

His strength. And with renewed faith we are looking to Him to break these bonds of caste, and let the people go free. But will He loosen those who are not willing to walk, and will He rend a band which you or we should stoop to unfasten?

Are you going to send out two families this autumn? We hope so, as it seems to many of us that men are needed very much to occupy vacant fields, and to take the places of some who may have to go home by the time a new man is ready to assume responsibility.

We had good meetings at Ongole, and it was cheering to see so many earnest, devoted young men fairly getting into the work of that great mission. It looks as if a brighter day were dawning for the Christians there, as well as for the heathen.

We had a delightful cool season, which has been very helpful to the invalids in our missions (of course I am not in that class); but the heat is increasing now, and it is said that some must hie away to the hills soon. There is always something out here for hazy folks, such as I am, to do, so every day now finds me busy on translation work, for our Sunday schools. If I do not talk much to the heathen I may write letters for the LINK often.

Yours sincerely,

C. H. ARCHIBALD.

P. S.—The *Canadian Baptist* said to us this week, as calmly as possible "How do you like our new dress?" Why we think you just look fine, and we congratulate you most heartily on your personal appearance as well as on your apparently healthy growth. And we like your nice wrapper too, it is a positive proof that there is some strong paper still in Canada.

Some of your neighbors look tattered when they reach us, and did they not fall into friendly hands on the way, and have a bit of grass or string tied about them, they might not see the desired end of their journey.

Some good friend sent me a very nice calendar, and I do not know whom to thank, so mention it here, that the donor may know it is doing its work. These little things do me good. Some pretty booklets came also, from Moncton, and a book from Halifax. Thank you all, dear friends, and when their mission is finished to me, I pass them on to the heathen.

The calendar came from Lindsay, I think. Who lives there, do you know?

C. H. ARCHIBALD.

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It is significant to note that "Societies of Buddhist Endeavor," on the lines of the Endeavor movement, have been established in Japan by the Buddhist and Shinto priests, in order to counteract the work of Christian teachers and societies. They advocate much of the philanthropy of the New Testament, and have begun to employ "Buddhist Bible-women."

Work at Home.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

OWEN SOUND.—The Mission Circle in this place reports progress and increasing interest in all lines of mission work. Through an oversight, our Thank-offering service of Nov. last was not reported, and so perhaps a brief reference to it may not, even now, be out of place, as our Circle considers these social meetings very helpful and stimulating, promoting also the social interests of the church by bringing its members together. Invitations were sent to all the members, active or otherwise, and to some others whom we hoped to interest. A large number of the women of the church were present and a very pleasant social time was spent, while an informal programme, with frequent breaks for conversation, provided information and suggestions in regard to our work as a Circle. We were gladdened by receiving several new members as a result, also a good offering. At the close refreshments were served at small tables around which those present grouped themselves for a social chat. Upon the evening of Tuesday, 3rd inst., our regular Circle meeting night, we enjoyed another very pleasant gathering, at the home of our president, Mrs. Eberle. After the regular business of the evening was over a short programme was presented, consisting of a very interesting talk on "Woman's Mission Work in England," by a lady who has recently left the old land to become a resident of our town. A paper on "Grande Ligne," bristling with information and interest, and plainly showing that the heart inspired the pen, was also given by Mrs. Walker.

The event of the evening then took place in the presentation to our loved president, of a framed Life Membership Certificate, for which we have been making a special effort for some months. A suitable address was read by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Norton, alluding to the long and faithful service performed by Mrs. Eberle as president, since our Circle was formed eleven years ago. After a feeling reply from the recipient of the address we all joined in that expressive hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" and we realized, as we often do, that service for Christ unites with the most real heart-felt bonds, those who are "co-workers together with Him." How beautiful! Not "Christ and you," or "you and I for Christ" but "together with Him!" Before we separated we were invited to partake of refreshments, thus bringing to a close one of our most delightful Circle meetings.

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ROXBOROUGH.—We held our Thank-offering service on the night of Nov. 23rd, and although the night was dark and cold, and the roads in a very bad condition, the service was fairly attended and thoroughly enjoyed. But