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Time worketh,
Let me work too ;
Time undoeth,
Let me do.
Busy as time my work I ply,
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.

Sin worketh,
Let me work too ;
Sin undoeth,
Let me do.
Busy as sin my work I ply,
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.

Death worketh,
Let me work too ;
Death undoeth,
Let me do.
Busy as death my work I ply,
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.

(Quoted by Dr. Mott at close of Edinburgh Conference, 1910.)

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EDITORIAL.

The early days of our Mission in India were days of stress and suspense, as pioneering days must always be. So much depends on the beginning. Our pioneer missionaries as they toiled at the foundations and looked into the future, saw great opportunities and possibilities before them, which, if rightly and promptly met, meant glorious expansion and growth. They carried great responsibilities,—and there were so few of them to share it—everything depended on the foundations, and how they were laid.

At home here a loyal band were holding the ropes. And it is of one of this band, a woman, Jane (Mrs. T. J.) Claxton, that we would speak now. She was for many years the leader of the Baptist women of Eastern Ontario and Quebec in their foreign missionary enterprise, and her name, with that of her husband, is ineffably woven in with the history of our work in India. They were of those who "wholly followed the Lord," and more, methinks, one could not say, for by means of their interests, their prayers, their ceaseless efforts and gifts they went out into the world at the command, "Go ye."

The new Mission in Cocanada was their darling child, and until the day she obeyed the call to higher service Mrs. Claxton carried on her heart the work and workers in India. The writer has before her some old correspondence, which bears testimony to the part which Mrs. Claxton and "the Montreal ladies" bore in the anxiety and responsibility of the pioneering days in India. At one crisis, their timely remittance saved the missionaries in Cocanada from

severe financial embarrassment owing to lack of funds from the General Board here at home.

Nor did this elect lady's interests confine themselves to our own small field. Here is a long letter from Lady Dufferin herself, from the Vice-regal Lodge in Simla, India, to Mrs. Claxton, discussing the interests of the women of India, for whose benefit Lady Dufferin had established a "National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid." Mrs. Claxton, upon hearing of this organization, had written concerning its aim, and it shows how alert she was when good work was forward. The letter is dated 1887.

A letter from Queen Alexandra's equerry, dated 1910, replying to a resolution of sympathy sent by the Board of which Mrs. Claxton was president at the time of the late King's death, testifies to the wide range of her very human sympathies. Warm-hearted and true-hearted, broad-minded and, what is more rare, single-minded—she was, indeed, one of a thousand. Her sympathies were quick and genuine. From personal contact with her, the writer soon learned to love and deeply respect one whose name had been a household word since earliest memories. Can she ever forget those huge boxes that used to come to the Mission House in Cocanada from Montreal, or the entrancing smell of her first gay little box of chocolates, which came in one of those great cases? And never came one without the Claxtons' contributions.

It always seemed to her that Mrs. Claxton loved the missionaries somewhat as she did her own children, though she never heard her say so, nor perhaps would she. But her interest in

I WOULD BE TRUE

each one was so intense and human and tender. And never can the writer forget our last visit together at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ayer, in October, 1910, when just landed from India. We spent the afternoon and evening together, and when it came time to go to the station, she followed me into my room when I must gather my belongings into my valise, still talking of the work; and the tenderness of her parting words and embrace is something to remember.

And it is to this noble woman that the women of Eastern Ontario and Quebec are building a memorial in the form of a chapel-schoolhouse at Vuyuru, India. It is an honor and a privilege, indeed, to have anything to do with this enterprise. To put up a building in any degree worthy of her whose name and memory we would perpetuate, \$2,800 is required. This is an advance of \$300 on the sum which at first seemed necessary. But the expense of carting the material all 20 miles from the railroad station to Vuyuru has enhanced the cost. We could not put up a good and suitable one for less than \$2,800. It would not be worthy of her—nor of us. A chapel-schoolhouse is the very thing—"chapel" every Sunday, and "schoolhouse" every other day, because that is where our boarding-school classes are taught; where future Biblewomen, pastors, preachers and their wives, receive education, and their first training for service. Would it not preach a forceful Gospel to every Telugu who saw it and heard the story of the one whose life thus closely touches theirs, in love and in duty?

Women of the Eastern Conventional Who in the past have so nobly followed where she so nobly led! Come, now—let your free gifts abound. Make it worthy of her, and the noble purpose it is destined to fulfil.

.. S. McL.

IMPORTANT.

Miss Anna Moyle, Richmond Hill, Ont., has taken over the business management of the LINK for the present.

Will all please remember to mail her your subscriptions and write to her concerning all matters connected with the mailing list? Matter for publication in the LINK to be sent to Miss McLaurin, as before.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

Cocanada.—Last January a Ladies' Recreation Club was started in the city by Mrs. Elwin, wife of the highest official in the district of which Cocanada is the chief city. This club was inaugurated with the hope and intention of bringing together the women of the city, without caste or race or creed distinction for social intercourse and co-operation. Mrs. Elwin particularly requested our missionaries, Misses Baskerville and Pratt, to join the club, as their knowledge of both English and Telugu would render their services very desirable. They have gladly co-operated with her in her efforts, and last week we received from Miss Pratt a clipping from the Madras "Mail," giving further news of this enterprise. The clipping is too long for insertion—we make some extracts:—

"Mrs. Elwin was then called upon to lay the corner-stone. She has been the moving spirit in this new venture, and before proceeding to lay the stone, she gave the following very interesting account of the genesis and progress of the Club.—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I want to take this opportunity of telling you all something of the chain of events in connection with the Ladies' Club that has led up to the little ceremony I am about to perform. It was only last January that the Club was started; and it is, of course, still quite in its infancy, but I think and hope it is a healthy infant and one that is going to grow bigger and stronger year by year, as all healthy infants should. We have started on a sound business basis, all members paying a small entrance fee and monthly subscription, and we have already 27 members, 17 of whom, I am glad to tell you, are Indian ladies.

I need hardly tell you that the language is a great difficulty, but in this respect our way is made wonderfully smooth, owing to the kind help of Miss Baskerville and Miss Pratt and the two or three Indian ladies who are able to speak English. Things being thus so encouraging, I felt justified in seeing what could be done about getting the Club premises of its own, and the first essential, of course, was a site.

The Rajah of Puttapur, who, with the Rane, is keenly interested in the ob-

FOR THERE ARE THOSE WHO TRUST ME.

jects of the Club, very generously gave us this beautiful piece of land, about four acres in extent, free of all cost, to be enjoyed by us so long only as it is used for this or some kindred object. We cannot thank him enough for his kindness.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have never before tried to raise a sum of money for a public purpose. But the ease with which it can be done—at least up here in Godavery—has amazed me. Mr. P. Venkatchellapati came forward and offered to meet the whole cost of the building required—about Rs. 5,000—and when we remember that this is not the first handsome gift he has presented to this town, I am sure you will all join me in thanking him most sincerely for his public spirited generosity. It is a great pleasure to me personally to accept his invitation to lay the foundation stone to-day. And beyond this over Rs. 1,200 was raised from other kindly interested gentlemen, and since then appeals we have made in the district have resulted in another Rs. 2,300. Things stood thus at the middle of last week, and our one remaining difficulty—and no small one either—was to meet the cost of the compound wall; but I am very glad to tell you that this has been swept aside by the Ranees of Pittapur, who has given us the splendid sum of Rs. 5,000 for this purpose. When we remember that this is in addition to the handsome gift of the site from the Rajah, I think you will agree with me that the Club has lasting cause to congratulate itself upon having them both at Pittapur.

During next cold weather it is my intention to do my utmost to bring the Indian ladies here and to teach them some of our Western ideas and games, and try and sow the seeds of brighter days and wider interests and friendships in their lives. I would ask you all, Europeans and Indians alike, for your hearty help and co-operation, and, surely, if we all do our best in this matter, the Cocanada Ladies' Recreation Club cannot help being a real success in the years to come."

Mrs. Elwin was then presented with a handsomely engraved silver trowel, the work of a local silversmith, and proceeded to lay the stone. When it had been declared "well and truly laid," Mr. D. Seshagiri Rao, the Chairman of the Municipality, gave a short address, in which he thanked Mrs. Elwin, the

Rajah of Pittapur and Mr. Venkatchellapati for all they were doing for the Indian ladies of the city. After a vote of thanks had been proposed to the chair by Mr. K. Suryanarayansurthi, the function terminated."

This is but one—but it is one—of the many efforts that are being put forth by Christian Englishwomen resident in India to draw nearer their Indian sisters and help on in the enlightenment of the nation. Such efforts meet only with encouragement and co-operation from all right-thinking Indian men, and we are glad that Cocanada has its share of such. We consider our Mission headquarters in India fortunate indeed in possessing, in the person of Mrs. Elwin, a woman of gracious tact, Christian love and interests to preside over its varied and complicated social life. We wish the Club every success, and we are confident that our lady missionaries in Cocanada will find in their relation to it a rich opportunity to make the principles of Christianity more real and convincing to those who are strangers to them.

Ramachandrapuram.—From this centre of industry comes this year's report of the Leper Asylum there, of which Miss Hatch is the founder and superintendent. The little book of 25 pages is generously illustrated by splendid photos of some of the inmates, showing glimpses also of their attractive and commodious home-surroundings. The keynote of the story told by the report is found in the very first words of the introduction, words with burst in surprise from a high official of the district, "as the lepers rose to greet him with their faces beaming with joy. Are these really lepers?" he asked. Their happy faces belied the dread disease. And the report goes on to give the why and wherefore of these beaming faces. The photos tell the story without words, especially "As We Were" and "As We are." The headings of the chapters—so happily worded—suggest the glad tone of the contents. "How Happy We are," "Our Lovely Home," "Our Children Are Kept from Taint," and "Happy in Helping Others," etc., the last two chapters by Mrs. Grace and Mr. D. L. Joshee, medical attendant and assistant superintendent.

The secret of it all seems to be, "We are loved." There are at present 114 in-

I WOULD BE PURE,

mates, of whom 64 are Christians; and 18 children in the Dr. Phillips Home for Untainted Children. This work is carried on by means of donations and subscriptions of interested friends, and to all who love the Lord we heartily commend this service of love.

Avanigadda.—From this most southerly point of our Mission comes news that the building of the Mission Bungalow is going busily forward. Mr. McLaurin, who is camping out in tent nearby and superintending operations, writes: "Our building is progressing steadily; the walls are rising all around. It is quite interesting to watch the different methods of springing the arches, etc. . . . The house is of brick, the outside walls of table-moulded brick, which will be pointed." Mr. McLaurin is also finding time to visit some of the surrounding villages on his faithful "bike." He seems pleased with the prospect, and hopeful as to possibilities and opportunities for service for Christians and caste people—the latter being particularly friendly. In Mr. Tordeti Abraham, pastor of the local church, he has an experienced, faithful and efficient co-worker, one who has won the respect and friendship of the high-caste community, with whom he had not a little influence, and the entire confidence of the Christians of the whole Avanigadda field.

Vuyuru.—Miss Zimmerman's last letters, written while on tour, contain such stirring incidents and evidences of God's work in the hearts of the caste women of that field, for whom we have labored and prayed these many years, that the Editor cannot refrain from giving them to you here. She writes:—

Kaza, Mar. 2.—"Yesterday was Sunday. I turned the tent into a church, spreading the curtains and putting mats on the ground. Your little folding table was the pulpit, and the place was very gay with green and red banners, which the children brought in the morning. Forty-nine children came to the rally, and in the afternoon the place was jammed. Christian and non-Christian came to our women's meeting. The tent would not hold all, so they stood outside, and all the children went to another part of the grove, and the Biblewomen (some of them) had an afternoon session with them there. Our meeting in the tent would have cheered your heart, I know. The women listened, and one or two took part in the meeting. It was splendid. It was almost six o'clock when things were put to rights again. I was very tired, so sat down in my big chair outside to read. The Biblewomen came and sat beside me, and we talked. The sun went down and the moon came up. About eight o'clock a woman crept up to the tent.



"Under a Spreading Banyan Tree"—ONE TREE. Missionaries of the American Baptist Mission attending Conference at Ramapatam India.

FOR THERE ARE THOSE WHO CARE.

She looked afraid, but accepted our invitation to sit down. After a long talk I found out that you had taught her years ago, when she was almost a child. She had not forgotten. Last year I left Santoshamma and Martha here for two days. They taught at her home. She said that she had prayed to God every day since, and I believe she is a child of God. The faith of the woman is wonderful. My heart sang a glad song after she left. She said that God is calling her to have all and follow Him. She asked me to take her on as a Bible-woman and teach her. She says she must come, even though her people do persecute her. This is sure to happen. I visited at her mother's home yesterday. They are wealthy Sudras of the weaver caste; she is a widow and childless. She says she is going to come to Vuyuru to be baptized, no matter what it costs her, and has asked me to send her to school. This was a great surprise to us, as you can imagine, but the Lord will guide. If she comes of her own accord, we shall not turn her away.

Yesterday a Kapu woman from another village came to Amelia and asked her to ask me if I would teach her to be a Biblewoman, so she may teach her own people. God is leading these women. They are going to come, perhaps soon. And are we ready for them? Do we not need a school in our own Mission for such women? Pray for Bodravati—that is her name. She seems very brave as she talks about it, but many difficulties will present themselves. But the Lord does stand by His children and strengthens them."

Tuni (Ravatlapudi).—Twelve, all from this village, were baptized March 1st, and one restored. The one restored was one of the first converts baptized in this village over twelve years ago. He went back chiefly owing to bitter opposition and ridicule from his mother and an elder brother. Now his mother and brother are among the twelve baptized.

A. Scott.

Some of the special causes for praise this month are: On the first Sunday, the caste woman who was baptized on Christmas day, came in from her village to receive the hand of fellowship and partake of the Lord's Supper.

Several things hindered us from going out on tour, but we have been working in the villages out from Tuni. Several of our Christian women have given a number of day services this month, and it has been a joy to see them start out in bands to tell something of what God has done for them. This was not at the call of the missionary, and hence is all the more reason for praise.

Ellen Priest.

Yellamanchilli.—Just a note to let you know that I am once more in Yellamanchill, feeling almost as though I had never been away, so hearty has been the welcome back.

Almost every turn awakens memories of past mercies, and the promises of God inspire hope for the future.

The thought occupying our minds at present is that of Mr. Walker's departure on the morrow. Very tender and sincere are the expressions of regret on all sides.

That Mr. Walker occupies, and rightly so, a large place in the affections of those with whom he has had to do here is evident.

Anna C. Murray.

REMARKABLE BRIDGE.

The wonderful string of coral islets, famed for centuries as "Adam's Bridge," connecting India and Ceylon, is to be turned into an actual bridge of concrete piers and steel rails, following the example of the railroad that joins Key West with the mainland of Florida. The great structure will be built by British engineers.

The railway will give travellers access to the little islands of Rameswarum in the strait, which heathen worshippers have flocked to for many centuries. On this island stands the great temple of Vishnu, 637 feet wide and 1,000 feet long.

A fast railway service will be put in operation between India and Ceylon. It is expected to contribute in a remarkable way to the development of both countries.—(Ex.)

(Later news from India tells of the inauguration of this wonderful scheme by the opening of the bridge at Mandapam by Lord Pentland, Governor of Madras.)

I WOULD BE STRONG,

JUDSON CENTENNIAL IN BURMA.

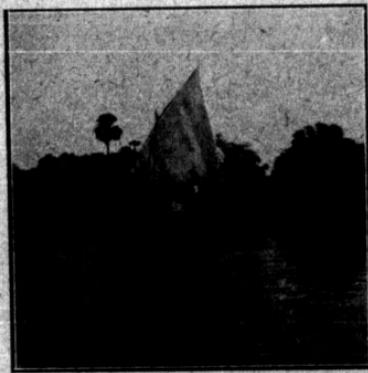
The meetings connected therewith were great in size and significance, and vast in influence. They were fully reported by the Rangoon daily papers. As companies of Burman Christians conducted American visitors about the city, multitudes of non-Christians looked on and wondered. American Baptists who had come expressly to attend these services learned to regard these native Christians with a new respect and love. They have clear convictions of truth, a fresh and picturesque way of presenting it, and often display notable self-sacrifice in sustaining the work. One of their

Their choirs sang gloriously. Indeed, to hear that great congregation of those redeemed from the horrible pit of heathenism sing together in perfect time and harmony, although in five different languages, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," was something to make the heart big with gratitude and joy—and keep it so.

Rev. William Carey, of India, great-grandson of the Father of Modern Missions, gave an address. So did R. S. McArthur and Henry Mabie. A sympathetic letter from Secretary of State Bryan was read, and a congratulatory cablegram from President Woodrow Wilson. An item on the programme was "Five little girls." These proved to be five venerables, children of missionaries, who knew Judson in his last years and gave their reminiscences. A grand-niece of Dr. Judson's, who has been a worker in Japan for 25 years, spoke briefly. Various native pastors and leaders took part in the services. Theological students in large numbers were present.

Very tender memorial meetings were held at Amherst, where Ann Hasseltine lies under the hopia tree, and at Ava, where Judson lay long months a prisoner in anguish of mind and body. From Ava the party moved on, some in ox-carts, some walking over the stony road over whose weary miles Judson had staggered in great weakness and with bare, bleeding feet, driven like a slave by his brutal captors. These found it hot and hard in mild December. He did it under the blazing sun of May.

Yet this is the man who, when in America on his one furlough after 30 years' exile, was asked to tell in public some of his own thrilling experiences instead of, as was his custom, dwelling upon the old, old story, said: "I know no story half so thrilling as the story of the Saviour's dying love for sinful



On Tour on a Kistna Canal.

leaders has resigned a Government position worth Rs. 175 a month to take Rs. 50 a month as teacher in a mission school.

The Burman Annual Convention met just before the Centennial, and was a surprise and delight to the Americans. A vast throng of Karen and Burman Baptists gathered. Both men and women were gayly garbed as to colors, the men wearing bright silk turbans, the women little sprays of flowers in their neatly dressed black hair.

FOR THERE IS MUCH TO SUFFER.

AMONGST OURSELVES.

This has been a fat month for the little Mission-barrel. Fifty-two dollars and sixty-five cents (\$52.65), and the lid won't stay shut! They don't have them large enough down there at the Book Room! Some months ago the little barrel was calling for "more, more;" now it is calling for "room, room!" It will be relieved, however, at the Board meeting next Friday, when our Treasurer will receive its contents—and then it will be ready to begin all-over again. I wonder if it will be forgotten while we are away enjoying ourselves this summer in our bungalows and summer homes. No, I know it will not; for God's dear children only seem to remember the needs of others more when their own are bountifully supplied. Instance: One ten-dollar cheque from a sister who had just moved into a "comfy" new home of her own. It made her think of our missionary's need—I wonder why! What was the connection? She must have thought something like King David did when he "dwelt in his house and the Lord had given him rest." He had time then to think, and what did he think? "See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." He thought such a condition of things unseemly. And so our sister, dwelling in "an house of cedar," said, "See now, the servant of the Lord in Tuni dwelleth in an unfit house;" and she did what was in her heart to do.

Another gift of ten dollars from a pastor's wife, who will not let me tell you her name—but some one in the congregation is probably wondering why she has so few new things this spring! But she knows, and we know, and He, who sees our secret sacrifices, knows—and she is clad "in shining garments" to our eyes.

And to crown all, a generous contribution from the wife of one of our home mission pastors in New Ontario! I have a feeling that she has "cast in more than they all;" and that the Lord who stands over against the treasury sees that if we all gave as she does, that new bungalow would be started this fall, as soon as the rains are over. And yet she says she "hopes soon to send more"! We shouldn't give her the chance!

Our aim was \$1,500 this year. And this we do not call a "special," but an "advance." Because we expect to really advance so much in our regular giving this year; and because we expect our normal growth in giving power to reach the level of that additional \$1,500 this year we call it an "advance," from which we mean never to retreat. We like the sound of the word better. Give it in any way we like, by a special gift over and above our usual, or by increasing our regular gift to the general fund; whichever way we do it, we expect to "advance" that much this year, and this "advance" sum is for the bungalow. Up to date \$467.50 has come in for this object in specially designated gifts. And then, as has just been explained, we expect the general fund to grow specially for the bungalow.

THE LINK gave itself the pleasure of a call upon Mr. and Mrs. and little "Patty" Woodburne this week, at the house of Mrs. Woodburne's sister, Mrs. Jones, 20 Spruce Hill Road, Toronto. All were well; Patty, aged ten months, especially bonny and sweet, showing no signs of her long trip from India's "coral" strand. They spent the week end here, going on, on Monday 11th, to visit Miss Woodburne's father and mother, Rev. W. G. and Mrs. White, at Dalesville, Que., where also they will see her brother, Rev. A. White and his wife and child. We all rejoice, do we not, and congratulate them upon a safe and happy re-union of an unbroken family circle. Mr. Jones expects soon to welcome his sister, Miss Luey Jones, from India. She will probably arrive in Toronto just as our LINK is getting into its readers' hands, as she sailed from Liverpool May 22nd.

Miss Philpott has arrived, we hear, at her home in Hamilton. We wish every one a most happy, restful and profitable furlough.

We have been favored with a copy of the lecture which Mr. MacNeil delivered in Walmer Rd. Church last February, under the auspices of the W. B. F. M. Board, in connection with the Judson Centennial. Mr. Jos. Shenstone has had the lecture published in booklet form, and has offered to send one, upon re-

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quest, to our S. S. Superintendents, B. Y. P. U. officers and to any member or officer of our Women's Mission Boards or Societies. It is to be hoped that many will avail themselves of Mr. Shensstone's generous offer. Needless to say, the lecture is stirring and inspiring. It moves one, and touches the deepest and most holy springs of our nature. The wonderful personality, whose story it tells, lives again in these pages. It is beautifully gotten up, and has for frontispiece an excellent photo. of the hero of Ava, who was America's pioneer to the Orient.

K. S. McL.

LETTER FROM MRS. ARCHIBALD.

Dear Readers: Some time ago, when a request came for a letter for your columns, I went to a drawer, and took therefrom an old book, wherein I had pasted many of the letters which had been written years ago for THE LINK and for other papers.

I think that THE LINK and I began our public work about the same time, and I remember that, when on my first journey to India with dear Mr. and Mrs. Timpany, he asked me if I would write for THE LINK once in three months, and I said I would. I kept that up for years, and as I looked over some of the old letters, some not written for your readers, I laid the book aside, and went out on the verandah and laughed aloud. Had the house ail to myself, so I could be as merry over them as I pleased. Times have greatly changed in the last thirty-five years. Then a letter from India was something to make a stir, no matter how ordinary it was. And some of mine, written for private reading only, had been furnished to the papers, and came back to me, so have been preserved.

I laughed over the trivial things, which seemed to interest people then, and thought how much better acquainted with things Indian our friends in Canada are now. How much nearer India has come to you all; and how common are letters from this still far-off land!

I wonder if THE LINK has realized all its ambitions and attained to its highest ideals? I have not, but am

still pressing on. One thing, however, which had a large place in the heart of him, who called himself my "Indian father" in those lonely years, has been realized; that is Canadian Baptist Union in Foreign Mission work.

There has not been the growth that I fully expected to see. But there has been considerable, after all. When I used to write to THE LINK from this Mission House, in which I lived alone, all this northern part of the country was known as the Chicaeole field, and there were two small churches. Now, in this same area, we have Chicaeole, Palkonda, Tekkall, Kimidi, Sompetta and the work on the Savara Hills, and there are eight churches. I think. Last Sunday afternoon, I had a class of caste boys in from the town, some thirty of them. And, as we were talking over some of these things, while some of them were inclined to say idolatry was all right, one bright boy said very gravely, "It is a disgrace for men to worship idols." This shows the trend of things; and the people are turning toward Christ, the Light of the world. Everywhere, it is the same. They come to us, we go to them; they are trying to find something that will do instead of Christ. But one after another is giving up, and some day they will give up in solid masses, and avow their allegiance to Him.

We have no doctor. Where are our Canadian girls, when so many are needed out here? And any one who brings, with a loving heart, the healing art in her hands, can walk right into the confidence and affections of the people. From many sides, the sick ones come; on the streets, they ask, "When will the hospital be opened?" The other day, a party came, wanting to bring an in-patient from Palkonda. A woman said, "We know, if we can only bring her here, she will get well."

Will the readers of THE LINK pray for us and for all the departments of the work, which is now theirs. We need the help that you can give this way so very much. No single lady missionary, no doctor. Will you pray for us?

Yours in the work,

C. H. ARCHIBALD.

Chicaeole, India.

March 19th, 1914.

FOR THERE IS MUCH TO DARE.

LETTER FROM MRS. BARSS.

Tekkali, India.

March 30th, 1914.

(Camp Kanchill).

Dear Friends: I wonder whether THE LINK readers have heard or read much about Tekkali. Probably not, as it is one of the newer northern stations in our Mission. It is nicely situated about four miles from the Bay of Bengal, so that the heat is somewhat tempered by the cool sea breezes, and it is partly surrounded by beautiful, wooded hills.

The Christian community is small, but we live and labor in the hope that the years of faithful seed-sowing must soon bring forth an abundant harvest. There has been no mass movement of any kind, but scattered here and there, all over the field, there are individual souls, who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the one and only true God, and that salvation can only come through Him. They have, as they say, ceased their idol worship, but have not yet that complete trust which will give them the courage to break with their caste and family, and come out publicly on the Lord's side.

As I write, I think of Narsamma, a woman well along in years now, who for many years has listened eagerly when the missionaries came to her village, and who, we believe, has really experienced a change of heart. But she belongs to a family of wealthy land-owners. Her brother is the head-man of the village. She is very much beloved by the members of that large family, and all these years she has refused to take the final step, which would mean the breaking loose from her family. A few weeks ago, Mr. Barss and I and the Mission helpers pitched our tents near her village. The next day, the Bible-woman and I called at her house and found the women of the family decorating two altars in the courtyard, while a Brahmin stood near, ready to officiate in the worship, as soon as they had finished. Narsamma had told us that she never takes part in the family worship, and we were glad to find that her words were true, for, when we asked for her, we were told that she was in one of the back rooms. She came to us as soon as she heard we were there, and begged us to come again and talk to her. We went again the next day, and, while the women

gathered around us, asking dozens of questions about our general welfare, Narsamma impatiently quieted them, at the same time saying to us, "Why do you answer these needless questions? Tell us about Jesus." While the Bible-woman was speaking, one after another of the women left, but Narsamma sat there, never taking her eyes from the speaker's face, and with such a happy look on her own face. It was the old, old story that she had heard so many times, and which she herself knew by heart. On Sunday, she came to the tent, and took a keen interest in our services there. While touring in that centre, we went to see her often, and she was always so glad to talk about Jesus, but when we pointed out to her that, even though she made no secret of her interest in His religion, yet she was denying Him, she became troubled and made the usual excuses. After we left there and continued our tour at other centres, we were often surprised to find, in outlying villages that were not often visited by the Christians, a number of persons who seemed to know well the story of the life of Christ. When we questioned them about it, they would tell us that Narsamma had been visiting in their village, and had told them. She is a woman of wide acquaintance and influence, and we long to see all her powers wholly given over to the cause of Christ.

There is a woman in Sompel, for whom I want to ask your special prayers. Her name is Buchamma, and she is deeply interested in Christianity. But her husband is very much opposed to it, and, if she is baptized, it will doubtless mean separation. Oh, how often this is the case. Many of our Indian converts know by personal experience the meaning of Christ's words, "I came not, to bring peace, but a sword."

Now, I have not told you about our church in Tekkali, or about our fine large caste boys' schools, or about the new school for caste girls, which has recently been opened in Naupada, a town near Tekkali, or of our Christian village of Savaras, four miles away, but possibly I can do that at some later date. I think it is quite time to bring this letter to a close.

Yours sincerely,

LENA F. BARSS.

I WOULD BE FRIEND TO ALL—

THE RAJAH COCKSHUTT SCHOOL
AND MISS JONES' FAREWELL.

Ramachandrapuram.

Their much-loved Missamma was going to leave them for a time, so the teachers and pupils of her school must take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude for Miss Jones' work of faith and labor of love amongst them. All at their own initiative, they prepared a most attractive programme, and sent written invitations to the ladies of the town to join with them to do her honor.

The arrangements were perfect, the order was excellent, and over one hundred girls, with their friends, participated in different ways in the programme.

There were action songs, devotional exercises and English songs and hymns, and there was the address in Telugu, which I will give below. This was given by the head teacher, Miss Vedamanikam, and afterwards translated by herself into English, with a little help.

The climax came when a dear little dark-eyed beauty read an address, and another, the Tahsildar's daughter, presented the lovely gold bracelet, which all these 100 girls had kept as a secret from their Missamma for a long three weeks. Now, the secret was out, the Missamma was all smiles, and all these 100 pairs of eyes were sparkling with joy. They had kept the secret so long, and now they were free. The farewell song, given in Telugu, was very beautiful.

Enumerating her numerous benefactions, the chorus ran—

"Till the day of our death,
We can never forget;
Till the day of our death,
We cannot forget."

S. I. HATCH.

THE ADDRESS.

"Dear Madam:

"As we understand that you are soon to go from our midst, we, the students and teachers, sorrowfully gather together on this occasion to express our grateful thanks to you.

"There is no language to express the priceless work you have done amidst us during the last six years, devoting yourself unto God.

"You have taken great pains regarding our spiritual development, as well as our ordinary studies. We cannot describe how extremely we rejoiced at your careful watch over us, when you visited our homes frequently to find out not only our, but also our parents', welfare.

"There has been no limit to our excessive joy when we received the presents and Bibles from you, who are much interested in getting them from Canada.

"Perhaps we might seem like real flatterers, if we expressed all about your generosity in helping the poor children. We all of us know full well about your endeavors in sending the sick pupils and neighbors to our Mission Dispensary.

"In short, we are not worthy to praise all the multitude of your good qualities. Your self-sacrificing spirit, excessive love, patience, generosity and meekness were displayed not only among us, but in neighboring villages, too.

"Your good qualities remind us of this following Telugu proverb: 'A tiger is not born of a goat.' We cannot repay you anything, but earnestly pray you to kindly accept this little present, given with full hearts.

"May God be with you in your journey, give you joy in meeting with your relatives, and bring you back amidst us with new vigor and life.

"We beg to remain, Dear Madam,
YOURS AND TEACHERS."

THE FOE—THE FRIENDLESS.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

To the Members of the Circles in the
W. B. F. M. S. of E. O. & Q.

The members of your Board have been much burdened of late at the prospect of a probable deficit next October, if some special effort be not made at once to increase our funds. This matter was the principal subject for discussion at our last Board Meeting, and special meetings have since been held, that some plan might be devised to present to the Circles and individuals, whereby they might increase their giving. While we were endeavoring, in our weak, human way, to solve this problem, the message comes from far-away Alberta, from one who holds this work near to her heart: "Rely wholly on God, have faith in the Almighty One. Continue steadfast in prayer!" And now, with humble, trusting hearts, we pass this message on to all our Circle members, beseeching them that prayer be made unceasingly and in faith that the money may be forthcoming to meet the needs, and that the great burden of debt, which rests upon the General Board, may be removed, and God's name be glorified.

"Prayer is the mightiest thing put into human hands. If we know how to pray, nothing is impossible to us. Prayer should be a thing of plan and purpose, as well as impulses."

On behalf of the Board,

ETHEL CLAXTON AYER, Pres.
HELENA MOTLEY, Cor. Sec.
FRANCES RUSSELL, Treas.

NOTICE TO TREASURERS.

Circle Treasurers are requested to note that all monies for the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec should be sent to Miss Frances Russell, 536 Grosvenor Ave., Westmount, P.Q., and subscriptions for the Claxton Memorial Fund to Mrs. D. D. McTavish, 626 Roslyn Ave., Westmount, P.Q.

MARGARET BICKERT, Rec. Sec.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

Chatham.—Last night, before a large audience, the Mission Band of the William Street Baptist Church gave a cantata, "Crystal and Coin," and a Maypole Drill, in the Sunday School Hall.

Forty members of the Band took part, under the direction of Mrs. H. V. Cameron.

Miss L. Green, assisted with Miss Erva Thompson, at the piano. The children sang or recited very well, and, when the forty voices combined in some of the choruses, the effect was very sweet and musical.

The Maypole Drill was a pleasing feature. Those taking individual parts acquitted themselves very creditably. After weeks of careful preparation, both those who had the training in hand and those who took part must feel gratified at the success their efforts achieved. Eighteen dollars was realized, part of which will go to the support of a Hindoo student in one of the Baptist Colleges in India. The work of those engaged in leading the Mission Band is very important, as they are developing the intelligent missionary spirit of the young life of the church. No more important work can be undertaken on behalf of the children in the church.—From the Chatham "News."

Burlington.—Our Annual Thank-offering Meeting was held in the church, March 9th, with the President, Mrs. A. Carr, in the chair. Mrs. C. H. Cameron read the scripture lesson and led in prayer, after which the President reviewed the year's work, telling of the Mission Band organized during the year, the present membership being twenty-three. The members of the Band next sang a chorus, after which Mr. Andoff, of Toronto, gave us an inspiring address about his work amongst the foreigners, which was enjoyed very much. Collection and Mite Boxes amounted to \$12. Meeting closed with prayer by the Pastor, the Rev. A. Carr.

PHOEBE EMERSON,
Secretary.

Moe's River, Que.—The Ladies' Mission Circle and a Men's Missionary Meeting combined was held in the Moe's River Baptist Church on

I WOULD BE GIVING.

February 17th. As it is the custom of the Mission Circle to hold an annual thank-offering, such a meeting had been arranged for, when word was received from Mr. Senior appointing a men's meeting on the same date, so they amalgamated. Mr. Senior spoke in the afternoon on the "Relation of Prayer to Soul-winning." After the address, a suitable solo was sung very sweetly by Mrs. Loch. The Thank-offering was then taken up, amounting to \$21, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Suitable texts of scripture accompanied each offering and made the offering doubly blessed.

Supper was served by the ladies and a very enjoyable hour spent. A meeting, in the interests of the Men's Missionary Movement, was again held in the evening, and much spiritual help and stimulus received.

MRS. C. A. PARSONS,
Secretary.

Zone.—On March 19th, the ladies of the Zone Church organized a Mission Circle, with the following officers: President, Mrs. D. L. Ebeensee; Secretary, Miss Elsie Eberlee; Treasurer, Miss Violet Goff. Eight members thus far, but probably more will join later on.

JANE RITCHIE,
Director.

First Church, Vancouver, B.C.—A most interesting and inspiring meeting was the Easter Thank-offering Service, held by the Woman's Mission Circle on Wednesday evening, April 15th. The chair was taken by the President, Mrs. E. E. Crandall, and with her on the platform were the Pastor (Dr. H. Francis Perry), and Mrs. Perry, who led the devotional exercises, and Rev. Mr. Chave, of Edmonds, who aroused in us more sympathy and a deeper insight into the work of Home Missions than ever before by his earnest address. Dr. Arthur Brown gave a brief account of the work among the colored people of the city, which is growing in interest and importance, and in which our young people are taking a share in the responsibility. Solos were rendered by Miss Phillips and Mrs. Holloway, and were much enjoyed.

The offering amounted to \$124.50, and we know the little sacrifices involved will be accepted by Him who gave Himself for us.

J. G. A.

ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.

Whitby and Lindsay.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands of the Whitby and Lindsay Association will be held with the Church in Oshawa on June 18th. Mrs. W. L. Kingdon, of Toronto, will give an address on our Foreign Mission Work, and Mrs. F. L. Fowke, of Oshawa, will speak on "Diversified Home Mission Work." Will each Circle and Band see that they are represented? A delegate will be gladly welcomed from every church which has neither Circle nor Band. Kindly remember the roll call and business meeting in the morning.

H. A. MADILL,
Director.

Guelph Association.—The annual meeting of Mission Circles and Bands of the Guelph Association will be held in the Stratford Church on Tuesday, June 9th. Sessions at 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

G. H. DAYFOOT,
Director.

Toronto.—The Annual Meeting of Circles and Bands of the Toronto Association will be held in the Dovecourt Road Baptist Church, Toronto, on Thursday, June 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Will all the Circles and Bands please send delegates and representatives from churches where no Circle exists will be welcomed.

MRS. THOS. URQUHART,
Assistant Director.

Owen Sound.—The Mission Circles and Bands of the Owen Sound Association will meet in Owen Sound Thursday, June 11th. Sessions at 9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. All the women in our churches are invited to attend, even if they are not members of any Circle.

Miss Jones, who has just returned from India, will be with us.

Mrs. S. P. Day, of Owen Sound, will give an address on "Our Work Among the Foreigners at Home." "Finances of Our Circles, with Chart," Mrs. Pickard, of Wiarton. This is only half of the good things on the programme. Come prepared to give and receive.

N. H. BURT,
Director.

AND FORGET THE GIFT.

Norfolk.—The Annual Meeting of the Circles and Bands will be held in Victoria on Tuesday, June 9th, commencing at 2 p.m. Mrs. J. McLaurin will speak on "Foreign Missions," and Mr. John Kolesnikoff on "Our Home Mission Work." We are expecting a rich treat in these addresses. Churches where there are no Circles are invited to send delegates. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit.

FANNY M. PEARCE,
Director.

Ottawa.—The meeting of the W. B. H. & F. M. S. of the Ottawa Association will be held in the Baptist Church, Buckingham, Tuesday, June 16th, at 2 o'clock.

The Association was entertained by the Buckingham Church fourteen years ago, and past experience has taught the delegates to look forward with pleasure to meeting the good people of Buckingham again.

Will Circles and Bands please appoint delegates as soon as possible and send names to the Billeting Committee.

GEO. E. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

Oxford-Brant.—The Circles and Bands will hold their annual meeting June 9th, at 1.30 p.m. An excellent programme has been prepared. Bolivia will be presented by Mrs. Mitchell, India by Miss McLaurin, and "Our Foreigners" by Mr. Andoff, of Toronto. A one-hour conference will be led by Mrs. Barber, of Brantford. Springford is on the T., H. & B. branch of the G. T. R. Mrs. D. B. Smith, convener of Billeting Committee.

H. G. DOOLITTLE,
Director.

Peterborough.—The annual meeting of the Circles and Bands will be held with the Pieton Church on Wednesday, June 17th, at 2 p.m. Miss McLeod will speak on the work in India. Home Missions will also be represented. All Circles and Bands are requested to send reports with delegates.

MARY A. NICHOLLS,
Director.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

TREASURER'S REPORT.

April, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

From Circles—

Petrolia, \$5.52; Wallaceburg, Sr., \$30.00; Oshawa, \$5.00; Hamilton, James St. (thank-offering), \$50.00; Brampton, \$9.45; Toronto, Danforth Ave., \$13.25; London, Maitland St., \$18.50; Hamilton, Stanley Ave., \$5.50; East Toronto, \$18.10; Barrie, Y.L., \$4.00; Brantford, Immanuel, \$5.00; Toronto, Ossington, \$21.52; Kincardine, \$7.00; Earlscourt, \$2.70; Colechester, \$1.85; Calvary (Wanstead), \$19.00; London, Maitland (for Biblewoman), \$25.00; Aylmer, \$21.00; Malahide, Bayham, \$18.00; Woodstock, First, \$15.00; London, Egerton St., \$6.65; Brantford, Calvary, \$8.00; Campbellford, \$2.63; Woodstock, Oxford, \$4.00; Orillia, \$6.50; Toronto, Indian Rd. (per Miss Robinson for M. Venkiah \$9.00, for P. Jemima \$25.00), \$45.00; Toronto, College St., \$51.99; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$23.70; London, Talbot St. (Easter Meeting collection), \$12.55; Toronto, Bloor St. (per A. M. T. and J. A. W., for Tunj Bungalow), \$15.00; Harrow, \$5.00; Guelph, \$9.10; Toronto, Beverley, \$13.00; Toronto, Memorial, \$6.00; Aurora, \$7.00; Gladstone, \$8.00; Leamington, \$3.00; Southampton, \$5.00; Toronto, Roncesvalles Ave., \$15.00; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$1.60; Niagara Falls, Morrison St., \$8.00; Beachville, \$2.15; Vittoria, \$10.00; Hespeler (thank-offering), \$9.00; Hillsburg, \$8.00; Belleville, (Life Membership, Mrs. Jas. Peck), \$25.00; Wheatley, \$4.83; Arkona, \$4.70; Kensall Park, \$1.75; Toronto, Walmer Rd., Y. L., \$6.25; North Bay \$15.63; Toronto, Roncesvalles (Miss Priest's Bungalow \$1.00, Lepers 50c), \$26.12; New Liskeard, \$2.50; Elim (Leper Venkamma), \$8.00; Port Hope, \$10.50;

I WOULD BE HUMBLE,

Windsor (Miss Priest's Bungalow \$20.00, Life Memberships Mrs. Alexander Minto and Mrs. C. J. Wall), \$70.00; Toronto, Pape Ave., \$3.25; Lakeview (Biblewoman \$25.00), \$38.70; Alvinston, \$4.20; Hamilton, Stanley Ave. Y. L., \$10.00; Belfountain, \$2.85; Lakefield, \$4.10; Whitevale (self-denial meeting), \$5.00; South Woodslee, \$3.00; Stouffville, \$8.35; Beamsville, \$7.50; Campbellford (mite boxes), \$2.90; St. Catharines, Queen St. (Miss Priest's Bungalow \$1.75), \$14.00; Port Colborne (Miss Priest's Bungalow \$1.50), \$9.00; Toronto, Century, \$11.80; St. Catharines, Queen St. Y. L., \$5.00; Simcoe Y. L., \$2.25; Berlin, King St., \$10.00; Colborne, \$6.75; Preston, \$16.40; Stratford, \$10.00; Orangeville, \$3.90; Georgetown, \$8.15; Peterborough, Murray St., \$4.10 collection, \$22.20 mite boxes, \$52.55; Hamilton, James St., \$19.30; Toronto, First Ave., \$25.25; Belleville, \$5.00; Strathavon, \$5.00; Hamilton, Wentworth Y. L., \$10.00; St. Mary's, \$1.50; Toronto, Jarvis St. (thank-offering \$117.27), \$453.93; St. George (for Dr. Hulet \$7.85), \$13.85; Toronto, St. John's Rd., \$6.70; Ailsa Craig, \$11.25; Villa Nova, \$14.50; Scotland, \$7.10; Aylmer, \$18.00; Toronto, Bloor St. Y. L. (John Knott Ward \$5.00), \$11.20; Freelon, \$4.00; Snelgrove, \$3.50; Norwich (thank-offering \$7.50), \$10.00; Wilkesport, \$2.35; Caledonia, \$4.00; Hamilton, Wentworth St. (Miss Priest's Bungalow \$6.00), \$11.75; New Dundee, \$8.50; Toronto, Annette St., \$14.50; Toronto, Bloor St. (Miss Priest's Bungalow 50c), \$76.67; Dundas, \$6.32; Toronto, Indian Rd. (for Hammania), \$13.00; Waterford, \$36.95; Toronto, Waverley Rd., \$16.00; Brantford, Park, \$15.25; St. Thomas (Biblewoman \$14.50, special to be applied later \$14.22), \$39.96; Toronto, College St. (additional thank-offering), \$5.00; Toronto, Olivet, \$13.88; Cramahe, \$6.85; Toronto, Paris (per Mrs. Key for S. Reuben \$17.00), \$20.00; Tupperville, for Dr. Hulet, \$6.25; Lindsay, \$13.75; Strathroy \$20.00; Daywood, \$6.00; Weland, \$4.00; Barrie (thank-offering \$6.30), \$11.55; Burk's Falls, \$2.50; Houghton, First (thank-offering \$2.10), \$5.10; Pine Grove, \$2.00; Wiarton, \$9.25; Toronto, Walmer Rd. Y. L., \$22.50; Petrolia (for Miss Priest's Bungalow), \$25.00; London, Adelaide, \$23.00; Bloomsburg, \$4.75; Windsor (Muskoka Rest Home Furnishing Fund \$10.00), \$25.00; Tiverton, \$10.25; Wainstead, Calvary, \$2.00; Leamington, Y. L., \$2.20; Gladstone (Biblewoman, Akidu Field), \$25.00. Total from Circles, \$2,127.35.

From Bands—
 Brantford, Calvary, \$3.31; Port Arthur (Bolivia \$5.00), \$9.00; Chatham, Wm. St. (for student), \$1.20; Port Colborne, \$7.00; Sarnia, Sr., \$4.00; Beamsville (for student), \$17.00; Toronto, Beverley St., \$3.00; Bloomsburg, \$1.50; Hamilton, Stanley Ave. (Biblewoman), \$13.00; Port Arthur (student), \$4.25; St. Catharines, George St., \$9.00; Kingsville, 60c; Burlington, \$2.50; Wheatley, \$1.30; Arkona, \$1.14; Chatham, Central, \$5.50; Sarnia, Central, Jr., \$3.50; Georgetown (Life Membership, Miss Mildred Bessey), \$10.00; Galt (for P. Grace), \$11.00; Stouffville, \$8.50; Campbellford (mite boxes 98c), \$2.45; Orangeville, \$1.50; Markham, Second, \$6.00; Brampton, \$5.00; Preston, \$1.25; Stratford, Girls', \$1.75; Townsend Centre, \$5.50; Lakefield, \$3.50; Walkerton, \$2.60; Walkerville, \$1.50; London, Talbot, \$5.00; Ailsa Craig, \$2.25; Berlin, King St., \$11.00; Snelgrove, 50c; St. Catharines, Queen St., \$10.00; Sarnia, Brook St. (M. Q. Fund for untainted children of lepers), \$1.16; Houghton, First, \$2.75; St. Mary's (for student), \$13.00; Owen Sound, \$3.50; Leamington, \$6.35; Hamilton, Wentworth (for student), \$12.00; Scotland, \$2.35; Glen Meyer, \$2.60; Courtland, \$1.50; Wiarton, \$4.00; Toronto, First Ave. (for G. Kiti), \$6.00; Essex, \$1.08; Woodstock, First (for P. Deenamma), \$9.00; Toronto, Parkdale (student), \$17.00. Total from Bands, \$258.39.

From Sundrys—
 Mrs. John Stark (for Lepers), \$100.00; Miss E. A. Richards, Easter gift, \$2.00; Editor's Mission Barrel (for Miss Priest's Bungalow), \$23.13; Mrs. Annie Alexander (for Miss Priest's Bungalow), \$10.00; Miss L. Edith Stark (for Miss Priest's Bungalow), \$10.00; investment in trust, \$8.75; investment, Miss Davies' gift, \$10.00; St. Thomas, Jr. B. Y. P. U., \$8.00; Brooke and Ennis-killen Young Men's Bible Class (for Samalkot Student), \$17.00; Guolph, Y. L. Aux. (for student), \$6.00; Toronto, Indian Rd. (for Edia Alice), \$4.25; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., Steadfast Builders' Class (for two teachers at Rama), \$40.00; Woodstock, First Ch. Y. L. Club (Life Membership for Miss Rose Ella Pavey), \$25.00. Total from sundries, \$264.13.

FOR I KNOW MY WEAKNESS.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To General Treasurer, on recurring estimates, \$946.08; furlough allowances, Miss McLeod, \$33.34; Miss Jones, \$33.34; extras, lepers, \$100.00; special, part payment for land for Tuni Bungalow, \$300.00; to the Treasurer, \$20.83; exchange, 15c; post cards, \$6.25; Band Secretaries' account, \$4.21.

Total receipts for April, \$2,649.87;

total receipts since Oct. 21st, 1913, \$8,618.42.

Total disbursements for April, \$1,444.20; total disbursements since Oct. 21st, 1913, \$7,580.11.

Marie C. Campbell,
Treasurer.

Mrs. Glenn H. Campbell,
113 Balmoral Ave.

Young People's Department.

MISSION BAND CORNER.

I have just seated myself in a big rocker in the cosy library to re-read and re-enjoy a budget of missionary letters, which I have been receiving this winter. Some were written in January, and others in February and March. But what is this noise? Tramp, tramp, tramp, through my front door, and into my room, and here, peering over my shoulder, are my Mission Band boys and girls, all eagerly looking at these closely written pages. May we not see, too? Why, of course, you may! I am sure the dear writers will not object, if we share with you parts of their letters, for there are some things certainly too good to keep to one's self. We shall begin at once, for perhaps you will not be able to tarry too long. Whose is this first letter? It is from Miss Hinman. Who will find her station on our map? Here it is, Akidu, Kistna District "I used to think I was about as busy as any one could be at home, but I often think now that I was having a real easy time of it. I am settled down to my first real work in India. There are over 85 boys and 40 girls in the boarding departments and about 40 day scholars. The children are really very good and helpful. They do so much for themselves, all their own pounding of rice—and it takes over a bag a day—their own cooking, washing and everything. Companies of small boys keep our two compounds clean. When I go over just

before dark to lock up the girls, and to see that the boys are all right, we have such nice little talks at the children's hour. We have been talking about stars, and I have been trying to teach them 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star' in English. I teach three Bible classes and two English classes each morning, and go to the zenanas in the village in the afternoon."

Next is a note from Miss Corning from Samalkot Seminary. "I have now 83 boys here as boarders and 25 day pupils. Of the 83, 26 are in the fourth class, and will pass out from here in May. Thirty-two are in the third class and will have only one year more here. As far as possible, our Christian children get through the infant, first and second classes in the village, where they can be supported by their parents, and come in here for third and fourth classes, so the lower classes are smaller, as far as boarders are concerned. I have some dear boys; in fact, I love them all."

Miss Pratt tells some interesting things about her Cocanada School girls, and adds: "Did I tell you seventeen of our girls were baptized in November?" She encloses a beautiful piece of crocheted work that a native woman gave as her thank-offering at the annual gift meeting. Those who have not money, often give things they have made. Pause and think, what are we

I WOULD LOOK UP—AND LAUGH—AND LOVE—AND LIFT.

rendering unto the Lord for all His benefits!

"Miss Priest was out on tour in February, and her notes were written 'by the way.' "Do pray that we may be instructed by the Spirit, as we seek to drive home to the hearts of these people the truths of God's Word. Their condition is so different to that of people in the home land. So often, when we are seeking in the simplest language possible to bring home to them their great need and God's great supply, some one will say to another, 'Which God did she say to believe in?' or 'Where is this God?' or 'How many times must we say His name to get merit?' But there is a much more earnest hearing than formerly, and you at home must keep on praying for us, and for this land, until the Spirit be poured out from on high. Pray that we missionaries and Telugu Christians may be prepared for the new things God has in mind to do. One day, on this tour, as we left a village, where men, as well as women, crowded around, and showed such real interest, Lydiama said to me, 'Amma, as I listened to those folk, my heart troubled within me, lest we should be a hindrance in any way to them.' I have three women with me. We divide into two companies, and work in different parts of the villages, or go to different villages. From our working centre, there are over twenty villages we can reach."

Miss Murray wrote her letter while she was perched on the steps of the cabin of Miss Selman's lovely new boat. Conference was over in Cocanada, and she, with a few other missionaries, was on her way to Akidu to attend the Telugu Association. Her message is one of encouragement. She says: "It is many years since I visited these places, and it all reminds me of those early, happy days of my missionary life, when I was being initiated into the life of a touring missionary by 'Miss Stovel.' This country, so flat and fertile, with

its brimming canals, its large villages, containing so many tiled-roofed houses, its fields, thickly studded with good-sized stacks of grain, is a great contrast to the Narsapatnam region, so beautiful, with its hills and mountains, and great mango, tamarind and other shade and fruit trees, yet so frequently famine-stricken on account of failure of the rains, upon which it is so dependent."

This trip by canal boat took eighteen hours. The missionary party received a hearty welcome to the Jennie McArthur Bungalow. Then, later, the letter continues: "These are great days in India. There are signs of growth and expansion on every hand. The new bungalows, the new school buildings, the splendid medical plant at Pithapuram, where ten years ago was only a sea of cactus, all spell progress, a progress which seems wonderful to those of us who have been longer in India. In some cases, the condition may be likened to that of a boy who has outgrown his clothes, and extended accommodation is absolutely necessary, as in the case of the Boys' Dormitories in Akidu. In other cases, the extended accommodation itself is the sign of the growth going on, as, for instance, the Girls' Boarding School in Cocanada. It all fills us with a new enthusiasm for the work entrusted to me."

And, now, boys and girls, in pleasing fancy, I have had you all around me. Together we have been visiting with our missionaries far away—for a pen-and-ink chat is one real type of visit, isn't it. A missionary's letter is so highly appreciated, because we know how much of this real life, so overburdened with work and care, they must have to invest in their home letters. But we shall linger no longer. We must all away to our home Bands to work with renewed ardor. The call comes for unceasing prayer on behalf of fields so white and laborers so brave, yet so few. May the prayer of Frances E. Havergal express also the longing of all our hearts:

Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
Though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve,
All Thy bidding to fulfil;
Open Thou mine eyes to see
All the work Thou hast for me.

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