

responsibilities resting on us missionaries, preachers and teachers, and told them I believed God would turn many hearts to himself, if we sought the blessing with faith. The Holy Spirit brought to my mind Ezekiel's vision, in which the dry bones were transformed into living beings. It seems to me our work is described so plainly there. First we must prophesy to the bones, and then we must prophesy to the Spirit. Men cannot believe what they have not heard, but God wants them to believe after they have heard, and the Spirit is waiting to put life into these. If God's children call him, he will come. When the Akidu church met on the first Sunday of October I made this vision the subject of my remarks, and asked the members to beseech God to send us at least 200 or 300 true converts before the close of this year. The fact is that hundreds of people have not heard the truth until they are like the lifeless bodies which took the place of the dry bones. They need to feel the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit. They are, so to speak, ready for that. Why is it not given? God says: "I will for this be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them." God's people must prophesy to the Spirit, and say, "O, Holy Spirit" come and breathe upon these slain that they may live." I think some of us have been crying to the Spirit for some time past.

As I remarked above, I left Akidu on the 4th of October for Cocanada. I needed the rest and the change, and furthermore I wanted to see my baby girl, and returned to Akidu on the 22nd.

On the 20th I set out for Colar Lake. Owing to the fierceness of the water the boat could not reach Gundanapuh, so I had to leave it. I found that all the men were busy watering their fields, as October had not given a drop of rain. When we met on Sunday the 30th we prayed for two blessings, copious showers of rain to save the crops, and an out-pouring of the Spirit to save the people. The first of these blessings has been graciously given to such an extent as to make touting a rather unpleasant operation without the aid of a boat, so my men have gone for the boat to-day. On Thursday we had a beginning of God's answer to our prayer for the Spirit. In a new village, about three miles south of one of the old villages, Commalmudi, we had a very happy day. I went in my palankeen, and put up in a cowshed. The people gathered in the yard in front of the shed, which was open on that side. The number that came forward for baptism was a sight worth seeing, and when I heard the answers given in reply to the questions concerning their trust in Christ, I just wished for a room to retire to, that I might weep. I could not help believing that this was the commencement of a gracious out-pouring of the Spirit. The sun was setting; by the time we reached the tank where they were to be baptized, so the ordinance was performed for the most part by moonlight. Thirty-five men and twenty women were baptized by Peter. All of these but one man and one woman belong to that village. The name of the village is Peyyuru.

The Mala village is large. There are probably twenty adults in all, so we may expect a great many more from that same place. The people are mostly farm laborers, working for farmers of a higher caste. None of them have land of their own. Their masters threatened them with trouble of various kinds if they persisted in being baptized, and on the other hand promised many good things to those who would draw back. Hence a few who asked for baptism some two weeks or so ago were missing when the time came.

The Christians at Commalmudi built a neat school house some months ago. I am in it at present, the top of my palankeen is my table as I write.

MR. AND MRS. MCLAURIN.—A note from Mr. McLaurin, dated Liverpool, January 2nd, says: "We are here, safely over the water, and are grateful to the Father of mercies for His goodness to us in answer to your prayers. We have had a very prosperous and pleasant voyage and landed last night about half-past seven. We leave Liverpool to-morrow and will be in this country making purchases, etc., for a week or two. Will you continue to remember us all the way?"

THE WORK AT HOME.

Ontario and Quebec

SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

Thanksgiving for the good news of so many converts on the Cocanada and Akidu fields:

Prayer for a continued and abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that the Christians may be kept faithful, and their number greatly increased:

That Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin may be preserved in health and safety to the end of their journey; that they may be filled with the Divine Spirit, that the Word of God may dwell in them richly in all wisdom, and that the school they go to establish may be blessed of God from its very beginning.

THE EXCHANGE DRAWER.

The following manuscript papers have been kindly placed at our disposal for the use of the Circles. All who wish to avail themselves of these helps to Circle meetings can do so by sending a postal card to Mrs. M. Freeland, P. O. Box 8, Yorkville, naming the paper requested, which must be promptly returned.

"Reasons why we should make the monthly meetings interesting, with some hints as to the best means of doing so," *Mrs. H. J. Ross*; "Why we work," *Miss Ida Fitch*; "A day in Cocanada Mission House," *Mrs. M. Laurin*; "Woman's work in Missions," *Mrs. A. V. Timpany*; "The condition of women in India," *Mrs. J. Coultis*; "Some facts and figures about our Society," *Mrs. M. Freeland*; "Sketch of the W. M. A. Societies of the Lower Provinces," *Mrs. W. H. Porter*; "Our Sisters in India," *Mrs. Armstrong*; "Christian Activity," *Miss J. M. Lloyd*. "He shall have dominion from sea to sea," a *Member of the Winnipeg Circle*.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The quarterly report of the treasurer of the Ontario Women's Society, presented at the January Board meeting, showed that since the 15th of last October the receipts had been \$309.13; the disbursements for mission work, \$1062.50, for home expenses \$4.77, and the balance on hand was \$562.61.

REV. J. E. CLOUGH'S BOOK.—The publishers of the *Canadian Baptist*, 61 King-st. East, Toronto, announce that they have received a large consignment of Mr. Clough's new book, "From Darkness to Light." By special arrangement they are enabled to supply it for \$1.00 net, postage paid. The advertised price is \$1.25. Every Baptist family in these provinces should possess a copy, and no S. S. library can be complete without one.

YORK ST., LONDON, ONT.—A NOBLE EXAMPLE.—A member of the Circle writes: Since the October meetings in Woodstock, our meetings have been better attended and a deeper interest is taken in mission work. At Mrs. Armstrong's meeting a member of the church pledged \$25 for the support of a native in the Theological School. Since then, a servant girl expressed her de-