

intellect upon it and find that infinity lies beyond. The presence of Evi Sharpless, for four years an Evangelist upon the island of Jamaica, and of Dr. Levi D. Johnson, just returned from Africa, has given fresh impetus to the missionary work already claiming our attention. Their vivid accounts of the pitiable state of the people and especially of the women in these far away lands, have stirred our hearts and inspired within us a zeal unknown before. We, as women, were repeatedly reminded that it is the religion of Christ alone that makes the wide difference between our condition and that of our oppressed and less-favored sisters. As Christ's disciples, we have a glorious commission, such as angels never knew, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" with the blessed promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." As we go out to fulfil this command, let us be *Christ-like*. He stoops to the lost with tears of pity and lifts the fallen from the pit of despair up to the solid rock of faith. The recent changes of the Government officials in the Indian field, causing many of our faithful workers to withdraw, have greatly crippled our work in that direction, but we believe the influence of their labors will continue to be felt.

Our Yearly Meeting has for three years supported and had charge of Hobson's Institute at Parsons, Kansas, a normal school for colored pupils. We believe the work done there to be thorough, and the christian influence excellent, and that God is pleased to use this method of blessing the freedmen.

As the different departments of church work have come before us, we have gratefully acknowledged the hand of the Lord in each, but have been made sensible of the need of a larger band of workers qualified and made efficient by the Holy Spirit.

With a salutation of love, we are your sisters,

JANE BLAIR,

*Clerk.*