

For several years past we have been trying to educate ourselves to a new standard of giving, and surely the war has taught us to think in larger terms than one or two dollars per year for any philanthropic object. We will find in this coming year an outlet for all our enlarged habits in generosity, in the serious situation confronting the Society regarding the matter of exchange.

You will remember that a year or so ago we opened a fund to cover the cost of exchange, which had become so high, trusting that shortly the rupee would resume its pre-war value; but the reverse has taken place.

The demand for silver throughout the war has been so great that the rupee has risen in value to almost 48 cents, and now the rate of exchange amounts to about 50 per cent.

The general Society finds itself faced with the huge sum of nearly \$50,000 as the cost of transferring funds to India!

Our share of that will be, therefore, 50 per cent. of our own appropriations—a truly formidable sum.

This is indeed a critical time in the history of Canadian Baptist Missions, and this year will prove a testing period for the women of our Society.

Now is the time to divert those energies, released from war activities, into service for the King of Kings. Now is the time to enlist the nominal member, the casual worker, and the indifferent.

As the disciples of old, at the foot of the mountain, struggled with the demon, so do we find this demon of Indifference in every Circle, and we must cast it out. But this kind goeth forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting.

Dr. Jowett says, "The church's favorite word for some time has been 'Organize.' She will do well to change it now to 'Agonize.'"

Our Workers—A Personal Word.

Last year Miss Murray attained her twenty-fifth year as ambassador for us, and this year we are to bid her God-speed as she sets out on her fourth term of service. Her furlough has been spent just as truly about her Master's business as in India, even though hindered by bodily weakness. In June, the Associations were visited, as far as strength permitted; gladly would she have called at every Circle and given herself freely for the deepening of interest, but we had to refuse many requests for her presence. Now, after some months of thorough rest, she declares herself quite fit for active service.

Miss Hinman left Akidu last May, arriving home in June—about two months later than the usual time for our missionaries to reach home, owing to the congestion in travelling. We hope to become better acquainted with Miss Hinman during her furlough, and are confident that her coming among us will be of lasting benefit. The school at Akidu will be under the care of Miss Knowles in Miss Hinman's absence.

Miss McLaurin's letters would stir us to attempt great things. Her unbounded optimism and her determination are most contagious.

Her reports reveal so many side-issues of activities which could be shared by Circles and Bands at home that we must give wider publicity to the need of such things as picture-cards, scrapbooks, gifts for the Xmas activities, etc. Even

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