

MISS HATCH'S LETTER.—We publish this month the notes of Miss Hatch's journey from London to Cocanada. Many will be interested in the incidents she narrates. She has now come to the realities of missionary life. All of our readers will wish her much success in mastering the language and in becoming prepared for full service.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW.—A number of subscriptions have been received during the month, but we are sure that many more of our readers would be profited by constantly reading this able magazine. Several have written us for sample copies; these we are not in a position to furnish. Those subscribing from this time on should indicate whether they wish their subscriptions to begin with the January number or with the current number. The price for the *Review* and the *LINK* (new subscription or renewal) is, \$1.50 per year.

—MISSIONARIES APPOINTED. At a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, of Ontario and Quebec, held on March 18th, two of the students of McMaster Hall were appointed to the foreign field. Mr. J. E. Davis, B.A., had been for some weeks before the Board, and had already been accepted by the Executive Committee. Mr. H. F. Laflamme appeared before the Board for the first time and manifested such zeal and enthusiasm, that he was appointed at once. Mr. Davis is a graduate of the Manitoba University, Winnipeg, and has spent several years in the North West. He has had considerable experience in mission work on the prairies, and this will doubtless be of use to him in India. He has had only one year of his theological course, but it was felt that the emergency is such at present as to justify the appointment of an under-graduate. Mr. Laflamme is still in the third year of his University course, and is only twenty two years of age. We understand that he is being strongly urged by his teachers and others to wait until he shall be better equipped for the work. Whether he shall decide to go this year or to remain at home for a season, he is sure to exert a strong influence on behalf of missions. If he should remain at home we doubt not he will spend his vacations in arousing the churches to a sense of their obligations. Whatever may be his decision, his spirit of consecration, and his love for souls cannot fail to communicate itself to many others. Already there are about ten men in McMaster Hall who are willing to go when they are ready and are wanted. Will the churches be ready to send them when they are ready to go? Yes, if every man, woman and child in our churches and Sunday schools will do their duty. What say our readers?

OUR CONTRIBUTORS APPRECIATED.—A N. Y. State pastor, an honored graduate of Brown University and Rochester Theological Seminary, writes us as follows: "Enclosed please find a two dollar bill. Since coming to this city, last January, I have been reading the CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK for the first time. I am much pleased with it. I saw in the February number, I think, an article by Mrs. Yule, entitled 'The Needs of the Foreign Mission Work.' It was the most incisive article I have seen in missionary literature. I want forty-eight copies of that number. May I ask you to extend my thanks to Mrs. Yule for that article. I enjoyed the sim-

licity of it, which gave it freshness and force. In my judgment, one of its merits was the clear statement of three things, one, if not all, of which, each individual may give to the missionary cause. Perhaps all have known this, but Mrs. Yule has stated it; perhaps anyone *could* have done the same, but she *did* it. Another merit was her discrimination of needs. You may be surprised at my interest in this article. To one full of missionary spirit, this article may not have the force I seem to perceive in it. I am just awaking to an interest in missions I am ashamed to say; this article has been instrumental in touching me on the shoulder and directing my attention intelligently to the work." Mrs. Yule will, we know, rejoice with us that she has been a means of special blessing to one who is in a position to influence many for good.

The other contributor deservedly honored, is Dr. Walton, to whose excellent article on "The Relation of Pastors to Missions" it was our privilege to give a wide circulation. The editor of the *Missionary Review* paid it a high compliment in the January number, and a still higher compliment in the March number, by printing it in full and sending it all over the world to his numerous readers. It is needless to say that we are proud of our contributors, and that we are glad to have had anything to do with the circulation of such inspiring literature as the articles that have been mentioned. Doubtless other articles that we have published have proved equally interesting and helpful to other readers.

Spinning.

"And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair." *Exod. xxxv. 25, 26.*

Was it but a waking dream,
Formed by fancy's viewless fingers?
Strangely clear the pictures seem;
Still in men's ear there lingers
Music of a chanted song;
Echoes of a woman's voice
Oft are with me 'mid the throng,
Bidding still my heart rejoice.

On the desert's level dun
Lay the tents in dark and bright;
While the fiery pillar shone,
Israel slept beneath its light.
But within one lighted tent
Sat a woman, singing low,
While her eager eyes were bent,
And her busy hands intent
On a thread as white as snow,
Sweet and low her murmuring song,
For her children slept around;
And the thread grew smooth and long,
All in calence with the sound:

"I am spinning for the Lord,
Blessed distaff! Happy hand!
Bless'd the ears that heard His word,
For I spin at His command
Not for daily bread I spin;
Daily is the manna sent;
House nor hand I toil to win,
Happy in this moving tent,
Far away in Ganaan's land,
Rich with olive, corn and wine,