

FOR THE FAR EAST, FROM THE WEST.

W E two travellers, Miss McLaurin and I, have crossed the Indian ocean, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean and the Atlantic ocean together, and are now about to test or to cement our friendship further by crossing together the Pacific and the Bay of Bengal, from India to India in a circuit round the world.

The last Sunday in Toronto brings good news. First, by phone, I hear that the Davies compound in Cocanada is to have a corner added to it. On this corner are buildings suitable for the teachers of the Girls' Boarding School, and the girls are saved from the near approach of undesirable neighbors. Second, my Indian mail tells me that nine more lepers believing in Jesus have been baptized, thus making in all fifty-nine so-called "God-cursed" lepers who have become God-blessed ones since work began for them in Ramachandrapuram.

Hurried good-byes were said to a few whom I had promised to visit during last week, and Toronto is left. Winnipeg is reached in two days, and the train is met by one of the good deacons of the First Baptist Church, and also by one of that church's good mission workers. That evening opportunity is given to speak in the prayer-meeting, and to recount on this the eve of Thanksgiving Day, the blessings which God has given to us His people in India and to render praise to Him for God's inheritance given to us there. Arrangements were also made for my coming back to the public missionary meeting to be held the next week, when Miss McLaurin would arrive, and to this I returned from Brandon.

Warm indeed was the welcome given us. The audience filled the Sunday School hall and pushed out into the class-rooms. Missionary enthusiasm ran high and many appreciative words were spoken. The ladies of the Board kindly met to hear the message from the Ontario Board, and we hope the hall was started rolling which, increasing in volume, will result in the "Manitoba Bungalow" a home for two of our lady missionaries in India.—*Extract of letter from Miss Hatch, in N. W. Baptist.*

SOCIAL REFORM IN BOMBAY.

We are much pleased to learn from the *Indian Social Reformer* that Mrs. Hardevi Roshan Lal, Editor of the *Bharat Bhagini* of Lahore, delivered

an interesting lecture in Hindi on "the Condition of Hindu Widows, and the practical means of improving it," at the Parthana Samaj Hall, Girgaum, on the 30th June. She was listened to by an appreciative audience in which there were many Hindu ladies. Mrs. Madhavdas Raghunathdas, whose husband was so prominently identified with the movement for the amelioration of the condition of Hindu widows, presided. Our contemporary says, "There were at least ten speakers at the meeting, all Hindu ladies, and it was as much a pleasure as a surprise to note the ease, self-possession, and dignity with which almost every one of them addressed the large audience." A fund for founding a Widows' Home was started, the lady president subscribing one thousand rupees. A meeting of ladies, presided over by a lady with a dozen of lady speakers, conferring as to the practical means of improving the condition of Hindu widows has seemed to us a most hopeful feature of the time. Mrs. Roshan Lal will be remembered as the lady who spoke so eloquently at the last Indian Social Conference held in this town. We understand she will soon open a Hindu Widows' Home at Lahore. We sincerely wish her every success in her efforts to ameliorate the conditions of her fellow-countrywomen. When the women themselves will take up the cause of women, as Mrs. Roshan Lal has done, we may hope that the dawn is not far off.—*The Indian Messenger.*

A fine edition of the "Tibetan Gospels" has been issued from the printing works of Ghoom, near Darjiling, in the Himalaya Mountains, under the auspices of the Moravian Church. Although Tibet is still a land jealously guarded against foreign influence, these Gospels are sold on the frontiers to Tibetan traders, and thus the seed of eternal life is sown broadcast.

At Durban, in the Zulu mission, is a church which sends out every male member who is at all qualified for the task to take some active part in preaching the gospel each Sunday. Its pastor is a Zulu, and under his supervision no less than fifty-two meetings of one kind or another are held every Lord's day.—*Woman's Evangel.*

The first money given for foreign mission work in modern times was given by Sir Walter Raleigh. The sum was five hundred dollars, and it was used in converting the heathen Indians of America.