

we sat in our howdahs and the fearful din of the music, if it could be called such, the noise of the surging crowds, the shouting and scolding of the police, the crying of the children, and the barking and quarrelling of the dogs came up to us, a peculiar impression was made on our minds, never to be effaced.

After we returned to the Palace the Rajah asked us again to be seated, when two dancing girls with their musicians were brought in. After these had performed for a few minutes we rose to go.

The Rajah had provided a dinner for the English at the Old Palace, where the Collector and lady were stopping, so we only had time to return home, see that our little girl was all right, and get to the dinner at eight o'clock. As we passed through the yard inside the Old Palace wall, before getting to the Palace, we saw thousands of Brahmans lying on the ground covered with their white cloths, so that in every direction they looked in the moonlight like hillocks covered with snow. These were all waiting their turn to pass out of the gate and get the Rajah's present. To some he sent 12½ cents, to some 25 cents, and to others 50 cents. Every man and his male child got something, and some are accused of borrowing a child or two for the occasion. They say there were 7,000 in all, and some had come a distance of 70 miles for even this. \$12,000 were given away during the ceremonies.

There were not many guests at the dinner, just the five mentioned above, a little company who sat down to eat together for the first time, and probably the last, too, unless all are permitted to sit down together at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb."

As to the naming of the young Rajah, although invited to be present, we were not permitted to see the ceremony, any more than the marriage or the installation ceremony proper, all of which I should have liked to witness, as giving an insight into native manners and customs. These people have such a polite way of preventing one from seeing anything they do not wish one to see, that one cannot be rude and insist upon it.

—A call from the Rajah the next day and one from the Collector and lady in the evening finished our dissipation, and we return again to our usual routine of work, none the worse, we hope, for this little variety in our life at Bobbili. M. F. CHURCHILL.

Chicacole.

Of the brave woman who, for nearly two years, has had sole charge of this field, Mrs. Timpany writes:—"Miss Hammond has been quite ill, and has been ordered rest and change by her doctor. She is going to Udigurie with us, in a few weeks, for two or three months. She is a noble worker and a loveable woman."

Samulcotta.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin have taken up their residence at this new station. They have been busily engaged getting the building prepared for the new school. Many of the students will bring their wives with them, and the training of these young women will be Mrs. McLaurin's department of work.

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec.

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

For Miss Hammond: That God will be graciously

pleased to restore her health, and make her still more useful in His service.

That the Master will endow His servants, both men and women, in the churches of Ontario and Quebec, with the grace of liberality, that so the money wants of the Mission may be all met, and the General Society again enabled to close the year entirely free from debt.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It is with extreme regret we are forced to announce that, in consequence of anticipated prolonged absence from Toronto, Mrs. H. H. Humphrey, our most valued and efficient Corresponding Secretary, has felt compelled to resign her office in connection with the Central Board of Ontario. Mrs. J. E. Wells has most kindly consented to fill the position thus rendered vacant. The Secretaries of Circles will please note the change, and address their communications to Mrs. J. E. Wells, 117 Bloor Street, east, Toronto.

TO THE CIRCLES OF THE CONVENTION EAST.

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Board was held in Montreal on June 12th. It was decided to have the Annual Meeting on the 12th of October, and the invitation to meet in the Olivet Church was accepted. We hope that the different Circles will arrange for one or two delegates to attend this meeting, that we may encourage one another, and, by God's blessing, have our hearts kindled to greater love and zeal in this work. How helpful and precious a thing is Christian sympathy! Our brethren understand this and meet at their Associations and Conventions. This Foreign Mission work is the only thing that we women have undertaken to do together. Do let us make an effort, so that the workers in the different Circles may meet one another, and talk over our difficulties and encouragements. We will then begin another year's work greatly strengthened and with a sense of union unknown before.

There is another thing that we must all be united about, and that is in raising the extra amount necessary to send Miss Frith to India. At the board meeting \$125 was voted for her outfit. This in addition to what we assumed for the year, \$500 of Mr. Timpany's salary, and \$200 for Zenana work in Cocanada, has been paid, with the exception of \$50 still due on the last amount. The Treasurer has a few dollars on hand, but \$600 has to be provided before the annual meeting if we are to bear our share in the passage money and salary of our lady missionary. Last month I urged upon the Circles the advisability of each making an effort to increase the yearly amount a little. Two have already done so. The Circle at Cornwall made a special collection which I received this week, and the Olivet Circle had an entertainment which will realize nearly \$50. After praying for years to God to send some one to work in the Zenanas of Cocanada, how humiliating it would be if, when the prayer