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He might have reared a palace at a word
Who sometimes had not where to lay His head.
Time was when He who nourished crowds with bread
Would not one meal unto Himself afford.
Oh, wonderful the wonders left undone,
And scarce less wonderful than those He wrought!
Oh, self-restraint, surpassing human thought,
To have all power, yet be as having none!
Oh, self-denying love that thought alone
For needs of others, never for its own!"

—RICHARD C. TRENCH.

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WHAT THE MISSIONARY HAS DONE FOR INDIA.

The testimony of an Indian Christian leader, Prof. S. C. Mukerjee, who for some years has been Secretary of the All-Indian Christian Conference.

The Missionary has come to India at the bidding of his Lord and Master. He has been commanded to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded him. The Missionary has therefore a twofold function to discharge wherever he goes. He must teach and he must build. He must give to the people among whom he works the highest principles of Christianity—love to God and love to man—and build them up as fit citizens of the kingdom of heaven on earth. In obedience to the commission he has received from his Master he has to teach men their duty to God and to their fellow-men. The whole life of man, therefore, falls within his pur-view. Politics loses its narrow and exclusive meaning and anything that touches the life of man concerns him.

The Missionary has been working in South India for over 200 years, and for over a century in North India. During this time he has tried to give to the people of India the truest conception of God as it is in Jesus Christ, and that of their relation to their fellow-men.

Broadly speaking, the Missionary has taught them three great principles:

1. He has taught them liberty—i.e., freedom from the bondage of sin. He has devoted his life to free men from spiritual and moral slavery.

2. He has taught them equality—i.e., freedom from the bondage of man. He has taught them that slavery in any form whatsoever is inconsistent with the

highest teaching of Christianity. Social slavery, as we find it in the caste system, or political slavery, as we find it in the domination of one nation over another, is against the very spirit of Christianity, and the missionary is therefore continually waging a crusade against every form of slavery. "Self-determination"—whether in the life of an individual or a community or a nation—is the only possible consummation according to the highest principles of Christianity.

3. He has taught them fraternity. Diverse forces—such as Education; the English language as the common medium of communication; great facilities in travelling from one country to another; the great impact of Western civilization on the East; a body of uniform laws; great national institutions, such as the Indian National Congress, are in constant operation—bringing about a commingling of races in India. But the biggest force which has contributed towards the awakening of a sense of brotherhood among the different races in this country is the concrete presentation of the Cross, which is the highest symbol of self-sacrifice. Nothing has so much revolutionized human thought, and therefore human society, as the gradual realization of this great truth; that the real value of a man's life is determined by the amount of sacrifice he makes for his fellow-men.

True liberty lies not in domination but in service, not in self-assertion but in self-effacement. The Missionary has been teaching this great truth of the Cross—viz., the truth of crucifying the Self—since he has undertaken the task of evangelizing this country. He has, therefore, rendered a most signal service in making the innumerable classes of people in this country gradually realize that they are brothers in the sight of God, and must therefore bear one another's

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The Missionary has therefore played a very important part in the life of the people of India. He has touched their life at almost every stage. His colleges and schools are the great nurseries where he has the proud privilege of dealing with a nation in its infancy and adolescence. Here he has the great advantage of moulding the life and thought of a people in its most plastic state. He has proved himself to be the biggest educative factor.

The Missionary, again, has come into the closest possible contact with the masses—the depressed classes, the untouchables, and the Panchamas—and day by day he is trying to bring the sunshine of comfort and peace into their life. He has thereby proved himself to be the biggest elevating factor.

It may therefore be said in all fairness to the Missionary that he has been trying to discharge faithfully his twofold function of teaching and building.

If I have correctly described the part the Missionary has taken in moulding the life of the people of India, then it must be conceded that he has contributed a very fair amount in bringing about a transformed India. This transforming process has been slowly but steadily going on for one hundred and fifty years, and the Christian Missionary has played a very prominent part in it. He is therefore to a considerable extent responsible for the new era that is being ushered into India. He has had a big hand in creating the present situation. There is at the present moment a great unrest and discontentment prevailing in the country. This unrest and discontentment in India is the legitimate outcome of the educative process that has been going on all this time. The demand for self-gov-

ernment and self-determination is the necessary result of the gospel of liberty, equality and fraternity that has been preached to the people. Education is at first a disintegrating and disruptive and then a leveling force. It will not tolerate any form of slavery, whether spiritual or temporal. It will not tolerate the domination of one class or one race over another. The Brahmin and the Chandal, the Zemindar and the ryot, the capitalist and the laborer, the aristocrat and the democrat, the European and the Indian, must stand on a footing of absolute equality—provided there is ability and capacity on the part of each and both.

"Missionary Ammunition."

FROM THE TREASURER.

Elsewhere in the Link appears a very important announcement for Circle Treasurers. This notice applies equally well to Circle collectors, for as the Circle Treasurer's books close five days earlier this year than last, it will be necessary for them to get down to the task of gathering in those last slow-coming dollars, nearly a week earlier than hitherto.

We have not had a deficit in our Foreign work for many years. But our Bank account has never, to my knowledge, been as low as it is right now. I think, during the terrible heat of the past summer, many collectors were forced to postpone their quest of the missionary dollar, until a cooler season. However, if every Circle and Band Treasurer and Collector does her part thoughtfully and faithfully, and everybody gives promptly and generously, we need not have a deficit this year.

The new school buildings at Cocanada are arousing a great deal of interest and I know most of our Circles are planning to do something special for this work. So far, the receipts are rather disappointing, only a little over two hundred dollars having been sent in.

M. C. C.

OUR WORK ABROAD

DR. JESSIE ALLYN, PITHAPURAM.

Dr. Jessie Findlay and I are planning to take our holidays together in Darjeeling in August. This is the Telugu New Year's Day and our hospital work is very slack, but we have thought lately that the non-co-operation movement against the government has been affecting our dispensary work. Personally, I am glad that there are very capable Indian doctors practising English medicine in our town of Pithapuram, and I am glad to be able to give my time to the more serious cases and the surgery, which they cannot handle. Our best work is certainly done with the in-patients who remain and see and learn. Our statistics may appear smaller if the dispensary work drops off, but one in-patient with a month's teaching may mean more than a dozen of out-patients for the extension of the Kingdom of God in India.

A Revealing Function.

We attended a very interesting function this morning. As I said, this is the Telugu New Year's Day, and there was opened to-day a home for the poor by the Pithapur Rajah or Prince. The ceremony was at 8 a.m. The building is of a fair-sized Indian home, which is to be the temporary quarters. The centre room was well filled with the various officials of the estate, high school teachers, stationmaster, postmaster, etc. Most of these men are Brahmas, or pretend to be, that is, akin to Unitarians. Mr. Venkata Ratnam Naidu, M.A., performed the office of "minister," occupying the only seat in the room until we entered, when chairs were placed for Dr. Smith and us ladies. Prayers by the Naidu in English were interspersed with hymns of a Unitarian character sung in Telugu. His first prayer was entirely praise of the attributes of God; his second was praise for God's goodness to man; his third was a prayer acknowledging the new year, but not until his fourth did he make much petition, and this prayer was very

touching in its requests for the Rajah. He referred to them as "The Master and mistress of the house of which this small home for the poor is as one wing," and he spoke of such service offered to others as man's hope of salvation. However, to me it seemed that the meeting, in its quiet and order and its high conception of God and of service to man, was a long step in the right direction and far removed from the Hindu religious orgy. There was lacking the warm touch which the Christian has with God in its assurance, and directness, and petition seemed so markedly absent in the prayers.

I hope you will accept this as a quarterly report. I have not any figures to offer. The three months have been busy ones at the hospital and the next three promise to be busier. Already it is hot and so very dry on account of failure of rains last year.

Jessie M. Allyn.

—The Western Baptist

THOSE BOYS OF MINE.

Soon after my getting settled in Tuni, the school boys of the town began coming to beg for books. It seemed the wisest way to make them earn them in some way, and so Telugu text-cards were given them, and a small book to those who repeated the text perfectly. Also Saturday afternoon was chosen as their time to come, and slowly a Bible story and a hymn became part of their visit, and that class begun in much weakness, and when my command of Telugu was very limited, has gone on through the years, and become a very interesting part of my service. Among my Saturday boys, as they are called, all castes are represented, and most of them are school boys. Often as I have looked at them, a restless bunch of laddies sitting on my verandah floor, I have been reminded that human nature is the same the world over when one of them would pinch the other, or push to get the first place! And sometimes in those earlier years, some of

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them would even laugh in prayer time, but now we have very little of that, indeed some other boys could take a lesson from mine. Most of them enjoy the prayer time and will say with such relish, "Now we will pray," and if one of them laughs, the others will say, "He does not know any better, he is a new boy!" Those of earlier years are grown up and scattered, but many of them remember me, and when they come to Tunni, come to call. Sometimes I cannot recognize them at once, and as I look enquiringly at the young man he will say, "I used to be one of your Saturday boys," and at once we are introduced.

How many of these hearts have been awakened, we cannot say, but we know that His word is a living word. These boys are minors and have no liberty of conscience, but many of them love to read the Bible. A Braham lad who was a very persistent visitor and sometimes tried my patience much, became very interested in John's Gospel, and would sit on the verandah and read if I was busy, then we would read and pray together. Once as we rose from our knees I noticed a new look on his face, and so brightly he said: "Now I know that this is true, for as you prayed I saw Jesus right beside us." Satyam was not strong, and a few Sundays ago, while in church, a boy came to tell me that he was very ill and asking for me. I went several times to see him, and although he was too ill to talk, it seemed a great comfort to him to see me. The next Sunday he died, and to my heart came a real sense of loss, for he was one of my boys.

A few days after his death, the boy who was his special chum, and has a big place in my heart, came for a quiet talk, saying that he had asked Satyam to ask what were the benefits of Christianity. He listened so carefully as I told him of the loving purpose of God to bring us back into living relationship with Himself, and when I asked him if he did not love Jesus for dying for him, his eyes filled with tears and he said, "Yes I do, but what can I do, my parents do not like

me to talk these things at home." And that is the case with more than Narayanamoorti. One such said to Mrs. Smith one day, "Madam, we are in a dilemma." Some of them are learning to enjoy the sunsets, and the stars, and the clouds, with me, and I loved to hear one of them say so reverently, "What a great Creator!" This particular one is an orphan, and lives with his aunt. He attends the High School, and has just written on the Fourth Form exam. with every hope of passing. He is a dear laddie and loves to come just at sunset time and chat with me about worthwhile things.

Many things enter into our conversations, the subject of marriage, for instance. One day one of them was telling me the studies he enjoyed best in school. He changed the subject by saying "What do you think about my getting married? My father has written telling me they have chosen a wife for me, but I would rather wait until I have passed some more exams, I am only fourteen and the girl is only eight." I told him that we would think him far too young to even begin to think of marriage. Oh, the pity of it, that these laddies have to be distracted thus, and the after conditions are often so full of sorrow. Satyam was married three years ago, and that means another little girl widow.

Lately politics have been a live subject, for the non-co-operators have specialized on the school boys with bad results to their morals as well as to their studies, in many cases, and much wisdom is needed to meet the changing conditions. Poor Gunadharao was so influenced by them that he not only left school a short time before exams., but left his father's house as well, and for a time felt very proud of having entered their ranks. Just how he feels since he has found out that their promises do not hold good, I cannot say, for he does not come to see me now. We have an English Bible class on Sunday afternoons, which is one of my bright spots, and if some of my partners are wondering how to help me a little more, let me tell you that a few cheap Testa-

ments, or the money to buy them for these boys will be well worth while. The postcards and papers and Bible picture cards are such a help, and they are so fond of calendars. But dear partners, most of all we need your prayer help for these boys who are growing up to be the men of India.

Your loving friend,
Ellen Priest.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Owen Sound.

Held at Port Elgin, June 16th. In the absence of the President, Mrs. C. P. Day, the Director presided.

The meeting opened with singing, after which Mrs. George, of Port Elgin, led the devotional exercises.

Following this there were some encouraging reports from various Circles and Bands.

The Director's Report was presented by Mrs. Day, of which the following is a summary: Amount raised by Circles for Home Mission, \$665.11; for Foreign Missions, \$601.91; total \$1276.02. Amount raised by Mission Bands for Home Missions, \$64.75; for foreign Missions, \$59.75; total, \$124.50.

Miss Hamell, of Owen Sound, conducted a Mission Band Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee was then given by Mrs. Mason, of Hanover, Ont.

The following officers were elected:
Director—Mrs. C. P. Day, Leith.

President — Mrs. Treleaven, Owen Sound.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Elmwood, R. R. No. 4.

Asst. Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. Mason, Hanover.

We were then favored with a duett by Port Elgin ladies.

The claims of our papers, "Visitor and Link," were ably presented by Miss E. Dewar, Paisley, urging every member to become a subscriber.

A helpful question drawer was conducted by Miss Lottie Day, Owen Sound, on "Why am I working in a Young Wo-

men's Society," and the best method of work.

A letter was then read by Mrs. Day from our beloved missionary, Miss Day.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Holman.

The Association Fees from Circles and Bands amounted to twenty-two dollars.

Afternoon Session.

After devotional exercises Mrs. Ewald gave an address of welcome which was suitably replied to by Mrs. Mason, Hanover.

Mrs. Munro, of Warton, gave a splendid Scripture Lesson on Intercession.

Miss McLeish, missionary on furlough from India, made reference to Miss Day and her work in India. She gave a helpful address on conditions of work, difficulties, and superstitions among the people and emphasized the great need for more workers.

After a solo by Mrs. Walker, of Port Elgin, Mrs. C. J. Holman, Toronto, gave an address on Home Missions, bringing out the signal honor given to women in being the first to enter the work among the Foreigners in Western Canada. The great opportunity for Baptists was presented. She showed that Foreign Missions depend upon the success of Home Missions. Collection was then taken up which amounted to \$15.42.

Mrs. W. Fulton,
Sec.-Treas.

Ottawa:

The Annual meeting of the Circles and Bands in connection with the Ottawa Association met in the church at Vankleek Hill, Tuesday, June 21st. The afternoon session opened at 2 p.m. with Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, Directress, in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. McCallum, Vankleek Hill. Mrs. Adams, on behalf of the ladies of Vankleek Hill, welcomed the delegates. Miss Roy, Westboro, briefly replied.

Roll Call was responded to by 40 delegates from Circles and 7 from bands.

The Directress gave a concise and encouraging report of the year's work of

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Circles and Bands. Reports were received from 27 Circles and 16 Bands.

Amount raised by Circles and Bands for Foreign Missions \$2148.20. No. of Life Members for Foreign Missions 14; No. of Links taken 312.

The work of our Young Women's Circles was presented by Mrs. E. G. Blackader, Rockcliffe, who showed how very essential this work is in filling as it does the gap between the Band and Circle. Her report showed that the number of Circles had risen from 5 to 11 during the past year. She called on five young ladies interested in the work in their respective churches, and they in turn gave brief reports of their work and offered suggestions for the common good.

Our Band work was brought before us in a most interesting way by Miss Thompson, Thurso. Several articles of interest made by the Band of Hhurso church, were exhibited.

A general survey of Home Missions and its needs given by Mrs. McFaul, Ottawa, brought to our attention the opportunities we have for aggressive evangelistic work among the Roman Catholics.

Report of Slavic work was given by Mrs. McCaw; Foreign work by Mrs. Ramsay, Westmount; and the Parson Memorial Fund by Mrs. McGregor. These were followed with keen interest.

We were glad to have with us Miss McLeod. In a few words we were impressed anew with the needs of work in India, and of more earnest prayer.

Mrs. White, Ottawa, conducted the question drawer.

Evening Session

Opened with a song service, conducted by Rev. Newton, Vankleek Hill.

Mr. McTavish, Montreal, gave an illustrated lecture on Foreign Missions in India.

Officers Elected:

Directress—Mrs. H. J. Metcalfe, Ottawa.

1st Vice—Mrs. Richards, Westboro.

2nd. Vice—Mrs. Haskin, Ottawa.

Cor. Sec.—Miss Thomson, Thurso.

Rec. Sec. and Treas.—Mrs. J. C. Stuart,

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MRS. J. C. STUART, Sec.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

The Convention of the Home and Foreign Women's Societies of Ontario West will meet in the James St. Church, Hamilton, Wednesday and Thursday, November 9th and 10th.

Conference for Band Leaders and Directors will be held on Tuesday afternoon, the 8th.

Tuesday evening there will be a joint prayer meeting of the Boards.

Thursday will be Foreign Mission Day. See the inviting program given on another page.

Board meetings will be held on Friday, the 11th.

All Link agents should be at the Convention. There will be opportunity for Conference with the Superintendent of Agents.

Names of delegates who wish to be billeted should be sent to the Chairman of the Billeting Committee, Mrs. T. H. Wingham, 174 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton.

Circles are asked to complete all collections earlier than before. Treasurers should send all Foreign Mission money by October 15th to Miss Glenn H. Campbell, 113 Balmoral Ave., Toronto.

Delegates arriving by G. T. R. take a James south car and get off at Jackson St.

Those arriving C.P.R. and T. H. & B., just walk across the street to the church.

THE YOUNG WOMEN

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

I wonder if there lives a soul so dead that it does not care for a birthday party? and where does the dead line come in when you are too old to have a party? Some of us are happy that our horoscope is so favorable, and our birthdays come in the lovely month of June, which here on these hills also is the month of roses! What a lot of whispering and flying back and forth of notes there was all last week here in this Rest Home, where we are all like one big family, although we come from different parts of the world, and different branches of His service. His love is the secret of our fellowship, and how we do enjoy the foretaste of the Father's house! The parties whose birthdays were to be made the occasion of an "At Home" were not supposed to know anything about the meaning of all these mysterious consultations, but—something filtered through, and we were prepared enough not to be caught without our best dress on when the company came. But before telling you about the party, I must go back a little in my story. Miss Murray and I had wished so much for the Conference on women's work, and had wondered how to bring it into being. About two weeks ago it began to take shape as we spoke to a few like-minded, and we thought of a meeting in the Union Hall. Miss Bevan, who looks after us in the Home, told me to invite one of my friends, who lives at a distance, to come for tea that day, and that was the beginning. Now we can go on to tell how the party grew into an "At Home."

Instead of the one sister, quite a number were invited to tea on Friday afternoon, and Miss Bevan spared no pains to make that part a great success, as was very manifest when we entered the drawing room at three o'clock. Small tables were placed around the room, on each of which were plenty of good things, and soon the guests began to arrive to the number of fourteen. They, with our own

family of twenty-two, made a fine big party, and if those who think Christians are a sad lot, could have looked in on us, they would have changed their minds. Who should be happy, if not the Father's children! After tea, it became evident that loving, prayerful preparation had been made for the rest of the afternoon. First came some sweet music, Miss Maltie, of the Danish Mission, at the organ, is a signal for all to be quiet. What a gift is here, and also that of Mrs. Smith who sang "Nearer, My God to Thee" for us. Such music is a foretaste of heaven's music to us. Mr. Stewart followed with a happy little speech, in which he combined birthday greetings to two of us, a welcome to the new pastor of the Union Hall, a farewell word of appreciation to Miss Bevan, who expects to go on furlough before next holiday season, after ministering lovingly for years to God's tired servants who have come to Queen's Hill for rest. A few words from Mr. Shaw and prayer by Mr. McFarlane closed the first part of the program, and then came the consideration of some of the problems that are a part of the women's work. Famine was presented by Miss Smith, who has devised a new lace industry by which many poor coolie women have not only been helped through the famine, but their lives have been enriched in many ways. Miss Lacey, out of her many years of experience, gave us some very helpful points on what to teach in the zenanas. Sad to say, we sometimes have to struggle with the problem of estrangement between our workers, and Miss Levering told us of an experience she had, and of the victory that came through prayer.

Dr. Wilkins, a new sister, gave us a few hints along the line of the difficult problem of sanitation, and to me was allotted the part of emphasizing the problem of intemperance, which I did by telling of the Temperance lesson and song prepared by our Evangelistic Schools on Daniel, 1st chapter. Out of a full heart, Miss Digby told of the wonderful work

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of God which she had seen out in the villages, and every heart was stirred as she pleaded that we be more faithful in prayer. After a few words from Miss Murray on the personal problem of the worker, which, after all, is the problem, Miss O'Hara and Mrs. Summerson laid these and all our problems before the Lord, asking Him to make us women that He could use in the solving of the problems of Indian womanhood. In closing we reminded ourselves of the power of His name by singing "All hail the power of Jesus name" to the grand, soul-stirring tune of Diadem, and as Mr. Levering pronounced the benediction, in our hearts was a sense of the privilege of being "laborers together with God," and the memory of this happy gathering will be a cheer in the days to come.

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Ellen Priest.

Kotagiri, Nilgiris, June 16, 1921.

INDIAN WOMEN AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

All who know India, says the writer—President Ellen McDonald, of Madras Women's College—are thinking with sympathetic goodwill of the new venture in self-government on which she is starting. It is a great moment in the history of our modern world when this enormous group of ancient peoples, inspired for the first time with the ideals of self-government and public responsibility, takes its first step along the road leading towards a complete self-control. A part of the problem as yet little considered is the effect which the changes are likely to produce on the half of the population which consists of women. As to giving Indian women the same enfranchisement as men, this has been discussed but delayed for the present, though the granting of such powers is only a question of time. Meanwhile, far more important will be the effect of the changes on their position, and that of their co-operation, which is essential to the working of the new scheme. The indirect influence of women on the Indian world is very great,

and it may be full of danger and disadvantage. Only one per cent. of Indian women possess even the rudiments of school education, and their ignorance of all that lies beyond the range of personal relations is almost unrelieved. The danger of such widespread ignorance in a responsible nation cannot be overlooked.

India is just now at the most difficult and dangerous stage of her political education. As long as the population was admittedly illiterate, little interest was felt in public affairs, government seemed like the weather—an incalculable force—and the good and evil were accepted with no very lively sense of gratitude or resentment. Now India is crossing the space between the safety of ignorance and the sagacity of clear knowledge. A fairly large number of men are now able to read the dangerously simple and clear statements of political malcontents, but are not sufficiently trained to master the necessarily more complex language of the government enactments against which they are urged to protest. Ignorance and misunderstanding are responsible for a very large part of Indian discontent; to arrive at a fact is a work of patience and effort but fear and indignation are never far to seek.

All this is still more true about women, whose illiteracy and lack of experience render them even more readily than men to be misled by blind guides. Education is the only remedy. India is now suffering from the defective and limited diffusion of education among her men, and we are forced to fear that she may have to pay a heavy penalty for her long continued neglect of the education of women. The moral force of Indian women is very great, and few things have proved more dangerous in the history of every nation than a combination of moral force and ignorant judgment. Few women would be more capable of rendering devoted and unselfish service to the national welfare; few could be so easily misled by appeals to their highest feelings, into heroic adhesion to a bad cause. If India, therefore, is to avoid the great dangers of impulsive and ill-considered action, in-

stigated by emotional appeals, it is essential to widen by a hundredfold the scope of women's education. A beginning has been made by the present government and by Christian missions, and the initial difficulties have in many parts of India been overcome, but the movement is still small and weak. (Here is a tremendous appeal for the increase of our mission schools. This article is profoundly significant, indicating that the hour for Christianity has struck, if the church is ready to plant adequate schools.—Ed.)

The writer goes on to point out how women ought to be on the boards of health and education, and should take the leading part in the management of girls' schools. Here is a fine characterization of Indian womanhood.

"The great strength of the Indian woman is her capacity for personal relationships. Within the circle of her own acquaintance she is admirable for devotion, readiness to serve, helpfulness, sympathy, and self-forgetfulness. Hitherto she has had little opportunity for impersonal service, for the spending of time and effort on people whom she does not know by name, for the kind of work which is done on boards and committees. It will long seem to her unnatural to be troubled about matters so remote as the sanitary condition of a different part of the town from her own, unless she has a friend or relative living there. This is not selfishness but the natural result of the system which for generations has hedged in the women of India and rendered their lives narrow and restricted. But as education spreads, the quick imagination and kindly disposition will make their sympathies effective as soon as they are widened.

"India greatly needs a small class of professional women who are willing to devote all their time and effort to the public service. This class will naturally be of very slow growth, and in the meantime the main bulk of women's public work must fall on the more numerous and more leisured class of educated mar-

ried women, a class which is constantly being recruited from our high schools and colleges. A wonderful opportunity is given to those who are at work in such places to fit the girls for public service. They are to be not only wives and mothers, not only teachers and doctors, but pioneers along a path of unknown difficulty towards what may seem to them an uncertain goal. At present the influences which surround these girls in the years of their education are mainly Christian, and it is for us to see that, together with the ideal of freedom which is now rousing to enthusiasm all the educated youth of India, there is implanted also the Christian ideal of disinterested service which alone can render that freedom a blessing."

Baptist women will realize the force of this.—"Missions."

NOTICE.

The Women's Mission Boards of the United States have decided to make March 3rd, 1922, a Day of Prayer for Missions. They have asked us to join them in this, and the Women's Mission Boards represented on our Interim Committee are heartily in favor of holding our Canadian Day of Prayer on the same day as that of the American women.

You can readily see what an inspiration it will be to feel that thousands of women on this continent, whose hearts are stirred over the needs of the world, are praying at the same time for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Will you not do all in your power to enlist the sympathy of the Christian women in your community.

Olive MacNeill.

"A haze on the far horizon
And the infinite tender sky;
The ripe, rich tints of the cornfield,
And the wild geese sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the golden rod—
Some of us call it autumn
And others call it God."

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November 10th, 1920.

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Mrs. A. Imrie, Toronto.

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J. Zavitz, Toronto.

Morning Session.

All nations whom Thou hast made
shall come and worship before Thee, O
Lord. Ps. 86 : 9.

9.30—Opening Exercises.

9.50—Annual Reports:

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General Treasurer—Mrs. G. H. Camp-
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11.15—Election of Officers.

12.00—Quiet Hour, led by Mrs. Alex.
Wallace, Simcoe.

Afternoon Session.

They shall see to whom no tidings of
Him came, and they who have not heard
shall understand. Rom. 15 : 21.

2.00—Hymn. Prayer, Mrs. M. L. Gregg,
Toronto.

2.15—President's Address, Mrs. Aibert
Matthews.

2.40—Corresponding Secretary's Report.
Introduced by Miss M. Rogers.

Evangelistic Work—Mrs. H. E. Still-
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Educational Work—Miss L. Pratt.

Medical Work—Dr. Gertrude Hulet.

4.00—Hymn and Offering.

4.10—Address, Miss K. S. McLaurin.

Evening Session.

For My name shall be great among the
heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal.

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8.00—Opening exercises.

8.20—Address: "Bolivia," Rev. A. B.
Reekie.

8.50—Music and offering.

9.00—Address: "India," Rev. H.D. Smith.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO
TREASURERS OF ONTARIO WEST.**

Please note that the financial year of
the Society closes earlier than last year).
All Foreign Mission Funds of your Cir-
cle, Young Women's Circle or Band,
should be in your hands by October 10th,
and forwarded by you promptly by Oc-
tober 15th, to the Foreign Mission Treas-
urer, Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell, 113 Bal-
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WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Here we are just plunging right into
the fall and winter work. You think you
already have more than you can do. There
is one department of our work where we
need everyone of you. "The Link" needs
all agents now to begin getting the list of
subscribers in order. Follow the direc-
tions sent you by the Superintendent of
Agents. Do your best to get every old
subscriber to give you her fifty cents for
1922, and try to send in many new names.

The Link wants to be a better paper,
but in the present state of its finances
there is no opportunity for expansion.
Many more subscribers are needed.

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in your town. The fault of non-delivery
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OUR MISSION BANDS

"M.B.Q.B."

Are you wondering what those queer looking letters mean? Why, "Mission Band Question Box" to be sure! Send your questions to your Band Secretary, Mrs. Nathaniel Mills, not later than the 5th of the month, in order to have the answers published in the next month's issue. Here are just a few for this month:

Q. "What is necessary in order to secure Life Membership Certificates for Bands?" E. G.

A. To secure a L.M.C. for Bands in Foreign Missionary Society, send \$10.00 to the F. M. Treasurer, Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell, 113 Balmoral Ave., Toronto, together with the name (printed) of the person to whom it is to be presented. Also give the name of the person or organization which provided the money.

To secure a L.M.C. for Bands in Home Missionary Society, follow same directions as above, but send money, names, etc., to your Divisional Treas. (See list of Div. Treas. in Jan., 1921, "Visitor").

Order L.M.C. in good time, allowing at least one week for the Certificate to reach you, after your request has been received.

Q. Should the Mission Band Leader preside at the meetings?" M. G. C.

A. As a rule, I should say "NO," and yet I would not want you to think there were no exceptions. I think it better to train your boys and girls to accept the responsibility which falls to the lot of an officer in the Band. You will be surprised to find how well they can do it. Many Leaders find it wise to elect new officers each year, thus giving an opportunity to discover the executive ability of all members. Nothing should be done without the knowledge of the Leader. She has the oversight of all, and it is her responsibility to plan, to advise and to lead in every department of the work.

Missionary leaders are needed in large numbers. The Mission Band is where they will get their best training. See to it that it is thorough.

You will desire no greater reward than the joy that will be yours, as you see these Mission Band boys and girls of today, the Missionary leaders of tomorrow, giving efficient, devoted service to the cause of Christ throughout the whole world.

Q. "Do you believe in concerts given by the Mission Band in order to raise money?" F. E. A.

A. If that question is to be answered just as it reads, then I would emphatically say "No." But if you are asking for my opinion in regard to Mission Band Concerts, then my answer is as follows: Do you want to interest the parents of the M.B. Members in Missions and in the work of the M.B.? Do you want to interest more of your Church members in Missions and in the Band? Do you want more members for the Mission Band? Then have a Mission Band Concert, and be sure that the programme is missionary from start to finish. Of course there will be an offering, in which the Band members will share, and if the program has been planned, prepared, and presented by those who are inspired by a great desire to see the Gospel of Christ proclaimed throughout the whole wide world it cannot fail to touch the hearts of those who listen, nor will it fail to inspire them with a desire to share in so great and glorious a task. And thus the offering will not be "raising money," but an opportunity on the part of those present, to express in some degree, the inspiration they have received as they have listened to the great need of the world. By all means, have one Mission Band concert each year.

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SPECIAL MISSION BAND
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READ THIS!

There will be a "Mission Band Poster Competition" this year, in connection with our Convention. Will *your Mission Band* take part? Read the following "Rules for Competition," then hunt up your best artist and get a poster ready for Nov. 8th. Rules For "Mission Band Poster Competition"

1. The poster submitted must advertise either "The Visitor" or "The Link," *not both.*

2. The posters must be of uniform size. 12 inches by 18 inches.

3. Any member of any Mission Band may compete. (within Convention.)

4. No Band may submit more than *one* poster for competition, but Miss Laine will welcome any others for Mission Band Exhibit.

5. Posters for competition must be handed to Miss Laine the day before Convention opens.

6. A committee from the W.F.M. Board will judge the posters advertising "The Link."

7. A committee from the W. H. M. Board will judge the posters advertising "The Visitor."

8. Winners in the competition will be announced before the close of the Convention.

All Bands expecting to compete may send word to Miss F. L. Laine, 634 Manning Ave., Toronto, Ont.

See further interesting information about the "Mission Band Poster Competition" in "The Link" and "The Visitor," and don't forget that we are working for "A MISSION BAND in EVERY church in our Convention in FIVE YEARS!"

Sincerely yours,

ANABEL SAGE MILLS,

Band Sec'y.

FROM THE "HAPPY COMRADES"
BAND, WALKERVILLE.

We are greatly encouraged with our progress during the past year. We meet every Sunday morning at 9.45 and our attendance has increased from an average of fifteen to an average of thirty each Sunday. We have tried to make these band meetings a real training school for the boys and girls. They all take part in various ways. They take part in prayer for our missionaries from the youngest of five years to the oldest of sixteen years.

We have accomplished this year what we have never undertaken before, that of making our first eight life members.

Last October we undertook to support a native girl in Cocanada school, and on Sunday last we had a father's day service at which we realized the amount needed for next year's support.

This year again we had at Easter time a real hen's nest made of straw and decorated with fluffy easter chickens, and each member brought their breakfast eggs instead of eating them.

In January we chose as our objective for the year: "Every member a tither," and you would be surprised to know how many of the boys and girls are giving a tenth of the money they earn themselves.

In closing we wish to join in the general desire and prayer for further progress during the coming year, and a realization of the convention motto:—"A Mission Band in every church and a band convention in five years."

Mrs. Tanton, Supt.

Conference for Band Leaders on Tuesday, November 8th. James St. Church, Hamilton.

THE COG.

I'm but a cog in life's vast wheel

That daily makes the same old trip,

Yet what a joy it is to feel

That but for me the wheel might slip!

'Tis something, after all, to jog

Along and be a first-class cog!

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