

Little Somi.

A little girl of about twelve years old, little Somi, read in the village school in the wild, tiger-haunted village of Bejjikarada, in the Telugu country, South India, where the high hills shut out the sun till eight o'clock in the morning, and the villagers all shut up the gate of the high fence which encloses each house as soon as the sun goes down in the cold weather. She was an apt pupil, and soon learned to read a little, and to sing many hymns. She asked two years ago for baptism, and was very grieved when she was told she was too young, as her father and mother were heathen, and cared not even to come to prayers. Last year we came again, and when the candidates for baptism were being examined, little Somi came and answered best of all; but still, though her father, in the meantime, had been often at prayers, and could, in the words of the teacher, "talk like a catechist," he did not want to be a Christian; so poor Somi was told to wait and pray for her father and mother. We went on to villages beyond, and came back after a fortnight. Mr. Cain, with fever on him, went straight to bed, and we had hardly got unpacked when Somi's old father came and said, "I want to be baptized." He was told to come afterwards, and when he came he answered so well, and told us that God had spoken to him, telling him to arise and be baptized. We were rather surprised, when he was told to ask God for His Holy Spirit to keep him true, at his kneeling down there and then, and praying for the Holy Spirit. Mr. Cain was able to get up from his bed and baptize them the following day; and, need I say, that Somi's delight knew no bounds.—her prayer answered, and she and hers admitted into Christ's Church. Children, pray that God may keep them in His paths; for only those who have lived among the heathen can realize, even a little, the terrible temptations which beset those newly brought to Christ; and as Somi's prayer was answered, so may yours be, and may we and they finally attain God's everlasting kingdom.

HINDU PRIESTS HELPING TO SELL THE SCRIPTURES.—The Rev. W. H. Ball sends the following to the *Indian Churchman*:—

"While selling Scriptures at the pulling of the Juggernaut car at Serampore, two of the priests attached to the temple passed me on their way to assist in the preparing of Juggernaut for the car. They stopped and entered into a conversation with me, and one of them said, 'I remember Carey and Marshman, and was educated in Carey's College, and read nearly all the Bible there.' He begged me to give his companion Genesis, so that he might read the beautiful story of Joseph. At the same time, several other people were looking at the books for sale, and, on some one objecting to them because they were Christian books, I said, 'Ask your priest what kind of books they are,' and the old priest at once said, 'Yes, buy them, they will do you good; there is the best of teaching in them.' Afterwards I said to the priest: 'If you know so much about the Bible, how is it that you can take part in this idol worship?' The old man said, 'I do it for my food,'—words inexpressibly sad; but so it is with hundreds; their living is their god. Of real spiritual worship and earnest belief there is none. But what a change is passing over the country when a Hindu priest, standing under the shade of Juggernaut, can help a Christian missionary to sell his books!—*Illus. Miss. News.*

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

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ley St. M.C., \$17.80 (special, to be applied to the support of Vetran Torani, at Samulootta); Brantford 1st Church M.C., \$50 (\$25 for Priscilla Beggs and \$25 for Minnie the Bible woman); Harrison M.C., \$30; London, Adelaide M.C., \$12; Cheltenham M.B., \$6; Listowel M.C., \$2.25; Toronto, Parkdale M.C., \$9.35; Aylmer M.C., \$9.25; Essex Centre, M.B., \$5; Brigidon M.C., \$3; Pine Grove M.C., \$5; Brampton M.B., \$4; Woodstock M.C., \$20; 1st Lobo M.C., \$20; Toronto, Beverley St. M.C., \$12; Toronto, Jarvis St. M.C., \$104.20; Albert C. and Ernest J. Bingham, Bracebridge, \$1 (the earnings of two little boys, aged 6 and 5 years); Denfield M.C., \$6; Petrolia M.C., \$3; 1st Houghton M.C., \$7; "Sharpe Family," Winnipeg, \$19 (\$17 to support "Ratnabatti," and \$2 for her own personal use); Harrow M.C., \$5; Malahide and Bayham M.C., \$11.60; Wyoming M.C., \$5; Cheltenham M.C., \$8; Scotland M.C., \$25 (to support Y. Mirian, Bible woman, and to make Mrs. Hastings a life member); Toronto, College St. Girls' M.B., \$2.10 (to support Lydia at Cocanada school); Fullerton M.C., \$5; Orillia M.C., \$5. Total, \$402.91.

I am glad to be able to state that the receipts, since the last quarterly meeting of the Board, have materially reduced the amount of the deficit which was then shown, as compared with the same period of the former year. There is still, however, a falling off of between \$50 and \$60, up to the present date in the receipts. Instead of this being the case, our income should be several hundred dollars greater, and I am satisfied that we should have at least \$1,000 more this year than last, if we are to carry out our programme of work. I would suggest that local treasurers should forward the amounts in their hands as frequently as practicable, so as to enable me to judge as nearly as possible, at all times, on what to count.

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