

streets of Rangoon in 1826, the veil was not lifted from future years to disclose the transformed structure which other workmen would build upon their foundations. Since they were the first American teachers to arrive in Burma, they could scarcely discern out of their small beginnings of Christian education the great institution, known as Rangoon Baptist College, which some day would stand upon a broad paved street in the midst of the city, summoning to its class-rooms more than 1,000 students from all parts of the Empire. With only the simple hand-press brought from Serampore to issue their modest publications, how could they foresee the well-equipped printing establishment known as the American Baptist Mission Press, which in the coming years would stand upon a thriving business street, employing 300 men and women, to print Bibles, school books, and other literature, in the dialects of the principal tribes of Burma. When their little native church could muster but three native members out of the desolation of war, how could such a diminutive band foreshadow the 158 organized churches, with a membership of nearly 10,000, which in the twentieth century can be found within the boundaries of Rangoon?"

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OUR OPPORTUNITY.

Few of us realize what a field there is for Christian literature in India. As one of our missionaries writes: "While the Hindu Tract Society is busy printing and scattering literature that ridicules the Bible, and the Unitarians of England are sending their literature in large quantities to the educated men of the land and 'Pastor' Russell (of Millennial Dawn fame) is pouring his literature into the country wholesale, having agents to translate and distribute it in every language, even at our very church doors, we must get busy, for the people are reading more than ever, and talking over the things they read, and we want them to have the truth before them."

Part of every missionary's work is to distribute tracts, gratis, and to sell books and Bible portions or whole Bibles and hymn books. A great deal more could be done to counteract the effect of this inundation of unwholesome and un-Christian literature by establishing public reading rooms in our mission

stations, which would be under the direct management and supervision of our missionaries and their agents, and where thoroughly Christian literature would be free to all. We have such a reading room in Cocanada, much appreciated by the Hindus. But there should be one in every mission station, and large towns, for readers of English are increasing on every hand. This is one direction in which our work in India should grow and develop. There is really a great opportunity along these lines. Learning is on the increase, the study of English wide-spread. The awakening of a national consciousness and ideal, make this an extremely opportune time for putting good literature into the hands of the people. Let us revive the interest which started the "Post Office Crusade," and send more of our good religious, undenominational literature to India for distribution there by our missionaries, after we have read it here.

In this connection, it was interesting to meet again our friend, Mr. Passmore, Secretary of the Christian Literature Society of Madras, with whom we had worked on interdenominational literature committees in India, who is now in this country seeking to interest our people in the work of that society, an English one. As he said, "we have just touched the fringe of the opportunity and need in India, with regard to literature." It is to be hoped that, out of our abounding resources, we may feel the need to do more and pray more for this phase of the Great Service. The missionaries of all societies in India co-operate with the Literature Society in their work of getting out and publishing and distributing real Christian literature.

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Tiverton.—The W. M. Circle has had a prosperous year; attendance, very good; programmes, interesting; and offerings fairly good. We have 33 names on the roll. The annual thank-offering meeting was held on the evening of Oct. 13. The Rev. Mr. Stillwell gave a very interesting address on India. Some very good solos were rendered; also recitations by four little girls. Offering received by distribution of little bags amounted to \$25.06.

Mrs. J. M. Bowie,
Secretary.