

KEMPTVILLE—At Miss Muir's request, I report through the LINK that, a few weeks ago we organised a Mission Circle in connection with the South Gower and Kemptville churches. We have not so many members as we would like, but hope to have more. We are glad to aid in the good and glorious work of sending the Gospel to the benighted heathen of India. JEANIE WALLACE.

Memorial to Her Majesty.

In accordance with the expressed resolution of several of the Circles, and with a deep sense of the necessity and importance of uniting with other Women's Missionary Societies in beseeching Her Majesty Queen Victoria to cause to be abolished in India the cruel custom of child-marriages, the Central Board of the Women's Baptist F. M. Society of Ontario called a special meeting early in July to consider the matter and to adopt some form of memorial. It was decided to use that prepared for the Presbyterian Women's Society of Canada, and of which the following is the full text:

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India.

The Memorial of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your memorialists in common with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of Great Britain, the United States, and other Christian lands, are engaged in efforts to elevate the religious, social and moral condition of the women and children of your Majesty's Indian Empire.

That your memorialists have found that the custom of child-marriage (a custom which has resulted, according to the latest official returns, in the existence of 21,000,000 widows) arrests the education of women, and in many instances brings upon them untold misery and manifold evils, and is one of the greatest obstacles to the success of missionary labour.

That your memorialists therefore unite with other Women's Missionary Societies in your Majesty's Empire and throughout the world, in beseeching your Majesty to add to the many signal benefits which your Majesty has already conferred on your Indian Empire, by causing such enactments to be made as will free the children of India from this most unnatural and hurtful practice.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

In the name and on behalf of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario, comprising 60 branches and about 2,000 members.

The corresponding secretary was therefore instructed to send each Circle a copy, notifying them to that effect, and asking for their approval and co-operation. This was accordingly done. Out of the copies thus sent nearly 50 answers have been received, all expressing the most cordial co-operation, and praying that the effort thus made may be crowned with success. The memorial is now in the hands of the engrosser.

C. E. ROSE, Cor. Sec.

Nettie's Dollar.

DEAR LINK,—I wish to tell those who were interested in the story of Nettie, that her dollar has grown to eighteen dollars and eighty-two cents. I have had letters from quite a number of children, which were most interesting, and I know of several others who are saving their money, from whom I shall hear in a little time.

If my last letter had not been so long, I intended to say something about the young woman who is to teach our little Telugu girl. Let me tell you her name and how she came to get it. Her name is Mary Moseley, and she was named after a dear friend of mine. When Mr. Timpany was in Canada, he was speaking once about the education of Telugu girls, and Mr. Moseley thought he would like to have his family support one, so he asked Mr. Timpany to choose one, and each member of the family contributed towards her support all the time she was at school in Cocanada. This little girl was named after Mrs. Moseley, and I have often heard her spoken of most affectionately, and heard too the earnest prayers that were offered for her at the family altar. Mary grew up to fulfil the wishes and hopes of her friends, became a sincere Christian, and a capable, sweet girl. When she was married and went to her own home, we heard what a tidy nice house-keeper she was and a real good wife. When Mr. Craig decided to start a girl's school at Akidu he could think of no one whom he would rather have to superintend it than Mary, although she is still quite young. So he persuaded her husband to leave the village where they were living and come to Akidu, and she is to teach our little girl.

Does not this story of a sweet and useful life that was trained in the Cocanada school, encourage us to hope for the same for the little girl, who is to be the subject of our prayers, and to benefit by our donations? Do not let us forget to pray for both teacher and pupil, and that they and we may so live, that we will please the Lord Jesus Christ, and be able to do some good in this world which He loves and for which He died.

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A Sure Receipt for Church Decay.

"Charity begins at home." Make sure that it will also end at home. Keep an eye upon local conveniences and adornments. Be careful to read little concerning urgent, essential wants in the wide field of domestic and foreign destitution. Be on the alert to hear criticisms and slurs upon missionaries and benevolent societies. With great apparent candor and appreciation of Christian equity maintain that it is wrong to put anything into the Lord's treasury till personal debts and church debts are discharged. Give up the monthly concert of prayer; and if all this should fail of arresting spiritual progress, and of making a shrivelled church, it will be due to the very special and sovereign grace of God. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."—A. C. Thompson, D.D.

HOW MUCH OWEST THOU MY LORD?—We are too much accustomed to think that our religious contributions are altogether optional, that we can give or withhold at our pleasure. So we may, if we are utterly indifferent as to our relations with Christ. So we may, if we are content to be a law unto ourselves, and take our portion in this life. But, if we are Christ's, we owe Christ a debt. He bought us with a price. We owe Him our substance, our service, our lives. He claims our offerings of money, as well as of praise. We must not rob Him in tithes and offerings. He says, "Freely ye have received, freely give." He makes us debtors to the heathen, to the needy of every land. Will ye pay His righteous claims? The question comes to-day to every redeemed soul, *How much owest thou my Lord?*