

We thank the ladies for this token of thoughtfulness and kindness, and assure them that the letters will be very much appreciated. They will also, I am quite sure, prove helpful and profitable.

This resolution is evidently a step in the right direction, and we trust it may prove to be an additional link in the chain that binds together so closely the Home and Foreign fields.

If, however, a similar arrangement were made respecting prayer, viz., that each missionary and teacher should be assigned to one particular society for whom special prayer should be offered regularly, it would form an excellent concomitant to the letters.

We are quite well aware that much fervent prayer is offered by the Home Church on behalf of the Foreign Field, in answer to which her missionaries are sustained and encouraged. But the longer we live the more we feel the need of prayer and particularly the need of asking with importunity for definite blessings. There are certain definite things which missionaries specially require, and I would put first that which Stephen possessed of whom it is said he was "full of faith and the Holy Ghost."

We may work diligently and teach and preach faithfully, but without that powerful permanent good will be accomplished. On the other hand, who can estimate the good that one emptied of self and filled with faith and the Holy Ghost may be instrumental in doing? It is also exceedingly important that one should have a passionate love for the lost and erring, otherwise the work will drag heavily. The work is essentially that of drawing and not driving. No one was ever yet driven to the Saviour, but "all men" shall yet be drawn to Him. The little boy who gave as the reason why he went so far and so regularly to a certain Sabbath School, "Because they love a fellow over there," touched upon the secret of success in missionary work. A true sense of duty is a poor incentive to work, but when love constrains, the work is pleasant and a drawing power is felt.

It should also be remembered that missionaries have not the ecclesiastical support and the bracing atmosphere of "kindred minds" to sustain them that workers in the Home Field enjoy; and in order to bear up under the many difficulties and trials that meet us every day one needs outside help as much as Moses did to hold up his arms after they became heavy.

We do not wish to present a gloomy aspect of our case, for in the midst of discouragements we have much to be thankful for. Last Sabbath a high caste Brahmin who has a large number of chelas or disciples was

baptized, having been led to the knowledge of the truth through the instrumentality of one of our native agents, and he is now rejoicing in the hope that all his disciples shall shortly follow him into the fold.

But we do want our needs to be definitely known, and although many may think this but pious words, we would like to hear them carried to the Throne of Grace as the woman carried the empty vessels *one by one*, and He who is able to do more than we can ask or think shall fill or supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in answer to prayer.

Two more of our laborers go home this summer for a much needed and much deserved rest and change. We bespeak for Mr. and Mrs. Grant a warm welcome, and we trust that at the end of their furlough, which we hope will be pleasant and enjoyable, they may return not only with a new missionary, but renewed themselves in body and mind.

They expect to leave here about the end of the month. All the members of our staff are well.

Yours truly,
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LETTER FROM MRS. MORTON.

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For the Maritime Presbyterian

We spent an afternoon lately at Red Hill. In this modest hamlet we have long had a school supported by the W. F. M. S. Western section. We left home at one o'clock; looked in at Miss Blackadder by the way and also at Arouca school. May is a favorite month for weddings; the schools are always smaller than usual; those children who are not getting married themselves are helping to marry the rest. Drums are beating far into the night; boys are hiding from relentless parents who nevertheless succeeded in dragging them out of their hiding places to act the enforced role of bridegroom. Girls who never had any attentions before, become the centres of idle groups to whom the festivities of a marriage are a welcome break in the idle monotony of their lives. Leaving Arouca we find a gradual change in the atmosphere, owing to the increasing elevation of the country. We cross a very tiny river by a rather majestic bridge. But it must be remembered that in the months of our heavy rains the streams become rivers, and the rivers swollen torrents carrying everything before them. Near the bridge we come upon a lovely spot called the Garden Estate; There is no smoke appearing above the tall