foreign Missions if they had any place to keep it. So she collected empty collar boxes, pasted the lids down, and cut a hole in the top of each one. Then she gave them away to her friends for mission boxes, and several dollars were collected in them before long. Who will try this plan, and then write and tell me how much such a box will hold?

I have just been reading a little book telling about a dear Missionary named Mrs. Newhall, who has now gone home to Jesus, after spending her life for Him on earth. She wrote a letter while in Nellore, India, that I think would interest you, so will copy a part of it: "While writing last night I heard the sound of distant music, the din of many voices, and the tramping of many feet. This told me that an idol procession was coming. Being anxious to see it, I went over to Canakiah's, (our Bible-reader) to get some one to go with me to the gate of our compound. I found them just beginning family worship so took my seat near the door. Canakiah was sitting on the floor in the middle of the room with his Bible and a small coal-oil lamp. By him sat Julia, his wife, and on mats around the room the rest of his family were seated. They sung the hymn "Just as I am," then a chapter was read, followed by prayer. As the service was all in Telugu, I could not understand one word, but their earnestness told me of love and faith in Jesus, and that filled my heart with peace. Meanwhile the procession had been stopping at the door of every house along the road, that the idol might receive presents. At last it came near us. What did I see? A great crowd of people, men, women and children. Four men playing on instruments walking ahead. Next came two men carrying the idol which was finely dressed, and under a rich canopy. It was the most respectable idol I had ever seen, as it was one of the principal deities making its yearly visit to the smaller gods of Nellore. The heat is so great during the day that the nights are taken for these processions, and the music, dancing and feasting makes so much noise we find it difficult to sleep. A number of dancing girls are kept to wait upon this idol. Their bodies are covered with jewellery and its tinkling can be heard at a great distance."

Mrs. Newhall's letter goes on to describe her visit with Julia, Canakiah's wife, to the heathen homes of the poor natives. I wish you could all read it as it is too long to copy. The little book contains much that would interest you.

One way to make your Band meetings more interesting is for each member to read and hear all about Foreign Missions that you can during the month. Then be ready to tell the Band what you read. It is much easier to give our money when we fully understand where it is going, and the good it will do. If our heads and hearts are full of this subject our mission boxes will not be empty. But, boys and girls, remember to ask the

Lord to bless the money you give, for a gift so given will bring forth rich fruit. Let us all keep nearer to Jesus ourselves and then we can lead those we love to Him.

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SISTER BELLE.

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