

THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

LETTERS FROM INDIA.

The following letter from Miss Marion Oliver, M.D., dated Indore, appears in the Halifax Presbyterian Witness:

The last eight days have been a sort of holiday time in our work, the woman being all too busy housecleaning to think of their own or their children's ailments. Saturday closed the week's preparations for Duvalli—the Jain New Year—when the goddess of wealth is worshipped.

I am hoping that from now till Christmas we may have no more breaks in our schools. It seems to me that the past two months have been nearly half lost from heathen holidays.

We are still keeping on our hospital in the little house where we opened it, but are looking out to obtain a larger building. We have lately extended our work by opening a dispensary in Oojein, a most needy field for medical work. A nice, large room, with a small room adjoining, was secured for us by Mrs. Fitch, who is in charge of the Mission school in Oojein, so two weeks ago I went up, taking with me a stock of medicines and a Christian woman who has had two years' training in the Agra Women's Medical school. Her husband has been for some time in charge of the Mission Dispensary for men in Oojein, so that the husband and wife are now both at work side by side in Oojein, and ought to be able to help each other. We have put her in charge of the dispensary, and will endeavour to visit it at least twice monthly, staying a few days each time. Oojein is a city of some 50,000 inhabitants, and so closely are the houses built together that only very few of the streets are wide enough for a cart. I had to ride on horseback, and created no little curiosity, though they soon seemed to find out who I was, as I could hear them saying to one another as I passed along, "Doctor Madam Sahib." Our first morning we had more than a dozen patients, and the second day above twenty, which we felt to be a very encouraging beginning.

Four weeks ago Miss Beatty and I took a holiday. We had neither of us had a rest during all the year, and were both feeling the need of slipping out of harness for a week, so off we went to Poona, to attend a Woman's Missionary Conference. It is a thirty hours' railway journey from here, but no one seems to mind long journeys in India; besides Anglo-Indians know how to make railway travelling comfortable.

We found between thirty and forty ladies from the different missions in Western India gathered together to hold a two days' Conference.

The Conference over, we remained a day or two, and so were able to see something of the work carried on by the Church of Scotland Zenana Mission under the Misses Bernard, who have, besides a girls' orphanage, nearly a dozen girls' schools throughout the city, in which above 600 girls are being taught the Bible.

Miss Small, of the Free Church, has also girls' schools in the city, but we were not able to visit any of hers. She confines her work to Mohammedan girls, whereas the Misses Bernard work wholly among Marathi people. Leaving Poona Saturday morning, we returned by way of Ahmednagar, where we spent two or three days with our Canadian friends, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of the American Marathi Mission. The days spent with them, it is needless to say, were very "Canadian" in conversation. Mr. Smith has a fine high school and college, attended by above 300 young men and boys; but now, just when many difficulties have been overcome, and all seemed smooth sailing, Mr. Smith's throat had failed him, and he was to start the following week on a voyage to Australia, in the hope that the sea air and rest might restore his health. We reached Indore again after a ten days' very pleasant holiday, and all are working away in the usual way.

We are all so delighted to hear that "reinforcements" are coming. We are going to send Miss Rodger to Bombay, to meet them, whilst we make ready to welcome them.

CANADIAN AUXILIARY, McALL MISSION.

The following is the report submitted at the Second Annual Meeting of this Auxiliary. It is with feelings of deep thankfulness that we can say in presenting our second annual report of the Canadian Auxiliary of the McAll Mission, that we have been able to accomplish what, in undertaking at the beginning of the year, seemed a great deal for so young a Society.

The mission in France, in whose interests we are met, was established by Mr. McAll just after the Franco-Prussian War. At first a few of Mr. McAll's personal friends in England and Scotland, becoming interested, gave money, and even as early as the year 1872 funds were sent from the United States. Year after year new halls were opened and fresh sympathies awakened. There are now nearly 100 of these halls though out France, besides the regular preaching services; they have Sunday schools, weekly adult Bible classes, mothers' meetings, industrial schools, circulating libraries, Bible readers, and in some cases dispensaries, while the cost of a single station ranges from \$150 to \$2,000; most of the workers are volunteers, Mr. McAll himself receives no remuneration. These halls are supported in many cases by Auxiliaries formed from the different churches of a city; at least this applies to America. The ladies of this Auxiliary, thinking there would be more interest in the work if we could support a hall, or perhaps pay the salary of one of the missionaries, we at once wrote to Mr. McAll asking him, and in answer he suggested our supporting Rochefort and La Rochelle, this we decided to do, if possible. These two halls are under the direction of M. Durreleman, and the expense amounts to \$1,000 a year; this was a large sum compared to our first year's givings, which was \$289.10. We are happy to announce that we have been successful, and wish to thank the many friends who have supported us in this work. The money has been received in a large part from Toronto in the following way: Special collections from some of the churches, life members, and member's fees, amounts collected or contributed by the members, \$70 from the Jubilee Mission At-Home in June last, and in one case an invalid lady knitted a rug and donated part of the proceeds; contributions were also received from Hamilton, Motherwell, Kincardine, Woodstock, Bobcaygeon, Ayr, Galt, Cobourg, Teeswater, Oshawa, Port Hope, Waterdown, Nelson, South Zorra, Verden and Greensville. An Auxiliary of boys was formed a short time ago, they have five members and have collected \$15.25. They have had cards printed, headed "Boys' Auxiliary, McAll Mission," and collect from their friends. Our meetings have been held monthly with the exception of June, July and August, and have been made inter-

esting by essays, readings and addresses. We have five life members. We receive the Quarterly, published in France in the interests of the Mission, the American Record and pamphlets bearing on the work; these we distribute as far as possible to contributors. In the early part of the year a circular was drawn up by a member who knew personally of the work in France, it has been very useful, as it conveys in a concise form how Mr. McAll was led to give up his life to this work, and what our Auxiliary is endeavouring to do—it has been sent to many of the ministers in Canada, that interest may be aroused. Thanks are due to Mr. Kilgour for printing these circulars; to Mr. Copp for five copies of Mr. McAll's recent work, "A Cry from the Land of Calvin and Voltaire;" to the clergymen for announcing our monthly meetings; to the Church and daily papers; to the churches for the use of their parlours until the Y. M. C. A. building was completed. We also wish to thank the Young Men's Christian Association, for giving us one of their rooms monthly, which place we hope to make our permanent place of meeting. In conclusion, let us hope that in the multiplicity of benevolent channels, each full of interest and worthy, the McAll Mission may still hold its place in the hearts of the people.

PARALLEL LINES.

Every student knows that in close reasoning parallel lines of thought are laid down and deductions educed.

We have drawn the above visible lines simply to bring them prominently before your eye and to ask what they represent to you.

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A doctor replied to the same interrogatory, "The lines are to me the large arteries and veins lying alongside each other in the human body."

As every intelligent man or woman knows, the blood of every living person flows with almost railroad speed through the arteries, forced by that wonderful engine, the heart. From the arteries it is side-tracked through the capillaries and veins, and every drop of blood goes through the kidneys for purification no less than 2500 times every twenty-four hours. If the kidneys be diseased the impurities of the blood containing the worn out tissues, and deleterious acids are not drawn out or excreted as nature intended, but continually pass and repass through every fibre of the system, carrying death and decay with every pulsation. Unless remedied the heart becomes weakened, the lungs trying to do double work break down, the liver becomes congested, the stomach refuses to digest food and the result is a general break down.

Why?

Because the kidneys, the sewers of the system, are foul and stopped up, and the entire blood becomes nothing more nor less than sewage.

Now is it not criminal, nay, suicidal, to allow such a state of things to continue when a simple remedy is within reach, known for a certainty to do as represented, which will open the closed pipes of the kidneys, allow the effete matter to escape, relieved the overworked heart, lungs and liver, cause a healthy appetite, put the bloom of health in your cheek, the dove of hope in your breast and the light of life in your eye?

Do not allow prejudice to blind you to your best interests, but to-day procure Warner's safe cure and be put on the straight road to rude health and correct living.

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Last year I suffered greatly from a Cold, which had settled on my Lungs. My physician could do nothing for me, and my friends believed me to be in Consumption. As a last resort, I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It gave immediate relief, and finally cured me. I have not the least doubt that this medicine

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