

once. *Then* is the time to notice them : to show them into a pew, to say they are welcome, and "you hope they will come again." They will be sure to be there next Sunday. Put into their hands a card of invitation to your Bible-class and Young People's meeting, and so get hold of them before the idlers and the tempters do.

And why shouldn't a lady of the right kind (and there's a dozen of them in every church) have it understood between her and the usher, that when he finds a young woman, in answer to his polite question, is an entire stranger, he should show that particular young woman into that particular lady's pew? Or a young man, a stranger, into some gentleman's pew who has bargained for such? *Then* these friends would be just in the position of noticing, getting acquainted with and advising these young people.

A Christian gentleman, the mayor of the town where he lived, told me some years ago that twelve members of the church consulted together and agreed to act as "ushers," two and two in turns, each pair serving for a month. He said it wrought well, and he much enjoyed his term of service. They were particularly attentive to strangers and more especially to *young* strangers.

I reported this conversation to my church when I went home, and two of my members—one of them a leading man, an ex-warden of his county—volunteered to make the experiment. They were so pleased with the work, that they two have stuck to it ever since, about ten or twelve years. And to the younger man it has been more than a personal blessing: an educational element in his life. No courtesy or kindness we show to the stranger is ever lost, nor is the effect upon ourselves the least of its blessings. He that blesses shall himself be blest.

A HELPER

## WOMAN'S BOARD: THE WORK IN INDIA.

BY MRS. MACALLUM.

At the annual meeting of our Board in Toronto, last June, it was thought advisable that we should have some definite object before us for the year's work, beside the aim of raising money for home and foreign work: as experience shows how much easier it is to give when interest and sympathy are

aroused. A request having been sent that we should assume the support of Miss Lily Lyman of Emmanuel Church, Montreal, it was decided after discussion and prayer, that it would be well for us to undertake this for a year at any rate, as it would not require so much money as had been easily raised for the Clara Currie Memorial Fund, and would leave the societies free to contribute as usual to home missions and church work. Still the amount, \$570, if it is to be raised will require a considerable amount of systematic effort—and this we confidently ask from all the churches.

Miss Lily Lyman was sent out in September to Bombay, India, by the American Board, to work in connection with the Mahratta Mission, and intelligence has been received of her safe arrival and of her having commenced actual work in the Sunday-school with a class of older girls, who understand English. We hope to have direct intelligence from her, from time to time, for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

Meantime we hope that this work will be remembered by the Sunday-schools in voting away their collections, and that the auxilliary societies will decide each to have a share in the glorious work of evangelizing India. Subscriptions should be sent to Mrs. Burton, 56 Charles St., Toronto; who will acknowledge the same in the INDEPENDENT.

## SECOND JOURNEY TO BIHE.

*Letter from Mr. Currie.*

None of my carriers were ready to start for fully a week after the appointed time. My bread had been much reduced in quantity, and what was left had grown rather stale. Three of the men came (Aug. 29th) late in the evening with word that the rest would be on hand ready to start next morning. I went up to bid the King good-bye in the morning, hoping to find the men waiting for me on my return to the village: but instead, more than half of them, moved by laziness or fear, had gone back home when they heard that I intended to go on a long journey. What was to be done? To dismiss the rest and call a fresh lot would cause at least a fortnight's delay, and there was little prospect that matters would then improve, for the time of the early rains was near, when the