

Foreign Missions.

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Official News from the Foreign Society.

The Executive Committee met in regular monthly session in the Mission Room, in the Y. M. C. A. building, Cincinnati, O., August 19, 1892. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. T. Williams, who was present.

FINANCES—The receipts for the month amounted to \$6,113.56; the disbursements to \$7,030.65

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.—India.

A cablegram was read containing the sad news of the death of Miss Sue A. Robinson in Hurda, July 27. She fell sick some weeks before, and went to the hills for rest. Regaining her strength to some extent, she hurried back to her work. She suffered a relapse and died. Her death is a great loss to the mission. She was a genuine missionary. Her whole soul was in the work. With no thought for herself, she labored steadfastly for the furtherance of the gospel.—G. I. Wharton writes that the season has been unusually sickly, owing, no doubt, to the great heat. For weeks the mercury registered from 110 to 118 degrees in the shade. But the rains have come, and their spirits are reviving.—Dr. Durand writes: "Our work is very prosperous and the outlook is promising. The seed sown from time to time is taking root in various parts of the district." He reports that the church in New York City, through Miss O. M. Packard, has sent a fine bell for the chapel in Hurda. "It came yesterday. I wish to express thanks on behalf of the mission, for their kindness in supplying a needful article which otherwise we should not have had."—E. M. Gordon reports as follows: "We have had another conversion, a man who for a long while has been under instruction. He continues to live among his caste people, who do not seem to raise any objection. This is an important step. The new convert is the first of the Mungeli Christians who has dared to continue in his village after baptism."

China.—W. R. Hunt writes: "The work in the churches and in the district is bright with promise. We expect to put up two semi-foreign houses here in July."—T. J. Arnold says: "I have done a good deal of work in and around Lulah. The attitude of the people is good. We hope to go in and assess the territory for the Lord right easily. Lately Dr. Butchart and I took a trip to Lulah. Quite a large number of sick people came to see the Doctor, and we hope for great things from the small seed of our dispensary work."—C. E. Molland writes from Wuhu: "This district is threatened again with locusts, and soldiers have been called out for their destruction. This action, however, does not find general acceptance, many of the Chinese considering that the gods should be appeased by sacrifices and theatrical performances, and no force should be employed for insult offered to the offended deities."—The hospital is in process of erection. Thus far only about \$4,000 has been received for this enterprise. It will be remembered that \$6,000 was pledged. Notices have been sent to all who are in arrears among them to pay as soon as possible. C. E. Molland has purchased land in Wuhu. After considerable trouble he succeeded in getting the deed stamped. He is now at work on the building.

England.—W. E. Hogg writes: "I am very much pleased to state that the work in which Mr. Spring and I are engaged, has been wonderfully blessed of God, and that both in Cheltenham and Gloucester an anxious spirit of inquiry after the truth exists amongst the congregations. We have had the joy of immersing this year some seventy believers, and we believe that by the consistent preaching of the Word this number will soon be doubled. We are looking to God for true success, knowing he has said, 'Them that honor me I will honor.'"

SAINTING OF NEW MISSIONARIES.—E. S. Stevens and wife, Miss Lavinia Oldham, Miss Mary Rioch and Miss Emma Lyon expect to sail in October. C. E. Garst, E. T. Williams and James Ware expect to return to the field in November. They can not go unless the funds to defray their passage are in hand. There is not enough money in the treasury now to make one monthly payment. It will be noticed that the receipts have been falling off during July and August. At the same time the expenditures have been increasing. Several thousand dollars have been given for special work. Most of this is money that otherwise would go into the general fund.

The receipts since the October Convention to date (Aug. 24), amounted to \$61,999.12. This is \$2,633.36 more than was received last year during the whole year. There has been a marked increase, but the increase has not been as great as the increase in the expenditures. It should be borne in mind that the Board has no funds in reserve upon which it can draw to meet emergencies. Bequests are usually used either to provide buildings or to meet emergencies. Our bequests are consumed. There is not a dollar of reserves. The members and friends of the Society should remember this. Those who owe anything on subscriptions should pay at once. Those who have made no pledges, and yet are able to help, should do so. The need is great, and it is urgent. The Society should receive \$20,000 before the year closes, October 12. This is not a great sum to receive for this purpose in this time

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Miss Sue A. Robinson.

Sue A. Robinson was born in Louisville, Ky., April 20, 1856, and died in Hurda, India, July 26, 1892. When about twelve years of age she joined the Floyd Street Church, and was a devoted member of it till her parents removed to St. Louis, Mo., in 1870, when she united with the First Church. She took an active part in church, Sunday-school and missionary work. After several years she severed her connection with the First Church and united with the Central, continuing and increasing her interest in the work of the church, particularly in the cause of Foreign Missions. She taught a class in the Chinese Sunday-school. Jiu Hawk was led to Christ by her. She was kind, considerate, devoted to her father and mother, her brothers and sisters. She never considered her own comfort or pleasures. As a Christian she did without swerving what she considered her duty. Her influence was felt in the mission lands of all the churches in St. Louis.

From childhood she desired to be a missionary. Her family and friends sought to dissuade her, thinking that her constitution was too frail for work in China or Japan. She yielded for a time to their entreaties, but said to her parents: "I have refused one call, but woe is me if I am again called and I refuse." In the year 1887, she was induced to make a prolonged visit to her sister, Mrs. J. M. Clemens, in Louisville, in the hope that her health would be im-

proved, and that her desire to go out to the foreign field might be uprooted. When told by Dr. Clemens that her health was so frail that she could not live more than three or four years on the field, she said: "I am stronger than you think. I have sought Divine guidance, and I am satisfied God calls me to this work. In my desire not to grieve my loved ones, I have yielded too long. I must go. If it is His will I would rather die there doing my duty, than to live here feeling that I had not done what He gives me to do. Christ died for us: we should be ready if need be to die for Him." Before the visit ended she wrote to her father: "I have been called to India, and have accepted." She left home September 18, 1888, and went to India alone. She was a genuine missionary. G. I. Wharton writes: "Miss Robinson heard the call of God to be a missionary many years before she came to India. She answered the call with her life. Here among us, she has made her life one of the most unselfish, heroic, and Christ-like ministries I have ever known—modest, quiet, wise in counsel, conscientious in everything, self-sacrificing, devout and earnest—these are some of the characteristics of her whose loss we mourn. If it is an honor to be the first to fall in a glorious cause; if it is praiseworthy to face danger in the front ranks; then Miss Robinson merits a chaplet of double honor. She endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Through the long enervating hot months on the plains; in the midst of disease and pestilence; stooping down to lift up the most degraded and ignorant; spending and being spent for the girls in her school, thinking naught of herself; she lived, pressed on to the last moment, and then yielded up her life. With such sacrifices God is well pleased. It is well with her." This is high praise, but it is not too high.

When the hot weather came on she fell sick, and went to the hills for rest and health. She returned too soon. She felt better, and wrote her family that she was really regaining her strength. John G. McCavan, in a letter written July 28, gives an account of the last few days, and of the end. "Since her return from Poona and Bombay she has been very pale and weak, able to walk a little, but not much more, but always cheerful and happy, and so full of hope that she went right on with her preparations for work till the very last. She expressed great disappointment that she could not go on, and was anxiously looking forward to the time when she could get to her girls again. She spoke freely about dying, and seemed to expect it any time, but she hoped that she might get to do more for these girls and women whom she loved so well. She was ready to go, yet for the love she bore her Saviour and the children of India she seemed determined to keep up courage to live in spite of everything. On the evening of the 25th, I called to see her. She seemed a little weak, but was the same cheerful, helpful spirit as always. She expressed far more anxiety about my health than she did for herself; she was that way in everything.

"Tuesday morning she rose as usual, but after a little was seized with a violent spell of vomiting and purging, which reduced her strength in a few minutes. Miss Thompson sent for me. I saw at once that the end could not be far off unless something was done very soon. Dr. Durand was sick in Bombay at the time. The railroad physician was called in. He said at once that nothing could avail now. A slight improvement in symptoms followed, that gave us new hope. But the prostration was complete. She could speak only in whispers, but still shined our hope, and

was bright and cheerful. For a few moments she seemed to grow stronger. I told her so. She said she was glad to hear it. Almost her last words to me were that she was afraid I was wearing myself out. Miss Thompson did anything that a sister could do, but in vain. The hour had come at last. We knew she was leaving us. In a few minutes it was all over. Her spirit was at home with the Lord. Never was there a more triumphant death. She was ready and willing to go, but she never relinquished her hold upon her work till her hands rested in death.

"Thursday morning we laid the body to rest in the Hurda cemetery. It is a quiet place, with some great spreading trees to break the fierceness of the sun's glare. On that day it seemed a beautiful place. Mr. Morton, of the M. E. Church, read the Scriptures, prayed, and spoke a few words in Hindi to the native Christians. We sang, 'I love to think of the heavenly land.' This service was at the house. I conducted the service at the grave. Nearly all the European population listened with heartfelt sorrow, while in the noonday heat I read the burial service. The railroad men left their work and came to pay their last tribute of love and respect. Mr. Jackson made a neat coffin, and covered it with white cloth. It was lined with white flowers and wreaths sent by some of the people.

"Miss Robinson's name may not be among those known to every household, and the thousands who greet some on the other shore may not greet her, yet when the redemption of India is accomplished, and the hearts of men are revealed, she will be among those who will sit very near the Saviour's side. She was in heart and in life a heroine. She left all for Christ. Her work here was only begun, yet she was beloved alike by natives and Europeans. We all feel inexpressibly sad in our loss. God has dealt very gently with our mission so far, and we feel even now that we are blessed in the certainty of her greater peace and happiness."

Miss Robinson has not lived and died in vain. India will be more than ever to us because of her grave in Hurda. God will raise up kindred spirits to carry on her work. The natives have seen in her life the best imitation of Christ. The women in the Zenanas and the girls in the schools will be disposed to put their confidence in the Redeemer that glorified her life.

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She Was Satisfied.

The obituary notice of our good Sister Hornby of South Dorchester, published in the last EVANGELIST, brings vividly to mind an incident worth relating. When I first knew her she was a Methodist, a member of that church at Springfield, near which village she resided. Her mother, Sister McArthur, had about that time gladly received the word and been baptized by the writer, having been convinced of the Scriptural means of grace and the requirements of the gospel, by hearing the late Bro. Dugald Sinclair's preaching in Argyleshire, Scotland. Though at the time of her baptism about eighty years of age, she was not too old to be filled with peace and joy. Many a cheering word and warm expression of love I received upon my visits to her. I almost always found her with the Gaelic Bible and Grant's Hymns on her knees and heard her favorite expression, "Ye serve a good Master."

Her daughter, Mrs. Hornby, was thus led to be in doubt about her own religious standing. Of course an earnest and sincere study of the Scripture would rather increase than remove her doubts, and she would only "stumble

at the word," baptism, whenever she met with it, "being disobedient." In her extremity she applied to her minister, the Aylmer pastor, who also filled the Springfield pulpit. He was a man of unusual ability, but with a good deal of self-assurance and bluster. In response to her enquiries he said, "I will come and preach two sermons on baptism in order to satisfy you, Mrs. Hornby." In due time he preached the sermons according to promise, with his doubting fellow religionist for an earnest hearer. And he succeeded in satisfying her, too, for at the close of the second discourse she approached her minister, saying, "You have satisfied me upon the subject, Mr. Kennedy, but it is in this, that I am now convinced that it is my duty to be baptized," and forthwith came to the writer to immerse her.

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