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Editorial.

A FAREWELL MEETING to Misses Simpson and Morrow was held in Beverley St. Church, Toronto, October 21st. This was the time for the regular meeting of the Toronto Union, but the chief feature on this occasion was an address by Miss Morrow, telling in a plain simple way how she had been guided and led into this work.

Let our prayers follow Miss Simpson, returning to her work after a rest in the home land, and Miss Morrow, going out to India for the first time. They sail November 5th, from New York.

POSTAGE STAMPS.—We continue to receive a considerable number of stamps, notwithstanding our request to subscribers not to send them. The Government will not pay for them and have forbidden us to sell them.

Postal notes can be had at any office for 1 cent for 25 cent order, 2 cents for any amount up to \$2.50.

THE TREASURY.—Miss Elliot reports that the income from Circles and Bands is considerably less at this time than at the corresponding time last year.

Will not each Circle and Band, at its next meeting, remember the request of the Board for special prayer, that the regular income be increased, that the work in India be not seriously crippled.

A BAPTIST with experience as a Bible colporter in Manila, with a knowledge of the language, country and people, has offered himself to the Missionary Union for service in the Philippines. Is this an indication of the will of God?

THE UNITED BROTHERS MISSION of Dayton, Ohio, which is so sadly afflicted by the massacre of seven of its missionaries in Sierra Leone Province, West Africa, has recalled the remainder of its missionaries until the country is restored to order. It will apparently be some time before the British agency is effectively re-established in the interior.

A WRITER in the *Christian Missionary* says, regarding the Philippines—"In the hands of the priest has been the entire education of the people. How limited and

narrow that education is an easy guess! Civil marriage was unknown, so that the family was built only with the permission of the priest. The marriage fee has been thirty dollars, which sum represented the labor of half a year. The child must be baptized or its salvation was impossible! The fee was heavy but sacrifices must be made to secure it. Only the priest could bury the dead, or, without their consent a body must remain unburied. Large fees were extorted, and never until these were paid was the burial proceeded with. Whenever a priest entered a home every inmate was required to kneel at his feet and kiss his hand.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S OPINION OF AMERICA.

[Many will remember Vivekananda at the World's Parliament of Religions at Chicago. We know a few in this country who went almost wild in their admiration and laudations of the Brahman from India. No wonder, then, that upon his return he should receive great honor from his own countrymen. They even call him "Swami," in their own words, "God." Vivekananda. We believe the following, as given by Dr. Clark in his "Fellow Travellers," will interest our readers. Ed.]

But, though so exalted, this god is quite willing to be interviewed. He doubtless learned the trick while in America. Here are some choice extracts as they recently appeared in the *Madras Mail*.

"What was your experience of America, Swami? asked the enterprising reporter.

"From first to last very good," answered Vivekananda. "With the exception of the missionaries and 'church women,' the Americans are most hospitable, kind-hearted and good natured."

Naturally the reporter desired to know something of these "exceptions" who so fall below the average American, and so asked, "Who are these church women you speak of, Swami?"

Swami: "When a woman tries her best to find a husband she goes to all the bathing places imaginable, and tries all sorts of tricks to catch a man. When she fails in her attempts, she becomes, what they call in America, an 'old maid,' and joins the church. Some of them become very churchy. These church women are awful fanatics. They are under the thumb of the priests there. Between them and the priests they make a hell on earth. They make a mess of religion. With the exception of these the Americans are a very good people. They loved me so much. I loved them. I felt as though I was one of them."