

I think I have done my share, now let some others take it up." Ah, how unlike the Apostle these thoughts and words! Our thoughts should rather be as we look around and see others cleverer and more capable than ourselves of undertaking this work: "Why was I chosen? Why is my heart touched when others are careless? What have I done that such an honor as doing anything to carry out the plans and wishes of so great a God as ours should be conferred upon me?"

Quebec.

COATICOOKE.—Miss Muir, the Corresponding Secretary of the Eastern Society, reports a Mission Circle of sixteen members recently formed at Coaticooke, Que.

MONTREAL.—A Mission Band called the "Cheerful Workers" has been started in connection with the Olivet Circle. Miss Muir says, "We are doing remarkably well and intend having an entertainment on the 17th of December."

Maritime Provinces.

From the *Christian Visitor* (St. John) of Nov. 24th, we clip the following:—

The Rev. W. F. Armstrong, returned missionary, met with the Foreign Mission Board in this city, last week, and much to the regret of the Board, pressed his resignation, which he tendered at the meeting in Hillsborough. It is not necessary for us to enter into a narration of the reasons adduced for this action. They were sufficient in our brother's estimation to justify the act. The Board had before them only one course open to pursue, and regretfully accepted the resignation, after having the property in Chicacole, transferred to its Treasurer, and all other matters amicably settled. Bro. Armstrong intends travelling over the Provinces, exhibiting a series of East Indian Views, and giving lectures illustrative of mission life in India. These views are said to be very fine. We trust that he may be able to communicate much valuable information concerning our mission work, and stir up the people to a more generous benevolence in its behalf. We learn that it is Bro. Armstrong's intention to return to India after a time, and resume work in some section of the great harvest field.

The Board now needs a man to go to India at once, and take up the work in Chicacole, and thus relieve Miss Hammond from duties that are too onerous for her. Prayer has been offered that the Lord would send the right man for this important mission. It is only necessary to add that in all this matter, the utmost harmony and good feeling have been preserved, and the one idea of doing that which tends to promote the Redeemer's glory, has been kept uppermost in their actions and plans. We trust that this discouragement will be overruled to the furtherance of the work that is dear to all our hearts.

A. L. O. E.

At the October meeting of the "Association of Female Workers," in England, Mrs. Weitbrecht gave a message she had just received in a letter from A.L.O.E., who, at her lonely post at Batala, in the Punjab, carries light and brightness wherever she goes. The message from this solitary worker was in substance as follows:—"Ask all dear sisters to plead for me that I may have more zeal, more love, more faith. *This is all I want.* As to earthly blessings they abound; the natives are my real friends. The Lord gives abundant grace and cheers me with His presence, and I have such joy in the companionship of my Bible that I do not miss the society I should otherwise value. Do not send a helper to me, when many other parts of India need it so much more, but pray much for these three things—more zeal, more love, more faith."

I AM trusting Thee to guide me,
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail;
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Never let me fall!
I am trusting Thee for ever,
And for all!

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the little folks who read this paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—If you had been in Ottawa last Sunday afternoon, you would have seen one of our largest churches crowded with children. A missionary from China named Dr. McKay had announced that he would meet with them, and talk about that heathen land. About three million Chinese live at Formosa, and for nine years Dr. McKay has been trying to teach them about the true God.—At first nobody would listen to him, but tried in every way to hinder his work. They called him "that barbarian," and printed placards about him to hang in the streets. One of these said that he was an agent of Queen Victoria to conquer the people, that he had his hut full of weapons to kill them. When Dr. McKay heard this lie he left the door of his house, (which was only a horse-stable before he lived in it,) standing wide open day and night, so any one who liked could come in and see that he had no armor hidden there. Another placard told the people that the barbarian would poison their wells, and their vegetables if allowed to come near them. So the poor man had to take long journeys to buy food, and to go quite a distance for the water he drank. One plan he tried to make the people like him was to pull their teeth for them when in pain with tooth ache. He said he had pulled more than ten thousand teeth since going to Formosa. The boys and girls were then shown a large picture of one of the Chinese idols called Confucius. When a little boy is old enough to go to school his mother gives him a hard-boiled egg and three small sticks. The boy stands at the open door of the school-room and rolls the egg in.—If it rolls straight, it is taken as a sign that the boy would become a good scholar, but if crooked, that he would not succeed in his studies. The boy then enters the room, going straight to the picture of the idol which hangs on the wall, and with his three sticks makes signs asking that Confucius would help him to study. They remain at the school from sunrise to sunset, taking some rice in their pockets to boil for their dinner. The teachers carry a bamboo rod for lazy boys. Dr. McKay said he had often been pelted with mud and stones while preaching about Jesus. Sometimes the people said they would kill him if he did not go back to his own country. They did cut off the heads of some dear young people who had heard the missionary talking of Jesus, and believed in Him instead of in their idols. But God spared Dr. McKay's life to continue his good work, and at last gave him the great joy of seeing many of the Formosa people leaving their heathen ways to worship the true God. Will you pray for this good man as he goes back again across the wide ocean to work for Jesus? India, China, and other heathen lands need many more missionaries. Let us give all the money we can that they may be sent.

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Some Immediate Responses.

The recent Autumnal Missionary Services, of the English Baptists, in London, were seasons of great blessing. They have "deepened consecration, quickened effort, and lovingly impelled to self-sacrifice." The *Missionary Herald* for Nov. says:—"Numerous letters from all parts of the kingdom abundantly testify to the hallowed emotions and devout resolutions evoked by these services. From an obscure, almost unknown and out-of-the-way village in Cornwall, a brother writes:—"My heart is overflowing with thankfulness for the privilege of attending our autumnal missionary services. I shall never forget the Conference on Tuesday morning. How the address of Dr. Landels did stir my heart! I so longed to be a rich man that I might be able to support eight or ten missionaries. Still I can do something, thank God! and since my return my wife and I have resolved to go into a smaller cottage so as to save £2 per

year of rent to give to the dear mission, and we are full of joyful plans by which to do with our old clothes for another year, and so give more for His work abroad. How much joy there is in giving up for Him! I send £1 with this, and wish I could make it £10."

"The generous challenge of Mr. James Harvey, on behalf of Mr. Brock's church at Hampstead, to supplement their contributions to a sufficient sum to entirely support one missionary, has been already followed by the churches of Glasgow and Plymouth, and many others are moving in the same direction."

Mr. Barron's promise to personally contribute a moiety of the expense of our missionary has been followed by a further offer from a most liberal and sympathetic friend of the society, who wishes his name to be withheld, to undertake the entire cost of one additional missionary, should a suitable one present himself. And many other generous responses seem to indicate beyond a doubt that, by the blessing of the Master whose work it is, the solemn and powerful words spoken by Dr. Landels have taken root in many directions, and are already springing up and bearing fruit."

C. H. SPURGEON AND ZENANA WORK.—In the November *Sword and Trowel* Mr. Spurgeon makes this note:—A lady who is engaged in Zenana Mission work in India writes to us:—"One of my outdoor pupils is a Mahomedan lady. On my first visit to her home I had a long talk about religion with her husband, who confessed that he was favourably impressed towards Christianity, but not converted. I lent him a volume of your sermons, and on my next visit he said to me, 'I have read half the book you lent me, and I like it very much. I think it will be the means of my conversion,' and then he exclaimed, "If this preacher would only come to India, everyone would believe and be converted, and I do wish the whole world was converted to Christ." Alas! India needs far more than any human preaching. May God bless those who are labouring there, and give them abundant fruit."

NEVER lay too great a stress upon your own usefulness, or perhaps God may show you that He can do without you.

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