

After carefully surveying the whole land and indicating the strategic centres, the result reached is, "eight stations occupied, twenty-four awaiting occupancy."

Our space limits compel us to conclude with the following summary, and without the final impassioned appeal.

To conclude, then, this summary of facts: though there are 3,000,000 heathen on our Telugu field; though no others are making provision to give them the gospel, though we have pledged ourselves repeatedly to relieve their distress, though we have counted ourselves their debtors and been in the field sixteen years—*three-fourths of the land remains unoccupied and three-fourths of the people without any hope of hearing of Christ*

Let there be no misunderstanding here. Let no one disregard these facts, thinking them overdrawn. Let no one think that, though the present force be not reinforced four-fold and that speedily, still, in some way, through strained and superhuman effort the relieving force will compass the need. This will not and cannot be. We have pushed out the line of supplied need; we have strained the estimate to its utmost limit; we have left no possible margin for hope; we have pressed to the extremest verge—and beyond prevail *unrelieved distress and hopeless death.*

### A Question.

It was at the close of a long day's work in a large town, when a bright-eyed little widow stepped out from the group of listeners surrounding the missionary and her helper.

"May I ask one question, mother?" she said

"Yes, certainly," was the reply.

"You have a home somewhere far away—a long, long journey from here?"

"Yes."

"And you have a father and mother?"

"Yes."

"And sisters and brothers?"

"Yes."

"And you have left them all to tell to us these words? Surely they must be true words. You wouldn't come so far with an empty message, I know. Now tell me, mother, if we, having listened to you, forsake the religion of our fathers and our idols, and accept this new religion, and believe in this Jesus Christ, our sins will be removed far from us, and eternal life, heaven will be ours?"

"Yes, that is just it."

"And if we having heard, refuse to believe, we lose all?"

"Yes, all."

"But, mother, what about those who have heard? You have been here three days, you have seen me early and late, but you haven't seen nearly all the people yet; what of those to whom you have not told the message?"

What a question! what a very solemn question that should stir to its deepest depths the soul of every Christian woman, for it is written, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

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April 1st has been set apart as a day of special prayer for our Telugu Mission. We trust that it will be generally observed.

## THE WORK AT HOME.

### News from the Circles.

DEAR LINK,—In thinking the other day of the great need of more money for the Lord's work; how urgent that work is; how the time is hastening on to the return of our King and how doors are being opened in answer to prayer, all over heathen lands, faster than we can send messengers to them, the question suggested itself: Why can we not send the message faster? Because we are holding back the Lord's money to use for self, forgetting His words: "The silver and gold are Mine." Only entrusted to us, to use for His work. Surely we are not all awake to our responsibility in this matter. I do thank God that I am getting more awake to it than I have been in the wasted years gone by, and although my resources are limited, my prayer is that I may be made willing to use all I can for His work, and to help those to carry His message who count it a joy to spend and be spent in His service. As to ways for raising money to swell our treasury, there are differences of opinion, and we should be careful about engaging in any undertaking that to some may seem wrong. But one plan that seems worthy of suggestion and could not be said to go against any one's conscience is this, that every Circle should start an extra cent-a-week Band. The extra cent-a-day bands are working splendidly where started, in the States. But many of us may perhaps feel that we could not manage the extra cent daily, but surely we all could manage an extra one a week. We have, I think, over 200 Circles in Quebec and Ontario, and surely the membership of these 200 odd, might be calculated as a thousand. If every one of these 1000 would give one cent extra a week, just see how much more our free-will offering to the Lord would be, \$520! If the Boards think well of this plan, will these not urge its adoption on the Circles. Some who are not members of a Circle, might like to contribute their mite also, in this way. "Freely ye have received, freely give." R. T.

Feb. 25th, 1891.

PETERBORO'.—The annual meeting of the W. B. M. Circle was held in the Baptist Church, March 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. In connection with the meeting a thank-offering service was held. On invitation, several members of Circles in the town, of other denominations, also from sister Circles in the county, met with us. Envelopes containing the offerings, with texts of Scripture, were put on plates at the door. The Secretary's report of work for the year shows an increase in both Home and Foreign Missions. Several meetings of special interest have been held during the past year. Our afternoon meeting was made very pleasant and profitable. Kindly greetings were received from members of other Circles; and papers were read by Miss Roberts and Miss McDonald, on Foreign Missions. A paper on Woman's Work, by Mrs. McKee. At the close of the meeting tea was served. An evening meeting was held at 7.30. After singing a hymn the thank-offering texts were read by two members of the Circle, which took the place of the regular Scripture reading. Miss Anderson, of Lindsay, gave an interesting talk on Grande Ligne. This was followed by a paper on Home Missions, by Miss Aldridge, which brought our meeting to a close. The collection amounted to \$22.34, equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

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