

Bombay has taken up the work, and has removed there at least one batch of fifty girls. Some of them died on the way, and all had, when they reached Bombay, to be fed with milk, and that very sparingly for several days.

Last evening I went around some of our Christians about the time they were cooking their food, and was pained to find in some cases how near to starvation they are. There will be much suffering even amongst them before the next rains.

HELP FOR THE BHEELS.

A Joint Stock Company.

BY REV. J. BUCHANAN, M.D.

449 Church St., Toronto, Dec. 15th, 1896.

Dear Mr. Scott:—

Before leaving the Bheel country, I saw that the crops, owing to the absence of the usual rain, would be almost a failure. The little that was left was greedily watched by the avaricious, extortionate money lenders.

When it is remembered, that owing to the expensiveness of wood, buildings are constructed almost entirely out of clay and stone formed and fitted by the people on the spot, and that unskilled labor costs, without food, from three to eight cents a day, and for skilled labor from twelve to sixteen cents a day, it will be manifest how the making of the clay into bricks and the erection of the necessary buildings, as per my previous letter, will be in the first place the very best possible way of ministering to those half starved people.

But in addition to that, it is simply impossible to estimate the good that may come to those despised hundred thousands, who are sick, body and soul, no one ministering unto them, by the erection of an hospital for the diseased and simple homes for the homeless children.

A dear friend has suggested that the necessary five thousand dollars be taken up as a business for the Lord, and that it be divided into shares, himself agreeing to take the first \$200 share.

Accordingly I propose to divide them as follows:—

One "A" Share, value \$500. Five "B" Shares, each \$200. Twenty "C" Shares, each \$100. Twenty "D" Shares, each, \$50. Twenty "E" Shares, each, \$25. This will make up the total \$5,000. Of course all sums of whatever size will be thankfully received. I beg gratefully to acknowledge, from Mrs. Wm. Buchanan, Galt, \$5; and the following, from Toronto, Rev. J. Neil, \$3; Rev. J. M. Scott, \$1; Miss Cridge, \$1; Mr. A. T. Crombie, \$10; Mr. J. McMillan, \$2; Mrs. Mortimer Clark, \$10; Miss Annie McKenzie, \$3; Mrs. S.—, \$2; Mr. Lillie R. Brown, \$25; Miss Mitchell, \$5; Mrs. E. A. Bethune, \$5; Mrs. Robertson, \$1. Total paid to date, \$73.

In addition to this, there have been promised sums amounting to \$211.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

I.—THE NEW HEBRIDES.

Rev. J. Annand, D.D., and wife, Santo.
" J. W. Mackenzie and wife, Efate.
" H. A. Robertson and wife, Erromanga.

II.—TRINIDAD AND DEMARARA.

Rev. J. Morton, D.D., and wife, Tunapuna.
" Dr. Grant and wife, San Fernando.
" W. L. Macrae, Princetown.
" A. W. Thompson and wife, Couva.
" S. A. Fraser and wife, San Fernando.
Annie L. M. Blackadder, Tacarigua.
Adella J. Archibald, San Fernando.
Cecilia Sinclair, Princetown.
Lucy Fisher, Couva.

Rev. J. B. Cropper, Demarara.

III.—FORMOSA

Rev. G. L. Mackay, D.D., and wife, Tamsui.
" Wm. Gauld and wife, Tamsui.

IV.—CENTRAL INDIA.

Rev. J. Fraser Campbell and wife, Rutlam.
" J. Wilkie and wife, Indore.
" A. P. Ledingham and wife, "
Marion Oliver, M.D., "
Janet V. Sinclair, "
Jessie Grier, "
Janet White, "
Margaret McKellar, M.D., "
Rachel W. Chase, "
Bella Ptolemy, "
Harriet Thompson, "
Rev. W. A. Wilson and wife, Neemuch.
Charles R. Woods, M.D., "
Agnes Turnbull, M.D., "
Jessie Duncan, "
Catherine Campbell, "
Rev. J. Fraser Smith and wife, Mhow.
" N. H. Russell and wife, "
J. J. Thompson, M.D., and wife, "
Isabel'a Ross, "
Catherine Calder, "
Jean M. Leyden, "
Rev. W. J. Jamieson and wife, Ujjain.
Margaret Jamieson, "
Jessie Weir, "
Rev. F. H. Russell and wife, Dhar.
Margaret O'Hara, M.D., "
Mary Charlotte Dougan, "
Rev. J. Buchanan, M.D., and wife, Jhabua.

V.—HONAN.

Rev. J. Goforth and wife, Chang te Fu.
" Donald McGillivray, "
" J. Menzies, M.D., "
Annie McKenzie, "
Jeanie J. Dow, M.B., "
Minna A. Pyke, "
Wm. McCiure, M.D., and wife, Ch'u Wang.
Rev. M. Mackenzie and wife, "
" K. McLennan and wife, "
Maggie J. McIntosh, "
Davina Robb, "
Rev. W. H. Grant, Hsin Chen.
" J. A. Slimmon, "
Wm. Malcolm, M.D., and wife, "
Rev. R. A. Mitchell, "