

list." "Yes," the collector replied, "all but one, and I know she would give if she could, without my asking, and as I know she has large family expenses I am not going to ask her." The treasurer replied, "I missed her name from among the contributors, and sent her a little note yesterday, reminding her that our fiscal year was near its close, and asking if she would like to give as usual." The following day that lady called at the home of the treasurer and left twenty-five dollars, saying, "I had no idea it was time for my annual contribution, but I thank you heartily for reminding me of it."

This is only one of many instances which go to prove that money can be had for the asking, and also that many good people need to be looked after for their missionary contributions.

I think a Circle treasurer has an important part to act in keeping the needs of the treasury before her constituents, and in getting money together for the missionary work. To my mind she should see to it that an advance is made each year over the past, and full of faith and trust in the promises step out to larger results, assured that "all things are possible to him who believes."

There is a feast of good things in THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD for June. Maps and illustrations are numerous and valuable, and the articles are exceedingly interesting and timely. The number is opened by a description of the "Sudan and Sudanese" by C. T. Wilson, M.A., an Englishman who has visited the country and made a thorough study of the people. An excellent map and two illustrations from photographs accompany it. "Samoa—Its People and Missions" by James M. Alexander, the author of "The Islands of the Pacific," is an up-to-date account (with map and illustrations) of the religious and political affairs in these islands which are now so prominently before us. "The Present Center of the Slave Trade" is a first-class article by Samuel M. Zwemer, F.R.G.S., the well known missionary and Arabian explorer, showing the extent of traffic in human flesh on the Arabian Coast. The mere mention of other contributions will indicate their interest and importance: "The Problems of City Evangelization" by Arthur T. Pierson; "Reflections After a Winter Tour in India" by Rev. F. B. Meyer; "The Church Missionary Society Centenary" by Rev. A. R. Buckland; "Wonderful Housaland" (with map) by Rev. James Johnston; "A Revival of Slavery in America," "Remarkable Events in China," "The Black Continent," etc.

In the International Department there is a Symposium on the "Young Men of the Orient" by Francis E. Clark, Henry Modgett of China, I. H. Correll of Japan, Horace Crane of India, and J. L. Fowle of Turkey.

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Work Abroad.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO AND NOW.

Bishop Thoburn in his admirable book, "My Missionary Apprenticeship," a title he applies to the autobiography of his first twenty-five years in India, seems to indicate that as the time necessary in which to master the missionary's calling. The Census Report of '91 for South India records the fact that at birth the Indian infant looks out upon the possibility of twenty-five years as a life expectancy. This statement of a veteran missionary and this startling deduction from life statistics solemnize us as we realize that the Telugu Mission of the Baptists of Ontario, Quebec and Western Canada passed its 25th anniversary on the 12th March, 1899. On that day twenty-five years ago, John McLaurin, his wife and two little girls landed at Cocanada and took over from Thomas Gabriel, an ex-telegraph operator and an ordained minister of the Regular Baptist Persuasion, the mission with 150 church members, a handful of native agents and a debt of over R. 10,000. At that time from Narsapur 56 south to Vizayapatam 105 miles north, and to Rajahmundry 40 miles inland, there was no other Protestant Mission Station.

On the 9th February, 1899, the venerable founder looked over a sea of 400 faces upturned in eager, intelligent and sympathetic interest to catch his every word, as he reviewed the gracious dealings of God with the mission. These were but the representatives of 4,000 in the membership of the 33 churches of the mission which he had established 25 years before. And these again were but the vanguard of a great host, the noise of whose coming mutter like the roll of distant thunder throughout the length and breadth of the mission field. The mission has passed its apprenticeship; it has attained its majority; it now stands with head erect and shining face toward the future, where all the bright promises of God lie; and hence it will be a race with the strong.

The Semi-Jubilee celebration, held at Cocanada, extended through four days and a Sabbath in February. The mornings were entirely occupied with devotional and spiritual exercises of great power and blessing. The afternoons throughout were devoted to the history of the mission. The evening programmes were varied and consisted of reminiscences and experiences, and on the last night of a consecration meeting that has marked an epoch of new power and higher living in many souls, and has increased the spiritual pulse beat of the mission. Services of song brightened the periods. Rhythmic history of Joseph, Moses, Esther and Christ, chanted by small choruses to the accompaniment of the sitar, gave great enjoyment