A Creed for the New Year

"I BELIEVE IN FOREIGN MISSIONS"

David J. Brewer, Justice of the United States Supreme Court

I BELIEVE in Foreign Missions because Christianity is adapted to the most urgent needs of man, so uplifting in its influence on individual and nation as to carry evidences that it is of divine origin and that it was designed for all time and for all men. I believe in Foreign Missions because the work not only blesses those to whom the missions go, but those by whom they are established. It is universally true that they who are most devoted to the cause of missions, most interested in the work, give to it the most earnest support, are the finest types of Christian character.

I believe in Foreign Missions not merely because of the reflex influence on individual character, but because of the standing they will give to this American republic in the sight of the world. As a citizen I love my country, and long to see her the recognized leader among the nations. That is possible only as she touches them in the most helpful and uplifting way.

I believe in Foreign Missions, because the Master so commanded. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" was a command not only to His then disciples, but one going with His religion to every one in all ages of the world. — The Missionary.

A PSALM FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

O New Year, teach us faith:
The road of life is hard:
When our feet bleed, and scourging winds us scathe,
Point thou to Him whose visage was more marred
Than any man's; who saith,
"Make straight paths for your feet," and to the opprest,
"Come ye to Me, and I will give you rest."

Comfort our souls with love,—
Love of all human kind;
Love special, close,—in which, like sheltered dove,
Each weary heart its own safe nest may find;
And love that turns above
Adoringly, contented to resign.
All loves, if need be, for the Love Divine.

Friend, come thou like a friend,
And whether bright thy face,
Or dim with clouds we cannot comprehend,
We'll hold out patient hands, each in his place,
And trust thee to the end,
Knowing thou leadest onward to those spheres
Where there are neither days, nor months, nor years.

DINAH MULOCK CRAWC. 

THE WORSHIP OF SERPENTS IN INDIA

In one of the highest mountains of the South Kanra Ghats there is a very celebrated serpent temple. There great numbers of the "coiling folk" reside in holes and crevices made for them. To propitiate these creatures, persons who have made vows roll and wriggle round the temple serpent-fashion, and some will even roll their bodies up to it from the foot of the hill a mile distant. They also take home with them portions of earth from the sacred serpent holes. This earth is believed to cleanse from leprosy if rubbed on the parts affected. Serpentine body wriggling is also practiced farther south, where small snake temples are common. Near one of these, not far from Madura, on the Vaiga River, there are men who for a few rupees will perform any number of wrigglings and rollings round the shrine, as proxies for persons who have vowed them.

Indeed, it seems to be a fixed article of belief throughout Southern India, that all who have wilfully or accidentally killed a snake, especially a cobra, will certainly be punished either in this life or the next in one of three ways,—either by childlessness, or by leprosy, or by ophthalmia. — Selected.

- In various courts of India Hindu idols are entered as proprietors of estates, the priests being the managers.
THE VILLAGES OF INDIA
Written for All Nations Monthly

HERE we are on the front veranda of a learned Hindu's house, having an object lesson on Indian vessels and dishes used in everyday life. Quite a number there are and most of them are made of brass, a few of copper. Each dish or vessel, though varying slightly in size or form has a different name and most of them are difficult names to remember. They are just spread on the floor for our inspection and as they are taken up one by one, the name and use of each is explained. The ordinary every day ones used at meal time are brass plates, larger than our dinner plates, with a turned up rim an inch and a half high and a round silver or brass bowl, smaller than a finger bowl for chutney or curry stuff and then two brass vessels for water. The larger answers to our water pitcher though nothing like it in shape and the smaller one is to drink out of.

There were many others, among them the larger brass plates used at feasts, and the vessels in which women carry water from the well and those in which they store the water. Tables are never found in these houses, thus they have their dishes on the floor at meal time.

The lesson finished, we are immediately made conscious again of the ever present sick and suffering about us. Girls with eye and ear diseases are very frequent in the villages. Several people came and asked for medicines, whenever we ask what is the matter, they will answer “fever”. We sing a few hymns, give the children some pictures and say salaams to all. One always leaves these villages with a heavy heart, because the message left seems to make little impression on the minds. In these Indian villages is much sickness. One cannot enter them without being hailed on all sides by the sick. Men do not act rightly, women are burdened down trodden, children are brought up in sin and down trodden, children are brought up in sin without being hailed on all sides by the sick. Girls with eye and ear diseases are conscious again of the ever present sick and suffering in all its hideous forms. The majority of the Hindus are driven hither and thither on the sea of life, by the waves of ignorance, superstition and life. Quite a number there are and most of them are difficult names to remember. They are just spread on the floor for our inspection and as they are taken up one by one, the name and use of each is explained. The ordinary every day ones used at meal time are brass plates, larger than our dinner plates, with a turned up rim an inch and a half high and a round silver or brass bowl, smaller than a finger bowl for chutney or curry stuff and then two brass vessels for water. The larger answers to our water pitcher though nothing like it in shape and the smaller one is to drink out of.

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Pray with me, that these poor women may be lead to Him who said, “other sheep have I!”

C. KOFARD GREGERSEN,
Nilgiris, So. India.

FROM W. I. EDWARDS

THE following is from a personal letter to the editor, but so many of Bro. Edwards' friends are continually asking about his health it seems due to his friends to publish this.

"The cold weather made me so uncomfortable here in my tent that I deferred answering your letter for a few days to put in a small stove. I am now quite comfortably fixed.

As to my own health: I now weigh 150 pounds. I am still raising some discharge from my lungs, but the quantity is very small and I can take deeper inhalations than I could some time ago. And my color is good; I do not have the appearance of a "lunger" that I had when I came here; but am red enough in the face and hands to be taken for a habitual toper.

My brother in Manila says that 150 pounds is good for me "but 160 would be better." I think that indications go to show that I am improving all the time, and I thank the Lord for his mercy to me and for returning health.

You doubtless know that tuberculosis is not the only ailment troubling me. The thing that caused me the most inconvenience and suffering in India is still troubling me, but not nearly so badly as then. While on the S. S. Minnesota coming home I became acquainted with a Presbyterian missionary who had been troubled with this same thing and he had had an operation at a hospital and had not had a return of the trouble. My brother at Manila intended to see to the necessary operation while I was at his place, but the tuberculosis precluded an operation of so serious a nature at that time. A number of persons have said and I am of the same opinion that the surgeon's knife is the only sure cure." I am asking the Lord to guide in respect to this also.

FROM MISS SAUNDERS

November 18th, 1907. I expect to begin photo work this week, today would be a good day for it as the sun is shining brightly but I have not the materials yet to work with. I will try and get some good lantern slides and photos for you and cuts for the paper if you say so, perhaps I can get them cheaper here than you can there and the cost for sending will be very little.

I hope to spend a few weeks in England on my way home and will if possible get acquainted with some of the Adventists there. I shall also cross the continent and see some of the most interesting places which I hope will help me in my home work.

I am looking forward to my home going with great pleasure and I trust that I may be used of God while in the homeland for the good of the work here.

Miss Jones will have charge of the orphanage work after I leave, with Mrs. Allan to superintend. Miss Jones is a very interested worker. The boys all think a great deal of her and she has a much better way than I of dealing with them. I am pleased to know that a young lady has offered herself for India. I hope she will be ready to come when I return. I may be able to help her some while I am at home.

We are very busy now getting the grounds about our bungalow filled in and leveled. The school boys are doing this before and after school, then our "half time" boys (those who go to school only half a day) are getting the paddy fields ready for sowing next week.

The boys are all very well, hard work seems to make them healthy and happy.
FROM MISS SPENCE

November 12, 1907.

In Mission work we never know what a day is going to bring forth. We plan our work and before we know it all our plans are upset and we have to make the best of circumstances.

We have not started our industrial work for the girls. We find after much investigation that weaving is not suitable for girls. It takes too much of their strength and leaves them on our hands, after a few months, nothing more than weakened cripples. So we have determined to abandon this plan and carry our plant to Vellacheri, where we hope to start weaving for the boys.

We find that the overalls are not suitable for India. Somehow after a free life of light clothing, they cannot be boxed into overalls.

December 2, 1907.

I am enclosing accounts for the 3rd quarter, 1907. The receipts marked local and special are the monies raised on the Field. Local receipts include tithes and donations, and the special receipts are sales of garden produce, etc. Both these added make a total of Rs 416-9-6, or about $139.00. We have therefore averaged raising about $46.00 per month on the field. By doing this we raise in a year almost enough for one months' expenses. Then the grants from the schools give us another month in the year when we provide for ourselves. So you see we are not doing badly by providing for ourselves for two months in the year. Our Velacheri School (Ransom Home) is considered the best or the Model School of the Presidency and we are expecting a large grant because of its efficiency.

FROM MRS. ALLAN

A capable, well educated, spirit-filled minister, single or married (preferably the latter) to preside over the whole of the work is what we most need just now.

Our weather is becoming cool after the copious rain we have had all this month, and such a gladness fills us at the prospect of a few months of bearable weather. I think I suffer from the heat more than any of the others. Strangely enough Miss Saunders feels it more this year than in the previous years. It is because she is more tired and run down, though she playfully tells us she is afraid to show her face in America just yet as she looks the picture of health, even to rosy cheeks! She does not look pitiful enough for a missionary, she says.

Little Gada has just left my room to have her forenoon sleep. She has been emptying my waste-paper basket, talking the while in her baby way. I am more indulgent to her than I was to my own. She is keeping so well this year for which we are grateful. Her illnesses are always very serious.

We have just thrown into one our two Vellacheri schools, for the purpose of economy and the best interests of the Caste children. We expected to have a protest from the latter. So far they have held aloof most stubbornly from the Parish children, but far from doing this they are attending school most regularly and seem more interested in their lessons.

Miss Jones is now a rank and even rabid "Vellacheryite". You would enjoy watching the spirit of emulation and competition between the two places Guindy and Velacherie. Each is so afraid of being left behind by the other, and each is trying to "go one better" than the other. As manager of both schools I have to be neutral and therefore see more of the fun. Privately, I have a side, but officially none.

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 1, 1908

Dear Sister Taylor:

You will be interested to know what we as a local are doing this winter. At our annual meeting the matter of making our meetings more interesting was discussed and it was voted to have our meetings at the home of members instead of the church.

Our first meeting was held in December at the home of our president, Mrs. Olmsted. A pleasing program of reading, recitations and singing on missionary topics was given by some of the young people and children, after which a social hour was enjoyed. A general invitation was given to all and there were nearly 40 present. The closing recitation was by a bright little girl, and she was allowed to take a collection, which was a very generous one.

We considered our meeting a success and thought perhaps you might make some suggestions in All Nations that would be helpful to other locals. I will send a copy of the piece the little girl spoke which you might like for All Nations.

We felt so thankful for His goodness that we sent a gift to you for the India work. I suppose you have received it ere this.

We are to have another meeting next week at the home of our pastor and hope it will be as encouraging.

MERTILLE PERKINS

A LITTLE MAIDEN'S PLEA

I'm only six years old,
Yet I'm old enough to say
If we truly love our Saviour,
His words we will obey.

When He went from earth to heaven
He gave this last command:
"Go, preach the gospel message
To every tribe and land."

All cannot cross the ocean,
But our work right here is found;
So, I'd like to ask the president
If I may pass the hat around.
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ANSWERED PRAYER

ALL who read our Treasurers' Report this month will see the hand of our God which has been stretched forth in behalf of His work in India. If we were at liberty to tell of the cheerful sacrifices by which the expenses were met during that long period when our receipts month after month did not equal our expenses, our readers would see more clearly and rejoice more gratefully that God answered prayer by Himself choosing the missionaries who have charge of this mission work. And when we united in beseeching Him to put it into the hearts of His children to give to this great need He hearkened unto our supplication and sent relief. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call up­

A LEGACY

SEVERAL months ago, when Brother A. H. Davis was speaking in one of our smaller, weaker churches, a stranger from another denomination came to hear him. This stranger was so impressed by his presentation of the needs of those in heathen lands that soon afterward she made her will giving $1000 to the A. A. M. S. $500 to be used in China and $500 in India. $50 of this legacy has been forwarded to us, and we shall be paid $50 each month until we receive all that belongs to us. This should teach us to pray that the power of the Holy Spirit may ever rest upon those who are called to present to the churches this great last-day work, and that God will send to the meetings those who will obey His call to give for the support of this work.

A NEW RULE

The Post office department has issued new rules which require postage stamps to be affixed to all monthly papers sent to subscribers who have not renewed their subscription within four months of the time to which they were paid. If a blue cross is at the top of your paper it means that you are behind more than four months with your subscription, and the paper will be stopped next month unless you renew. We are sorry to have to do this, we would be willing to trust you one year or two, but the law has been made and if we disregard it we are liable to lose second class rates of postage.

We hope you are so attached to our paper that you will at once order its renewal, making glad our hearts and helping the mission work we all love.

FRUIT OF OUR PRESS

Our press work in India, although less than a tithe of what it should be, is effectual in spreading abroad, even so far as to America, the truth so dear to us. Capt. Spence sends to us a letter he has received from an India missionary to whom he gave some of our tracts published in India.

"My Dear Brother Spence—Some of the little tracts you sent me have winged their way to America and the truth and it is in Jesus our Lord is exercising and taking hold of minds here. Pastor S—— is receiving it with a very candid and open mind and I have induced one of the elders to read our literature. Pray for me, my dear Brother Spence, that I may be given much wisdom for I recognize that a bad advocate may spoil a good cause.

I rejoice in my stewardship but the responsibility makes me tremble. The work is not mine but the Lord's. May He work mightily in and through me to the praise and honour of His Great and Holy Name.

Have you any forcible literature on the Kingdom? I would like it to be clear and strong. Have you any copies of "The Gospel of the Kingdom" by E. Davis? "Jerusalem the metropolis of the world?" or any other pamphlets on the subject? I would like a few copies of "Jesus is Coming" by Blackstone if you have them. It is refreshing to break away from man's cramped views and theology."

NEW LOCALS

VERMONT—North Hyde Park, President, Mrs. Ellen Measure; Vice President, Mrs. Jane Selby; Secretary and Treasurer, Alice J. Allen.

NEW YORK—Sandy Hill, President, Mrs. Emma A. Haines; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. James Morris.

List of Friends Sending in New Subscribers.

Mrs. Geo. Adams 1
Mrs. Annie P. Smith 2
Susie G. Sinclair 3
Susie J. Varney 4
Edna S. Crescup 4
Lillian V. Cottle 6
Miss Luna Stratten 9

Lift up the cross where the long, weary night
Holds minds of millions forever enchained;
Onward, go swiftly and herald the light,
And think not of rest till the message is told.

The isles are awaiting the tidings we bear;
Hangs dark o'er the prisoners who sigh to be free;
Each beckoning hand, each plaintive call,
Is mutely appealing to you and to me.

—Selected
LETTER FROM OUR FIRST LOCAL

BELMONT, N. H., Jan. 5, 1908.

Dear Sister Button:

I thought you would like to hear how we are getting along with our Young Woman’s Auxiliary. We feel like thanking the dear Lord for His goodness for we believe He is blessing our society. A meeting was appointed at which our officers were elected and three evening meetings have been held since. There are now fourteen members and two or three others are expected soon to join. Our meetings are opened with a hymn and each one takes her turn in reading a verse from the Bible, followed by the Lord’s prayer in concert. After the secretary’s report we go to work. There is three dollars in the Treasury at the present time, which we have earned and received from collections besides our dues. We are working on two little dresses to send to India and are thinking of making a quilt. We are also making other things for which we shall receive pay. Our Society was very much surprised to learn that it was the first to organize. We are very anxious to get some kind of a pin for the Society. The “All Nation’s Monthly” is read in our meetings so as to keep the girls informed concerning the work. We shall be glad to receive any reading matter that will inform us about the work.

Your sister in Christ,

E. M. W.

Model Constitution

for

The Young Woman’s Auxiliary Mission Society

ARTICLE I.

NAME

This Society shall be called the Young Woman’s Auxiliary Society of the Advent Christian Church in———; and is auxiliary to the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT

Its object shall be to cultivate a missionary spirit in this church, and to aid the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society in the work of the Christian elevation of women in all lands, and to send the “gospel of the kingdom” throughout the world, and by this organization render more efficient the work of the young women of this church.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any Christian young woman may become an annual active member of this Society on the payment of twenty-five cents, and any active member of the W. H. & F. M. S. may become a member of the Young Woman’s Auxiliary upon request without the payment of the annual fee. Any young man may become an honorary annual member of this Society on the payment of fifty cents.

Section 2. These fees shall be forwarded quarterly or semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Advent Christian Denomination, taking a receipt therefor.

Section 3. Necessary expenses of this Society shall be raised by———.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such Officers.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS

A meeting shall be held as often as once a month to pay the fees, and extend interest in mission work.

ARTICLE VI.

PRIVILEGES

It is understood that this branch may designate the field where they desire their contributions expended, otherwise it will be expended at the discretion of the Executive Board of the General Society.
FROM MISS JONES

Nov. 18, 1907

We have such a lot of plans in our heads for the improvement of our compound and the advancement of our work in general. We have just had a nice high path built from the house to the school so we can go back and forth without wading through water when the monsoons are sweeping over the country. The new road is being built by the work boys, also a screen for our bathroom doors. We will put morning glory on them till a better creeper has time to grow. By the last of the week three of our rice fields will be all sown. They plow the fields while they are covered with water, then the little fellows take off their clothes and wade about breaking down the lumps.

We have just organized a Loyal Workers’ Missionary Society. Our object is to promote an independent missionary spirit among the boys and to build up the kingdom of God.

Our committees are: First. “Seventy” committee. That consists of all the members. We go out by twos and give the message from house to house then meet for an open air meeting. This happens three times a week. Second. A Lazarus committee which must report to us needy ones and visit the homes of the sick. Third. Program committee. Each month we are to have an open program. Fourth. Extension committee. Duty to bring in new members.

One day while the seventy were out, two went to a out of the way hut. The mother was glad to see them and told one, Mr. Vedantanchari, Junior, that her little boy of four came to the school and that when she went to bed at nights he would tell her that she did not go to bed right, that she should pray first. She asked him to whom she should pray and he said “Jesus and God.”

One young man in the village said that our carpenter was once the worst boy in the village and he could not understand the change. Our carpenter is one of our very best boys so sweet, gentle and faithful. It is a pleasure to go to the carpenter shed and see the order that reigns there all the time.

India is showing her best colors again. The rice fields are so beautiful as they spread away and away on one side of us. Far beyond them is an immense tank that is full now. Who could see just the little around us and not say that India is beautiful? I love her and love her people.

This morning one of the boys made up his mind that he would not mind me. He told the boys that he would only mind Miss Saunders, so I sent him to work in the field all day. That is a terrible thing for them because they love their school.

It is noon now and I have not looked at my Tamil yet; you do not know how hard it is to get this language. I cannot talk even a little bit yet I get so mixed up.

December 10, 1907.

BABY Felix has been near death’s door for all most three weeks. His heart is very weak and almost gave out many times. Just now he seems much better.

We are all bustle and stir here, this week getting ready for the great Exhibition.

You know our school has been pronounced the model. Of course we want all of our schools to be models, and as a means to that end our Teachers’ Association is going to have an exhibition of practical teaching by two new methods and work done by different classes. Some big people are coming to see and some to help. We will all be dancing about here pretty lively. Will tell you all about it when it is over with.

This week and last there has been much to do in the picture line. I am learning the ins and outs of that business now.

We have made some new rules in our Ransom Home and great was the fun when they were read. After some talk the boys voted them to be just; so now they have nothing to say when they are enforced.

I already have six pie fines. The first offence is one pie, next two, next four and so on. They hate to part with their money so we are in hopes all will come right soon. Other offences call for half day work, others light diet. These are more effective than whipping and not nearly as hard on the task master.

My boy Moses that I talked so much about got mad and went off. It is so lonesome without him, but he needs some hard rubs to bring him to himself again.

Satan appeared here in a way that surprised us very much. A man got one of our boys all mixed up on some of the most foolish doctrines you ever heard. He spread them among the boys and for a few days great discussions went on here. Praise God, all but one have righted now.

I have a great pleasure before me to-day if all goes well. One of the missionaries who was on the boat with me is coming to take tea with us.

HOME FOR THE AGED

40 Circuit Avenue, Worcester, Mass.

A home for such as are in great straights on account of age or lack of friends. Each one will be expected to pay according to his ability. “We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak.” Gifts of bedding or of table linen, silver or anything for the table or the house will be gratefully accepted. Address

MRS. EMMA G. HALL
President of the Rest Home Association.
7 Homestead Ave., Worcester, Mass.

Hereafter send all goods for India to MRS. EMMA G. HALL,
7 Homestead Ave., Worcester, Mass.

Japan has sent a Japanese Christian missionary to Korea thus taking its place among missionary nations.

Syria, the land of our Lord, has about two millions of inhabitants.
TREASURER'S REPORT

From December 1, 1907, to January 1, 1908

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, $75.53
Cash, fees and contributions, 1405.18
Subscriptions, 35.24
Sales, 60
Press work, 40.00
Total receipts, $1556.55

EXPENDITURES

Sent to Alice G. Spence (Guindy, India), $1000.00
Postal orders for Guindy, India, 10.00
Sent to Captain Spence (Bangalore India), 200.00
Postal orders for Bangalore, India, 2.00
A. A. M. special contributions, 6.15
Interest on money loaned to the Society, 24.00
Business Manager, salary one month, 25.00
Bookkeeper and office clerk, salary one month, 24.00
President's travelling expenses, 13.02
Packing India cases and express, 3.35
Printing December "All Nation's Monthly," 25.75
Printing wraps and corrections for "All Nation's Monthly," 11.86
Postage on November "All Nation's Monthly," 1.20
Stamps for "All Nation's Monthly," 3.00
Total Expenditures, $1349.58
Balance on hand, 206.97

$1556.55

MONEY RECEIVED

From December 1, 1907, to January 1, 1908

British Columbia—Ella Clark $41.50
California—Fred A. Hunt and family $25, Marblehead collection 1.05, L. A. Turrell 3.00, Forest White 15.00, F. W. Gildersleeve 5.00, Mrs. Elise Hunziker 4.50, W. M. Lamingg $2.75
Connecticut—Mrs. Mary P. Hall's S. S. class $2.40, A. C. G. 500, Mrs. Mabel R. Read 5.00, Mrs. A. F. Tilton 1.00, A. Clinton Winslow 1.00
Florida—Lake City Church $5, Mrs. V. P. Simmons 7.50, H. N. Johnson 50c, Live Oak local 97.02
India—Ella L. Jones $146.63
Kansas—Mrs. S. M. Snow $1.50
Maine—Mrs. B. L. Smart $5, Mrs. Frank Haskell 2.00, Mrs. B. L. Glazer 2.50, Biddeford titling class and church 15.00, Weeks Mills Busy Bees 1.15, Mrs. Edie W. Paine 2.00, Old Orchard local 8.00, Sarah K. Taylor 8.00, Mrs. M. Crane 2.00, Geo. F. Stedman 1.55, Florence Guechel 1.00, Marjory Guchel 1.00, Westbrook A. C. church 6.00, Sabattus local 1.50, Crooseville Junior Mission Band 9.00, Birthday Bank, Berry Mills 5.00, Oxford local 5.00, Mrs. Susan W. Trefethen 75c, M. Hall 2.00, L. D. Small 5.00
Massachusetts—Lowell local $5, Miss J. Louise Dow 1.00, Mrs. Susie Varney 2.50, Augustus White 25.00, Mrs. S. L. Hitch 5.00, B. J. Armstrong 5.00, Mrs. Emma A. Haines 1.50, Brooklyn Church of Second Advent local 200.00, Sandy Hill Church 7.50.
Maryland—M. Hall 2.00, L. D. Small 5.00, Mrs. G. W. Sederquest 2.00, Mrs. Emma E. Wright 50c, Acushnet S. S. quarterly offering 12.00, Acushnet local 5.00, Springfield local 15.00, Westbrook local 45.00, Adkins local 15.00, Worcester local 75.00, New Bedford local 75c, Boston local 50c, Fiskdale local 50c, Salem S. S. 4.15, Whitman local 9.00, Mrs. Keith's S. S. class 3.64, Abel Calkins 5.00, Brockton local 5.00, Mrs. Winn 5.00, Lynn local 5.00, Mrs. Colson 2.00, Tainton local 1.50, Mrs. Hattie Willis 50c, Mrs. Alice Howarth 50c, Mrs. Adelaide Dexter 50c, India Orphans' Children's Meeting, Marion 1.35, Mrs. Petty 1.00, Mr. MacKay 1.50, Grace M. Pike 15.00, Mrs. Elin Fairless 15.00, Mrs. U. C. Davis 15.00, Miss Mabel Gibbon 15.00, Mrs. Nellie R. Sawyer 4.00, Brockton church 1.00, Middle West—Helpers Union 5.50
Minnesota—Mrs. Thomas Bowman $1.00, Mrs. Ethel Schaumburg 50c
New Brunswick—Woodstock local $2, R. Brackett 1.50, R. Mansfield 10.00
New Hampshire—Betsey G. Elliott $5, A. Glendora Clarke $10.75, Mrs. Geo. V. Billings 5.00, M. J. C. Estey 15.00, Bethel A. C. church of Manchester 1.94
New York—M. L. Dowell $75.00, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Morris 2.00, Mrs. Emma A. Haines 4.00, Brooklyn Church of Second Advent local 30.00, Sandy Hill Church 3.50
Nova Scotia—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Woodworth $4.50, Ohio—Nathan Morse $30.00
Oregon—Mrs. H. H. Bradford $12.00, Mrs. Angeline Devine 31.00, Carrie Ellis 5.00, John Day local 5.75, Mrs. Jennie Works 50c
Rhode Island—Mabel E. Place 50c, Roland Albright 1.00
Vermont, Northern—St. Johnsbury collection 5.11, Morrisville collection 19c, W. B. Patch 3.00, Lella Patch 1.00, Harold C. Patch 2.00, L. S. Griswold 2.00, Lucy Griswold 1.00, G. L. Prior 1.00, G. W. Tabor 1.00, No. Hyde Park collection 2.00, No. Hyde Park local 1.50, Northern Vermont 20.31
Vermont, Southern—B. M. Caswell $8, Mrs. Fancher 10.00, Waterbury 19.34, Bristol 4.05, Bristol local 50c, Ella E. Dana 5.00, Castleton 1.15, Fair Haven 2.71, Mrs. Hawks 1.00
Washington—Mrs. W. J. Manchester $1, Mrs. S. C. Stahley 5.00, F. Hansen 1.00
Wisconsin—H. W. Snow $10.00, Henrietta Staeger 1.05, Mattoon Church 4.20
State Unknown—F. B. Nichols $5, Mrs. Ella M. Davis 3.33, Mrs. E. M. Coler 1.66, Mrs. G. S. Havens 1.00, Mrs. M. Hatfield 5.00, Mrs. V. J. Seymour 1.00, Mrs. Marian C. White 5.00, Transit Fund $281.71, Sales—60 cents, Subscriptions—$21.24
Press Work—Maine—Mrs. S. K. Taylor $10.00, Grace L. Bodge 25.00, New York—Hoosick Falls local 5.00
Total receipts—$1481.02.

Babies' Home and Industrial School

Previously acknowledged $1070.41
Received this month 14.25

$1084.66

BOYS' ORPHANAGE (CHINA)

Previously acknowledged $114.60
Received this month 2.00

$116.60

AMA Z. BUTTON, Treasurer.

There are 500,000 blind men in China; that is, one in every 100 souls.

In Abyssinia, where missionary work is exceedingly difficult the Bible receives a hearty welcome.

Penny postage has been extended to Egypt and the Soudan.
MRS. ELIZA P. ALLEN, SO. VERNON, VT.

OUR OLDEST MEMBER

Mrs. Eliza P. Allen of So. Vernon, Vt., is nearly ninety-seven years old, being, we think, the oldest member of our W. H. & F. M. S. When your editor presented the India work in So. Vernon Mrs. Allen, erect in form, quick to hear, clear in vision, and full of intelligent interest sat in the audience and by her attentive sympathy and serene loveliness gave an uplift to the meeting and brought cheer to the heart of the speaker. Five years ago we published the pictures of our dear aged sisters Mrs. Staples and Mrs. Radcliffe. Mrs. Staples is still living, nearly as old as Mrs. Allen, and totally blind, but like Mrs. Allen is surrounded with loving children and grandchildren and is full of faith, hope and love, waiting for the coming of the Lord.

GROWING OLD

Softly, oh, softly, the years have swept by thee,
    Touching thee lightly with tenderest care.
Sorrow and death they have often brought nigh thee,
Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear—
    Growing old gracefully,
Gracefully fair.

Far from the storms that are lashing the ocean,
    Growing old gracefully,
Near each day to the pleasant home light,
    Gracious and bright.
Far from the waves that are big with commotion,
    Growing old gracefully,
Under full sail and the harbor in sight—
    Cheerful and bright.
Past all the winds that were adverse and chilling,
    Peaceful and blest.
Past all the currents that lured thee to rest,
    Peaceful and blest.
Far from thy course to the land of the blest—
    Peaceful and blest.


HOW MAY I KNOW?

"The year is new, how may I know
Through all its months the way to go?
How may I know just what to do
To make me useful, kind and true?"

The sun smiled down and seemed to say,
"I'll shine upon you every day,
And in your soul God puts a light
Which tells you always what is right."

L. A. S.

A MISSIONARY POTATO

Did you ever hear the story of two American boys who had no money, and wanted to help Missions? They found a potato—this was all they had to work with, but they carried it home, cut it up, and planted it in a nice spot, and took extra care of it. God sent His dew and sunshine to make that potato flourish, and when harvest came the boys dug up forty-one good, sound potatoes. At the next meeting the potatoes, carefully washed, were taken by the boys, and on each potato was a paper pasted, with these words written in their best hand:

"This is a missionary potato; its price is ten cents. It is from the best stock known; it will only be sold to one who is willing to take a pledge that he will plant it in the spring, and give every one of its children to Missions.

(Signed)

James and Stephen Holt."

Each of these two boys had more than eight shillings for the collection when the plate went round that afternoon, and the missionary potatoes are still, I expect, growing and multiplying. If any of you are very poor, and have nothing to give in money, can you not be as ingenious as these boys in America? Can you make your gardens missionary gardens? Can you get pennies for bunches of flowers? Remember, God makes us all able to do something for Him.—Homes of the East.

THE CHRIST

Christ is a path, if any be misled;
    He is a robe, if any naked be;
    If any chance to hunger, he is bread;
    If any be a bondsman, he is free;
    If any be but weak, how strong is he!
    To dead men life is he; to sick men health;
    To blind men sight, and to the needy wealth;
    A pleasure without loss, a treasure without stealth.

—Giles Fletcher