

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Do you remember the baby boy I told you of last month? When he grows old enough to sit at the table for his meals, he is made to eat with his father. The dear mother who loved her little baby so much and took such good care of him is not allowed to eat until they are done. She chops the wood, lights the fire, gets the food ready, places it on the table or mat before her husband and little boy, and then has to go away while they eat. Your baby brother will be taught to love his mamma and to be very kind to her when he grows up. But this heathen boy will see his father beating his mother, or kicking her, or pulling her long hair. He will be taught to do these cruel things himself, and to despise the mother who loves him. Even his father's dog will be petted, and given nice bits to eat from their meals, but the wife and mother must take what is left afterwards, and cross, angry words instead of thanks. Should this little boy become a man, he will pray to the river Ganges. He will believe that the sight or touch of its water will take away sin. When his poor mother grows old and weak, or becomes sick, he will bring her to this river and make her drink. Then he will rub her body over with its mud, and leave her on its banks to die or be eaten by wild beasts. Think how dreadfully the poor woman must feel to be treated so by her own son!

If this boy becomes a farmer he will work in the fields. But before working he will fall down and worship his own plow or spade, offering to them flowers, fruit and rice. If a carpenter, these gifts will be given to his saw and hammer; if a barber, to his razor; or if a soldier, to his sword and gun. How strange to think that a little heathen baby will learn such things when he grows up!

But our good missionaries are trying to teach the heathen fathers and mothers about God. They will then teach their little children about Him. Bright-eyed little boys will come to the mission-house begging the good man to teach them to read and spell, so they can read the Bible for themselves.

A missionary wrote of a poor Hindu boy who followed him about the garden of the school. Over and over again he would ask the missionary to make him a Christian. But no man could make any one a Christian. We can tell the good news about Jesus dying to take away the sins of all who believe on Him. That is our part of the work. But when the farmer sows his seed in the field he can do nothing more to it. God sends the sun and rain on the ground and makes the seed grow. So when we tell others of Jesus, it is sowing good seed in their hearts. Then we must pray to God to make it grow. Here is such a true verse about this:

"Trust God to give thee seed;
Trust God to make it grow;
For these 'tis not thy part to heed,
Thy one work is to sow."

So the missionary answered this Hindu boy, "I cannot make you a Christian, my dear boy, only God can do that. Pray to Him for Christ's sake, and He will take away all your sins."

Soon afterwards the boy came back, but with such a change in his face. The sad, weary look was gone, and he seemed glad and happy. He said to the kind missionary, "The Lord Jesus has taken His place in my heart. I prayed to Him, 'Make me a Christian, if you please, Lord Jesus,' and He was so kind that He came down from Heaven to live in my heart." Oh, boys and girls, we must learn the same lesson that poor boy learned: "Only Jesus can do helpless sinners good." May each of you find in Him your Saviour!

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Ordination at Ongole.

BY REV. W. D. BOGGS.

According to appointment the preachers, teachers, helpers, Bible-women, &c., connected with the Ongole mission, assembled here on Saturday, 10th inst., at the regular quarterly meeting. They had not been in since the latter part of December, and there was much of interest to report and to hear.

On Sunday, April 11, a very large congregation gathered to commemorate the Saviour's death, and to hear the word of truth. There were probably not less than a thousand persons present. Brother Clough preached from Gen. xviii. 14: "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?" The afternoon was devoted to the examination of candidates for baptism; the preachers under whose labors these people had heard and believed the gospel were all present, and gave evidence concerning them all. The result was that one hundred and eighty-seven were received and baptised in the evening by brother Price, making 1,295 baptised in the Ongole field since Jan. 1.

It had been felt for some time that a considerable number of the native preachers connected with this station were worthy of full recognition as ministers of the gospel. It also seemed evident that the time had arrived for the organization of separate churches in all the important places where the number of disciples was sufficient to justify it; and on that account also the ordination of these men seemed desirable. In response to a call from the Ongole church, a council convened at Ongole April 14-16, to consider the propriety of formally setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry a number of native preachers laboring in this field. Rev. D. Downie of Nellore, and Rev. R. R. Williams of Ramapatam, with native delegates from each place, were present, besides the Ongole missionaries and native brethren. There were previously seven ordained native preachers in the Ongole field. The council was organized by the choice of brother Williams as moderator, and M. Ezra (ordained native preacher) as clerk.

The examination was close and deliberate, and occupied two days and a half. It embraced, as usual, the important points of conversion and call to the ministry, and an outline of Christian doctrine; many testing questions were asked both by the missionaries and native delegates, and the answers were generally very satisfactory. Their knowledge of the Christian system seemed surprising, especially after hearing each one of them, in relating his experience, speak of the time only a few years back, when they were worshipping idols, and were in utter ignorance of the true God and the way of life.

The result was that twenty-four of the best, most experienced, and successful preachers connected with the Ongole station were considered worthy of the confidence implied in this act of public recognition. They are men who for years have faithfully, consistently, zealously, and with abundant fruits, proclaimed the gospel of Jesus, and cared for the flocks over which they have been placed. Several of them have enjoyed the advantage of a four-years' course at the seminary at Ramapatam. These men will continue to labor in the same fields where they have already been so useful, and continue to feed the flocks which have been gathered largely through their instrumentality.

A large congregation assembled in the spacious Ongole chapel on the afternoon of the 16th. Brother Downie preached the ordination sermon from 1 Tim. iv. 15, "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them: that thy profiting may appear to all." It was a condensed discourse, containing much truth in few words. Brother Williams delivered an earnest charge, in which he addressed both the people and the candidates on their respective responsibilities and duties. Then the twenty-four, all knelt, and the hands of the presbytery were laid on them while the ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. N. Canakiah, of Nellore; after which the benediction was pronounced

by Yerragoobita Pariah, the oldest man among those just ordained, and the spiritual father of a multitude of children.

We all felt it to be an occasion of deep interest; and as these dear brethren, these "lights of the jungle," go back again to their laborious fields, encouraged and strengthened by this recognition of their ability and service, we look for still more abundant fruit, through the rich blessing of the Lord of the vineyard.

We start this evening for Ramapatam to attend the annual examination of the seminary. We have eighty Ongole students there, and fifty-seven women studying with their husbands.

Ongole, April 20, 1880.

'Minds Like Sieves.

A simple Hindu woman went to receive her weekly Bible lesson, when the lady Missionary found that she had remembered but little of what she had taught her the week before. Being discouraged, she said, "It seems no use teaching you anything; you forget all I tell you; your mind is just like a sieve; as fast as I pour water in it runs out again."

The woman looked up at the lady Missionary, and said:—"Yes, it is very true what you tell me; my mind is just like a sieve; I am very sorry I forget so much; but then you know when you pour clean water into a sieve, though it all runs out again, yet it makes the sieve clean. I am sorry I have forgotten so much of what you told me last week, but what you told me made my mind clean, and I have come again to-day."

The Missionaries go on pouring water into these sieves, and, though it runs away and seems to be unprofitably spilled upon the ground, yet the private, the domestic, the public, and the national life of the people is the cleaner for it.

IN THE THIRD RANK of the list of donors to the work of the Missionary-Union last year stands Burmah! Massachusetts stands first, giving \$41,312.72; New York next, giving \$39,469.46; Burmah next, giving \$31,616.14. The Karen churches in the Bassein district raised \$30,478.78 of the whole amount donated in Burmah. They gave that sum to pay for the erection of the Normal and Industrial Institute buildings; and now they are making the effort to raise an additional amount of \$25,000 for the endowment of the school. The Karen churches of the Bassein district comprise a membership of about eight thousand souls. Surely their liberality is something extraordinary as compared with that of Baptists in this country. They give out of their poverty; *we*, from our abundance.—*Missionary Magazine.*

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Jarvis St. Circle, \$33.67; Cheltenham, \$5.00; Alexander St., \$19.53; Yorkville, \$13.50; Strathroy, \$15.00; Uxbridge, \$7.00; Port Burwell, \$3.25; College St., \$7.22; Kincardine, \$4.75; Mrs. Muir, Almonte, Ont., 75 cents. Total, \$109.87.

I very earnestly request that all moneys intended to be acknowledged in the current year's account, shall be in my hands before the 20th of October, as the books will be closed on that date.

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