

THE question has been asked, how much it takes to support a native preacher. Mrs. Timpany writes, that it is owing to the ability and surroundings of the man, some have more some less, the average being about 10 rupees a month, \$50 a year.

NEWS FROM AN OLD FRIEND.—Many of our readers will be glad to hear a word from Mrs. Dr. Cooper who now resides in Kelso, Scotland. She writes us enclosing subscription to the LINK, and a contribution of \$2.00 to our Society. She continues to feel a deep interest in our work. She is in pretty good health, though failing from age.

THE LINK.—Those who have interested themselves in extending the circulation of the LINK will be glad to know that there has been a steady and encouraging increase. Appreciative words come to us from the east and from the west, for all of which we are grateful. Our appeal for prompt payment of subscriptions, we are pleased to be able to say, has been very generally responded to. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who have aided us in our work.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.—One of the most important items of missionary news is the opening of Upper Burma to missionary effort. The earnest appeal which we copy from the *Baptist Missionary Magazine* will give our readers an idea of the interest that American Baptists are taking in this great field. The portrait of Mrs. Anne H. Judson will recall to the memories of many the heroic efforts of Judson and his wife to establish a mission at Ava, and the fearful sufferings that they were called upon to endure, sufferings that doubtless resulted in death in Mrs. Judson's case. The frightful idols on the banks of the Irrawady cannot fail to impress all anew with the darkness of the heathenism that we are called upon to dispel. What Judson and his noble wife were willing to risk their lives to accomplish, is now a reality. Would that we in Canada were in a position to occupy a part of this promising field!

MISSIONARY LETTERS.—Last month we were rather short of letters from our missionaries, and we felt impelled to stir up our correspondents in India. We are happy to say, that we have no cause of complaint this month. We have four communications from as many missionaries, and for interest and variety they will compare favorably with any that have been published heretofore. Miss Frith gives us just the kind of information we require about her work among the women of India. Mr. Stillwell takes us with him on his long journey from Quebec to India, and relates many incidents in a pleasing style. Mr. McLaurin gives us some account of the work in Samulcotta Seminary, and communicates sad intelligence with respect to his own health. Will not our readers

bear in mind his request for prayer, that he may be restored to health, and permitted to continue his work, at least until some of the new missionaries are ready to take his place. Mr. Currie furnishes us with a missionary story which will delight and instruct our readers from the oldest to the youngest.

COLLECTING.—There is no part of our home work more important than *collecting*, and in collecting there is nothing more important than *regularity*. It is a fully established fact that a large proportion of the contributors to the funds of our Society find it more convenient to give small amounts frequently and regularly, than larger amounts at greater and irregular intervals. If the collector fails to call at the expected time, the chances are that the money reserved for missions will be used for some other purpose, and when two or three payments become due the amount is often discouragingly large. We have no doubt but that many subscribers are lost every year through the negligence of collectors. Collectors should be continually reminded of the importance of seeing every subscriber at least once a quarter, and if a single call does not suffice they should persist in calling until the subscription is paid or the subscriber has definitely refused to pay. Collectors should remember that they are collecting not for themselves but for the Lord, and that a persistence and an importunity which they would shrink from in the transaction of their own affairs is fully justified when they are attempting to get people to do their duty in contributing to missions.

GURAHATHI AND HERRIAMAH.—This is the title of a very interesting missionary story, by Mrs. Carrie A. Archibald, of Bimlipatam, India, one of our most esteemed contributors. It has been published in a neat pamphlet of 32 pages, by the Foreign Missionary Board of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, and may be had by sending 10 cents to Mr. John March, St. John, N. B. The following from the introduction will give some idea of the aim and character of the story: "It has been thought that the story of *Gurahathi* and *Herriamah*, two of the most remarkable characters have been in connection with our Canadian missions to the Telugus, might be interesting to Mission Bands and Sunday Schools; hence the following papers have been written. It is a true story, and the facts have been gathered from Herriamah's narrative. Gurahathi donated two pieces of land, one for a chapel, and the other, outside of the town, for a burial-ground. In the latter his remains were placed. Some four years ago, the Ranee entered a suit against Gurahathi, to recover property which was given to him when a Hindu, or more properly speaking, a heathen; and the piece of land in town, on which is the well, was taken possession of by the government officials. As compensation 100 rupees was paid Gurahathi, and after deducting costs of