

ber. To effect this it was necessary to remove our Orphanage and acquire the land we owned, for which purpose the State offered a much more convenient and more valuable plot of ten acres in exchange, also full compensation for the original value of the old buildings, well, etc. The money thus received covered the necessary outlay for the good new building, all the children doing their utmost to help in the work, the girls carrying bricks, sand, mortar, etc. In this transaction we gratefully recognize our Father's guiding hand and feel inspired afresh to make greater efforts to carry on and enlarge this sorely needed work on which our Master has so signally placed the seal of His approval and blessing. During this present year the Bhil country, which is near to Dhar, has been devastated again by famine, and large numbers of the poor, starving people have been employed on the Relief Works, many crowding into Dhar in the most pitiable condition, terribly emaciated, and scarcely covered with the rags they wore. The British agent's wife provided the materials, and our older girls made over a hundred skirts for the most destitute of the poor women, besides of their own accord daily saving a portion out of their food to give to the most wretched of these poor sufferers. Besides the regular monthly remittances to the Orphanage the Society has been enabled during the summer, through extra contributions, to send thirty dollars (\$30.00) for special famine relief.

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions received from readers of the 'Northern Messenger,' some of whom have become regular subscribers and are maintaining orphans, the entire cost of providing for a child being \$17.00 a year through the Society, a fee of \$1.00 a year constituting membership:

Mrs. J. T. McElrea, Sidney, Man.	\$ 2.00
Presbyterian Sunday School, Sidney, Man.	24.25
Friend, from Orillia, Ont.	1.00
Jr. Y.P.S.C. Endeavor, Tara, Ont.	17.00
Miss Jessie Fisher, Denman Is., B. C.	17.00
Mrs. Milton E. Barrett, Warwick, Ont.	1.00
Mrs. D. W. Malcolm, Scotland, Ont.	1.00
Outremont Sunday School, Montreal.	23.00
E. A. T., Mrs. McMillan and a Reader	4.00
Mrs. McKinnon, Petrel, Man. ...	5.00
Point Fortune, Quebec, W.C.T.U.	21.00
Other contributions per Editor, 'Northern Messenger.'	5.00
Presbyterian Sunday School, Extension, B.C.	15.00

In the death of the late Rev. Norman Russell, at Mhow, Central India, we mourn the loss of a true friend and most cordial helper in the early days of our organization, ever willing, when on furlough in Canada, to do all in his power to assure success to our work for the suffering waifs of India. His death is a very severe blow to his brother missionary at Dhar, the Rev. Frank Russell, to whom, under God, we are so largely indebted for all the success which has in so marked a manner attended our work in that far-off benighted land.

Particulars regarding the operations of the Society were given in the February 21st issue of this paper; for further information concerning this work among

the famine orphans at Dhar, Central India, kindly apply to the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Crichton, 142 Langside street, Winnipeg.

Our Post Office Crusade.

Extracts from Letters Showing the Progress of the Work at Home and Abroad.

"Enclosed please find the sum of \$1.00 for the Post-office Crusade. Yours in the work,
'B. A. A.'

"The enclosed \$2.00 please use for sending papers to India. I am sure a vast amount of good can be accomplished through the Post-office Crusade. I send the enclosed, hoping that it may be the means of bringing pleasure and comfort to some heart in far-away India.
'A Tenth Giver.'

"Having read in the 'Messenger' of the good done by the Crusade, I thought I would like to send my mite and help in the good cause. Enclosed, please find \$3, to use as the Lord directs you. Please just mention, in the 'Mesenger' that you received the amount from
'A Friend.'

"Enclosed, find 50 cents to help along the Post-office Crusade. Yours truly,
'G. L. Starratt.'

"Here is another 50 cents,' says another friend of the cause, so up to date, Sept. 8, 1902, since my last letter, \$7.00 has arrived. Very many thanks for the prompt response. I shall do my best to spend this money wisely. A missionary who receives the 'Weekly Witness' writes as follows:

"The Hindus who have been receiving the papers are delighted. The Brahmin school-master said to me one day: "I am exceedingly grateful for the papers, and would like to write a note of thanks to the people who send them. I would also like to tell them about some articles in which I have been specially interested."

This request comes, too: 'I would be grateful if you could send to my address the following papers for the reading-room: 'World Wide,' 'British Weekly,' 'Christian Herald.' Christians, we have an excellent reading-room and it has proved to be a factor for good.'

I am also asked for papers to be sent direct from the office for three native Christians, who read English. The writer says: 'They are faithful, earnest preachers of the Gospel, and I am sure a good religious paper coming to them regularly would stimulate their minds and tend to feed their souls.'

'In our work,' this lady continues, 'there are 500 children to teach. The children are delighted to receive a paper or picture cards. I have an opportunity of using almost a limitless supply of papers and Bible cards.' The address is:

MISS M. ARCHIBALD,
Mission House,
Chicacole,
India.

I am frequently asked for the 'British Weekly.' Because of the heavy rate of postage it is not easy for me to procure British literature. Canadians subscribe more freely for American papers than for British ones. Our Mother, Great Britain, sad to relate, is rather behind the times as to the needs of British papers in India,

Canada, and other nations belonging to her.

I wrote to the 'British Weekly,' in England, months ago, but never received a reply, so I judged the letter went into the waste paper basket. A few weeks ago I wrote to the London 'Times,' in England. In an amazingly short time I received one of the most courteous letters, with a promise to call attention to the fact of the need of India as regards high-class magazines, etc. So, perhaps, in time, the friends in India will hear from the Mother Country, and the 'British Weekly,' and many other good papers will fairly flood the land in India and Canada.

In the meantime, let us all do what we can to spread pure and beautiful thoughts at home and abroad. Faithfully,

M. E. COLE

112 Irvine Ave.,
Westmount, Que.

P.S.—Mrs. Campbell, in Toronto, has kindly sent over 400 stamps to Nancy Ewing, in the Punjab, India, for her collection. As some one said lately, 'The 'Northern Messenger' is a far-reaching paper.'

The Bible Class which sent \$1.00 for the Crusade through Miss Emma Lackner is in Hawksville, Ont., not Hawkesbury, Ont., as given lately.

A Strange Recovery.

(Christians in Khaki.)

At the Wynberg Hospital Camp there was a Royal Artilleryman who was suffering from spinal injury. He found salvation in the Old Country through attending a Salvation Army open-air meeting, but shortly after his arrival in South Africa he became a wretched backslider.

He was in action at the battles of Belmont and Graspan, and whilst many of his comrades were slain and wounded he escaped injury. At the Magersfontein engagement, however, he fell. Early in the battle a bullet crashed through the peak of his helmet and slightly grazed his nose. Later on in the day a far worse misfortune overtook him. A shell from the Boer guns exploded a few yards in front of him; he was thrown from his horse, and a fragment of the shell entered his body, and by some means his spine became dislocated. Almost doubled up, and in a dangerous condition he was removed to the hospital camp at Wynberg. Here he lay on his bed, a great sufferer, for a considerable period.

One day hearing the Salvation Army at their accustomed stand, he asked for and obtained permission to be carried to a nearer position outside. The testimonies delivered so convicted him that upon his return to his tent he straightway gave himself to God, and accepted Christ as the Divine Physician for both body and soul. Some days later he again went to the edge of the camp and listened to the Army. During the progress of the meeting a comrade, 'by way of a lark,' kicked or in some way moved the stick on which he was resting, with the result that he fell upon his back, and, marvellous to relate, by this action his spine again became straightened, and he is now in a fair way to complete recovery.

Sample Copies.

Any subscriber who would like to have specimen copies of the 'Northern Messenger' sent to friends can send the names with addresses and we will be pleased to supply them, free of cost.