

villages, telling us some of the experiences Miss Hatch and she had met with. She is a bright Christian, and loves the work very much. I wish you could have seen her face light up as she told of one village where a number have given up idolatry and come out openly for Jesus.

Prayer and a hymn, and then we were ready to listen to a talk from Miss McLaurin on "Women's meetings." She told briefly and simply of the formation of the Mission Circles in our home land, and of what can be accomplished by united effort. This prepared the way for an open discussion as to the desirability of forming a society of some kind for mutual helpfulness. There are so many directions in which the native Christian woman needs help and teaching. I do not know anything that has given me greater joy since coming to India than the enthusiastic sensible way those women discussed the question. All were in favor of a fee, be it ever so small. One woman who has only been a Christian a short time said, "We give to different things, but I want to give to this too. Only a short time ago I was in the dark." It would make this letter too long to tell you all that was said, but we have reason to believe from the way a number spoke that the love of Jesus is taking hold more deeply of their hearts, and as a consequence their hearts are going out in sympathy to their sisters in heathen land. Nothing very definite could be decided on that day, but a committee, consisting of one Bible woman and one other Christian woman in each station to work in conjunction with the lady missionary there, was appointed. This is chapter one, and we hope and pray that every step being taken under His guidance, another year may find us ready to take an advance step. We hope to be able to support a Bible woman, but more even than that we trust that our society may become a means of spiritual help to our native sisters. At the last meeting of Conference I was permanently appointed to Tuni. Some day I will write a few lines concerning the work. Through the varied experiences of the two years and a-half since we left Toronto I can say more confidently than ever, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me," and "Happy is the man that hath the God of Jacob for his help." Pray that He will use me to lead some one here to know this happiness.

Yours sincerely,

ELLEN PRIEST.

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When I've learned how to talk in that fair, sunny land,
I'll gather the children—a poor, ragged band,
And tell them of Jesus, the children's dear Friend,
Who'll care for the orphans, the weakest defend,
Who sent me to teach them to read in His Word
The same precious story I always have heard.

WESTERN civilization is simply the natural history of the Christian religion.—*Benjamin Kidd.*

Work at Home.

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORS.

From the Boards of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario.

[In response to repeated enquiries as to the duties of an Associational Director, the Board of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario have recently adopted the following letter of instruction to Directors, revising the one already in use and adding such information as seemed necessary. It is being published this month in both the *LINK* and the *Visitor*, in the hope that it will prove helpful not only to those who fill these responsible positions, but also to all our workers, by familiarizing them with the duties of the office.

It is suggested that as in most associations, it takes some time for a Director to find out the best methods of work, it would be wiser not to make changes in this office merely for the sake of a change.]

The Director shall have an oversight of the Circles within her Association, and be under the instruction of the Boards of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario. Her duties as Director are as follows:

I. As to Circles and Bands.—

- (a) She shall endeavor to secure in each Circle and Band, the holding of regular meetings in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions.
- (b) She shall ascertain whether the collecting of money for these objects is properly and successfully done, and the money forwarded *quarterly* to the Treasurer of the Home and Foreign Societies. If not, she shall suggest plans and methods for the more systematic collection and forwarding of such funds, and shall in every way possible encourage liberal giving to Home and Foreign Missions.
- (c) She shall recommend in the Circles the more general reading of missionary literature, particularly that obtainable from the *LINK*, *Visitor* and Bureau, and shall co-operate with the Secretary of Bands in forming Bands and in instructing the children as to missionary work and workers.

(d) The Director shall communicate by letter with the churches where no Circles exist, for the purpose of forming such, and shall recommend in every case the forming of Union Circles for Home and Foreign Missions. When the Director judges a personal visit desirable or necessary in organizing a Circle or Band, in all cases where it is expected that the Board will pay her travelling expenses, she should first consult the Boards as to such visit.

II. As to the Associational meeting.