

## SISTER BELLE'S CORNER.

FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS WHO READ THIS PAPER.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—All over Canada, in every village, town, and city, there are Sunday schools. You go there every week to hear about Jesus, to learn lessons from God's book, and to sing sweet songs of praise.

Then they pass around the plates for the collection, and you put in your coppers because the other boys and girls do, but do you ever stop a minute and think where this money is going to, and what good it will do?

Away off in India, there are many thousand children who never heard of Jesus, and how He died to save all who believe on Him. They never go to Sunday school because no one has started one near them. Every night before you go to bed, you kneel down and pray to God asking Him to take care of you. Long ago mamma taught you how to pray, and told you God would hear you when you prayed "for Christ's sake." But these little heathen children's mammas have never heard of our God, and cannot teach their children about Him. They grow up just as if Jesus had never died for them. Then they are taught to pray to idols of wood and stone that cannot hear what they say. Day after day the heathen mothers bring their children and teach them to make offerings to these idols. But some good men and women who had nice homes in Canada, and many friends who loved them, have loved Jesus better than home and friends. So they have gone away off to India to tell these poor mothers not to pray to helpless idols of wood and stone, but to pray to the living God. We call these good men and women "missionaries," and we say to them "God bless you in your work." Then we pray for them, and then we try and get all the money we can to help them work after they reach India. Bibles have to be bought. Houses must be built for these missionaries to live in, and wood costs a great deal of money out there. Then the children must have a school-house built to come to, and for the minister to preach in the heathen language about Jesus.

This paper is going to be printed every month, and will always have something for you in it, so that we can all learn more about India and the work done by our missionaries with the coppers we give them in our collections at Sunday school. So if you can read about them, you can explain it to the little brothers and sisters who are yet in the infant class. Ask your mamma or papa to tell you more about the heathen children who never heard about Jesus.

Good bye until next month,

SISTER BELLE.

Brantford, Sep. 3rd, 1878.

## COURAGE OF A CHRISTIAN GIRL IN NORTHERN INDIA.

Among a low-caste people at Ellenpur, near Gondah, in Northern India, there has been a great struggle to draw the converts back into heathenism. The following case as described by Mr. B. H. Badecley, an American Missionary, we give as an illustration. In the jungle lived a man and his wife who had several children, and a young girl eighteen years of age. This uneducated village girl was very brave in her endurance of persecution for Christ's sake. She had learned to love the Saviour by attending the services at the house of the native preacher, and noticing the

conduct of his wife. Several months before her baptism she told her relatives that it was her purpose to become a Christian; but they would not hear of it, and threatened to kill her if she dared to take such a step.

She continued, however, to attend the preaching, and the Lord Jesus drew her towards Himself. One Sunday after the service, her relatives came in a body to take her away. Her infuriated mother fell upon her, and made several attempts to harm her, but was prevented. The native teacher told the people that if the girl wished to go with them they could take her, but if she chose to stay among the Christian families she was at liberty to do so. They then used every effort to make her willing to go, promising her fine clothes, jewels, presents, and rich food, but in vain. They besought her not to disgrace them by becoming a Christian, but she only answered that she had become a Christian in heart, and could not change. At last, on their promising not to do her any harm, the native preacher, fearing a disturbance, let her go. They then carried her to another village some miles away, shut her up, threatened to kill her, endeavoured to change her purpose by incantations; but all in vain; she remained firm. At last they decided to give her up, and brought her to the native preacher, saying, "Here, take her: we can do nothing with her." Shortly after this we had the pleasure of baptizing her. The native preacher has adopted her as his daughter, and his wife is giving her Christian instruction. Her bravery has greatly helped the good work in this locality, and we hope soon to baptize several others here.—*Illustrated Miss. News.*

## DEATH OF AN IDOL IN SIAM.

One of the four famous white elephants worshipped in Siam as Gods, is dead! It was the eldest of the four, and was born in 1780. This famous white elephant, before whom a whole people have bowed the knee, was the emblem of the kingdom. It was honoured with the most beautiful presents, for the Siamese believed that so majestic an animal could only be animated by the spirit of a god or an emperor! Each white elephant possesses its palace, a vessel of gold, and a harness resplendent with jewels. Several mandarins were attached to its service and fed it with cakes and sugar-cane. The king of Siam was the only personage before whom the white elephant would bow. A similar salutation was rendered to it by the monarch.

The deceased idol had a magnificent funeral. A hundred Buddhist priests officiated at the ceremony. The three surviving elephants, preceded by trumpets and followed by an immense concourse of people, accompanied the funeral car to the banks of the Menam, where the king and his nobles followed the mortal remains, which were transported to the opposite bank for burial. A procession of thirty vessels figured at that curious ceremony. All the floating houses ranged in double file on the Menam to the number of over sixty thousand, were adorned with flags of all colours and symbolical attributes.—*Illustrated Missionary News.*

MISSIONARIES for the heathen are still wanted, but

Oh! ye who cannot go, help! help!

With the wondrous weapon prayer.

While ye uplift your hands at home

The cross shall triumph there;

And give ye freely from your store

To the warriors in the field;

The more ye give, the more to you

Barrel and cruse shall yield!

THE *Heathen Woman's Friend* tells of a person who for some time has devoted every two-cent piece which comes into her possession to her misc-box. Several dollars have accumulated during the year, and the lady feels sure she is none the poorer for not having spent them upon herself.

"DO YOUR GODS LOVE YOU?"—"Do your gods love you?" asked a missionary of some Indians. "The gods never think of loving," was the cheerless answer. The missionary repeated the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of St. John's Gospel: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." "Read it again," asked the arrested pagan. "That is large light—read it again." A third time the blessed words were repeated, and with this emphatic response, "That is true—I feel it."

A CHRISTIAN HERO'S GRAVE.—In my walk this morning I tarried for a few minutes at the grave of Mr. Boardman; it was a good place for reflection, for thanksgiving, for prayer. Only fifty years ago he whose dust slept there had baptised the first believer from among this then unknown people. Now more than twenty thousand are witnesses for Christ, while thousands more have joined the church above. The gospel has penetrated these jungles, and Christian churches are to be found all over this land. Had the sainted dead faith to believe such grand results would be achieved? Have we not reason to believe that the next twenty-five years will see the work completed? Perhaps it will be our fault if it is not accomplished in a much shorter time.—*Mr. Morrow of Tavey, in Baptist Miss. Magazine.*

## NOTICE.

The Corresponding Secretary kindly urges the Secretaries of the Women's Missionary Circles throughout Ontario to communicate directly with her, as to the state of their respective organizations—as there are only a few weeks before the annual meeting at which the report is to be read.

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