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## THE WORTH OF LIVING.

All the worth of living  
Is loving, hoping, giving.  
Love survives the breath;  
Hope grows strong in death;  
Gifts thy God returns to thee  
With increase—through eternity!

MARY WHEATON LYON.

## AN OFFERING OR A COLLECTION.

Though frequently used as a synonymous, the words "offering" and "collection" are widely different in meaning. The distinction is happily set forth in this anecdote.

A small boy had a dog which he had named Fido. One day at dinner the boy's father noticed him take the best portion of the roast beef which had fallen to his lot and place it on another plate. Upon inquiry the father learned that the meat was for the dog, Fido.

"My son" said the father, "it would be better if you ate that meat yourself and gave Fido some of the scraps which are left." The boy protested, but the father was obdurate.

At the conclusion of the meal the boy took out to Fido a plate heaped with scraps of the roast. "Here Fido," said the boy, "I wanted to make you an offering, but here is only a collection."—*Exchange.*

Let us never forget that it is the costly offering which receives God's blessing and is followed by it. It is the costly offering which lifts our hearts nearest the level of the celestial. It is the costly offering, that which cost us money and labor and sacrifice, it is that which you and I will remember with the greatest joy, with greatest gratitude and triumph when all this earth to us is a forgotten circumstance and we are standing before the rainbow like unto an emerald which is around the throne of God.—*R. S. Storrs in Mission Studies.*

## A BIBLE FOR THE KING OF PORTUGUAL.

On December 1st., their Majesties the King and Queen of Portugal graciously accepted from the British and Foreign Bible Society, a copy of the Portuguese Bible. The volume was specially bound in royal blue morocco, and contained a suitable inscription illuminated on vellum. The deputation from the Society consisted of Lord Kinnaid and Mr. George Spicer, Vice-Presidents, and Rev. J. H. Ritson, Secretary.

There are just arriving on our shores two sons of a Zulu chieftain. This chief is not a Christian himself, but he desires that his successor shall be one, and therefore he sends his sons to America "to learn and to believe." The oldest son, who is the natural heir is not a Christian and has two wives whom he leaves behind. The younger brother has been in our mission schools at Lindley and Amazintote and is a lay preacher. The father pays all the cost of sending and supporting his sons, and it is to be hoped that his desire that his tribe shall be governed by a Christian ruler, though he himself is not one, will be gratified.—*Missionary Herald.*

A Christian woman heard a Heathen woman praying passionately in a heathen temple. She had in her arms a pitifully misshapen baby, and she was praying that it might grow beautiful like other babies. As she turned to go away the Christian asked her, "Friend, to whom have you prayed?" "I do not know," she answered; "but surely there must be some one somewhere to keep a mother's heart from breaking!" The message of missions is that there is this Some One.—*Selected.*

Our Society will be pleased to learn that Miss Alexander, daughter of the late Rev. John Alexander, has accepted the appointment of our Board to become our Foreign Mission Secretary.

## DIVINE VALUATION.

What is the world worth? Is it worth saving?  
 Is it worth sacrifice, treasure and blood?  
 Shall we make strife for it?  
 Christ gave his life for it.  
 Bitter hatred and enmity braving,  
 Gave life at its fullest and love at its flood.

How does God value the world sin encumbered?  
 He waits to be gracious; he yearns to forgive.  
 He loves it with love that is tender, compas-  
 sionate,  
 Into the likeness of heaven would fashion it—  
 Gave His own Son, Who with sinners was numbered—  
 Redeems it, renews it, and bids it to live.

O, the great father-love! Such benefactions  
 Opens a rescue work wide as the earth.  
 We, too, may give for it,  
 We, too, may live for it;  
 Sacrifice self with its many exactions—  
 For the world that God loves is of infinite worth.

But our giving is small, and God gives without  
 measure.  
 Does He care for our aid when a world's to be  
 won?  
 Yes; for the Holiest  
 Honors the lowliest,  
 Offering for love's sake, and of His good pleasure,  
 God deems us co-workers and heirs with His Son.

Lights in the Orient; morning is breaking!  
 Lifts the long darkness—the day is at hand!  
 Voices are calling us,  
 Needs are appalling us;  
 Earth from its century-sleep is awaking,  
 And hungry and needy the multitudes stand.

Christ had compassion; and shall we not carry  
 The bread that gives life, and God's message of  
 grace?  
 Nations petition us.  
 Christ doth commission us;  
 Let not the feet of the messenger tarry;  
 Their pathway is lit by the smile of God's face.  
 --MRS. W. W. McLANE, in *Life and Light*.

## "THE APOSTLE TO THE NEW HEBRIDES."

The noble self-sacrificing life of Dr. John G. Paton, the "Apostle to the New Hebrides" should be a constant inspiration to all missionaries and Protestant Christians. "The story of John G. Paton" should find a place in every Christian home, and libraries in general. In recent letters he reports the work in the New Hebrides as going on successfully and encouragingly. The complete Bible or New Testament

or books of them have been translated into and printed in twenty-five new languages as spoken by the natives of the different islands which are occupied by the missions in the New Hebrides group. The natives of the group of islands are cannibals and number from 50,000 to 75,000. Seventeen thousand of these have been won to Christ and are happy in his love. In some of the larger and more recently occupied northern islands, infanticide is reported to be common, and many aged and sick are strangled to death by relatives or buried alive. All girls between the ages of six and twelve are sold to men as wives at the price of from six to twelve large fat hogs. The purchaser can resell her, kill her, or do as he likes with her. It she runs away and is forced back, most excruciating tortures are inflicted upon her. Dr. Paton is past eighty years old yet he is not on the retired list of missionaries. He is still active in promoting Christ's work among the cannibals of the New Hebrides. He spends most of his time in Australia in securing funds for his work, occasionally visiting the islands where his children are carrying on the mission.—*Missionary Herald*.

## THE ENTERING OF TIBET.

The entrance to Lhasa, the sacred city of Tibet, by the English troops under Colonel Younghusband, should be noticed for its possible bearing upon Christian missions. Tibet has long excluded all missionaries, and its sacred capital has never been penetrated, except by strategy, being sedulously guarded against all foreign intrusion. Very few people understand the sacredness of this shrine. It is the very fortress of Buddhism, and has been as carefully guarded by the Buddhists as has Mecca by the Mohammedans. There the Great Lama is enshrined and adored, and there has been a superstition among the Buddhists that the invasion of Lhasa would be the signal for the downfall of Buddhism itself; hence the sedulous care and vigilance with which this city has been kept from foreign intrusion. We can not but hope that, whatever may be the merits of the British invasion, it may redound to the glory of God, and may be the means of introducing into the heart of Tibet the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At present it is questioned as to whether the treaty which was obtained by the British will be effectual or permanent, as the Grand Lama himself has never attached his signature to the docu-

ment, and the Russians and Germans oppose it at the Chinese capital. But the sacred city has been entered, and the backbone of exclusion broken. May God use this entrance by force of arms for the entrance of the Gospel with more peaceful weapons.—*Missionary Review*.

#### FINDING THE WORD "SAVIOUR."

**I** NEVER knew the full meaning of that word "Saviour" until I found myself without it for two and a half years. I searched most diligently to find the native equivalent for the word. I had no written language, and I sought to master the language. The first word I secured was "Nichau," which means, "What is it?" and in the course of four years I managed to get a vocabulary of about 1000 words and obtain a grammar. But for two and a half years I was baffled in my efforts to get one word, and that word grew into a mountain before me. It was my thought by day and my dream by night. It was the word "Saviour." I had learned it at my mother's knee, but I never knew its meaning until I saw the frightful need—a need I was utterly powerless to meet until I discovered the word; and I shall never forget the thrill of joy which came to me one day. It happened that another missionary—a friend of mine in another tribe had been attacked by a lion and badly wounded. A man was the means of his rescue, and he began telling the story. He went through the whole story without dropping a word which I could construe to be the word I was after, and when, sick at heart, I was about to turn away, he said: "The master was saved by Kikuvu," and I got the word "muthania." I said, "Then Kikuvu was the master's 'muthania,' that is the word I have been seeking for. I was wanting to tell you that the Son of God died"—he stopped me and exclaimed, "Master I see it now, I understand this is what you have been trying to tell us—that Jesus died to save us," Never sweeter words fell from mortal lips than those words that I heard that day. I have spent four years there, burying three of my companions; thirty times stricken myself with fever, three times attacked by lions. For fourteen months I never saw a piece of bread. I have had to eat everything from ants to rhinoceri, but I would gladly go through the whole thing again with my eyes open to the fact, if I could have the joy I had that night of flashing

the word, "Saviour," into the darkness which had involved another tribe in East Africa. To-night there are yonder perhaps 350 tribes, not only without a messenger of Christ, but without a written language. Oh! if we could but send enough missionaries there to-morrow to occupy everyone of those tribes. In the natural course of events millions of those people have got to die without ever hearing that Christ died for them.—

W. M. HOTCHKISS, in *Regions Beyond*.

#### NOBLE TESTIMONY TO MISSIONS.

Sir Andrew Frazer, K. C. S. I., the present Lieut-Governor of Bombay, on board a steamer in the Gulf of Aden, consented to preside at an extemporized social missionary gathering, and in his introduction to the occasion said, as reported in the *Bombay Guardian*:

"I do not attach much weight—not to use stronger language—to the unfavorable reports of mission work brought to us by those who have no sympathy with it, who never have known a missionary, who have never visited a mission college or mission church, who have made no effort to understand those who have come under missionary influence. We Englishmen are not accustomed to listen with respect to judgments based on such want of knowledge and want of sympathy. For myself, I have had exceptional opportunities of seeing missionary work and of testing its value, and I honor the missionary body as a whole, not only for their purely religious work, but also for their medical and educational work, and their co-operation in social improvement.

"I also desire to confess my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Christian religion, and in that Holy Book from which an extract has just been read in our hearing, . . .

"I sympathize with mission work because of the need that exists; y people whom one learns to love, lack the consolations of Christ; because we should pass on to them the blessings which missionaries brought centuries ago to our own island in the northern seas; and because this is in accordance with Christ's will so far as we can know it. I may add that in this promise of power from on high, I seem to hear an encouraging echo of that other saying of His, "Fear not, little flock"—despite weakness and mistakes—"for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom—for Me."—*Missionary Review*

## WHAT SHOULD WE DO ?

"What should we do for missions?" Well, well!  
 The question is proper, and so let me tell  
 What we should do for missions.  
 And first let me say, by way of appeal,  
 To all our dear readers: "You kindly should feel  
 The sweetest of love for missions.

"For love begets goodness; and goodness, you  
 know,  
 On errands of duty and mercy will go,  
 And circle the world with its missions.  
 And so, when our heads and our hearts are all right,  
 We shall do with our hands and do with our might,  
 And cheerfully do for our missions."

"But what shall we do?" "Well, first, every day  
 Be sure from our fullness of heart we should pray  
 For the blessing of God on our missions;  
 And then every Christian, no matter how small  
 No matter how weak, may expect there will fall  
 The dew of his grace on our missions.

"And then we should give as God gives the dew,  
 The rain, and the sunshine, to bless me and you,  
 And give all we can for the missions.  
 To pray without giving—well, well, let us see—  
 May ever reach heaven nor bless you nor me,  
 Nor be of much use to the missions."

—Our Mission Helper.

## INDUSTRIAL MISSIONS.

**O**N the Atlantic to-day, rapidly making their way to India, could be found four young women, the pioneer missionaries for the "Industrial Evangelistic Mission of Northern India." These young women have caught a new idea. They see that there is a better way to reach India's million than has hitherto been tried to any extent.

The opening of India to world-wide competition is furnishing one of the grandest opportunities afforded to any age for men and women to plant themselves in this great land; while teaching a line of work to the suffering converts who because of their acceptance of Christianity are now cut off from any means of livelihood—to become witnesses for Christ. The Christians in India are, by far, the greatest sufferers. A Hindu or Mohammedan can find work to do; but the converts for whom many missionaries have lain down their lives, are starving because of their faithfulness to our common Saviour. It is to keep such, to build them up in character, so that we may have a strong self-supporting church, that these young women have turned

their backs on Canada. Miss Barbar Mould a graduate of Toronto Bible Training School, has the industries of dressmaking and millinery; Miss Ida Schwab, from Butler, Pa., whose industry is that of baking, was trained in her industry in this city; Miss Carry K. Buckingham, of Bridgeport, Conn., a bookbinder and stenographer, and Miss Margaret M. Kentig, of Springfield, Mass., a trained nurse, having had, as the others, a wide experience in Christian work. These go to take in hand the Christians, to aid in making them self-supporting, and consequently examples for the heathen around them, and later on, the evangelists and Bible women, Was ever idea more sensible?

Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Lawson, co-founders of this mission, have been missionaries in India for 22 years. Two stations are selected, as soon as one station is equipped by its Industrial Missionary Superintendents, another will be taken up.

Missionaries of different denominations are already sending their converts to be taught an industry. It is to be hoped no widow or orphan need, in future, be refused. The Mission is international and undenominational. This will open up a line of Christian activity for young people of this land who perhaps in no other way could ever hope to aid in the evangelization of India.

All kinds of industrial workers are needed, architects, carpenters, civil engineers, machinists, farmers, box makers, brick and tile makers, photographers, stenographers, confectioners. Those having a Domestic Science course would be invaluable, and graduates of Technical Schools are in demand. The work is in its initial stage, conducted along simple faith lines. The great need must be met; God is shaping it with infinite skill.

Anyone wanting to hear more of this work can do so by addressing Mary Middleton, Sec'y for Canada, 76 Hayter St., Toronto, or Mr. Chas. Gordon, Treasurer, Dominion Bank, corner Queen and Esther Sts., Toronto, Ont.

"Nothing is more needed in all missionary aggressive enterprise than three grand conditions: Knowledge of the field of work, sympathy with the worker, and prayerful interest in the work. When these are secured, gifts pour in without special appeal and without cessation."

## Our Work Abroad.



MISS JANE BUCHAN.

WE are glad that we have been able to secure a photo of our late beloved Secretary, Miss Buchan. Our readers will be pleased to look upon the face that was so familiar at our Conventions. May the memory of her life ever be an inspiration to continued effort in the work she so dearly loved.

"Our echoes roll from soul to soul,  
And grow for ever and forever."—ED.

Resolutions passed at the Canadian Baptist Conference in India :

*Resolution 1.*—"The members of this Conference have heard with deep sorrow of the death of Miss Jane Buchan, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, of Ontario, and they desire to express their high appreciation of her noble character and loving service. Her deep interest in, and whole-hearted devotion to the work in India have been to us a comfort and an inspiration. Those of us who have been home on furlough can never forget the cordial welcome we received from our sister. And many of us, especially the lady missionaries, will miss the bright newsy letters, so full of sympathy and cheerfulness, that used to come from her heart and pen.

"We thank God for the work He has done through her, and for the inspiration we have received from her, and we pray that He, the God of all comfort, will comfort those in whose hearts

there is a great void because their loved one is no longer with them."

*Resolution 2.*—"Having heard with sorrow of the death of our sister, Mrs. John Harris, of Brantford, Ontario, this Conference desires to place on record its appreciation of her noble Christian character, her abundant labors in the Lord and her whole-hearted and consecrated service in His cause both at home and in foreign lands. We remember especially the generous and faithful support of our work in India, which has been helped for many years by her prayers, her interest and her offerings.

"We extend our deep sympathy to her bereaved children in their great loss, praying that the Lord of all comfort may sustain and strengthen them, and that the memory of her blessed life may ever inspire them to high and noble endeavors in the Master's service."

### EXTRACTS OF LETTERS FROM MISS McLAURIN.

VUYYURU, INDIA.

**H**AVE been going out to the nearer villages and had such a good time yesterday, the women listened so well in three different places. About eight or twelve gathered in each place, except the last, where there were 20. Some followed us from one house to another. At the end of our last meeting a big, fat Brahmin meandered in and tried to undo our work by raising an argument, but as we had had a splendid time I could afford to overlook him, so I just said: "I have no time to argue now," and walked off. I could hear the women challenging him to say what we had said that was not right and true, and I thought in my heart, "Your day is dying false priest and you know it." My caste girls school is slowly growing. There are twelve in regular attendance now. The other day four little girls passed out of the Alphabet into the First Book, and to celebrate the occasion I presented them each with a scrap-book from a number that the Peterboro Mission Band had made and given me. How their eyes sparkled! The parents in this country love to have their children made much of, and I knew it would please the women too. It has brought us one new pupil already. I really believe the school is on its feet now to live, and I do thank

God, for the little ones are learning precious lessons of the true Saviour. We also have a Sunday School in connection with it.

Now about our bungalow. We have let the contract for some of the material needed for the foundation. We might just as well have had it laid in the hot season, only we had not the money on hand. Building done here is expensive, as all our material comes from a long distance, so you must not think us extravagant if we ask for what seems a large sum. This is the most expensive station in the mission.

#### LETTER FROM MISS PRATT.

AKIDU, INDIA, Dec. 4, 1904

*My Dear Mrs. Porter:—*

You will see by the above address that I am not now in Tuni. The morning after Conference closed I hurried up there, prepared my things for touring, came back on the night train to Samalkot where I joined Miss Morrow on her boat "Glad Tidings," and came down here, as I thought for a two weeks' tour, but the day after our arrival Dr. and Mrs. Woodburne had to leave for Coconada on account of baby's illness so we remained here to take charge of the Boarding Schools. Miss Morrow is away now on a short tour. I feel that I was sent here just at this time so that it might be possible for her to tour.

I have been to the village almost every day, and am happy, oh, so happy, in being able to tell the story of God's love, "which seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet." My Telugu does not always come as freely as I would like, but at other times I am given wonderful freedom.

I wonder if Miss Morrow has made you acquainted with many of her Akidu women. If she has will you pardon me for telling you again of some of the interesting ones I have found.

One woman, Shashamma, who has been blind since she was about two years old is so glad to have us come to see her. She has been listening since Miss Stovel used to be here, and has learned many hymns and Bible stories.

The old women interest me so much. This week we found three who listened as if they did not want to lose one word that was said. We taught the verse, "The Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost," which they said over and over again, then just as we were

leaving an old woman came over to the door and said, "Wen't you say it over again, because I am afraid I shall forget."

I wish you could have seen the happy, happy look on the face of one old woman as we told her about the beautiful home God is preparing for those who love Him, and of the way He has made by which we can go there.

Another day we saw a Brahim widow who wanted to listen but she couldn't ask us into her house—that would defile it. Just then a little girl who is friendly with us, having been cared for by Miss Morrow when her leg was broken, came along and said we might come around into her yard and the Brahim widow might listen from the back of her own house. So we went around and sat on a mat while several gathered near. The Brahim woman standing on her verandah listened very earnestly for a long time and asked us to come again.

There are many more I would like to tell you about but cannot now. Some days we have rather discouraging times. Sometimes we walk up and down a whole street without having anyone call us or without finding anyone who has time to listen. Or after getting nicely started some men will come along and break up the meeting.

We have been going each week to a Caste Girls' School to teach them a hymn and a Bible story. They are such bright, interesting little children, and seem glad to learn hymns. The boarding schools here are doing well—there are twenty-one girls and thirty-four boys in attendance.

Have you heard from Miss Priest lately? You will be so glad to learn that she is much better, although she is not really strong yet. Although she is not able to do what she used to in work among the heathen, yet she is doing a wonderful work in strengthening the Christians and also among our school boys. We will be so glad to have a missionary family there as it has made so much for Miss Priest to attend to during this year and a half since Mr. Priest left. We expect that Mr. and Mrs. Scott will be settled there before Christmas. Dr. Smith, too, will be glad to be relieved of Tuni, as he has had such heavy burdens to bear. It is wonderful the amount of work he does.

Others will no doubt have told you of the happy evening we spent at Mrs. Craig's at the Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell. We were so glad to see them and hope soon to have Mr. and Mrs. Chute, too, with us again.

I see that it is getting late so I must retire and get ready for the new days' work which must start early.

With much love,

Yours in His glad service,

LIDA PRATT.

## Our Work at Home.

### DAY OF PRAYER.

**F**OR some years, the first Thursday in April, and in November, have been observed as special prayer days, on which our Women's Circles in Eastern Ontario and Quebec have met together to pray for the work and workers on our Home and Foreign fields.

It is very desirable that presidents of Circles should arrange meetings for this purpose on Thursday, April 6th, in order that all may join in asking God's blessing on the work. The needs are many and urgent.

Let us pray for a wide awakening of interest among those who have not yet recognized their responsibility in this divine undertaking, and let us not forget in asking for new blessings, to return thanks for blessings already granted.

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER,  
Cor. Sec

### NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

LONDON, TALBOT ST.—A meeting of a most interesting character was held in the school room of our church, on Tuesday evening, January 31st. Our Mission Circle had sent out over one hundred invitations to the young lady members of our church to take tea with them at 6.30 p.m. The response was most hearty and over ninety sat down to the tables which were tastefully arranged and well supplied with the needs of the hour. After the tea hour and while still at the tables the President of our Circle, Mrs. J. J. Ross, wife of our pastor, announced the object of our meeting. First, to discuss the possibility of organizing a Young Ladies' Circle, and second, to become better acquainted. The first was taken hold of most enthusiastically and upon passing a book for names over forty enrolled, and many more expressed their intention of joining later.

The following were elected as officers: Hon. Pres., Mrs. J. J. Ross; Pres., Miss M. Westervelt; Vice-Pres., Miss Jessie Jeffery; Sec., Miss Lulu Smith; Treas., Miss Jennie Adam; Pianist, Miss Mabel Dale. A committee of six was appointed to be a Lookout Committee for new members. After completing the organization a social hour was spent and many new faces became familiar ones as we mingled together, exchanging greetings and extending words of welcome to those who were strangers.

We believe our Lord will honor this effort and bring into great usefulness this new branch of our Mission Circle work. The young ladies I am sure will let you know they are alive after they have had a few meetings and got everything into working order. The Circle asks you to unite with them, praying for an outpouring of the Spirit upon these young ladies, that they may be "good steward's of the manifold grace of God."

A. L. OVENS, Rep. Sec.

BRAMPTON.—You do not often hear from our Mission Circle, but our meeting held at the home of our President, on Jan. 15th, is well worthy of mention, it being one of unusual pleasure and profit as well as interest and enthusiasm. Twenty-two members were present. After the usual opening exercises led by our President, Mrs. Pratley, a very interesting programme followed, consisting of a reading and two duets. Mrs. Deeves then spoke a few words in honor of the new Life-member, Mrs. Albert Haydon, nee Jones, this when complete, making our fifteenth Life-member, this last one is for Foreign Missions. We, as a Circle, have very much pleasure in making this Life-member as Mrs. Haydon has been such a devoted worker in the Church, Sunday School and Mission Band, and I might just mention here, that our Band has also made her a Life-member. Mrs. Haydon replied in very feeling terms, expressing her gratitude and joy for the honors bestowed upon her, assuring us as a Circle, that we should ever be held dear in her memory on account of the kind and sympathetic feeling ever shown her. She has now left for her new home in Fort William, where we hope she may be a diligent worker. After this pleasant part of our meeting we were invited to the tea room, where a dainty luncheon was served and a Thank-offering given, amounting to nearly eight dollars. We then arose, sang Praise God from who all blessings flow, and our meeting was dismissed, all feeling we had a deeper interest in our Master's work and praying we might go forth with renewed zeal and energy.

HELEN WOLVERTON BRUNDELL.

NEW LISKEARD.—On Friday evening, Jan. 27th, the first open meeting of the Women's Mission Circle, of the New Liskeard Baptist Church was held. Mrs. Peer, the President, occupied the chair and, after the opening exercises, gave an outline of the work of the Mission Circle showing its extent into the Home and Foreign fields. This was followed by a vocal duet by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Hansman; Mrs. Eastman then gave a reading entitled, "Ezra and Me and the Boards," after which two little girls, Nellie and Erie Simpson, dressed in white and carrying crosses, sang very sweetly, "We are Little Pilgrims." Just before the Thank-offering was taken, Mrs. Stewart gave a paper on "Why we Should Support Missions," and during the offering the children sang "Hear the pennies dropping." The last feature of the programme, and by no means the least, was an earnest and helpful talk given by Miss Jones, of Toronto, who has at present charge of the work at Milberta. She laid particular emphasis on the verse found in 2 Kings 13:19, "Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times," showing how we must be persistent if we would be successful missionaries. The spirit of the meeting throughout was good and we feel that its influence will

create a greater missionary zeal in the Church. After singing "Go ye into all the world," our Pastor, Rev. B. G. Stewart, closed the meeting with prayer. The Thank-offering amounted to \$5.25.

M. E.

**BOTHWELL.**—The regular Thank-offering Meeting was held at the home of the President, Mrs. (Rev.) M. P. Campbell, on the afternoon of Dec. 7th, 1904, with all the members of the Circle present, and several guests from the other churches of the town. As Mrs. Campbell presided at the organ on Tuesday Mrs. Kelly took charge of the meeting. After the singing of "Oh! Happy Day," the scripture reading and usual prayer meeting followed. Another hymn was sung and the following programme was given: a reading by Mrs. Little, "Her Offering"; a duet by Mrs. Campbell and Miss Shott, of Zone; reading by Mrs. Wood; duet by Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Kingston, and a reading by Mrs. Dancy. The President also spoke regarding the Convention. The Thank-offering envelopes were opened and contained \$3.00. After the programme the ladies enjoyed themselves in conversation, while a dainty tea was served. A sense of having been brought nearer together by the meeting, and a desire that the Church of Christ, in all its branches, should come into closer union, filled the hearts of all as we separated.

MRS. A. DANCY,  
Secretary.

**PERTH.**—One of the old members of our Circle, who is not permitted to attend the meetings often, because of the long distance she lives from town, remarked to a friend that she was reading in the LINK about what our sisters were doing in other places but would like to see more in it from Perth. Then, some time ago, our dear President, Mrs. Claxton wrote that when she received the LINK she looked for some reports from Circles and Bands in the East, but regretted that so few took advantage of these columns.

One reason why we have been so long silent is because we are a feeble folk and do not have much to record. But as one sister said, "if we have nothing else to report we can tell we meet regularly for prayer and praise." Those who attend the meetings realize the Ever Present Friend is with us, to bless and to do us good. What an encouragement to pray, when we read that Evan Roberts for eleven years prayed daily for a revival in Wales and now we are reading with interest of the great "showers of blessings" that are falling in that country.

At our Annual meeting the election of officers for Foreign Circle took place as follows:—

Pres.—Mrs. J. F. Kellock; Vice Pres.—Mrs. D. Robertson; Sec.—Treas.—Mrs. H. Robertson; Agent for LINK.—Mrs. H. Robertson.

We send greetings and all good wishes for 1905 to all the Circles.

AGNES A. ROBERTSON.

**HARROW** (Feb. 2nd, 1905).—Owing to the fact that our Church was being rebuilt our Mission Circle held its annual Thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. McLean, one of the members, Nov. 1st, 1904. A goodly number of ladies and our beloved pastor, met with us in response to invitations extended to each lady member of the Church, asking her to be present and bring a Thank-offering accompanied with a Scripture text in the envelopes furnished. The usual devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. Hiram Rosebrugh. Then our Pastor, Rev. James Smither, was asked to preside, and the following programme was rendered: Reading by Miss Young, entitled "Lord is it I?" Singing from "Songs and Solos." Reading by Mrs. Sparling, entitled "The Deacon's Tenth," also by Miss Thomson, entitled "The Difficulty of Sympathy." Then followed the reading of the Scripture texts by the Secretary, assisted by Miss Young. This was a very interesting part of the programme. At the close of the programme a delicious lunch was served by the members of the Circle. The Thank-offering amounted to \$12.45 to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

(MRS.) J. F. ROSEBRUGH,  
Secretary.

**EAST TORONTO.**—Our Circle was started just three years ago, and each year has been better than the last, numerically, financially and in the interest that members have taken in our meetings. In 1902 we raised \$40.72, in 1903 \$54.56, and last year \$74.38. Two years ago, through the efforts of the Circle, a Mission Band was formed and it has been doing good work in training the children and in supporting a student in India. At our thank-offering meeting held in November, we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. H. E. Stillwell, and were encouraged at the amount of the offering, which amounted to \$24.50.

We are starting the year with several new members, and with the hope that we will be enabled to do still better. We realize that of ourselves we can do nothing, but through Christ we can do all things.

We write this little report in the hope that it will encourage those who may at the present time be as weak and faltering as we were a year or two ago.

HATTIE DUDLEY,  
Secretary.

**TORONTO.**—On Thursday afternoon, February 9th, a Union Meeting of Toronto Baptist Mission Circles was held in Dovercourt Road Church. After the opening exercises several brief prayers were offered. Mrs. Norton was again elected President, and Mrs. Wm. Davies, jr., was made Vice-president. The Treasurer's reports were encouraging; the Home Board having a balance of \$329.64. Rev. J. G. Brown spoke on the "Influence and Results of the Gospel on the Lives of the Women of India," spiritually, morally, mentally, physically and

socially. Rev. J. B. Kennedy spoke on Home Missions. About half of our converts come from Home Mission fields. The blessings which have crowned our labors should encourage us to make greater efforts that our work may be extended and our missionaries better paid. A collection of \$15 was divided between our Home and Foreign work.

EMMA FOX,  
Secretary.

WANSTEAD, CALVARY.—On the evening of Dec. 9th, the members and friends of our Mission Circle held their 20th Annual Thank-offering service. The meeting was held in the Church. Rev. A. J. Bowen in the chair. Meeting opened with devotional exercises. The report of the Circle being read by the Secretary showed the amount of \$38.75 raised for Home and Foreign Missions, also \$11.80 for other purposes, making a total of \$50.55 raised by the Circle during the year. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Haines, and Rev. J. A. Baldwin. Also vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations. A free-will Thank-offering was then given to the amount of \$13.55, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions and the Bungalow Fund. After singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," our Pastor, Rev. A. J. Bowen, closed with prayer.

SELENA J. JOHNSON,  
Secretary.

TORONTO.—The Bloor St. Church Circle and Young Women's Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting on Jan. 16th. After the opening exercises Mrs. Davies spoke briefly on the origin of the work and how it is now carried on, so that new members might understand more clearly why and for what we are working, and how that work is done. Mrs. Firstbrook gave an address on "The Debt of Love," and Mr. Wright, one of the McMaster students, spoke of the work in New Ontario. While the attendance was not as large as usual the Thank-offering, amounting to \$103.10, was the largest ever received.

R. M.

KEW BEACH.—The Women's Mission Circle, of Kenilworth Ave. Baptist Church held their Annual and Thank-offering Meeting on Jan. 26th, 1905. The President, Mrs. Richard Tew, in the chair. After the business, Mrs. Stillwell gave an interesting address on her work in India. The Thank-offering amounted to 10.45, which was divided between Home and Foreign Missions, with the exception of \$1.90, sent special for "Bungalow Fund." We feel encouraged, as some new members have been received. There were 26 present. Refreshments were served. Rev. Mr. Radcliff, of East Toronto, closed with prayer.

ELIZABETH T. SMITH,  
Secretary.

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

Receipts from Jan. 10th, 1905, to Feb. 15th, 1905, (inclusive.)

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Toronto, Immanuel (\$15.88 Thank-offering, 75c. bungalow), \$28.48; Wilkesport, \$1.50; Toronto, Bloor St. M. C. & Y.L. Aux., Thank-offering, \$51.80; Brantford, Calvary, (\$1.40 special), \$13.15; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., (\$10.80 Thank-offering), \$16.35; Tupperville Union, for Dr. Gertrude Hulet, \$6.25; Daywood, Thank-offering, \$3.25; Bethel, King, (Thank-offering, \$3.75), \$7; Boston, (completing Life-membership of Mrs. Haydon), \$12; Toronto, Jarvis St., (14c. special), \$44.11; Toronto, Jarvis St., for Dr. Smith's hospital (an anonymous gift), \$605; Beachville, \$1.80; Brantford, Park, (25c. add. Thank-offering), \$14; Forest, for Bungalow Fund, \$5; Gravenhurst, \$5; Toronto, Beverley St., (\$17 for Pendurty John), \$25.22; St. Thomas, Centre St., \$11.10; Simcoe, Y. L. M. C., Thank-offering, \$6.25; Petrolia, \$6.45; Kenilworth, \$1.20; East Toronto, \$2; Uxbridge, \$5; Colchester, \$3.88; Woodstock, Oxford St., \$10; Hamilton, Herkimer, \$5; Collingwood, \$2; Toronto, College St., \$19.10; Toronto, Walmer Road, \$30.76; Hamilton, Wentworth St. \$3.75; Hamilton, James St., \$14.45; Meaford, (\$1.87 Thank-offering), \$6; Watford, \$2.75; London, Adelaide St., \$11.95; Port Hope, Y. L. Aux., for "lepers" \$5; Toronto, Memorial, (Mrs. Mary Woodland, (for bungalow), \$5; New Liskeard, Thank-offering, \$2.25; Plympton, \$4; Toronto, Dovercourt Road, (\$3.90 Thank-offering), \$10.05; Windsor, for "lepers," \$10; Aurora, \$2; Bothwell, (Thank-offering \$1.50), \$3. Total, \$1022.85.

FROM BANDS.—Port Arthur, for "Matt Samuell," \$4.25; Brampton (to make Mrs. C. Haviland a Life-member), \$10; Peterboro' Murray St., (16.80 for M. Leah), \$21.30; Langton, \$3; Port Rowan, for bungalow, \$3; Hamilton, for bungalow, \$10; Binbrook, for "Godavi Martha," \$10; St. Marys, for "Cheppala Ramama," \$5; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., Sr. M. B., \$7; London, South, \$14.48. Total, \$88.03.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Investment, Miss N. Davies' gift, \$10; Mrs. T. Bengough, for bungalow, \$1; A friend of Missions, for native work, \$25; Miss A. Steer, for "Sayamma" \$10; Mrs. R. W. Elliot, (\$100 for Dr. Gertrude Hulet, \$100 for Bungalow Fund), \$200; Convention expenses surplus, \$3; "Mary Shenston Fund" for the support of three girls in Cocanada School, \$50; Miss M. Boon, (\$5 for "lepers"), \$10; Mrs. G. Lutz, for "lepers" \$5; Collection, Union meeting of Toronto Circles, \$7.50; Bank Interest, \$27.09. Total, \$348.50.

Total receipts during the month, - - \$1,459.47  
DISBURSEMENTS.—By Treasurer W. B. F. M. of East, Extra—For native work, from a friend of "Missions," \$25.

By General Treasurer—For Dr. Smith's hospital, (an anonymous gift through Jarvis St. M. C.) \$605; On regular estimates, \$610. Extras—for "lepers" (from Elim M. C., \$6, from Hamilton, Herkimer, Primary Class, \$1), \$7; Total, \$1277.

Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1904, - \$2,948.45  
Total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1904 \$4,345.37

EVA NASMITH,  
Treasurer.

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

## Youths' Department.

### A HOLIDAY IN INDIA.

*Dear Young Friends:*

I am thinking you have all enjoyed happy holidays, and if I were to ask you about them you could tell me lots of stories about the fun you had. Would you like to hear the story of a holiday our school boys had last week?

Examinations were held on Monday and Tuesday. They all seemed so sure of passing, saying they had been praying about it. Well, when Mr. Abraham came to me with the papers, sure enough all had passed. There was great rejoicing that evening. I had chosen two boys the week before and asked them if they could keep a secret, telling them I wanted them to help me plan a happy day for the boys before they went to their homes. When I asked them to tell me something they would like to have done that day, their first suggestion was, "All would like a good chicken currie." It made me laugh as I thought how like our boys and girls in Canada. Something good to eat is a very important part of a good time.

On the quiet we tied up a small parcel for each of the school children and also for the teachers, and put their names in large letters on the outside. For some there were books, for others an article of clothing, which you would not think very stylish.

For the boy who had kept his books the neatest there was a prize of a box to keep his things in, and the one whom the rest had voted to be the cleanest boy, received a book.

On Tuesday night all these various parcels were ready and these two boys had kept the secret fine. They slept on the floor in my sitting room that night, so that they could get up, and hide all these parcels before daylight the next morning. They did not need much calling in the morning, and didn't they enjoy the fun of putting the parcels under the mat, under boxes, inside boxes, up on the verandah posts. Everything was done by six o'clock. Then they came and sat beside me while we learned our verse, and asked God to make the day a very happy one. After this we wrote a letter telling the boys to hurry up and wash themselves and eat their rice water; then come up to my bungalow and hunt for the presents Santa Claus had hidden for them. How I wish you could have seen the fun. It was all new to them and they had such a happy time. After-

wards we had our morning prayers, at the close of which I told them they could play as hard as they liked until 9:30. Boys do not usually need to be coaxed to play, do they? And these did not. They had races, a tug-of-war, and some other games that Telugu boys love to play.

At 9:30 they all gathered in the church for the meeting they had asked me to have with them before they went home. We talked about God's straight way and Satan's crooked way, after which a number of the boys took part either in prayer or testimony.

They were then invited to my verandah where a big pot of coffee was ready for them. May be you would not think it much of a treat to have just plain bread, no butter or jam or syrup on it, but how these laddies did enjoy that coffee and bread. I decided this was better than sweetmeats, as the weather was chilly.

By this time it was 11:30, and then how we had to hurry to get ready for the next part of our programme! Mr. and Mrs. Scott and their dear baby boy were coming on the noon train to be our missionaries, and we must do something to let them know we were very glad. I wonder what you would have done! These folks quickly broke off small branches from the trees on the road and tied them to a string which they fastened to the top of the two gate posts, others tied flowers and small branches to the cart that was to bring them from the station. When they came in sight the boys were in two rows along the road, and they began to sing a Telugu hymn of victory.

But, perhaps you are getting tired, so I must hurry over the afternoon, just telling you that at the close of the prayer meeting, Cornelius presented the prizes to the first one in each class.

The chicken currie was pronounced a great success by the 36 who sat down to the evening meal. For my part, almost the first small piece I put in my mouth made the tears come. It went to my head at once, and I wanted a drink of water quickly to cool my tongue. But the boys thought it was fine, and told me afterwards that even our chronic grumbler was perfectly satisfied, and so that night we thanked our Father for giving us this happy day which we shall all remember.

This week those lads are scattered in about 10 different villages. They are to come back on Jan. 2nd to enter on the work of a new year.

As you meet in your Bands will you often pray for them that they may learn to walk in Jesus ways, and help someone else to know of His love.

Your loving friend,

ELLEN PRIEST.

# W. B. M. U.

## Of The Maritime Provinces.

Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. J. C. Redding, Yarmouth, N. S.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH.—"Prayer for workers among Scandinavians, Germans, Russians, and Icelanders in the North-West; for new interests in growing towns; for Mission Band leaders—that the Band members may be converted while trying to work for others."

### CHEERY LIVING.

Grumble? No; what's the good?

If it availed, I would;

But it doesn't a bit—

Not it.

Laugh? Yes; why not?

Tis better than crying a lot;

We were made to be glad,

Not sad.

Sing? Why yes, to be sure.

We shall better endure

If the heart's full of song

All day long.

Love? Yes, unceasingly,

Ever increasingly;

Friends' burdens bearing,

Their sorrows sharing;

Their happiness making,

For pattern taking

The One above,

Who is love.

—Motherhood.

### THE HISTORY AND RELIGIONS OF INDIA.

E. M. C. BARSS, DARTMOUTH.

(Continued from last month.)

The name of the first English missionary, William Carey is the most illustrious in the annals of Protestant missions. Through the determination of this "consecrated cobbler" to preach Christ to the Hindus the Baptist Missionary Society was formed in 1792 and the next year Carey was sent to India as its first missionary.

The opposition of the English to the entrance of missionaries in India was so great that Carey was obliged to register as an indigo planter and to take up that work. Thus he remained in obscurity for six years. What a small and ignominious beginning to the great Protestant missionary enterprise! Truly, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed!" In 1799 Marshman, Ward and others were sent out, but being instantly ordered to leave the country, took refuge in the Danish settlement of

Serampore. Here they were joined by Carey, and in 1800 Krishna Paul the first Hindu convert was baptized. These missionaries laid the foundation for every phase of mission-work. Above all ranks their labor in translating the Bible into the native language. Their lives were noble examples of heroic self-sacrifice.

The raising of woman from her position of degradation and suffering, is one of the grandest results of missionary labor. The impossibility of effectually reaching the women by the efforts of male missionaries, caused the necessity for women's work for women, which was begun in India by Mrs. Marshman, and Mrs. Judson.

In 1821, Miss Cooke the first single lady missionary to enter India began work among Zenana women. Soon after this Women's Societies were formed all over the Christian world, to carry on missionary work among women.

Evangelistic, medical, and educational are the three means of mission work among the women of India. The favorite channel of evangelistic work is what is known as Zenana work, and how there are fifty thousand Zenanas open to the visits of Christian women, but still only one lady missionary to every 160,000 heathen women.

In no way have the women of India been more helped and uplifted than by the work of medical lady missionaries. The first of these to come was Miss Swain of New York. She carried the the gospel of Christ wherever she went, thus did it reach many homes formerly closed to Christian teaching. No work is more Christlike, and an inspiring field of labor is open to young lady doctors in India to-day. Christ was our example in this work. He has said "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." Let us not have him say to us in that day, "I was sick and ye visited me not." There are yet in India, for all the millions of suffering women only 85 lady doctors at work.

There is much to encourage. It is probable

that in no other missionary country, the missionaries have the same influence that they have in India because of the friendly relations between them and the government. Every reform of the crimes of the Hindu religion, such as the law against infanticide, the burning of widows, and other horrible customs, has been undertaken at the instance of missionaries. The influences of the pure unselfish lives of our missionaries, the characters of our native Christians, and the noticeable decay of Hinduism are all encouraging features of the work.

But whatever appears of encouragement from any source, the supreme hope for India is in the power of the Christian religion, the power of love and self-sacrifice, first made known to the world on the Cross at Calvary. Slowly this law of highest service has been working for nineteen Centuries, and surely will it prevail at last over all the forces of darkness and selfishness. "The Cross of Christ is the light of India and the light of the world!"

"None but Jesus, none but Jesus deserves to wear the bright and glorious diadem of India, and Jesus Christ shall have it."

#### EXTRACTS FROM MISS HELENA BLACKADAR'S LETTERS.

**Y**ES, the cool weather has come at last and it is quite cool this November. I am enjoying it; it feels so good to cuddle down under a blanket and feel cosy. India is lonely in the cool season; one even learns to like the heat, that is in the evenings and the mornings, and the green trees all the time and the flowers and the sunshine; it would be hard to do without them now. Mother, I am so glad Alice took you down to old Plymouth. Isn't it full of historic interest? What a lovely day I spent with her there, I love to see historic places! I have never seen half I want to of India and I do not know half I want to of its strange wonderful history; bound by custom that paralyzes all effort and invention, glorying in their past and utterly careless of the future because they think this is the age when everything will decay. Oh what a strange people, what a strange mysterious queer country it is, yet the spell of its fascination does weave around ones heart and one learns to love it in spite of its evil ways. In spite of all I have written you I fear that you can see very little after all, of my life as it is and the mingling of the sad and the glad, the dull and the picturesque, the joy and the numbing discouragements.

"What kind of an organ did you get for your church father?" I wonder if it will do half as much work as my little "Estey"? What a work you did Daddy, when you urged me to get that! I would not be without it for anything, and Mamma, most things I can do, I must give you the credit of teaching me. Every-time I play and gather the people to hear, it is your work. No one else ever taught me to play. Playing so much for them has given me confidence and I can get along much better now. When we get ready to go out one of the men takes the organ in his hand, and when he comes to a public place he selects a large tree or some shade. I sit down and begin to play and the Christians sing some of our sweet Gospel hymns. Some of their voices are very sweet and the music soon attracts a number, sometimes a crowd. The women and children listen well, and then we talk and preach to them and tell them of Jesus, of the Christ who loved them so much that He died for them. Sometimes a proud Brahmin will pause for a few minutes and listen, ask a few questions which no one can answer, such as: "How do you explain your doctrine of the Trinity?" perhaps say "Your religion is good for you but not for us," and pass on. Sometimes a good many listen and buy or beg for Scripture portions, and promise to read them. The women listen for a while and go on to their work and we too go on to another place.

I am working hard myself, I am trying to pray more than ever. "Prayer is the key on the bended knee that will unlock the closed hearts of India's millions" How often the heart gets tired in India. I only knew the feeling a few times at home, but it comes to one out here, not because I do not believe in the people or the work, I do believe in both, but life is strenuous, and the need is very great and the people heed so little. Oh! it is their soul-freezing indifference that appals and frightens one.

Lost! Oh, they are so hopelessly lost in sin, unless God takes hold of them and puts His spirit into their hearts.

The work is opening up among the caste people of late. We are getting into more houses now. In one whole street we visited we were repulsed in several instances, in others the women received us, almost with embraces. I think some of them would have thrown themselves upon our necks, but for the fear of defilement. I love some of these heathen women. Yesterday we found an old woman who used to

know a native man of power in the early days of our mission and heard him preach. One woman said, "Oh, Missamma, what must I do? I believe, I want to be a Christian, but my husband says 'No!' Is it right for a wife to obey? What must I do?" Then one is glad that the Bible is clear, and the word that seems so hard is understood, and I say, "Before all others your husband, before your husband, God." It is a new and strange doctrine to her.

Oh, you can have no conception of the slavery of the women of India, she belongs body and soul to her husband. It is soul-searing, such bondage can never have been ordained of God. In India obedience to a husband means to have no individuality of one's own. It is awful, it harrows my soul. Sometimes we cry, Oh, Lord, how long? Send deliverance to these poor people. Some of the Christian characters are firm and show the refining, purifying influence of Christ's love in the heart.

"Art tired?  
There is rest remaining. Hast thou sinned?  
There is a sacrifice. Lift up thy head,  
The lovely world and the over-world alike,  
Ring with a song eternal, a happy rede,  
Thy Father loves thee." —Selected.

TEKKALI, GANJAM, MADRAS PRES.,  
INDIA, Dec. 26, 1904.

My Dear Mrs. Redding:—

You letter received and I write at once to say that it is impossible to get a report of our Conference to you by Feb. 10th. as our own Convention does not close until the 10th of January, and we always have to make a week's allowance anyway, as the mails are not regular.

We had our Christmas celebration on Saturday, and I think everyone enjoyed it. All the Christians were invited to the Compound early in the afternoon for sports, which I think they enjoyed. Mrs. Higgins and I dressed up the Christmas Tree, and as it grew dark all were invited into the Church, and after singing and impromptu speeches, and short stories, the tree was unloaded. There was nothing expensive, just a little gift for each. Then we all sat down on the floor and a green leaf was placed in front of each; soon it was piled up with rice and curry, and after the blessing we all fell too with our fingers and ate in real native style. It

is not half as bad as it sounds and the people have a code of etiquette that is just as nice for them as ours is for us. They say I make a good native. Nearly one hundred took dinner, and I assure you it was a pleasure to see some of our poor Christians who do not often have a full meal, eat all that was set before them and begin again on a liberal supply. I need not say I did not get through with my first plateful, but I did enjoy it all except the three red peppers I chewed up, much to my own discomfort. The folks all laughed as tears came in my eyes. They are so used to hot condiments that to them such a thing is no discomfort.

I will try and get off a letter for the April LINK, but fear it may be old news by then. I am

Yours sincerely,  
MARTHA CLARK.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR  
QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 31, 1905.

Received from W.M.A.S.:	F. M.	H. M.	TOTAL
Nova Scotia .....	\$845 37	\$321 97	\$1197 34
New Brunswick .....	512 61	83 25	595 86
P. E. Island .....	91 28	45 44	136 72
Donations .....	23 10	1 00	24 10
Tidings .....			13 00
Reports .....			12 85
Leaflets .....			7 35
			\$1957 22

DR.

Paid Treas. F.M. Board .....	\$2262 50
" Block, engraving, L.M. Certificates .....	20 00
" Printing L.M. Certificates .....	4 50
" " Leaflets .....	6 00
" " Tidings .....	8 50
" Provincial Sec. New Brunswick .....	5 00
" County Sec. " .....	5 65
" Postage Miss. Band Leaflets .....	7 50
" Drafts and Postage .....	3 56
	\$2323 21

MARY SMITH

Amherst, Feb. 4th, 1905.

Treas. W.B.M.U.

Mrs. Smith writes that we close our second quarter \$300 in advance of last year for F.M., and \$100 behind on H.M. Sisters, why this deficiency? The need is certainly no less than usual. Pause a moment and ask ourselves if we "have done what we could?" Let us not slacken our efforts on F. M. lines, but strengthen our giving for our needy ones at home.

## PUNDITA RAMABAI.

Many readers of the LINK will remember Pundita Ramabai's visit to the Maritime Provinces, and these facts concerning her work taken from *The Colchester Sun* will no doubt prove interesting:—

"The work of Pundita Rambai at Mukti, India for the child widows is continually increasing in magnitude. [She has recently bought an additional 60 acres of land to add to her farm of 150 acres which gives employment to hundreds of her girls. They do nearly all the work and raise two or three crops every year. She has added several new looms to her weaving establishment. She buys the cotton, and a good deal of the cotton required to clothe her large family of 1800 is woven by the widows themselves. She hopes in time to be able to weave sufficient to make it a very paying industry. She has now a printing press of her own where all her reports, books, &c., &c., are printed. She is carrying on over a dozen different industries.

"She also has bought a farm 34 miles from edgeon where she has started a home for orphan boys and now has 120 in it who are learning all kinds of trades besides spending four hours every day in school work. Rev. A. Morton and wife and son are taking charge and are most consecrated workers for God. Already there have been 60 of the boys converted and some fine workers are being prepared to work for the heathen by whom they are surrounded.

"The church building at Mukti will hold 4,000 and many well-known Missionaries have often preached there to 2,000. In the past three years there has been added to the church over 1,500 girls, one of whom has been sent out to the North of India back to her own people as the first missionary who has ever been in that part of that vast empire. Two others of her first converts have gone forth to do famine rescue work and have already saved 2,000.

"The magnitude of the work is well nigh overwhelming. Just to feed them in the cheapest, simplest manner she requires \$3000.00 every month, and the work would be better equipped with \$5000.00. She is praying for every dollar of this and also that God will send her 5,000 girls and boys that they may come to her schools and be taught of the Lord Jesus Christ and be converted, and sent out as missionaries to tell the story of Salvation all over India. Thus the circle

of influence is widening till eternity alone shall be the limit of its scope."

## THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF INDIA.

Increased appreciation of the moral blessings of Christianity and the ethical excellence of its devoted missionaries is a great and ever-widening fact. Take, for instance, this description of the Indian Christian women, culled from a non-Christian paper: "She has been the evangelist of education to hundreds and thousands of Hindu homes. Simple, neat and kindly, she has won her way to the recesses of orthodoxy, overcoming a strength and bitterness of prejudice of which few outsiders can have an adequate conception. As these sentences are being written there rises before the mind's eye the pictures of scores of tidy, gentle girls, trudging hot and dusty streets, barefooted, under a scorching sun, to carry the light of knowledge to homes where they will not be admitted beyond the ante-chamber, and where they can not get a glass of water without humiliation, yet never complaining, ever patient. To these brave and devoted women, wherever they are, friends of education all over the country will heartily wish 'God speed.'"—*Missionary Review*.

"The Mission Work needs you with all your strength, time, talents and enthusiasm, the calls were never so loud and imperative as to-day, the needs were never so apparent or plainly set forth. Doors of golden opportunity in all lands stand widely open and bid you enter."

—MRS. J. W. MANNING.

"The cross is easier to him who takes it up than to him who drags it along."—J. E. VAUX.

In a case where a pastor resigned, the people rose in rebellion against his leaving. They unani- mously and strongly desired him to remain, but failed to keep him. An earlier expression of ap- preciation, before it is extorted by the prospect of losing a good pastor, might possibly prevent many resignations and the consequent interrup- tion and loss to the work of the churches.

"Let us ever remember that union is strength; and the successful use of our strength depends upon our loyalty to Christ, and faith in His Work."

—MRS. C. H. MARTELL.