I am sending you an old picture of the first Adventist that we know of in India. It was taken in 1883. When I was in Bangalore recently, overhauling Capt. Spence’s library, I came across this picture and begged it from Mrs. Spence.

Now let me introduce you to this company, reading from left to right. Those standing are Capt. Spence whom you all know; Mr. Brown, Army school-master; Mr. Hamilton, master in engineering college, Madras; General Armstrong of the British army. Those sitting are Miss Campbell, the nurse maid to General Armstrong’s family; Mrs. Allan, then Dora Nixon; Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Spence and Miss Armstrong.

Mrs. Allan tells me that this party met on Sunday at General Armstrong’s house in St. George Fort, Madras, for the breaking of bread and an exposition of scripture from one or other of the gentlemen. To come together in this way meant coming from the four corners of Madras, and Madras has been called a “city of distances.”

This Sunday meeting was for their own spiritual refreshing, but for aggressive purposes a Bible reading, mainly on doctrine, was held each Tuesday evening when outsiders would be present, and sometimes argument waxed warm. Three of the number now sleep; Captain Spence, Mr. Hamilton and Mrs. Armstrong. All suffered ostracism for the cause, but this only made them hold more tenaciously together.

Mrs. Armstrong had a small library which she used to the benefit of a great many, especially the young.

Mrs. Allan says that she never remembers a more strenuous, loyal and aggressive company of Christians.

We now and then, run across people in Madras who believe as we do who owe their first light to some one of this company.
ABOUT the middle of January every year there is a big feast that is observed by all castes and kinds. It is called “Pongul.” The word “Pongul” means the boiling up time, and that it is indeed, for it is the time when all natives, no matter how poverty-stricken, must provide the household with new clothes and new cooking utensils. If one could but visit India and see the rank, filthy way in which the lower classes of natives live, then they could appreciate this splendid ordinance of “Pongul” at least once a year. I think the better class of people perceived how slack and uncleanly these lower classes would get, and they brought into their religious ceremonies a time for cleaning up once a year. It begins with sacrificing new rice to the gods. That ceremony occupies one day, and is accompanied with all sorts of singing and dancing in the evening before their fires. The next day is “cow-pongul” or the cleaning up of their bullocks and carts. Every old rickety cart must have a coat of paint, even if the owner has to go in debt to do it, and if one wheel can be painted red with yellow stripes and the other blue with green stripes, so much the better. If one cannot afford or procure all these colors of paint, (I say ‘paint when in reality it is some cheap native preparation similar to paint but not so expensive) they will use one color and stripe it off in all sorts of patterns and marks with another color. Then the bullocks are decorated with one horn painted green and the other yellow, or other two harmonizing (?) colors, and have strings of brightly colored beads hung around their necks. Then the third and last day the people don their new clothes and go visiting. The whole three days are full of minor ceremonies and all the time a general clean-up takes place. Sometime during or before the feast, their houses are whitewashed, if not able to whitewash both outside and in, they whitewash the outside rather than inside. If the leaves on their huts are getting old and torn they renew them, and in every way possible seem to have a general repair time, at the same time having the appropriate amount of food feasting going on. There is one disadvantage about this really good feast, and that is the people are seldom far-sighted enough to save money ahead for all these changes, so when the time comes they borrow money and are then the rest of the year, sometimes longer, paying it back. But this is entirely native, to wait until a thing is upon them before they stir to prepare for it. This characteristic is seen in the animals. Goats and dogs lie stretched in the road in the sun, rather than move when we drive along; if the cart wheels come very near their legs, they will simply roll a bit on their backs enough to merely draw their legs from under the wheels, and when we have gone by then let their legs fall into the dirt as if the effort had tired them to death. This same listless manner is everywhere prevalent, and we often wonder what could not India do if she would arouse from her lassitude; but I presume it is because of the tropical climate for we have to almost force ourselves about in the hot weather, and the desire to succumb to the heat is quite overpowering at times. Thus you can see with the people as listless as they are how the natural outcome would be a filthy condition, and how great a blessing is this “Pongul” or cleaning-up time of the year, then for a few months at least, things look fresh and fairly clean.

Scripture Examinations for our Native Workers

As has been stated several times, in the columns of All Nations, our workers are now taking a regular course of study with examinations annually. The object of this is twofold. First to promote Bible study and second to determine the knowledge and ability of the workers. The questions for these examinations are prepared and corrected by Mrs. Allan. This course comprises Scripture, Doctrine, Church History and Fundamentals, and partially does the duty of a distinct Bible school in equipping our workers. The following are the questions given in New Testament, and Church History at the last examination.

NEW TESTAMENT

(St. Luke’s Gospel)

1. For what special purpose did St. Luke write his gospel? Give proofs of this purpose from the gospel itself. In what respects is it a fuller gospel than the other gospels?
2. What was the mission of John the Baptist? What lessons are to be learned from his life?
3. Name all the hindrances Christ suffered in His ministry. How did He meet them? Draw a parallel between His ministry and ours of today.
4. Name six parables that are only to be found in St. Luke. What bearing have these on the purpose of his book?
5. Write all you know of the Mission of the Seventy, Mission of the Twelve, the Divinity of Christ, the call of Matthew, the Transfiguration and the Temptation, the Last Supper, Christ’s Testimony of John, Christ’s reproof of James and John.
6. What happened at Bethany, Bethlehem, Bethsaida, Capernaum, Nazareth, Gethsemane, Gennesaret?
7. Narrate the parables that Jesus delivered to show that “Men ought always to pray and not to faint”—that some “Trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others.”
8. What was Christ’s teaching and practice with regard to the Sabbath?

CHURCH HISTORY

(First Four Centuries)

1. What part did the following men take in the history of the early church Constantine, Arius, Gregory Thaumaturgus, Tertullian, Paul, Herod Agrippa, Eusebius?
2. Name three enemies of the church who came to a fearful end, and describe the end of each.
The Guindy and Velacheri Sunday School Picnic

WINNIEPRF ALLAN

T HREE o'clock one Friday morning found the Guindy compound alive with the clash and clatter of pots and pans, the shouting of orders, and the talking of girls. There was an air of excitement about the place, for it was the day of the Sunday school picnic. Every one was hurrying to and fro, each intent on getting her work done; so that when five struck, everything was packed and everyone ready.

Out of the gate the long line of girls filed, chattering and filling the air with their laughter and singing. On they walked, till the mist that hung over the place disappeared, and the sun began to show itself above the horizon. By the time we reached the landing place, it was broad daylight; and another day had dawned in all its tropical heat.

Amidst great excitement (for it was the girls' first trip up the river) we managed to get into the boats drawn up at the water's edge. But what added splendour to the setting off was the gaily decorated boats, with the Sunday school banners, the Union Jack, and the Stars and Stripes waving in the breeze.

The girls started very quietly, some of them half afraid, but soon the novelty of the situation wore off, and they began to chatter and sing. Each boat seemed to vie with the others in singing the most hymns, which to the listener must have presented a peculiar conglomeration of tunes.

The usual small excitements followed; such as trying to fish when the boat was in motion, and landing as our catch after a good deal of patient waiting, bits of straw or rubbish which we pulled up with the greatest of pride. The two dogs were another excitement. They refused to leave the boat till getting disgusted with the distance between them and us they braved the water and dripping and full of dirt entered into a boat where there was none too much room to spare.

After what seemed to us a long absence we finally reached home, tired out, but very happy.

There is nothing in all the world so important as children, nothing so interesting. If you wish to be of any real use in the world, do something for children.—David Starr Jordan, President, Leland Stanford University.

“Captivate the children and youth by your own enthusiasm. Show them by incident and illustration how the Gospel leads from darkness into light.”
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THERE has recently been printed on our press at Vilacherie, a little book called "Leaves Worth Turning," which contains short sketches of incidents that have occurred in connection with our mission. Mrs. Allan has arranged these in a most pleasing manner, and they make very interesting reading. We expect they will be especially busy ones for our workers because of the campmeetings, and the mission interests which are represented there, and we ask that our readers will make the work and workers an especial object of prayer during this time.

BROTHER Hudson baptized two, the last Sunday in April, making twenty-nine he has baptized since going to the field.

THE AURORA COLLEGE FUND

From questions that have been asked us recently, we fear that the matter of the room at Aurora College, for which we are endeavoring to raise $500, was not made clear by our former article regarding it.

What we are endeavoring to do is to raise $500 for the college fund, and should we do so we are promised that one of the class rooms will be called the "Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Room" and have a suitable tablet on the wall, or plate on the door, that those who visit the college, as well as the students, may know that our society was interested and materially helped in establishing the college. The Helper's Union women in the Middle West are endeavoring to do the same, provoked as their president wrote, "by the zeal of the W. H. & F. M."

Both societies desire to raise the required $500 by August 1st. I do not know how much they need for the balance of their $500, but we still lack $356.50 of the required amount. A bit of sisterly rivalry to see who shall get the amount first will do us no harm. Let us not let them beat us. Thirty-five dollars more is already in sight, and are there not fifty-five of our readers who will take a five dollar share in this? If so, let us hear from you, and if you cannot give five dollars, give what you can. Every little helps.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual business meeting of the W. H. & F. M. Societies of Northern Vermont and Quebec, will be held in the John Smith cottage on Beebe campground, Thursday, June 27 at the close of the public mission service. All locals are requested to send delegates.

EVA I. MCKENNA, President,
GILLIAN E. DEAN, Sec. and Treas.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

The fifteenth Annual Convention of the general society, will be held in the tabernacle on Alton Campground, August 13, 1912. Sessions are planned for morning, afternoon and evening, further particulars of which will be given next month.

FROM OUR WORKERS

The annual meeting of the W. H. & F. M. S. of the Southern Massachusetts District was held in Taunton, May 8, 1912. Although the rain fell almost in torrents at times, the meeting was well attended, forty-five members representing nine locals of the district being present. The meeting was opened by the President. After a devotional service Sister Francis addressed the company with hearty words of welcome, which were responded to by Sister Scott. The presidents of the locals represented gave interesting reports of each local, showing that the work has gained in interest during the year. While there has been a slight falling off in membership in some places, there has also been a gain in others sufficient to warrant the belief that the W. H. & F. M. S. of this district is holding its own. All are doing something although the results may be small in some instances.

The objects which are helped are, home work, China, India and India boxes, support of children in India, educating of children in India, support of one orphan and two day pupils in India, Sister Saunders' salary, the Capt. Spence Memorial, Boston Bible School, Aurora College.

The Whitman local with seventeen members, mentioned, perhaps more definitely than others, the different objects they were working for, which I feel might be an inspiration to those who feel themselves to be weak if I mention here. They were, home work, China work, Sister Saunders' salary, the Capt. Spence Memorial, Boston Bible School, Aurora College, support of one orphan and two day pupils in India, besides a mission study class. They have "Unitedly, a heart to resolve, a mind to work and hands to execute."

Brockton, with thirty-five members is next on the list, in reporting several objects for which they work. Surely the work goes on blessedly.
Let us of the Southern District not be discouraged but take hold with more determination than ever before to accomplish more than we ever have in the past.

The election of officers resulted in electing Mrs. Carrie E. Scott, President; Miss May C. White, Vice president; Mrs. E. A. Bennett, Secretary; Mrs. L. J. Francis, Treasurer.

In the afternoon Sister Horton rendered a solo after which Sister Cassidy gave an address on "The Problems which the Missionary in China has to meet." After the address Sister Cassidy sang in the Chinese language "He Will Hold me Fast." Altogether the meeting was harmonious and profitable.

E. A. BENNETT, Sec.

THE Eastern District W. H. & F. M. S. meeting was held at Lowell, Mass., May 15, 1912. The meeting opened by singing and reading of scriptures and prayer. In the absence of the District President, Sister Chadsey presided, and the chair appointed Mrs. McLean as secretary pro tem.

Representatives were present from Boston, Chelsea, Somerville, Haverhill, Melrose Highland, Lawrence and Lowell, also a good representation of the Y. W. A. from Boston.

Readings were read from the different locals.

A report was given by the young ladies' society of Boston.

A solo was then sung by Mrs. Elizabeth McLean.

An address was given by Sister Scott, and questions were asked and answered informally. The address was on the life of Miss Saunders and her work. Also telling how the first mission society was started in Brockton. Afterwards she emphasized basket meetings.

Curios from India were on exhibition and during the intermission there was a basket lunch, at which the ladies of the Lowell society served tea and coffee.

Mrs. Scott, State President, presided over the evening meeting. Mrs. Merrill of Lawrence read the Scripture. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Long of Lowell. Mrs. Chadsey introduced Miss Bertha Keeney, dressed in costume. She gave some of the reasons why she had offered herself for India. Lillian F. Welch of the Boston Y. W. A. favored us with a solo. The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Chadsey. She spoke of the wonderful growth of missions in a little over a century and of conditions in India.

ELIZABETH MCLEAN, Secretary pro tem.

A joint meeting of the W. H. & F. M. and Auxiliary societies of Rochester, N. H., it was voted to hold a missionary concert at the church, Sunday evening, May 19. The service began by singing hymn No. 1 in the "Golden Sheaf," followed by a Psalm read responsively. Prayer was offered by the pastor after which the choir sang an anthem entitled "The Laborers are few." The program was continued by several readings, the topics being chosen to emphasize the idea of mission enterprise and liberality to support it. The music furnished by members of both societies included missionary anthems and a ladies quartette. An offering was taken at the close. Altogether it was a splendid service and enjoyed by all.

ADIE I. LEAVITT, Sec. W. H. & F. M.
RETA WORMWOOD, Sec. of Auxiliary.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas: The enemy death has again entered our ranks and taken away our beloved sister, Mrs. Clara Haffenden, wife of Elder Charles Haffenden, who was a faithful and earnest worker in all our Church work, especially the missionary department, serving as president of both our State and Portland Local Societies for ten years, being a leader and organizer of no small ability.

Therefore be it:

Resolved, That we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband and daughter and all other relatives in their great loss, and we do earnestly pray God's abundant blessing and consolation to them through the dark night of this present world and keep them until the shadows flee away and the bright eternal day dawn.

By order of the Portland, Oregon, W. H. & F. M. S.

(Mrs. J. D. Norman, Committee.
(Mrs. Loretta Northrup,
(Mrs. C. A. Mead,

GENGAMMAL BEGGAR
ELLA L. JONES

SOMETIMES ago some of you may have read a little about the demon goddess, Gengammal, and will be interested to hear about her beggar.

She came along the street with the roll of drum and jingle of bells. She was bent and old; her hair showed no signs of ever having seen a comb; or her clothes water. Upon her head rose a glittering tinsel crown, some nine inches high, in the shape of a cobra's head with hood spread. The long, black cloth body hung down the back, reaching almost to the ground. A smaller cobra hung from each arm and from her belt in front. About her waist and ankles were little bells that jingled at each step.

In her hands she carried a bunch of sacred leaves, a stick and a fork that reminded one of the pictures of Satan with his pitch-fork. And it did not stretch one's imagination to see in her a true servant of the fallen prince. She was altogether loathsome.

Stopping before each door she sang her devil song, in a high cracked voice, till the mistress brought her some oily looking stuff to drink. She poured a little upon the ground as she turned herself about muttering some prayers. Then holding the cup above her head she poured the greasy fluid down her own throat to satisfy the goddess.

Some of the remaining grease she ordered given to the baby of the house.

Again beginning to sing, this representative of devil worship went through some fancy steps, most ridiculous to see from one so stiff and bent.
At this juncture offerings of rice were put into the basket borne by a servant, thus completing the ceremonies, when drummer, priestess and servant moved on to the next door.

**THE LITTLE MOUNT FESTIVAL**

**C. H. HUDSON**

This festival is held annually the first week of May, professedly for the purpose of bringing to mind the fact that the Apostle Thomas, when traversing this region, caused a spring to gush forth from a rock on the top of this Mount. the water from which has been running ever since (1). Knowing that many people would be gathered there, I made my way to the place, accompanied by Zachariah and a good supply of tracts. After arriving, it appeared that instead of gathering for worship, the people had gathered there to eat pig and amuse themselves in every way possible. It certainly was a picture of a modern church fair of the worst kind. I hope there are not many others like it. It seemed as though all the pigs in Southern India were gathered there, big pigs and little pigs, and what a noise they did make. Many were cut up in pieces and exposed for sale, on the road side, amidst the dirt and dust of the surroundings. Can you wonder that a festival of this kind is most always followed by an outbreak of cholera? After making our way through large numbers of beggars of all descriptions, many of them wearing huge crucifixes, we found our way into the church, and what a babel it was. Large quantities of candles were for sale. After procuring two or three the pilgrim on his knees would crawl up to the other end of the church and offer prayers before the various images. In front of each was a large money box and if you did not drop in something, I suppose it was useless to expect any return. There were as many Hindus as Roman Catholics engaged in these rites, hardly able to distinguish any difference between this and their own religion, except that the idols had different names and instead of breaking coconuts and burning camphor, they burnt before them candles and offered incense. Many poor mothers, who had traveled for miles, were there with their children, and after rubbing their hands over various parts of the images would rub them over the same parts of the child, thinking, no doubt, that by so doing they might transmit some of the virtue.

After climbing to the top of the Mount, we found the rock. There was a stone building erected over it, entrance to which was gained by a hole in the wall, and a lad was stationed inside to bring forth a little water in a vessel and exhibit to any doubter, like myself, who might happen to come along.

What will those who are responsible for the above have to say before the judgment seat of God? We did our best to bring light to their dark minds by distributing much suitable literature and went away praying that the God of Truth and Light might bring results.

**BUSY DAYS**

**J. M. SAUNDERS**

The march of events in our mission life brought us the last week of April to our annual theological examination. The schools were closed for the holidays Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday morning, bright and early, the workers began to arrive and soon Guindy compound was a very lively place. At nine o'clock the bell rang for the first sitting and all were soon busy writing their papers, five sittings of three hours each were necessary to answer the questions on the following subjects: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Bible Companion, Doctrine and Memoriter.

The days were well filled with work but the evenings were free, so we arranged for a quasi-campmeeting. Notices were printed and distributed. These brought in some from outside, mostly young men from the Saidapet college.

The speakers, were Messrs. Sigamoni, Gnanapragasam and Raju of our own mission, Mr. Vethanayavam of the Scottish mission, Madras, and Mr. Nathaniel of the Bible Society, Madras (Mr. Nathaniel did a great deal of translating of Adventual literature in Mr. Massilamoni’s time, he is still doing some for us.) The subjects of the addresses given were, “Life,” “Eternal Life, when and how obtained,” “Workers together with Jesus,” “Caste,” and “Long-haired Christian.” (This for men.)

After the speakers were through there were lively discussions on most of these subjects.

The older girls of the orphanage were keenly interested in the meetings and asked if we could not have some more like them. A word of appreciation is due the girls who did the cooking for the large number of workers; the latter were so well pleased with the way they were catered to that they took up a collection and handed it to Mrs. Allan to give the girls a treat.

The meetings and examination ended Friday night, and we feel that they were profitable for all who attended.

Saturday morning we faced another busy day. It was salary day and all of the work in connection with this had to be got through with by nine o'clock as the Teachers’ Association meeting was to begin at that hour. Before we were hardly ready for them the people began to gather and soon the seating in our school room was taxed to its fullest capacity. For two hours we listened to Mr. Daniel, the sub-assistant inspector of schools, lecture on a new method for teaching the infant class which he wishes to introduce into all of the schools in his range.

The next interesting feature of the day was the arrival of the home mail which brought us very cheery news.

Sunday was another full and happy day. In the afternoon two of the orphanage girls were baptized, after which we all met for the Holy Communion. A very fitting close for the week.

God’s place for a Christian is where he is needed.
HOW WE SPENT EASTER

C. H. HUDSON  

I was asked by some friends recently to give them an account as to how we spent our Easters in India. Up to that time only one had been spent, and that in itinerating, so much could not be said. Now another Easter has passed and gone and I will tell you how that was spent.

Good Friday morning a few of us worked to complete a paper that had to be off the next day, in the afternoon a number of the boys toured the village to tell the people of a meeting we were planning for the evening. When evening came the boys went out again to gather the people in and they came in in good numbers. We had an interesting meeting, consisting of lantern pictures, short talks and singing. At the end of which several of the villagers openly confessed their belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. This does not mean that they intend serving Him, but I trust that the day is not far distant when many in this section will come to that decision.

Sunday morning some of us made our way out to Jeldenpet, where we had the privilege of commemorating the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ by leading two down into the waters of baptism, in a pond close by the Gospel Hall. After which we observed the Lord's Supper, and extended to them the right hand of fellowship, in behalf of the church. These two are a very bright couple, the husband was formerly a Hindu, and the wife a member of the Brahma Samaj. I believe that God will use them mightily among their heathen friends.

Again in the afternoon a similar service was held at Guindy, where six of our girls were baptized, and received into the church, and one little child was dedicated to the Lord.

Thus ended our second Easter in India. We trust that if the Lord should tarry, and others should follow, they will all be as profitable as this.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Receipts for May, 1912.

California—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis, $400; Treasurer of Western Board, $18.50; Lottie Hudson, $2; San Francisco local, $5; Treasurer of Southern California, $75; Tustin local, $7.50; Los Angeles local, $32; W. McKee, $3; W. R. Young, $8; Alice Raymond, $3.50; Mr. Miner, $3; George F. Skey, $5.

Connecticut—Hartford local, $11; A. Clinton Winslow, 50c; N. L. Curtis, $475; S. S. Atkins, $10; East Norwalk Church, $690; Amasa Morse, $10; Hattie B. Fox, $5.

Florida—V. P. Simmons, $2.

Idaho—Mrs. M. O. West, $1.

Iowa—Mrs. A. Raymond, 50c.

Kansas—Mrs. Ronia Porter, 25c.

Maine—Mrs. W. M. Snow, $1; Gertrude Simmons, 25c; Princeton local, $2; Mary M. Ober, $3; Albert Wight Kennison, 20c; Alfred Miller Kennison, 20c; Isabel Wright Kennison, $1.00; Reatha A. Glover, $1;

From Fannie Halliday’s Mission Box, $2.12; Tira B. Tibbetts, $1.

Massachusetts—Joseph Hamilton, $25; C. W. Burglingame, $5; Whitman Church, 50c; Lynn Church, $1.00; Worcester Church, $1; F. A. Waters, $1; Westfield local, $10; President of Middle District, $3.28; Boston local, $6; Melrose Highlands S. S., $2; Augustus White, $10; Boston Y. W. A., $15; Worcester local, $25; Somerville local, $28; Fiskdale local, $1; Middleboro local, $5; North Carver local, $6.50; North Carver S. S., $3; Mrs. Percy Osborne, $3.

New Brunswick—Woodstock local, $14; St. Mary’s Ferry Y. W. A., $3.

New Hampshire—Lakeport Y. W. A., $1.80; Rochester Church, $261; Manchester Y. W. A., $2; Northfield Narrows local, $4.03; Manchester local, $4.50.

New York—E. M. VanDyke, $1; Schenectady local, $2.

North Carolina—W. M. Cummings, $3.75.

Nova Scotia—Charlesville local, $3; Delap’s Cove, Y. W. A., $5.75.

Ontario—Toronto local, $10; Toronto Sunday School, $5.


Quebec and Northern Vermont—Moses Baird, $1; Elder Lary, $1; M. O. Vanty, $5; E. I. McKenna, $5; A. P. Oliver, $2; E. I. McKenna’s S. S. class, $9; Carrie Weed Briggs, $5.10; Montreal local, $10.

Rhode Island—North Scituate S. S., $15.60.

Vermont—B. M. Caswell, $6; Watertown local, $6; West Newbury Junior Mission Society, $6; Rutland S. S., $5; Mrs. A. C. Beckwith, 25c; Mrs. C. L. Herbert, 25c; Mrs. N. J. Miles, 25c.

Wisconsin—H. H. Snow, $10.

Sales, $3.79

Subscriptions for month, $13.75

Total receipts for month, $388.50

Boston Bible School Home Fund

Amount desired, $1,000.00

Previously reported, $337.95

Received this month, $41.00

Balance needed, $3,612.05

Aurora College Fund

Amount desired, $500.00

Previously acknowledged, $177.00

Received this month, $16.50

Balance needed, $316.50

MAUDE M. CHADSEY, Treasurer.

NOTICE

In harmony with the requirements of our By-Laws, notice is hereby given that at the annual convention, August 13, section 3 of Article VIII of our By-Laws will come up for amendment, to provide for the representation of our Young Woman's Auxiliaries at our annual convention.

The local at Dover, N. H. has been having a membership contest and as a result sixty-six new members have been gained. This local now numbers more than one hundred members. We have asked that a detailed account of how the contest was carried on be written for next month's paper, that other locals may profit thereby.

Jesus Christ is the centre of everything and the object of everything, and he who does not know Him knows nothing of the order of the world and nothing of himself.—Pascal.
Dear Miss Rowe:

As secretary of our Young Woman's Auxiliary in St. Mary's, I have been informed that I must write a "newsy" letter to you concerning our society. I think a letter has already been written to you saying that we were organized and telling who our officers are.

We have a membership of twelve with prospects of two or three more in the near future. Enclosed you will find three dollars for our membership dues. Probably you will be interested to know what we are doing in our society. We hold our meetings once in two weeks. After the opening exercises we have a business session and then a lesson on China. Of late we have not been having our lesson but our president, Mrs. Morrell, has been giving us a short address. After this we usually sew or do fancy work for a while before adjourning.

After we get a sufficient amount of fancy work finished, we intend holding a sale in order to get some money in our treasury. Each girl contributed one piece of work to the society at first, so that gave us a good start, without any expense to the society.

At present we are very busy preparing for a parlor musicale under the direction of Miss Alice Bates. This is to be held sometime in May at the home of one of our members. We will charge an admission fee and we hope our treasurer's account will be greatly increased by it.

On March 11, 1912, we held a sacred concert at the Advent church, St. Mary's. The pastor was absent that evening and the Auxiliary took charge of the meeting so the church would not be closed.

We are very sorry to say that two of our members are sick. One is in the hospital with typhoid fever and is gradually improving; the other is at home with whooping cough. At our last meeting we took a special collection to buy flowers for the one in the hospital. We appointed a sick committee to visit the sick, also to select the flowers and present the same.

We have selected as our motto, "And the people had a mind to work." We hope if each member bears this motto in mind that we will make a success of whatever we undertake.

May 8, 1912.

Lenta G. Hall,
St. Mary's, N. B.

Cradle Roll Reception

The month of June is an ideal month for Cradle Roll receptions. Then if ever come perfect days and the gathering may be held out of doors or indoors as fancy dictates. If there are but few members in the "Roll" and space permits, the invitations should include baby friends with their mothers, that they may become interested and possibly members of the "Roll." This may be made a most interesting occasion for the babies. They will enjoy seeing each other and if old enough they can play games, have stories told to them and have a little light lunch. The mothers will enjoy watching the children and the stories may be of interest to them if they are about the children of other countries. This will be a good time to tell them about our work in India and give them sample copies of the "All Nations" or interesting tracts on mission work.

To help make out a little program, older children can be invited to speak or sing and perhaps some person invited to give a talk to the mothers on child life or some other interesting subject.

The invitations should include a request to bring the mite-boxes to be opened at this time. When this is done the mothers should be told about our schools in India and what it costs to educate a child.

In closing the Cradle Roll Hymn should be sung and prayer offered that these babies may always be numbered among the "King's Jewels" and that they will learn to love the Master and His Jewels in other lands.

Cradle Roll

Albert Wright Kennison, Brownville, Maine, January 17, 1912.
Alfred Mills Kennison, Brownville, Maine, January 17, 1912.
Clarence Munger Dean, 178 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn., October 19, 1911.
Marjory Genevieve Lay, 66 Burnham St., Hartford, Conn., April 15, 1907.
Dorothy Irene Lay, 66 Burnham St., Hartford, Conn., April 12, 1909.
Muriel Evelyn Lay 66 Burnham St., Hartford, Conn., April 23, 1912.
Dorothy Harlow, Portland, Me., February 14, 1911.