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VACATION NOTICE.

According to custom there will be no publication of the LINK in August, as it is vacation time. Many will be going away for rest and the work of our Mission Circles in many places will be suspended. But let us not forget to pray for our missionaries with their increased burdens, extensive fields and depleted workers. Also for those returning this Fall, and especially that the Lord will put it into the hearts of His people to give, so that brother and sister Scott may be able to join Mr. Smith and so increase the staff of workers where so many are needed.

I am convinced that while our work needs reenforcing, while we need more funds to carry it on, all these needs are secondary. There is one primary need, and that is prayer. This work is not merely that of impressing upon the Chinese the intellectual superiority of the faith that we profess ; not merely showing that the morality of Christianity is higher than the morality of Confucianism and Buddhism, or any other of these faiths. We go out to fight against the great enemies of God and mankind, against the powers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places; and for that service, for that warfare, if we are to be strong, it must be you at home who will make us strong. As long as your hearts and hands are uplifted to God in earnest supplication, just so long will victory be ours .- F. Howard Taylor, Review of Missions.

Mrs. Bishop in "The Yangtzu Valley and Beyond," says: "While making careful inquiries into mission work, both from the workers and from outsiders, and comparing the present status and conduct of Chinese converts with what they were when I was in China twenty years ago, I formed certain opinions on Protestant Missions in China. At this time missions constitute so important a factor in the awakening of the empire, that no sensible or thoughtful person can ignore them without sacrificing his reputation for both sense and thoughtfulness. If I venture to write at all in connection with this subject, it is but to say, that I am not an enthusiast regarding the subject, but soberly believe that to 'teach all nations' is the path of duty and of hope."

PHOTOGRAPHS.

The supporters of students in the Samulcotta Seminary will be glad to learn that a number of photographs of the different standards have recently arrived from Mr. Craig and can be obtained for twenty cents each from the Secretary of Bands, Miss Tapscott, Teeswater, P.O.

We have been pleased to know of the safe return home of our missionaries, Rev. H. C. and Mrs. Priest, and Rev. J. E. Chute and wife ; later, Rev. Mr. McLeod, and his wife whom we all knew and loved as Miss Stovel. It was the privilege of a few friends to meet with them for a short time in passing through Toronto, and were much pleased to see Mrs. McLeod looking so well after her long term of service. We hope they will all recruit speedily in their native land and be able to return to their loved work.

Several Associational Notices came too late for this number and must lay over till September. Brevity is desirable as space is precious.

"As the blossom cannot tell what becomes of the odor which is wafted away, so no man knows the limit of that influence which constantly escapes from the daily life and out far beyond his conscious knowledge, or remotest thought."