

## THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

## LETTER FROM MHOW.

The following letter from Miss Stockbridge, Mhow, to a friend in Toronto has been forwarded for publication:

Now I must try and tell you a little news about all our mission folk. Gunga bai must come first, as I know she has a very warm corner in your heart. She is well, and seems to be very happy with Bhagajee. He is the man Mr. Murray had out in Dhar, a very stout man, who afterwards went to Ujjain, his wife died about two years ago, and left five children. He has four here with him, and one his parents in Naggar are taking care of. His children are very fond of Gunga, she makes some very pretty pieces of crochet for sale, and baby jackets. Gunga is not engaged in direct mission work, but attends the meetings regularly, and teaches a class in the Sabbath school, and, I believe, she tries to do the women good who live near her, often getting them in her own home to sing and talk to them. Her sister, Jennie, married a widower, who has two children. His name is Kaluram, and he was a book-seller when you were here. They are very happy together.

We have been very much encouraged by having some baptisms lately, a widow and her four children, with Kaluram's mother and a little orphan boy, who came to me some months ago, and who has been in Herbert's care ever since. He is a very bright little fellow. We have named him Kalin Paul. Herbert is a good boy, and is studying hard. He goes very often to the villages to preach, and distributes a great number of tracts, not solely to the natives, but to Europeans also, especially the soldiers, with whom he is a general favourite. A soldier asked Mr. Herron who the lame boy was, for he had seen him tract-distributing in the hospitals and barracks. He has such a good-natured face, and tries hard to speak English. I believe he often sings to them the Hindi Bhajans, which are set to English tunes, and this pleases them very much. He has been offered money, and this he spends in buying more tracts. He often takes all the Christian boys with him to the market, and has some good singing while crowds of people flock to hear the children sing, hymn after hymn, without a mistake, and without books. The proud and haughty Mohammedans, who would gladly stop street preaching by causing disturbances, are quite ashamed to say anything to the little band of singers with a lame boy as band-master.

Herbert has a good answer to give all who would come to argue with him. As soon as a jeering question is asked, he answers by asking them one. It is this: "Are you not ashamed of yourself coming to ask such things from a poor lame boy? Go to the missionary Sahib, and he will be able to answer all your questions."

We gave a khana, or dinner, to all the Christians last Thursday evening. How we wished you could have been present. We had dinner on the floor. All had to sit down in real native style, after which we had some good singing, and closed the evening with family prayer. They were all so good: not one went away unhappy, and all seemed so full of love and were so pleased to welcome the new members into our midst. There are several more enquirers. We are praying for them. Some of us try to visit them often. Three families have expressed a desire to become Christians.

We have a prayer meeting every Tuesday morning for the Christian women. Last Tuesday I took the meeting, and eleven women prayed. They are all so happy, and seem so ready to help each other.

I had eighteen women in my Sabbath school class last Sabbath, and only five of the number were Christians; the remainder were heathen women. Don't you think this a great improvement?

They all learn a text of Scripture to repeat as soon as we meet in class, after which they answer questions on the previous week's lesson. We wish you to please convey our very best thanks to the ladies of Hamilton for the box sent out for our schools. They were indeed such a help. I do not know what we would have done had they not sent us so many useful things, as we had 400 to provide presents for. Scripture and lesson prizes, besides regular attendance, cleanliness, good conduct and needlework prizes. Three girls' schools, three

boys' schools and three Sabbath schools. I shall not say anything about the women's meetings, but as Annie will be writing soon she will tell you all about them.

I visit the villages still, and have some happy hours singing and speaking to people. Sometimes, too, crowds of men, women and children, numbering from one to two hundred gather around us. Mrs. Campbell gave me a little harmoniflute, and it is such a help in my village work; it saves my throat very much. The last visit I paid to a village we had great difficulty in getting away. They wanted us to stay the day, but it was then past nine o'clock, and we had a return journey of about four miles. On one occasion I went out with only one Bible woman and one heathen helper, and a very cross old man ordered us out of the village, and told me to go and preach to my own people, meaning the soldiers, who sometimes disgrace themselves by drinking and ill-treating the poor native farmers. After he had spoken a few words I asked him to listen to me. He would not, but began to abuse us, and rose to give vent to his anger. By this time quite a large crowd had gathered, and before I could answer three men laid hold of him and took him a distance off, and then some others brought out a small wooden char-boy (cot), and asked us most kindly not to mind the grumbler, but to tell them about Jesus and sing to them. We took our seats, and had such a good time. My heart beat at first, for I knew we had no help near if they had turned on us, but God defends the defenceless, and on leaving I was asked again and again to come and see them more often. I have been since, and been warmly welcomed. Mr. McKelvie accompanied us to a village last week. The people were very anxious to have a school, and were willing to pay 3 shillings towards the support of a teacher. This also is encouraging, for the man they asked us to place there was a Christian.

In almost every village we go, we are invited to take our seats on the steps of their temples, as there is generally a large open space before these. A crowd can easily be spoken to, as not only are we on an elevation, but always under the shade of a very large tree.

## POINTE AUX TREMBLES.

The last two letters having been devoted to the early history of Pointe-aux-Trembles School, we would now take up the period during which it has been altogether in the hands of the Presbyterians.

In 1880 the Society under whose care the schools had been so ably conducted, finding themselves in financial difficulties, were obliged to disband, when they passed into the hands of the Presbyterians. The success of the past forty years, during which time over 2,000 pupils had passed through the institution, many of whom had gained positions of trust and influence, while some of the young women had become the teachers in the school in which they had received their training, was a clear indication that this was the Lord's work.

The Ladies' French Evangelization Society (Presbyterian), in reality the mother of our present Society, felt, as we do now, that the education of the French-Canadian girls was essentially woman's work. They therefore agreed to meet the expenses of the girls' school, and to aid them in obtaining the necessary funds they established auxiliary societies in some of the congregations of the Church.

The session opened under the new regime with ninety-five pupils; 200 applied for admittance, but the Committee did not feel justified in admitting more till the contributions would be forthcoming to meet the additional expense.

Much of the success of the following years was owing to the devotion and consecration of the principal and lady principal of the School. We feel impelled to tell something of the constant self-sacrifice of these two missionaries. No stouter or nobler hearts have gone to the foreign field. They have, in truth, been our foreign missionaries at home. For over twelve years, for the Master's sake, they laboured together in the quiet schools of Pointe-aux-Trembles while they might have filled more lucrative positions.

It was with a feeling of sincere regret that we learned last year that it was an absolute necessity that Miss Cairns, the lady principal, should give up her work, for a season at least. However, we are grateful to God that another

has been provided who we feel is well fitted for the position, being a daughter of one of our missionaries.

The good work has gone steadily on, the number of applications for admittance yearly increasing. Last spring the Board of French Evangelization decided to enlarge the boys' building, while we as a society undertook to provide for the enlargement of the girls' building, the cost of which was estimated at \$5,000. In order to raise the amount meetings were held in Montreal and where we had auxiliaries, and a leaflet telling of our effort circulated throughout Canada; but by the end of April, when it was necessary to give out the contract, we only had \$3,000 of the required \$5,000. This necessitated the Board enlarging the boys' school only, in doing which they found the estimate they had given us much below the mark, labour being higher and so much more needed to be done than they anticipated; thus we found ourselves burdened with \$8,000.

Another spring has passed and we have but \$4,950, which means another year of work in the present building. We feel confident that the Lord is leading us in this effort and there is good reason for this disappointment; if this test to our faith is the means of making it stronger, surely it is a blessing in disguise, and we may be rewarded by seeing the girls received into their new quarters by a year from next autumn.

The few facts we have been able to collect show us that this is especially Canadian Wo-

man's work for women, and the prompt manner in which many of you are responding to the call for help shows that you still feel the responsibility.

We take this opportunity of thanking you for what you have done, and our prayer is that in blessing others you yourselves may be blessed.

Our President, Mrs. Robert Campbell, will be pleased to give you any further information about the work. She cordially invites any one desiring such to write her to her address, 68 St. Famille Street, Montreal.

Montreal.

M. M. D.

In behalf of the M. W. M. S.

## CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and reliable cure for debility and all nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to any who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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