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THE PHILOSOPHY OF MISSIONS.

HRISTIANS who are not devoted to Foreign Missions are fond of saying: "We have plenty of heathen at home." But what if it is true, that those in the churches who are the chief workers for Foreign Missions, are also the chief supporters of Home Missions, while uniformly those who make this plea do but little. Will the plea "We have plenty of heathen at home," excuse them from obeying the marching orders of our General? "Go ye into all the world," etc.

Tis God's law that obedience to any of his commands brings us blessing: while disobedience insures to us a lack of blessing—which is His curse.

Once develope in our churches a sanctified zeal for the salvation of the heathen world, which will show itself in self-sacrifice and in systematic, large and continuous giving to that end, and you have a spiritual condition that ensures a continual revival, or at least a continuous growth in home churches and in all home interests. It is like developing at immense cost a great water power, or water supply. When it is once developed it is a mighty force for any purpose that the owners may desire to use Does not our own reason teach us, that if the practical sympathies of the church can be awakened to do the larger work of saving two million Telugus, she will find a pleasant outlet for her surplus spiritual energies in attending to home interests. - DIMOCK ARCHIBALD.

Thirty years ago Stanley (1875) gave King Mtesa, of Uganda his first lesson in Christian doctrine. At that time there was not a Christian in all Central Africa. This year the London Times in the regular course of its news publishes an account of the consecration of the great Christian Cathedral, built by the Uganda Church, at Mengo, which was formerly King Mtesa's capital. Ten thousand native Christian Ugandans attended the consecration services.

MISSION WOMEN IN INDIA.

The Bishop of Worcester has struck a true note in asserting the great importance of women's work in the mission field. After commenting upon the striking change in public opinion in regard to this development, he said at a recent meeting: "It is now generally perceived that there can be nothing of more transcendental importance than the development of women's work. The whole possibility of the Christian religion taking hold of such a country as India depends on getting at the hearts of the women, and that depends upon women workers . . . The progress of religion depends on what is going on in the hearts and minds of the women, and nowhere more so than in India; and the advance of Christianity there will be very slow until a rear attack is made upon that in which the whole social system of the country is imbedded—the zenana."-London Christian.

This world would be redeemed to God in a very few years if all who bear the name of Christ knew the full meaning of the love of Christ, the love that passeth knowledge, that conquers, that is irresistible, the love which the human heart everywhere craves. May God fill our hearts with such a love now; and may our young people go out with something like a seraph's zeal and a Christlike love and hasten to the great nations sitting in darkness, waiting unconsciously for messengers to come from some place in the name of Christ. These messengers will not come from the skies; they will not come back from the dead. The people who are to save this world are living in it to-day, and Christ begs of us to take His name with His commission, and go forth in perfect confidence that the time is hastening on when all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ forever. - BISHOP JAMES THOBURN, D.D., of India.

LEAVE THE MIRACLE TO HIM.

Whatsoe'er He bids you, do it,
Though you may not understand.
Yield to Him complete obedience,
Then you'll see His mighty hand.
Fill the water pots with water,
Fill them to the very brim.
He will honor all your trusting,
Leave the miracle to Him.

Bring to Christ your loaves and fishes
Tho' they be both few and small,
He will use the weakest vessels,
Give to Him your little all;
Do you ask how many thousands
Can be fed with food so slim?
Let it have the Master's blessing,
Leave the miracle to Him.

Oh, ye Christians, learn the lesson! Are you struggling all the way? Cease your trying, change to trusting, Then you'll triumph every day. Whatso'er He bids you, do it, Fill the water pots to brim, And remember, 'tis He does it, Leave the miracle to Him.

Christian workers looking forward
To the ripeace harvest-field,
Does the task seem great before you,
Think you rich will be the yield!
Bravely enter with your Master
Though the prospect may seem dim,
Preach the word with holy fervor,
Leave the miracle to Him.

Thirty years ago Dr. Timothy Richard (Baptist Missionary Society, England) first entered the City of Chingchau Fu, in Shantung, China. He was cursed and jeered as a "red-haired devil" by the people of the town, and with the greatest difficulty secured a place to stay, because his arrival was felt to place the whole city in jeopardy. In July of this year he came up from Shanghai to visit the same city. The city authorities showed him every attention; several mandarins met him to do him honor on his arrival, while the common people spoke of him as "the Venerable Prince." The reason of this change is not that Dr. Richard's hair has grown white in the meantime. Nor is it that China has changed so much. The reason is that many leading Chinese know that the missionary loves their country and that the urgency of his appeals for reform is wise and necessary. So some fifty educated Chinese officials were willing to sit in conference with him and leading Chinese Christians for three days to discuss what will best secure the prosperity of China, and to listen to stirring addresses championing Jesus Christ as the leader China needs to follow. The series of meetings as well as the character of the audience attending them was wonderful.

A missionary of the Presbyterian Church (South) in China says that many of the Chinese government and private schools new close on Sunday—not to keep the Sabbath holy, but because they see, as some of our own people do not, man's need of a rest day.—Bureau of Missions.

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S GIFT TO MISSIONS.

When the announcement was made, some weeks ago that a gift of 10,000 taels (£1,400) had been made by the Empress Dowager of China to the funds of the new Union Medical College at Pekin, the news was received with some incredulity. The fact has now been confirmed by Dr. Cochrane, who gives an interesting account of the circumstances leading up to this munificent gift. It appears that the suggestion of appealing to the Empress was first made by the British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, who has taken a warm interest in the whole scheme and has himself given 1,000 taels to the fund. With the aid of a friendly Chinese official. a statement of the aims and needs of the medical college was carefully drawn up. This was sent to Prince Ch'ing, with a covering letter from Sir Ernest, asking that the matter might be brought before the notice of the Empress, and vouching for the worthiness of the object. The result was a check for 10,000 taels.

Dr. Cochrane ascribes the success of the appeal largely to the fact that the medical mission has for many years rendered occasional service to the officials of the palace. The head eunuch, whose pewer is very great, is on friendly terms with the mission, and promised to use his influence if an opportunity offered. It need hardly be said that the missionaries are profoundly thankful, not only for the gift itself, but for the indications which it suggests of a changed attitude on the part of the Empress toward missionary work and for the influence which such an example will exert in efficial circles throughout the empire.—The Chronicle.



DR. SMITH'S HOSPITAL, YELLAMANCHILLI F.M.B.

MEDICAL WORK IN YELLAMANCHILI.

T was thought that medical work would this year be crowded out by press of other work but it would not suffer itself to be laid aside. When patients came in from distances of fifty or a hundred or two hundred miles and quietly announced that they had come for treatment and were prepared to wait for it, we found it impossible to dismiss them, so with a prayer for more grace we undertook their treatment.

One Brahman widow of about sixty started to walk from Nundoor, forty miles, to be treated for cataract. Some one gave her a ride part of the way in an ox-cart. When she arrived she had no money for medicine or for food, and no friends to attend to her cooking. I said "You must be waited on fer at least five days and fed by some one. You will not allow those of other castes to attend you, what will you do?" "Sir, I am at your feet. I have neither relative nor friend who cares for me. I am like a stalk of rice alone in the jungle. I am prepared to fast for a week but I will not go away without receiving sight at your hands." Finally she consented to take milk if we provided it, so the operation was performed and was under God's blessing successful. She spent the time under a native veranda. None of her caste people gave her money for food, (as she was a widow they should not prepare and give her food.) One man was sufficiently interested in her to come daily for

milk, and she made no complaint of the diet. At the end of five days her bandages were removed and she saw the face of the missionary who had been telling her of God's great love in Jesus Christ. "It is an angel's face," she said, not having before seen the face of a white man. "Only the face of one of God's children, mother, who bears His message to you." "God is love." "He has restored your sight but He sent you here to have the eyes of your soul opened to see His beauty and His love." So she returned rejoicing, with the message in her heart.

The number of in-patients was fifty-eight, most of them surgical cases. Thirty-four major operations and thirty-three minor ones were performed, beside the lancing of many abscesses and the extraction of 813 teeth. Thus instead of the light year anticipated we had an aggregate of 5,547 treatments to 3,023 people. To most of these and to their friends or relatives who brought them the message of salvation was faithfully presented. Eternity alone can reveal the result of the bearing of the message by these people to their homes, many of them in regions where the Word is not preached.

One patient and his wife, Sudras, were converted and baptized. As he sat in the hospital one day a Brahman asked him. "Who are you? Where are you from? Why have you come so far?" (200 miles). The prompt reply was, "I came seeking relief from the ills of my body, but

I have found Jesus Christ, a healer from the sins of my soul."

Some Brahmans who had brought a relative for treatment asked when leaving, "What makes you and your helpers patient with them? You are not people of pride and anger as we are." "Oh," said we, "This love we show is not ours, but His who saved us and sent us here to help Him save you." And they said. "What wonderful love?" "What a wonderful God!" And we believe they meant it.

We close the year very conscious of our imperfect service, and asking Him to fit us for greater usefulness, and to bless our efforts to magnify His name.—E. G. SMITH, The Canadian Baptist.

A MEMORABLE DAY AT PITHAPURAM.

HE 12th of March, 1874, is a day to be long remembered, for it was then that the Rev. John and Mrs. McLaurin arrived in Cocanada to inaugurate the work of our Canadian Baptist Mission among the Telugus.

The 11th of March, 1905, (the exact anniversary day being Sunday was avoided), will henceforth be another memorable day, since it was signalized by the laying of the corner stone of the new Memorial Hospital which Dr. Smith is erecting at Pithapuram. While the former date is notable as making the beginning of our effort as a separate mission, the latter date is memorable for the establishment of one of the greatest institutions connected with Canadian Baptist missionary enterprise.

The company that gathered to witness the ceremony was a varied one. There were coolies employed in the building operations, natives of high caste and low caste, native helpers of our mission and a goodly number of our missionary staff. To one and all it was a joyful occasion.

The hymn "How firm a foundation," was sung, appropriate passages of scripture read by the writer and prayer offered by Bro. R. E. Smith, invoking the blessing of God on this new enterprise.

Bro. Craig, speaking first in English and then in Telugu, showed how large a place the ministry of healing had in the life of the Lord Jesus, and how it exhibited His love and sympathy. Through this hospital something of that love would be shown, many coming fer healing of their bodily sicknesses would come to the Great

Physician and be healed of their soul's sickness. Thus this enterprise would prove a great blessing not only to Pithapuram, but to all the surrounding country as well.

Pastor Cornelius, of Pithapuram, then led in singing the much prized Telugu hymn, "Devuni prema idigo." ("Behold the love of God.")

After the depositing of a glass jar containing a brief record of the work up to this time, and a copy each of the Ravi and The Canadian Baptist, Dr. Smith called upon Mrs. Craig to lay the corner stone.

When the stone was "well and truly laid," Mrs. Craig expressed the great pleasure the occasion afforded her and her appreciation of the honor of being invited to lay the corner stone of this Memorial Hospital. She contrasted the growth and expansion of to-day with the day of smaller things when she first came to India nearly twenty years ago. This new enterprise is one of the most notable signs of expansion in the work entrusted to us.

Mr. Subra Manyam, a preacher of Cocanada, spoke a few appreciative words, after which Dr. Smith closed the service with the benediction.

The new hospital will occupy a beautiful situation on a rising ground just outside the large town of Pithapuram, and will become a great centre for medical work, and through this an instrument of tremendous potency in breaking down superstition and winning a way for the Gospel. There has been evident a growing appreciation of the greatvalue of medical missionary work, and we all rejoice in seeing the work advancing and in having one so admirably qualified as Dr. Smith to lead in this great enterprise.—A. A. Scott, Canadian Baptist.

A farmer in northern India lost his crops through drought; he was starving, and moreover he was attacked by leprosy. He lost heart, left his little bit of land, and became a beggar. Wandering into Allahabad he was taken to a leper asylum. There he heard for the first time of Jesus Christ, began to read the Bible, and found in it supply for a long list of needs. The British and Fereign Bible Society has now received from this broken down, leprous farmer a thank-offering of four rupees (\$1.20,) which the man saved for the purpose, steadfastly followed through months, by eating a part only of each day's ration.

Our Work Abroad.

LETTER FROM MISS HATCH.

RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

My DEAR MRS. PORTER :

I have been on tour for about a month, taking Dora and Papamma for part of the time, and Dora and Sarah for another part of the time. We saw 28 different villages, some of them several times, and three of these were villages I had never visited before, one being one that had been visited frequently by Mary and which I had never been able to see before. Now I easily reached it on my bicycle. I say easily, but that is only a comparative term, it was easier than walking the whole six miles to go on my bicycle, even though I had to carry my umbrella when on the bicycle and though I had to walk about a third of the way trying to wheel my bicycle through the sand sometimes, and carry my umbrella besides. Just as we entered the village, a Kapoo who had met me before in R. at some of his relation's houses, met us and conducted us to his home where we had a very good time. Afterwards we addressed a large crowd of women from the pillared verandah of another large house. Then we spoke in the Malapilly, found a sort of priest there who could read, who was very much interested in our message. We gave him a portion of Scripture and came away. One other new village was where the son of Seetamma our old friend, had gone to be Munsiff. This gentleman had often been to see me, is a very intelligent man, an exceptionally good student of geography and has been intensely interested in my account of my voyage around the world, and in the views I have. There are so few here who know that there is even such a country as Canada, that it is quite a pleasure to meet some one who asks if you have seen Lake Superior, or if you have seen Toronto. I was pretty sure of a kind welcome from this friend, but was hardly prepared for the almost overwhelming attention he showed us. asking those coming in the paths, we found our way to the village, about one and a half miles from the canal, and of course every one could tell us which was the Munsiff's house, just at the other end of the town. We entered a large tiled house and seats were brought us. The Munsiff's wife and sister were there, whom I knew, and then the Munsiff came, saying what honor we had done him by coming and so on.

I talked with him a little and then said I would like a talk to the women, so he disappeared and women and children came and filled the large court room. We stayed a long time till the sun began to be very hot.

We taught a large number of children some verses, and gave them the S. S. picture cards, kind people sent us from home, then we gave some Scripture portions to the school teacher, who came in and to some of the older ones, who could read.

The Munsiff met us at the door as we were leaving and presented me with a little parcel of light sugar (this is supposed to be a very dainty present), and a barber man was told to accompany me to the boat, with a shining brass vessel of rich milk and a handful of eggs.

I told him we did not expect any of these things, but he wanted to show his appreciation of my coming and then he and many of the townspeople accompanied us to the other side of the town. On the way we were stopped by a blind woman who wanted me to open her eyes. I saw she had cataract and so told her to come to R. and then our dector would remove it. Then we passed a tank of most beautiful, deep rose color and white water-lilies. As I happened to admire them some of the men near were at once ordered to go into the tank and gather some for me.

They were very beautiful and decorated my cabin for the rest of that day, Further on we met a leper and I stopped and asked about him. They said he was a poor man, I told them to send him to us and the Munsiff said he would.

Leaving the Munsiff at the tewn we reached the boat a little before 12. Hearing later that a village I had long wanted to see, where two of our Christians were struggling to teach a school was just beyond this Munsiff's village, only a couple of furlongs off, one told us, and another said, oh, it was no distance, only two baruloo (two stretches of the arms.) It lay between two canals and I had always found it too far from the other canal, so decided to go from this. Then again the Munsiff met us just as we entered the village. We didn't know the way at all and it is so easy to go out of our way in crossing these fields along the ridge paths, but Sarah said as we started out "He says, 'I am the way,' so we need have no fear." And true enough a guide was given us, for the Munsiff himself

offered to show us the way, and took us across the fields and over the little canals with their rickety logs, slippery with the morning dew and hard for us with shoes, but easy for their bare feet. Over these our friend kindly conducted us with his staff and left us only when we reached the village over a mile beyond.

We found the Christian teachers, man and wife, delighted to see us. It was rather amusing to be told it was really nearer the other canal and on that side we might have come half way by bicycle. After being to a village, we may know how far away it is, but there seems to be no way of finding out otherwise, as the people give such contradictory statements.

On our way back, our friend again met us and told us to rest a little. He brought out some views he had bought, but there were no names on them. I recognized two or three as Paris views and told them I thought they were all Parisian. Then the Brahmin Kernam, (the other one official of the town), was brought by the Munsiff and introduced, and then both accompanied us far on our way.

Do not think, dear Mrs. Porter, that this is our usual honorable reception in a new village. It is because it is an exception that I have written so fully about it.

We are sometimes greatly feared, or treated with supreme indifference, if not scorn and at such times we have had to whisper to ourselves. "He bore so much more, infinitely so much more for us,"

You will not forget to pray for us continually, and to ask all your readers to do so.

Yours sincerely,

S. I. HATCH.

Our Work at Home.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board was held Friday, May 12th, Mrs. Firstbrook presiding. Eighteen were present. Mrs. Jas. Wood, of Peterboro, meeting with the Board for the first time. It was a great pleasure to have Mrs. Stillwell and Miss McLeod present.

A very hearty invitation from the Waterford Circle and Church for the Convention to meet there in November was accepted.

The Committee to revise the Constitution presented a full report. All of the amendments were agreed to by the members of the Board.

Miss McLeod asked to be allowed to return to India at the same time and by the same route as Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell. This was unanimously granted.

A very interesting letter was read from Miss Baskerville, whom we are glad to say is slowly regaining strength after her very severe illness.

A. MOYLE,

Rec. Sec.

ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—The Women's Circles will hold their annual meeting at Arnprior, on Wednesday, June 21st. An interesting programme is being prepared. We hope all Circles and Bands in this Association will send delegates, and churches where no Circle exists, are earnestly requested to send representatives. The programme will appear later in the Baptist.

ANNIE M. KELLOCK,

Directress.

Guelph.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands of Guelph Association will be held in Hillsburg, on Wednesday, June 7th. Circles and Bands are expected to send delegates, and churches in which there are no Circles are requested to send representatives. Program will appear in the Baptist.

A. M. Evans, Director.

OWEN SOUND.—The annual meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands will be held at Flesherton, June 14th. Reports will be received from each Circle and Band in the Association. Representatives are invited from churches where there is no Circle. A large attendance of the women of the Circles is hoped for.

MRS. JAS. WALKER, Director

PETERBORO'.—The annual meeting of Mission Circles and Bands will be held at Indian River on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 20th, opening at one o'clock sharp. All churches please send delegates, and delegates bring reports from Circles and Bands of the work done during the past year.

Annie Walton, Director

The Mission Circles and Bands of the Walkerton Association will hold their annual meeting in Atwood, Wednesday. June 7th, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Will all the Circles and Bands kindly send delegates.

Annie McDougall,

Director.

NORTHERN.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held in Burk's Falls, on Thursday, June 22nd, afternoon and evening. A good program is being prepared. Will every Circle and Band kindly send delegates.

R. Cummer, Director.

TORONTO.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands of the Toronto Association will be held at York Mills, on Friday, June 9th, at ten o'clock. Mrs. Stillwell will give an address, "A Day in India." Each Circle and Band is requested to send delegates.

E. H. SHENSTONE.
Director.

Norfolk.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held in Simooe on June 13th. A large attendance is hoped for. Morning services at 10.30.

MARY E. DAVIS, Director.

WESTERN.—The Programme Committee have changed the date of our meeting from 13th to 6 June. Will all Circles and Bands kindly take notice.

JANE RITCHIE, Director.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands will be held in Simcoe, on June 13th, morning session opens at 10.30. Miss Tapscott, Toronto, will be one of the speakers at evening session. A very interesting, and we hope profitable programme, is in course of preparation. A full attendance is requested.

MARY E. DAVIS, Director.

Oxford, Brant.—The Circles and Bands of this Association will meet on Wednesday, June 7th, with the First Church, Woodstock. Will the Secretaries of Circles and Bands not forget the one minute report for the pan. session. Try to give some helpful thought or suggestion, and delegates come prepared to record for future reference everything you can use. The programme has been planned to make the meetings inspiring. Come praying that they may be so. The following will give addresses: Mrs. Stringham, Woodstock; Mrs. Saunders, Scotland; Mrs. Cameron, Norwich; Mrs. Walker, Burgessville; Mrs. Graham, Brantford.

LENNIE M. GRAY, Director.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

ORILLIA.—On Thursday, Aprtl 13th, 1905, our Mission Circle held its annual Thank-offering meeting and we are pleased to report, that those

present felt that a more inspiring and helpful meeting had never been held by our Circle.

The meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. Dayfoot, and we were glad to see on the platform with her our Honorary President, Mrs. Taylor, the oldest member of our Circle and Church. After the opening exercises an interesting reading, "Margaret's Missionary Easter," was given by Miss Lee; Mrs. Koffend then gave the address of the evening on " Preparations for Christian Work." This particularly was much enjoyed, and heartily appreciated by all. The collection was then taken up, amounting to \$14.30. Miss Saunders returned thanks. Another reading was given by Mrs. Smith, "A Single Head of Wheat," after which light refreshments were served, and the meeting closed by singing, "Blest be the tie that binds.

> (Mrs.) J. E. MAYNARD, Secretary.

SCOTLAND. - Our Thank-offering held in November, brought its usual share of blessing. After a hearty season of devotional exercises led by the President, Mrs. B. Smith, a short program added interest to the hour. Miss Alice Merritt read a paper on "Getting a Vision." Mrs. Malcolm sang. Mrs. C. Stewart spread a banquet of thoughts on "He that provideth not for his own," and Mrs. (Rev.) Saunders gave an address on "The Widow's Mite." Then came the offerings, each headed with telling Scriptural The Circle has adopted a system of "anticipation." For weeks previous to this annual event they begin to lay aside so that the event is made enthusiastic instead of apologetic by greenbacks instead of dimes. All counted, our receipts were \$30.80. The Circle is small but growing and hopes to do larger things for the future.

MRS. FRED MALCOLM. Secretary,

TORONTO, MEMORIAL CIRCLE, — The annual Thank-offering meeting was held April 27th. After the opening exercises Rev. H. E. Stillwell gave an interesting address on "The Women of India, The widows of India, how they are tortured until many of them die from ill treatment." Mrs. Gillies, Miss Strickland and Mr, Creswell favored us with solos. No one went away unblessed. Mrs. Stillwell, the daughter of A. V. Tympany, one of our first missionaries, was also present. May the God of all grace keep them safe until they hear the "Well done." The proceeds amounted to \$10, to be given to the Bungalow Fund.

R. HAMPTON, President.

OTTAWA.—The W. F. M. Circle of the First Church, held a social on Friday evening, April 7th, in the Church Parlors. A very enjoyable time was spent and the following programme was rendered. A brief, but very interesting lecture on "Origin and Effects of Christian. Missions in Japan" by our Pastor, Rev. A. A. Cameron, a piane solo by Miss Schryer, vocal duet by Miss Smart and Mr. Cars, trio by Miss Mainguy, Miss Meadows and Mrs. Lamb. A collection was taken amounting to \$12.00, and the "Bungalow Fund" being completed, this amount is to be divided between the "Akidu Girls' School" and "Miss Murray's Tent." Refreshments were served at the close.

(MRS.) G. M. NUNN,

Secretary.

Forestville. — A Circle was organized by Mrs. D. Catchpole, at the Parsonage on January 13th, with twelve members. We have thirty members at present. Our Circle has taken a departure from the general rule of Circles as we include the young men amongst our number. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. D. Catchpole; Vice. Pres., Mr. John Cook; Sec.-Treas., Stanley Heath. The meetings are very interesting as all the members are willing to help in any way they can and are very faithful in attendance.

STANLEY HEATH, Secretary.

MILBERTA, NEW ONTARIO. — On Tuesday. afternoon, March 14th, a group of ten women met at the home of Mrs. John Newton, at the call of Mrs Wm. Peer, and organized a Women's Home and Fereign Mission Circle. Our Circle opened with eight members giving a monthly fee of ten cents; members to meet on the first Wednesday of each month. President, Mrs. John Newton; Vice-President, Mrs. Ed. Pearse; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Dudgeon; Collector, Miss L. M. Jones; Agent for Link and Visitor, Mrs. S. Hansuld. Pray that this, the second Circle in the Temiscaming district, may grow and become fruitful.

Toronto, Beverley St. — The semi-annual open session of the Woman's Mission Circle of Beverley St., was held in the S. S. hall of the church, on Wednesday, April 26th, President, Mrs. Mimms, in the chair. After the opening exercises, Mrs. Firstbroek, of Jarvist St., gave a very interesting talk on "Home Missions," and a very helpful talk on "Foreign Missions, was given by Mrs. Lloyd, of Walmer Road. These two very instructive addresses were followed by a missionary recitation by Miss Crabtree, a solo by Mrs. McKay, s member of the choir, and a dialogue by the Misses Cornish. Retreshments were served at the close, and a very social time spent. The offering amounted to \$5.65.

E. SINCLAIR, Secretary.

KINGSVILLE.—The Mission Circle of Kingsville Church held its Annual Thank-offering meeting en Tuesday evening, March 28th. The pastor, Mr. Gregory, took the chair and a good program was rendered consisting of singing, recitations, readings and an address on North-West Missions by the pastor. The offering amounted to \$8.75, of which \$3.50 was sent to Foreign Missions.

BERTHA PALIMER, Sec.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands will be held at Coaticook, Tuesday afternoon and evening, June 13th. A good programme is being prepared. It is hoped that a large delegation will bepresent. Bands are specially requested to send delegates this year.

PRISCILLA M. CHANDLER,

Director.

NEWS FROM EASTERN CIRCLES.

MONTREAL.—The Thank-offering service of the Olivet Mission Circle was held on Feb. 21st, in the evening. The meetings are usually held in the afternoon, but this year the hour had been changed, thinking there would probably be a larger attendance if held at night. There was not very much improvement however, as not many were there who do not usually come. Our attendance was forty-four. The meeting was opened in the usual way, with singing, reading of Scripture and prayer, also the reading and acceptance of the Minutes of last meeting and the Reports. Mrs. Hugman sang a solo which was very much enjoyed. Mrs. Moodie gave a very interesting address, principally of her experiences when travelling in Japan. This was of special interest to the members of the Circle, as one or more papers on Japan are read at each of the meetings this year. A duet was sung by Mrs. Hugman and Miss Patterson and was very much appreciated. The thank-offering basket was then brought forward, the envelopes epened and texts read, the amount received was \$25.20, which was divided between Home and Foreign Missions. A few words were spoken by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Gilmour and the meeting closed with the doxology and prayer. After which refreshments were served and a short time spent in pleasant conversation.

ALICE LOUDON, Secretary.

NEWS FROM BANDS.

ORILLIA.—Our "Willing Workers" Mission Band has just completed a year's work, and the meetings are well attended and the interest unabated. The program for March was given entirely by boys, and was unusually good, It consisted of a recitation, a marching song by eight small boys; and four papers on India, by four large boys, all students of the Collegiate Institute, and also faithful and enthusiastic members of our Mission Band.

The April meeting was held in the evening, and was very profitable. There were two readings, two solos, and two choruses, also a very instructive chalk talk by Mr. Madill, on Bolivia. The program for the May meeting will be given entirely by girls, and the subject will be Japan, the geography, history, manners and customs, religion, and missions of that country.

We have a sewing class in connection with our Band; the girls meeting every alternate Friday evening to sew *for a sale, to be held in June; everything to be offered for sale will be made

out of one or more handkerchiefs.

Our President, Miss Decker, is very much in earnest, and gives herself heartily to the work. We have now a membership of forty.

E. GERTRUDE JACKSON, Secretary.

OWEN SOUND. - The Easter meeting of "Carey Mission Band," was one of unusual interest, the large attendance including besides the regular members, a number who were members in former years. After the devotional exercises were conducted and business transacted, a bright program followed, including songs by two little girls, Clara Komph and Ruby Lloyd, an instrumental duet by Ray McArthur and Irene Plante, and the "Glory Song," rendered by Miss Beatrice Kilbourn, the Band joining in the chorus. The crowning event was the presentation to the President, Miss Maughan, of a(foreign) Mission Band Life-membership Certificate, beautifully framed and accompanied by an address which was read by Ray McArthur. The Pastor, Rev. W. H. Cline was also present and spoke briefly, adding to the expression of esteem already conveyed to the beloved President. The presentation was a genuine surprise to Miss Maughan and that it was highly appreciated was evidenced by the President's response. That beautiful hymn, "Around the Throne of God in Heaven," was enthusiastically sung, the meeting closed with prayer by the Pastor. As a sequel home-made taffy was served.

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

Receipts from April 16th, 1905, to May 15th, 1905, (inclusive.)

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Beamsville, \$5.87; Wallaceburg, \$3.40; Burtch, \$5; Toronto, Jarvis St. \$100.90 Thank-offering, \$60 "Special" for Akidu), \$195.48; Dunnville, \$5.50; Peterboro, Murray St., \$7.50; Tupperville Union, for Dr. G. Hulet, \$6.25; Orangeville, \$7; Toronto, First Ave. (\$5" Special" for Akidu), \$15.50; St. Thoman, Centre St., \$13.18; Ridgetown, \$6.05; Brantford, Park, \$13.25; Langton, \$3; Hartford, \$4; Midland, \$4; First, Lobo, Thank-offering, \$3; Galt, \$4.80; Gladstone, \$12.95; Lakeshore, Calvary (\$25 for Bible-woman, \$14.50

on Life-membership), \$50.36; St. Thomas, Y.L. M.C., \$2; Hamilton, Wentworth, \$4.25; Aylmer (\$17.65 completing \$25 in memory of Mrs. Wm. Goff), \$19.65; Forestville, \$2.20; Belleville ("Special" for Dr. Chute, Akidu), \$10; Teeswater, \$3; Bethel, King, \$4; Bloomsburg, \$2; Simcoe, Y.L.M.C., \$5.25; Lakefield, \$4.62; York Mills, \$3.40; Courtland, Y.L.M.C., \$4; Durham, \$3.50; Lindsay, \$11.10; Dundas, \$6.50; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$7.85; Strathrey (\$1 for "Bungalow"), \$5; Waterford (\$1.65 for Lepers), \$18.70; Port Arthur, \$10.50; London, Adelaide St., \$11.80; Hamilton, Herkimer, \$5; Walkerton (self-denial offering), \$7.56; Port Hope, \$10.50; Fenelon Falls, \$12.25; Toronto, Elim, \$8; Brantford, First, for Miss McLeod, \$125; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$40.94; Bracebridge, \$3; Port Colborne, \$4; Delhi, \$4.05; Guelph, Trinity, \$2.15; Vittoria, for "Bungalow," \$7; Malahide and Bayham, \$5; Sprucedale (\$3.00 for "Bungalow"), \$4.30; Wiarton (\$5 for "Bungalow"), \$8.25. Total, \$752.41.

FROM BANDS. - Hamilton, Wentworth, for "Kedali Sarah," \$10,90; Petrolea (to make Miss Effie Polly a Life-member), \$10; Ingersoll, \$2.50; Delhi. for Dr. Gertrude Hulet, \$25; Forestville (\$1 for "Bungalow"), \$5; Bloomsburg, \$6; Durham, \$3.25; Toronto, Bloor St., \$4.96; St. Mary's, for "Chippala Ramamma," \$5.75; Toronto, First Ave., Y.L., ("Special" for Akidu), \$5: East Toronto, for "Nakka Yakobi," \$10; Iona Station, for "Thuluru Krupamma," \$12.47; Brantford, Shenstone Memorial, \$2.50; Baddow, \$6.50; Fullarton, \$10; Mount Brydges, for Student, \$17; London, Adelaide St., Sr. M. B. for preacher, \$12; Townsend Centre, for "Pendurti Davidu," \$8.50; Brantford, Calvary, for "Sadhi Lydia," \$10; Stratford, Boys' B., \$8.80; Strathroy, \$1.94; Paisley, for "Gudla Mary," \$17; Berlin, for "Ambati Dinamma," \$17; Boston, for "Degala Paul," \$7.50. Total, \$219.57.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Petrolea, Y.P. (to complete full Life-membership of Miss E. Polly), \$15; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brown, for "Velagapille Anamma," \$5; Mrs. R. W. Elliot (\$100 for Dr. G. Hulet, \$100 for Miss Corning), \$200. Total, \$220.00.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By Chique to General Treasurer. For Bungalow, \$600; for regular estimates, \$650.00; Extras: Lepers, \$17.64; Akidu "Special," \$85. Total, \$1,352.64.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—By 650 receipt postals, \$8. Total disbursements for month, \$1,360.64.

Total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1904, - \$5,945 18

Total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1904 \$7,268 21

EVA NASMITH,

Treasurer.

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

Youth's Department.

LITTLE GIRLS OF CHINA.

OMEBODY tells us that every third person in the world belongs to China, and that if you sat by a clock day and night, and all the Chinese could pass you one at a time as the clock ticked, it would be twelve years before the great procession passed by. So there must be more little girls in China than in any other country. Many girl babies are killed as soon as they are born because they are not boys. The most common prayer offered by a girl or woman is that she may be born over again and become a man. You all know about the way these little girls' feet are bound up so that they will never grow any more. Each Chinese mother thinks it a disgrace if this is not done. Such pitiful cries from the little sufferers make the missionaries so sorry for them. A grown-up lady in China has feet no larger than a five-year-old girl in Canada. Of course the little girls cannot run and play as you do. In every house you will see tablets set up where the little girls will go and pray to their grandmothers or grandfathers who are dead. They burn incense before these tablets in honor of the dead people. In Canton, one of China's great cities, many thousand people live on boats in the canals as there is no room for them on land. These little girls have a hollow gourd tied around their necks so if they fall overboard they will not drown. Rice is the principal food of China's girls, but they are fond of a cup of tea, too. Many of the poorer girls go in the tea gardens and pick tea leaves to sell in Canada. The homes of China's little girls are not like ours. They often have no windows, floors, or ceilings, are hot in summer, cold in winter, and dark all the year. Villages crowd close together, only a few minutes walk between them. Little girls are married very young, and go to live in the husband's home as slaves to his mother. She teaches them to cook and work but not to play. You would not like such a life! After the men finish their meal the women and girls have what is left. A rich little girl does not work so hard but is kept more closely in the house. One told a missionary that she hoped to be born as a dog next time so she could go where she pleased. Sometimes baby girls are sold to a man who carries them up and down the streets in two baskets on his shoulders, and tries to sell them

for a rew cents to some people who only have boys to be wives for them when they grow up. I have been reading some stories Chinese girls told to a missionary. These are their names, Luck, Speed, Gale, Gold Getter, Keepsake, Love, Herb, Tapestry and Treasure. Some of their lives had been very sad but after they learned to love Jesus Christ, they were happy. Let us remember to pray for China's little girls.

SISTER BELLE.

Ottawa, May, 1905.

HOW CHINESE CHILDREN LEARN TO WOR-SHIP IDOLS.

A missionary in China writes: "Come, and I will take you to one of their great, gloomy temples, not on Sunday—for there is no Sunday or day of rest in China—but on the first or the fifteenth of the month, for these are the dates upon which people usually visit the temples.

"We must go up a flight of wide stone steps at the entrance, and as we enter we shall see two tall images with very ugly faces and brilliantly painted coats, which are called 'Guardians of the Gate.'

"The mothers bring their little children forward and teach them to clasp their hands and bow down, knocking their heads to the ground as they worship the senseless idol! If it is the first time, the children are afraid, and sometimes say, 'I can't do it; I shall never do it.' Then they watch closely while their mothers once more show them how it is done. Afterward they are sometimes rewarded with little presents which they are told have been given them by the idol. But if they are terrified and afraid to worship, they are told stories of the terrible things that happen to people who do not ask for the protection of these ugly idols."—Selected.

If you are not in pressing want, give something, and you will be no poorer for it. Grudge not, fear not; lend unto the Lord, and He will surely repay. Give in preportion to your substance. Open your eyes, your heart, your hand.

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 JUNE—"Bimlipatam. That the ladies at Bimli Station may be granted wisdom and power in the work and may lean hard on Jesus; for Somalingam and native Christians; for Associational gatherings and Home Missions.

RESURGAM

By ROBERT W. CHAMBERS.

Thou hast been our dwelling-place
Before the mountains were brought forth,
In grace unveil Thy face
On that dark Empire in the north
Where Earth and Hell are one.

Once, guiltless, thy bagotten So
Descended through the viewless deeps:—
Who can'st Thou send to rend

That snowy hell the White Czar keeps Guarded by Goth and Hun?

Flame-forged Guns of the Rising Sun, Out of the East your red rays fling! Banzai! Thy will be done Upon these still-born, soulless things That crucify Thy Son!

Uplift ye, Everlasting Gates!
Doom marches with the Dawn, nor waits
Till the Red Romanoff's slough off
And the World's wound abates.
The Sun's long lances, dripping red,
Slanting, advance, glance, and advance
Over the snows where the bedded dead
Died by the Cossack lance.

Be swift! Uplift your heads, O Gates!
For lo! the King of Glory waits.
O Gates, close barred since Time has been,
The King of Glory shall come in!
——Saturday Evening Post

NOTES FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Round the sea-girt shores of our Island Province the winds of the past winter have howled with more than their usual violence and the snowdrifts have heaped themselves together in a manner unknown to the eldest residents, making the roads impassable, and the holding of meetings, especially in rural districts, well-nigh impossible at least for several months past.

But the storm-king has stayed his hand, the long winter so emblematic of death has flown, gentle spring has come; and the roets and buds so snugly wrapped in their snowy blankets have now an opportunity to burst forth in their new garb after their sleep of months.

So, we trust, it may be with work in our societies; so it will be, if we, as individuals, have kept the work alive in our hearts, if the altar fires have been kept burning, our work will blossom out as do the trees after their season of rest. There is a sowing time and a resting time; a watering time and a reaping time. Have we diligently sown the seed and watered it with tears and prayers? If so our harvest is sure, our reaping time will come, for "He is faithful that hath promised."

In some parts of the Province, in the larger societies, meetings have been held with a fair degree of regularity and with more than ordinary interest. Several, we are pleased to report, have had additions to their numbers; and the greater number write hopefully of the year's work from a financial standpoint, in spite of their season of enforced inactivity, many of them not being able to hold a meeting since December last.

In this connection we have been cheered and blessed by one letter received, and cannot refrain from quoting a few sentences from it: "Our society is very small, only two members in it and we live 2½ miles apart. We met twice during the winter. Though small, the meetings were prefitable, I enjoyed them very much. The Good Shepherd is near even here, we are trying to keep the good work alive in our hearts. We have a pastor only four months in the year, but Jesus knows all about our trials, and blesses our feeble efforts to work for, and with Him."

God bless the writer of that letter and the struggling little society, God bless those brave, faithful workers who must fill the places of both officers and members; who must both take part

in the meeting and be part of the audience too. Surely it will be said of each one of them, "She hath done what she could." Think of it my sisters, many of you living in the city, perhaps, and yet cannot spare one hour a month to attend the Aid Meeting, or who do not open your mouths to make it interesting or help the work along. What a lesson many of us might learn from this little one in our midst? Let us thank God that the promise is not to the clever, but to the faithful ones.

Mrs. D. W. Crandall, County Secretary for Kings', writes: "In the Local society a very interesting public meeting was held in the autumn with 'Giving time, talents, money and prayers' for the subject. The mission study, following the outlines given in Dux Christus was begun in December; and will continue to occupy part of time of regular meetings. The study of missions in Japan has a peculiar interest just now, when the eyes of the world are turned toward that brave and progressive people. What soldiers they would make under King Jesus! Our society is hoping that during the summer we may have a visit from some of the missionaries home on furlough. It would do us good to look into their faces and clasp their hands. They are dear to us as we have read their letters and carried their work on our hearts, and in our petitions to the Throne of Grace."

Though thankful for what has been accomplished, the cry of the horseleach's daughter is still ours. We need more workers, more money and more prayers. Will the time ever come when Christian women in this Canada of ours will no longer need the injunction "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." May God, by His Spirit. make known to them the pure joy of service, and the blessings they lose by being merely idlers in the vineyard of the master.

A. A. W.

THE MEASURING ROD

DREAMED that I was on my way to school, when suddenly I noticed a great crowd upon the green. People were hurrying to and fro, and when I asked what all this commotion was about, a girl said, "Why, don't you know? It's measuring day, and the Lord's angel has come to see how much our souls have grown since last measuring day."

"Measuring day," said I, "measuring souls! I never heard of such a thing," and began to ask questions; but the girl hurried on, and after a while I let myself be pressed along with the crowd to the green.

There, in the centre, on a kind of a throne under the great elm, was the most glorious and beautiful being I ever saw. He had white wings; his clothes were a strange shining sort of white. he had the kindest, yet most serious face I had ever beheld. By his side was a tall golden rod fastened upright in the ground, with curious marks at regular intervals.

Over it, on a golden scroll, were the words, "The measure of the stature of a perfect man." The angel held in his hand a large book, in which he wrote the measurements as the people came upon the calling of their names in regular The instant each one touched the golden measure a most wonderful thing happened. No one could escape the terrible accuracy of that strange rod. Each one shrank from, or increased to his true dimensions -his spiritual dimensions as I soon learned, for it was an index of the soul's growth which was shown in this mysterious way, so that even we could see with our eyes what otherwise the angel alone could have perceived.

The first few who were measured after I came I did not know, but soon the name Elizabeth Darrow was called. She is the president of the Aid for the Destitute Society, you know, and she manages ever so many other societies too, and I thought, "Surely Mrs. Darrow's measure will be very high indeed." But as she stood by the rod, the instant she touched it she seemed to grow shorter and shorter, and the angel's face grew very serious as he said, "This would be a soul of high stature, if only the zeal for outside wark which can be seen of men, had not checked the lowly, secret graces of humility and trust and patience under little trials. These, too, are needed for perfect soul-growth."

The next was Lilian Edgar, who dresses so beautifully that I have often wished I had such clothes and se much money. The angel looked sadly at her measure, for it was very low, so low that Lilian turned pale as death, and her beautiful clothing no one noticed at all, for they were quite overshadowed by the glittering robes beside her. And the angel said in a solemn tone: "Oh, child, why take thoughts for raiment. Let your adorning be not outward adorning of putting on of apparel, but let it be the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price. Thus only can you grow _ike the master."

Old Jerry, the cobbler, came next—poor, old, clumsy Jerry—but as he hobbled up the steps, the angel's face fairly blazed with light, and he smiled on him and led him to the rod. And behold! Jerry's measure was higher than any of the others. The angel's voice rang out so loud and clear, that we all heard it saying: "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Whosover shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

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And then, oh my name came next! I trembled so that I could hardly reach the angel, but he put his arm around me and helped me to stand by the rod. As soon as I touched it, I felt myself growing shorter and shorter, and though I stretched and stretched and strained every nerve to be as tall as possible, I could only reach Lilian's mark—Lilian's, the lowest of all. I grew crimson with shame, and whispered to the angel: "Oh, give me another chance before you mark me in the book so low as this! Tell me how to grow! I will do it all so gladly only de not put this mark down!"

The angel shook his head sadly: "The record must go down as it is my child. May it be higher when I next come! This rule will help thee: 'Whatsoever thou doest, do it heartily as to the Lord, in singleness of heart as unto Christ.' The same earnestness which thou throwest into other things, will, with Christ's help, make thee grow in grace."

And with that I burst into tears, and I suddenly awoke and found myself crying. But, Oh! I shall never forget that dream! I was so ashamed of my mark.—Farmers' Advocate.

EXTRACTS FROM A MISSIONARY'S LETTER.

In one of the Christmas boxes sent to India were some dried Nova Scotia beans. The extract tells the rest of the story. "Saturday night and Sunday morning we had baked beans, and how good they were! But we had a great struggle to get them baked. The first time, we gave them to the cook with careful orders what to do. They came on the table at breakfast white as wax and hard as bullets, but the skin carefully taken off of each one. He had not soaked them at all, just boiled them about as long as he did the potatoes and peeled them carefully. When we remonstrated, he informed us with a superior smile that they would not be good our way. That is one of the times when special grace is needed. Then I decided to cook them myself.

You could not think of using pork in this country, but we told the cook to corn a piece of beef and explained why we wanted it. I picked out a nice piece and gave it to him, which he put away without a bit of salt. When I got this soaked and parboiled and called for the beef, he brought it along half rotten. He admitted that he understood my order, but still smiling informed me that if he had salted it, it would have made the beans too salt. I suppose his real reason was he planned to have it for his curry. Well, there was nothing for me to do but put in a piece of fresh beef. Then we had the pans of fire brought to the verandah where we could watch them bake, It took more charcoal than we would have used in three days for ordinary cooking and constant fighting with the servants to have them left alone. The butler really thought by the time they were done that I was hopelessly insane. He never heard of cooking anything so long before and did his best to rescue them by taking them off as soon as my back was turned. I finally told him we would discharge him if he dared touch the pan again. Talk about servants!!! But the beans were quite like home beans and more than paid for the trouble. I am going to bake some more and invite all the missionaries to dinner."

"We went to Ramachandrapuram and had a great day. Left here at sunset; it was lovely on the boat and we stayed on the roof till too sleepy to keep up. Got in at 5.30 in the morning and walked two miles to the mission house. After chotah we went to the leper asylum and saw all the work there. It is a remarkable sight. Some of the cases of course, are very bad. One woman's hands and feet were gone. A bright boy is there who has no ulcers yet, but his face is covered with the white spots. There are nearly a hundred there, men, women and children. A great number have been converted since entering the home, and fifteen are waiting for baptism now. Only one or two can read or write, but they have learned a lot of hymns and sing well, also recite a good many bible verses. After breakfast the Raja (which means king) sent his carriage for us to visit his palace. It was well worth seeing. The house is two stories with two turrets from which there is a lovely view of the country for miles around. The grounds are beautifully laid out in gardens with walls and gateways etc. The whele is enclosed by high mud walls that appear from outside like an old fort. The rooms were furnished with English furniture and some good pictures. Upstairs was the Rani. She is a beautiful woman with a very gracious manner. She has no children and although her husband is very fond of her, they decided he must have another wife. The other wife had two girls and the dearest little boy I ever saw anywhere. They all have a very high bred air, but the second wife is second in every way. The Rani treats the children as if they were hers, and is first in importance. The Rani has a baby organ and they wanted me to play, but it was badly out of order. I told them if they would send it to me, I would have it fixed for them, and they were very much pleased.

On our way back we visited the Caste Girls' School. When we got to the house we found the Raja's servants there with a large bunch of passion flowers, roses and a bowl of native pickles. We left at 7.30 and got home in time for my first music lesson,"

W.B.M.U. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR QUARTER ENDING APRIL 80th, 1905

	eived from Nova Scotia W.M.A.S \$601.74 \$381. New Brunswick 255.42 215. P. E. Island 62.07 43. Mission Band Treasurer 286.28 54. Tidings 260.28 54. Reports Leaflets	10 470.51 43 105.50
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Paid	Foreign Mission Treasurer	\$2262.50
	North West and Man	495.00
**	Indian work	1.50.00
**	New Brunswick H. M	50.00
**	N. Scotia and P. E. Island H. M.	175.00
**	Printing Tidings	17.00
	" Leaflets	8.70
**	M. B. Life M. certificates	2,50
44	Postage M. B. Leaflets	
**	Drafts, Discounts, Postage	4.00
		2.94
		\$3097.64
	MARY SMITH	
	Treas, W.1	3. M. II.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BANDS AND S.S. FOR QUARTER ENDING APRIL 30, 1905

Amherst, May 1, 1905

Recei		**	New		S.S.	Bands		7.50	\$38.38 \$	7.50 56.95
Paid	ţo 	Mrs.	Smith "	for Fo	reigr	Miss Missi	ons.		\$	340.86 a86.a8 54.5 ⁸

By comparing statements with those of corresponding date of last year, we are compelled to report a decrease instead of an increase. This should not be, and as we enter the closing quarter of the year let us determine to do our best. May we not yet aim for \$2500 this year, only about \$177 more than last. With faith in God, accompanied by our best efforts, we can and will reach the goal.

T. J. CRADALL
Treas. Mission Bands.

Chipman, N.B.

JESUS, AS REGARDED BY A CELEBRATED BRAHMIN SCHOLAR AND WRITER.

"The adorable Iesus Christ was born in the hamlet of Bethlehem, situated in the well-known province of Palestine. The religion He preached is what is now called the Christian religion, and those who believe in and obey Jesus are called Christians. As we contemplate His unique moral beauty, incomparable wisdom and learning, His marvelous and mighty words, His spotless character, meek and loving spirit, His deeds of mercy and words of love, His mighty miracles wrought by Divine power, the heart refuses to admit that this Jesus is a mere man, but feels that He is Divine. By His wonderful works of love wrought for the help and the relief of the poor and needy, by His exquisitely tender sym-pathy with the afflicted, by the light, moral and spiritual, which He shed, by setting men free from the torment of sin and also from the thraldom of sin, by giving knowledge to the ignorant, both women and men, in simple terms that all could understand, Jesus had won for Himself a unique place (may we not say it?) in human hearts. He is a sea of beauty, a bottomless mine of moral and spiritual wealth, a store of mercy, an ocean of knowledge. If you will cast off all the fetters of superstition, and look upon Jesus with holy and earnest intentness, you can not but be fully persuaded to believe in His deity. His whole life was actively employed in doing good to others, in bettering the condition of the world, in making earth as heaven."

UPPER POINT-DE-BUTE.—The W. M. A. Society in connection with the Upper Point-de-Bute Baptist Church is still alive. Our meetings have been somewhat interrupted this winter owing to the stormy season. We held a social in December at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Tingley, the proceeds of which amounted to \$21, for Home Missions. One of our members, Mrs. Wm. Tingley, was presented with a Christmas present of a Life-membership Certificate of the Union, from her daughters.

MRS. VICTOR DIXON, Secretary.