

the natives call them Christians, and yet how far removed they are. Numbers of them live as if there were no God.

If every English person in India were a Christian how different things would be.—L. MORSE.

"Thank you for your word of caution." When work goes well I forget all about breakfast or dinner or both, but then I don't feel very guilty over it, because they don't amount to much from a Canadian point of view. We have no baker and send for bread once a week, a distance of 35 miles, so that about half the time our bread is mouldy (if the wet season) or as dry as chips. Potatoes are a luxury, beef never seen, mutton seldom, only chicken and eggs,—eggs and chicken, till I hate the sight of them both. Of course we have tinned meats, but they are too expensive to be indulged in often, so with tinned vegetables. Life in India is not easy on the flesh, and there are times when the work moves slowly and seems more than usually discouraging."

"Really India is practically unbearable except for the work we come to do. The climate and people, the insects, snakes, scorpions and centipedes, make so many causes of annoyance that I wonder how any one can bear them except for the sake of the work. Of course Europeans come here and bear it all for money. I am quite sure money could never tempt me."

"What a pity that the Circles are falling behind; I never could understand how people undertake to do a thing and then grow careless and drop it. That may not be the cause of the funds being less in this case, however. In some places unless there is some one stirring the people up they do nothing of themselves. Some earnest workers who keep the people interested may have been called home.—I know myself of one or two who died last year."—Two Lady Missionaries.

## Work at Home.

### TO THE BAPTIST WOMEN OF ONTARIO.

*Dear Sisters.*—At the Semi Annual meeting of the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Board, held April 14th, a very serious falling off in the receipts of the Society was reported, while at the same time there were several pressing calls from India. For these reasons it was decided to place before you a statement of affairs; in the certain hope that you will cheerfully come to our assistance.

The appropriations made at the last annual meeting, for this year for India, amounted to \$700 less than the amount raised last year. No new work was undertaken; as it was confidently expected that we would be in a position to send out another missionary next fall, although at that time we had no suitable person in

prospect. The missionaries have now called for *three* ladies to be sent out this year. The ladies are waiting, but the receipts from the Society for the half year (October 10 to April 10) are \$270 less than those of the same period last year, notwithstanding the fact that several new Circles have reported. Indeed the receipts have fallen far short of the monthly remittance to India. Had it not been for the balance on hand to begin the year with the Treasurer would have been unable to meet her payments. In addition to the regular work taken-up by the Board, there is a call from India for a boat for the lady on the Akidu field and Miss Hatch's passage home, as well as the call for more ladies. Miss Priest is now under appointment. She is to be supported by the Manitoba Society, but we must provide her outfit and passage money, and unless we can raise the money she will not be able to go next August.

There are several reasons why our *Foreign* work should have a very sacred place in our hearts. It was for this alone that "the sainted Timpany" first organized Circles. We are the only Society that is specially doing "women's work for women." We are doing a work that only women can do. The Lord is blessing the work. The women of India are hopeless in this life, hopeless for the life beyond. There is no ray of comfort for the mother as she lays her darling child in the tomb; all is darkness, gloom, despair. Desolate as are the lives of many women in our own land, they can nearly all read and God's word is in their hands; even where that is denied, they still have home joys and some knowledge of the Only True God. The lonely life of our single ladies in India should touch us. Love for souls and obedience to our Saviour's command are the two things that make life endurable. It will be a glad day for them when we can place two single ladies on one field. Then the fact that through *one* channel so many different branches of work are supported, should lead us to give more largely to Foreign Missions. And again the fact that there are yet hundreds of thousands whom the gospel has not reached.

In view of the great need for more money the Board earnestly invites you all to ask the Most High to send the money. Every evening at 6 o'clock is the time set apart. We ask each one to try to give a little more to Foreign Missions, to seek to interest others in the work, especially to try to gain the sympathy of our young women, on whom the work must in the future depend. We also ask the Treasurers of the Circles and Bands to please send in the Foreign Mission money promptly and not to send Home Mission money to the Foreign-treasurer, as that involves *risk* in remitting as well as expense.

Yours on behalf of the Board.

JANE BUCHAN, Corresponding Secretary.

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