

the part of every one upon whom any of the responsibility rests; and have it all done up to the gratification of those who are carrying the burden, and to the glory of God.

Our Missionary is still at work at the Midnapore Station; and from what we can learn, her labours are being blessed to the good of the perishing. In speaking of the Zenana work, in which she is engaged, she says: "We are glad to be able to report an increase in the number of native assistants. Last year we had but one christian woman engaged in the work. This year there have been three women and eleven of our orphan girls going regularly to the bazars and small villages near by."

To show the zeal of one of those women (an old woman who has been a christian only five years), Sister Phillips tells us that, one day while they were trying to engage another woman to go with the girls to the villages, this old woman said of her, "She should be willing to give her services for the work sake; . . . but if she will not work for nothing, I will pay half of her wages, and you may give the remainder."

She also tells us how those orphan girls, who, four or five years ago, wandered in heathen darkness, now sometimes come home with wonderful accounts of how pleased the women were to hear the Bible read and explained. Her letters are laden with interesting incidents of Mission work and experience, full of words of encouragement, and expressions of hope and trust.

Since the preparation of this Report was commenced, a letter has come to our notice from Mrs. Smith, of the Balasore Station, dated July 2d, giving a graphic description of a fearful cyclone that had just swept over that land, uprooting trees, dismantling buildings, and carrying destruction on every hand. Mr. Smith was very sick at the time, which made it more distressing for her. It was estimated that the damage done to their own and the Mission buildings was no less than twelve hundred rupees. She says, "Pray for us that God will, in the time of our trouble, look upon us in mercy, and cause this providence to redound to His glory."

Among the many items of interest in the India Report, is the following: "For the first time in the history of the Mission, we, this year, have the pleasure of reporting that a little Chapel has been built by native converts at one of our branch stations." They solicited no aid from the Mission, and received none. It is at Bhipore, and was dedicated to the worship of God on the 17th of July, 1870.

We still receive cheering communications from Rev. C. O. Libby, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society. We had hoped he would be with us on this occasion; but in his last letter he says he will not be able to meet with us, though he would like to very much.

What shall we say in conclusion? Can we say anything to encourage you, and enlist your sympathies more heartily in this glorious Mission work? Look on the whitening fields! hear the voice of the Master bidding you thrust in the sickle, and His words of approval, at the last, "Well done," to those who obey, and come "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

THEO. H. CROWELL,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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