

Foreign Missions

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"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR APRIL.

Tekkali. That the Spirit's power may graciously descend on all the Missionaries, helpers, schools and outstations, that the halting ones may decide for Christ. For Grande Ligne Seminary.

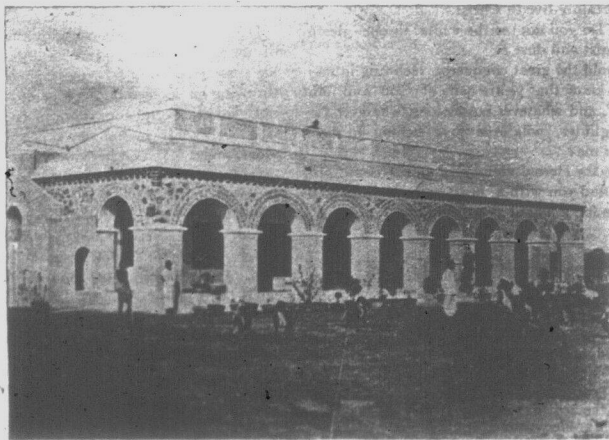
THE TEKKALI MISSION HOUSE.

The above cut represents the Tekkali Mission House. It is the newest Mission House in the mission field; having been completed about three years ago. It is built just a little outside the town. This makes it very pleasant as we get all the breeze that is going and escape the noise, dirt and disagreeable odours of the town. At the same time we are within easy walking distance of any and every street.

The railway station is very near; and, if going on the train we can leave the mission house after

the latter are on the right hand side as you enter. They consist of two large rooms, viz:—study and bed-room with small bath and dressing rooms adjoining. The part for the mission family consist of four large rooms, viz:—sitting-room, dining-room, study and bed-room with small bath and dressing rooms off of the two last named rooms.

A verandah extends the whole length of the house in front. At the back of the mission house and just a few steps from it is the cook house. This must always be separated from the dwelling house as the smoke and heat would be unbearable. On the left-hand side of the mission house and just a few steps from it is the little mud chapel. Here we have our day-school, prayer-meeting and Sunday services. While we were away this summer some repairs were made. The workmen, remembering that their missionaries were naturally inclined to be lengthy, considerably raised the straw verandah just over the door that we enter. This is quite an improvement and does away with the stooping and bending necessary before. So I generally start to walk boldly in. I get through the first opening without any difficulty but almost invariably forget that there is a second door for which I am still too tall. The sudden bumping of my head reminds me of the fact and, instead of entering with head erect as I had planned to do I am forced to stoop and enter with bowed head.



we hear the whistle blow and reach the station in good time. Unlike the other mission houses the Tekkali house is built entirely without wood, with the exception, of course, of the doors and windows.

In all the other mission houses the rafters are of wood. These are not plastered over as in our country. The white ants soon begin their destructive work and the missionaries have to be constantly on their guard to see that the rafters are kept well swept and in good repair. Often a beam that looks to be perfectly sound, will, upon examination be found to have the heart eaten out of it.

In the Tekkali mission house those unsightly rafters are done away with. The whole building is made of stone and masonry work, and the walls and ceilings are pure white as they are in our houses at home. This makes the house a good deal lighter and more cheerful.

The house without any wood in it is the admiration of all the natives and they came from the neighboring villages to see it. While we are free from white ants, as far as the ceiling is concerned, we have had our share of them in the closets and on the floor. A heap of mud on the mat reveals their existence. Looking under it we will find the floor literally swarming with these little creatures. It is amazing the destruction they will accomplish in a very short time.

Mr. Higgins has a closet in the wall of his study in which he keeps his medicines. When he went to the Hills he locked it and took the key. On his return he found that the white ants had taken complete possession. Things were in a fearful condition. Every shelf was covered with mud and swarming with ants. On the middle of one shelf was what looked to be a mound of earth. On examination it was found that there was a ball of twine in the centre which was completely riddled; the pieces being less than an inch in length. A parcel of corks shared the same fate. In fact everything with the exception of the glass bottles was destroyed and unfit for use. On several other occasions we have had a good deal of bother with them. This makes us doubly thankful that there are none in the roof. These little creatures need to be seen to be appreciated. For my part, I greatly admire them for their energy and untiring industry.

The Tekkali mission house is built for the Mission Family and Lady Missionary. The rooms of

Not far from the chapel is a small building known as the rest house. It contains two small rooms, a store room or two and carriage house. Mr. Higgins made his home there for four years. Back of that we have a comfortable place arranged for our boarding children. At the back of the mission house we have a nice large field. This makes a fine place for the children to play.

In the front of the house we have an attempt at a flower garden, but as the trees and shrubs have only been planted for a short time and as the vegetation in Tekkali is not at all luxuriant it will be some time before it amounts to anything.

The whole of the mission property is surrounded by a stone wall. Wooden fences are not known here.

In case any of the friends are dissatisfied with this description and think they would like to see the place for themselves we extend to them a hearty invitation to come and see and assure them of a warm welcome at the Tekkali Mission House. P. C.

Lord's Day Sunday, April 30.

(The Advocate.)

"Lord's Day Sunday," which falls this year on April 30th, affords a golden opportunity for strengthening the defences of the Lord's Day. It is now quite generally observed throughout the Anglo-Saxon world. It comes at an opportune time. The summer with its special temptations is at hand. There is special need of appeal to the Christian conscience in order to new watchfulness as to the observance of the Day, and of special effort to guard against new inroads upon its integrity and sanctity during the summer season.

The occasion moreover should be improved to the utmost for the purpose of strengthening the hands of the Lord's Day Alliance, by enlarging its membership, and improving its financial position. Its growth has been most gratifying. Its influence was never so great. Its usefulness is unquestioned. Its financial needs were never greater.

The Ontario Alliance imperatively needs, by the first of May, in round figures, \$1,500; Quebec, \$1,000; New Brunswick, \$400; Nova Scotia, \$500; Prince Edward Is-

land, \$100; British Columbia, \$375. Manitoba and the Territories are in much better condition, but this is chiefly due to the fact that their Branches have recently been visited by the General or Associate Secretaries.

We would earnestly suggest, therefore—

1. That Pastors give one service on April 30th to the Sabbath question. Such printed information as we have will be gladly sent on application.

2. That an offering be taken for the work of the Alliance. We will be glad to send envelopes for this purpose. All givers of 25c. or more (where no branch of the Alliance exists) will receive the Advocate for one year if their names are sent to us.

3. That Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies also give attention on that day to the claims of the Lord's Day, and an offering (or vote some small amount) for the good of the Alliance.

4. That all Branches of the L. D. A. at once hold an executive meeting, and arrange for special effort, either by appeal to the Churches, etc., direct, or through union meetings to be held on that day, to add to their membership, funds and usefulness.

5. That individual readers of these words consider whether they cannot give some special help personally.

6. Above all, that the Thorne of Grace be humbly and earnestly implored for the Divine blessing. It is God's Day. This is His work. He is greatly more interested than any of his servants.

There is no time to lose. Immediate steps should be taken. Begin now. Let everyone share.

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