

way three times from exhaustion, they waited at the bungalow only long enough to partake of some refreshments, ordered by my wife, and continued their journey in search of me. They had walked thirty-eight miles and expressed themselves ready to have come twice that distance to confess their Saviour in baptism.

Our joy in receiving these dear souls can be better imagined than described. They eagerly requested me to go and visit their village without delay, as their wives and other relatives had believed and desired to be baptized. I visited their village less than a month ago and baptized twelve more. They are now enduring the bitterest persecution from the caste people of their villages.

Lakshmiiah can neither read nor write. He can hardly speak in public, but his power in prayer and conversation is so great, that, after consultation with some of my helpers, we have decided that such ability and devotion ought to have a wider field for exercise. We have asked him to devote his whole time to travelling among the villages telling the old, old story in his own simple, conversational way, and have promised him a small remuneration for his work.

HOW TO MAKE MEETINGS INTERESTING.

At the last eastern convention of the Women's Mission Circles, the important question was asked "What shall we do to make our meetings more interesting and to enlist new members?"

Mrs. Castle, wife of the late Dr. Castle, gave the outline of a plan which she had seen tried in a Rochester church, with great success.

I have been requested to give the readers of the LINK the plan and how we carried it out, for the benefit of many Circles who are puzzling over this question without reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

We have ten monthly meetings and we met together and selected as many topics to talk about. A married and a single lady were chosen to get up a programme on each subject. They must limit the number who shall be asked to take part to those whose names began with "A," or if, as in our case, the A's were scarce, those whose names began with "B" might be added.

We did not limit these invitations to those who were already members of the Society, but every lady in the church was requested to take part in any way they chose, either singing, praying, speaking, or writing a short paper on the subject mentioned.

Our first subject was "A Christian's Relation to Missions." There were exactly three times as many at our first meeting as at the preceding one. Two of our young ladies who had never attended a meeting before, read papers on "Giving to Missions" and "Praying for Missions." One of these said, as she went forward to read her paper: "I cannot urge others to give till I have first given," and handed the treasurer a dollar bill. The other young lady, after reading her paper, prayed, for the first time in a public meeting, earnestly for mission work. Another lady who has never been to a meeting in two years prepared such a fine paper on "The Work in India," that she was requested to have it typewritten, so that all who heard it might have a copy for future reference.

At our next meeting four new subscribers were gotten for the LINK. They must have it to get missionary in-

formation from it when their turn comes.

It would take too long to tell so minutely about each meeting, but the enthusiasm is not abating and every month new recruits are coming in.

You will see by this plan that every lady in the church in the course of a year or more will have had a chance to participate in these meetings. We have our meetings in the evening, as that time suits the convenience of the greater number of our members. The President presides while the business, if any, is being transacted, and then gives way to the lady in charge of the programme for the evening.

At 8.30 o'clock the gentlemen come, as they modestly confessed to "not knowing too much about missions," and suggested that it was "a pity to keep so much valuable information exclusively to the ladies." So they come—at least some do—and we hope to do them good. From 9 to 9.30 we have a social time over a cup of coffee and cake. This refreshment some good lady "who really cannot do anything else but cook," furnishes.

As a Circle we feel deeply grateful to Mrs. Castle for this suggestion, and sincerely trust that other Circles will give it a fair trial and success will surely follow their efforts.

Yours in the Master's work,

MRS. W. T. GRAHAM,
Montreal.

Burial of Slavery.

A MISSIONARY'S EXPERIENCE IN JAMAICA AND OLD CALABAR.*

This is a jubilee meeting. Fifty years of Christian efforts; fifty years of Christian prayer; fifty years of Christian missions; and fifty years of contact with young hearts and young minds: these have matured your institution and kept it until the present day. When I was told that this was your jubilee, my mind went back to the fact that you and those that have gone before have had a hand in bringing about some of the great changes that have taken place in the countries of the world. Among the many nations and peoples with whom you have had to do or whom you have helped, my nation and people, and my own native country, and Africa itself, have borne some of your good wishes, have seen some of your kindness, and have had some of your earnest prayer for the spread of the kingdom of Jesus Christ among them.

Fifty years shows a great difference in my own country, which is one of the British possessions in the West Indies—the island of Jamaica. Fifty years ago that land had, comparatively speaking, an unlettered people, just emerged, as it were, from the bondage of slavery. It was only then that schools were thrown open and that the children of the colored people of my home were permitted to take the Bible in their hands. It was not until slavery had been abolished that we were permitted to worship God freely. Before then our fathers had to worship God in the dark night. They had to hide themselves in caves. They had to meet their missionaries on the banks of the rivers. They

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