

## MISSIONS.\*

Hasten, brother, do not linger,  
Wait, O wait not clearer call;  
Now thy field of labor enter,  
Consecrate to Christ thine all.  
Harvest's Lord still waits to greet thee,  
Waiting for the heathen lands,  
Ever will he help and guide thee,  
"He will hold thee in his hands."

Haste in Jesus' name, delay not,  
Roethe gates are open wide;  
Now he calls, O soul, refuse not,  
Since for these the Saviour died.  
Every moment souls are dying,  
Who through Jesus can be saved;  
Rescue those in darkness lying,  
Leave them not by sin defiled.—Sel.

## THINGS WE NEED TO REMEMBER.

(Culled from the meetings at Bear River.)

"If there is not the success you look for on the Foreign field, look at yourselves." "You need patience, what is twenty years in establishing a Mission in a country like India." "Let your money for Foreign Missions be given to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself."

Mr. and Mrs. Corey and Miss Clark, sail for India the end of September. They will need our sympathy and prayers. They are our representatives. We are sending them out to do the work which we would do were it in our power to go. Let them have just the same support in every way which we would want for ourselves.

If your Society or Band sent in to the Treasury last year, \$10.00, see if it will not be possible to double that amount this year.

## Suggested Programme for October Meeting of the Aid Society.

SUBJECT: The North-West.

Opening prayer.

Hymn.

Reading of Scripture—Haggai, ch. 1.

Remarks by the leader on this passage.

Hymn.

Prayers for our Missions in the North-West; for the Superintendent of Missions there, and for Prince who is working among the Indians.

Reading of Tidings.

Reading of extracts on this work from *Messenger* and *Visitor* and *N. W. Baptist*.

Hymn.

Short paper, subject, What is our duty towards our North-West Mission?

Discussion on this paper, and also what is our share of the \$900 to be raised this year for the North-West?

Minutes of last meeting.

Closing prayer.

"Bits" for reading culled from back numbers of the *N. W. Baptist* may be had from Miss Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S.

Do you read the letters of our missionaries and do you accept their statements as positive facts?

A few years ago I was deeply impressed on reading Mr. Churchill's report in the *Year Book*, with the pitiful destitution of the heathen under our care and the tremendous responsibility that rests upon the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. He had been touring for three months and in that time had preached the Gospel to the Telugus of ninety-nine different villages. That startled me. The awful magnitude of the work and the shameful insufficiency in the supply of workers began to dawn upon me. Ninety-nine different places in three months? Not averaging one whole day to each place, and those people had never before heard any hint of salvation from sin. They were utterly ignorant of God their Creator, Father, and Saviour. They knew nothing of His love for them or of their duty to Him. Ninety-nine different places in ninety days? But that is not the worst of it. Even then he was not able to reach all the people who were depending on him and him alone for their first word of Gospel truth. At the end of three months he must be back to the mission station, and he dare not think of the thousands beyond who had never heard of Jesus the Friend of sinners, the Saviour of mankind.

One would suppose that during the years since the Maritime Baptists assumed the responsibility of the evangelization of 1,700,000 Telugus, great advancement would have been made; but strange to say, the letters of our missionaries in the *Messenger* and *Visitor*, and the reports in the *Year Book*, read much the same to-day as they did ten years ago. Mr. Shaw writes of his work in 1892, that in February he preached in thirty-eight villages, and in March twenty-one. Then followed three months of close study of the language; then three of systematic preaching in the streets of Vizianagram, and in the months of October and November the Gospel was preached in forty-eight different places in thirty days making a total of one hundred and seven different places in eighty-eight days. In December, five days were given to Gospel work in the city of Vizagapatnam and six in Vizianagram, the remainder of the month being spent in giving necessary attention to buildings at the mission station. What a year's work! How would we like to have it duplicated in our case?

This report of Mr. Shaw's may be taken as a fair specimen of the work done by each man in his appointed place during all the years that our missionaries have been in the field. Now let us pause to take in the full significance of these figures and also the fact that in three fields, Palconda, Kimeddy, and Chicacole, there are more than one million people. That means that for a population exceeding that of the Maritime Provinces

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