

him that on a certain day they would be dead and dead they would be despite his medicine, vigilance to keep poison from the man and his care. One of our twenty-five Christian widows in the Telugu church here came in to see me one day this week. Her case is very pitiable indeed and she wept very copiously in going over some of her hardships to me. Five years ago she with her husband, five children, her husband's brother and his wife and four children lived together in a double house in a small village out a few miles from the town. The two men had a comfortable livelihood as mile coolies on the roads. The wives helped out the slender income by cutting and selling grass. There were thirteen of them in all. Now only six remain, the others have yielded in turn to the scourge of India, cholera and despair. This poor woman and her three little boys and daughter and only one little adopted child of the other family are all that are left. The eldest daughter of the other family had been for seven years a resident of the boarding school here. The time had come for her to leave the school as she had failed in two successive examinations. She had plenty to live on for I had handed over to her the bag of jewels left by her mother which would have kept her for a year or more. But she just laid down and died. I could not believe she was dead and felt so disturbed that I had Dr. Woodburne hold an autopsy. We could discover no sufficient cause for death. She was not fortified to live and so she had just laid down and passed away. You see the nature of the contest in which we are engaged. No power but the energizing Holy Ghost will do for these people.

Yours very hastily,

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## Work at Home.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON.—Amongst the good things enjoyed at the meetings held in Talbot St. Church, London, may be mentioned fine weather, a cordial welcome, a good attendance, cheering reports, good addresses and much of the Master's presence. Mr. Wells, of Harding Hall, gave a bright talk on the N. W. India Mission, telling how she became interested in the welfare of the Indians and bringing her account of the work down to the present time. Mrs. Clarence Woodburne gave a very comprehensive paper on our Foreign Missionary work.

The Directress's report showed that \$662.89 had been raised for Foreign Missions for year ending April 5th, 1901. Mrs. Brown, of the city, sang a very sweet hymn entitled "Send the Light." Rev. L. Brown, M.A., of Petrolia, gave an interesting address, in the evening, on "Christendom's Debt to Heathendom." He showed in a most loving, tender

manner our great indebtedness to God for His wondrous redemption and that that obligation could never be fully discharged by us until the last of God's dear redeemed ones had been brought home. Mrs. Lillie spoke briefly in the interests of Moulton College.

The officers of last year were re-appointed. The collection taken amounted to \$8.51. Good music was furnished throughout by the choir and others.

E. PARK.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—The 14th annual meeting of this Association took place on the 11th. in the Baptist church at Moe's River Que., the President, Miss Chandler, presiding. She also read a most excellent paper on the subject of Clouds, the different aspects and varying degrees of brightness being referred to. The cloud of witnesses who encompass this earth watching the battle raging between the forces of good and evil, helping the right and fleeing from the dark clouds of sin. Attention was drawn to the ascension of our Lord in a cloud and the promise of a return in the same manner. Miss Parker, of Barnston, read an address on Mission Literature, and the meeting adopted a resolution furthering subscriptions for the LINK and Visitor.

SARAH BUCKLAND.

GUELPH.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands of this Association met in Trinity Church on June 4th, with a most encouraging attendance of delegates and friends.

The afternoon session was opened with a devotional service, led by Mrs. N. H. Merry, the subject chosen being Prayer, and was a spiritually helpful talk. In her opening remarks the Pres., Mrs. Weeks, said that the Association had much cause for gratitude to God for the successful work of the past year and that while looking back on work accomplished, should also look forward to still greater and better things for the future. Miss Matheson followed with a few well chosen words of welcome, which were responded to by Mrs. Pratley, of Brampton. Reports were heard from 14 Circles and 4 Bands. These were very encouraging, but 3 bands failed to send reports. A new band has been organized at Orangeville, and one re-organized at Hillsburg. Mrs. W. R. Henderson read an intensely interesting paper on Home Missions, making an earnest appeal for greater effort on behalf of Home Missions, and strongly depicted the lives and needs of those the missionary society was endeavoring to reach. No part of the work can be neglected for a moment and from every quarter the cry is for more workers and more financial support.

Mrs. Henderson also spoke on behalf of Moulton College, setting forth very forcibly the advantages of the education gained there, also calling attention to the fact that funds were needed for a new gymnasium. A very practical paper on the subject, "Why should we educate the children in missions," was read by Miss Richards of St. Marys, in which she urged the great needs of the work, showing that the children of to-day would soon be the men and women of to-morrow.