

work, far more than to send for a missionary and have her come and talk while you rest on your oars. Do it the way you rouse interest, or ought to rouse interest, in the other half of our Circle-work, the Home work. Who ever heard of a Home Missionary leaving his work and touring the country to increase interest? It has never been thought necessary that they should have furlough, and consequently we have not grown to depend on them.

Let us get down to the root of the thing. Interest in missions is created and fostered by a clear realization of the Master's Great Commission, and by a clear vision that the work outlined in it, is still far from completion. And that realization and vision comes, and comes to stay, by hard, constant and unromantic work on the part of the leaders, be they Circle Presidents, Band Presidents or Directors.

The "path of least resistance" is very seldom the one which leads to the most desirable goal, and consequently we have not the slightest doubt that the hard work necessary to train up a Band or Circle in the great foundation principles of our mission work, and in the thorough and systematic study of the fields demanding our service—that this will result in the building up of strong, stable characters, always to be relied on to carry out the Master's commands, and not "blown about by every wind of doctrine."

After all this has been done, or when it is all being done, we shall take as a delightful extra, as a thing to be especially thankful for, a visit from one of those who are our representatives in a heathen land. The effect produced will not then be an effervescent outburst of enthusiasm, which vanishes before the passage of time, but simply an enlarging of our vision of duty, a strengthening of the sympathy which binds the consecrated at home to the consecrated abroad.

So shall we be doing the best thing for our Circles and for our Bands, shall be rightly using the money placed in our hands, and shall be doing simple justice to our missionaries who are home primarily to "take in," not to "give out."

A NOTE FROM MISS CORNING.

(Extract from private letter.)

"I must be brief this time, as this is the seventh work letter for this mail, and more are waiting.

"We have little time for reading, and very few books—that is, light literature; but many a time I have found such a paper as the 'Home Companion' of real value. There have been times, and will be again, when something I have seen or heard or lived through in the work, has so shocked my nerves that it seemed impossible to get away from it. Remember, we cannot call in friends, go shopping or to a concert or lecture, or even for a drive, for mental rest or change, and at such a time, when sleep is impossible, and when, if we talk with each other we talk of the one subject, I find that a story is of real value. More than once I have gotten up at one or two o'clock in the morning and read a story in the 'Companion' to take my mind off some experience in the work, so I could go to sleep. Many of us have nerves, and we like to get away from the solid now and then. Besides, your papers go on to Cocanada, and the fashion sheets are being used by a lady who is supporting herself and mother by dressmaking, and can get no fashion sheets here. An old lady has them afterwards for the fancy work, as she crochets and knits lace. Both these are Eurasians, and you know how much I like to help them. I find the housekeeping hints very helpful to the Eurasian women. So you see we value the paper, and are very grateful for it.

"We have taken in 92 boarders in our school this year, 54 of whom are boys.