A SIDE FEATURE OF THE WORK

C. H. Hudson

We have had in vogue here now for almost a year a scheme of scholarships that I do not think I have told you of. They started in this way: Two bright little fellows were suddenly taken from our school. Meeting them, some time after, I learned that they were working in a cigar factory, from seven A.M. to five P.M. daily, rolling cigars, receiving Rs two—(sixty-four cents) per month for their services. I knew the parents were very poor, but tried to persuade them, for the sake of the boys, to make a sacrifice and allow them to return and continue their studies. This they were not able or willing to do, so the idea suggested itself that we pay them Rs two—which would go a good way toward providing them with food, allow them to go to school half time and work in the press the other half. This arrangement pleased all parties very much. The change in their appearance was soon evident, they put on flesh and were able to eat well, which they were not able to do before.

Since then I have taken in seven boys on the same terms and there are others who would like to come in the same way. They all are Hindu boys and some are exceedingly orthodox. Being small the work they do does not amount to much, but they are enabled to continue their studies, earn something toward their support, and by receiving daily instruction in God’s Word we trust that their eyes may be opened to receive Christ as their Saviour.

Now my reason for writing this is to bring a side feature of our work before you, thinking that some might be led to undertake the payment of a boy’s salary. We do not want you to adopt them, for they have parents who care for them, neither can we give them a Christian name, for they have as yet shown no desire for the things of Christ. This is something that only those who are willing to take chances for God will care to have anything to do with. It is an investment though, that might bring you in one hundred per cent. and more besides.
OUR FEATHERED NEIGHBORS

Anna N. Hudson

DURING my first year in India I often remarked on my disappointment in the birds of India, those about our immediate compound, I mean. That of course was while we were at Guindy, but since we have been in Velacharie I have had to change my opinion regarding them. I have since noticed that the same birds that I see here inhabit Guindy vicinity; but perhaps because of more trees here than there, or because I was so exceedingly busy there I did not have time to particularly notice them.

In and outside of Velacharie compound are many trees of various kinds, but inside they are mostly cocoanuts, palmyras and mangoes. Trees of course attract the birds and as there are some quite near the bungalow we have many and splendid opportunities of watching them. At home one hears so much about the beautiful plumage of India's birds that naturally they expect most all birds to be of brilliant colors.

The most common and the biggest nuisance is the beady-eyed black crow. He is practically the scavenger of India, and altogether a pest and a thief. His raucous cawing is ever to be heard and I often wonder if there is one little spot in all India that knows him not.

The minor is a quaint bird, about as large as a robin; and black and white in color. It is very intelligent and is often trained to speak like a parrot, though it never could pose as a prima donna in Birdland, for its song is merely a rasping squawk.

There is a beautiful blue bird, much larger than the robin, of which I do not know the name, and of which I have never heard much in the line of song, but it is decidedly conspicuous, because of its beauty. Also we have a very small, pretty, black and white bird, which steps about so daintily and sings like a lark. It is called because it is somehow held sacred by the "pa pons" or Brahmins. It is about so daintily and sings like a lark. It seems near enough for a good inspection, but its song is often heard amid the trees.

The "seven sisters" are very common, both in looks and numbers. They remind me of the proverbial "old maid," being a dull greyish drab in color and never content to attend to their own affairs but must continually be quarrelling with their "sisters."

There is a pretty red, white and black bird, something like a woodpecker, but larger. It has a long bill and large tuft of feathers on its head, and gets its living in the same manner as a woodpecker. It always seems too busy to ever let us hear its song. Then there are dear little brown birds that hop about the shrubbery and keep up a soft little chirping while hunting for bugs, etc.

The largest bird that I have seen around is the majestic brown and white kite, or "pa pon" bird, so called because it is somehow held sacred by the "pa pons" or Brahmins. It is about the size of a large hawk, lives precisely the same sort of life, and is a terror to all smaller birds and animals.

These are a few of the many, but I must not forget the lovely little green parrots that occasionally come about, with their peculiar little squawk. They are so pretty, and just the shade of the foliage, therefore they are more often heard than seen. Mr. Hudson bought one of a man on the streets of Madras a few weeks ago, and we thought we were going to have a fine pet, but though it was tied to a perch, and even chained when it bit the string through, it managed to gain its freedom. We think it has mated with another parrot that kept coming in the near trees and calling it, and has now made a nest in one of the palmyra palms. No doubt it is far happier and we must be content to watch it occasionally at a distance instead of at closer range.

EXTRACTS FROM MISS KEENEY'S LETTER TO THE BOSTON Y. W. A.

For some unknown reason, Miss Keeney’s monthly letter for the paper has not reached us this month; and as we know there will be many of our readers who will be disappointed if they do not hear from her, we give some extracts from a letter she has recently written to the Boston Y. W. A. who are her associate missionaries for February.—Editor.

February in beautiful, sunny India has gone, and sunnier weather is before us. You, who spend most of the day in Boston, as I did, can appreciate how I enjoy the beautiful trees and bushes that grow so easily here. But the sun, we foreigners cannot enjoy. The other morning I went over to the hospital with our doctor to see the little girl who was recovering from fever, as Mrs. Allan had gone to the dentist's. The sun was not very bright, so I put on my sun-hat, but took no umbrella. When I came out it was so dazzling that I ran to the school veranda, and soon one of the girls brought my umbrella without anyone suggesting it. The feeling is the same as hurrying to get out of the rain at home.

I believe our Sugundie is your Maude Whiting. If her name has a good meaning, that is, if it is not the name of a god or goddess or something pertaining to them, it is not changed; but otherwise she takes a Christian name when she is baptized. At first I was glad there is a Lucy and a Mary, etc., for I could remember them, but now these names to me seem very foreign to the girls. You have one of the sweetest Christian girls here. She was baptized last Sunday, but ever since I have been here, and probably some time before, she has had a testimony Sunday afternoon. Their pictures never look as well as they do. Some of the girls are real pretty and refined appearing.

When Mrs. Allan leaves us in April I will be initiated into some of the problems of India. How I wish I could speak Tamil as she can, but I am doing my best with this language which is
far more difficult than English. To-morrow's lesson is exceptions to rules already learned and two and one-half pages of examples.

It is only ninety-three degrees now, and the nights are comfortable, but with boiled water and tropical air, which contains much less oxygen than that of the temperate climates, I have to fight to keep awake, but in a short time I will be used to it. It is surprising to me to see how quickly the days pass, although we are up at 5.30 in the morning.

I hope that by next February I may be able to do much more real missionary work. Oh, to be faithful anywhere and hear the "Well Done" is a goal worth our striving for.

Bertha E. Keeney.

ELLA L. JONES

FAREWELL ADDRESS GIVEN MISS JONES
BY THE NATIVE WORKERS

Dear and Esteemed Sister in Christ:

On behalf of the members and friends, of the American Advent Mission Tamil Church in this part of our Presidency, we the undersigned, would have dispensed with the ceremony of a public and formal leave taking on the eve of your departure to your homeland, had we not been impelled by a sense of duty to seize this opportunity to publicly acknowledge our debt of love and gratitude to you.

At this parting hour we cannot help looking back with delight and satisfaction on the pleasant days we were allowed to spend with you as your fellow laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

For six and a half years you have labored amongst us and our own people in the towns and villages of this spiritually benighted land, and never have you fallen short of the requirements of the great responsibilities of your high calling; but year by year you have continued to place before us a high ideal of self-consecration and self-sacrificing service for the speedy coming Lord.

This is not the time, nor is ours the office of proclaiming to the world your many virtues as a missionary, for the simplicity of your Christian life is known, appreciated and respected by all denominations of Christians here and elsewhere.

But we are met here to thank you for the words of loving advice and counsel which you have spoken to us, from time to time; and for the hours of useful activity you have spent with us in the church and in the Sunday school; and for the days of toilsome journey on rough roads, sinking sands, soft mud and flowing water through which you worked your way in order to reach our humble folk living in far off villages and remote hamlets.

The picture comes to our mind at this moment how when you and our equally dear and esteemed sister, Miss J. M. Saunders, went into a village you attracted men and women, young and old, not to speak of thoughtful little girls and playful little boys, who felt a comfort in your presence and listened to your caressing words of love which helped them to feel that there is a Redeemer and Saviour who loves little children as well as grown-up people. Nor can we forget the little assemblies which gathered under shades of trees to listen to your inspiring Gospel messages, and how you would be taken home by some of the hearers, especially by the women, that you might partake of their humble repast and how you would enjoy their humble fare as it was the very manna fallen from the clouds.

Your knowledge of Tamil has made it possible for you to preach to our people in that beautiful language. You have, we know, many high class Hindu women friends whose houses you have frequented with Gospel messages. You know them as slaves to ignorance which is a terrible task-master. It keeps from them all knowledge of the outside world. Its victims know little or nothing of the beauties of nature and violate daily her laws, and sad indeed is the penalty they pay. You have seen them during your visits to their homes as they wept over their first born who, but for ignorance, might have lived. Your heart has bled for them as you have seen them suffering from pain and anguish, inflicted by ignorance. To these Hindu women, then, Christian education holds up a harbinger of light, and opens up avenues of usefulness and of happiness, joy and peace.

And, finally, our dear and esteemed sister, we commend you to the protection of our gracious Lord and Father whom you have so faithfully served in this land in the midst of scoffing Mohammedans, and doubting Hindus; and unite in fervent prayer to Him that He will so rule wind, and water as to give you a happy and prosperous voyage both to and from your native land, and enable you, in His own time, to return with renewed health and strength to work with us and amongst our countrymen in His vineyard and for His glorious cause.
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A GLIMPSE AT THE W. H. & F. M. ROOM
IN AURORA COLLEGE.

The following letter from Bro. Jenks will give our readers an idea of our room.

PERMIT me on behalf of our school to heartily thank the women of the W. H. & F. M. Society who contributed so kindly to our new buildings. We have yet much to accomplish; but with our new buildings we are in far better shape than ever before to make a strong appeal to our people to send their sons and daughters to our college. The Advent Christian people have here buildings of which all who have seen them are justly proud and among the contributors to this commendable undertaking, the W. H. & F. M. Society holds a conspicuous place.

Our school has given two missionaries to India. It is our prayer that the Lord may continue to send forth from our school many more young men and women to the foreign field.

A thousand thanks for your generous help. Whenever any representative of the Society passes this way, we want such a one to feel assured of a most hearty welcome within the walls of Aurora College. Again thanking you and your excellent body of women and asking for an interest in your prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christian service,
O. R. Jenks.
THE FIELD WORKER’S TRIP TO NEW YORK AND ONTARIO.

(Concluded.)

At Wayland the ranks are so depleted by death and removals that little could be done in the way of permanent work. We were kindly entertained by Bro. and Sister A. B. Saxton, who are zealous for the spread of the Gospel; the meeting was well attended by friends from the other churches in town. We trust that Pastor Raymond’s earnest labors may build up the cause at Wayland.

At Toronto we were royally welcomed by pastor and people. The Toronto pastor and his people knew how “to do things.” The service Sunday evening was well sustained in every way. Many little incidents in the course of the evening, lifted the meeting and demonstrated the mission spirit of the people. A brother from Eastbourne, England, referred to his recollection of Bro. Hudson as “a little fellow” in the Eastbourne Sunday school, and of the joy he felt to know of the grand work of Bro. Hudson in the foreign field. And such “congregational singing!” We have not heard such singing for years. Pastor Carter does not need a selected choir. “All the people” praised the Lord in song. The volume and harmony were delightful. A brother from the East, providentially in the meeting, assumed the support of a boy in India. The local held a meeting the following evening at the pastor’s residence, and voted to support a Bible Woman.

The last Sunday in February was spent at South Butler, N. Y. We regretted the absence of Pastor D. W. Hall, but the Lord raised helpers, and the meetings were profitable to the cause of God. Our efforts resulted in the formation of a local. Though small in numbers, the sisters are brave, and propose to labor earnestly to maintain the work in the South Butler Church, and have a share also in the foreign field.

Two dear girls of the Sunday school under the teaching and guidance of Sister Wescott, were already doing mission work, and we were glad to receive them as auxiliary members of the local.

A few days of the following week were spent at Massena. We were glad to see an awakening there and a reconstruction of the local which had become inactive.

Sister Buro has also taken charge of the Junior Society which we organized, with Sister Flossie Dow as her assistant. Seventeen wide-awake boys and girls responded to the call.

Bro. Buro arranged appointments at Osnabuck Centre and Eight Concession. While at the latter place we were treated to a severe blizzard which retarded our efforts. We succeeded in holding two services, and felt repaid by the expressed appreciation of many who seldom meet any of our people from the New England States. Fully two-thirds of the congregation were young men. With the thermometer at twenty degrees below, we were driven ten miles to Osnabuck Centre for a service on Tuesday evening. The audience was largely made up of friends from another church in the village as the Advent Church is very weak in numbers. The Sunday school supports a child in India and we were glad to tell the people of our work as a denomination in India.

On our return to New York State, we stopped off at Massena, and attended the first social meeting of the Juniors, held at the parsonage. The proceeds of the evening were to purchase material for future work of the society. Some of the fathers and mothers of the children were present and thus encouraged the children and their leaders, who are planning and sacrificing so much to lead these little ones into useful Christian lives and service.

At Stockholm, March 6, the severity of the weather made it necessary to defer the mission meeting until the following evening. A few, however, were able to reach the church and by invitation of Elder Kerr who is at present supplying at Stockholm, we led a prayer meeting. On Friday evening a larger number were present. One result is the hopeful sign that in the near future another young woman’s auxiliary will be added to the force of young people now engaged in mission work. Our prayer is that the women of our churches in the New York Conferences may all soon come into line with the organized body of the denomination for carrying on Mission Work in India, and thus “help hold the ropes” while our self-sacrificing workers go down into the dark places with the Gospel torch.

Annie P. Smith.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE FIELD

J. M. Saunders

THE organ has at last arrived in perfect condition, it is a beauty. It came last Saturday (March 22) and we had a service of song Sunday night. Nearly one hundred were present; and Easter Sunday seemed an appropriate day for our resurrected organ to be dedicated. We told the story of how it had been saved from the sea for us, and we hope that God will bless its ministry to the salvation of some. We purpose having a special song service every Sunday evening and we shall endeavor to enlist the help of all the Christians in Saidapet.

We had quite an excitement on the compound March 20, when two snakes were killed. One of them was a cobra.

The season for important Hindu festivals is here and we are making the most of these opportunities to distribute our literature and sell Scripture portions.

Our weather is still very kind at night time, but the mid-day gives us a taste of what we have to endure the coming six months, but if we have good health we will get through all right. We are praying that Miss Jones may be a great help to the cause while in the Homeland, also that we may have reinforcements next autumn.
INDIA BOXES

Our April shipment was a fine one. Three large boxes were sent containing 150 yards of cloth, 305 garments, 5 small quilts, 6 blankets, 75 towels, 160 bars soap, 30 tins canned goods, a baby carriage, a large quantity of school supplies, a large bag of tape, nearly 20 dozen spools of thread, and a good supply of needles, safety pins, silkatine, etc., scrap books, Scripture picture rolls and cards, table cloth and napkins, 16 books for the library and missionaries, toys, dolls, and many other things, besides several nice presents for the missionaries from their friends, and the locals. It was easily perceived, by the numerous gifts that came in for her, that baby Ruth Anna Hudson was the most thought of missionary at this packing. Among other things received were some "surprise bags" from some of the Massachusetts locals for the missionaries. These were bags containing useful gifts for the work which had been filled by the members of the local each giving something, and were marked for the missionaries to distribute as they thought best. We think they might well be called "joy bags" for their contents will certainly bring joy to those who receive them.

Besides these boxes eight splendid wall boxes for the schools, some of them eight feet long, all fitted on map racks, were given by a Massachusetts sister, who is a teacher, and who has given most liberally to the India shipments for the past two years. These would not go in the boxes; but will be crated and sent, as soon as Miss Jones reaches here and we are able to advise with her regarding the best way of shipping.

Cash or articles for the boxes were received from the following places:

Alberta — Lethbridge.
Connecticut—Bridgeport, East Norwalk, Hartford, New Haven, Winsted.
Maine—Biddeford, Kennebunk, Mapleton, Milltown, Portland.
New Hampshire—Belmont, Center Haverhill, Glen Cliffe, Pittsfield, West Epping.
New York—Arena, Hoosick Falls, Penfield.
Oregon—Gardiner.
Vermont—Newport Center, St. Johnsbury, South Vermont.

If any individual or society has sent a contribution, of either cash or goods, from any place that is not named in the above list please write to the office at 5 Whiting Street, Boston, Mass., about it.

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

The Home has been recently presented with a beautiful oil painting entitled "The Student." The picture was painted from life, by Miss M. Adeline Tiffany of Hartford, Conn., and presented by her to the home. The frame, which was specially carved for the picture, was presented by the Hartford W. H. & F. M. local.

A barrel of potatoes from a farmer friend of the school has also been received since last report.

REPORTS FROM THE HOME FIELD

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts locals will be held at Somerville, Mass., June 10. The business session will open at 10.30 A.M. There will be addresses in the afternoon if the business is finished in time. Miss Ella L. Jones, our India missionary, will be the speaker of the evening. We trust that there will be a good delegation from all the Massachusetts locals and that our churches in the vicinity of Boston will be well represented at the evening session. Luncheons will be provided by the Somerville local.

A BASKET meeting of the Eastern Massachusetts district is to be held at Marblehead, May 21st, afternoon and evening. We trust all who can do so will plan to attend. Miss Jones will be one of the speakers.

We had a meeting of our mission society yesterday, when we packed the box for India. There were forty-four shirts and twenty-eight bars of soap. We are few in number, but hope to see the number increased soon. We were very much interested in the lecture Mrs. Smith gave here this winter. She gave us a steroiptican lecture giving us a glimpse of the workers and buildings erected in India and told of the great work there.

A. M. Church, Penfield, N. Y.

A FEW weeks ago we received a letter from the president of the Nooksack, Washington, local telling us of a missionary evening they were planning, and the following report of the evening, we believe, will be of interest to our readers:

I thought you would be glad to know how we got along with our mission program. The weather was fine and we had a splendid audience; the church auditorium was full and we had to open one of the class rooms. Our program lasted two hours and fifteen minutes; but every one stayed until the close. Many brought things for the mission box and our collection for the evening amounted to $11.94. With that money we purchased blankets, cloth, pencils, blanks, etc., and packed a large box. This is the first time Nooksack has packed a box for India and every one took hold of it with a will. It was a great surprise to me when I was chosen their president; but it is a pleasure to be the leader of such a band of loyal women. They are always ready for every good word and work, all I have to do is just say we are going to do this or that, and they all go at it with a will.

We meet to sew twice a month and it is encouraging to see the numbers that come, and
On the evening of March 19th the Y. W. A. Society of Worcester, Mass., held a meeting with the W. H. & F. M. Society, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Sawin, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of David Livingstone. There were thirty-two present and a very interesting program was given; one that showed considerable preparation. Two papers were read: one on the missionary work of Livingstone, written by Mrs. Stanley Reinhart and read by Miss Ethel Piper. Another on Stanley's search for Livingstone was read by Mrs. Frank Dana. An extremely interesting talk was given by Percy Batchelor on the history of Africa and the geographical discoveries of Livingstone. Mr. Batchelor used a large pen and ink map, which he had drawn himself, and pointed out Livingstone's march through the interior. The music was contributed by a Ladies' Quartette composed of Mrs. Frank Dana, Miss Ethel Piper, Mrs. Charles Powell and Mrs. Prescott Hough. Several short sketches were read by members present, touching interesting events in the life of Livingstone; and a recitation by Miss Florence Holmes was enjoyed. All agreed that the program was instructive as well as helpful in a missionary sense, and realized more clearly the work and sacrifice of one man in the cause of missions.

Mabel M. Hough, Sec. Worcester Y. W. A.

The annual business meeting of the W. H. & F. M. Society for Quebec and Northern Vermont will be held on Beebe campground, Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Bro. George Smith's cottage, directly at the close of the afternoon mission service. We earnestly request every local to send delegates for this meeting. Also please send articles, useful and fancy, for the sales counter which will be conducted as usual.

Mrs. E. I. McKenna, Pres. 
Mrs. H. E. Dean, Sec. and Treas.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Receipts for April, 1913
California—Mrs. T. A. Kelsey, $1; San Francisco local, $5; Mrs. L. A. Turrell, $5; E. J. Cotton, 75 cts.; Sister Sisson; $5; Tustin S. S., $4.36; Lordsburg local, 50 cts.; Los Angeles local, $1.50.
Connecticut—Danbury tithing class, $13; C. & P. Gale, 75 cts.; Hartford local, $11; Mrs. A. T. Washburn, $1; New Haven local, $6; Mrs. N. L. Curtis, $10; Sarah Hallock, 50 cts.; East Norwalk local, $22.
Florida—V. P. Simmons, $1.
Idaho—Mrs. H. T. West, $5.
Maine—Bluehill Falls S. S., $3; Susie Dow, $1; Julia Howard, $1.50; Milton S. S., $5; Biddeford local, $6; Bangor Mission Study Class, $15; Winnifred M. Dixon Dyer, $1.
Massachusetts—Boston Church, $3; Lynn local, $9; Mrs. M. M. Goodell, $25; C. W. Burlingame, $3; Mrs. Abdel Calkins, $15; Eva G. Lord, $10; Emma Crabtree, $1; Worcester local, $27.75; Worcester Y. W. A., $17.75; Somerville local, $13; Anonymous giver, $5; Fiaskdale local, $10; Fall River local, $3; Westfield local, $2.50; John J. Cornelius, $1; Carrie L. Hamblin, $1; A. A. Stiles, 75 cts.; Alice Crofton, $5; New Bedford local, $1.25; Alice Benedict, 30 cts.; Isabelle E. Moore, $1; Augustus White, $10; M. M. C., $11.60; Brockton local, $7; Mrs. C. E. Butterworth, $5; H. V. C., $27; Zion Hill Young People's Society, $5.60; rent, $19.
New Brunswick—Woodstock local, $8.50.
New Hampshire—Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Chamberlain, $5; J. M. Currie, $13; Intermediate Girls' Class, Meredith, $5.75; Easter collection, Meredith Church and S. S., $5; J. A. Walker's S. S. Class, $15; Mrs. Andrew Phelps, Jr., $10.
New York—A. B. and Kate Saxton, $5; E. M. Van Dyke, $1; Hoosick Falls local, $4; Junior Bible-Class, Arena S. S., $3.
Oregon—Portland local, $50.50; Mrs. Angeline Devine, $7.
Quebec and Northern Vermont—Danville local, $15; St. Johnsbury local, $10; Mrs. R. M. Heath, $10; Carrie Weed Briggs, $6.
Rhode Island—Rocky Brook S. S., $5; North Scituate S. S. $15.60; Treasurer of R. I. and Eastern Conn., $11.
Vermont—Brattleboro Junior Mission Society, $3; South Vernon local, $15; East Roxbury A. C. Sunday school, $7.38; Elder and Mrs. Orza Boyce, $20; B. M. Caswell, $30; Richford A. C. Church, $5.
Virginia—Anna E. Rowe, $1.
Washington—Clarkston local, $9; Nooksack local, $1.
Wisconsin—LaValle S. S., $7.60; Magnolia Mission Band, $15.
Sales, $1.30; All Nations subscriptions, $21.01; total receipts, $706.15.

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME FUND
As promised last month, we give the report of how this special home work fund for the rest of the year stands. At the beginning of our fiscal year (August 1912), we owed on the mortgage $2,800; and our desire is to reduce that amount to $2,000 by the end of July.
Amount desired $850.00
Already received 124.73
Balance needed $674.27
Maude M. Chadsey, Treasurer.
"THEY ALSO SERVE"

They also serve who only stand and wait,
Close bound with chains of circumstance by fate.
Forbidden in the race to prove how fleet
Toward victory might win their eager feet.
With hearts that hunger for the stress of life
Only afar they hear its stir and strife.
Pent souls like swords of heroes dead, that must,
Forgotten in their scabbards, slowly rust,
Or like those blades for subtler service meant
In baser uses soon be dulled and bent.
Ah, with what breaking hearts, early and late
They also serve who only stand and wait!


SINCE I have been requested to write a letter concerning the Y. W. A. of Delap's Cove, N. S., I will now try and tell you what we are doing.

First, I will say that our president Miss Clarice MacCaul, who has been sick in Waltham, Mass., for nearly a year, where she has undergone surgical treatment, is now in much better health and we expect her home soon. Mrs. Jane Burney, a good woman filled with the missionary spirit, has filled her office as president since last October when we got our society in working order again. Since then we have held regular meetings each month, two of which we held in the church. There are a great many who attend these public meetings and thus become interested in this great work. We are thinking of holding a meeting in the church every two months. Our main object is to get the people of our community interested in mission work.

Since last November we have raised $19.40. We are thinking of adopting a child in India to support, $12.50 a year has already been pledged toward it. At our last meeting, which was held in a private home, two new members were voted in our society, who as soon as they were voted as members pledged $2.50 toward the support of a child. We hope to have many more members before fall and as we increase in membership we will be able, I trust, to do much more for the cause.

Mrs. Lola Sproul, Sec.

MY DAUGHTER WILL WEAVE.

By a loom in Hull House I paused, when the long day of weaving was done. The emptying shuttle flew swiftly across the yielding warp as the loose last end of the "blue rags" ruffled over the clean white threads on the loom. The clocks outside were striking the hour that closes the workman's day, while beside the door stood the master-weaver, speaking words of cheer to the outgoing, weary but faithful toilers.

The Russian mother arose from her loom and started from her bench. Homeward, of course. But, no! She stopped and, from a seeming confusion of colors and shades, she selected another filled shuttle that matched the pattern before her. A weaver's swift knot, the quick test, a single flight of the new shuttle and one strong push at the bar. Then, as if to explain her infinite care, the mother turned with a smile of joyous confidence on her tired face and said, "My daughter will weave there to-morrow."

Alone in the dusky twilight, though jostled by throngs rushing homeward, I thought of the Christian mothers who have ended their day at life's loom. I thought how His pattern that they followed so closely must be finished by other hands; how they knotted the new lines of service that no break might be found in the web, and tied them fast to the great work begun. His pattern still waits for the coming. "My daughter will weave there to-morrow."—Sel.

June is a good month for Cradle Roll Receptions. We hope each superintendent is planning to hold one.

CRADLE ROLL

Virginia and Elizabeth Lincoln, April 24, 1913, Belmont, Mass.

Ruth Anna Hudson, March 8, 1913, Guindy, India.

"Bless all our cradle babies,
Wherever they may be;
Although in homes so scattered,
Thou every one dost see.
We love them, and thou lovest them,
Oh! may they grow to be
A band of little Christians,
Obedient, Lord to thee. Amen."