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#### My DEAR SISTERS:

I send you the first number of the MISSIONARY HELPER. It comes to you asking to be received into your hearts and used as though all your own. It has been born of a positive conviction that the dear Master whom we serve wants just this work undertaken. Voices from the East and West have said, "We need you," while from over the seas there comes constantly the cry, "Tell the women of the churches that we sit in darkness." The way before me is all untrodden. I stagger beneath the load I have here taken up, but He who gives the burden will also give the strength, and my faith grasps the promise "I am with you always," while it gets a clearer meaning of the command, "Go, teach." Will you not so give aid and comfort to this little one that it may become, nurtured by your prayers, and sympathies, and material aid, a real power in the work to which God has called the women of this denomination? If you shall help it, and God help it, it will succeed. God has especially blessed the world in the gift of the gospel of his Son, one of the grandest missions of which is the elevation of woman.

" Freely ye have received, freely give."

MARILLA MARKS BREWSTER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 1, 1878.

# OUR OPPORTUNITIES.

[A visit never to be forgotten, and its lesson.]

By MRS. J. L. PHILLIPS.

IT was a fresh, brisk morning. " Dame nature" wore a tender face between a smile and a tear, April's own gift. We were whizzing through Kent County, England. Farms beautiful as fairy lawns enclosed with living green hedges, lay both sides of the track. Bright blue violets were peeping above the soft green grass everywhere. Ten years before we left them by the brook near the dear old home, and here they were on the other side of the Atlantic to welcome us back to civilization. Christianity and home. Oh! what volumes their dear familiar faces spoke! Side by side and entertwined with them, their fair little cousins, English primroses were blessing the fields,-beautiful symbols of England and America's lives united in blessing the world. Violets and primroses faded in the distance, and Chilesthurst with enchanting views and grand palace, home of the Empress Eugenie, flashed upon us. We thought its wonderful beauty might charm even an exile, but little did we know of the penalty royalty was paying in the heart of that lone woman.

A few moments more and we were ushered into one of those perfect old homes of which England is so justly proud. All its inmates "were to the manor born." But one, the aged mother, was fast nearing the home of eternal bliss, only now and then could she stay her mind upon the things of time. As we neared her couch her eye brightened and reason came for a moment, and she said, "You have been gone a long time trying to do good, and are now going home, but there'll be no lack of opportunity." Her mind wandered again. Our delightful day passed away, but how many times those dying words have come to us, come like a voice from the perfect shore, "No lack of opportunity."

To-day our opportunities as a denomination come to spur us on to a better life. How often men sit idly by the wayside of life waiting for an opportunity. Ours are rushing upon us everyplay

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where. All through the "Black Seas" and Five Points" of our cities reeking humanity, that has gone down "below the lowest round of the ladder," is stretching out its "leprous hands" to us. Stern necessity is driving some of our purest and loveliest youth to the cities. It's ours to welcome them to a saving home in the church.

Far out in the west a stream of human life is rolling through the great meadows of the nation, nor will it stay its course till it reaches the eternal shore. What an opportunity to guide it to the *haven* of eternal peace!

Ever and anon the cry comes for "help to the destitute churches," and the churchless people. Have we divined its thrilling purport to us? An opportunity is passing by.

Long years we searched for some open door through which we might reach the slave. John Brown's soul went "marching on" and left the pearly gates wide "ajar." The Emancipator of our country passed through, and the great bosom upon which the nation rested its weary head was cold in death. The warm life-blood of three hundred thousand of her bravest sons flowed down our streets. We found the open door; *slavery* passed away. To-day from the highest banner that flutters over Harper's Ferry to the windows, door-panels and very bricks of the new college, there is engraved in golden letters, "Our opportunity," opportunities forever for the little ones in our Sabbath schools to send living lights from that new college into the darkness of Africa.

These opportunities are all at our own door. Why speak of what every child knows, when far away India glistening and bristling with a hundred fold more is welcoming us to its shores? Indeed, in our greed we have environed no mean portion of it with our denominational lines; hence no other workers can embrace them. But still what faint glimpses at best we get of that distant field. We think of India as a dark, benighted land. It is one of the brightest the sun ever shone upon.

Far up in the eternal snows she is crowned with Mount Everest, the very pinnacle of the world. Lofty mountains mirrored in placid lakes, dotted with loveliest vales, of which Cashmere

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stands queen, slide into plains which stretch far away, and the mountains again rise and fall until the Indian Ocean laves her feet at Cape Comorin.

Torrid heat and frigid cold mockingly defy each other in their own barriers, and then hastening down the mountains and over the plains, are lost in one another and form a climate healthful and delightful. Prophetic phenomenon of the glad day when the wild dogmas of men shall be lost in the common creed, "One in Christ."

Himalayan oaks, evergreens, and ferns, born to equatorial vegetation in all its splendor, and the rose and the geranium send back their sweet perfume all the year. Mighty streams cut the shore line affording unlimited means for commerce. Gold and precious stones sleep in her mines. Her exports are in every land. Her diamonds, shawls and fabrics grace the most elegant courts in the world.

Mighty cities are still extant whose ancient kings tossed their own weight in gold to the thoughtless crowd once every year. Oh! for time to glance at some of the magnificent strúctures in these cities, especially the Yajmohal sleeping in its dreamy beauty, most wonderful shrine in the world.

One glimpse more from Everest to Comorin and the heart cries out, "If on earth there is Paradise, it is this, it is this." But alas, it is Paradise lost! For the one, true, triune God is forgotten there.

But it is ours to reinstate man in all his original majesty; to lift down-trodden woman into her primeval purity and loveliness. In short to build a spiritual kingdom that shall be in perfect keeping with the natural one God has so lavishly adorned and so wonderfully varied.

The saddest loss man ever knew is a "lost opportunity."

The last summer breezes have died away, and with them many a golden opportunity. Oh! let not the cold winds of winter, pierce our hearts with the dismal wail, "It might have been." Corresponding Secretary's Report.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

# CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

OF THE

#### READ AT THE

Fourth Anniversary of the Society held at Fairport, N. Y., Oct. 6th, 1877.

SWIFTLY, almost like a dream, have the months flown by, and before we are aware another anniversary is upon us. Much during those months should have been accomplished, *something* has been done. Although we cannot speak of great results achieved, or of large accessions to our numbers, yet the cause is surely gaining ground. It is beginning to be understood that the Woman's Missionary Society is not a mere ephemeral thing, holding a precarious existence of a few years, then suddenly disappearing, but a fixed fact, a power that shall be more and more felt.

Christian women are learning that there is something for them to do outside of the home circle; they are learning somewhat of the deep significance of their baptismal vows; that it is not enough to keep themeslves unspotted from the world, but equally their duty to lend a helping hand to those perishing for lack of the bread of life.

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The marriage and consequent severance from the mission of Miss Libby, though a great disappointment and sensibly felt by the Society, has by no means paralyzed its work. Though no longer laboring under the auspices of the Woman's Society, yet we doubt not in her present sphere she will accomplish much for the needy ones by whom she is surrounded. All who have any acquaintance with her can corroborate the remark of one of the missionaries, "She is not one to hide her light under a bushel."

Thus we desire to recognize the hand of God in leading us hitherto, and gratefully acknowledge amid some perplexities and

sources of discouragement, the many cheering things over which to rejoice. And one of these which seems particularly worthy to be mentioned, is the signal answer to prayer.

One year ago the Society was anxiously looking for some suitable person to send to the foreign field. Correspondence was entered into with different individuals, earnest appeals were made, but all efforts seemed fruitless. At a session of the Society held in connection with the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting, the burden of prayer was that God would supply this urgent need.

Miss Ida O. Phillips, daughter of the veteran missionary, and a recent graduate of Hillsdale College, has been accepted by the Society, and purposes to sail for India the present season. It is a matter for congratulation and deep thankfulness, that one coming to us with such strong testimonials for scholarship and devoted piety, coupled with earnest missionary zeal, is to bear our banner to the needy ones of her own olden home. Understanding as she does, the language of those she goes to teach, she stands on high vantage ground, as she can enter at once upon her work. Three other ladies are in correspondence with the Corresponding Secretary, who are earnestly desiring to give themselves to the work of Foreign Missions ; and it has been strongly hoped that one, at least, of these, might be sent in company with Miss Phillips. But to accomplish this purpose more means must be procured.

At a meeting of the Managers held a few months since, the matter was seriously considered, and a plan devised to interest the children of our Sabbath schools in the raising of funds for the support of a lady, to be called the Children's Missionary. This plan seems to be a feasible one. Could the children be made to feel that the responsibility of the support of a missionary devolved upon them, doubtless their interest would be increased. But to inaugurate a plan like this, and carry it out, requires work, sturdy work. Some one in each Sabbath school must go ahead in the matter, and persevere till the object is accomplished.

God bless the children! how easily are their hearts moved.

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Only educate them aright and the Christians of the future like those of Christ's early church, will be benevolent Christians; and money will flow into the Lord's treasury, not in stinted supplies grudgingly bestowed, but in full, copious streams, enriching the heart of the receiver not only, but of the giver as well.

Perhaps there never was a time when the wants of our mission called so imperatively for help as the present. Mrs. Smith, who, rising from the depths of her great sorrow, has, though with feeble health, so long and bravely sought to continue the work death obliged her husband to relinquish, is now in this country seeking to recruit her exhausted energies.

Thus, there is at the present time among us, five missionaries, leaving but eight to carry on a work so immense. And the most of these eight are already weary and worn, wearing themselves out by overwork and anxiety. Is it a marvel that these toilers, looking at the vast work before them, seeing so many open doors into which they would gladly enter, constantly hearing the cry for help from perishing ones around them, do we wonder that these, struggling day after day with ever decreasing strength, sometimes feel that they are left alone, with none to care, none to help! It must seem passing strange to them that the American churches are so dilatory, that the means for carrying out so noble a work come so slowly. Truly, it is passing strange! Were the Saviour we profess to love now upon the earth, were He to visit our homes, to sit at our tables, witness the comforts, even luxuries by which we are surrounded, and then see the mites doled out for His cause, would He not turn away with a saddened heart and doubt the genuineness of a love marked by so little of sacrifice?

One, whose ten years' sojourn among India's benighted children, has taught her the untold importance of the Woman's work, writes: "We must do a great deal more as a Society this year ; these home women must be aroused. They can send four as well as one missionary this fall." Truly they could send four ; ay! many more than four might be sent, did each Christian woman do what she could. Forty thousand Christian women!

What a vast power for good might they not be! Did they only

realize what Christianity has done for them as women; did they only feel that the proud eminence on which they stand is due to the self-denying labors of others, how eagerly would they hasten to pay the debt of gratitude resting upon them, by seeking to elevate their less favored sisters; by striving to break the chains by which for centuries those sisters have been bound.

It is possible there may be some in our churches who cannot consistently give for this cause even the trifling pittance of two cents a week; but their number must be very, very small. But what shall be said of whole churches refusing to co-operate in this work? Can they be Christian churches? Surely they are not like Christ. His purposes are not their purposes, his spirit, their spirit, or his kingdom their kingdom. A religion that seeks to save only one's self, and those in its immediate vicinity; a religion that does not expand the heart so that it embraces the whole world is not the religion of Christ. Says one: "A church that neglects missions is death-struck. The piety that has no sympathy with missions is paralyzed. One fails to give the least evidence of love to Christ, who turns away from the cause with cold indifference."

The appropriations made at our last anniversary for the support of some twenty Zenana teachers, and also for the salary of Miss Brackett, and the aid of a large number of girls in the Harper's Ferry School, were very gratefully received. Instead of decreasing the amount bestowed for these causes, it is very desirable that it should be increased. The school at Harper's Ferry should enlist the active sympathies of every woman. It is doing a work the importance of which eternity alone can reveal. And the encouragements to labor for those of our own sex on India's sultry strand were never so great as now. The doors into those secluded Zenanas, formerly so closely barred, are being thrown wide open, and the appeal comes over the waters, "Christian women, come and help us." Shall that appeal be answered? Remember, this is woman's work; and what more glorious mission could she desire. Hers are the capabilities for the execution of this work ; on her shall rest the responsibility. Is there one who can afford to have nothing

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to do with an enterprise of such magnitude and moral grandeur? Let us buckle on anew our armor; let us with increased zeal press forward in this cause for which a Saviour shed his blood, and the good and great through all the centuries have joyfully laid down their lives.

The day is waning! The sands of life are dropping fast. What is done must be quickly done. Christian women, will you not arise to the possession of your glorious inheritance?

MRS. J. A. LOWELL.

#### PARTIAL REPORT\*

#### OF THE

#### HOME SECRETARY,

#### Read at Fairport, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1877.

THIS Society is in the spring-time of its existence. Laborers are needed who will scatter the truth by all waters, not knowing what will prosper, only assured that the One who assigns the work will give an abundant harvest. For this reason, the following reports of the District Secretaries, who have the oversight of the work in their respective yearly meetings, are a record of work done more than of a harvest gathered in.

#### GLIMPSES OF HOME WORK.

Mrs. E. N. Fernald, District Secretary of the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, writes: "The work of the Woman's Mission Society among us the past year, though not so successful as we could wish, has still been such as greatly to encourage us. The Christian spirit that first caught the meaning of that all inclusive

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\*The remainder of this report embraces a discussion of the Necessity of Women's Societies, and will be presented in a future number.

command of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is spreading, and wherever the cause is presented by an earnest, loving spirit, quick responses of sympathy and help appear.

We have not yet succeeded in communicating with all the churches of this district, and our report must necessarily be a partial one. In the Bowdoin Q. M. we have nine auxiliaries, located in Auburn, Augusta, Gardiner, Hallowell, Lisbon Second church, the Main Street, and Pine Street churches, in Lewiston; Parker's Head and West Waterville, and have encouraging prospects of the formation of, at least, two others. There are also two Mission Bands for young people and children respectively, both connected with the Main Street church, Lewiston. These societies have already formed a bond of Christian love and sympathy, which our occasional reunions have served to strengthen and increase.

Mrs. E. D. Wade, District Secretary of the Penobscot Y. M., who, on account of sickness, was not able to make a full report, writes: "I think the interest in the cause is increasing among us. We have raised more money this year than I feared we might these hard times. That the interest may still increase is my prayer."

Miss A. Hasty, District Secretary of the Maine Western Y. M., says: "I can report eight auxiliary societies. They are located at Portland, North Berwick, West Buxton, Biddeford, Limerick, North Parsonsfield, South Parsonsfield and East Otisfield. I know of no children's Bands in this Y. M. We use the weekly offering cards in Limerick, and the children have contributed very generously. At the last session of the Parsonsfield Q. M., a few ladies requested and obtained half an hour to devote to the Woman's Mission cause, and in that short time they awakened an interest that is still felt. The prospect in this Y. M. is very encouraging. I pray that it may acquit itself so well in the future that it may fully merit the hearty "well done."

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Mrs. F. S. Mosher, Dis. Sec. of the N. H. Y. M., writes: "During these hard times when there is retrenchment in almost every branch of expenditure, we are glad to say that the women

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of New Hampshire have done nearly as much for missions the past year as previously.

There has been a correspondence to secure assistant secretaries in the different Quarterly Meetings in the State. A few women have accepted the place, others have felt obliged to decline, and from some we have never heard.

In connection with the Yearly Meeting at Whitefield, we had a mission meeting. Miss Phillips made remarks. The meeting was well attended and considerable money was raised. At several Quarterly Meetings, there have been women's mission prayer meetings, which were very interesting and profitable. Miss French, the returned missionary, held a few meetings in the northern part of the State and formed two new societies.

The children of the Try Class have done more this year than they did last year. We think this one of the most hopeful facts, for if the children become interested the cause is certainly safe. It has seemed, as we have looked the matter over, that our greatest need is trust in God. If, to our most faithful efforts, we add our earnest prayers for wisdom and assistance, we believe that our Society will yet accomplish much in mission labors."

Mrs. F. P. Eaton, District Secretary of the Vt. Y. M., says: "Considerable progress has been made in the Woman's Mission cause the past year. At our Y. M., one year ago, a mission meeting was held, which has done much in advancing our interests. I there appointed assistant secretaries for each Q. M. Mrs. C. W. Griffin, as assistant in Strafford Q. M., entered upon her work with energy, and reports an old auxiliary at Tunbridge and one new one at East Randolph, and another at South Strafford.

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In the Corinth Q. M., there is an increasing interest. An auxiliary society at East Orange, is small but earnest; one at East Williamstown is well sustained, and another at West Topsham was organized one year since. Corinth Second church has an earnest working society. We pay quarterly and have a mission meeting as often. Mrs. Prescott, assistant secretary for Wheelock Q. M., has laid the cause before the churches, and is

hopeful that much may yet be done when the subject is well understood. Some of the churches are already at work. The assistants in the Huntington and Enosburg Q. M's. will do what they can. The women *can* do *much*, and the *more* we do for the mission cause the sooner will the gospel be preached to all the world."

Mrs. M. M. Brewster, District Secretary for Rhode Island Association, writes: "There is ground for encouragement in the condition of the interest in this department of Christian effort in our various churches. It is not possible to measure this interest by the amount contributed to the treasury. There is seed lying in mellow soil which is yet to come to fruitage.

There are existing in our little state, seven auxiliaries, located in Pascoag, Pawtucket, Olneyville, Greenville and in the Roger Williams, Greenwich Street and Park Street churches, Providence, and seven mission bands located in the same places, with a membership of some four hundred. In three or four ther churches there are contributors. We would not fail to make noble mention of the ladies in the Georgiaville and Pascoag churches, who have pledged themselves to the raising of one hundred dollars each toward the outfit of a new missionary, through the influence of Miss Phillips. All the bands are worthy of commendation. Some of the members have been brought to the Saviour. This department has in it many beams of promise, and commends itself to our most earnest and careful support. A few boxes of clothing have been sent to Harper's Ferry, and a little money direct as a special offering.

Our annual meeting was held in May, with that of the Rhode Island Association, and in some respects was encouraging.

Grateful for the blessings of the past, we pledge ourselves to greater fidelity the coming year, trusting all things to the wisdom and guidance of Him who was our sacrifice and example."

Mrs. I. Z. Haning, District Secretary of the Ohio River Y. M., though not able to advance this cause as she has wished, says: "Let me assure you we shall keep at work, and hope that soon results will be worth sending you."

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Mrs. J. B. Lash, District Secretary of the Ohio Central Y. M.,

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writes: "The sisters in this Y. M. are being aroused to do more than ever before in the cause of missions.

An auxiliary society was organized in the Harmony Q. M. several weeks since. It has about twenty-five members. The Marion Q. M. has collected some money and will organize a society soon. In the Richland & Licking Q. M., also in the Seneca & Huron Q. M., societies are at work with energy, and the last named has fifty-nine members."

Miss A. Record, District Secretary of the Illinois Yearly Meeting, writes: "All that has been done has been confined to the Prairie City Quarterly Meeting. We have a small auxiliary at Prairie City, with seventeen reliable members, which is doing well considering the low state of the church, which is without a pastor.

At the one session of the Quarterly Meeting, which it was my privilege to attend, twenty dollars were raised for the support of a native Zenana teacher, and nine dollars have been raised by the auxil . This effort has done us good, but it seems as though we ought to have done more."

Mrs. Ada Kennan, District Secretary of the Wisconsin Yearly Meeting, says: "At our Yearly Meeting held in June, some of us, who have thought of and prayed over this work, called a meeting of the sisters present and organized ourselves into a society auxiliary to the Woman's Mission Society. We pledged ourselves to work in our several churches to awaken an interest and collect funds. We appointed Quarterly Meeting treasurers throughout the State. How the most are doing I am not informed, but can give you one or two items of interest.

At the Rock & Dane Quarterly Meeting, held with the Oakland church, we had a very enthusiastic mission meeting Sabbath afternoon. The ladies of that church resolved to organize a society at once. Mrs. Mitchell, of Winnebago, is the Treasurer for this Quarterly Meeting. She is at present circulating cards, and has pressed into the work some very active young ladies in the churches. At the Wrightstown church, in this Quarterly Meeting, I had the privilege of addressing the ladies upon this subject, and organized a society which promises something for the future. There has been for the past three

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years a Woman's Society in the Johnston church of the Rock & Dane Quarterly Meeting.

You will perceive from the above that we are still in our infancy in this State, but we hope to grow and do more and better another year."

In addition to the societies reported by the District Secretaries, are the following: Washington Street and Charles Street churches, in Dover, Sandwich, Danville, Farmington, Candia Village, Manchester, Bristol, New Market, Madison and Belmont, all in the State of New Hampshire; in West New Portland, Maine; in Haverhill and Lowell, Massachusetts; in Henrietta, Ohio; in Iowa Northern Yearly Meeting, and in Minneapolis, Minnesota; also, bands of children and youth in Dover and New Hampton, New Hampshire; in Potter, New York, and in Winneconne, Wisconsin.

#### HOPEFUL ASPECTS.

At the last General Conference of this denomination the second anniversary of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held. Then we had no reports from District Secretaries; the work of forming auxiliary societies had just commenced, and the children scarcely knew that they could have a part in this work. Now, through the reports of the ten District Secretaries, and through other sources, we learn that fifty-four auxiliary societies are in active operation, and thirteen children's bands are forwarding their loving offerings to the treasury. Then, the Treasurer's report showed receipts to be six hundred and sixty-two dollars and ninety-two cents, now they are seventeen hundred and ninety-three dollars and eighty-one cents.

These results are especially hopeful, because each year has shown a steady increase in receipts and a continually deepening interest in the work.

Grateful acknowledgements should be made to the One who has guided us, for the rich blessings that have rested on the work of our hands.

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#### Indian Widowhood.

# INDIAN WIDOWHOOD.

By MRS. M. M. H. HILLS.

DR. DUFF, the veteran Soutch missionary of Calcutta, truly said, that the very goal and acme of misery to women in India is widowhood. Whatever may be her age, there is no pity, no compassion, no sympathy for a Hindoo widow. She is regarded and treated as accursed by the gods, who are punishing her for some guilt contracted in a former birth, and he who helps to increase her sufferings is doing a meritorious work. As soon as the husband dies, the widow, though she be but a child of seven years, is divested of all her ornaments,—a dreadful thing to a Hindoo woman,—her hair is shorn, and she is forbidden to wear anything but the coarsest cloth. She must not marry again. She must not lie on a bed, must never have more than one meal a day, and henceforth must be the menial servant of the family. The number of widows is very large. Dr Duff estimates it among the millions, many becoming such while children.

The following extract from a letter of Mrs. J. Phillips of the Orissa Free Baptist Mission, gives a faint illustration of their sad condition :

"When encamped at Baliapal, I went out one morning to find some one who was anxious or even willing to hear of Christ. I was soon called to a house where a number of women were gathered. All seemed delighted to see me, and all ears were opened. But before Christ could be introduced. the list of questions that we meet everywhere had to be disposed of. Just then a very bright, active and pretty little girl of about eight years, entered and seated herself close to one of the women who caressingly put her arms around her. I made some inquiries about the child, when at once, the mother's face became very sad as she said : 'My child's fate is very hard, for she has already been a widow several years.' I replied that young Hindoo widows of some castes are again married, and as such are chosen by those who are to become their husbands, and not by his friends, they are often much happier than in their first marriage. 'Yes, I know that this is permitted among the people of some castes, but no such thing is allowed among us. The rules in our caste are so very strict that we cannot in any honorable way become connected with any man, but must remain widows for life. We are allowed to become concubines or turn to a life of shame, but we cannot marry. Indeed we should be treated with more respect as public women,

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than we should be if married.' Then looking at her child, she said mournfully : 'It is her fate and she must bear it as best she can—what else can be done ?'

"As I listened, I thought of the infinite difference between the glorious religion of the blessed Saviour and this cruel system of Hindo ism, which for untold ages, has kept its iron heel upon these poor, defenceless women, till almost the last spark of womanhood is crushed out of them. But, thank the Lord, the day of their deliverance is surely coming. I then told them of our own happy land, where mothers and daughters are loved, respected and honored, and that it is just as proper, in Christian countries, for widows to marry as it is for widowers. They thought this was a very nice custom and wished it could be so among them. I then sang to them, read a little from the Testament, and told them of Christ, the Son of God, who had come in to the world and given his life to save sinners; and that obeying him had made all the difference between them and the people of my own country. How I wish that the women of America could realize that the Bible, and only that, has made the vast difference between them and their down-trodden sisters of this heathen land. Surely they would then do more to spread a knowledge of this blessed book among these deeply wronged women, despoiled of their dearest rights."

# THE GIRLS' BOARDING HALL,

#### At Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

BY MISS L. E. BRACKETT.

THERE are so many demands upon the generosity of the benevolent that the wonder is that so many wants are supplied, and so much actual good accomplished yearly. For does not each year measure progress? What twelve months goes by that does not witness the erection of numberless costly structures, whose walls stand as a proof of the reality of religion, whose aim is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and preach the gospel to the poor. Another thing not always considered in estimating the progress of mission work is that the larger part of the burden is borne by the few. Think over the list of your Christian acquaintances even, and count and see how many there are to whom you would go for aid in a benevolent enterprise, with a reasonable hope of eliciting either a cheerful response or an

#### Work at Harper's Ferry.

honest sympathy. And, if next month you chance to want help in another matter, would you not find yourself again turning to the same few? In this work there is little rotation of either office or responsibility. Again, the work is not done by the rich alone. There are many instances of wealthy men and women who have dispensed their charities in a manner proportionate to their means; yet quite as often the needy ones of earth are cared for by the self-denial of the poor. Go through the rooms of the Orphan Asylums in our land. You will find there costly gifts from the man of wealth; but look at the common things that make the place comfortable and home-like. Look at the quilts that were pieced by the tired hands of the willing but over-worked mothers.

When a few years ago it was found that Storer College had outgrown its early accommodations and ought to have a Girls' Hall, we thought the funds would speedily be raised. The need was so apparent, the world so large, that surely some one must be waiting to do just that work for the Master. Some one must be longing for the thrill of joy that ever accompanies a generous deed. A few liberal donations in the beginning confirmed us in this belief, and with promises of still more, we confidently laid the foundation. But the stilling of the throbs of a great heart one Christmas morning, brought death to many a philanthropic scheme.

Then there were months of waiting, with a growing demand to face, a fainting hope to cherish, and the foundation ever before our eyes. How forlorn is the aspect of an unfinished deserted building !—A ruin robbed of all sentiment, all picturesqueness ! Last spring a friend suggested the idea of presenting our cause to the Sunday school scholars, and if possible to enlist their services in selling bricks, doors, windows, etc.

The plan has been, as yet, neither a failure nor a success? With a horror of debt, it is decided not to go on with the work until enough has been contributed to enclose the building.

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Wherever the matter has been presented the response has been encouraging. About six hundred dollars have been contributed, which sum the Centennial Jubilee Singers have increased to twelve hundred. This money is to be invested till enough is raised to complete the building.

"Despise not the day of small things." Ten cents will buy a brick, three . dollars a door or a window.

Other items are :

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Each donor receives a card certifying that he is the possessor of an amount of stock in the Girls' Boarding Hall, proportionate to the size of the contribution. The completion of the building is in the hands of the friends of the school.

Ever since the shackles fell from the limbs of the bondman, his course has been steadily onward and upward, along a way beset by snares and pitfalls at every step. A fearful legacy was the four millions of dependent, helpless slaves left us by our fathers.

From these it is possible to make four millions of self-supporting intelligent citizens. Is it not economy and safety to do it at any price? For "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet which tendeth to poverty."

## HOME TOUR OF A MISSIONARY WORKER.

By Miss S. L. Cilley.

ONE bright afternoon toward the end of August last, I left my home in Western Michigan, to attend the meeting of the Central Association held at Pike, New York. I remained within the limits of the Association working for missions till November 1st, when receiving word that my sick mother was worse, I hastened home to remain with her so long as it should be a sad yet precious duty.

'Twould be impossible in a short letter to tell of the thirty-seven meetings held, or to speak of individual persons or places. From all we present these thoughts. Our good Free Baptist people are interested in missions. I know it by the money they gave, by the crowded houses, the falling tears, and the "God bless you's," showered upon me everywhere. They beg for more and more about India. May your magazine give them more and more.

#### Home Tour of a Missionary Worker.

Many of our churches lack system in giving. A few had a system of pledges weekly, monthly or quarterly, though but one church was using the cards so admirably adapted to their needs. I helped the pastors to introduce these in most churches visited.

The pastors were so kind they took the "hard" out of my work. But one fact puzzled me. They were sometimes more generous than their churches. Could I know whether or not the pastor is the only man in the church who takes our denominational papers; could I know how often he tells his people of our denominational needs and successes; could I know what and how he teaches them, the mystery might perhaps be solved.

One can never tell where to go in the work of raising money. I well remember my bitter disappointment in visiting one influential church where I received twenty-five cents and that privately given, and, also, my glad joy after talking in a country place one week day evening where there was given and pledged one hundred and thirty-one dollars. More depends upon the circumstances, the people themselves, and the training they have received than upon the amount of money in their pockets. Mission Societies are not of necessity short-lived. I found some alive and well that had survived for years. Long may they live.

There are many warm friends of our Harper's Ferry College in the churches visited, and many are working well for Home Missions. In my work of introducing the cards, many pledges were secured for the Home Mission and Education Societies, as well as for the Foreign Mission and Bible School in India. I was, as never before, impressed with the fact that the three interests are one.

A missionary is needed almost as much within the Association as elsewhere in the denomination. Let his work be to move the Free Baptist Churches that are "just out of town," just into the towns and villages, and future generations shall cherish his memory. Our New York churches many of them, have pastors who are young, earnest, strong men. What can they not do for God and the world, especially if they believe that the world extends beyond their own parish, and act accordingly. The Pennsylvania churches visited are in sad need of young ministers. The good fathers are passing away. Who shall take their places ?

On the whole those ten weeks shall remain among the most satisfactory weeks I have spent. Earnest, generous men and women we met.

God bless them! Bright, wide-awake children, whose pennies were cheerfully given,—God keep them lovingly near to Him. Dear old fathers and mothers in the churches, now almost and soon to be with God! Rich is their future inheritance, richer if they leave their earthly gains to His work.

# NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Among the names suggested for this magazine have been *Missionary Echo*, and MISSION-ARY HELPER. The former is perhaps the more poetical, the latter stronger and more suggestive of the design of the work. The latter was therefore chosen. i

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The HELPER will aim to diffuse missionary intelligence both home and foreign, and hopes occasionally to give some knowledge of the work of the parent-societies. Considering the number of subjects and the importance of the work, it may be that our pages are all too few.

It has been our hope to make this a specimen number. The object, however, has been only partially realized. The length of some of the articles which must appear in this issue has precluded the variety which may be expected in future numbers. We are sure much valuable information will be gained from the reports of our secretaries, and we trust that in many churches auxiliary societies will spring up at once. We hope to present soon a paper on the formation of auxiliaries.

Dr. Phillips, who is an indefatigable worker, writes, "Will you please say in your new magazine that our *India Bible School* is for *women* as well as *men*? A part of its work will be to raise up Zenana teachers, therefore we wish the good F. B. women to help it. Success to the Magazine. God make it a blessing to America as well as India."

Miss Julia E. Phillips is spending the winter months among the churches in New England, lecturing, forming auxiliary societies, interesting the children, and doing most effective work in arousing from indifference to activity. Her warm, earnest, loving words, born of a devotion to the needs of those she left in India, should be heeded and cherished. We are sure you will welcome her, as she comes among you, to a large place in your prayers and hearts.

We were so glad to meet Mrs. B. B. Smith a few weeks ago, and look in her face again. She has been an inspiration to us as she has gone bravely forward with that which God has set her to do, and now we are impressed more strongly than ever before, that she is favored who will listen to the call of God to bear the glad tidings of salvation to heathen lands. Will not some one in this glad New Year of 1878 give herself willingly to serve the Master in this glorious work?

Miss Ida Phillips, who left us for India in October last, we learn sailed in the S. S. India, of the Anchor Line, from Liverpool on the roth of November, and at last accounts had reached Port Said, Egypt. We expect to have some notes from her journal for our next issue.

The Jubilee Singers are making a tour of the New England States, and are being received with favor. The character of their singing is constantly improving.

#### The Meeting at Fairport.

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"Thank God for the Magazine !," says Miss Cilley, as she watches by the bedside of her suffering mother.

# ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in connection with the Triennial Conference in October last, at Fairport, New York. It was an occasion of unusual interest. There came together representatives of Christian work from all points of the denomination, and it was found that as heart came in contact with heart, the pulsations were quickened and a new impulse received for future action. The business meetings were frequent and characterized by a spirit of inquiry as to how more effective work can be done for the Master in this department of Christian labor.

The prayers asked for a more perfect consecration, the discussions were warm and earnest. and the plans laid, it is to be hoped, will ripen into effective results. One thing which especially occupied attention, was the best method of spreading a knowledge of our work, and the bringing into service the latent forces and unoccupied talent.

The marked feature of the gathering was the public anniversary of the Society held in the Congregational Church on Saturday evening, when an overflowing house greeted us. Mrs. E. W. Page, one of the Vice-Presidents, most admirably conducted the exercises, which were opened with prayer by Dr. Phillips. The reports of the Secretaries were read, and then came the full enjoyment of the occasion. There were with us three of our dear missionaries who are resting, nay, working in their native land, waiting the day that allows them to return.

Miss Phillips described the district work and showed the native dress. She spoke stirring words to the Christian women of their duty in this work which is ours because it is Christ's work.

Mrs. J. L. Phillips graphically described the dark homes of India, contrasting them with our own bright, happy ones. She spoke of the miserable child-life there; of the openings to Zenana work, and of the many dark things that appealed to her to plead the cause of those who look to us for light and life.

Miss Cilley caused us all to feel that the missionaries are conscious of blessings through the prayers of those at home, and that we had no right to withhold them.

It has been kindly said that this was the most marked meeting of the Conference. The brethren gave us many proofs of their interest in our undertakings, and encouraged us to go forward. "Onward with quickened steps" should be our motto for the coming year.

# Children's Niche.

#### A MITE SONG.

ONLY a drop in the bucket. But every drop will tell; The bucket would soon be empty, Without the drops in the well.

Only a poor little penny, It was all I had to give ; But as pennies make the dollars, It may help some cause to live.

A few little bits of ribbon And some toys; they were not new, But they made the sick child happy, Which has made me happy, too. Only some outgrown garments; They were all I had to spare; But they'll help to clothe the needy, And the poor are everywhere.

A word, now and then, of comfort, That costs me nothing to say; But the poor old man died happy; And it helped him on the way.

God loveth the cheerful giver, Though the gift be poor and small; What doth he think of his children When they never give at all. -Selected.

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#### WORK FOR THE CHILDREN.

You see I take it for granted that you are ready, my young friends, for any good work. You have doubtless heard a great many times about how very ignorant the people are in India, especially the women and children. Millions of them know nothing of the Bible, but pray to idols they themselves make of brass and stone, instead of to Christ, and do not even know how to read a single letter. The good people in this country have sent very many men and women, who are trying to teach them better things, but a few cannot do all that is needed. The ladies in our churches are doing much in supporting teachers in India, and now they wish you to join them in this work.

Last October they sent to India, Miss Ida O. Phillips, youngest daughter of Rev. J. Phillips, who is to teach among the women and children. What they wish you to do is to support her, calling her the Young People's Missionary

Her salary of four hundred dollars, is divided into shares of five dollars each. They would like you to form Mission Bands in your Sabbath Schools, and take one or more shares.

#### Learning to Write in India.

Every member of the Band will be expected to pay something into its treasury. The rule usually adopted is one cent a week. This money can be sent once in three or six months to Miss L. A. DeMeritte, Dover, New Hampshire, who is Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society, and she will send it to India. Miss Ida will be your own missionary, and you can write to her. She will answer you directly or through the "Little Star" and "Myrtle," and the HELPER. How do you like the plan?

Quite a number of shares have already been taken, five each by the Bands in Olneyville and Pascoag, R. I., one each in Dover and Milo, Maine, and so on. 'If you wish to have a share you had better speak for one at once by writing to Mrs. J. M. Brewster, Providence, R. I., or they may all be gone. In order that this missionary may be wholly your own, I hope you will earn every penny you pay. Let me tell you what some girls and boys have done to get their mission money. One boy sold Mayflowers, another saved and sold all the rusty nails and old iron he could find, as well as rags and paper. Still another had a hen, which he called his "missionary hen." All the money he received from the sale of her eggs he saved for the Band.

The other day I heard of some Sabbath school children in Ohio who planted each a hill of potatoes, or several hills of corn. This last Fall they sold enough from this Sunday school garden to raise fifteen dollars, half of which is to go to India, and the remainder to the Home Mission. I need not, however, suggest anything more, for your busy brains have already invented a host of ways for earning your penny a week. By no means ask your mother for them, if you can possibly help it.

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How you are to organize these Bands, and what you are to do to make them interesting we shall tell you very soon. Now prepare for work. Who will be the first to take a share?

MISS J. E. PHILLIPS.

#### LEARNING TO WRITE IN INDIA.

IN India, when a pupil can write well with his finger in sand, he is provided with a stylus and leaves of the Aristolochia Indica, or with a gypsum pencil and palaka—a little black-board serving as a slate. Each day the students copy the morrow's lessons on their palaka, which is carried home, and contents "learnt by heart." When delivering the lessons the boys go one by one to the teacher, hold the slate with the back to their faces, and thus refresh their master's memory and prove their own. A Madras school spares its pupils the drudgery that custom has made necessary in all English schools, where weeks of weary labor are spent on unmeaning strokes, pothooks and hangers. The Indian child's first lesson is a complete letter, and he makes real progress thenceforward.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand, September 30, 1876			\$1,177	58
Contributions from Oct. 1, 1876, to Oct 1, 1877\$	1,793	81		3-
Interest on money loaned		22	-	
Refunded from Miss Libby's outfit				
Overplus in India per statement of Mr. Hogbin			2,166	03
Total to account for			\$3,343	61
DISBURSEMENTS.				
Appropriation to Mrs. O. R. Bachelor	\$160	00		
" " Mrs. D. F. Smith	200			
" " Miss Crawford	188			
" " the South, paid Rev. A. H. Morrill	180			
Miss L. Brackett's salary as teacher at Storer College,				
Harper's Ferry, W. Va	322	co		
Miss Mary Bacheler's salary as Zenana teacher	150			
Part outfit of Miss Ida O. Phillips	ICO			
Premiums on remittances to India	52	82		
Printing reports and postage on same		06		
Stationery and s'amps		27		
Total disbursements			1,439	15
Cash on hand, September 30, 1877			1,904	
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Acton, E. Fox	1 00
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Augusta, "	15 00
Bangor, Mrs. Wm. Coombs	2 00
Biddeford, Auxiliary	50 00
Blaine F. B. Church	1 40
Burnham, "	17 55
Burnham, " Corinna, Mrs. G. W. Tasker	1 00
" Mrs, S. Seavy	1 00
Dexter, F. B. Church	50
Dover, Mrs. A. Page, Mrs. J. Sy-	5-
ford, Mrs. H. Hart. \$1.00 each	3 00
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Nellie Wade \$1.00 each	2 00
East Corinth, collected by Mrs. F.	- 00
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North Berwick, F. B. Church	15 00
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		Farmington, Auxiliary	20	00
20	00	Fisherville, Miss Betsey Elliott		75
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5		" collected by Miss Phillips	9	27
13	86	Laconia, Mrs. J. T. Weeks	X	00
4	38	Lake Village, Mrs. D. G. Holmes	I	00
15	00	Manchester, Auxiliary, Pine St. Ch.	8	35
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North Sandwich, Rev. J. L. Sinclair,		Providence, Auxiliary Park St. Ch.	\$36	82	
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South Wolfboro, Mrs. E. Wilkinson,	2 00	Church	16	00	
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#### THE MASTER'S LAST COMMAND.

By MRS. V. G. RAMSEY.

"He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."-Mark 16-15.

The everlasting gates are lifted high, And opening wide the golden portals swing ;

Seraphic legions fill the vaulted sky,

King.

Pausing on Olivet, with uncrowned brow Scarred by the thorns, he lifts his wounded hand ;

Blessing his awe-struck followers as they how

Around his feet, he gives his last command.

- His last command! It echoes through the spheres
  - Which glow and tremble at his slightest word-
- It floats adown the swiftly gliding years, And by its might the centuries are stirred.

His last command !-"Go ye to every clime, To every soul of all the human race ; Lift up the standard of the cross sublime, And heaven adoring, waits the coming : And tell the story of redeeming grace.

> "Go undismayed, for ye are clothed with might,

And highest angels on your steps attend : The words ye bear are seeds of life and light-

Lo, I am with you even to the end."

The everlasting gates are lifted high. And opening wide the golden portals swing; Triumphal anthems fill the vaulted sky, And heaven rejoicing welcomes home the King.

# RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

#### By MRS. L. R. BURLINGAME.

WHEN the conviction comes to persons remote from each other, who have had no intercourse on the subject, that a certain thing ought to be done, it proves that a real need exists that that thing should be done; and—viewed from a Christian stand-point—that God is moving his people to go about the work.

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About five years ago, stirred by the agonizing and almost despairing appeals for help from India, a few ladies in New Hampshire felt convinced that our denominational work for missions could be rendered more effective by organizing a Woman's Missionary Society. They supposed that they were alone in their consciousness of this need. But they soon learned, to their surprise and joy, that there were others in Maine, Rhode Island, New York, and elsewhere, that were feeling this need as deeply as themselves. As a result, the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was organized at a session of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting, held in Sandwich, June, 1873, by representatives from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York.

The chief energies of the Society, during its first two years, were given to extending a knowledge of its existence and objects, organizing auxiliaries and children's societies, and perfecting its methods of work. As soon as the condition of the treasury warranted, Miss Susan Libby, of Dover, N. H., was sent as its first missionary to India. Later still, the Society assumed the salary of Miss Mary Bacheler, daughter of Rev. O. R. Bacheler, who had become an earnest teacher in the Midnapore Zenanas, also the salaries of several native Zenana teachers. During the past year, Miss Libby's resignation, consequent on her marriage, was received, and late in the autumn the Society sent its second missionary, Miss Ida O. Phillips, to the India field.

The attention of the Society was also early directed to the crying needs of the freed-women of the South, and aid was sent

#### Retrospect and Prospect.

to those of their number in the Normal School at Harper's Ferry who were fitting themselves for teachers among their benighted people. The Society also pays the salary of one of the lady teachers of the Normal School, Miss Lura E. Brackett.

The Morning Star, through the kindness of its conductors, has been the organ through which much of the Society's work has been done, but its columns were so crowded that it could not afford the space the growing work required. And, furthermore, as some cheap medium was needed through which access could be gained to the many women in our churches who do not take the Star, the Society decided to publish, at the commencement of this new year, a magazine which should be truly, as its name implies, a "MISSIONARY HELPER," in its work.

Such is the brief retrospect of the Society's past. What of its future? We look for large results to our denominational missionary work from the educating influence of women's societies in diffusing missionary intelligence, in securing concert of action, and in awakening a spirit of earnest prayer for God's blessing on our missions. Large results are also hoped for from the childrens's societies as a means of raising money. Miss Ida O. Phillips is their missionary to support, and already quite a sum has been raised by them for this object. But far more important results are looked for from the training the children are receiving, by giving regularly for missions, and becoming familiar with our missionary work. To them the Saviour's last command, to "Preach the gospel to every creature," will have a far deeper meaning than it has to the present adult generation.

If, as a band of sisters, we persistently go forward, one after another of those who have hitherto been indifferent will heed the cry, "The Master is come and calleth for thee," and soon, all through our churches, we shall find helping hands and zealous hearts, that, with God's blessing, shall make the future of the Society a glorious success.

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### EXTRACTS FROM MISS PHILLIPS' JOURNAL.

#### S. S. INDIA, Nov. 20, 1877.

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JUST one month this day since we sailed out of New York harbor, since I stood *all* alone in the rain on deck and waved my handkerchief to the last dear one I could see. What a month ! It has been crowded with interesting events.

We shall always remember the weather in Glasgow. One is never safe outside without an umbrella. "Halloween night" we spent in a delightful Scotch family. We all played games with the children in the nursery and burnt sweet-hearts on the coals. One of our passengers came with his carriage and took us sightseeing. The cathedral and university interested me very much. The former is a grand old pile dating back to the year 1300. An indescribable awe creeps over one on entering such a place. The underground part is fairly paved with tombs. In the center are two huge stone coffins. The immense arches echo our very footfalls.

The university grounds are very fine. The buildings are massive stone. Their cost has been about £958,000, and it needs £120,000 more to complete it. There are about nineteen thousand students. At Edinburgh we visited Scott's monument, an elegant structure, standing in Prince St. Gardens. There were many other structures of minor importance. We went next to the castle,-then to the palace. We entered first the regalia room. No one is expected to speak aloud here. Every Scot holds his breath. Inside the immensely thick walls, inside a large iron structure, inside a plate-glass case, upon a black velvet groundwork, lay the crown of Scotland, first worn by Robert Bruce about 1314. The rest of the regalia consists of a sword of state given by one of the Popes to James the IV, in 1507, and the magnificent sceptre first used by James V. Queen Mary took refuge in this castle during the tumultuous times previous to her arrest here was born her only son, James VI, of Scotland, and I of Eng-In Mary's private parlor is a beautiful picture of her at land.

#### Extracts from Miss Phillips' Journal.

the age of eighteen. Her small sleeping room not more than eightby-eight, contains a small stand of curiosities. From the castle we went to Holy Rood palace. The "Chapel Royal," now in ruins, is the oldest part of the building. There Mary Queen of Scots was married to Boswell. We descended the very stairs she did, and visited all her private rooms which are now open to visitors. There are furnished rooms kept for Queen Victoria when she visits the city.

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Our brief stay in London was tantalizing there were so many wonderful things and places to see. We did visit St. Paul's Cathedral, the Royal Gardens, Westminster Abbey and the Tower, and then were off for India.

BOMBAY, Dec. 14 1877.

Here I am all safe and sound on the opposite side of the globe from many dear ones. We anchored this A. M., and were cordially welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Park—true Americans. No people like Americans! I am more proud than ever of my nationality.

On the Atlantic we saved some wrecked sailors. On this voyage we came very near being wrecked ourselves. One dark night we were sailing quietly along in the northern part of the Red Sea. A cool breeze was blowing, nearly all the passengers were on deck. over which an awaing had been stretched and lanterns hung up all about. The piano was there and we had music and dancing —we had some gay passengers. The Captain was sitting quietly talking, and three men were on the "look out."

All at once some one cried, "Land in sight!" We jumped and there, on the right side of the vessel, was land so near that we might almost leap ashore. The order was given to cut away the life-boats. Panic spread through the whole ship. Ladies fainted, children were snatched screaming from their beds, and some of the more composed began to collect their valuables in the line of money and jewels. The purser got the ship's papers and buttoned them, together with a revolver, in his coat.

I did not think we should go down. I thought of the loved ones in India and at home, and as I stood looking over the side of the ship she barely grazed the rocks, but was not *injured* one

particle. These rocks are called the "Brothers." Many wrecks have occurred here. They are barren coral reefs, and very dangerous. We had a thanksgiving meeting after the danger was past. In the night these rocks are nearly invisible and were not expected for nearly an hour.

But I am safe now, and how thankful I am to God for keeping me, and to you at home for your constant prayers in my behalf. If anywhere one feels the need of an Almighty Protector, it is when out on the wide, wide sea.

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EXTRACT OF A LETTER TO OUR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

#### DEAR MRS. LOWELL :

I am very glad indeed to inform you of our safe arrival in Bombay. We cast anchor Friday A. M. the 14th of December. We have been thirty-three days on the voyage, a very long passage indeed. Head winds and rough weather combined to hinder us.

Our voyage from New York to Glasgow was also quite a rough one, but the steamer was very comfortable and the passage quite short.

My brother had written to Mr. Park of the American Mission in this place, so he very kindly came to meet us; and Miss Hook and myself are staying at his house a day or so before going on to Calcutta. The trip there will take us about four days.

Miss Hook had quite a serious fall on board ship. It has for the present quite disabled her right arm, and she will be obliged to wait in Bombay for some time. I have been very well indeed during the whole trip, and was able to enjoy my time in Scotland and England to the fullest extent, and now, except for feeling a little tired, I am quite well and very impatient to be at work.

I must say good-bye for the present. Please give my best wishes to the ladies of the society, and tell them I hope to be a missionary, in deed and in truth, before many more days.

# BALASORE ZENANAS.

By MRS. D. F. SMITH.

I HAVE been requested to give a brief account of the Zenana work as I left it in Balasore. To do this understandingly will require a glance at its beginning and progress. In April, 1869, the first Zenana for the purpose of teaching, was visited. It was that of a Brahmin, and his wife was the only scholar. She had never seen a white face, and her husband had a difficult task to get her to consent to our visit. She made him promise over and over again that she should not be punished for her ignorance. Poor woman! She was very ignorant, and I am afraid she had often been told so in not very civil terms. Spending only a short time I left, having made arrangements to repeat the visit, and it was not long before she ceased to regard me as an object of terror.

Other houses opened their doors, and in May, Mrs. Hallam joined me in the work. During the year the English ladies resident in Balasore volunteered for this work a monthly subscription. In March, 1870, there were six families receiving instruction. Mrs. Hallam had left the station and I found it necessary to employ a native teacher. Before the year closed I had calls almost daily to visit new families, and more native teachers were set to work. The only conditions required on my part were: "Are you willing to have your women taught to read and work as I shall direct?" Early in the year the Government Inspector of Schools in Bengal visited Balasore, and advised me to apply to government for a small monthly stipend which would enable me to employ more teachers. On application Rs. 191—were granted.

For two years the work had constantly increased. Three girls' schools for the poorer classes, had been formed, and the pupils altogether numbered about one hundred. More funds were needed,—and in response to a letter asking help from personal friends in Ottawa, Canada, about twenty rupees monthly were

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sent. This was not sufficient to meet the increased demands. A very urgent request had been sent us from Bhudruch, a large native town forty miles distant, to send a Zenana teacher, and there were other calls from places nearer home. At this juncture the kindly face of our Inspector again appeared, and at his suggestion I wrote out a statement of the work, and asked to have the grant increased from nineteen to fifty rupees per month, besides twenty rupees per month for four girls' schools, all of which was granted. Contributions began to come in from the native gentlemen. Subsequently they gave all the way from one to four hundred rupees annually, and the English residents, both in the town and other parts of the district, aided largely not only in the way of funds, but through their influence.

In March, 1877, the Government Act granting monthly stipends to village schools in Orissa was reconsidered, and the "Result System" introduced. This reduced the regular grant from seventy to fifty rupees per month. The examinations were to be held about the beginning of each year and each school to receive according to progress made. Leaving the country soon after I cannot speak of results, but think the present plan preferable to the old one. The grant of rupees fifty, to Zenanas proper, was about the same time reduced to forty-six rupees in consequence of an order that "existing grants should be wholly or in part withdrawn, and the funds thus set loose applied to establishing new schools."

On 31st March, 1877, there were one hundred and thirty-one pupils in the Zenanas, and about one hundred and fifty more in the schools and among the poorer class. There was no material difference at the time of my leaving in June last. Fifteen native teachers were regularly employed besides what I could do personally. A good horse and carriage had just been purchased on which there was still a debt of one hundred and twenty rupees; this was all the indebtedness in connection with the Zenana work. There was also a large carriage to convey teachers to and from their work, and a monthly income of from ninety to one hundred rupees. This included, besides private subscriptions and donations, the fifty-six rupees from government and ten ru-

#### My India Letters.

pees from the home treasury. The teachers had been carefully trained for their work. Four school-houses had been built. A house at Bhudruch was also nearly completed for the accommodation of missionaries and teachers who go there to look after the work, and a very desirable piece of land secured in connection with it.

I will not now speak of the progress of the pupils, or of other interesting incidents connected with them. I close by asking the friends of the work to pray that God will watch over and care for it. All the time that could be spared from numerous other duties, for nearly eight years was gladly given, and neither time nor distance can lessen my interest in it.

# My INDIA LETTERS.

#### By Miss S. L. CILLEY.

BELIEVING that extracts of private letters from our missionaries will be interesting to your readers, we send the following. The writers of them will pardon the liberty if good result. The wording is not in the least changed, save that the words in parenthesis we supply in explanation. S. L. C.

"I find myself all at once in sole management of the Zenana work at Midnapore, and after two days' office am able to report all going on well. (Mrs. B. and Mary were gone for a few days' needed rest.)

"The Christian elements of the work (Zenana) here are very interesting. Some of the first women frankly acknowledge Christ and worship him. The Prince's wife is one of these.

O. R. B."

"Tuphan (native preacher) and family have moved to Bhimpore. He is about the only one they like. We keep up the number of schools, and try to hold on upon the Santal work till James (Phillips) comes back, but I am anxious he should return as soon as possible. O. R. B."

#### "There is always strength in prayer. R. M. H."

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" Pako (native teacher) is going on with her work very quietly and steadily. Daniel has renewed his offer of marriage and she has refused him again.

"The little Eurasian twins you sent me are a blessing. Alice is full of mischief as was either of Hellen's Babies. They read English together, but in Bengali Ellen has fallen a little behind.

"Dear Miss C.\* Have you not heard that she went to heaven last August? Her rest must be sweet. The little ones cannot understand what a friend she was to them. L. C."

"My jungle of a garden produces many beautiful blossoms, and some bloom every day in the year, but they are not so loved as were the wildwood flowers. L. C."

"You ask if I am so very busy. Busy? Yes, and more. Am all the time hurried, and though very tired when night comes, am often tempted to wish the days longer so that I could do more.

"It was hard, very hard to have Mrs. Smith leave after so many others had gone, and none returned. The Lord can take care of His own cause we know, and I ought to feel less sad perhaps about her going.

"There are sixty-four girls yet in our establishment. L. C."

"Should be very glad to have you speak a good word for the Bible and Tract cause now and then. The little received this year has been a great help; although less than the demand. I wish contributions could be made regularly for this object, but it is hard to press this matter when others are still more needy. The Biblical School seems now to be the primary necessity of our mission. R. M. H."

"Clouds are earthy and by the laws of nature must disperse

<sup>\*</sup> The Collins family were partly English and partly native people, who lived in Midnapore. Miss Collins was a sweet Christian lady, born to English position and luxury, but she met only losses, one after another, of friends and fortune. These twins were the children of a niece, and were left for her to care for, but she being reduced to actual starvation gave the little ones to Miss Cilley, who, on her return to America, sent them to Miss Crawford, who will with God's blessing make of them earnest Christian women,

#### A Word to Mothers.

or fall. The sky remains unchanged, a token of God's ceaseless, boundless love. Why doubt his goodness or his wisdom more? R. M. H."

"There are now two good horses, a palankeen, carriages, and one kasanchi (ox cart). The girls (Zenana teachers) are good and doing well. During the Durgah vacation which commences to-morrow the work will be kept up but on a reduced scale. Mr. Phillips preached this evening. At almost every meeting we have some new indications of a blessing attending the work. Brother P. reports good done in the meetings at Santipore. Our bazaar work is suspended and we are devoting all our time to work at home, and yet we have not near all the help we need. You know how much we are reduced in the mission, just one-half our force gone home within about two years. The good Lord has us and our work in hand, and I have no doubt will guide us and our work to his glory. O. R. B."

A WORD TO MOTHERS.

YOUR daughter, perchance your youngest daughter, —the tenderest lamb of the fold, —has just finished her first twelve weeks at school fifty or one hundred miles away. How you "looked out of the windows!" How you listened as the train that was bringing her home thundered into the old depot! She is again in your arms. Why! you are just beginning to know what she is to you.

Think a moment! Seven years ago from a home nestled in the heart of a wild Indian jungle miles away from all civilization, and every white face, you sent a precious child fifteen thousand miles "over the seas" to school.

Seven years to-day the old ship that bore her away slipped from its moorings in Calcutta.

Her little white messages have every now and then crossed these same seas.

To-day another is in your hand. A wild thrill of joy—a sudden dimness of the eyes, and you read again, again. "Can it be?" Yes, there it is:

"Mother, I am in Glasgow. I shall soon be with you.

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A mother sixty years old laughs at old time. She is young to-day. Her long absent child is coming home. *All alone* in the jungle, her good husband eight miles away,—over the rice fields, through the river, mud and ditches, the path lies.

"Denu, saddle Peggy." The sun is setting. Peggy never carried a happier mortal over that wild way. Hard at his work, the astonished man sees his *wife* before him. "What brings you here?" "Tidings, my Lord."\* Drop the curtains. None but fathers and mothers way out in the wilderness know what such tidings mean.

A letter weeks later from this same mother, "I had no words when my arms clasped the dear child. I thought they would never unclasp again." ANON.

## ZENANA INSPECTION.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MISS MARY BACHELER, MIDNAPORE.

I have begun doing regular Zenana inspection work from last month—October. The Zenana teachers are nine in number. Their names are Annie, one of Mrs. Phillips' girls, wife of one of the coachmen, Jessie, Phulla, Poddie, the three teachers from Jellasore, who live in a house near to us, Sarah, Kotrisee, Lottie, Annie Sen, married Christian women, and Esther, the unmarried sister-in-law of one of the native preachers, Purna. There are a number of old women to go with the girls and take care of them. I find good thorough teaching in almost every house, and nearly all the pupils know verses from the Bible, and hymns. In one house where Poddie and Esther teach two little girls, I was quite surprised and very much pleased to hear them recite a number of Bible verses, all of "There is a happy land," and a number of Bengali hymns which have no English words.

\*See Morning Star, Feb. 13.

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#### Zenana Inspection.

Poddie and Esther have in all I think twenty-one pupils for each afternoon. Besides her teaching every day Poddie goes to the jail Sunday afternoons, and holds a sort of Sunday school with the women prisoners, who number from twenty-five to thirty-five. She reads and explains a portion of Scripture, and sings and prays and talks with them. We think she is really a good Christian.

WEDNESDAY. The girls are gone. I have been the rounds excepting Jessie's morning houses and the jail which mother will inspect. A great many families are away at the holidays, (in honor of the gods,) and houses are closed for a time.

We heard something in Calcutta a short time ago which negatively encouraged us a good deal. One of the ladies of the American Mission Home told us that among all their native teachers there were only one or two whom she thought real, true Christians at heart. You can't know how discouraging it sometimes is to think how little real vital Christianity the members of the church have. How little they mean of what they say in covenant meetings and at other times plainly shows itself by the way they scold their neighbors and slander and quarrel. Of course there are some who try to live as well as they know how. They need any amount of praying for, and so do the work and the teachers—the teachers, that they may acceptably tell the "old, old story of Jesus and his love," to the poor benighted women among whom is their work.

"The history of the Woman's Board during its first ten years is proof that its founders were not deceived when they believed they heard the call of God to undertake this work. The fact that its receipts aggregate \$454 000, and that less than \$9,000, —not two per cent.—has been consumed in home expenditures, is eloquent alike of the response which Christian women of America make to the appeal of women in heathen lands; of the whole-souled consecration of the officers of the Board, who give their strength, time and wealth without stint; and of their excellent business capacity, which has received hearty recognition by a no less careful and strong business corporation than the American Board."—Cong.

## WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

From an article with the above heading in a late number of the *American Missionary*, we take the following extract. It is another instance of what those to whom God's blessing has come are opening their hearts to do for the ignorant and oppressed, and presents a good example to the benevolently inclined and to those who are the Lord's stewards:

We have noted the inexpressibly sad condition of the colored woman in the South-no future before her, public opinion giving her no recognized standing of respectability, dooming her to an evil reputation, whether in character she was deserving it or not, and this, too, in a Christian country-these things we have noted and felt; but our receipts were all swallowed up in the current demands of our general work. We are glad to be permitted to record that a step has recently been taken, promising relief in this direction. A lady in one of the Western States, who has been for years known as an indefatigable worker for Christian missions, has had the elevation and salvation of the colored women of our country on her heart and mind for years. She has made herself thoroughly acquainted with the fact that if anything is done it must be in addition to what the ordinary receipts of the American Missionary Association would warrant. Self-moved, she said to our Executive Committee a few months ago, " If you will commission a competent and devoted woman missionary and assign her to one of your mission stations, to give herself entirely to the work of visiting the homes of the colored women, for the purpose of saving them by the use of every method her enlightened judgment may suggest as wise, I will become personally responsible for her support, and will pledge that what I do shall not in any way interfere with the general receipts of the Association" The Executive Committee thankfully accepted the proposition. A lady missionary was appointed and sent to Memphis, Tenn., in November. She entered at once upon the field, and the beginnings of her work are full of prmise, and already assure us of the usefulness of her mission.

"Jesus himself says, 'The poor ye shall always have with you,' so that if we defer obeying his command until the destitute about us are relieved, no suitable occasion will present itself for foreign work." a

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## NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

THE subscription list of the HELPER now exceeds fourteen hundred. Thanks to the workers. We can still furnish the first number to those who desire it. Please send names at once.

Mrs. Lash, District Secretary of the Ohio Central Y. M., who has already sent the names of more than forty subscribers, writes: "I am trying to place the HELPER in every family of all our churches. Hope to do so."

One of the subscribers to the HELPER from Ohio, is a lady eighty years of age, whose interest in the cause of missions has strengthened with her years. She gives one hundred dollars to the Bible School.

The Foreign Mission Society needs help. Its indebtedness is large. While we are so busy with the work, especially ours, and are putting by our two cents a week as a thank-offering to the Lord, we ought not to forget that its claims demand our attention. "This ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

At a recent meeting of a few ladies held in the parlor of the Pine Street Church, Manchester, N. H., one lady said she would pay half the salary, \$12.50, of a Zenana teacher if the remainder could be taken, and the responsibility was readily assumed by two other ladies. The ladies of this church intend to support still another teacher. The pastor's wife has become a Life member of the Society. Congratulations to the workers in this church. A worthy example.

The appropriations made by this Society to Miss Crawford, Mrs. Bacheler, and Mrs. Smith are for Zenana work, and not intended for the payment of salaries. These missionaries are supported by the parent Foreign Mission Society. The appropriation made to Rev. A. H. Morrell is used for the help of girls in the Harper's Ferry school. Mr. Morrell in speaking of the good done by one of the appropriations, says :

"You will be thankful to know that the money contributed has proved a very great blessing to the students here, and yet you can't understand how great, unless you could be here and see the practical operation.

"I bless God to-day for the Woman's Missionary Society. If you never do any more nor better than what you have done for this branch of your noble work, it will pay for all your toil and efforts. We did need the money you appropriated so much, that I have looked upon it as a special interposition of Providence that the Society was inclined to bestow it."

Mrs. A. J. Davis, of Minneapolis, writes : "Our people are realizing more and more that they have not done what they might do in missionary work. I welcome the HELPER as a special instructor in that direction. Our Sabbath school is interested in the Young People's Missionary and her support. We will take one share at least, and I am hoping we can become responsible for four shares ere long."

We are glad to learn through the Secretary that the auxiliary connected with the church in West Oneonta, N. Y., are supporting a teacher in the Zenana work in the city of Midnapore, under Mrs. Bacheler's supervision. Her name is Pullmuni. This society was organized last September. Its members are intending to bring the children to an interest in the work assigned them.

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Of the \$1,793.81 contributed to the treasury of the Woman's Society for the year ending with September last, \$592.54 comes from Maine, \$369.27from New Hampshire, and \$332.17 from Rhode Island. This last named state contributes much the largest sum in proportion to its Free Baptist membership unless it be Missouri, which sends \$33. The largest sum from any one church is \$129.65, from Main Street Church, Lewiston, Me., the second is \$120.38, from Lowell, Mass., and the third is \$85, from Pascoag, R. I. Others did nobly.

There has been a Missionary Society in the West Bethany, New York, church for some years, working in a quiet way. This year it was decided to have a public meeting quarterly and the first one was held on Sabbath evening, February 17th. The exercises consisted of Bible readings, singing, remarks, the reading of Mrs. Ramsey's article in the *Star* of January 30th on the Samoan Islands, and selections from the HELPER. Let other societies be encouraged to do likewise

We have intelligence that since the first of January, Children's Bands have been organized in New Hampshire in the following places: Bristol, Ashland, Lake Village, Concord and Laconia, and Auxiliaries at Northwood and Laconia,—at the latter place with a membership of twenty-nine. Also at New Hampton, an Auxiliary has begun with most flattering prospects, having a membership of forty, which does not include the young ladies in the Seminary who have a separate organization, to which each young lady in the school is expected to contribute ten cents a week during term time.

The following was written from Bala-ore :

Miss Ida says: "The long journey is done and at last I am at work. So far I am enjoying it. I cannot quite realize that I am in the work that I have looked forward to all my life. Now don't forget I beg of you, to write often. The overland letters seem so good, so very good."

We are later in issuing this number than we hope to be hereafter. We have delayed that we might be the better able to determine how many copies to print.

## Woman's Missionary Society of Nova Scotia.

THE Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Free Baptists of Nova Scotia contains a Report of the Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held at Clark's Harbor, September 14, 1877. From this report we learn, that at a meeting on the morning of this day, a new constitution was adopted, and the same ordered printed and distributed among the District Secretaries. Also that it was decided the financial year of the Society should close with August. In the afternoon a more public meeting was held, at which Miss Emma Porter, in the absence of Mrs. J. F. Smith, the President, conducted the exercises. A favorable report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, who also made interesting remarks.

Mrs. R. Crowell spoke of the different Auxiliary Societies she had formed during the year, and gave an instance of the encouragement she had received to go on with the work.

Mrs. B. Woodworth proved by her remarks that her heart was enlisted, and urged upon parents to train their children to missionary work.

Miss Phillips, of Bhimpore, India, whose salary is paid by this Society, next addressed the meeting, trying to impress upon the minds of those present the necessity of working, and working earnestly, that those now sitting in darkness might have sent to them the light of life.

Several of the brethren spoke, urging the importance of the cause. Rev. J. McLeod, of New Brunswick, hoped the time not far distant when a missionary would be in the field, supported by the churches in his Province.

It was found that the Society had raised more than enough to pay Miss Phillips' salary, and consequently fifty dollars were appropriated to Zenana work. There were reported twenty-three Auxiliaries, the largest membership in any one being 87, and the smallest 7, which is worthy of commendation. This Society is yet in its infancy, but from the devotion and zeal of its members, great things may be expected of it. The HELPER has more than a hundred subscribers already in the Provinces.

Some of the lists are quite large. We are glad to have this pleasant introduction to our sisters in the Provinces, and we fondly hope that the acquaintance will lead to results that will honor the Master. God bless the work in the Provinces !

For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.—Mark viii: 35.

## CONGRATULATIONS.

It will not be considered amiss that the HELPER reproduces some of the good things that have been said of it, for the encouragement of its friends.

The editor of the Star says:

"We heartily commend the magazine to the patronage of all our people, assuring them that it is not merely appropriate to be read at sewing circles and women's missionary meetings, but that its variety of information and suggestion will make it profitable reading to the old and the young, to men and women, in short, to all who are glad to bid God-speed to every enterprise whose aim is for the amelioration of mankind, and the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth."

Prof. Fullonton, of Bates Theological School, kindly says:

Nothing is more befitting than its existence, and its purpose to call into more active service the women of our denomination, in behalf of their degraded sex in heathen lands."

"The present number is aglow with womanly zeal, and hope, and faith; responsive to the utterances of those earlier Christian women "The Lord is risen!" "Come and see a man that told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?"

From the Providence Journal we clip this:

"We have received the first number of "THE MISSIONARY HELPER," to be published bimonthly in this city by the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. The object of the HELPER is to diffuse missionary intelligence, both home and foreign, and stimulate an interest in t e work. The publication seems to be wisely and intelligently directed to that end.

\* \* The HELPER deserves liberal help."

Miss J. C. Thompson, editor of *Woman's Work for Woman*. (Pres.) writes: "Please accept our congratulations on the entrance of your MISSIONARY HELPER into the 'wide, wide world.' We shall exchange with it with pleasure."

Miss Doremus of the Missionary Link, cordially says: "I was very happy indeed to receive your new publication which comes out in a very pretty dress. Gladly will we exchange the Missionary Link, and hope our paper may be as acceptable to you as yours is to us. I believe ours was the first Woman's Missionary paper ever issued here as it is now seventeen years old."

Says Mrs. Bixby, a returned missionary from Burmah. and the wife of a leading pastor in Providence: "I have received and read with much pleasure the first number of the MIS-SIONARY HELPER. I congratulate you on its attractive appearance, and interesting character. It will prove an efficient helper to the women of the churches in their missionary work."

A voice from Minnesota says:

"The number received commends itself to everyone that has zeen it. Better than we expected is the universal sentiment."

And Nova Scotia echoes back :

"We are very thankful for the MISSIONARY HELPER. Something of the kind was greatly needed."

Rev. A. H. Morell, from the Shenandoah Valley. writes: "I have just glanced over the first number of the MISSIONARY HELPER, the .ittle missionary ship whose helm you hold in your hands, and am much pleased with it. With the Divine Master on board you will make a prosperous voyage, you need not fear.

Miss De Merritte, Home Secretary, says: "I shall heartily commend the HELPER to all engaged in mission work in the denomination. I hope the list of subscribers will increase rapidly, and that this little magazine, started with truest convictions of its need, will grow in size and the esteem of our people. May God bless its workers, and may they be so stayed in him as to work his will concerning this undertaking."

# Children's Niche.

#### WHAT LIZZIE KNOWS.

I am a very little thing, As you can plainly see; But then I know who came to bring God's gift of love to me.

When I am well, I know who makes My life so sweet and bright ; When I am sick, I know who takes Good care both day and night. And when I die I know whose hand Will lead my soul away Through death's dark valley to the land Of bright eternal day.

Just such dear little girls as I Live o'er the ocean wave ; They do not know who came to die A sinful world to save.

Poor little heathen ! Friends I pray That you will quickly go Or send somebody right away To teach them all I know.

-Little Helpers.

#### THE CHILDREN'S BAND.

AT the close of the Sabbath school in 'a quiet country village, not long since, a bright little girl named Lizzie Reed was seen passing quickly from class to class whispering a few words to each. Her object was to induce the members to meet at her home on Wednesday afternoon to form a Missionary Society. Wednesday came, and so did the children, fifteen in all. "Girls," said Lizzie, "many of you were at the lecture the other night, when Miss Phillips told us about the sad condition of women and children in India. "How dreadful to live without the Bible !" Who would believe people would say prayers to a little brass monkey, such as she showed us ! She said they were as bright as we are and we should do so too, if we were not taught better. Only think of little girls not larger than Tiny, being widows, and never allowed to wear bright borders to their dresses, or any of their bracelets or ornaments again, and to be treated very unkindly all the rest of their lives. Why girls, it is terrible! I have thought about it ever since.

We are told that many children are forming into Bands to help send missionaries to teach them. They try to earn or save the money themselves. Now I want to ask how many are ready to join me in forming such a Band?" Fifteen hands were raised at once. "Let us each tell what we think we can give. I have ten cents a week for spending money, but I'm not going to buy any more candy and shall try to take better care of my pencils, so I hope to give six or eight cents weekly." Sarah said she should have fifty cents for the first shirt she made her father and she should finish it soon. Carrie said she would sell berries when they were ripe. Fannie said her mother had promised her a new sash, but she would deny herself and give her money to the Mission. And Myra's aunt often gave her five cents for going on errands.

Last of all, one poor little girl with a sad thoughtful face, said, she "would bring a penny if she could ever get one.' Some smiled, but Lizzie's mother stooped and kissed the child, saying, "Perhaps God would bless her penny more than a thousand dollars from some rich man who would not miss it at all." You know:—

> "If we cannot give our thousands We will give the widow's mite. And the least we do for Jesus Will be precious in his sight."

With the aid of Mrs. Reed they then organized a Children's Band, of which Lizzie was unanimously chosen Treasurer, that being the highest office she could be prevailed upon to accept. At her suggestion they chose two who were absent, one for Secretary and one for Reader. These girls, at first, were not much interested, but they were so well pleased with the compliment that they entered with enthusiasm into the spirit of the undertaking, and became as earnest workers and as cheerful givers as the others.

At the next meeting twenty-five were present. They are now prospering finely and still meet at Lizzie's home unless invited by some other member. They all say it is the happiest hour they spend, for "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Eternity alone will reveal the good they are doing. In striving

#### The Young People's Missionary.

to send the gospel to heathen lands they are beginning to appreciate far more what it has done for them. And more than one will tell you with tearful eyes, that they are just beginning to learn why Jesus died for them.

MRS. M. B. HEBBERD.

#### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY.

Dantoon, India, will probably be the home of Miss Ida Phillips, as her parents are going to reside there because it is a better place for their missionary work than Santipore. Mary Bacheler writes : "It will be pleasant indeed, if Ida comes back here again as a missionary. She spoke the language beautifully before she went to America, and had a wonderfully taking way with the natives." Dantoon is quite a large town, and as there are a good many nice houses there, there must needs be zenana women. Perhaps she will start an interest among the Baboes, [Indian gentlemen] and commence a zenana mission.

You would be amused to drive through a Dantoon bazaar and see the little one-storied mud huts. At its south end are some very large tanks, and two miles away is the largest one, I think, in this part of India. A tank, you know, is very like a pond or lake, only ponds and lakes are not dug, and tanks are. When dug large and deep, the water remains in them all the year.

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#### SHARES IN MISS PHILLIPS' SALARY.

THE young people are becoming really in earnest, in undertaking the support of their missionary. We shall be glad to hear from any Band that takes a share. We give the names of those from which we have heard. All these young folks will be interested in the extracts from her Journal on another page. How many can trace on their maps the course which she took to reach Calcutta ?

We hope no one will forget to thank God that he spared her life amid the dangers of the voyage, and that she is once more

with her dear father and mother, in the beautiful, yet darkened land of India. Each share represents five dollars.

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Mission Band, Dover, Maine 1	66
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Mission Band, Ashland, N. HI	"
Mission Band, Lake Village, N. H I	16
Prof. Haynes' S. S. Class, Hillsdale, Mich	46

A lawyer in Bradford, Me., who is taking the lead in the Mission Band, organized in the place, writes that during a recent revival in their church, several members of the Band were converted. We shall expect to hear similar news of other Bands. Christ is always a prompt and liberal paymaster.

We learn that there is a Children's Missionary Society in connection with our church at Pike, N. Y. Also that the children are doing well. They are now securing money to furnish a room in the Girls' Boarding Hall at Harper's Ferry. God bless the children and keep them at work.

#### QUARREL FOR SHOES.

A gentleman who has lived in the East many years has written a charming book about the children there. It tells us that people never take off their caps or turbans when entering a house, but always leave their shoes at the door. Among other things he carries us to the outside of a school-house and says, "It is very curious to go to the Syrian school houses and see the piles of shoes at the door. There are new bright red shoes, and old tattered shoes, and kob kobs, and black shoes and sometimes yellow shoes. The kob kobs are wooden clogs made to raise the feet out of the mud or water, having a little strap over the toe to keep it on the foot. You will often see little boys and girls running down steps and pavements on these dangerous kob kobs. Sometimes they slip and then down they go

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on their noses and the kob kobs fly off, and go rattling over the stones, and little Ali or Yusef, or whatever his name is, begins to shout "Ya Imme," "Oh! my mother," and cries just like little children in other countries.

But the funniest part of it is to see the boys when they come out of the school and try to find their shoes. There will be fifty boys and of course a hundred shoes, all mixed together in one pile. When school is out, the boys make a rush for the door. Then comes the tug of war. A dozen boys are standing and shuffling on the pile of shoes, looking down, kicking away the other shoes, running their toes into their own, stumbling over the kob kobs, and then making a dash to get out of the crowd. Sometimes shins will be kicked and hair pulled and tarbooshes thrown off, and a great screaming and cursing follow, which will only cease when the Master comes with his stick and quells the riot. That pile of shoes will have to answer for a good many schoolboy fights and bruised noses and hard feelings in Syria. You would wonder how they tell their own shoes. So do I. And the boys often wear off each others shoes by mistake, or on purpose and then you will see Selim running with one shoe on, and one of Ibrahim's in his hand, shouting and cursing Ibrahim's father and grandfather until he gets back his lost property.-The Missionary Link.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

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CORRECTION .- In receipts for year ending September 30, 1877, Classes No. 7 and 14. of Casco St. Sunday School, Portland, Maine, should have been credited with \$20.50.

Miss L. A. DE MERRITTE, Treasurer.

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#### MAY, 1878.

No. 3.

An urgent appeal comes again to us. Our young colored sisters at Harper's Ferry are in need. In the January number appeared an article from the pen of Miss Brackett, relating to the Girl's Boarding Hall. In this number we reproduce from the *Morning Star* another by Mrs. Hills, which amply sets forth the necessities of the case. The demand is no ordinary one, the cause is most worthy. Let each one make this an individual matter. Let each Sabbath school have the blessed privilege of contributing, and each auxiliary society see to it that its part is borne. Let no one fail in duty now!

Some of us, my sisters, God has greatly blessed. Our husbands, sons and brothers came back to us from the terrible war through which the bondmen gained their liberty. Have we made our full thank-offering? Do we not remember the vows of service we made on bended knees? God does not call us to "die" to make these sisters "free." He asks only a little service, a little denial of self, it may be, to help them up toward the possibilities of a soul made in his own image. He died for us. Blood-bought, what shall we render unto him?

The Woman's Society is asked to lay the corner-stone on May 30th, the floral day of the nation. What more fitting tribute could we bring than an offering to this structure 1

## THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY A NECESSITY."

DOES any one honestly ask if the success of this Society has been gained at the expense of our other benevolent interests? We do not wonder that those who are endeavoring to build up the Home and Foreign Mission Societies should look askant at anything which seems to them like a parasite preying upon their borders in the hour of their greatest need, nor do we wish to build upon the sentimental idea that, because we are women, chivalry requires men to encourage us. We ought, rather, in a true spirit to show good reasons why we exist as a Society.

Whether our present efforts tend to diminish or to increase the funds which have before flowed into other channels, is not the true test of the worthiness of this object. Its real merit rests upon another basis. For, if it be worthy of a name to live, its plans and aims should be so distinct that its existence is a *necessity*. We regard it as an educator in giving, as a power for kindling enthusiasm among the young, and as a means of developing the strength of woman. As such, it is doing a work which does not enter largely into the plans of other benevolent societies, the influence of which work will be felt by them and the whole church through all future years.

Too many times, raising the apportionments fixed by the mission societies has been the only thing done in the churches. This is not enough. More than giving, more than doing, is the spirit we put into our service for others. God has commanded us to love Him with all our hearts, and at the same time He gave the command, like unto it, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our love should be broad enough to take in the whole world, and deep enough to call forth the best service we can render. We should know no limits to our charities, and our prayers should

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<sup>\*</sup>This paper is the closing part of the admirable report of our Home Secretary. It was reserved for this issue and we are sure that it has ost nothing by delay.

#### The Woman's Society.

include the uttermost bounds of the earth. To lift up the holy standard of doing for others *from love*, is our work, Christian women; a work the results of which will not be estimated by the amount of money we gather into our treasury, but all benevolent organizations will be benefited by it.

The Woman's Society is admirably adapted to the work of educating the church in this loving service for others. The two cents a week system constitutes a woman a member of an organized auxiliary society, which is expected to meet monthly for work, to disseminate missionary intelligence and a missionary spirit. Besides this, there should be a public meeting quarterly, aiming to interest the whole church. Such work cannot fail to open channels of beneficence in other directions, and churches with such societies will soon find it easier to raise their apportionments. But more than a well-planned society is needed. It must be vitalized by women who have the true spirit to put into their work; by women who recognize something beyond money, counting it of more value to receive into this treasury just the woman's mite, if it is given as unto God, followed by earnest prayers, than a hundred times as much to be "seen of men," or simply as a money transaction. The more they depend upon God, believing He can and will move souls to render a service acceptable to Him, the more glorious will be their success.

Let it ever be our aim to raise the standard of doing for others from love. It should be the chief corner-stone of this Society. Nothing can take its place. Oh! for this spirit, voicing itself in prayer, to be felt throughout our borders. God stands ready, with abundant resources, with intense longings to save His children, and yet depending upon human instrumentalities through which to work. Shall we not be loyal to His commands, and loving and trustful in our spirits? Doing it, we shall be of inestimable service to the denomination and a helper in every other mission enterprise which belongs to it.

We have, too, the very best material in the church from which such a spirit can be developed. Its real merit should not be overlooked. We refer to the children.

The law which makes it necessary to commence their moral and intellectual training in early life also applies to every part of their religious life. Ten cents means as much to them as ten dollars to those of older years. And to teach them to give it systematically, because it pleases their Heavenly Father and from love for others, will fix principles which will govern them in later years. Who can do this work so well as woman? The women's societies are gathering them in by thousands. As their numbers increase the future prospects of these societies brighten; for they will fill the places of present toilers when they have laid down the work. More than this, the parent societies will be stronger; for many thus trained in youth will fill *their* ranks by-and-by, and prove their truest and noblest defenders.

We cannot put too high an estimate upon this labor among the children. As Christian women let us clothe with true dignity a work which has the Master's approval, inasmuch as He said, "Suffer them to come unto me and forbid them not." Let them swell our ranks and here find a school to train and fit them for Christian labor. Out of it will come many imbued with that true womanly nature which it is the aim of this society to develop.

Again, if we do not mistake our mission, it is primarily to uplift and strengthen woman. The time is at hand when her holiest ambition will be to become a *true* woman, resting in God as an individual existence. Whatever else has been the ruling motive of her life will be secondary. In her will reside beauty and strength combined.

The tree in the open field, exposed to tempests that toughen its boughs so that they sway but never break, with room enough for the roots to take deep hold upon the soil and stretch out their fibers in every direction, has a beauty and strength of which the tree of the thickly grown forest can never boast. So woman and man alike need the growth of the open field, meeting with full trust in God whatever discipline is best for them, and assuming whatever responsibility He puts upon them. This gives a beauty and strength to character which never come to those who depend entirely upon others, or are absorbed into them. Such man-

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#### The Woman's Society.

hood and womanhood the church needs to-day. Especially the woman element is wanting. To be truly helpful to the church, she needs to be more a part of it and less absorbed into it. The Sunday school, the prayer meeting, the society and mission enterprises need to have the highest possibilities of her nature developed. So, any organization which will aid in this work is a necessary element of the denominational life. What a grand opportunity the Woman's Mission Society affords for educating women, only the future will fully unfold. It is her own ; whatever powers of planning or executing she possesses may be exercised in making it a success. It is broad enough in its aims to call out her love for the world, and godlike enough in its spirit to kindle a faith that will remove mountains and make all things possible. Having no paid laborers to do the work, it is divided and subdivided until every woman, who will, may assume some of the responsibility and prove what such work will do for her.

Already we catch glimpses of what such societies are doing. Says Mrs. Knight, a worker in the Congregationalist Woman's Missionary Society, " Even in our short experience, the training which our Christian women are gaining is very marked,-a training in self-poise, well-put thought, and concerted action, the need of which, Christ, the church, and the times are rapidly unfolding." Miss Willard, whose opportunity for observing the practical workings of these societies in the different parts of our country is greater than those of almost any other woman, says: "I firmly believe that the reflex influence of missionary societies on the women of the churches is of incalculable value in cultivating Christian activity, business habits, thought and intelligence." These results of a work so recent in its origin are but the foreshadowing of its future glory. Many a worker will here catch an inspiration of a nobler womanhood than she has ever known, one which will lift the church to a higher plane in all branches of Christian endeavor."

But all that can be done for women in America will only be the reflex influence of doing for women in a lower condition of life everywhere. Like the benumbed traveler, who is warmed and saved by doing for one who cannot care for himself, so we

may have life more abundantly by helping those whose condition is worse than our own. Millions of such are reaching out their hands for help. Their cry has entered the ear of the God of heaven and He is answering back through the women of America to-day. How well adapted are the means He uses to the work to be done. Who can kindle hope in the hearts of women bound down by oppression and ignorance, like those who, by all the ties of nature, are in sympathy with them? Who can arouse their ambition like those who of like natures have been elevated to a higher plane both mentally and spiritually? Emphatically it is woman's work for woman. Who can question but that it is God's method to save that portion of life made in His own image which is sunk so low? Through the gospel, He is bringing her back to the womanhood He had in view when she was created. As His appointment, we accept it to-day. With its distinctive features made prominent by our home workers, we are confident the time is at hand when the whole church will recognize the Woman's Missionary Society as one of God's means for evangelizing the world, and equal in importance to any other.

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## GIRLS' BOARDING HALL, HARPER'S FERRY.

A WAILING, almost agonizing cry comes to us in behalf of our colored sisters in our Southern mission field.

Free Baptists will remember the dark days of slavery when Southern laws made it a crime punishable with fine, imprisonment, and in some cases, death, to teach a colored person, even if he were free, to read God's blessed Book. How we agonized in prayer. God heard. He brake the fetters. He removed the barriers. In his wonderful providence he handed over the care of the freed people of Maryland, West Virginia and the northern part of old Virginia to the Free Baptists, saying, educate, elevate, Christianize these lowly ones for me. It was soon found impracticable to supply this large field with white teach-

#### Girls' Boarding Hall at Harper's Ferry.

ers, and also that competent colored instructors could do the work more effectively. Hence Storer Normal School, which to-day is the only school in all that region for training teachers for the colored people. At the commencement of its existence, the "stronger sex" were provided with a Boarding Hall, while the "weaker" (?) were left to find shelter as best they could. Poorly clad, eking out their lives on the scantiest fare, six, or perhaps more, living, cooking and sleeping in one room, yet, in their great thankfulness for the priceless privilege of mental culture so long denied them, they have bravely and patiently borne their discomforts and privations, while eagerly and persistently acquiring the needed knowledge to fit themselves for educators of their race.

More and more these freed young women crowded this fount of learning. The white inhabitants were not disposed to rent them rooms, and the necessity for increased accommodations became so pressing, that some five, perhaps more years ago, a movement was made to provide a Boarding Hall that would accommodate one hundred girls. The basement was finished and nearly enough brick burned to put up the walls, and then the building fund was exhausted. The committee in charge dared not incur a debt, and so the work was stayed. At length, words of encouragement and promise of further aid from that noble philanthropist and friend of the slave, Hon. Gerrit Smith, cheered the weary toilers at Harper's Ferry, and they rejoiced with great joy in the bright prospect of the speedy accomplishment of their enterprise. But alas ! for human hopes. Almost immediately, like a clap of thunder in a clear sky, came the stunning intelligence that Storer Normal School had lost one of its best friends and patrons, Gerrit Smith had been suddenly summoned to his heavenly home. The "hard times" were come, other denominational claims were pressed upon our attention, and the pressing need of these lowly women seemed forgotten. Meanwhile, the disappointed workers have nobly borne the accumulated burden, and the record of their labors of love is on high.

Last year, another effort was made through the Sabbath

schools and the Centennial Jubilee Singers, to raise \$5,000, the sum required to finish the Hall. But this has resulted in securing only about \$1,500, and now the time has come to commence the work, in order to make the building available for use before another cold season. So there comes from the circumstances of the case, to the Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society, a piteous call for \$1,000, a sum which added to the \$1,500 on hand will put up the walls, and put on the roof. The building then, even in this unfinished state will shelter the girls and afford great relief. The committee, still determined not to incur a debt, dare not move till the thousand dollars are assured.

Recently one of our District Secretaries, who had been in correspondence with the burden bearers at Harper's Ferry, hastily convened such of the members of the Woman's Board of Missions as were within call, and laid before them the facts connected with the present perplexing crisis of the work. Still more and more the colored girls have come and are coming. constantly adding to the discomforts of the past, till the inconveniences are almost beyond endurance. The Christ-like hearts of the noble teachers-God bless them-could not send them back, so they have given up their own rooms for the girls' use, till they have crowded themselves and their families into very uncomfortable nooks. The Principal and his wife are obliged to share their sleeping apartment with four members of their own family. Miss Brackett, assistant teacher, lives with her brother, but goes out at night to share a bed with a neighboring friend. The District Secretary, whose voice at times choked with emotion, as she stated these and other facts, said : "The money is the Lord's, and if we will have faith, how easily he can open the hearts of his people to furnish it." A season of prayer was then held for divine guidance in devising and executing plans for speedily securing the needed thousand dollars. A discussion of measures followed, and among others, it was decided to obtain by correspondence, the endorsement of all the members of the Board to the plan of co-operating with the friends of Storer Normal School in raising this thousand dollars as soon as possible. A majority have already responded heartily in sympathy.

#### Unsifted.

About 150 students have already gone out from this school as Christian teachers, besides a goodly number of preachers; but what are these among so many! Those, who make their way to the Normal School, are from the more energetic, enterprising class, who see, and in some degree, comprehend the terrible needs of that ignorant, slavery-degraded race.

Who will give \$500?—\$200?—\$100?—\$50?—\$20?—\$10?— \$5?—\$1? or even a smaller sum? sending it as you choose, either to Miss L. A. DeMeritte, Dover, N. H., Treasurer of the Woman's Mission Society, or if you prefer to Rev. N. C. Brackett, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

In behalf of the F. B. Woman's Miss. Society.

MRS. M. M. H. HILLS.

## UNSIFTED.

#### BY MRS. E. C. JENNESS.

A FEW straws by the wayside attracted my attention,—in gathering them some ripened grain was found, which I bring unsifted from the chaff as an humble offering to the HELPER.

A missionary in a letter to the children writes : "No, father will not stay in C. two years and not pity the good people of America who have not the privilege of telling the heathen about Jesus." Words like these come from the sunny side and call those blessed who are laboring for the *Master* in foreign lands. Many persons talk and pray as though the missionaries had bidden adieu to all the bright, the happiness of earth, that henceforth life must be to them as one long, gloomy day.

If letters from friends in India are rightly understood, this is not so. Their work is a glorious one, from which there is no wish for rest nor release. The fields before them are ready for the harvest; toiling with all their might, the daily prayer is that He will send forth laborers into the harvest. Such prayers will be answered—help will come—for God has promised it. In many parts of our country the friends of the Home Mission are nobly responding to the plea for aid. Words of good cheer are heard on all sides.

A lady in one of the larger cities sends extracts from her journal the past week. From Monday, when eighty-three calls were made upon the poor, to the close, the one theme is, "Rest not while the day lasts."

A church has just announced "twenty-nine thousand dollars taken as their annual collection for the Home Mission work, and had not finished yet."

The little band at Harper's Ferry are taking courage ; already the pennies given for them have brought down a twofold blessing—the mites are preparing the way for the dollars—for giving is receiving—"good measure pressed down."

When faith and love dwell in the heart there is no room for doubt and fears.

Wanted—that faith that asks and does receive—that love that never counts *anything* a sacrifice that is given to Jesus—be it only a cup of cold water, or all—*even all our living*.

## A MODEL CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY MEETING.

#### By MRS. J. BURNHAM DAVIS.

The following communication from Mrs. Davis we are very glad to publish. The method which she has adopted is truly a model one.

As several persons, from different States, have written me asking information concerning the Mission Band in this place, I take the liberty to answer all these inquiries, at once, through the MISSIONARY HELPER. I claim no originality in our plan of working for the following schedule I cut from the *Morning Star*, many months since, as an item for my scrap-book, feeling sure as I did so, that I should find it of service at some future time.

The band should have a Directress, who is a grown up lady, who shall have general oversight of the society, and shall open the meetings with Bible reading and prayer. The other officers shall be chosen, a boy and girl, alternately. Every member takes part in the meetings, as appointed. The meetings of the

#### A Model Children's Missionary Meeting.

band should be held promptly, and never exceed one hour in length. The members of the band should be divided into companies for systematic work; such work to be assigned by committees. The companies may be designated as follows:

Co. 1. Those who pray, sing and give. (All.) Co. 2. Reporters, one boy and one girl. These are to tell the subject for the month and give any information about it they can. Co. 3. Writers, one boy and one girl. To bring in essays on subjects assigned by the committee. Co. 4. Readers, one boy and one girl. To read letters, or choice and short selections on any missionary subjects they choose. Co. 5. Illustrators, one boy and one girl. These are to bring in any pictures, curiosities, &c., they can possibly obtain, to throw light on customs and habits of the country under consideration. Co. 6. Map-makers, one boy and one girl. These are to supply us with a map of the field we are studying ; either make or borrow it. Co. 7. Geographers. These are to bound and describe the country. Co. 8. Historians. These are to give as much as possible of the country or mission considered. Co. q. Story-tellers. These are to relate missionary incidents of their own selection. Co. 10. Poets. To recite missionary poetry. Co. 11. Item givers, including all not embraced in the above mentioned companies; ending with a hymn and parting verse of Scripture."

The above is the basis of our programme for each meeting, but we vary it to suit our own convenience.

We find it to our advantage, however, to adhere to one rule very closely, namely, not to prolong our meetings more than one hour. We propose to study all fields of missionary labor, so far as it may lie in our power. We have already studied with profit our own mission, the Micronesian, and also that to the Mountain Nestorians. The interest in these meetings has been very gratifying. Our present number is forty-five, of ages varying from four to twenty. A small badge of blue ribbon, with the words "Mission Band" printed upon it in German Text, is received with much favor and worn upon the left shoulder of each member. In December Miss Julia E. Phillips was with us for a few days, and while here the band gave a Missionary Entertainment, with a programme of facts concerning our own mission, interspersed with recitations, singing and "Illustrations of Life in India." A full house greeted the children and a good collection rewarded them.

Since the last issue we learn that new auxiliaries are organized in South Parsonsfield, South Limington, and West Falmouth, Maine.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MRS. J. PHILLIPS, DANTOON, INDIA.

"THE MISSIONARY HELPER," the first born of the "Woman's Board," came to our wigwam this week, and most gladly do we welcome "the little one," and heartily do we bid it God speed on its mission of love among the Christian women of our beloved Zion. May it carry light, conviction and truth to every home it may visit. May it cheer and encourage the toilers in the field of well doing, arouse the lukewarm, and awaken to life and action those who are asleep in Zion.

Could our good sisters see the ignorance, degradation and want that stare us in the face at every turn, they would spend far more time in the Master's service, and much less on themselves. How I wish that all who bear the name of the meek and lowly Jesus, "who pleased not Himself," would come out from the world and live in a manner that would carry with them a savor of Christ wherever they go. Many may suffer unavailing regrets because they have not followed Christ more fully. Could the indifferent ones, the self-seeking ones, but once taste the real sweet of living for Christ and for His poor outcast ones, nothing could persuade them to return to the husks of fashionable life, or a life of ease, luxury and self-seeking. It is those who suffer with Christ here, who will reign with Him in His glorious kingdom above.

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We have been occupying this mud hut for two months, and must continue to do so for about as much longer. The one room the hut contains is twenty-five feet by eleven, and this answers all the purposes of living except cooking. This is done in a little mat shanty about six feet square, the fire-place in which is a trench dug in the ground, with sun-dried bricks laid across to divide it and also to support the kettles. Our new bungalow is going up pretty fast, and we may have the roof on inside of two months, but it will require three or four months to finish it. We shall only wait for the roof, and occupy a part while the masons finish other rooms.

The people all about us seem very friendly, and very glad to have us settle among them. I have been called to visit the sick in a number of families of the higher class. There is work here on every hand, and I long to be in it, but this bronchial difficulty, that has kept me silent the greater part of the year, still clings to me, though I am much better than I was two months ago.

During the past month my dear husband has been very ill, but is much better.

#### ZENANA WOMEN.

THE gospel, so recently carried into the zenanas of India, is surely beginning to make inroads on the cruel custom, which, for the ages past, has imprisoned within their gloomy walls the women of the higher castes or classes. Says Mrs. Bacheler in a recent letter from Midnapore: "I want to tell you what a nice time we had last evening. Six native ladies came to see us. I sent a covered carriage for them. Three were Christians and go to our chapel on Sunday. Annie Sen (zenana teacher) was another, but two of them were zenana ladies. One of them never before went out in that way, and the other only three weeks ago came here for the first time. Four of the zenana teachers came too, making with daughter Mary and myself a party of twelve. We sang Bengali hymns, read the 8th chapter of Matthew, (a verse around), and had a good deal of talk about it, in which all joined. I offered prayer, followed by two of the native ladies and Mary. I can't tell you how sweet it all was. The two zenana ladies are seekers; their large black eyes sparkled as if under a kind of inspiration. I was greatly helped in telling them that the same loving Saviour could and would heal the leprosy of sin and make our souls all clean. We had only in faith to ask him to do it. They were very nicely and richly dressed and ornamented. Before they came I was feeling prostrated and exhausted, but the visit has made me over new."

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#### NOVA SCOTIA WORK.

At a session of the Free Baptist Conference, held at Caledonia, September, 1875, we were favored with a short visit from our returned missionaries Dr. J. L. and Miss Julia Phillips, at which time the subject of organizing a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was introduced by Miss Phillips. A meeting was called and officers appointed. As the session was nearly at a close on their arrival we had not time for more. Several ladies pledged themselves to attend to the matter of forming auxiliaries on their return home.

At our first anniversary, held at Port Medway, September, 1876, thirteen Auxiliary Societies were reported, and funds amounting to \$180.37, which was voted to the salary of Miss Phillips.

At our second anniversary, held at Clark's Harbor, September, 1877, we were able to report twenty-four Auxiliary Societies, and funds amounting to \$398.34, \$243 of which was appropriated to the salary of Miss Phillips, and \$50 for Zenana work in India.

At each one of those meetings we have been greatly helped and cheered by having Miss Phillips with us, and her earnest pleading words, together with those of Dr. J. L. Phillips, in behalf of those now sitting in darkness, has, I trust, awakened an interest that will remain when they shall be in far off India.

A society has recently been organized at Bear Point with fourteen members, and good prospects of more. The church is small, but the sisters are in earnest; already they are planning for a Children's Band. May God bless them in their work. We need the children.

A sister from Cape Island writes: "We are preparing for a public meeting."

And from Halifax the word comes: "We are steadily advancing in our Foreign Mission work." One sister writes: "I get so discouraged, times are dull, money scarce, and the people seem so indifferent." Ah! is not the latter the greatest cause? "The silver and the gold are mine." Shall we rob God? If money is scarce, shall we not deny self, and sacrifice for Him who gave his life so freely for us?

We are very, very thankful for the "MISSIONARY HELPER," and believe it is destined to be all that its name implies.

We are pleased to have the honor of supporting Miss Julia Phillips, but hope the day is not far distant when some one from our own Province with heart consecrated to the work, will say, "Here am I, send me." MRS. R. H. CROWELL.

## NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

The subscription list of the HELPER now reaches almost nineteen hundred.

Mrs. E. D. Jordan, of Portland, Maine, writes, and we are very glad to receive such communications: "Miss Julia Phillips has met with our woman's society twice during this year, and each time we have been inspired by her to continue our work with new courage and perseverance. One of our members has supported one of Miss Crawford's village teachers for two years. The society has now engaged to support a zenana teacher, and we hope to do much general work beside. Regular monthly meetings are held. Our last was in the audience room of the church. After a few general exercises by the young women, we listened with great interest to the words of Miss Phillips. We trust that some among our young people had a purpose implanted in them, which shall result in a life devoted to service in India.

This our Woman's Magazine is indeed our "Missionary Helper." Our list of subscribers is but twenty-eight, but we mean to increase it here to fifty. Four years ago a few of our Sunday school scholars adopted an orphan girl of Miss Crawford's. They have paid twenty dollars per year regularly during that time. At the beginning of this year three other classes of children joined them in their work. On the afternoon of April 13th these little ones were organized into a Band of Seed-sowers. The seeds are the pennies, and they have sown during these first three months of the year nearly eight hundred."

We take great pleasure in recommending "Good Times," a monthly magazine edited by Mrs. M. E. Slade, as especially adapted for use in Sunday school concerts, temperance and *missionary* meetings. *Mission* bands will find it a valuable help. Price, \$1.00 per annum. For "Good Times," please address, Mrs. J. M. Brewster, Providence, R. I.

It is stated on reliable authority that there are no less than eighty thousand widows in India under six years of age! Add to this the fact that they must remain in widowhood as long as they live, subjected to the cruelest treatment. Is not this enough to touch the tenderest cord in every mother's heart, impelling her to cry to God in their behalf, and to do her utmost to relieve them? Christian mothers, you have the power to send light and comfort to these thousands of suffering little ones. Will you do it?

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Miss Crawford has prepared a geography of sixty-three pages in the Oriya language.

"Substantial responses have already been made to the plea for Harper's Ferry. One minister has given fifty dollars, one lady twenty-five, two ladies ten each, four ladies five each; one of our missionaries, now in India, pledges ten dollars, another lady, in an adjoining State, has secured some more than fifty dollars. Cash and pledges now amount to nearly two hundred dollars, nor does this include what is being done at Harper's Ferry. Word comes that the students there have caught an inspiration from this new movement, and are trying to raise fifty dollars, which, with Mr. Brackett's pledge, will make another hundred." Other work presses. Let us have these walls up.

A good friend of missions in the town of ——, in Maine, writes : "Mrs. C. our Secretary (after hearing a talk on missions,) said to me, "I am interested all through me, why I never heard anything that thrilled me so." She had never heard a missionary discourse before. Two years ago I asked her to give me her name for a dollar a year, but she thought she could not in view of her little family wants. Now, with increasing wants, she can give to the cause. Light upon the subject was all she needed." — There are thousands in this land, warm-hearted Christian women, who need this and nothing more to open their eyes to the necessities of the poor, degraded women in India. Will not every subscriber of the HELPER lend each number to some one who is uninterested now, and thus win them to the ranks of the workers?

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the article in the Niche written by one of the girls from Harpers' Ferry. This is a specimen of the training in this school. We do not think many young ladies whose earlier advantages have been much more favorable than hers would have written a more interesting sketch. Investments in this school are not lost; rather they pay large dividends. One of the missionaries in the Valley once said, and her sympathy was not circumscribed, that one dollar given here was as valuable as five given to some other benevolent causes. Let those who are chary of their dollars note this. Shall we not have the thousand dollars? Dare we hold in our hand what is not ours? "The silver and the gold are mine," saith the Lord.

A meeting to be held in Boston some time in May is proposed, at which short historical sketches of all the Woman's Missionary Societies in the country may be presented. These sketches will embrace any interesting facts in regard to the organization of missionary societies, the relation they bear to the general missionary society, their distinctive work, and why a separate organization. Such a meeting cannot but be most beneficial in its influence.

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In our last number we imposed a heavy tax on the young ladies in the Seminary at New Hampton. We meant to tax two cents a week during term time instead of ten cents. No doubt some of them would gladly give the ten. Children's Niche.

# Children's Miche.

#### THE CHILDREN'S PENNIES.

Was filled with a happy band,

Of young and old, who sought to learn The way to the better land."

And the pastor told of the needy ones, Far over the waters blue,

W ho had never heard of the love of God, Of Jesus never knew.

Then the box was passed, and the offerings came.

And many an eye beamed bright.

As the little hands of the children dropped So eagerly their mite.

'Twas a Sabbath morn, and the house of God | And the pennies laughed, and joyful said. "We'll fly at the peep of day,

And bear the words of life and love, To the poor ones far away."

So, swiftly over the hills and dales, Ay, over the waters blue,

To cheer the hearts of God's needy ones, The children's pennies flew.

And Jesus looked with a smiling glance, At the little ones, I ween, For every generous, kindly act, His loving eyes have seen.

-Iola.

#### WORK IN A MARYLAND VILLAGE.

Class No. 7, in Casco Street Sunday school, Portland, Me., has been sending its spare Myrtles, Little Stars and other papers to the destitute children among the freedmen in Maryland and Virginia. The following is a letter to this class, written by one of our teachers among the colored people. She is a young girl seventeen years old, a graduate of Storer Normal School. In this letter she describes one of the places where the papers have been sent, and the manner in which they are received.

E. D. J.

#### My DEAR CHILDREN :

Knoxville is a small village in the western part of Maryland, quite a pleasant place surrounded by hills and mountains.

Looking out on either side, you see a part of the Alleghany Range, here only a short distance off and there many miles away, stretching dimly along as far as the eye can reach. And to make the scene still more lovely, the Potomac River goes gliding by, rippling and dancing in the sunlight. I think you would like to go there fishing, or setting traps for the muskrats, that have their homes in the small islands or on the shore.

But, perhaps, what would interest you most of all, is the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, where the boats go up and down all day long. See ! here comes one now. There is the driver, a little distance ahead of the boat. Look at those poor mules, how they tug at the line, and are almost ready to stop from fatigue, but the driver gives them an encouraging pat, as he lifts his brimless hat to say "good mornin." Now look at the boat itself, see those merry children playing on deck, and that pleasant faced woman sewing at the little red and white curtained window ! It is late in the day, but here in the middle cabin is a young man fast-asleep. He must be the tow-boy who has been driving half the night, and is now napping to make up lost sleep. But do not think that all the boats are thus clean and orderly, or all the drivers so kind to the mules. Sometimes you will hear them curse the poor beasts, and they will beat them so dreadfully you will turn away sick at the sight. The captain is liable to be rough in turn with the drivers, and oftentimes the tow-boys get flogged awfully. Think you my young friends, you would like to lead such a life, having your home on a canal winter and summer? for many families stay on these boats all the winter, wherever they happen to be when the canal freezes over. But I have a kindly feeling for these people, some of them are my scholars, and often with tears in my eyes I watch these boats, breathing a prayer that these poor boys and young men may not grow up hardened in sin.

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Leaving the canal and entering the village on the east side, we see a large brick building; there are numerous piles of cinders around, in many shapes and colors. I think you would not object to having some in your cabinets. The building, though not now in operation, is a refining furnace, where iron is refined; the ore is plentiful near here. If we had time to go up on the furnace or tunnel head, we could see many miles away into Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

Crossing the railroad which goes right through the village, we soon come to a stone church. Knoxville has three white churches, and I was about to say one colored one, but I fear you would hardly give the name of church to the place where our meetings are held. It is an old mill,—there is plenty of room inside, but it is very cold in winter. The benches are rude, unpainted affairs, minus backs, and the cold, rough and rainbespattered walls present anything but a cheerful appearance. Yet, I doubt not, the Lord often smiles upon the assembly gathered here. Many of them have told me with beaming faces, that they become so happy here they forget all about the cold. I think you would like to come to some of our meetings and hear the singing and praying.

But we must hurry, or small as it is we shall not get through Knoxville. Hastily we pass dwelling-houses, a hotel, two stores and the post-office. But don't, oh ! don't pass this little log building, because it looks desolate and lone! Just a few steps from the road-side, the canal several yards in the rear, with a gurgling, clear little brook running by its side, stands my schoolhouse, the house we have been trying to reach. How long have I taught here ? One year only before this, and I have twentyseven pupils. The school is always small before Christmas, when the larger ones who have been at work come in. Now let us take a look at these children. Did you ever visit a colored school before? It is Friday afternoon, the lessons have all been said, and as the bell is tapped every book is laid aside. The arms are folded, and many pairs of bright eyes are directed toward my table. Then I read a story and talk about it until they thoroughly understand it. Oftentimes the story, which these children enjoy so much, is read from one of the papers which you are so kind as to send me. I then remind the children of the Sabbath school, and when some of them grieve because their clothes are not better. I tell them to come clean and

whole, and God will not mind the coarse patched dress or coat if the heart is right. Then with a polite bow and smiling faces they all file out on their way home. I wish we could follow them to their homes, and let you see what they are like. But I will tell you a short story that you may know over what rough ways many of these children come to school. One of my pupils, a little girl seven years old, had the measles. One day I started to find her, and I was astonished at the long rough road that little one had to travel to school. I had to cross fields and fences before we came to the neat log-building quite on the mountain. Ellie's mother, who held an infant in her arms, greeted me warmly. A boy of five years was wofully guarding a couch in the farther corner of the room, on which little Ellie was lying. Her cheeks were glowing with fever, and her little hands felt hot and parched as I took them in my own and smoothed back the long jetty hair from her forehead. Then I gave her two of your papers ; her eyes fairly danced as she took them. Though only seven she reads beautifully in the Third Reader, and no man of business enjoys the daily news more than she does these papers. I am told that she actually takes them to bed with her.

Now, last, I will tell you of our Sabbath school. I have to be superintendent myself, besides being secretary and teacher. I have only one teacher to help me now during these fall months. Our number ranges from nine to thirty. The papers are a great help to me, I scarcely know how to thank my young Portland friends for them. Every third Sunday we have a minister with us, a tall, thin man, who has the care of three churches, yet he seems always ready to do something for Christ. The children generally learn verses from the Bible to repeat, and they sing with a zest that indicates strong lungs. We often have visitors, and I wish you might be among them. As I fear this letter is much too long, I will now say good bye to you for this time. CORALIE L. FRANKLIN.

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KNOXVILLE, Md.

"We grow grander by what we do for those who cannot repay us."

#### GIVING SONG.

Tune-"THERE IS A HAPPY LAND."

Child of a Christian land, Give, freely give ! On "India's coral strand" Poor heathen live ! O! there are thousands now Who to wood and stone still bow ; That they our God may know— Give, freely give ! This blessed Word of God, Give, freely give? This earth our Saviour trod That all might live— Shall we not help to make Meet his gifts and grace to take? O! then, for Jesus' sake Give, freely give?

#### SHARES IN MISS PHILLIPS' SALARY.

In addition to those mentioned in the last HELPER, the following shares have been taken. We hope other Sunday schools and mission bands will hasten to honor themselves by having a part in her support. It cannot be any other than a pleasant task. We want the eighty shares all taken before the middle of June.

Sunday School Roger Williams' Church, Prov., R. I., 5 shares. Mission Band, Lynn, Mass., 2 " Mission Band, Limerick, Me., - - 2 " Mission Band, Greenwich St. Ch., Prov., R. I., - I "

THE Greenville R. I. Mission Band held an interesting public meeting on the evening of March 7, at which they had recitations, dialogues, music, and scenes representing Life in India. They raised \$12 towards the \$25 which they are to pay on Miss Ida Phillips' salary. They have sent ten dollars' worth of new clothing to Harper's Ferry. The Band is now just a year old and begins its new year with a good prospect of greater success and usefulness.

Thefts never enrich—alms never impoverish—nor prayers hinder work.

## CONSTITUTION.

ART. I.—This organization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

ART. 2.—Its object is to give the Christian religion and education to women destitute of Gospel light, by sending out and supporting female missionaries and teachers in fields occupied by Free Baptist missions, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies in all our churches.

ART. 3.—The payment of \$1 per year shall constitute membership; \$20 life membership; and the payment of \$100 within the term of four years, shall constitute a lady an honorary manager for life.

ART. 4.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Home Secretary, a District Secretary for each Yearly Meeting, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Committee on Missionary Intelligence, and a Board of Managers, consisting of the President, the Corresponding, Recording, and Home Secretaries, and thirteen other ladies. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ART. 5.—The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

ART. 6.—The Home Secretary shall maintain correspondence with the various District Secretaries, endeavor through them and others to carry forward the work of the Society, and report to the Board annually.

ART. 7—The District Secretaries shall labor to secure the formation of auxiliary societies in each church in their respective Yearly Meetings, by the appointment, if they choose, of Assistant Secretaries in each Quarterly Meeting, or by any other method they may deem most effective to carry forward the work, and shall report quarterly to the Home Secretary.

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ART. 8.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries, call meetings of the Board of Managers when she deems it necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board.

ART. 9.—The Treasurer shall carefully credit all moneys received, and shall pay out none except by order of the Board of Managers. She shall also give bonds with security satisfactory to the Managers, in a sum not less than one-third the amount given by the Treasurer of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

ART. 10-The Committee on Missionary Intelligence shall prepare, and publish for circulation, such items of news as it shall judge best calculated to promote the object of the Society.

ART. 11 .- The Board of Managers shall select and appoint missionaries,

#### Constitution.

designate their field of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society. Five may form a quorum. So far as relates to Foreign Mission work, this Board shall act in conjunction with the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and so far as relates to Home Mission work, it shall act in conjunction with the Free Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. 12.—This Society shall hold its annual meeting in October due notice of which shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary

ART. 13.—This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of which shall be previously given.

#### CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ART. I.—The Society shall be called the Woman's Mission Society of —— church, and shall be auxiliary to the Free Baptist Woman's Board of Missions.

ART. 2.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, chosen annually.

ART. 3.—Its object shall be the raising of money for missions, and the diffusion of missionary intelligence in the community

ART. 4.—The payment of two cents per week, or one dollar annually, shall constitute any lady a member of the Society.

ART. 5.—The money raised shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions.

N. B.—Each auxiliary can make its own By-Laws for regulating and conducting its meetings.

#### LIFE MEMBERS ADDED SINCE LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

Mrs. E. Boles Haverhill, Mass.	Mrs. M. F. Hopkins, Pascoag, R. I.
" B. ChandlerLewiston, Me.	" A. Lovejoy " "
" J. W. CarrFt. Fairfield, Me.	" J. L. Phillips " "
" S. Curtis Concord, N. H.	Miss Julia E. Phillips. " "
" L. A. Cratty Marion, Ohio.	Mrs. O. PittsCorinth, Me.
" E. B. Chamberlain. Dover, N. H.	" C. PaineGeorgiaville, R. I.
" L. Dexter Georgiaville, R. I.	Miss S. J. Payson. " "
Miss Augusta Dodge	Mrs. S. P. Richter Portland, Me.
Mrs. J. A. Dana Ashland, N. H.	" Clara O. Smith.Concord, N. H.
" E. E. Davis Minneapolis, Min.	" J. Sinclair N. Sandwich, "
" E. FiskeBristol, N. H.	" F. L. Wiley Whitefield, "
" A. J. Fairbanks. Wolfboro, "	" R. B. Wares Haverhill, Mass.
" H. M. L. Holland. Limerick, Me.	" J. T. WardAshland, N. H.
" J. J. Hall Manchester, N. H.	" H. F. Wood. Concord, "
" F. H. Harris Pascoag, R. I.	

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#### FROM FEBRUARY 18, 1878, TO APRIL 18, 1878.

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Buxton, (West)	\$8	38
Cape Elizabeth Church	3	97
Falmouth, Mr. S. Bell		00
" Mrs. Small		00
Lewiston, Auxiliary, Pine St. Ch		
for Zenana work	20	00
Limerick, Mr. B. Y. Sawyer		50
" Mrs. A. M. Davis	I	00
North Berwick, Auxiliary, First Ch Mrs. V. G. Ramsey,	4	00
for Girls' Boarding Hall	5	00
Parsonsfield East, Friends	1	10
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Portland, Auxiliary, Casco St. Ch	18	00
Springvale Ch Steep Falls, Mrs. S. H. Cousins,	3	71
for Girls' Boarding Hall	1	00

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord, Auxiliary to cons. Mrs. H. F. Wood, L. M	\$26	00
Dover, Mrs. G. C. Waterman, for		
Girls' Boarding Hall Dover, Mrs. C. Coffin Brooks, for	10	00
Girls' Boarding Hall	25	00
Gt. Falls, Miss A. Earle	ī	05
" Mrs. C. H. Littlefield	.1	04
New Market, Auxiliary Rochester, Rev. E. True, for	11	90
Girls' Boarding Hall	50	00

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Royalton,	Mrs. 1	M. C.	Russ	for		
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#### MASSACHUSETTS

Hyde Park, Miss E. L. Oliver	\$5	00
Lowell, Auxiliary Lynn, Children's Soc. for salary of	32	04
Miss Phillips'	10	00
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#### RHODE ISLAND.

Central Falls, Alice Briggs, for Girls' Boarding Hall. Greenville, Mission Band, for Miss	\$1	00
Phillips' salary Providence, Helping Hands, Park St. Sunday school, for Miss	18	00
Phillips' salary	9	25
A. White, \$2.00		00
Mrs. J. M. Brewster for Girls' Hall.	5	00
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NEW YORK.		
New York, Mrs. E. W. Page, for Girls' Boarding Hall	\$5	00
NEW JERSEY.		
Newark, Miss Lydia J. Remick	\$1	04

#### OHIO,

Harmony, Q. M	\$15 00
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Springfield,	Mrs.	S.	L.	Dittrick	for	
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At a recent Board meeting two young ladies were accepted as missionaries to the foreign field. It is very much desired that they, with one more, shall be sent when those now in this country sail in October for the fields so much needing their return. In order to do this, the funds of the Woman's Society must be greatly increased. From our success in behalf of Harper's Ferry, we are invited by the Lord to undertake greater things for India. In each church we want an Auxiliary. We want also combined effort. The Free Baptist women of Rhode Island have pledged themselves to the support of one of these young ladies, and it is confidently expected that some part of Maine will assume the support of another. Will not the women of Ohio unite in sustaining the third? If each of the two hundred subscribers to the HELPER in Ohio will give two cents a week, and influence another person to do the same, her salary will be secured. One of these young ladies is a teacher in this banner state of the West in our mission work.

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For sometime a debt has been accumulating against the Treasury of the Foreign Missionary Society. Little by little the sum has increased till, to-day, the whole machinery is in danger of stopping. Many hearts have become discouraged, and the brave toilers in the field, so poorly equipped at best,

are now sadly crippled. The Treasurer of the Society, God bless him ! has become personally responsible for thousands of dollars that remittances may not altogether fail, hoping against hope that the churches would come up to their duty. There is not need of this condition of things. So thought the workers at the recent session of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting. A resolution embracing the plan of twenty cents a member was readily adopted and acted upon. Why not other Yearly Meetings do the same thing? Let us "rally all along the line." With God's blessing and our exertion this ray of light will widen and the darkness disappear. But every one must help in this hour of need. As women of the churches let us hasten to bear our part. Oh, the grand privilege of working for Jesus ! "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small."

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THE ninth annual session of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church was held in Boston, commencing May 9th. It was of ten days' duration, and was marked by several interesting features. The report of the secretary showed that the sum raised the past year was \$68,000, and since its organization in 1869, \$444,862. It has sent thirty-one missionaries to the foreign field From their plan of work for the year to come we learn that they wish for \$80,000.

The workers and missionaries of all denominations were cordially welcomed to the public exercises. The feast of the occasion was on Thursday, at which time historical sketches of all the Woman's Societies existing in the country were presented, followed by short addresses of missionaries of their respective denominations. Mrs. Dr. Newman presided, and happily referred to the fact that Christian women of this land were together to consider what was being done for women in all heathen lands. To us it was a most impressive occasion, and from such a conference there can but go forth the most blessed inspiration towards advancing the kingdom of the blessed Redeemer. Our Needs.

## OUR NEEDS.

#### By MRS. J. L. PHILLIPS.

MOUNTAINS OF THE BIBLE !---What varied emotions stir our very souls at the bare mention of them? The thunderings of Sinai---the view from Pisgah over the battlements of heaven ! Midnight silence in mountain solitudes broken by the son of God in prayer !

What pen can picture scenes like these, or who can describe the joy and fear that swelled the hearts of the ancient Israelites, as from Mount Gerizim rolled down the "Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out;" and over against it Ebal answered, "Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them!"

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In the moral world, to-day, high above all other mountains stand Gerizim and Ebal. From the sunny slopes of one descend our opportunities; out of the crags and caverns of the other, dire need with hungry eyes in varied forms is ever darting into our midst. The direst need from this mountain of curses is need of knowledge. Golden opportunities from the mount of blessings are hovering around us. Ignorance in timely silence shuts our eyes and they pass by all unseen. Next, the need of faith. Doubt and unbelief whisper of possible failure, and opportunities slip from our uncertain grasp; others come in quick succession, but courage is wanting. Fear has palsied our hands, and we are powerless to seize them. In brief, the name of our needs is legion. But, oh ! the crying need of brotherly love ! our very pathways are lined with precious opportunities. Self with vulgar clamor demands our sole attention, and we trample them in the dust under our feet.

To-day, in glancing through our portion of the "vineyard," we cry out, "Oh! for some divine touch by which the blind eyes of some of our noblest women may be opened!"

In the sewing-rooms in our cities, in the farm-houses of the prairies, in the kitchens all through our borders, are women who have never thought of life as anything more than a "bread-

winning and bread-bestowing existence." "To open the deeper fountains of the soul, to regard life here as the prophetic entrance to immortality, to develop the spirit to perfection, motives like these have never been suggested either by fellow beings or circumstances." In blind ignorance of their own individual capabilities, of their passing opportunities, they are wasting their substance, their lives, their all, and the golden harvests all around them are perishing for reapers.

In our denomination are two institutions for the needy. Both, for years, have needed the very hearts of all our women. Let the grateful teachers and pupils at Harper's Ferry tell how faithfully, within the last few months, the needs of the one have been met, and long may "Myrtle Hall" stand a monument of "woman's work for woman." But let us stop for a moment and remember the women that have never heard of the freedwoman's God, that have never once offered a prayer to Him in whom the freed-woman, in all her long years of bondage found her sure and only solace, and whose bare right arm brought her liberty; women whose cries of agony and death fall upon the dull ears of brass and stone, while the freed-women sing, in loudest and sweetest accents, praises to the "God of their salvation." Christian women! Stop for a moment and toss a few crumbs to your starving Indian sisters before you prepare the rich dessert for the freed-women. Over the waves their needs are coming as they never came before, and needed are all the Christian women in our denomination to meet them.

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A heavy debt is crushing the workers here. Native preachers and teachers are unpaid—orphan children without a portion —Zenanas and huts unvisited, and no money to send the Bible, the bread of life even. Among our forty thousand Christian women are there not fifty, who, having not seen India, may be called "blessed," because they believe she is needy? Are there not thirty who have the courage to do the work nobody else will do? Are there not twenty whose hearts are so filled with Christ's precious love that they are ready to spend and be spent to save anybody? Are there ten who are ready to save the Mission? Ten women who can bring a personal

#### Power of Hindoo Caste.

consecration adequate to the demands of the cause? Ten, who like the leaven in the loaf shall raise over forty thousand to a sense of their responsibilities, their privileges and their rewards? May these "ten" send the cry for *personal* aid and consecration to this great work into every woman's heart of hearts! Look at figures! One cent per week for one year !  $$.01 \times 40,000$  $\times 52 = $20,800$ . Who will be one of the blessed needed ten?

### POWER OF HINDOO CASTE. BY MES. M. M. H. HILLS.

MRS. LEONOWENS, in a late number of the Youth's Companion, gives a bit of personal experience, that strikingly illustrates the tyrannical power of Hindoo caste. While residing at Malabar, Hill, India, she had a young Brahman, whose proper name was Govind, for her teacher in the Sanscrit and Hindostanee languages. In his manners he was gentle, manly and refined, and but for his caste and his religion would have been a perfect gentleman.

A high caste Brahman cannot even touch or go near a low caste Hindoo without being polluted. If a European even looked at his dinner, or if a European's shadow fell upon his pots and pans while his dinner was being cooked, he was obliged to throw away his meal, purify his utensils, and prepare another dinner, before he could satisfy his holy hunger. All other sins are slight and insignificant, compared to the sin of touching a low caste man, woman or child, and he could only free himself from such pollution by nine days' purification.

Govind consented to teach Mrs. Leonowens, only on the condition that she should sit on the opposite side of the table and use her own books, pencil and paper, assuring her in the politest way possible that if he touched anything she held in her hands he would be polluted. She says: "Sometimes I quite forgot how holy he was, or how vile I appeared to him, and, in my eagerness to understand a word or sentence, I would go too near him or take his sacred book, whereupon he would rush away leaving his polluted book, and would not return until he had undergone a series of purifications."

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One day Govind's young wife came to Mrs. Leonowens almost breathless, and, with tears streaming down her cheeks, said her husband was so ill she feared he would die, and begged for some medicine to cure him. She was too much overcome to give any clear account of his illness, but said his legs were gone away and that his head and stomach were fast following his heels, which is the Oriental way of describing severe prostration. Taking a bottle of wine and some cholera mixture, Mrs. Leonowens went to Govind's house. It contained two apartments, divided by a low archway. In one of these on a little cot lay the sufferer, his eyes closed and face ghastly. The young wife motioned to her not to come too near, but to sit down on a little matting at a respectful distance. In the other department a very old, shriveled woman was cooking rice, who, on seeing the stranger within his sacred dwelling, shrank back in horror; then stretching out both her bare, lean arms, called out : "Keep off ! keep off ! " and, interspersed with loud groans, continued : "How dare you come in here, you pork-eating English woman! Oh, daughter, daughter, why did you bring her into the house? Don't let her touch my son, or she will pollute him at the last hour of his life ! Go away, go away, you beef-eating English beast !" "Mother," said the young wife, " please don't scold any more, this English lady is Govind's pupil. She has been very kind to him, and now has brought him some good medicine that will make him well. Dear mother, think of that. Don't let us think of caste now, we can perform all the purifications after he is better." Said the old woman : "I would rather have him die than live by taking her medicine. You hateful English woman ! I know your medicine is mixed with the devil's liver and pigs' blood ! I know it ! I know it ! " In the midst of all this talk Govind opened his eyes. Seeing his pupil he gave a sudden start, and would have sprung from his bed, but had not the strength. Falling back, he looked horrified and more ghastly than ever. Moaning faintly he whispered : " Oh, wife, wife, what have you done? Why don't you let me die quietly?" The poor sobbing wife pleads : "Oh, Govind, don't be angry with me, or you will break my heart ! This morning I feared

#### How the Ants Do It.

you were dying, so I ran for this lady. She has brought you some nice wine and some good medicine. Govind take a little. please, take just a little ;" and sobs drowned her utterance. "No, no," growled the old woman, "don't you take her medicine, my son ; don't you take her medicine, it is mixed with unholy things, pigs' blood and fire water, and the devil's liver. Die, my son, die, rather than drink her vile medicine !" "Govind," said Mrs. Leonowens, "You are no longer a child. Don't be so ridiculous as to mind about caste at this time, when you are ill and sinking so fast. What will caste be to you when you are dead and gone? Here is a little wine, it will warm you and help to revive you till the doctor comes." His wife added, "just take one mouthful, please, only one mouthful." "I am forbidden by my caste to touch it, moans the poor man feebly. A whole bottle or one drop is all the same; I am forbidden to touch it." "No one ever need know that you took it," said his wife, "I will keep it a secret." "But wife," replied the stern Brahman, "I could not conceal the secret from myself." Further pleading was useless, and Mrs. Leonowens returned to her home, grieved that such are the barriers of caste between the lowly followers of Jesus and the proud followers of Brahma, that one cannot approach the other, even to give help and comfort in the most trying time of sickness and death.

### How THE ANTS DO IT.

#### By MISS L. CRAWFORD.

THIS morning while a class of little girls stood before their teacher reading in the Jellasore school-room, a number of little red ants were seen carrying off a big black one. When the children were asked how these tiniest of ants could carry such a load, one said: "Oh, they are hungry and are taking him to their house to eat." Another said: "They lay hold of him with their teeth so that he cannot get away." But he is *dead* and could not get away though they did not touch him. And see, he is as much larger than one of them as an elephant is larger than one of you. How, then, are they able to carry him? They all with one mind lift and pull the same way, hence they carry him just where they wish. Ah, thought I, if the Free Will Baptists would but imitate these tiny ants," that great debt which the Missionary Society owes, might be carried by them out of creation and cast into non-existence, and that, too, before the close of this blessed year. That great burden gone, how jubilantly they might sing next New Year's day. Some have lifted hard and long. Now let each lift just a little, and the work will be done.

## THE FIRST MISSIONARY.

#### BY HAZLETON.

"I HAD a dream which was not all a dream." I thought I saw a garden of supernal bloom and verdure. So beautiful was it, that imagination or art has never reached its likeness. Moving about among its cool shades, I saw a human form. But sculptor's hand has never chiseled in marble so perfect a figure. Upon his brow and in his mien such dignity was expressed that every living thing in the garden paused to obey his command. Birds, beasts and fishes received from him their names, and every new plant, springing into life, claimed his attention and received a like benediction in that fair garden. But this most perfect thing of all the creation seemed to be alone. There could be found nothing fitted to be his companion, and there was no sympathetic response to his solitary musings. In the cool of the evening there was a reverential stir among all the leaves and shadows of the garden, and in the holy hush which followed, that lonely figure bent his head to listen to a Voice that swept by his side. Together they traversed the garden, the Voice and the man, praising and admiring its beauties as they passed. The Voice was deep and masterful, and seemed to penetrate every far distance of that vast garden, while on the human face a new radiance shone more bright than that of the sun so lately set.

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#### The First Missionary.

At length when late evening had settled upon the garden, the wonderful Voice grew fainter, as though it accompanied the departure of some unseen presence, and with a deep sigh, the man listened to catch its last echo as it left him. But, as if moved by the breath of this unconscious yearning, the Voice seemed to pause over the tops of the trees of the garden and drop down through the still air, these words in benediction : "It is not good for him to be alone. I will give him a human companion and helpmeet." Then the Voice was silent, and man and the garden were again alone.

The next morning. I thought the garden awoke to a new beauty. The birds sang sweeter songs. The blooms were brighter, and every object seemed thrilled with excited joy. The man was on his knees, with hands uplifted in praise and gratitude. For, by his side, there stood a living likeness of himself—fairer, frailer, cast in a gentler mold but, nevertheless his own image, with a voice to answer to his own, a smile to respond to his, a visible presence to please his eye, and a helping hand to arrange and till the fair garden.

Thus, I thought was born the first missionary.

I awoke, "but it was not all a dream." The loving, helpful presence of that first good gift is still reproduced in the daughters of the Christian nations. Silently, almost unrecognized, ofttimes, have these ministrations been dropping into the lives and hearts of humanity, until in these latter days, they have taken form and grown up into Woman's Missionary Societies, Christian Temperance Unions, and other philanthropic and benevolent organizations. Woman is thus courageously stepping into the niches which have been waiting for her, ever since that first missionary lost her rightful position by yielding to sin.

This active board of the Free Baptist women, and this literary child of their care, will show in just what manner woman means to take her Christian brother by the hand and toil with him in the growing garden of missionary labor. There should not be one Christian woman to whom appeals for help and sympathy shall come through this magazine, but will place her hand just where it will encourage those who have planned and undertaken

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this work, as well as those who are bearing the burden of our missionary enterprises.

All honor to the women who have so appreciated the privileges of womanhood in this Christian land and age.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF AUXILIARIES.

ONE of the objects which the Woman's Society aims to accomplish is to secure, from each woman in the denomination, a pledge of two cents per week or a dollar a year to carry on our work. To accomplish this, we do not wish you to withdraw the contributions you are accustomed to give to other branches of Christian work, but we do ask you to do the following specific things in addition to what you are now doing :

1. Write on an envelope, "Woman's work for woman," lay it in some safe place, and deposit in it two cents each week, or more if you can.

2. Try to persuade each woman in your church to do the same, using the means that in your judgment will best secure the object, whether it be by private solicitation or by calling a meeting.

3. As soon as a few—if not more than three or four—will make this weekly pledge, let them form an auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society, and meet once a month for prayer, reading missionary intelligence, and devising means to interest others. Once a quarter, at a specified meeting, let all your members bring in the contents of their envelopes and pay to your Treasurer, who shall keep an exact account of all the money she receives and from whom, and forward the same quarterly to Miss DeMeritte.

4. When your society is formed report it to the district secretary of your Quarterly Meeting or, if you do not know her address, report to the Home Secretary of the Society, and ask for some definite work for which you may become responsible. See that one of the officers is an agent for the HELPER.

Some of you may not understand that a person in each Quarterly Meeting is appointed a district secretary, or agent, whose duty it is to aid each church to organize an auxiliary. But don't wait for her action. She may be so situated that she can't

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attend to the work, and if she can, she will be cheered and encouraged to learn that you have moved in the matter.

5. Ask yourself if it is not your privilege to become a life member. The payment of \$20, even if made in installments within one or two years, constitutes a life membership.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

#### LETTER FROM MISS CRAWFORD.

The united efforts of the good sisters in our churches in America will assuredly cause the best of blessings to come to the poor degraded and benighted women of this land. How degraded they are, it is not easy for those who have not seen them to realize. Last week two men called here who were traveling from Bhuddruck to Calcutta on foot. They are from America. that land where women are more honored than in any other land. With great earnestness they said, "The women we have seen on the road fare worse than we would let our cattle fare." They know of the law for the prevention of cruelty to animals! Just now a Santal woman came to my door with seven bundles of wood on her head, and her baby tied to keep it from falling from her hip. On being asked if her head was not in danger of splitting under such a load, she replied laughingly, "How else can I do?" Poor, patient woman ! she did not complain. She had not tasted the joys of civilization and mental culture. The Hindoo women are many degrees above the Santals in culture. Indeed, some of the former are refined, and are treated very delicately in some respects, but treated as children. It is only after they are educated that they are allowed to come into the counsels of their lords. The early marriages of girls are the greatest obstacles to female education, for unless a family is above having to work all the time, the little wives in it are not allowed time to learn to read. The Brahmas have made a law and it has been sanctioned by government, that their girls should not marry under fourteen years of age, and now their celebrated leader, Keshub

Chunder Sen, has married his own daughter, under that age, to a Hindoo rajah. He pleads that he only listened to, and followed the voice of God, which was speaking in his heart! Some of his followers have been rather severe, and justly so, upon him, for his inconsistency.

Amid the hurry of my noontime, my pen has run on without writing a word which I before intended. I wanted to tell you of the hardships and privations Brother and Sister Phillips have been enduring for months, that they might plant Christianity in Dantoon. They have dwelt in a mud hut, with a few of the necessaries of life. They have now gone into a part of the new house, but the two rooms they occupy are destitute of floors, save the ground, and the dust is a disagreeable accompaniment to the cough Sister Phillips has. Their home in Santipore was very beautiful. Their own house, school-house and the chapel, are surrounded by lovely trees, and the Christian village is the best laid out of any village in the mission. Santipore is morally and literally "A Garden in the Wilderness." To leave this and begin on land where there is not a tree, and close by a large town, which contains not even one Christian, is certainly self-sacrificing, and our brother and sister need and deserve the prayers of the churches at home. Do they not show the spirit of Him who left the glories of heaven and came to dwell on this sinful earth?

JELLASORE, May 8, 1878.

#### FROM MRS. J. PHILLIPS.

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I am deeply interested in the prosperity and future usefulness of the HELPER, and though I wrote you but a few days ago, will send a line to-day. By the papers and also by the letters we get from our dear children who are traveling among our churches, we learn that lack of information in regard to our Mission, and the people for whom we are working, is the great cause of the wide-spread indifference to the cause of Christ among this needy people. I knew years ago that our people

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were not well informed concerning missions, but our country is so flooded with intelligence from almost every quarter of the globe, that I thought this darkness had passed away, but it seems I was mistaken. So I take the liberty to propose a plan that may help a little in the right direction, should it meet your approbation.

Insert the address of every member of the Mission now in the field, in the HELPER. Then invite every reader to send any questions in relation to this country, the people, and the Mission that may occur to them, or that they may wish to have answered. Or, as I should have said, first invite them to write to us, and for one I will endeavor to answer every letter promptly. I would especially encourage the children to write, and also to exert themselves to obtain subscribers for the HELPER. I will send a photograph of some native to the first boy or girl under thirteen years of age who will write to me.

Questions inserted in the HELPER would be answered through that, and all could read and be benefited by them, while private letters would reach but few.

WE most heartily concur in the suggestions above made, and give the following addresses: Rev. J. Phillips, D. D., Dantoon, Bengal, India; Mrs. H. C. Phillips, Dantoon, Bengal, India; Dr. O.R. Bacheler, Midnapore, India; Mrs. S. P. Bach. eler, Midnapore, India; Miss Mary Bacheler, Midnapore, India; R. M. Lawrence, Midnapore, India; Miss Lovina Crawford, Jellasore, Orissa, India; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Marshall, Balasore, Orissa, India; Miss Ida O. Phillips, Balasore, Orissa, India. Direct via Brindisi, through Italy.

AMONG the recent notable deeds of Free Baptist women was that of Mrs. Mary A. Franklin, a member of the Olneyville Church, who died in February last. She left \$7.500 in legacies for benevolent purposes. These were to be distributed as follows: Olneyville Church, \$3,000; Park street Church, Providence, \$2,000; Greenwich street Church, Providence, \$1,500; North Scituate Church, \$500, and the School at Harper's Ferry \$500. "Being dead, she yet speaketh."

## STORER NORMAL SCHOOL.

The eleventh anniversary of Storer Normal School, passed with great credit to the students and friends of that institution. The examinations of Tuesday and Wednesday were very satisfactory. We were especially pleased with the practical work that has evidently been done through the year. The students are taught more than book-knowledge; they are shown how to apply it to real life. In this respect many of our northern schools might find something to imitate.

There were ten young men and women in the graduating class, and their orations and essays showed close study and originality of thought. Twentyfive young men and women contended in the prize declamations and their selections were well rendered.

The exercises at the laying of the corner-stone of the girls' boardinghall, the afternoon of May 30th, were very interesting. A much-needed shower obliged a change in the programme, which was all to have been out of doors. Many were prevented from attending, on account of the rain, but over a thousand colored people gathered around the school building, only about half of whom could possibly be crowded into the small chapel where the literary exercises took place. The address in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society, was given by Mrs. F. S. Mosher, of Dover, N. H. A very appropriate dedicatory hymn, written by Mrs. Porter of Lowell, Mass., was beautifully sung by the College Glee Club. The oration by G. F. Mosher, Esq., was full of practical thoughts. The poem by Mrs. J. A. Lowell, of Danville, N. H., was finely read by Miss Coralie Franklin, a student and assistant teacher in the school, and was received with marked attention and hearty applause.

The shower having passed, the audience repaired to the site of the new building where the foundations were ready for the laying of the cornerstone. And there amid a crowd of dark faces, bright with curiosity and interest, enlivened by a band of music, the tinman sealed the box of records, placed it in the stone, and the masons cemented it into position. Then in the solemn hush that followed, broken only by the rushing of the Potomac and Shenandoah on either side, as they join their waters half a mile below with the mountain ridges of three states to witness, Loudon, Maryland and Bolivar. Rev. J. L. Sinclair, of N. H., stepped upon the stone and offered the dedicatory prayer, and at its close the whole assembly, with the fervor of a people just freed from bondage and welcomed into the light of liberty, equality and Christian education, joined in the doxology never more appropriate, nor more feelingly rendered,

#### "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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dinner provided in the adjoining dining-hall, which every one seemed to appreciate fully as well as the literary features. But the exhibition in the evening relieved all anxiety in regard to digestion, for the funny dialogues made the sedate visitors laugh unmercifully, while the scenes from Henry VIII called forth high compliments.

About midnight we bade each other good bye, some going to take the night train for different states, some in wagons and on horseback to pick their way to neighboring towns, and not a few, so great was the crowd of visitors, to remain in the chapel over night, and in some way to catch inspiration for their dreams from the hard seats and desks of the school-room

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## WORKERS IN COUNCIL.

#### AT HOME AND ABROAD.

We are glad that many of our churches have auxiliary societies. We wish there was one in each of our churches, having for its motto: "The whole wide world for Jesus." Hard times? Yes. But not so hard but we can do something to help on this glorious work! We have done something for the needed at Harper's Ferry. Let us not stop here; nearly two thousand dollars more are needed. We earnestly hope that all those churches that have as yet done nothing, and those that have not done as much as they ought, will send something towards finishing the rooms in Myrtle Hall. It will cost \$25 to finish each room.

It is sometimes said that it is hard to keep up an interest in the meetings of the auxiliary societies. The Woman's Board at its recent meeting passed the following resolution intended to help in this direction :

*Resolved*, That we earnestly request our various auxiliaries and others interested to begin at once to prepare furnishings for the rooms in the Girls' Boarding Hall at Harper's Ferry, that they may be ready for use as soon as the building is completed.

We had hoped to be able to state just what things are needed for furnishing each room, but have failed to ob ain the desired information. Bedding will of course be needed; and societies can be at work upon that without definite information. Should any auxiliary prefer to sent the money needed for the complete furnishing of rooms, from \$15 to \$25 will be needed.

We wish each society that sends boxes or barrels, to prize the articles contained therein, and forward the estimated value to our Treasurer, Miss DeMeritte, that we may be able to know each year what is being done in this direction.

But this is only a part of our work. We must gird ourselves anew for our foreign work. For this we must have money. Let us see how large an

offering the women of our denomination can put into their Treasurer's hands during this year, to be used in carrying out our Saviour's commission. Mrs. E. S. BURLINGAME.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

A business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in connection with the Rhode Island Association at Greenville, May 22. Mrs. L. Dexter, District Secretary, presided. Interesting letters were read from the different auxiliary societies and bands, several resolutions were discussed and adopted. One of them embraced the plan of assuming the support of a missionary in the foreign field, and another expressed the desire that Miss Hattie P. Phillips be that missionary if approved by the Boards.

The third was as follows:—*Resolved*, That we recommend to each of our churches, to form a mission band among its youth and children, and to cherish it as one of the best means of educating the young in the ways of benevolence and systematic giving.

It was also recommended that an agent for the HELPER be appointed in each of the churches. A Committee of seven ladies of which Mrs. Dexter is chairman was chosen, to whose care the local support of the missionary was entrusted.

A public meeting was held the next day conducted entirely by the ladies. Mrs. Brewster spoke of the breadth and importance of the work. Mrs. J. L. Phillips urged the present needs of the mission, especially laborers and money. Mrs. L. R. Burlingame spoke of personal duties and of the claim of the colored women in the South. Miss J. E. Phillips grew eloquent as she made an earnest plea for India. The exercises closed with the singing of "Coronation."

LYDIA H. POTTER, Secretary.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The New Hampshire division of the Woman's Missionary Society, met in the vestry of the Washington Street Church, Dover, June 12, Mrs. G. F. Mosher, District Secretary, presiding. Mrs. Mary Latham Clark, was appointed Secretary. Mrs. Mosher saw no cause for discouragement, but believed that the women of New Hampshire were ready, liberally and energetically, to lay hold of any mission cause, as its needs and interests should be made known to them.

A letter was read by Mrs. Waterman, of Dover, from Miss Brackett, teacher at Storer Normal School, speaking of the needs of the girls and the gratitude with which assistance is received.

The treasurer of the Society reported the receipts from New Hampshire for the year ending May 31, 1878, to be \$648.92; of this sum \$227.00 was for the Girls' Hall. The report showed that the contributions to the Woman's Missionary treasury are steadily increasing, which is a favorable omen. M at h M and Said enth ter. spee show M adde ing t

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appr Wor com Mrs. J. L. Phillips spoke in her usual interesting way of our present needs at home and abroad.

Mrs. Smith, another returned missionary, followed with very interesting and touching remarks.

Mrs. Burlingame, of Rhode Island, made a most stirring appeal. She said we do not now need knowledge of these important matters so much as enthusiasm in regard to them. We need a sense of obligation in the matter. We call upon our pastors to tell the story of missions, in five minute speeches at the close of their sermons, and keep the people informed. Why should we wait to be drafted? Let us be volunteer workers.

Mrs. Brewster spoke of the success of THE MISSIONARY HELPER, and added a few words in regard to personal consecration. We should be willing to assume responsibility.

M. L. CLARK, Secretary.

### NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Those subscribers willing to part with the January and March numbers of the HELPER will confer a favor by returning them to us as they are desired by new subscribers. Of the January number, of which many were distributed gratuitously, three thousand were printed; of the March number, two thousand, and of the May number twenty-two hundred and fifty. Of this issue we shall print a number so large that we urge our friends to secure all the subscribers possible commencing with it. The price for the remainder of the year is Fifteen Cents. LET THERE BE A GENERAL RALLY.

THE HELPER has 2,168 subscribers. Of these there are sent to Maine, 449; New Hampshire, 313; Rhode Island, 261; Ohio, 214; the British Provinces, 205; New York, 174; Massachusetts, 158; Michigan, 97; Vermont, 78; Iowa, 58; Wisconsin, 51; Minnesota, 36; Illinois, 33; other States, 45.

Of the unusually large amount received into the treasury of the Woman's Society during the last two months, Rhode Island leads, contributing \$423.95.

It is very desirable that every Auxilliary, Band and S. School should have a map of that portion of India occupied by the F. Baptists. Such a map can be obtained of Miss Julia E. Phillips, Pascoag, R. I., for \$1, to be sent by mail.

R. M. Lawrence sends this encouraging word: "I wish to express my appreciation of the real enterprise and unmistakable perseverance of the Woman's Society, and a wish that its present proportions may be only the commencement of a constant and rapid growth," The late Secretary Treat, of the A. B. C. F. M., estimated that, at least, two-thirds of the entire amount received by the Woman's Board of Missions was so much added to the missionary funds.

We are informed of a society recently organized at Glenwood, N. S., and a new auxilliary at E. Parsonsfield, Me., with six members. We are glad to welcome one formed among our colored friends in the Pond Street Church, Providence. This Sunday School is doing something for Harper's Ferry. It is very desirable that Secretaries of new auxilliaries or bands should report to us the fact of their organization, with the number of members.

At the Paris Exhibition are displayed diagrams showing the fluctuations in the number of depositors and the amount deposited in the French Savings Banks. The sum invested in these institutions has increased very rapidly during the last three years, having risen from 573,000,000 francs in 1875 to 930,000,000 francs in 1878. During the same period the number of depositors has increased from two to three millions. This augmentation is considered to be due to a new element consisting of 8,299 school penny savings banks, established in 1874, in which 173,001 scholars have 2,675,372francs to their credit. The children who save exercise an influence over their families, which often results in the parents becoming depositors.

It is refreshing to learn, from time to time, that there are those who are willing to take a share of the work which must be done to forward any undertaking. Mrs. Bennett, District Secretary of the Ohio Y. M., says that she would gladly visit all the churches in the Y., M. if she had the means; that her father had the pastoral care of each of them at some time during his life, and that she often went with him in his round of visits. She hopes to have an agent for the HELPER appointed in each church. Will not the sisters in these churches provide a way for the coming among them of the daughter of their old friend and pastor?

Mrs. Eaton, District Secretary of Vermont, wishes to say to the good women of that State who are co-working with her, and are endeavoring to do, and feel the necessity of doing, much for the foreign mission cause, that they notice the earnest appeals for help for Harper's Ferry, and call especially on those whose sympathies are not yet enlisted in the foreign work.

Just as the HELPER goes to press, we learn that the Central Ohio Y. M. is not behind New Hampshire in assuming its proportion of the debt. We shake hands with the workers in Ohio and ask them to press forward.

"For a long time we have been asking for more laborers. Our prayers are answered. Six brethren and sisters are ready to go to India the coming autumn. Shall they go? Yes, if the money can be raised for their outfit and traveling expenses. It will require four cents per member to do this." Just add four to the twenty when you pay your share of the debt.

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(For Missionary Concert.) SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN.

1st. Jesus loves the little children, For he said one day, Let the children come to me, Keep them not away.

2d. There are many little children, Who have never heard, Of his love and tenderness, Of His Holy Word.

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- 3d. I would tell those little children If they all could hear, That he spoke to his disciples, With the children near.
- 4th. Listen now, while we repeat it, Hark! 'Tis very sweet! I should think 'twould make the children Hasten him to meet.

All-" Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." [Goed Times.

## LETTER FROM BHABANIE.

THROUGH the kindness of Mrs. Lowell, we are permitted to give to our young readers the following letter. Miss Crawford says that while translating it, the tears would come into her eyes as she thought of that dreadful famine which swept so many into eternity. Death by famine is too horrible to be described. Pronounce her name Bha-ba-nie. by sounding the first a like a in ball, and the last like a in father. Will not some one who reads this letter write a reply, directing it to the care of Miss L. Crawford, Jellasore, Orissa, India. Mail it via. Brinidisi, and put on it a ten cent stamp, and in forty days it will reach her.

JELLASORE, India, 1877.

#### DEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN :

Miss Crawford tells me that you help the people of this country much. From hearing this I write you a letter. The people here care little for each others' good. They are heathen and perfectly selfish. Those who repent and become *true* Christians, care for the souls of others. I am a famine girl. Eleven years ago there was a dreadful famine in Orissa. Thousands of folks died for the want of food; you cannot think how great was the suffering. Before the famine my father died. It is said that a heathen doctor gave him medicine that caused his death. My mother was left with me and my little baby brother. When the famine became very bad, my old grandmother took

me and wandered about searching for food. At last she reached Jellasore, and opposite Miss Crawford's house poor. starving people were every day being fed. My grandmother was too weak to get well, and died there in the hospital. Some people who came in were so nearly dead from starvation that they only had strength to eat one meal and then they died. I was taken to the Mission School, and when fully restored to health, began to learn to read. Gradually I learned to read and understand the Bible, then I studied Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar, and learned to sew and knit. In April, 1872, I, from having believed in the Lord Jesus Christ was baptized, and ever since that time the Lord has kept me in his love. This year I began to teach Hindoo girls. Going through Patna bazaar I found one of my own cousins living there with his family. He let his little girl come to my school. He told me that if I would go twenty-four miles on the way toward Contai I could find my mother. A few weeks ago Miss Crawford gave me leave to go and sent a Christian woman with me. The first day we went twelve miles, and stopped over night with Nellie Cole. The next day we wanted the woman with whom she boards to go and show us the way, for we were more than two miles from the road, from any road. The woman was too ill to go, so we took Nellie. She knew the way only out to the road, but we went on, every now and then asking for information. At last we came into a village where a man gave us directions that led to my mother's house. When we arrived Nellie said to Ma, "One of us is your own daughter ; now look at us and see which one is yours." She stared at Nellie and Nellie laughed. Then she looked steadily at me and said, "Oh, you are my child, you look like your father ;" and then she cried a great deal. She told me that after grandma took me away she suffered with hunger, and her baby died. At last she wandered away toward Contai, and there my father's brother married her. Since that she has had two children, a girl and a boy. Neither she nor any of the villagers knew anything of Christianity, but they treated us all with great kindness and respect. They said no Christians ever before came to their village; they only came as far as Maharenpore,

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#### Young People's Missionary.

and then turned back. We told them about Jesus, the Saviour who gave His life for them. They acted glad to hear and delighted with the hymns we sung. In the evening the woman who went with us prayed, and after that we all went to sleep. We had a week given us to stay, but Nellie said she could not leave her school so long, neither could she go back alone, so after a short visit we went back with her and remained until Monday, then came home.

Dear friends, my great request to you is that you will pray much for my mother and for all my friends who are heathen, that they may be converted. If we only had money to support a native preacher in that village he might do great good. There are many other villages quite as destitute of all good instruction as that one. Do pray for all these poor heathen! Give my love to your pastor and to the good lady who writes letters to my teacher. My schoolmates send love. Please receive my letter kindly, and if you will send a reply I shall be grateful.

#### Affectionately,

BHABANIE.

### MISS IDA PHILLIPS—THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY.

Miss Crawford says in a recent letter : "Ida seems thoroughly furnished, and bids fair to be a worker of unusual ability."

Mrs. Marshall says : "Ida goes into the work as though she had been in it for years."

Mrs. Jeremiah Phillips says, in allusion to Ida's former sojourn in India: "Her five years' stay with us was preparing her for her life work. She learned a little of the Hindostani language, and this helped her not a little while traveling alone from Bombay to Calcutta. At Calcutta the Bengali returned to her, and she spoke it like a native; and so also with the Oriya. She begins her missionary life better prepared for it than a new person could be at the expiration of two years at least."

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In our missionary work, the present is a period full of interest. Dr. Phillips, who has been laboring incessantly to raise a fund of \$25 000 for the endowment of the Bible school, has received subscriptions which amount to that sum, though they are not all secured by payment or note. Several thousand more are wanted for the building. To have reached this point is a most gratifying success, and God be thanked for it! Now let the work of paying the debt, and of reinforcement, go bravely forward. With openings like those at Dantoon and Contai, referred to under "Correspondence," the "harvest is plenteous."

The 5th of October is the day designated for the departure of the missionaries. They sail from New York in the steamer "Circassia." We shall miss the inspiration of their presence and the cheer of their encouraging words. Those returning are glad to resume their work; the new ones set forth with courage and hope. It is essential that as a people we do our part in this important work; that we never let go for one instant our hold on the "ropes." The world's evangelization is going forward as never before. Grand opportunities are coming to us. May we prove ourselves worthy of the privileges of the hour, and of the blessings that come to the willing and obedient!

WHERE are the young women to engage in missionary work? As morning after morning we have opened the letters which the postman has brought, and have noted the names of the subscribers to the HELPER, we have been impressed with the fewness of the names which are prefixed with Miss. Can it be that the majority of young ladies in our churches have no decided interest in this delightful missionary work? Have not the words, "The master has come and calleth for thee," arrested their attention and touched their hearts? My dear young sisters, in the halls of learning, in the cherished home, wherever you are, asking, longing for a "mission," find it in imitating him who "pleased not himself." Let the wealth of your unused powers be developed and consecrated to the service of God and humanity.

Notice what Miss Guthrie, a young missionary in Japan, says: "I cannot think of any pleasure so intense, so soul-elevating, as that one feels when conscious of being used as an instrument in the Master's hands for the blessing of others. The purest joy I have ever known was the moment I learned a soul had passed from darkness to light, led upwards by a message sent through me. And let me say, from the fullness of my own brief experience, Come and taste the joy our dear Lord gives to those who do his will."

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CANNOT all the shares in the salary of the Young People's Missionary be taken before October? She will then have been gone from this country one year. It will be a very pleasant thing to report at the annual meeting that this plan has been successful. It ought not to fail for want of care. Why not the good ladies of our churches encourage and help the young people, and the little ones especially? If it does not seem best to organize a regular society for them, though this is desirable, mite-boxes can be procured, and the children come together at stated times to open them, with other appropriate exercises; or they can have a concert and a collection, or an entertainment and sale. Various methods will suggest themselves. It will be found most delightful work to guide them in the way of helping others. "Blessed to give" applies to service oft-times.

#### Editorials.

WHILE we rejoice and take courage that God has so blessed our efforts to help on the work at Harper's Ferry, we ought not to slacken our hands till the whole building is finished and furnished. The Board have made an appropriation for the completion of several rooms. What churches or societies will take those of the fifty not provided for ? The bedding can be making in our social circles, and dear old ladies fond of patchwork will delight to prepare the quilts.

Another thing which calls for attention is the collecting of clothing for the students. Many parents are making great efforts to secure the school advantages for their children, of which they were denied because of the long, dark days of slavery. Such are worthy of any help that can be given them. A half-worn garment may be full of cheer. In a very quiet way, boxes and barrels of clothing can be collected and sent to our missionaries in the Valley, who will very wisely use them to the advantage of those who otherwise might not be able to continue in the school. It is not too early to send in September or October. Send as freight.

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WE have to convey to our readers the intelligence of the sudden death of Mrs. Thompson (Susan Libby), at her home in Contai, India, which occurred the last of June. She was the daughter of Rev. C. O. Libby, and was the first missionary of the Woman's Society. She was a devoted Christian woman, and many hearts are made sad at her early and unexpected death.

MISS S. L. CILLEY writes thus: "Mother fell asleep at noon, Aug. 7, and we laid her to rest yesterday afternoon. The fact that she is free comforts us, — her sufferings were so intense. We can but rejoice in our grief. One missionary helper has gone, for she loved the mission work, and gave to it time, money, influence, and prayers. She chose the characteristic text, 'For I know in whom I have believed.'"

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDNAPORE ZENANA WORK.

ALMOST every one, in these intelligent times, knows what zenana work is; but for the few who do not, it will be well in the beginning of this report to define just what it is, so that the readers of the report, who are also the supporters of the zenana missionaries, may have a clear idea of what their teachers are doing.

The word "zenana"\* is not to be found in encyclopedias or in dictionaries. It, together with its practical meaning, was brought into India by the Mohammedans when they conquered the country; and little by little the conquered Hindoos adopted both word and practice until they have become quite universal.

The meaning of zenana seems to be the secluded homes of the high-caste ladies, and they are generally situated in the centre of the family establishment, and usually consist of an open court surrounded by verandas, rooms, and walls. From this centre court the ways to the outside world are strange and crooked, and after various windings and turnings and short corners, usually pass through the apartments of the male members of the family. The interior arrangements of no two houses are alike; each house is a distinct study of itself; and every new house has to be learned by means of a guide. This learning is not usually the work of one day, or of once visiting the house.

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Some things always strike the teacher (we might say traveler) strangely as she pursues, after a guide, her devious way from the outside entrance to the zenana home of a native gentleman's establishment. As she enters she observes the gentleman's house or houses have handsome, well-furnished rooms, with carpets, chairs, tables, book-cases, sofas, divans, pictures, and various other ornamental things. But as she progresses beyond

\* In Johnson's Cyclopedia, recently published, Miss Brittain has an article on "Zenana."

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the first large court, all these are no more seen, and narrow alleys, covered paths, and short corners lead at last to bare, desolate-looking rooms, opening from the verandas surrounding the zenana court. The teacher often has to stand until a chair is brought from the remote apartments of the gentleman. All this shows plainly how the man estimates his wife. She is often lovely in face and form, and naturally intelligent.

Zenana work, then, is the teaching of these secluded women in their own inner homes, and a blessed work it is, for it seems often to be appreciated. The pupils are often waiting for our teachers, and they learn as if they really loved to. Some of them are poor little wives, who seldom get a word of encouragement from their husbands, and even permission to learn is given grudgingly. "The common people heard Him gladly," was said of our Saviour's preaching. The common people in this land hear gladly, too.

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We take great pains to make the native zenana teachers "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." The husbands of the native ladies seldom come into the reading-room while our teachers are present, but every now and then a son or a manservant passes slowly through, sometimes stopping for a short time, carefully taking note of everything, and, no doubt, reporting at head-quarters. The teachers are particularly taught to speak in a low, quiet tone, and on no account to indulge in gossip with their pupils, though they are often plied with questions. Poor things ! they want to know what is going on outside in a world they can never see, and it does require good sense and tact for the teachers to keep the good-will of their pupils, and at the same time to be discreet.

A Mournful Case. — One of our most promising pupils among the common people was burned to death a few weeks ago in Sepai Bazar, which is close to our house. Sparks from the open fire-place where she was cooking, lodged in the thatched roof over her head, and before she or any one else knew anything about it, the roof was all ablaze. This was at midday. The weather was hot and dry, and a high wind was blowing.

House after house caught, and soon the flames leaped over to the other side of the narrow street, and it seemed as if the whole bazar would go. As we were watching the fire from the top of our house, a flaming brand came whizzing high up in the air, and dropped down lengthwise on the roof of our new schoolhouse. In a few seconds a brave fellow was scrambling up the roof, with a col-osi (an earthen vessel for carrying water) of water in one hand. He was none too soon, for the brand, fanned by the fierce wind, was eating its way into the roof; however, he tore it out, poured on the water, and saved the house. . On each side of the road at the end of the Sepai Bazar nearest our house, are two immense mud holes, which in the rains are little tanks. The fire stopped on the other side of these, and so our little community of houses was saved. But the poor little woman, by some means, no one knows exactly how, was burned in her house, and her blackened body was afterwards found lying on the floor. She was an earnest learner, and received all religious instruction with gladness, and we have hope for her, - we must have.

The Prince's Wife is still open and decided in favor of the "religion of love," and says she prays to Jesus daily. She is one of the few ladies who speak openly to their husbands before others. She has a decided character and good sense. The same cannot be said of her husband.

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A Charming Family is that of Robin Baboo, one of the first pleaders in Midnapore. His two daughters are learning English as well as Bengali. Miss Julia Phillips taught this lady many years ago, and at that time the house was called "the pretty woman's house," on account of the beauty of the baboo's wife. The girls are like gems, so pretty and sparkling. A few mornings ago they repeated without a mistake the first sixteen verses of the fifth chapter of St. Matthew, and knew just what they were saying.

We might go on to speak of many houses equally hopeful and interesting, but the limits of this report will not allow it, and we hasten to give a few extracts from the reports of some of our native zenana teachers.

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Jessie says: "Phulmonie and myself teach in the afternoon, and as many houses as we teach in we also give instruction about our dear Lord, and we have evidence that it is received, especially so in two houses where the pupils not only hear the word, but take it to their hearts. I have hope about these, that in good time they will become children of God. I have faith that by God's blessing on this work we shall see fruits."

Emmeline says: "It is my wish to do the Lord's work, and as much work as I do in His name, so much joy I have in my heart. I go to teach in four houses, and every one of the learners receive what I say about Jesus. I love to speak His dear name to them. It is my hope that God's kingdom will conquer."

Poddie and Annie Page work together. Poddie says: "In the morning we teach in seven houses, and in the afternoon in ten. Forty women and girls read by us. Among these some show a ready mind, and about them I have much joy. In speaking to them of Jesus I have courage and am happy.

On Sunday the Missee baba and myself go to the Central Jail. In this jail there are from twenty-five to thirty-five female prisoners. Among them some hear the word with weeping, and on this account my courage grows stronger."

Phulmonie says: "Jessie and myself teach in seven houses, and we have fourteen pupils. In this work I have great joy, and my courage increases. Our pupils show great pleasure in learning"

The whole number of teachers during the year has been sixteen. Four of these have taught but a part of the year. The following are the names of teachers supported by special societies at home : Poddie, supported by the Ladies' Society of Sutton, Vermont; Phulmonie, supported by the Ladies' Society of

West Oneonta, New York; Annie Page, supported by the Ladies' Society of Portland, Maine. The remaining ten are: Emmeline Tappan, Jessie, Mrs. Sarah Misra, Mrs. Caroline Bhose, Mrs. Motini; Dukhai's mother, Subonath's mother, matrons; Chandu-ma, Mrs. Katura, Mrs. Rosomond Das.

The work among the common people could be increased indefinitely, if we but had the money to employ teachers, and among the higher classes it could be increased somewhat. But alas! we can do no more than just keep our present number. Our head zenana teacher, Mrs. Annie Sen, who has had many of the best houses, in her zeal, has gone quite beyond her strength, and is now seriously ill. She is a treasure, and we pray God she may yet be spared to the work that so much needs her.

It will be observed that Poddie and Annie Page teach in seventeen houses. They are so much liked that they are often called to new houses, and they beg to be allowed to go. It is simply killing to let them work so hard; but what can we do? I have not only all the inspecting to do every month, but five houses to teach in every alternate day. Would I could do more.

MIDNAPORE, May 16, 1878.

MARY W. BACHELER.

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# TOUCHING THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT.

#### By MRS. V. G. RAMSEY.

THE example of that woman who, pressing through the crowd, said in her heart, "If I may but touch the hem of His garment, I shall be whole," has given strength and comfort to many a weak and doubting soul. In that touch, by which she was made whole, we have a glimpse of the abundant and overflowing grace of Christ, and learn that many may be made its partakers, unknown to us. The disciples saw the multitude thronging Him, but the Master only knew on whom the blessing had

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fallen. The following incident, which I give you in very nearly the language in which it was related to me, illustrates this thought, and teaches us how infinitely precious is the gospel of Christ to dying sinners in every land.

I was seated with my friend, who had been a missionary in Japan, by a window overlooking Lake Michigan. The water was blue as the sky. A gentle breeze stirred it, and the waves fell with soft and pleasant murmurs on the beach. We had been silent, listening to the soothing sound, when she spoke.

"That murmur of water on the shore stirs me strangely, for it brings to my mind the most impressive scene I witnessed in Japan, - the one that came to me with the tenderest lesson of strength and comfort, and which I always kept before me in my work there. It was a hot, sultry day. I was overworked and discouraged. I had thrown myself down, and was trying to rest, when Rene, a new pupil, came to me, and said her aunt was sick and dying, and begged me to go to her. I rose at once, and calling my Bible woman, set out for the sick woman's house. It was a long, weary walk, and when we reached it, I was greatly exhausted with fatigue. We entered the room, but no one noticed us. The sick woman lay in a stupor; an old woman, who seemed to be her nurse, nodded half asleep; and in one corner, a Buddhist priest was kneeling, murmuring his prayers. A hopeless, sorrowful feeling came over me. This soul would soon be gone from earth, and I seemed too late to lead her to Christ. I told my Bible woman to read aloud, while I sat down to rest. She opened at the ninth chapter of Matthew, and commenced to read. The selection seemed to me unsuitable ; but as I feared the sick woman was too far gone to understand, I did not interrupt her. Soon I saw she was listening, and I began to pray for her. Never in my life have I felt the presence of the Lord as I did in that room. He seemed to me to be there, a visible Shekinah. I trembled and was awe-struck. All the time I could hear the low lapping of the water of the canal against the side of the house, and the murmuring of the priest at his prayers. I can never describe that awful scene.

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At last the reader came to these words, 'If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole.' The dying woman rose in her bed, looked fixedly at me, and then lying down again, closed her eyes.

"When the reader had finished the chapter, we tried to rouse her, but in vain; and with a prayer we left the house. That night I could not sleep. My heart was burdened for that soul. Rene had been with her aunt during the night. When she returned to me, I said, 'How is she now?'—'She is dead, teacher,' was the reply. With some words of comfort, I inquired how she died. .'Very quietly,' said the girl; 'she asked me to read to her, and I read again the ninth chapter of Matthew. When I came to that place where it says, "If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole," she opened her eyes and looked at me, and then she died.'

"I left Rene, and went to my room to thank God I knew it had not been too late. I knew she had but touched the hem of His garment, but I felt sure she was made whole."

## ROXY'S EXPERIENCE IN AUXILIARIES.

BY MRS. M. S. WATERMAN.

#### CHAPTER I.

You need not ask me for particulars of time, place, or position of what I am about to relate. Time is precious; therefore, spend no part of it in searching maps for the exact location of Clovernook, Evandale, and Fallowfield. Maps are all imperfect.

My first experience in auxiliary missionary societies occurred in our own village of Clovernook. Perhaps I ought to say a word for its inhabitants, as they have been much maligned by envious people roundabout. The trouble was, our folks were rich. They could loll in the sun or shade as suited them best, and laugh at fortune; nor did they believe in fellowshiping those poor wretches who are guilty of daily hunger, and are condemned, in the court of poverty, of the high crime of patches and rags. "Let them work their way up, as we have done," was the argument.

But Clovernook was doomed to be startled from its serenity by the visit of a returned missionary, fresh from the foreign field. I went to the appointed meeting with much curiosity, for it was a new thing in Clovernook for a woman to speak in public. Interest soon took the place of curiosity. She spoke in most eloquent terms of the sad state of woman in India, of the wretched condition of the poor little girl widows, and the deplorable situation of all classes. We of Clovernook had no idea of the existence of such a world of want and suffering, and such inequalities of human life.

I was thoroughly convinced that we of Clovernook ought to do a noble thing for this cause, and we *will* do it. We will form a missionary society, and we will raise a great sum of money. Of course, every woman in the place will be glad to become a member. Well! a meeting was appointed, and we met. Now the pronoun "we" may refer to four or to four hundred. In this case, the former was the appropriate number. There were present the minister's wife, the school-teacher's wife, and another man's wife, and myself.

We began to organize our *forces*. Of course, the first thing was to elect our minister's wife as president. But who ever heard of such a thing, — she utterly refused the office ! We told her it was her place; it was the custom; everybody expects the minister's wife to go ahead in everything. But all these strong arguments failed; and so we put in the school-teacher's wife. I had the honor of being appointed collector, no doubt owing to my faith in money-raising. At the close of the meeting I proceeded to the work, calling on my way home. The recipient of my first burst of enthusiasm merely said, "I have nothing to give. My family of girls is very expensive. They need all our money." With my enthusiasm somewhat cooled, I passed on to the next. She had no daughters, but much money; but, alas! "she had no interest in missions; not the *least* interest in foreign mis-

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sions." I went on. The next, though a church member, believed "charity began at home." She believed it poor policy to send money out of our own town. I have heard since that she never gives a cent for any good cause.

With my enthusiasm trailing even in the dust, I proceeded. Other families were supporting poor relatives in the country, and could do no more. I went home confounded. What ! are these truly the followers of Him who said, "Lift up your eyes, and look; the fields are white for the harvest. The field is the world. Go ye, teach all nations. Go ye," — in person, by proxy, by purse, by loving sympathy, and, more than all, by earnest, prevailing prayer at the throne of grace ?

Why, I will not stay in such a place ! The wrath of heaven will fall upon it. "It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city."

I will accept cousin Mary's invitation, and visit her at Evandale, and be off next week. From that place you will hear more of my experience in auxiliary societies.

# WHAT CAN I Do?

I WANT to speak a word of encouragement to my sisters who are laboring so untiringly in the various divisions of the large field of missionary work. I want to say just this: Your labors are being rewarded, and if in no other way, in the very general awakening there is in the hearts of Christian women, especially, to the interest they ought to feel in this cause. Work on, dear sisters; the Lord will bless you. When I see how much has been accomplished during the past few months, in raising money for Harper's Ferry and for other purposes, my heart leaps for joy, and I can but ask myself, "What have I been doing?"

I do feel that there is a prospect of a successful future before us. What grand opportunities loom up! I am much pleased with the spirit of real work so manifest through it all, and seeing this, I cannot but bless God that I was ever born a woman in a Christian land, and say "Here am I, Lord; use me."

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ch 11, I remember, when quite a small child, I took a very lively interest in the work of missions, as it was then carried on among the children. I remember how greatly interested I became in the launching and voyage of a missionary ship, of which I was part owner, and how my warmest sympathies were elicited in behalf of the benighted heathen. It seems now, when I think how great was my enthusiasm, how very strange that I could have lost my fervor. I had the idea then that I would be a missionary when I became grown; but God seems to have had other work for me, and so my real life-work has come to be to educate the children that God has given me, and animate in them the true spirit of missionary work, so that if the Master should ever call them to this service, I may bid them God-speed.

We that have so many comforts seem very little to appreciate the great trials and deprivations that our sisters in the far East are enduring, for the sake of educating our benighted sisterhood. Let us pause and think seriously of these things. May God implant in us a broader, deeper love for this work; and I feel assured, if we do with our might what our better judgment tells us is right, and if we ask God's blessing and help upon our efforts, we may, indeed, expect great things for the future.

Oh, the glorious gospel of the blessed God! Let us work for it while life lasts, and when we shall meet our Master, if he shall say, "She hath done what she could," shall we not feel amply rewarded? And shall we not be willing to ascribe all the glory to him who has done so much for us?

ONE INTERESTED.

MRS. HANING writes encouragingly from Rio Grande, Aug. 14: "Last Sabbath, at our Y. M., Ohio River, a stirring sermon on missions was preached by Rev. H. J. Carr, and a collection of \$20 taken. It was voted to make an effort to raise

the support of a missionary; and the desire was expressed that Miss Nellie Phillips should be our missionary. A committee was appointed of one from each Q. M. to carry forward the proposed work."

#### SPEED THE GOSPEL DAY.

Tune. - " Jesus, I my cross have taken."

SOUNDING o'er the waste of waters, Sister, hear the pleading cry; 'T is the voice of India's daughters, "Come, and help us, ere we die." Lost in sin and degradation, Groping blindly for the way, Aid them to obtain salvation. Speed, O speed, the Gospel day. By the wounds of that dear Saviour, Dying on the shameful tree; By His grace, His love, His favor, By His mercy shown to thee; By the hour thou wast forgiven, And thy sins all washed away; By thy hope of gaining heaven, -Speed, O speed, the Gospel day. By His tears in that lone garden, 'Neath the drooping olive's shade ; By the promises of pardon He to erring ones hath made, -O'er the mighty waste of waters Send Christ's heralds on their way, Bearing peace to India's daughters ; Speed, O speed, the Gospel day.

-H. W. Friend.

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#### CONTAI.

REV. O. R. BACHELER writes, May 21 : "Here at Contai I am reminded of some of the disadvantages under which we are laboring. We are having here good congregations in the bazar, and we have as much of the sympathy of the people as we can reasonably expect, but we know nothing of them in their family They tell us they have wives and children if we ask, circles. but beyond this we know little of their real home lives. There is a gulf between us that none but the female missionary can cross. It is something like the minister at home preaching to the people from the pulpit, but never visiting them at home, only here the women never can go out. So our most precious influences are lost. I presume there are a hundred families in this little place where the zenana teacher would be more than welcome; and the women and children being brought under Christian influence would make our work among the men far more effectual.

"What a blessed work it would be for one or two good sisters to come in here and work for Christ! They would find, I am sure, an open door, and not a few open hearts. But I fear there is very little hope for Contai for a long time to come."

#### MIDNAPORE (INDIA) LIFE. — IN THE ZENANAS.

I HAD been sitting a little while in the inner room with the prince's wife, when her Mussulman neighbor, living at the back of her house, came up to the grated window. It is a great pleasure to see these two women together. They seem to love each other. The woman's head came up to the window-sill. She stood the whole time I remained, and when at last the New Testament reading began, she was all interest. The exercise was something like the following.

The prince's wife read, "Blessed are the pure in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," and asked, "What does that mean?"—"It means that those who are humble, and think little of themselves, will be greatly honored by God at last."—"Yes, I know God does not like proud people. He knows they are hollow at heart, but he does like humble ones. [Turning to the Mussulman woman] Do you understand it, sister?"—"Look here," said I, "what does this mean? You, a high-caste Hindoo woman, calling a Mussulman sister! What does it mean?" "Oh," they both said, "we don't believe any more in caste. We two are sisters."

She went on to the next verse : "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. That means to mourn because we are wicked. Is it?"-"Yes, just that; and if we are really sorry, Jesus will comfort us, by forgiving us and making our hearts clean." - " Yes, I believe that. Don't you ? " [Turning to the patient listener outside the window. ] "Yes," was her answer, with a few more words. Then the next verse, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."-"What does that mean?"-"I don't understand. What does it mean?" "It means to be humble and patient and loving, and willing to bear everything that troubles you." A new thought struck her. She looked very wise, and said, "A great many people, called Christians, are bad. When the prince goes to their houses, they bring him wine and brandy, and drink it, too, themselves. In fifty Christians, there may not be more than two good people in God's sight." I said, "What you say may be true. It is very sad, but God knows each soul just what it is." A solemn, happy look came into her face, as she said, "Yes, God is the only one that knows about the soul. A person may have Jesus in the heart, and pray to him daily, and no one around know anything S. P. BACHELER. about it."

#### SEED BEARING FRUIT.

MORE than ten years ago a well educated native gentleman, in Midnapore, called one of our missionaries to his house, requesting her to teach his wife "morals." The Bible being the best text-book on the subject, she recommended it to him. He bought it for his young wife, and, with her, studied the lessons assigned. She was an apt scholar, and learned rapidly. The good Spirit was leading her on to higher ground. She asked for a book of prayer that she might learn how to pray, and teach her little girls as well. "I believe in Christ," she once said, "and would become a Christian, but if I do where should I find husbands for my daughters?" As her family cares increased she gave up her studies with the missionary.

A number of years have passed. A late mail from India brings the cheering intelligence that she met Mrs. Bacheler a short time ago at a neighbor's, and inquired kindly after her former teacher. A few days later she sent for Mrs. B., and now she is being visited regularly. Surely the good seed has not

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been lost, but will bear fruit in due season. Toil on, faithful workers! the harvest shall be yours. The night may be long and dark, but, behold, the morning dawns! J. E. P.

#### DANTOON.

# Extracts from a Letter of REV. J. PHILLIPS, in Morning Star.

Now that we have fairly left Santipore, and settled down to abide elsewhere, returning only periodically to visit our people there, the moral grandeur of the little colony becomes more than ever apparent to our own mind. Planted in the very midst of a moral desert, surrounded on all sides by a heathen population, people who, though generally friendly, fear not God and regard not a knowledge of his ways, here is seen a little band of disciples, who love and serve God, maintaining the ordinances of his house, and who are a standing witness for the living God, and a protest against idolatry. On our recent visit there, the first Saturday and Sunday of June, we were cheered, first to meet the Young Men's Christian Association in session ; also to meet in covenant meeting threescore out of the one hundred church members who testified for Christ; and a still larger number gathered at the table of the Lord, Sunday, P. M.

Dantoon has now become our Indian home. Here we have, though still unfinished, a very commodious, comfortable bungalow, pleasantly situated on the high road, and sufficiently near the town for all practical purposes, and so much in the line of trade and travel as to bring to our door a large amount of company. . . . We have this week been able to add to our staff of helpers Daniel (son of Bhikari), an amiable, pious youth of eighteen, who has been through the school in Balasore, and for the past two years has been in Mr. Marshall's preachers' class. I trust his coming will add something to the efficiency of our work. The other two native helpers, who labor with us here, are warm-hearted, zealous brethren, and blest with the gift of utterance, though their education is very limited. They are out among the people both morning and evening, and all three come to me for a season of Bible study in the middle of the day.

But what we now greatly need is means for starting work among the women and girls of the town and vicinity. This seems imperatively called for, but as yet the way does not open before us. Mrs. Phillips, whose bronchial difficulties have put an almost total embargo on her work for the past year and a half, had begun to improve, and we entertained the hope that she would be able to take the lead in this most desirable work; but there is little hope left of her ever being again able to engage in any kind of labor, that requires the use of the vocal organs. This has become a sore affliction, the more so as my own ears are "dull of hearing"; hence conversation between ourselves is often very difficult. We even greatly need one of our daughters to live and labor with us, a need which, but for the lack of funds, we might hope soon to have supplied. If it be the duty and the privilege (and a high privilege truly we esteem it) for a few to bear abroad the message of salvation to the heathen, then is it not equally the duty and the privilege of the many who remain at home to deny themselves in order to supply the sinews of war, the means of prosecuting the heaven-approved enterprise?

#### SUMMER TERM AT STORER NORMAL SCHOOL.

THE opening of public schools for colored children throughout the South, called forth an army of teachers, many of whom had enjoyed the most meagre opportunities of fitting themselves for the responsible work so providentially set before them. But experience proved a good disciplinarian. "I must keep my school another year," said an enthusiastic young man, three years ago; "and if I do, I ought to study all the summer. I must keep ahead of every pupil. Who will hear my lessons?" The answer was, "Find five others to come with you, and you shall have a term for teachers." So through the long summer mornings, from six to eight persons who had toiled in primary schools through nine months of the year, reviewed fractions, analysis, and the like, or pushed forward to new branches. Industry brought its own reward, for at the autumn examination, they received certificates of a higher grade, and thereby secured the consequent increase of wages per month. The next year the number increased to twelve, then to twenty-five, and the summer term became an established fact. Teachers who are the possessors of first-grade certificates have been here, hoping to fit for college next year, using the teacher's position, as so many New England young men do, as a stepping-stone to something higher. The fourth session, which closed two days ago, has been no exception to its predecessors. Notwithstanding the heat, the interest kept up to the last day. The pupils who availed themselves of its advantages were anxious to improve, grateful for instruction, and from them, in their various fields, we expect good work the coming winter. L. E. B.

HARPER'S FERRY, Aug. 10, 1878.

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#### VERMONT.

THE Vermont Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society held a meeting in connection with the Corinth Quarterly Meeting at Washington, Vt. It was conducted by the District Secretary, Mrs. F. P. Eaton. After devotional exercises, Mrs. Eaton addressed the meeting, urging the importance of greater earnestness in the mission cause at the present time. She would ask the women in the churches, through the HELPER, to raise higher the standard of mission work; and would have no one fail to remember the present call for 20 cts. from each church member. Our India mission must not suffer; it *must* be sustained. Next were reports from several auxiliary societies. Mrs. A. J. Dutton read an interesting essay, which was followed by voluntary remarks from several persons, which added interest, information, and a general good feeling to the meeting.

MRS. E. M. WILES, Secretary.

#### WESTERN MAINE.

MISS HASTY, Secretary of the Maine Western District, under date of Aug. 12, says, "A meeting was held in the vestry of the church at Harrison, on Wednesday, June 19. Mrs. E. D. Jordan, of Portland, presided, and spoke earnest and cheering words. Reports were presented from most of the auxiliaries in this district. The HELPER has readily found its way to our hearts, the place it so modestly asked, and of which it is so richly deserving. Its name has been adopted by a band in our own Sabbath school. They will do honor to the name. Who can estimate the good they will do, or the fruit of the seed thus sown?"

MRS. POTTER writes from South Waterboro', Me., July 17: "Some of the members of our church and society met according to appointment, and organized a Home and Foreign Missionary Society, consisting of twenty-five members. I wish I could tell you there were twice as many. How often we forget that the Saviour told those whom He sent out, to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and that if we cannot carry the tidings ourselves abroad, we can help defray the expenses of others who are willing to obey this command literally. I hope the remainder of our people will be led to see the necessity of systematic giving or *paying* to God just a little of what is due Him. There is money enough in our own denomination to free every worthy object from debt and keep it so, if it might only be given. I wish great success to the HELPER. But two copies are taken in our society, but I hope to be able to send more subscribers. With the aid of a very liberal lady belonging to the church, we hope to support a native teacher for a year, and shall know about it at the next meeting of our society which is held before the coming Quarterly Meeting."

MRS. M. B. T., of Saco, Me., writes: "It is with a great deal of pleasure I write you that the ladies of the Free Baptist Church in this place have formed an auxiliary society. It is yet in its infancy, as it was but a few weeks ago that the ladies took hold of the matter in earnest. The proper officers were chosen, and eighteen ladies joined; three others have since become members.

"At the Maine Western Yearly Meeting, the church of Saco pledged \$100 towards the mission debt. The ladies of the 'Mission Society' have come to the front with willing hearts and active hands, and sent out through the parish six young ladies as collectors. They are working faithfully; cheering reports come from them now and then; and at our next monthly meeting we expect to have a glorious report, and a good part of the \$100 raised.

"We are hoping to make our Mission Society a grand success. It seems to me it cannot fail, if this band of Christian women are full of faith, and do heartily what their hands find to do."

# NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

WILL the few agents and subscribers who have not paid for the HELPER, please do so at their earliest convenience?

SHALL the HELPER for 1879 be as now, as respects size, frequency of issue, and price; shall it be the same size, and issued monthly for fifty cents; or shall it continue to be issued bimonthly, with an increase of size and price? Will the friends, as they write us, express their views?

THE Fifth Annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held in connection with the anniversaries of the other denominational societies at Lyndon Centre, Vt., the 2d of October next.

NINE cents buys a *Peep of Day*, a book which is being most abundantly blessed in zenanas. Twenty dollars supports an orphan girl one year, who may make a more efficient teacher than any missionary you can send-Twenty-five dollars keeps a daily teacher in the zenanas one year. How little the sum necessary to do a good work!

BLESSED is the man who works to save souls. If he gives money, prays, and labors to convert the heathen, it reacts upon his own soul, and makes him more pious, happy, and useful. The true friend of foreign missions is the best worker in the home field. The field is one, the work is one, and those who love the missionary work will be diligent wherever the door opens. They will sow by all waters; help in every field within their reach; do all in their power.

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THE Greek Church tolerates neither organs nor women's voices; and among the Russians no woman can enter the sanctuary of the priests without desecrating the building.

OUR native preachers devote their whole time to the work, daily preaching Christ to their countrymen, receiving for the support of their families and themselves the meagre salary of four or five dollars per month.

THE aggregate force in the Protestant foreign mission fields is about 5,000 missionaries, 12,000 native pastors, catechists, and teachers.

THE Fiji Islands contain 30,000 Christians, who give \$15,000 annually to religious objects. Half a century ago the people were savages.

THE Indian Mirror says the great preacher last year in India was the famine. More than eighteen thousand Hindoos in the Diocese of Madras gave in their adherence to Christianity; and the Arcot Mission had an accession of between 800 and 900 heathen families, numbering about 6,000 persons, mostly of the Pariah caste. They are not yet converts, but they have lost faith in their own religion, and are desirous to learn more about the religion which has prompted men to do so much for them. It is something to wonder at, when the hostile and indifferent Hindoo expresses not only a willingness, but a desire to have the Gospel of Christ explained to him. The missionary could not ask for better ground to work on.

WE take great pleasure in recommending Good Times, a magazine edited by Mrs. M. B. C. Slade, as especially adapted for use in Sunday-school concerts, temperance and missionary meetings. Mission Bands will find it a valuable help. The second year commences with September, and will continue ten months. Price \$1.00, or 15 cents per copy. A bound volume for 1878 can be had for \$1.50. Address Mrs. J. M. Brewster.

WE have received from Mr. Lawrence a good number of photographs of scenes in India, which will be valuable in giving ideas of missionary life there. They are in three sizes, and will be sold for \$2.25 per dozen for carte size, including postage and mounting; the cabinet size for \$3.25, and a still larger size for \$5.00. They can be had unmounted, if desired, at a small reduction. Auxiliaries and bands will find them of interest in their meetings, and of profit in their sales. It is desirable that this branch of business should be encouraged and the facilities and appliances of the work increased. For the filling of orders address Mrs. J. M. Brewster, or R. M. Lawrence, Midnapore, India.

A GERMAN lady from the far West sends us several dollars' worth of photographs, copies of the painting "Ecce Homo," visite size, which she wishes sold for the benefit of the foreign mission work.

# Children's Niche.

#### ENIGMA.

My first is in heaven and earth, In the homes of angels and men. No happiness, health, nor worth Without it. Need I tell you again?

My second is found in the moon, And the hosts of the Milky Way; In the crowning glories of June, As well as the blossoms of May.

My third in the pearls of Ind, In the play of waves on the shore; In the winter sweep of the wind, And the stony footprints of yore.

My *last* in the eagle's eye, In the breath of the huricane, In depths of the summer sky, And the showers of summer rain.

My whole is as sunshine to life In the pathways the saintly have trod; Giving patient endurance in strife, And joy in the service of God. - Cong.

#### "THY KINGDOM COME."

MANY years ago, I read a story which deeply impressed my mind, and I think it may please our young readers. Linda was a child full of fun and life, a leader in every childish sport. Her merry laugh would ring out so loud and clear, that many called her wild and thoughtless. But Linda was *not* thoughtless, and gradually a softer light shone from her eye, and her playful nature became more subdued, and she often retired to read her Bible and pray.

She used to linger over that prayer, "Thy kingdom come." Oh! how earnestly she longed to hasten its coming. She became a "child missionary," and led her young friends to the Sunday school and prayer-room. She was ever ready to help the needy and sorrowing ones about her. Purer and nobler became her aims. More and more earnestly she prayed, "Thy kingdom come!"

Years passed away; the child had become a maiden, lovely and light-hearted still. Stronger and stronger became her desire to help forward this kingdom. One evening she knelt at her mother's knee, and told her that the dearest wish of her life was, to become a missionary to foreign lands. Her mother wept; at last, kissing her brow, she said, "Thy will be done." A few months later and a white-winged ship bore her away to a dark and benighted land. With a deep yearning for others she entered upon her life-work.

Swiftly the years glided by. One Sabbath day a crowd gathered in her native town to listen to a dark-browed stranger from the land of Burmah. Many came from curiosity, but they soon forgot his foreign accent and peculiar manners, as he plead, oh ! so earnestly, for more missionaries to come and tell the story of a Saviour's love. He told them how he was growing up in sin and darkness, when a gentle maiden came to his home, and taking his dark hand in hers, with tearful eyes, told the "old, old story," not old to him, but so new, so strange, he dared not believe it at first. Daily she pleaded, till he bowed at the Saviour's feet, and acknowledged the only true and living God. He told of her faithful, earnest life. Then his voice sank to low, musical tones, as he spoke of a much loved grave in Burmah. The birds sang over it, and the flowers bloomed above it, watered by the tears of those who knew and loved her. In many a heart that day, Linda's name was written with a pen of fire, and a new interest was awakened in many hearts which will bear fruit in eternity.

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Dear children, what will you do to help forward this blessed kingdom? You may not be permitted to give your life as Linda did, but is there not much that you can do? Will you not ponder earnestly that prayer, "Thy kingdom come"?

MRS. M. B. HEBBERD.

LITTLE Hattie M. Colver writes from Oneonta, N. Y., that a Band of twenty-two members has been organized in their Sunday school, of which she is secretary, and that they have voted to take one share in the salary of the children's missionary.

A BAND was organized in South Parsonsfield, Me., July 6, in which the children are deeply interested. One recently at Blackstone, Mass., and another at Carolina Mills, R. I.

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#### NOVEMBER, 1878.

No. 6.

THE publication of the HELPER undertaken nearly one year ago with much fear and trembling, and yet with an abiding conviction of its need, has been signally prosperous. The expectation of those who had even the greater measure of faith has been more than met. That there was a demand for something of the kind, though not widely expressed, has been proved by the readiness with which the magazine has been received, and the assurances that have come to us of the real help it is in giving information, in urging to duty, and in prompting to action. There was not adequate means for the women of the different sections to become acquainted; no way for interchange of thought, save by personal correspondence; and our dear workers abroad could not say to us all they would gladly say. The HELPER is a medium of communication. One of the Western sisters says, and her words are the expressed feeling of others, we feel sure, "The HELPER is bearing fruit in this : we are getting better acquainted every day. In truth, we have been too far apart. Now we understand that we are invited to join in this work of the Master, and the response is most cheering."

The subscriptions have been coming in all the year, till the list reaches two thousand three hundred and seventy seven. Most of these have been paid in advance. The expenses have been promptly met. Right here we wish to thank every one who

has in any way helped to bring about this result. Some have labored, but without apparent fruit, no doubt. To them be the blessing of having done "what she could." We would especially recognize the help and sympathy with which our brothers have cheered us. Their hearty words of encouragement have been incentives to push forward with them, not apart, in the grand work of speeding on the gospel day. We are grateful that we are welcomed so soon among the organs of the various Woman's Missionary Societies, most of them exchanging with us, and some of them giving us a warm welcome through their columns.

To make the HELPER a continued success financially, and to increase its character and efficiency, it must have the cheerful sympathy and support of the women of the churches. There are ways in which every one can help. Is it too much to expect that the list of subscribers shall double another year? Everything worth having costs effort. Let us all bring our talents of whatever kind, and offer them upon this altar, so that the dear Lord shall find what is his with usury.

As was anticipated, at the anniversaries held at Lyndon Centre, Vt., Oct. 1-3, the subject of missions was the leading theme of interest. The presence of Dr. Phillips and his sister Hattie, just on the eve of their departure for India, caused the meetings of the missionary societies to be important occasions. The addresses were full of earnest, hearty words, and the reports of the officers were suggestive of an increase of interest and consecration. We wish we had space to give them all to our readers. The outlook has many features of encouragement. The debt has been materially lessened, the funds for the Bible School have been secured, the reinforcement has gone, and the workers are cheered. Never were more hearts longing for India to be brought to Christ. Much remains to be done. Let no hand slacken !

While so much attention was given to the foreign field, the representatives of the Shenandoah Valley mission went away with the assurance that a brighter day had dawned for it. Their

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countenances were radiant with joy, like that which comes after a long night of anxious waiting. At every step in this beautiful valley are sheaves for the Master. Who will help garner them?

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These anniversary exercises, together with the encouraging impetus given to our work in Rhode Island, by the meeting held Sept. 18, the work accomplished by the women of New Brunswick in sending their first missionary, the movement inaugurated in Ohio, and the sailing of seven missionaries Oct. 5, make the months of September and October, 1878, memorable in the history of Free Baptist Missions. God grant that this flood-tide may have no ebb !

DR. J. L. PHILLIPS and family, with his sisters, Misses Julia E. and Hattie P. Phillips, Miss Frankie Millard, Miss Jessie Hooper, and Rev. T. W. Burkholder, sailed Oct. 5 from New York, for India, in the steamer "Circassia." They were accompanied by Miss Lathrop, of the Woman's Union Missionary Society. On the evening previous, pleasant congratulations were expressed, and words of hope and courage spoken by Drs. Cheney, Calder, Phillips, and others in the Twenty-fifth Street Free Baptist Church.

The many individuals and societies that have had their missionary zeal quickened by those returning, will follow them with a grateful, tender interest, and will pray especially for those who go among unfamiliar scenes. May He whom the winds and waves obey so command them that they make a prosperous journey.

THE *Religious Intelligencer* furnishes an interesting account of farewell exercises held at Fredericton, N. B., on the occasion of Miss Jessie Hooper leaving for India. Rev. J. McLeod presided, and addresses were made by Rev. B. A. Sherwood, Prof. G. E. Foster, and others. Miss Hooper is sent by the Woman's Missionary Society of New Brunswick, and is their first representative. She leaves a large number of women whose hearts are alive to the work of teaching their Indian sisters of Christ and his love. May they bear her constantly in their tenderest sympathies.

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# How SHE HELPED ME.

#### By DR. J. L. PHILLIPS.

DURING my forty months in America I have kept in mind Paul's earnest entreaty to his "true yoke-fellow": "*Help those women*"; and some of the very brightest and best memories I am taking back with me to India are associated with the noble efforts of devoted Christian women for the welfare of their own sex in benighted pagan lands. It would be downright ungrateful in me not to cherish as a most precious memory the cheerful, hearty, and almost uniform endeavors of the women to help me in my missionary work in this country. More than once the success of the plea for my dear India has been due largely to the thoughtful, self-forgetful, and generous efforts of humble women, whose hearts moved them to speak and act in behalf of their poor despised sisters across the sea.

Without any special effort on my part, I easily recall the names and the faces of many earnest women, who have cheered me much in my tour among the churches. Of some I may truthfully speak, as did Paul of Phebe, "She hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also." 'More than one true Mary have I found, "who bestowed much labor upon us." And standing to-day on the verge of my departure for the foreign field, I may say in the very words of the great apostle, the names only requiring to be changed, "Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which labored much in the Lord." Could I speak to every man, and particularly to every Christian minister, within our borders, I should say, "Assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you." Such women deserve encouragement ; they also need counsel ; and it will do you as much good as it will them to "help those women."

A single case in point may be cited. One day my work called me to a church that had the reputation of being rich. I was getting up the endowment for the Bible School, and I put the case as squarely and earnestly as I could, appealing to those

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who had property to aid us in so auspicious an enterprise. The pastor followed me with a hearty indorsement of the Bible School, and an earnest call for pledges. God bless all those dear pastors who have done this thing for my country! Soon the papers came in, and the sums subscribed in that "rich church" footed up less than fifty dollars! The richest man (in human estimation) had put down two dollars! With a look of dismay the pastor came to me, saying, "What shall I do?" He felt ashamed, and I honor every man who has Christian spirit enough in him to feel ashamed under such circumstances. We both said little more than just to express the hope that the church might make a better record, for Christ's sake, and the sake of perishing millions.

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During the suspense that followed, which was but a moment, though it seemed long, who should break the oppressive silence but a woman. I see her thin, pale, care-worn face this minute, while I am writing, and my heart thanks her afresh for her timely help. Rising from her seat in the rear of the full house, she very calmly said, "You know that I am a poor woman, but I must do something for this Bible School. If Dr. Phillips will take my note, and let me have two or three years in which to pay it, I will give twenty five dollars for the endowment." That electric message from a woman's lips snatched victory from defeat that day. The subscription rose rapidly. The rich brother bid me write a five after his two, thus matching in figures, though not in faith or fervor, the royal gift of the poor woman. Several hundred dollars secured for the Bible School was the result.

After dinner that day we were talking about that good woman's speech in meeting, when one said, "And do you know where she'll get the money?" All waited eagerly for the answer. It was this. "She will earn every dollar of it by knitting socks and mittens, and by drying apples for market." God bless those busy fingers! The tears blind my eyes while I write it, — God bless that woman, and many more like her, who have been "my helpers in Christ Jesus." May their reward be abundant from his hands who pronounced on woman that blessed benediction, "She hath done what she could."

# ROXY'S EXPERIENCE IN AUXILIARIES.

#### BY MRS. M. S. WATERMAN.

#### CHAPTER II.

THE people of Evandale were quite different from those of Clovernook; they were not so rich, nor so wound up in easy robes of self-complacency, but they were wofully conservative. They were not mere mammon worshipers, not mere moneychangers, who carry their sullen souls in the corners of their pockets, and believe the site of Eden covered with the mint. No! They were generous. Their fathers were generous ; but these new-fangled ideas - the card and envelope system ; the Woman's Missionary Society, with its monthly meetings and quarterly meetings, and all of that - was the tide against which a few with more radical views had to contend. But they did it so well that in a little time an auxiliary was formed, "root and branch." The minister's wife was president, and all the other officers fell into line. This was our plan : At our monthly meetings, held in the afternoon, we were to sew, using an hour in a religious and literary exercise. Each quarter we were to have a public meeting, and of course the public would come, at which time the women would flock to the front, and join the society, and pay the quarter's dues. Then at our annual meeting, the great harvest festival, we would all come and bring our sheaves with us, - come with joy and thanksgiving.

"A cause on foot lives so on hope." Time sped on. Month succeeded month. A few faithful ones met, and performed the work planned; but even these, when work was laid aside, and we were expected to sing and pray and talk, were afraid of each other, shy of our own thoughts, and shyer still of our own voices. "I can't take a part" was the sad refrain which kept many away, and those of us who came, stayed far in the rear, praying for nothing so much as to be let alone. This same spirit troubled us while preparing for the public meetings, yet a very good programme was presented each time, but the people would not come to hear. I recollect two or three of those exer-

#### Roxy's Experience in Auxiliaries.

cises as being very excellent, and had the notice been given as an entertainment or even an anniversary, possibly we should have had a crowd in attendance. Shakespeare may question "What's in a name?" But I think there is a good deal in a name, when you are giving notice of a missionary meeting.

We met in church on the Sabbath, and had a sermon; we imported speakers; we had good lectures, — but of no avail on the mass of our Sabbath congregation, for they were not there.

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"How can such hearts be enlisted?" is the question I have often asked myself. Go to them, and by the time you say "missionary," they say "hard times." Now I have noted the fact in these hard times, that the work of retrenchment generally begins with the Lord's house; and if it ever reaches home comforts and luxuries at all, it is not till it has waded deeply through missions, subscriptions, and church expenses. Again, some of these persons give once a year to these causes, and then have it off their mind, as they say. Is this the way to do? Has such a course a foundation in the fitness of things? How is it in nature? The dew, the brook, the mist, the sunbeam are all sermons to us, if we had eyes to see, and ears to hear, and hearts to appreciate. They tell us how to live, how to act, and how to give. God's plan is plain in all the universe.

But the time came when I must bid adieu to Evandale. I was to return to Clovernook, to prepare for my marriage, which was to take place at an early day.

I had heard of the scenes of adversity through which Clovernook had been passing. Fire, flood, and bankruptcy had shown the instability of earthly possessions, but sweet had been the uses of adversity.

> "The good are better made by ill; As odors crushed are sweeter still."

The people had risen to their high privilege and calling. All is Christ's now, and we are his. We do not *give* to the Lord, we "*render*" to the Lord. The auxiliary society had become a strong body. It is beautiful to live here now, but I must leave my home to settle in Fallowfield, where no doubt an "experience" of some kind awaits me.

# LABOR ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS.

#### BY REV. I. D. STEWART.

IN the pages of the HELPER I wish to put on record a few facts illustrative of the principle announced in the caption of this article. I do it, as an interested observer, for the help and encouragement of all who would succeed in benevolent work.

When a few women saw the need of a periodical through which could be laid before their sisters the wants that the Woman's Missionary Society was trying to supply, and the plans and reasons for supplying them, they first of all laid the question before the society at the General Conference in Fairport, N. Y. It was then or subsequently agreed that it would not be proper to take the mission funds for meeting the expense of such a work, nor would they recklessly commence its publication without knowing its means of support. Nor did they lay wise plans for its publication, and then wait for the subscriptions to come in ; but the friends of the enterprise set themselves to the work of an actual canvass, not by paid agents, but by voluntary correspondence, urging personal solicitation everywhere. A subscription list sufficient to meet the actual expenses was soon secured, the contributed articles to be gratuitously furnished. Not satisfied with this, but in order to make its publication permanent, some fifty of the members put themselves under a written obligation to be assessed the necessary amount, not exceeding two dollars a year for five years, to supply any deficit that might occur in the receipts necessary to meet the expenditures. This being done, it was wisely and safely decided to publish the HELPER, and we rejoice in the fact that its subscription list has been constantly increasing.

It was the generous, persistent labor put into the effort to awaken an interest in, and secure the support of, the HELPER, that brought it into existence with such a hopeful promise of a useful life. The amount of labor thus performed, none but they who did the work can fully know.

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When it was understood how the girls at Harper's Ferry were suffering from the want of better accommodations while attending the Normal School, a few women took hold of the subject like business men. They learned that a large boarding hall could be erected on the foundation already laid, and with one thousand dollars more in hand it could be enclosed ; and it was proposed to raise that amount under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. Every member of the Board indorsed the plan, and this fact being ascertained, the work of raising the money at once commenced. Statements of facts and appeals were made through the Morning Star and the HELPER, but that was only the beginning of the effort. How much time and postage were expended in correspondence we do not know, but one thing is certain, within sixty days from the announcement of the proposition, enough labor was put into the enterprise to secure more than the proposed \$1,000. It was faith in God and the people that prompted the work, and it was faith and works that brought the money.

Let it be remembered that good plans wisely arranged, and good desires sincerely cherished, will not of themselves bring success. Faith and works must accompany each other; and when they do, success is sure. In other words, if you would see a work done, go to God for help and do it.

# CRUMBS.

THE disciples were commanded to gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost. Many of the most impressive lessons which they received were based upon the humblest things around them. Sometimes the flowers by the wayside and the stones of the streets were their text-books. When seeking for earthly honors, Jesus pointed them to a little child, as a model to be copied.

Carefully studying the life of Christ, from his earliest ministry to the farewell blessing at Bethany, we find that not anything of worth, however small, ever escaped his notice. To-day He is the same as then; the lessons His immediate followers needed, we need; the work they began is now our work. Never was there a greater call for laborers, or a more imperative demand for the falling crumbs, that nothing be lost.

Again and again the friends of the foreign mission, our mission, have pleaded for these wasted crumbs, that what remains from a rich repast, prepared for others, might be allowed to the hungry, starving heathen. These calls have been heard, but how have they been heeded? Is the record all in our favor? Has nothing been lost when some fashionable article of dress or household adorning had been purchased, while at the same time thousands, yea, millions, are living without the light of the blessed gospel, because we care so little for their souls?

In looking over the year, now nearly gone, how many wasted crumbs are found, how many basketsful that were not gathered! Estimate the value, — tens, hundreds, thousands; that heavy debt, which has so long burdened the hearts of our missionaries, could have been paid if each member of our denomination had brought one basketful for the Lord's storehouse.

The privilege of giving is blessed, for God knows the *worth* of it all; with Him there is no depreciation in value. The pennies given by the poor may far outweigh the dollars given by the rich. The twenty-cent offering from one who toils for a mere pittance from early dawn to evening's hour, counts far more in heaven than the same sum from those who have their salaries of hundreds of dollars. The real value depends upon the sacrifice required. With some, these crumbs may be nearly all their living; with others, it is far from giving "as God has prospered." E. C. JENNESS.

WE understand that Miss Cilley is to be actively engaged among the churches of the Central Association during the coming months. May every step of her way be cheered by ready responses to her earnest words for her adopted India, to which she longs to return.

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#### A WAYSIDE SCENE.

WE had crossed the Subanrekha River, had walked through the Patna bazar, and were about to pass a small banyan that stood by the road side. The appearance of the litter under the tree arrested my attention, and led me to linger a minute or two. It was evident that a struggle with the last enemy had just ended. A few dirty rags were mingled with the straw and leaves. The bundle of clothes, and the pilgrim's memento of his visit to Poore, the Jerusalem of the Hindoos, showed that the owner was from the far-off northwest. A few steps farther on, and there, lifeless and cold, lay the form of a pilgrim. Lota\* in hand, he had evidently started for a ditch of very filthy water, or had been there and crept half-way up the grade. In a little drain made by the water among some bushes, lay the body stretched at full length, the lota tucked closely under his side as if he had fallen upon it, while the face was concealed by a dirty cloth that partially covered the form.

In the distant northwest, some poor soul longing for salvation, had heard that a pilgrimage to Poore would not only afford him peace of mind, but rescue fourteen generations of his ancestors from suffering in the unknown world. Animated by this hope, he had left country, family, and friends, traveled hundreds of miles, feasted his longing eyes on that hideous block of wood (but to him, Jagarnatha, the Lord of the world), and started for his distant home. Sick, weary, and foot-sore, a stranger in a strange land, no one to give him a cup of cold water, or watch his ebbing life, he had not made two hundred miles homeward, when death met him under the little banyan tree, and his life pilgrimage was ended.

This wayside scene was by no means new to me, but a feeling of awe crept over me, and the train of sad thoughts to which it gave birth clung to me long and closely. Many, many times did the questions come, Where is that pilgrim? For the cold, lifeless form that lay forsaken by the road-side, and would before morning become food for dogs and jackals, was only "the house he lived in." And where are the hundreds, yes, millions of pilgrims, who for ages have crowded this great national thoroughfare, and met death on the way? O where is that in-

\* A brass drinking vessel.

numerable throng? The Judge of all the earth has done right in regard to them. But, my dear friends, have you nor I no responsibility in relation to the present generation, and those that are to follow? Are we to quiet our consciences with the language of the murderer Cain, fold our hands, caring only for ourselves, while generations more follow their fathers? God forbid! H. C. PHILLIPS.

#### LETTER FROM BALASORE.

NEARLY five months had slipped away since I first arrived in Balasore, and I had not been absent from the station more than a day during that time. The Quarterly Meeting was to be held at Santipore, my old home. So Monday afternoon, June 3, found me on my way in a little open carriage. Unlike the notable Mrs. Lofty, who had dapple-grays to draw hers, I had three black Hindoos; but I am sure I succeeded in traveling my thirteen or fourteen miles quite as safely, and almost as rapidly, if not quite so elegantly, as her ladyship of the poem. After spending the night at a large station on the road, I again started on, and by the help of my sable ponies, reached Patna, and received Miss Crawford's hearty welcome, before the sun found time to trouble me a great deal.

About sunset of the same day I began the last twelve miles of my journey, for I was anxious to spend a day or so in the new bungalow at Dantoon, and go from there to Santipore. About a mile from Dantoon in the dim moonlight I could just distinguish two persons on horseback. I knew they must be my father and mother, so hastened to overtake them. I can hardly tell how good, and yet how strange it seemed to meet them after so short a trip, when for years I had been accustomed to think of them as half-way round the world from me. But the strangeness soon vanishes as I notice surroundings, and hear the native language spoken. So little do Indian places and people change that I might almost fancy myself to have been gone for a few months only, instead of for years. We soon reached the bungalow, and proceeded to a rapid discussion of its merits and demerits. Of the latter just at present it seems to have a large number. It is by no means finished, the veranda floors, as well as those of some of the rooms, being simply clay as yet. The house stands on quite an elevation, so that it catches the least breath of air that chances to be stirring. But the situation has its disadvantages, especially now in its unfinished state, with no foliage of any kind about it, and instead heaps of sand, mortar, and lime.

It may be imagined, that when we reached peaceful little Santipore, the quiet shade there and grassy lawn were very soothing and agreeable.

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10 rBut even Santipore looked forsaken and sadly unlike its former cheerful self, after so long a period of neglect and dry weather. Hardly a flower was to be seen, and both grass and trees looked very thirsty; but the pine-apple plants had bravely endured all and were bearing finely, there being, I am sure, not less than six hundred about the garden.

But I hasten to tell you of the Quarterly Meeting which I came to attend. The sessions were held from 8 to 10 A. M., and from 2 to 4 P. M. Besides these hours of strictly Quarterly Meeting work, there were sunrise prayer-meetings. These latter were very good. I notice much improvement in the social meetings among the native Christians. There are very few of those long pauses that used to kill out all life and enjoyment of the meetings. Many of the essays given by the native preachers were excellent, and showed good systematic thought. The subjects had been given out at the previous Quarterly Meeting, and some of them were most unfortunately chosen. The committee on subjects for the next session have done themselves much credit in their selection of topics, and an improvement is looked for in the essays to be read next time.

Many of the papers called forth quite interesting discussions. It was pleasant to see how kindly criticism was given and received, even on points of grammar. The evenings were occupied by lectures and sermons. One of the latter, by the oldest as well as most successful of the native preachers, good Kamal Naik, having for its subject "God's Object in the Creation of Man," was very interesting indeed.

I wish many of our friends could have visited the Sabbath school. It is certainly the largest in the mission, and both teachers and pupils seem thoroughly interested in their work. There were a large number of Hindoo and Santal scholars in, and they seemed to enjoy the services as well as the rest. The superintendent, Hiram Curtis, is thoroughly in earnest in his work; his teachers' meetings are well kept up. On account of work at home I was obliged to finish my visit as soon as the sessions closed; so after a pleasant day spent with Miss Crawford and another on the road, I found myself again in Balasore ready for work. In my next I must tell you of my first visit to the zenanas after coming back. IDA O. PHILLIPS.

#### FAREWELL WORDS.

THE following words, addressed to Mrs. Hills, will be interesting to very many who could not say "Good-bye": ---

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Our vacation in dear America is ended. In less than twelve short hours we must set our faces seaward and workward. With a glad and grateful heart shall I go back to the land of my birth. God has been exceedingly good to us all during our stay in this country. Most thankful am I for the precious friends I have Three years ago I came here comparatively a stranger; found. now I return, feeling as though I had an army of warm-hearted, earnest workers to support us in the work. I shall feel as never before, that there are very many strong hands holding the ropes while we slowly descend into the pit. While I joyfully return to the work, I cannot but feel the loss we are to sustain in leaving you all in this country. May our Father most abundantly bless each and every one of you at home. It is such a comfort to know that we are all laboring for the same blessed Master. Let us toil on until he calls us home.

How can I be thankful enough for all the kindnesses I have received from almost every one with whom I had anything to do. My poor pen is slow, and unable to express the thoughts which come welling up in my heart.

I must say good-bye with a heart full of love. JULIA.

The following was sent from the ship, probably on the return of the pilot : —

OFF SANDY HOOK, Oct. 5, 1878.

Thank God we are off at last! I had to work all night, almost, to get my work done. Pray for us. God bless you. Affectionately, JAMES.

We learn that the "Circassia" reached Glasgow, Oct. 15. Our friends are probably enjoying a rich feast in London, at the World's Missionary Conference, now in session there.

# WORKERS IN COUNCIL.

#### R. I. LADIES' MISSIONARY MEETING.

THIS meeting was held Sept. 18, in the Roger Williams Church, Providence, and was called, in part, for the public recognition of Miss Hattie P. Phillips, missionary elect of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, as their missionary to support, and also to provide the expense of her outfit and passage to India.

Forenoon, afternoon, and evening sessions were held. Collations were served between the sessions, which had been generously provided by the Roger Williams and Olneyville churches. Through all the sessions, the meeting was favored by the presence of Mrs. Dr. J. L. Phillips and Misses Julia E. and Hattie P. Phillips.

After the opening of the morning session, Mrs. L. R. Burlingame, president of the meeting, gave an address of warm welcome to the goodly number of ladies who had come together from their respective churches. The responses of these sisters, as they were called on to report in regard to the work of raising funds, was, in the main, very gratifying. Mrs. Dr. Phillips then thrilled the audience with an intensely interesting address, on what the gospel had done for India within the last thirty years, a briefly condensed report of which we hope to give our readers in our next issue.

After the opening of the afternoon session, Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, of Dover, N. H., gave some early reminiscences relating to the trials of our pioneer missionaries soon after entering the field, when Mr. and Mrs. Noves were stricken down with fever, and Mr. Jeremiah Phillips was called to commit to the earth the bodies of his wife and child, being obliged to dig their grave and bury them with his own hands. Mrs. Brewster congratulated the ladies on the degree of success with which God had blessed their efforts to provide support for a missionary, whom they may have for their own to care for hereafter. In introducing Miss Hattie Phillips, she said, "We have with us to-day one who has left a position of usefulnes in the West to obey her Master's call, one who has eminent qualifications for the service to which she has given herself. We can take her as ours, to give to her our prayers, our sympathies, and our support. Will these Christian women thus take her?" The ladies then rose, as expressive of their pledge thus to do. Mrs. Brewster, in their behalf, then extended the hand of welcome to Miss Phillips, as a token of their acceptance of the trust, and in most tender and fitting words expressed their gratification for the privilege awarded them. Miss Phillips responded in a very happy manner, thanking the ladies for thus adopting her, and saying that in no act of her life had she ever felt more sure of the divine guidance. Next written questions, relating to India, were passed from the

audience to the platform, and their answers by Mrs. Phillips and Miss Julia were listened to with intense attention. Then followed a map exercise by Miss Julia, describing the most interesting points, as she traced, on a large map of the eastern hemisphere, the ship's course in her own near prospective voyage from Glasgow, Scotland, down the Atlantic, through the Straits of Gibraltar to Port Said, thence through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal up to Calcutta, and thence to her home in Midnapore.

The evening session was designed to interest the children's missionary band. Mrs. Hills narrated to them something of the child-life of Miss Crawford as a poor orphan, in Western New York ; how she came to be a missionary; and her work in India for heathen children. Mrs. Brewster read to them a letter from the "children's missionary," Miss Ida Phillips. Then followed the children's exercise, "All the world for Jesus," in which thirteen young girls took part, acquitting themselves finely. The audience was again absorbed, often amusingly, in the replies of Mrs.-Phillips and Miss Julia to questions presented, as in the afternoon session. Miss Hattie Phillips addressed the children in a very impressive manner. Her earnest words they will not soon forget. In this life, all pleasant seasons have an end, so this one of most precious memory, after a brief closing exercise, was numbered with the past. But its hallowed influence - for the presence of the Master was there - will long remain as a living inspiration in the hearts of the richly privileged guests of this blessed feast. M. M. H. H.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE following is an extract from an address given at a public meeting of the auxiliary connected with the F. Baptist Church, Concord, N. H., by Mrs. R. Clark, Secretary.

"Our society was organized March 15, 1877, since which time it has constantly increased in numbers and interest and power. Nine poor children have been kept in the Sunday school the past year, twenty meetings have been held, and thirty-four added to our membership.

"We have fallen below what we hoped to do this year, but the times are hard, and more, a large class do not realize the importance of this work. There are a few, however, who realizing it are laboring earnestly, and are already reaping a reward. We have held meetings regularly on the first Thursday of each month, with extra meetings called when there was work to be done. An encouraging feature of the society is the work among the children, in which a real enthusiasm is shown, several of the boys and girls earning their pennies with a zeal which involves work and self-denial. But our cause demands an increase of consecration. The freed women in the South struggling for an education, the missionary in India, and the zenanas opening without teachers to supply them, are all calling for help; these

#### Workers in Council.

things alone should be sufficient to bring many new laborers to the front. Christ came to the earth to save the lost, and this is his command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." May we cheerfully abide by it. We now stand on the second stepping-stone of our progress, and as we review the year, we are grateful to him whose loving care has been over us, and whose own hand has led us to this resting-place. From it we would offer the pledge of renewed fidelity, and the prayer that others may come with us in loving obedience to the Master's command."

MRS. WILEY says, "We have, in connection with the Whitefield (N. H.) church a Woman's Auxiliary Mission Society and a Mission Band. These are thoroughly organized and well at work. Our Mission Band will be responsible for three shares of Miss Ida's salary, beginning July I.

"Our missionary concert is held on the first Sabbath evening of each month. Brief cuttings containing missionary intelligence are given to the young people for reading on the occasion; the children have recitations; all participate in appropriate singing, and our missionary concert is the most interesting meeting of the whole month."

#### EASTERN MAINE.

THE Mission meeting in connection with our Yearly Meeting at Fort Fairfield was of unusual interest. Reports from the churches show an increase of interest and of work during the year. Our hearts were cheered by the presence of sisters from other yearly meetings. Stirring remarks were made by Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. Penney, and other ladies. We feel the increase of interest is due in part to the HELPER. May its circulation still increase, and God's blessing rest on those who are so nobly carrying forward the work. M. R. D. W., Secretary.

#### OHIO.

At the late session of the Ohio River Yearly Meeting, held in August, with the First Kyger Church, a resolution was adopted pledging the Y. M. to raise \$400 annually for the support of a missionary in India. At the meeting of the Ohio Free Communion Baptist State Convention, held at Cheshire, Sept. 3-5, the principal interest of the session clustered around the question of adopting with the above-named Y. M., Miss Nellie Phillips, now Lady Principal of the Rio Grande College, as a foreign missionary. While it is too late to state all that is contemplated, it is hoped that such an arrangement can be successfully carried out. Miss Phillips is actively engaged in increasing the interest in missionary work in the State.

#### CENTRAL MAINE.

By the courtesy of the committee of arrangements, one hour of the session of the Maine Central Yearly Meeting was assigned to the Woman's Missionary Society. Though the time was, by the pressure of other matters, condensed to thirty minutes, it still left opportunity for two most excellent addresses. Rev. Mr. Morrell spoke with much appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Woman's Missionary Society to the work at Harper's Ferry, and of the pressing need which still exists for continued aid. Referring to service done by women in the early days of our mission to the Shenandoah Valley, he told an affecting story of the blessed and fruitful ministries of a particular young lady, one of the volunteer teachers. Her voice he had to-day been happy to recognize. It was afterwards learned that this young lady was our new Home Secretary.

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Dr. Phillips followed with an address of thrilling eloquence, full of suggestion and inspiration. It is impossible to give, from memory, even an abstract of this address; but the impression it left is still vivid: that a vast and most important department of the work of India's evangelization lies in the hands of Christian women — no others can reach it. The wives and mothers in the zenanas of that pagan land wield a mighty, secret influence; and this will powerfully retard or advance the kingdom of our Lord, according as it is neglected or directed by Christian women. Dr. P. urged pastors to encourage and assist the women in this work. He spoke of the glad and self-denying service of women in our churches, whose dress and home frugality show that they do not begin their retrenchments at the Lord's treasury.

On the first day of the session, the ladies held a missionary prayer-meeting of less than an hour. A large number were present, and it was a very pleasant and interesting occasion. At its close, the names of representatives from different auxiliaries were taken, and another meeting was appointed for 9 o'clock the next morning. Though rain was falling, the vestry was nearly filled at the appointed hour. Short aldresses were made by Mrs. Jordan, of Portland, Mrs. Mosher, of Dover, and several other ladies. Requests were made that some of these addresses might be published. A deep interest of mind and heart is manifestly awaking in quarters where it has not hitherto been apparent, and a desire is felt to *do something* for the furtherance of the gospel and kingdom of our Lord. The HELPER was warmly recommended, and many expressed a purpose to avail themselves of its light and stimulus. A. C. H.

THE Women of the Orient, by Rev. R. C. Houghton, is a book of great value. The author speaks from observation, and seeks to bring forward facts which may help the women of this country in their efforts to aid their less favored sisters. He gives us a peep into the religious, social, and intellectual condition of the women of Japan, China, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, and India. Price of the volume, \$1.25.

#### Notes and Gleanings.

# NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

SUPPLEMENTARY to the present number of the HELPER will be found the Reports of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. They are earnestly commended to the attention of our readers.

IN regard to the MISSIONARY HELPER for 1879, please see Prospectus on the third page of the cover.

THE subscriptions of nearly all our subscribers expires with this number. Please renew at once.

THOSE making remittances to us by means of postage-stamps, will do us a favor by not sending us denominations larger than three cents.

ON the 1st of October, five young ladies, sent by the different branches of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the M. E. Church, sailed from San Francisco for fields in China and Japan. Mrs. Flora B. Harris, a returning missionary, accompanied them. This Society had previously sent to the Foreign field thirty-one missionaries, of whom eight were medical graduates. Others are under appointment to be sent during the coming year.

SIXTEEN distinct societies, European and American, are now carrying on zenana work; and while there is cause for thankfulness that a hundred and twenty ladies in connection with them are telling the "old, old story" to their secluded sisters, the question naturally arises in the mind of the Christian, on contemplating the vastness of that empire, "What are these among so many?" And while here and there these laborers can tell of inquirers, and even of baptisms, it is still true that darkness covers the earth, "and gross darkness the people." Yet encouragement to go on sowing the seed increases year by year. "India is now like a glacier," a preacher in Calcutta recently remarked, "hard, frozen, impenetrable, stretching down to the smiling plains below. A block of this ice is occasionally melted by God's love shining so wonderfully upon it. If you can but permeate the zenanas with the grace that is in Christ Jesus, the glacier shall flow down in a river, which shall refresh and gladden the whole land, and cause the wilderness to blossom as a rose." — Leaflets.

WE would acknowledge from Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Brooklyn, L. I., the receipt of a package of leaflets, published under the direction of the W. F. M. Society of the M. E. Church. Several of them relate to the zenana and

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medical work in India, and others embrace reports and appeals. Some of them are on tinted paper, and of convenient size to slip into letters. They are suggestive and helpful.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the organ of this society, is an able monthly, edited by Mrs. W. F. Warren, and published in Boston, Mass. It is full of sparkling thought, said in a convincing way, and must be a real help to every one who reads its clear and open pages. It is most gratefully welcomed as an exchange.

WE take great pleasure in recommending Good Times, a magazine edited by Mrs. M. B. C. Slade, as especially adapted for use in Sunday-school concerts, temperance and missionary meetings. Mission Bands will find it a valuable help. The second year commences with September, and will continue ten months. Price \$1.00, or 15 cents per copy. A bound volume for 1878 can be had for \$1.50. Will our readers who wish to subscribe send to us?

It is stated that the Baptists receive seventeen converts for every year's labor of their home missionaries; and forty-three for each year of foreign missionary service.

THE work among the Telegoos, a people inhabiting a tract of country lying south of the district occupied by the Free Baptists, is truly wonderful. Some one says that it is like the Pentecostal scenes at the opening of the Christian dispensation at Jerusalem. Twenty-five years ago it was proposed to abandon the field in view of its apparently hopeless character; but to-day the reward of fainting not is reaped in a harvest of eight thousand six hundred and more natives baptized and added to the church at Ongole, in a few months. May we not pray that this shower of divine favor may reach to Orissa and Bengal, that there a "nation be born in a day"?

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THE sixty-ninth annual meeting of the American Board was held at Milwaukee, Wis., during the first week in October. The operations of the year were found to be very successful. The debt of \$48,000 has been reduced to less than \$5,000. The Board will meet at Syracuse next year.

THERE are various bodies of Free Baptists in the South and West, which seem to have no visible bond of union. We would gladly welcome them to a participation in our missionary enterprises, and especially invite the sisters in these churches to a place among us. The Master has need of all our service ; and in combined, loving, loyal action, there is greater efficiency and power. Could you know the sisters of the East, you would find warm hearts, responsively beating to your own, in desires to be one in Christian labors. Children's Niche.

## Children's Niche.

## SOWING AND REAPING.

Sow with a generous hand, Pause not for toil or pain; Weary not through the heat of summer, Weary not through the cold spring rain; But wait till the autumn comes For the sheaves of golden grain.

Scatter the seed, and fear not, A table will be spread; What matter if you are too weary To eat your hard-earned bread? Sow, while the earth is broken, For the hungry must be fed.

Sow, while the seeds are lying In the warm earth's bosom deep, And your warm tears fall upon it, — They will stir in their qulet sleep; And the green blades rise the quicker, Perchance, for the tears you weep.

Then sow, for the hours are fleeting, And the seed must fall to-day;

And care not what hands shall reap it, Or if you have passed away Before the waving corn-fields

Shall gladden the sunny day.

Sow; and look onward, upward, Where the starry light appears, — Where, in spite of the coward's doubting, Or your own heart's doubts and fears,

You shall reap in joy the harvest You have sown, to-day, in tears.

- A delaide Proctor.

## QUESTIONS ON INDIA.

At a mission concert given by one of the bands in this city, among other good things presented, were the answers to the following questions on India. The questions were proposed by one of the directresses. To obtain the answers, books were borrowed, great encyclopedias searched, maps were looked over, and the result was, a pleasant amount of information. One young lady of fifteen prepared several pages in the description of caste. Other parts of the programme were the recitation of poems, "Work, then Rest," "A Mite Song," "The Penny ye Meant to Gie" (by a very little girl), "Use me, thy Child, " two dialogues, singing, and the responsive reading of the 24th Psalm.

1. Where is India, and what are its divisions?

2. Who governs India?

3. Name some of the cities and rivers.

4. What ocean on the south, and mountains on the north?

5. Some of the products ; animals?

6. If you were going to India by water, through what waters would you sail, and how 'long would be the voyage? Also, what is the shortest route?

- 7. Tell something about the people of India.
- 8. Describe the dwellings of the Hindoos.
- 9. Who is Juggernaut, and tell something of his worship?
- 10. Describe caste.

### SALE OF GODS.

In almost every veranda, you will see a man or woman seated flat on the floor, which, you will remember, is of earth, with a variety of articles spread around him, or her, for sale. Everything that a native wants can be found in one veranda or the other. But the strangest things exposed for sale are gods ! One day we passed one of these shops, and the man sat painting the three principal gods on cloth! These were Juggernaut, with his brother and sister. On the ground lay a small pile of little blocks of green wood, not over seven inches long, and the next day they had been roughly hewn into these gods, and the chips were drying for cooking the man's rice. Just then a pilgrim came along, and for one pice bought a little Juggernaut, that had been finished and gayly painted. Just think of paying less than one cent for a little wooden image, then calling it a god, and bowing down and worshiping it !

THIS is the way they pray to order in Persia. "A royal order had been issued that public prayer be offered for relief from drought. Fifty teachers, followed by their scholars, went to the meadow of Kaat Khaneh, the valley of Sweet Waters. Finding a large, open plat, the whole company marched round it three times, with an Imam, or priest, at their head. The teachers then seated themselves on the grass, with their respective pupils around them. Before each teacher were placed two bags, one being empty, and the other full of clean pebbles. Each one of the fifty took a pebble from the full bag, repeated over it a short prayer, and then, breathing upon it three times, dropped it into the empty bag. This was performed in concert, and at the end of each prayer, the whole company of boys responded, ' Amen.' When the Imam found, by counting, that seventy-two thousand prayers had been offered, he gave a signal to stop. The pebbles were then collected and emptied into a great leathern sack, the mouth of which was closed, and thrown into the stream which runs through the meadow, to lie there till the prayers were - H. W. Friend. answered."

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WE learn of a new band of twenty members at Houlton, Maine, which takes one share in Miss Ida's salary. We welcome another from St. Johnsbury, Vt., which has the same pleasant object before it. And still another, in the Mount Vernon Church, Lowell, Mass., which has already sent one loving offering of five dollars, and pledges another.

In the Olneyville Church, R. I., the boys deciding not to let their sisters have all the good things, with a worthy spirit of emulation, we hope, have organized a society of "Mission Workers," and have in their minds to do the grand work of supporting a native preacher.

As one of the immediate good results of an acquaintance with our Society and its needs, the young people at Lyndon Centre formed a "Young Ladies' Aid Society" Oct. 8, consisting of fourteen members, since which time eleven others have joined, each paying ten cents for admittance. They expect to be able to send enough to finish a room in Myrtle Hall before the 1st of January, and then go right on doing other worthy things.

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#### MAINE.

Atkinson, Mrs. Jennie Lyford..... Atkinson, Mrs. E. B. Page, \$2.00

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	salary	5 00
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23 00	port of Alice Rich	5 00

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West Topsham, Aux., 1/2 each Myr-	5 00		\$40 00
tle Hall and zenana work to con-		MICHIGAN.	
stitute Mrs. W. A. Nealey L. M.	20 00	Hillsdale, F. B. Ch. for Myrtle Hall	\$10 00
		Sparta, S. S. Class No. 6 for Miss	
MACCACITICOPER	\$46 00	Phillips's salary	5 00
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## REPORT

## OF THE

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

As we glance back over the five years of our existence as a society, and mark the steps that have been taken, and the work accomplished, the outlook is encouraging. Although in many respects we have proved ourselves unskilled laborers, yet with thankful hearts for what we have been permitted to do, we say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Each year since the organization of the Woman's Society has witnessed an increase of auxiliaries, and a steady growth in the spirit of missions.

## NEW ENTERPRISES.

The past year has been signalized by two encouraging features: the laying of the corner-stone of Myrtle Hall, at Harper's Ferry, and the publication of the MISSIONARY HELPER. For the former object, it seems worthy of mention, that not one dollar was taken from the general treasury, but the money all came in, in answer to appeals made by those who felt the imperative needs of the work. The result shows what strong faith, coupled with resolute action, can accomplish even in these "hard times."

The publication of a missionary magazine had, for some time, been under consideration. At this day, when the globe is being girdled with missionary stations, when all the religious journals, and even the secular press, teem with items concerning this work, it is passing strange that Christian women, conversant with many of the events of the day, should yet understand so little of missionary aims and purposes.

Said a writer in the Heathen Woman's Friend, "One of the

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most cheering signs of the times, is the increasing relish in all the churches for missionary reading. We are confident that the Christian women of America have read more on the subject of missions during the last ten years than in the fifty preceding This increased knowledge is bearing glorious fruit in acones. tion." Glorious fruit indeed ! Is it not because of the missionary intelligence scattered broadcast by the women of these denominations, that a large measure of the wonderful success of their mission societies is due? While rejoicing in this success of their sister workers, the Free Baptist women felt that the time had fully come to emulate their example and take another step forward. Anxiously, yet hopefully, freighted with earnest prayers, was our little bark launched. Not a twelvemonth has passed since it started on its mission of love, but its success has far exceeded our expectations. But while thankful for these encouraging prospects, there is sturdy work yet to be done. Before the close of the present year, let every club of subscribers be renewed; renewed, if possible, with additional numbers. Let no effort be spared to send the HELPER to every Free Baptist family. The small subscription price brings it within the reach of nearly all. And are there not ladies in each of the churches willing to take one or two additional copies, that the small fraction really unable to pay for the magazine may be supplied?

The great want of the church to-day, is knowledge: knowledge of the broad fields so rapidly opening for the reception of the gospel; knowledge of the urgent need of laborers to till those fields, to scatter broadcast the seeds of truth. Had some missionary periodical been a regular visitant to our homes for the last half century, who believes that that incubus on the parent society, the debt, would have been contracted? Who believes that our Indian mission would be in its present feeble state? Who believes that we now should be obliged to blush for the mortifying fact that but little more than half of our churches do anything for Foreign Missions? Then let every lady feel that the responsibility is resting upon her to do all in her power in the circulation of our modest little HELPER.

## Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

## WORK ABROAD.

Reports from our busy Indian workers are encouraging. Miss Ida Phillips, who sailed from this country in October last, has entered on her work with her characteristic zeal and energy. She writes under date of July 27, "I visit with my teachers just now about a hundred houses. We have at present not far from two hundred pupils. I have ten teachers to help me; a number, however, much too small for the best instruction of all. Many of the women in the zenanas take a great deal of interest in learning of Christ, and one or two I think really intend to serve him; but there are many things to hold them back, and the light in their hearts is yet dim."

Miss Mary Bacheler, in her report for the year, states that the work among the higher classes could be somewhat increased, and among the common people, almost indefinitely, were there means for the employment of teachers. One of their best teachers, in her zeal, had worked beyond her strength, and was seriously ill. Others were killing themselves by overwork. Miss Bacheler herself not only inspects all the work each month, but teaches in five houses every alternate day.

Miss Crawford writes in her usual cheerful vein. She says, "I was out a good deal visiting schools, and am thankful to say the heat did not hurt me." Those of us who remember the excessive heat of the past season even in New England, can perhaps have some slight idea of the resolution it would require to go nearly round the circuit of the schools, as she states she did, in June. She adds, "The weather is fearfully hot; the papers report 117 degrees in the shade. Among all the places to which I went during the month, I saw only one chair, and was thankful to get even a stool to sit on."

We seldom read one of the letters of this indefatigable worker, without feeling more and more the moral heroism of a life like hers. How fitting was that beautiful tribute paid to her by him whose feet were even then touching the verge of the dark valley, in that never-to-be-forgotten address before this Society, at Providence. God grant that health and strength may be hers for many a year, to pursue her grand, self-sacrificing work;

and that, for the sake of India's benighted children, for the sake of many in her native land to whom her example is an inspiration and a blessing, she may indeed "arrive *late* to Heaven."

Miss Hattie Phillips, who was accepted as a candidate in June last, has been elected by the Board, and is now on her way to her chosen field of labor. She comes to us with the highest testimonials of scholarship, Christian character, and success in teaching. Thus the society is now employing two missionaries, besides paying the salary of Miss Mary Bacheler, and supporting some twenty or more zenana teachers. It also continues its aid to the Harper's Ferry School, being responsible for the salary of Miss Brackett, and assisting numbers of girls in the school.

## A MISAPPREHENSION.

There is one point to which an allusion seems necessary, although it has been referred to in former reports. It has been the desire of this society from its organization, not to interfere in the least with the work of the parent society. It has often been stated that what was paid into our treasury was to be additional to that received by the other societies. We had supposed this to be fully understood; and yet we not unfrequently hear of remarks made by pastors of our churches to the effect that the Woman's Society is taking funds that should be paid to the treasury of the Parent Board. Is this so? As far as our knowledge extends, the churches which support an active, live woman's organization, do the most also for the parent society. It is a well established fact, that the more one does for one department of benevolent work, the more will he be interested to do for another and yet another. As the mind becomes more and more contracted, whose interest is all centered in self, whose sympathies are bounded by the domains of home, so does that soul broaden and enlarge, which sees in every man a brother, and clasps the whole world in its embrace.

Said Dr. Dashiell, in answer to the query, "Does the Woman's Society detract from the receipts of the Parent in Ti an se

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## Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Board?" "It is my conviction that for every dollar the treasury of the Parent Board-loses, the general cause of missions gains ten."

Can any one doubt that the Woman's Societies have been beneficent agents in the great work of evangelizing the world? Let us give a single glance at what some of them have accomplished. The Woman's Society of the Presbyterian church, in the ninth year of its existence, has 85 missionaries: 23 in India, 20 in China, 9 in South America, 7 in Persia, and so on. They have also 30 Bible readers, and 150 native teachers. The receipts of the society the past year, were nearly \$84,000. The W. F. M. Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, has appropriated this year over \$81,000. Twelve women are under appointment, and expect to leave for foreign mission work this fall. The Congregational W. M. Society have now in the foreign field, 67 missionaries, 58 Bible readers, 18 boarding schools, etc. The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society has been in existence seven years. The total receipts of those seven years have been \$193,448.92. They have now in the foreign field, 28 missionaries. One has well said, "If the Woman's Missionary Societies keep on growing as they have grown in the past five years, they will soon overtake the old established societies in point of receipts and extent of their work."

Who may rightly appreciate the value of this work? Who may estimate the worth of the rough jewels quarried from the mines of India. Japan, China, Turkey, and many other countries, that, polished by the Master's own hand, are even now, through the influence of these societies, sparkling in the coronet that decks that Master's brow !

And not alone on the recipients of this work does the blessing rest. The reflex influence is felt on the workers as well. These toilers could tell of aims and purposes becoming grander and nobler. They could tell of the dignity with which zealous, self-sacrificing work invests life; of the sweetness of laboring for the elevation of the unfortunate and oppressed.

And the children's bands that are being so widely organized !

Can any one rightly estimate the effect of their work on the youthful workers? Ah! there is hope for the church. These children will soon be men and women. Who doubts that their young minds will be imbued with the very spirit of beneficence?

It is said that the Woman's Mission Boards and their auxilaries number, in this country alone, 9,000. Would any pastor be willing to take the responsibility of stopping or in any manner discouraging a work like this?

## WORK OF THE HOUR.

It will be noticed that our missionaries all speak of being crippled in their work by want of funds. Would that we could sound the bugle-call that should arouse every woman to a sense of her duty to God and humanity. If we close our ears to the cry that comes over the waters, if the voices of the long-oppressed daughters of our own land are unheeded, then are we false to our covenant vows. The command given in Jerusalem eighteen hundred years since, is just as binding on Christians at this day, as it was on those early disciples. The fields at home and abroad are bright with promise ; laborers stand ready to enter those fields. Shall we, Christian women of America, complain of our limited means, and turn a deaf ear to solicitations for aid, when even heathen women are forming auxiliary societies, and giving, amid their penury? A missionary writing from Shajehanpore, says, "When I spoke of forming a society, not one word was said of hard times, although the pressure has been very severe on all our people." How does the example of these, so recently heathen women, shame those who in this Christian land, surrounded by all the comforts of life, refuse the trifling pittance of two cents a week to assist in carrying on an enterprise the importance of which eternity alone can reveal.

O, that the veil were taken from our vision, that we might understand the full significance of life and its duties. Then would the grandeur of a work like this, burst upon our minds, and we feel the blessedness of having some share in its glorious results.

MRS. J. A. LOWELL.

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Report of the Home Secretary.

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## REPORT

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## HOME SECRETARY.

WITHOUT auxiliaries composed of women with heart and brain consecrated to the work, this Society is one only in name. As they increase, its strength increases; if they diminish, it is weakened. District Secretaries have the oversight of these auxiliaries, and upon their reports we depend for any insight we may get into the home-work of the Society; and divided and subdivided as the work is, this seems to be the true way of reaching results. Certainly, by this means are all the workers more closely united in their labor for the success of this organization. The following reports will show what it has accomplished during the past year, — enough, we think, to give us a fresh stimulus for future service.

### REPORTS OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Mrs. E. D. Wade, District Secretary of the Penobscot Yearly Meeting, says: "I am happy to report an increase of mission interest in our yearly meeting. We have eleven auxiliaries and nine children's bands. Other churches are contributing to this cause that have no regularly organized societies. We have raised this year \$187. Miss Phillips's visit and the HELPER have done much towards enlightening Christians on this subject, and thus securing their sympathies and co-operation. The HELPER is doing a noble work. I wish it was in every family in the denomination.

"I think the women of this denomination have a grand work on their hands; and the dear Father will help us carry it forward. Doors are standing open for us to enter; and although we may not, as individuals, go in, yet we may and will rush to the portals with warm hearts and loving words of cheer, and with loaded hands to supply the necessities of those who have already, and will hereafter, enter."

Miss A. Hasty, District Secretary of the Maine Western Yearly Meeting, writes: "The interest in this branch of Christian work in this district is steadily increasing. Five new auxiliary societies have been organized (there were six before) within the past year. There have also been three mission bands of young people and children organized. They are connected with the churches at South Parsonsfield, South Limington, and Limerick, (one was previously formed in Portland). They have some earnest workers, who, if sufficiently encouraged, insure the future success of the mission cause. The band of 'seed sowers' in Portland are scattering seed that leaves no doubt as to 'what the harvest will be.'

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"The societies reported last year are actively at work, some with an increased membership, while others have fallen off a little. At some of the quarterly meetings mission prayer-meetings have been held with very good results. The call for aid from Harper's Ferry met with a ready response from many churches and individuals in this district. Miss Phillips's visit and work with us last April inspired many hearts to greater zeal in the cause of the Master."

Mrs. F. S. Mosher, District Secretary of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting, says: "We have endeavored in New Hampshire to reduce our work to a system. In most of the quarterly meetings we have an assistant, who aids in forming societies in churches, and in arranging meetings in connection with the sessions of the quarterly meetings. Some of these assistants are doing very efficient service. Although the times have been hard, and many of our auxiliaries have felt the pressure, yet we are sure the interest in missions is as great as ever. The readiness with which our women responded to the call for speedy help for Myrtle Hall, at Harper's Ferry, showed that we are ready for any work the necessity of which is brought before us.

## Report of the Home Secretary.

"Miss Julia E. Phillips spent a month last winter visiting a few of our churches. She was cordially welcomed, and aided in forming several new societies among the women and children. We hope the results of her labor will continue to be felt after she has returned to India. The magazine has also had a good influence in our churches. We believe it is needed, and that the need is well met in its publication.

"The annual meeting in connection with the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting was most gratifying. The returned missionaries, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Phillips, were present, and made stirring addresses. Ladies from other States assisted in the exercises, and we think all must have felt their interest strengthened, and their determination increased to make the coming year more productive of help to the mission cause."

Mrs. F. P. Eaton, District Secretary of the Vermont Yearly Meeting, reports : "So far as I know, there has been an increase of interest and co-operation in the mission cause in this State. There have been responses from each quarterly meeting to the call for money to pay the debt, to build the Girls' Boarding Hall, and something has been done for the outfit of new missionaries. Some sisters from the Huntington Quarterly Meeting regret the hinderances they have to doing anything abroad. When such are removed, gladly will they answer foreign calls. Also, a sister from the Enosburg Quarterly Meeting writes, ' The churches are very low. For two or three years past we have made great efforts to build them up, and so can do but little now for missions, but hope to do more in the future.' To appreciate what our churches in Vermont are doing, we must bear in mind how small many of them are. The Strafford Quarterly Meeting has churches that are alive to the mission work. The same interest exists in some churches in Corinth Quarterly Meeting. Sutton church has a mission society and supports a zenana teacher. If there were a few earnest, self-sacrificing, praying women in every church, we should be sure of work being done for missions. We think the number of subscribers for the HELPER should be increased. My prayer is that our faith and works may be

enlarged until the desired end is attained." She reports nine auxiliaries.

Mrs. S. A. Porter, District Secretary of Massachusetts, writes: "Among the churches in my district are some having a very creditable interest in our woman's work. The visits of Miss Phillips have done much to increase the interest. Not a little is due to her in this respect. The HELPER has met a generous and hearty welcome.

"Our society has come to be recognized in our quarterly and yearly meetings, and is doing a work highly essential to the growth and prosperity of our churches, as well as of great benefit to the cause of missions. It is helping to bring out a hitherto latent talent among us, as a people, that already shows itself fruitful of good. A children's band has been organized in the Mount Vernon Church in Lowell. The Haverhill church has an earnest, active force engaged in our work there. In short, I may say, the work assigned to us as women is gaining ground in this State, as I feel confident it is doing elsewhere."

Mrs. L. Dexter, District Secretary of Rhode Island, reports : "The progress of the mission work in this district during the past year, though all too slow, has been very encouraging. 'Advance' has been the watch-word among the dear sisters, although discordant tones, bidding us halt, have been ringing along our lines from almost every other branch of expenditures. The faithful efforts of brave, earnest workers have won results, which, though not perfect, are truly inspiring, and are slowly yielding their full fruitage.

"At our annual meeting, held in connection with the Rhode Island Association in May, a resolution to assume the salary of a missionary was adopted by the sisters. As a result of this movement, Miss Hattie Phillips has been accepted by the Board, and assigned to us. Correspondence concerning the support of our missionary has been held with all the churches of the district, and we have been pleased to learn of the readiness with which the women have accepted the work of securing the necessary funds.

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## Report of the Home Secretary.

"The reports from auxiliary societies and mission bands also bespeak an increasing interest in the work. The moneys collected by these organizations show that their members have accepted the truth, that God requires not only a consecration of our hearts, but also our substance. Miss Phillips has visited various churches during the past few months, presenting the cause with her usual ability and earnestness; and as one of the results, we have three new mission bands, located at Blackstone, Tiverton, and Carolina Mills. Hence, we have now existing nine auxiliaries and ten mission bands. Several other churches have been aroused to more earnest work and are faithful contributors.

"Our labors have not been wholly confined to the foreign field. The cry for help from Harper's Ferry was heard and answered by nearly every church in our district. Thus a true missionary spirit has been attesting itself throughout the limits of our little field. With hearts of gratitude for these manifold blessings, we hope to give better heed in the future to the command, 'Go ye, therefore, teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.""

Mrs. N. C. Lash, District Secretary of the Ohio Central Yearly Meeting, writes : "We feel that throughout our yearly meeting we have done more for the cause of missions during the past year than ever before, and that there is still a growing interest. "The Richland and Licking Quarterly Meeting Woman's Mission Society was organized Aug. 17, 1877, and has held regular meetings at each session of their quarterly meeting. They are encouraged to do more the year to come than the past year. Fifteen copies of the HELPER are taken. Their funds have been paid to the parent society. Henrietta church has the only society in the Loraine Quarterly Meeting. The Harmony Quarterly Meeting Society was organized September, 1877. Twentysix copies of the HELPER are taken. They have forwarded their funds to the parent society.

"In the Marion Quarterly Meeting, there has been no society organized, but three dollars have been paid to the Woman's Society. About ten copies of the HELPER are taken. The Seneca and Huron Quarterly Meeting Woman's Mission Society now numbers sixty-eight members. Sixty-two copies of the HELPER are taken. The society has contributed for Harper's Ferry ten dollars, besides a barrel of clothing for the students, valued at eighteen dollars; for outfit of missionary, ten dollars; and for the general work of the society, sixty dollars, — making in all eighty dollars. We would suggest that if these woman's societies, in the different quarterly meetings mentioned in this report, are auxiliary to this society, they should forward their funds directly to our treasury.

To the other reports we add a statement of Miss Phillips's work as agent for the Woman's Society, which is condensed from her report to the Board.

Miss Julia E. Phillips entered upon her work for the society Nov. 4, 1877, visiting the churches, and organizing auxiliaries and children's bands. She visited eleven churches in the Penobscot Yearly Meeting, eight in the Maine Central, ten in the Maine Western, eleven in New Hampshire, six in Massachusetts, and seven in Rhode Island. She reports the organization of nineteen auxiliary societies and twenty-four bands, either during her visit or soon afterwards, if they fulfilled their pledges. She attended three quarterly meetings and the Rhode Island Association, where the woman's work was presented. She also secured a large number of subscribers for the HELPER. She devoted about eight months to this efficient service. Her report thus closes: "Let us never look back, but with our eyes fixed on Christ, let us go steadily onward, and He will surely grant abundant success. Let us take for our motto, 'The whole wide world for Jesus,' and be satisfied with nothing less."

## ENCOURAGING RESULTS.

And what is the financial result of this work? The treasurer's report shows that the receipts by contributors, not including the special work for Harper's Ferry, which amounts to \$1,460.52, exceeds those of last year by \$309.35. From our outlook we believe the society has a stronger hold upon the hearts of the women of the denomination than ever before. New laborers

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## Report of the Home Secretary.

are coming to the front, and old ones with increasing interest apply themselves to the work. As the years go by and the interest grows, greater responsibilities come, and at times some almost shrink from assuming them. But the Master promises strength according to our day, and we see already a partial fulfillment of the promise, as the women come up bravely and determinedly to the work which falls to their hands. And they have been tested in this matter the past year as never before. It was felt by some members of the Board that a missionary magazine was needed. The question of the expediency of undertaking this new branch of work was tested by seeking to find out the opinions of the people, and, also, if there were women ready to be responsible for it financially. So satisfactory were the results that the work was undertaken. The present subscription list fully justifies the decision.

And then came the call for aid from Harper's Ferry. All through the previous year, by appeals to the Sunday schools, and by the aid of the Centennial singers, that faithful band of workers at Harper's Ferry had been trying to raise the sum necessary to continue work on the Girls' Boarding Hall. About fifteen hundred dollars had been secured ; but this was not sufficient. Men were asking themselves, What shall we do next? Friends of the cause said this building must go up, but how? The way opened; for the Woman's Board proposed to undertake the work of raising \$1,000 before May 30. The friends at Harper's Ferry said, if you will assure us of this sum by that time, the corner-stone shall be laid in the name of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society. And on Memorial Day, while loving friends and comrades were paying their yearly tribute to the memory of our brave soldiers, the corner-stone of a building was laid which will be the home of some of the race they died to save from physical bondage. What more fitting tribute to their memory? On that day there was in the treasury, in the form of cash and reliable pledges, \$1,007.89; and at Harper's Ferry, sent to the treasurer there, as a result of this special appeal, \$256.81, making in all, \$1,264.70. Since

that time friends have continued to forward money for this object to this treasury, and it is still open to receive all sums which they may wish to contribute for it through this channel, and no doubt will be until the hall is entirely completed.

To-day, not only are the women in the Shenandoah Valley encouraged by seeing the walls of Myrtle Hall go up, but we are inspired to assume other work with a surer prospect of success. For we are confident that the women of this denomination only need to have a worthy cause presented to them in order to have their sympathies enlisted and their earnest support secured. At present they are being tested in the effort to raise funds for the foreign mission field. New recruits are needed in India, and the missionaries must be better equipped for their work. Already Rhode Island has come nobly to the front, and has become responsible for the support of a new missionary, including outfit and passage. But while our faith in the disposition of this denomination to do for others has been increased the past year, a deeper and richer experience has been gained, and one which we are assured is the inner work in more than one woman's soul. It is the conviction that God's hand is guiding us, that the work is His, the resources are His, and if only obedient to Him, we need not fear for the results.

Those mission enterprises which are called "faith works" have an active as well as a passive side. Those engaged in them do with their might the work God lays before them. At the same time, they trust Him for the means to carry it on, limiting their expenditures to His expressed wish in the giving. The most successful organizations are those that have both these elements in a very marked degree. Such an one, no doubt, we all aim to secure, and such we can have, if we as individuals submit our wills to the divine will. We shall not all work in the same way, but the same Spirit will pervade all. Indeed, every variety of temperament is needed ; and it matters less what ours may be than that we do our part well, as unto God and not to man; do it because it is the duty of the hour, and our Guide is leading us on.

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### The Work in the West.

## THE WORK IN THE WEST.

IT need not be told that the West is far behind the East in all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, nor is there lack of good reason for this. The East is the birthplace and home of the denomination. Here it has gathered about itself churches, schools, colleges, and here are held its annual family reunions, as well as many more frequent gatherings. But the children have not all stayed near home. A desire for wealth, a love of change and of adventure, a hope of gaining a livelihood from some friendlier soil than that of rocky New England, and other things, have led them to wander away, and scatter into almost every State of the Union. Many of them have become estranged from home, and in the steady, grinding work of providing for daily wants, in the ease and complaisance of competency, or in the eager pursuit of gold, the interests of our beloved Zion have been steadily and surely crowded out, so that many agonizing cries for help fall on deaf ears.

Again, we of the West have been so scattered that it required a far greater outlay of time and money to meet in council, and comparatively few have the requisite love for the work and determination to overcome these obstacles. Some, however, in their wanderings have found in their new homes those who have been glad to become brothers and sisters by adoption into the denominational family, and in company with them have founded and nobly maintained churches and educational institutions. All honor to those who, sometimes single-handed and alone, yet never alone, — have labored and sacrificed to accomplish work so dear to their hearts and so needful for the salvation of their fellows.

There are two facts worthy of attention: the East does most to sustain our mission work, hence receives (because entitled to) most of the time and energies of our returned missionaries; and, conversely, our missionaries give so much more time and labor to the Eastern churches that they are stirred to greater activity and benevolence. The recent tour of Dr. Phillips

through the West was, however, cause for gratitude to the hundreds who listened to him, and doubtless many gained ideas of India and the work of our missionaries, as well as the needs of the field, which were quite new to them, and were aroused to an interest never felt before. But in comparatively few cases will the memory of a single lecture be sufficient to keep alive a steady interest in a far-off field.

To the pastors of the churches, primarily, we must look as leaders in this work. We beg those pastors who may read these pages, in the name of our Master whom you profess to hold up to your people, to teach them to *think* of the needy, and may you lead them, as was well said recently, to *feel*, *pray*, and *give* for them. We heard recently of two persons who, wishing to give to the Bible school, took their contributions to a neighboring minister because after repeated efforts they had utterly failed to get their own pastor to take up even a collection for that purpose. Would that every pastor who neglects his work might be so rebuked. And this was not in the West, but in New England.

How many of our churches in the West do absolutely nothing for any cause outside their own organization! Too often the children in the Sabbath schools are taught in the same selfish way, by presenting to them as the motive for giving their mites the fact that they shall be returned to them with interest in books and papers! How can they look for the blessing of Him whose sole mission upon earth was to labor for others, and they His enemies? As women we have abundant cause for gratitude that God has crowned with peculiar success the efforts of women in mission work. Especially has this been true of "woman's work for woman." Of this we have fresh evidence in every number of the HELPER, and we should be inspired by renewed zeal to increase our efforts for our less favored sisters in the South, and in benighted India.

This paper should contain reports of work accomplished. Several of the District Secretaries have made no response to repeated communications. My sisters, is it a lack of love for the cause that keeps your lips silent, and your hands busy with other work to the neglect of this? I pray you, think of it, and with a consecrated will, ask the Lord, "What wilt Thou have me to do ?" A Secretary from one of the States writes of her discouragements, but in a tone which assures us there is back of it a heart to work. She says she gave her report and her book to her pastor, to take to the Y. M., since she could not herself attend. Some time afterward, upon calling for them, she learned that they had not been taken at all, and the only report she received of the meeting held was a verbal one, to the effect that a sum of money had been voted to him for previous services ! There was in this case, we can safely assume, no intention of wrong, but is such neglect in a Christian minister excusable? The same correspondent writes that their society has for treasurer one who refuses to receive moneys given for foreign work! Comment on this is unnecessary. Another writes that she has no sympathy with this plan of taking money from our feeble churches, and sending it to New England, or India! Remember the words of The Book: "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

We give these dark pictures, lest those having similar experiences should be discouraged by hearing only of success. But the work in the West does not present dark pictures only. In every State where pastors or district secretaries or both have come heartily to the work, there has been a steadily increasing interest. In many places the HELPER is patronized. Children's bands have been formed in various places. Some churches have worked nobly towards raising the twenty cents per member for the liquidation of the debt, and a few took the special collection of Sept. 1, for that purpose. Of all the Western States, however, to Ohio belongs the highest honor, for her noble stand in the cause of missions. Within a few weeks she has voted to raise the outfit, passage, and regularly thereafter, the salary of a missionary, who is to be sent out in September of '79, and who until that time is to be employed at their expense to visit among the churches of the State, to instruct and interest the people in the work they have so nobly undertaken. Honor to Ohio! Shall not the close of another year find more than one State or section in the denomination ready to follow her bright example?

HATTIE P. PHILLIPS,

Secretary for the West.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1877		\$1,904	46
Contributions from Oct. 1, 1877, to Sept. 30, 1878,			
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For Harper's Ferry, sent to Woman's Treas	291 81		
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<ul><li><sup>44</sup> Zenana work</li><li><sup>44</sup> Passage of Miss Hattie Phillips, by ladies of R. I.</li></ul>	354 45 240 00		
"Outfit and passage of new missionary	31 50		
" Miss Ida Phillips's salary	179 92		
" Reserved fund	5 00		
" India Bible School	5 00		
" Mission debt	2 40	STATES IN	
"General work, Home and Foreign	1,284 89		10
Total contributions		\$3,563	08
Of this sum Miss J. Phillips collected \$176.69.	a dimon		
Interest on money loaned		\$126	40
Premium on gold		1 2 1	50
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Total to account for		\$5,596	04
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Outfit and passage of Miss Ida Phillips	\$534 64		
Passage of Miss Hattie Phillips	280 00		
Appropriations to Miss Crawford	200 00		
" Mrs. Bachelor	200 00		
" " Balasore	120 00		
Sancipore	50 00		
Harper's Ferry for students	180 00		
" " the For. Miss. Soc. for services of Miss Julia Phillips	200 00		
Appropriation to Harper's Ferry for Myrtle Hall, by	200 00		
request of donors	791 81		
Salary of Miss L. E. Brackett	320 00		
" " " Ida Phillips	400 00		
" " Mary Bacheler	. 250 00		
Support of Emily Chase	20 00		
" " Mrs. Bacheler's Boys	10 00		
Travelling expenses of Miss Julia Phillips	68 20		
" " Folsom	14 90		
Premium on gold for remittances	18 00		
Stationery and postage	13 95	to 6	-
Total disbursements	INC LENO	\$3,671	
Amount on hand Sept. 30, 1878		1,924	34
Total accounted for as above		\$5,596	04

#### Treasurer's Report.

Of this sum \$668.71 is subject to the order of the Treasurer of Storer College, being the amount now in treasury which has been appropriated to the Girls' Hall by request of the donors.

#### LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, Auditor.

Amount received from the different States, as follows :-

Maine	\$862 01	
Rhode Island	746 95	
New Hampshire	659 32	
Massachusetts	223 53	
Ohio	192 43	
New York	171 14	
Vermont	162 25	
West Virginia.	154 46	
General conference collections	76 27	
Nova Scotia	50 75	
Minnesota	35 40	
Illinois	33 65	
Wisconsin	33 03	
Michigan	27 39	
Missouri	25 00	
Kansas	12 00	
India	10 00	
Iowa	5.05	
Nebraska	2 50	
New Jersey	2 04	
Children's list	6 16	
Sundries	72 35	
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## MINUTES.

## ANNUAL MEETING, 1878.

THE Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held its sixth annual meeting in the vestry of the church at Lyndon, Vt., Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1878, at 6.30 P. M., Vice-Pres. Mrs. I. D. Stewart in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. D. F. Smith. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss S. A. Perkins was requested to act as Secretary *pro tem*. Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, Mrs. G. W. Rich, Mrs. F. E. Wiley, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Waterman, Miss Hattie Phillips, were appointed by the chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Hills gave notice of the following amendment by substitution to Art. 11 of the Constitution, to be considered at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That the action of this Board in the appointment of missionaries to India, and their remuneration; also its designation of their specific fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the F. B. F. M. Board.

Voted, That a committee of five—three of whom should be the original framers of the Constitution—be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine critically the Constitution and By-Laws of the different denominational Woman's Missionary Societies, also their requirements of their missionaries, the instructions they give them, and the definite relations each society sustains to its denominational Board; and at our next annual meeting report whether in their opinion any of these items in our own organization can be improved so as to increase our efficiency.

The following committee was appointed: Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, Mrs. B. F. Hayes, Mrs. G. F. Mosher, Mrs. J. B. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Brewster. Mrs. G. F. Mosher, Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, and Mrs. E. W. Porter were requested to present a resolution on the death of Mrs. Susan Thompson, the first missionary of the society.

Adjourned to meet for anniversary exercises in the church at 8 P. M.

#### ANNIVERSARY, 1878.

Oct. 2, 1878, at 8 P. M. Met according to notice given in the *Morning* Star, for anniversary exercises. Mrs. B. F. Hayes presided. After singing the hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," prayer was offered by Dr. J. L. Phillips.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, in her absence, was read by Miss Ida H. Fullonton, and accepted. The report of the Home Secretary was read by Miss DeMeritte, and accepted.

Addresses were made by Mrs. D. F Smith, returned missionary of the F. B. F. M. Society, drawing practical lessons from the valuable labors of Dr. Duff, and by Mrs. G. C. Waterman, relative to the work already accomplished at Harper's Ferry, and the present urgent needs. At the close of the latter address pledges were taken, which with subsequent additions, amounted to \$90.00. Miss Phillips, our missionary elect, made a brief address. The collection taken for assisting in the work of the Society amounted to \$25.34.

Singing by the church choir. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Sinclair. Adjourned to meet Thursday, at 9 A. M.

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#### ADJOURNED MEETING.

Met according to adjournment, Vice-Pres. Mrs. I. D. Stewart in the chair. Prayer by Mrs. E. W. Porter.

Report of committee to nominate officers read and adopted.

For list of officers for the ensuing year, see supplement, page 2.

The following resolution on the death of Mrs. Thompson was presented and adopted by a rising vote : --

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove by death our friend and sister Mrs. Susan L. Thompson, therefore

*Resolved*, That remembering her tenderly as our first missionary, we express our deep sorrow at her early death, and offer to her afflicted husband and family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Voted, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the husband and mother of Mrs. Thompson, and also that the same be published in the MISSIONARY HELPER.

*Voted*, That the annual report made at this session be inserted in the November number of the MISSIONARY HELPER, that three hundred additional copies be printed for distribution, and that the Treasurer be instructed to defray the necessary expenses.

Adjourned to the call of the Corresponding Secretary.

S. A. PERKINS, Recording Secretary.

## CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. — This oganization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

ART. 2. — Its object is to give the Christian religion and education to women destitute of Gospel light, by sending out and supporting female missionaries and teachers in fields occupied by Free Baptist missions, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies in all our churches.

ART 3.— The payment of \$1 per year shall constitute membership; \$20<sup>-</sup> life membership; and the payment of \$100 within the term of four years, shall constitute a lady an honorary manager for life.

ART. 4. — The officers of this Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Home Secretary, a District Secretary for each Yearly Meeting, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Committee on Missionary Intelligence, and a Board of Managers, consisting of the President, the Corresponding, Recording, and Home Secretaries, and thirteen other ladies. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ART. 5. — The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers. ART. 6. — The Home Secretary shall maintain correspondence with the

ART. 6. — The Home Secretary shall maintain correspondence with the various District Secretaries, endeavor through them and others to carry forward the work of the Society, and report to the Board annually.

ART. 7. — The District Secretaries shall labor to secure the formation of auxiliary societies in each church in their respective Yearly Meetings, by the appointment, if they choose, of Assistant Secretaries in each Quarterly Meeting, or by any other method they may deem most effective to carry forward the work, and shall report quarterly to the Home Secretary. ART. 8. — The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries, call meetings of the Board of Managers when she deems it necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board.

ART. 9. — The Treasurer shall carefully credit all moneys received, and shall pay out none except by order of the Board of Managers. She shall also give bonds with security satisfactory to the Managers, in a sum not less than one third the amount given by the Treasurer of the Free Baptist ForeignMission Society.

ART. 10. — The Committee on Missionary Intelligence shall prepare, and publish for circulation, such items of news as it shall judge best calculated to promote the object of the Society.

ART. 11. — The Board of Managers shall select and appoint missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society. Five may form a quorum. So far as relates to Foreign Mission work, this Board shall act in conjunction with the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and so far as relates to Home Mission work, it shall act in conjunction with the Free Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. 12. — This Society shall hold its annual meeting in October, due notice of which shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 13. — This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, notice of which shall be previously given.

#### CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ART. 2. — The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, chosen annually.

ART. 3. — Its object shall be the raising of money for missions, and the diffusion of missionary intelligence in the community.

ART. 4. — The payment of two cents per week, or one dollar annually, shall constitute any lady a member of the Society.

ART. 5. — The money raised shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions.

N. B. — Each auxiliary can make its own By-Laws for regulating and conducting its meetings.

#### LIFE MEMBERS ADDED SINCE LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

Miss A. N. Brayton.Georgiaville, R. I. | M " R. E. Brockett. Bristolville, O. |

Mrs. H. S. Brooker. Haverhill, Mass.

" M. A. Davis.... Pittsfield, Me.

Miss L. A. DeMeritte. Dover, N. H.

" M. C. Emery....Burnham, Me.

Mrs. Lavinia Fox.... Ashford, N. Y.

" M. B. Hebbard. Charleston, Me.

" Emily D. Jordan. Portland, Me.

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Miss Edith R. Porter. . Lowell, Mass.

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Mrs. I. D. Stewart. Dover, N. H.

" M. W. L. Smith, "

" P. R. Wright, East Otisfield, Me.

Foreign Missionary Society.

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## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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## DEAR SISTERS :

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Another year has flown swiftly by, and we meet again to-day in our fourth annual session. As we review the past three years' work, although more might have been accomplished, we have much to encourage us. Truly the Lord has been on our side. Only three years' work by the timid sisters of our churches, yet what an amount of missionary interest has been awakened ! Besides, we have gathered for our beloved work over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). If this should be the means by which even one of our benighted sisters should be saved, are we not amply rewarded for any effort we may have put forth? Is not the salvation of one poor soul invaluable? and surely we can hope that our society may accomplish that much. Think of this, and let it stimulate us to renewed exertion.

At your last annual session you confirmed the previous action of the Board of Managers in accepting Miss Seeley as your missionary, and it was hoped she would be able to return with Dr. Phillips and wife to India. But much as we may regret it, God in his wise providence has ordered otherwise. Miss Seeley's health has so failed during the past year that she has been compelled to resign her prospective work. She feels deeply the disappointment of not being able to work in India for the Master. May we all sustain her by our Christian sympathy and prayers.

God has given us another noble Christian woman. I refer to Miss Jessie B. Hooper, who was accepted by the Board of Managers after the resignation of Miss Seeley, and to-day is on her way to benighted India. Sisters, now that God has given us a missionary, should we not double our diligence in this work? Dear Sister Hooper has sacrificed the society of her loved ones, her home, and her native land; gone to encounter the trials of a strange land, an uncivilized people, and an unknown language. Shall we then be meagre of our prayers and our substance? I hear an emphatic No! from each sister's heart. Let me urge upon you, then, the necessity of daily asking God to care for and help our sister, and to give and seek to influence others to give as the Lord hath prospered.

> "If you cannot give your thousands, You can give the widow's mite, And the least you do for Jesus Will be precious in his sight."

Praying that the Lord may bless each one of you, together with our beloved missionaries, I am, fraternally yours,

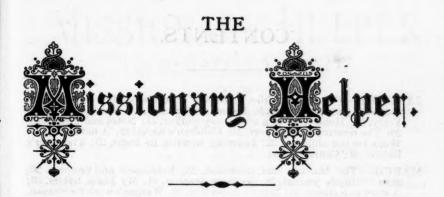
MRS. H. L. WEYMAN, Cor. Secretary. HAMPSTEAD, QUEEN'S CO., Oct. 7, 1878.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE Treasurer of the New Brunswick F. C. Woman's Aid Foreign Mission Society reports, that after expending the sum of \$605.38 in providing outfits, passage, etc., for their missionary, Miss Jessie Hooper, to India, they have on hand the sum of \$459.14; and would further state she is confident that the women of New Brunswick, in connection with the Free Christian Baptist churches, have undertaken this work with a determination that the necessary funds shall be always forthcoming.

MRS. WILLIAM PETERS, Treasurer.

WE made an effort to secure the report of the Nova Scotia Society, but failed for want of time. - ED.



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