

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Gilmour Memorial Ch M.B., for "Lydia," a Bible Woman, \$6.25; St. Catharines (Lyman St.) Y.W.M.S., for Hannah, \$5; Stainer M.C., \$3; Toronto (Immanuel Ch) M.C., \$18.47; Toronto (Immanuel Ch) Girls' M.B. for D. Lusi, \$3.34; Norwood M.C., \$3.80; Norwood M.B., \$2.40; Cobourg M.C., \$4.20; Haldimand M.C., \$8; Listowel M.C., \$4.30; Listowel M.C., thank offering, \$2—\$6.30; Leamington M.C., \$2.05; Pickering M.C., towards Miss Priest's expense, \$7.70; Annual meeting, Woodstock Association, \$6.80; "T.O.U." for special account ("Medical Lady Fund") \$5; Goodwood M.C., \$3.30; Annual meeting, Brant Association, \$4.20; Mr. Thomas Stovel, Mount Forest, "for the Akidu boat," \$20; Toronto (Jarvis St.) M.C., \$28.84; Barrie M.C., \$7; Etobicoke M.C., (the results of a special effort) \$10; Peterboro (Murray St.) M.C., \$10.65; Misses Isabel and Harriet Edwards' Mission box, \$1.20; Mrs. E. Welter, St. Thomas, sale of maps, 50c; Collected by Mrs. Robertson, (additional) "for the Akidu boat," \$4; Annual meeting, Western Association, \$4.70; Cultus M.C., \$5; Daywood M.C., \$6; 1st Lobo M.C., Toronto (Jarvis St.) Y.P.M.S., for Rachapalli Appanna \$25, Toronto (Jarvis St.) Y.P.M.S., for a special book, 25c—\$15.25; Ancaster M.B., for Vinakoti Satterma, \$17; Delhi M.C., \$2.50; Hespeler M.C., in response to the appeal, \$14.63; Stirling M.C., \$2.40; Minesing M.C., \$2.50; Vittoria M.B., \$21.70; Wolverton M.C., \$2.75; Toronto (Parliament St.) M.C., \$6.70; Forest M.C., \$4; South London M.C., \$6.50, South London M.C., towards Miss Priest's expenses \$5—\$11.50; receipts from circles, \$437.80; Bands, \$184.90; Sundries, \$73.15; Bank interest, \$12.99; for special account, \$5; "for the Akidu boat" \$29; (there is also to the credit of this fund the special offering of \$6.75 from the Simcoe Y.L.M.C. Total, \$742.90.

DISBURSEMENTS.—Monthly remittance for India, \$438.33; Balance due in India on account of Miss Hatch's passage money (including the freight on a box of Miss Frith's) \$265.38; to Miss Priest towards her outfit, \$50; 300 postals for "heading," \$3. Total, \$756.71.

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NEWS FROM AID SOCIETIES.

NEW AID SOCIETIES.

BOSSWAY N.S.—Our Sec. for Digby Co., N.S., writes that an Aid Society was organized on 16th May, with eleven members. The prospects are bright, already a M. Band is talked of.

INDIAN HARBOUR, HAL. CO., N.S.—An Aid Society was formed May 18th, with five members. The day proved a stormy one which prevented many attending, but the membership will increase. Pres. Mrs. M. W. Brown, Secy.-Treas. Mrs. Judson Hubbs.

Trust Him! He is ever faithful;
Trust Him! for His will is best;
Trust Him; for the heart of Jesus
Is the only place of rest.

Trust Him, then, through cloud and sunshine,

All thy cares upon Him cast;
Till the storm of life is over,
And the trusting days are past.

SANDOWAY, BURMAH, April, 1893.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—It seems strange to think that you are so far away that it will take six weeks for this letter to reach you and yet you are very near to us. We think of you often and believe that you sometimes remember us out here. There are a great many boys and girls here and all but about ten have heathen fathers and mothers who allow them to run about the streets all the day long. Until they are six or seven years old they have no clothes on, but sometimes silver bracelets on their ankles and wrists. Their hair is cut quite short except a tuft on the crown of the head and this hangs down behind or is twisted in a little knot. You may think they are rather dirty when night comes, and indeed they are for the streets are very narrow and thick with dust as there has been no rain since last October and will not be any till next month, then it will rain every day for five months.

Do these children go to bed without being washed? No. I will tell you about some that were having a bath the other day. First you must know something of the wells. At the corners of streets here and there through the city are wells about sixty or eighty feet deep, built of brick and stone, about the size round of the church cistern. The mothers bring their children and a pail with a long rope tied to the handle, by this they draw up the water, pour it over the little ones, then rub them with their hands for they never use sponge, cloth, or soap. Pail after pail of water is poured over them and away they go, the heat of the sun drying them as they go. Men and women wash in the same way only they keep a skirt on, and when their bodies are bathed the skirts are taken off, washed and taken home to dry.

Do you know what these people eat? They have rice and curry twice every day and that is all. They do not use knives, forks or spoons or chop sticks, but make the rice into little balls with the curry and put them into the mouth with their fingers. They always wash the right hand before eating. The Christian children always wear clothes which consist of a skirt and jacket. They are not always clean, but how can they help that when they play in the dust and dirt all day long and usually have but one skirt and jacket. It is washed Saturday to be clean for Sunday.

This is Saturday night and at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning we all go to Sunday School. We four missionaries sit on chairs, but the natives sit on mats made of bamboo cut in thin strips and plaited.

Some little heathen boys come, and they learn the "Golden Text" and hear about Jesus, so we hope they will grow up to be Christian men. After the lesson is