The East and The West

In Christ there is no East nor West,
In Him no South nor North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.

JOIN hands then, sisters of the faith,
What e'er your race may be!—
Who serves my Father as a child
Is surely kin to Me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

—Selected and Adapted.
A PARABLE

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Mrs. H. Grattan Guinness

A WEALTHY farmer, who cultivated some thousands of acres, had by his benevolence endeared himself greatly to his large staff of laborers. He had occasion to leave the country in which his property was situated, for some years; but before doing so he gave his people clearly to understand that he wished the whole of the cultivated land to be kept in hand, and all the unreclaimed moor and marsh lands to be enclosed and drained and brought into cultivation; that even the hills were to be terraced, and the poor mountain pastures manured, so that no single corner of the estate should remain neglected and barren. Ample resources were left for the execution of these works, and there were sufficient hands to have accomplished the whole within the first few years of the proprietor’s absence.

He was detained in the country to which he had been called very many years. Those whom he left children were men and women when he came back, and so the number of his tenantry and laborers was vastly multiplied. Was the task he had given them to do accomplished? Alas! no. Bog and moor and mountain waste were only wilder and more desolate than ever. Fine, rich virgin soil by thousands of acres was bearing only briars and thistles. Meadow after meadow was utterly barren for the want of culture. Nay, by far the larger part of the farm seemed never to have been visited by his servants.

Had they been idle? Some had. But large numbers had been industrious enough. They had expended a vast amount of labor, and skilled labor too, but they had bestowed it all on the park immediately around the house. This had been cultivated to such a pitch of perfection that the workmen had scores of times quarreled with each other because the operations of one interfered with those of his neighbor.

And a vast amount of labor had been lost, in sowing the very same patch, for instance, with corn fifty times over in one season, so that the seed never had time to germinate and grow and bear fruit; in caring for the forest trees as if they had been tender saplings; in manuring soils already too fat, and watering pastures already too wet.

The farmer was positively astonished at the misplaced ingenuity with which labor and seed, skill and time and strength, had been wasted, for no result. The very same amount of toil and capital expended according to his directions would have brought the whole desmesne into culture and yielded a noble revenue. But season after season had rolled away in sad succession, leaving those unbounded acres of various, but all reclaimable, soils barren and useless; and as to the park, it would have been far more productive and perfect had it been relieved of the extraordinary and unaccountable amount of energy expended on it.

Why did these laborers act so absurdly? Did they wish to labor in vain. On the contrary, they were forever craving for fruit, coveting good crops, longing for great results.

Did they not wish to carry out the farmer’s views about his property? Well, they seemed to have that desire, for they were always reading the directions he wrote, and said continually to each other: “You know we have to bring the whole property into order.” But they did not do it.

Some few tried, and plowed up a little plot here and there, and sowed corn and other crops. Perhaps these failed, and so the rest got discouraged? Oh, no; they saw that the yield was magnificent, far richer in proportion than they got themselves. They clearly perceived that, but yet they failed to follow a good example. Nay, when the labors of a few in some distant valley had resulted in a crop they were all unable to gather in by themselves, the others would not even go and help them to bring home the sheaves. They preferred watching for weeds among the roses of the overcrowded garden, and counting the blades of grass in the park and the leaves on the trees.

Then they were fools, surely, not wise men; traitors, not true servants to their Lord.

Ah, I can’t tell. You must ask him that. I only know their Master said: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,” and that eighteen hundred years afterwards they had not even mentioned to one-half of the world that there was a Gospel!

BITS OF NEWS

Bertha E. Keeney

LAST Sunday was Communion Sunday. We had a testimony meeting. All the boys from Vilacheri came to it, and the workers also. The spirit seemed very good.

I have just been reading in John, which I will have for my lesson to-morrow, the 17th and 18th chapters. Studying it out in a foreign language helps one to understand it much better, and impresses it on one’s mind. In one place the literal Tamil is, “To-day a decision is being made for the whole world, the ruler of the world is judged.” It is so clear and plain that it is very effective. Can you think what it is in English?

My teacher is very interesting. He is quite interested in the Bible now, and is asking me what different verses mean, and sometimes says what he thinks they mean, which often is not true. I feel that I am doing real missionary work with him, as he is a loyal Hindu. It takes more time than if he were used to the Bible, and was a Christian, but it is a splendid opportunity. Also he tells me of Hindu customs and religious beliefs that a born Christian would know little about.
January, 1914

To-day is a Hindu holiday. All Hindus refrain from work, and sacrifice a hen or a goat before their carriages, working tools, machines, etc. Then they draw these things over the blood and pray that they may not hurt anyone, that is, take any more blood during the year. Afterwards they spend the day in pleasure.

One day Sunthoshum carried off the sewing class scissors, which are quite expensive, and no one could get her to tell them where she put them. Soon one came telling me that Sunthoshum was crying and said she did bring them back. I asked who saw her take them, and several big girls said they did, so I told them they were to blame for letting a little girl go off with them, and if they were not found before Miss Saunders came back, I should have to buy a new pair from their money from the cooking. Somehow or other they were found two days later where we had all looked for them before. Thus their month’s bankruptcy was prevented.

TWO EVENINGS

Anna N. Hudson

We had a very nice “At Home” at the reading room Saturday evening. We all went down, baby and all. There are two or three nice side rooms in which I could keep her out of the crowd very nicely. About one hundred and fifty came to the “At Home” and more to the lecture that followed. Miss Bretherton of the Young Woman’s Christian Association gave a stereopticon lecture on London, which was very interesting. The lantern did not work very well; but considering the circumstances, the evening was a success.

Mr. Hudson preached to a large company in the reading room on Sunday evening, after which we had a nice song service. The men seemed to enjoy singing and music very much. Miss Keeney played the organ. Mr. Hudson is planning to have such meetings every Sunday evening now. Several of our biggest boys will go to help in the singing, they know the tunes and can follow the English words fairly well if they have the opportunity to read them over a few times. We only wish Miss Jones was here to lead us with her strong voice.

We are doing the very best we can, and hope that our best will be made better soon by more help.

HOLIDAY TIME

Ella L. Jones

The holidays have been full of good cheer here at our beautiful college, where nineteen of us sat down to Christmas dinner and made merry; a movement that has lasted all through the week and over New Year’s. Yet my heart and mind will stray to another land and a sigh for a dusky people, a strange tongue, and the beauties of enchanting India will escape the lips. If one could only be in two places at once, I would certainly stay here and study and work in India for some years to come.

One cannot but thank God for the fine lot of students who are studying in the healthful atmosphere of our own school. May our mission societies give our own institution their support by sending their children, prayers and offerings. Thus saving our young people to ourselves and the work God has given us to do.

The sisters of the Helpers’ Union have been so cordial in their welcome to me, and everywhere as I have journeyed from place to place the spirit of friendship and interest in our work has cheered my heart not a little. I have had the pleasure of meeting with the ladies’ societies in a number of places and find them stitching and sewing just like the members of our locals. While we send supplies to the Boston Bible School they send to the college. So we may all join hands and with one heart and purpose work mightily for the building up of the kingdom of God.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Jess M. Saunders

Each year the Americans in Madras have dinner together on our national Thanksgiving Day. This year forty-seven Americans sat down together. We had as guests Dr. and Mrs. Mabie of Boston, Dr. and Mrs. Dennis and four daughters of Washington, D. C. The latter party is touring the world and Dr. Mabie is on a lecture tour. Most of the Americans in Madras are missionaries,—Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and Adventist. Besides these there are the Consul and his wife, a dentist and his wife and two or three Standard Oil men.
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BOSTON, MASS., JANUARY, 1914

FROM different sections we have heard that plans are being made to observe the Day of Prayer, January 9th. We would like to report how many of our locals did so, and would ask that each local that observed the day will send us a card in order that we may know.

VALUE OF THE LESSER SERVICE

WITH the coming of the new year, there comes to most of us the thought that we are turning a fresh page of life; and we feel an impulse to greater faithfulness, to more consecrated endeavor, to attain to a higher standard of Christian living.

The days go on, the holiday mood grows dim, the daily tasks lose again the golden sheen of the new year and grow dull and commonplace, then many of us fail to endure the testing. To go to the missionary meeting when there is nothing special to attract; to be one of the few who are always ready to offer prayer in the little circle that meets from time to time; to secure the extra subscription for the mission paper when others have grown tired of asking; to give the needed dollar when others are not pledging; to go on patiently and persistently with the lesser, seemingly unimportant details of mission work—this is the real test.

To be a new missionary with the farewells fresh in the memory as one leaves home and dear ones is, even in these days, rather heroic. To go on month after month studying a new, difficult language; to perform day after day the unromantic, ordinary duties of a missionary, under conditions far from ideal; to grow discouraged with one's self and still go on faithfully, realizing that these tasks which demand the attention at this New Year's time, will still be demanding attention when 1914 has grown old—this is to understand the “Value of the Lesser Service.”

There is no cause among us that is not being hindered by the lack of these “lesser service” doers. Our churches and mission societies are often weak, not because some one is needed to do great things, but because no one can be found to do the little things faithfully.

Goodness is never easy, fidelity is never cheap. The soldier that wins the day received his training in the drill hall; the courage of the commonplace is the courage of the crisis; and the chief wage of overcoming is promised to those who are “faithful in a few things.”

BETTER THAN WE EXPECTED

AS a result of “Self-Denial Week” and with the nineteen dollars, balance on hand, we were enabled to pay $200 on the mortgage resting on the Boston Bible School Home. This was fifty dollars more than we expected to do at the beginning of the month. The mortgage now stands at $2,500. Shall we not wipe off the $500 by the end of July. We can easily do so if each local and individual gives a little.

MAINE LEADS

MAINE leads the three States, for December, in raising shares for its State school, having now one hundred and thirteen shares taken. Quebec and Northern Vermont comes second with one hundred and two, while New Hampshire has seventy-nine. Hurry up, New Hampshire!

LEAVES WORTH TURNING

THERE are on our shelves several copies of the little book Leaves Worth Turning which we have decided to offer as premiums to our subscribers. For thirty-five cents we will send a copy of this book and All Nations for a year. This offer is to old as well as new subscribers. To anyone sending us five new subscriptions at twenty-five cents each, we will send the book as a premium.

THE book on our denominational mission work is now in the printer's hands; and we hope to have it ready to send out by the first of February. Order from this office at twenty-cents a copy.

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

DONATIONS to the Boston Bible School Home during the past month were thankfully received from the following: Bro. O. H. Robb, Antrim, N. H., 2 bbl. apples, 1 bbl. vegetables; Rev. F. W. Richardson, Pike, N. H., 1 bbl. potatoes; W. H. & F. M. local, Fiskdale, Mass., 1 box canned fruit; Joshua Merriam, Waterbury Ctr., Vt., 1 bag Hebrew pulse; Mrs. May Stanley, Friendship, Me., 1 bbl. apples; Miss Grace Prior, Morrisville, Vt., 1 box canned fruit.

An error was made in the last report in regard to Mrs. A. E. Bradley's age. She is in her 90th year and she hemmed the napkins which she presented to the home.
THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONING LIST

We are thankful:
For the results of the Self-Denial Week.
For the nine new organizations that have been formed during the last few months.
For the faithful local officers upon whom depends so largely the success of the work.
For the many opportunities that are being given to Miss Jones to present the work in the Middle West.
We desire especially to pray:
That at least $1,500 may come into our treasury during January as we shall need that amount to meet the expenses which will be larger than usual this month.
That some strong consecrated man may offer himself for the evangelistic work.
That a large measure of the Holy Spirit may be given to our missionaries and native workers this new year; and that they may see many won for Christ as a result of their labor.

THE FIELD SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MAINE

After a ride of three hundred miles by railroad, thirteen miles by automobile and a mile or more by rowboat, Beals Island was reached Saturday afternoon, November 29th. The low tide, which revealed the huge rocks along the coast, made the landing rather difficult. The climb over the slippery rocks, and banks of seaweed was soon accomplished with the aid of the boatman. In the evening we took part in the "Monthly Mission Concert," in the fine little Adventist Church near by.

There is superior musical talent among the young people at Beals, and the singing was delightful. Solos, duets and choruses seemed to vie with each other for the highest point of excellency. The devotional, the literary, and the musical parts were uplifting and instructive. We could feel the "Mission Spirit" growing.

On Sunday, Eld. W. M. Brewster who had been laboring among the people for several weeks, finished his series of services with two good sermons. An invitation to the field secretary to conduct a social service in the evening was gladly accepted. On Monday and Tuesday evenings the India work was presented with the lantern pictures to large audiences, and much interest was manifested, especially by the young people.

By special request a preaching service was held on Wednesday evening, and at the close the mission band of young people which was organized a few months ago, voted to become a Young People's Auxiliary Mission Society, and adopted the constitution for the W. H. & F. M. Auxiliaries. The new society also voted to adopt a girl in India. These young people intend to take a share in the State work, in the support of the Tiravamur school.

Thursday we went to another part of the island, called Alley's Bay, where quite a number of the members of the Beals church reside. The people have a neat little chapel which is used for a Sunday-school and a weekly prayer-meeting for that neighborhood.

Thursday and Friday evenings the India work was explained to the people who filled the chapel to its utmost capacity. On Saturday evening a company of young women was organized as an auxiliary. This meeting was followed by a preaching and social service, after which a W. H. & F. M. local of six members was formed.

The Beals church has a goodly number of bright, interesting boys and girls. Twenty-two of them were organized into a Junior Society on Sunday afternoon.

The children are fortunate in having Miss Agnes Norton for a superintendent, and Miss Lovena Alley an assistant. With these two earnest Christian young ladies to guide the work, we are expecting great success for the junior work at Beals.

The raging storm of Monday made it impossible to cross the water to the mainland, until the following day. Tuesday and Thursday evenings meetings were held in the Baptist Church at Indian River. The audiences were small as the weather was severe, and very few Adventists in the community. We were glad to bring the friends at Indian River more in touch with our denominational work.

Friday evening a mission service was held in the Harrington A. C. Church, after a cold drive of ten miles. The Adventists are very few in number; but with Baptists and Methodists made up a fair-sized congregation. We found these people exceptionally good listeners; and it was a pleasure to present our mission work, and also to conduct the preaching services on the following Sunday.

On Monday, we started for home, trusting that seed has been sown that will yield returns in the "Glad Harvest Time."

Annie P. Smith.

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Eastern District was held with the local at Lynn, Wednesday, November 5. The afternoon session was devoted to business. The
officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Flora G. Churchill; vice-president, Mrs. Anna Piper; secretary, Mrs. Eva Rowell; treasurer, Miss Helen G. Willis.

The church was well filled in the evening when Rev. Clarence A. Burch gave a splendid address on the work of the missionaries in general, touching particularly on their denominational work in China.

The mission societies of the So. Vernon, Vt., A. C. Church held a sale and social on the afternoon and evening of December 3rd. In the evening a short program was given composed of singing by the children, a missionary response, prayer, recitations, readings and a missionary anthem by a mixed quartette.

The tables were prettily decorated with different colors of crepe paper and evergreen. The articles on sale were fancy work, canned fruit, candy, postcards and ice cream. A very handsome quilt was sold which was made from very small pieces and was contributed by one of the older members of the Woman's Society. With each plate of ice cream sold, cake was given free. The cake which was left was placed on sale.

There was a large attendance which gave support in a liberal way and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. A little over forty-one dollars was realized which is to be used for Home and Foreign Missions.

Mrs. A. B. Gould, Sec. W. H. & F. M.
Mrs. S. J. Martineau, Sec. Y. W. A.
Miss Ellen Johnson, Sec. Mission Bands.

The Boston Y. W. A. held their annual sale Saturday evening, December 13, at the W. H. & F. M. headquarters. The net results of the sale were $66.

R. J. W. SCUDDER, for many years a missionary in India, reports that India Christians have developed wonderfully in the last few years, and are advancing steadily. Disregard of caste limitations which was impossible thirty years ago, is becoming common. There is an eagerness after Western education and customs, and a restless disbelief in the old gods and relics. Temples are decaying and falling into disuse; there is a drawing together of those who have been at variance or unknown to each other. The birth of the South India United Church, in which the various denominations are being united into one church, is another of the hopeful signs of the times.

Heathenism, also, is noticeably on the decline, so that even a native Indian paper shows how thoroughly this is recognized. The Indian Witness, of Calcutta, quotes the following from a native paper: "The sad truth need not be concealed that, on the Dusserah day, though the people of India should rejoice, there is no joy in their hearts. The annual decrease in the number of the images of the goddess Durga during the last three or four decades, amply testifies to this deplorable fact. Thirty or forty years ago there was scarcely a Hindu village in Bengal which had not had its Durga Puja and the glad-some celebrations connected with it. There is now scarcely a village, unless it is a large one where the sound of the drum, in honor of the ten-handed goddess, is heard. The same remark applies with equal force to the city of Calcutta, where the number of images of the goddess is getting less and less every year; and the time, it is feared, is not distant when even a dozen images may not be forthcoming."—Selected.

Stanley, 1914

Social Legislation in India

Four bills introduced into the Imperial Legislative Council in 1912 strike at the very root of India's most pressing needs, and show the stirrings of a social conscience. It is of special significance that three of these bills were introduced by Indians, and the fourth by an Eurasian. The first, on universal primary education, while impossible of enactment, has stirred the whole country, and already the government has voted to increase immediately the number of secondary schools from 120,000 to 210,000. The second bill, legalizing marriages between Hindus of different castes and persons of different religions, voices the sullen
undertone of protest against the tyranny of caste. Another restricts the hours of child labor, and limits the working day to twelve hours. The most significant bill of all affords greater protection to girls under sixteen years of age, and to women. The native state of Mysore has already abolished the dancing girls from all its temples, and the passage of this bill by the Imperial Council would begin to remove one of the most terrible blots on the pages of Hinduism. —Missionary Review.

A BELL AS MISSIONARY

At a town called Ghaziabad, in the north of India, there is a bell which rings to such good effect that it has persuaded two Hindus to come and be baptized. Each morning this bell sounds its musical summons for prayers in a C. M. S. mission compound. A young man who was employed as a servant next door wondered why the bell rang, and inquired of a Christian fellow-servant. The explanation interested him, and he tried to find out more from a non-Christian sweeper who worked in the mission compound. This man had read some of the Bible, and told as much as he could about the foreigners' religion. Next the young Hindu came to one of the missionaries, and it was agreed that he should attend regularly at the mission to be taught. Within two months he had learned to read the Bible through hearing this mission bell ring for morning prayers. —Selected.

Begin the year with God, my friend;
Begin with Him the year.
Step boldly out in untried ways
With courage and good cheer.
He sees the way, He knows the path
O'er mountain-top or vale.
A glad New Year, if here or there,
So free from every anxious care,
He'll lead thee with His own right hand,
With Him thou canst not fail!
Begin the year with God, my friend;
Begin with Him the year.
Step boldly out in untried ways
With courage and good cheer.
He sees the way, He knows the path
O'er mountain-top or vale.
A glad New Year, if here or there,
This year to thee shall be,
So free from every anxious care,
If He but leadeth thee.
—Mrs. Mary B. Wingate.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts for December, 1913

California—The Charity Circle, $5; Oakland local, $7.50; Napa local, $7.50; San Francisco local, $5; San Diego local, $10; Los Angeles local, $9.50; Ellen A. Winn, $1.

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—Martha Benson, $1; Amasa Morse, $6; Chas. and Phebe Gale, $2; Jennie Bannell, $1; Springfield local, $15; Springfield S. S., $18; H. C. Grant, $2; East Norwalk local, $10; Westfield local, $2.50; a friend, $2; Class No. 3., Hartford S. S., $2.50; Hartford local, $22.50; New Haven local, $5.75; B. A. P., $10; Danbury, tithing class, $13.

Florida—V. P. Simmons, $2.25.

Illinois—Mendota Church, $16.45.

Maine—South Hope local, $2.40; M. E. Stanley, $1; Old Orchard local, $15; Mrs. S. S. Atwood, $1; Auburn local, $6.50; Portland local, $16; Rev. E. W. Dyer, $3.75; Isabel Dodge, $1; Mrs. John Marshall, $1; Mary Marshall, $1; Beals church, $7.55; Beals V. W. A., $14; Collection at Alley's Bay, $6.19; Herman Backman, $10; Indian River church, $2.04; Harrington church, $4.70; Bangor Ladies' Aid Society, $10; Clarice Wilson, $1; Ellsworth H. Wallace, $2.

Massachusetts—Brockton church, $95; Augustus White, $10; New Bedford local, $6; Acushnet and Braley Station local, $5; North Carver local, $14.25; Somerville local, $3; Lynn local, $8; Whitman local, $9; M. A. Hulbert, $2.75; F. A. Waters, $1; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. C. Hamblin, $7; Zion Hill Young People's Society, $3.34; J. Fred Black, $1; Emma E. Wright, 75 cents; Lowell local, $5.35; Adams local, $3.75; Anna Adams, $2; Boston church, $10.20; Boston local, $7.59; Alice Howarth, $1.75; E. J. W. Lothrop, $1; Lynn S. S., $2.14; C. W. Burlingame, $5; Mrs. C. C. Butterworth, $5; Clayton Spooner, $1; Viola Bridge, $5; Mary Chapman, $1; Middleboro S. S., $1; Abbie E. Keyes, $2; Lizzie Wells, $1; Rev. and Mrs. John Currie, $10; Brockton local, $11.80; Medrose Highlands local, $6.09; Mrs. Archibald, $1; rent, $19; Lois Ellinwood, $4.75; Whitman church, $55.

Minnesota—Minneapolis church, $10; Annandale S. S., $2.70; Annandale church, $5.

New Hampshire—Evie L. Palmer, $25; Concord local, $3; Farmington local, $17; Annie S. Dyer, $1; Mark Annis, $5.

New York—E. M. Van Dyke, $1; Bedell and Dry Brook local, $8.41; Massena S. S., $5; Class No. 1, Arena S. S., $3; Ella Scott, $1.

North Carolina—W. M. Cumming, $7.50.

Ontario—Toronto local, $15.

Oregon—M. E. and Z. Bloyd, $15.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—Rebecca Marsh, $1; Ella Marsh, $1; M. E. Morse, $50.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—H. B. Fox, $5; Putnam kindergarten class, $1; Rocky Brook S. S., $5; Providence local, $10; Treasurer of R. I. and Eastern Conn., $3.

South Carolina—C. A. DurRant, $7.

Vermont—South Vernon local, $10; South Vernon Junior Mission Society, $6.

Virginia—Emily A. Brundage, $1.

Washington—Seattle local, $1.30.

Wisconsin—A friend, $1.25; Chetek church, $7.50; Chetek church, $1.25; a friend, $1; La Vallee church, $9.42; Watertown church, $5.41; Arena church, $5.20; Magnolia church, $5.86.

Sales, $17.53; All Nations subscriptions, $21.75; total receipts, $707.66.

Maude M. Chadsey, Treas.

New Local

Alley's Bay, Maine.

President, Mrs. Frances Alley; vice-president, Mrs. Priscilla Alley; secretary, Mrs. Amelia Beal; treasurer, Mrs. Estella Backman.
WELCOME, SWEET BABY YEAR
He does not speak, but smiling stands,
Treasures untold within his hands.
O welcome, welcome, baby year!
But what do you bring for us, you dear?
We want glad hearts and contented minds,
What the richest monarch rarely finds;
Willing hands and ready feet;
Kindly words and tempers sweet;
Twelve months of happiness, work, and love,
Like a wee, wee bit of heaven above.—Selected.

WATCHING THE BOOKS WE READ
Mary E. Rowe

BECAUSE of the increasing quantity of cheap literature with its low standard of morals and exciting tales that fire the imagination and lead astray both young and old, it is necessary that we watch carefully the books we read.

In an address given at the Maine State Sunday-school Convention, Rev. H. E. Durnack of Augusta said:

"In our day ignorance is once more trying to uncrown and dethrone humanity. In our day ignorance is swift to see its advantage and use its opportunities, therefore, it forsakes its old methods. It no longer builds scaffolds and lights fires and hides among the rocks with uplifted club. It paints pictures, sings songs and writes books, and so poisons the citadel of man nature, and fills the republic with unbalanced minds and uncontrolled wills. Too long has ignorance written our books, every book stall is filled with them. There is no nature in them that is not false; no characters that are not a sham; no God that is not a fool.

"Our books must enthrone the nature, the man, the God that ought to be seen and known. What makes Les Miserables so mighty, if not the giant Christ marching through its chapters? What lifts Tennyson up and makes him immortal among the singers, if not the fact that he saw the whole round earth bound by gold chains about the feet of God?

"When the Sunday-schools have made this old Bible a part of the warp and woof of every child's life, then a Shakespeare, a Browning, will be born to us who will lift America to God.

"Teacher, give this book to American homes, put it back into our schools. Give it to the rich and the poor, to the saint and sinner. Put it on the desk of the thinker and scientist, the statesman and social reformer, and America will have a new birth of freedom, and ignorance will depart the earth.

"This is your task, to give the Bible to all the people; this is your keynote, 'The Truth shall make you free.'"

CRADLE ROLL

Mary Olive Kennington, September 26, 1913. Wuhu, China.
Elizabeth Caswell Burch, August 2, 1907. Kuling, China.
Clarice Delans Burch, January 8, 1912. Wuhu, China.
Ruth Frances Burch, September 27, 1913. Whitman, Mass.

NEW SOCIETIES
Y. W. A.'S

Alley's Bay, Maine.
President, Ulrika Backman; vice-president, Annie Seavey; secretary, Viletta Alley; treasurer, Lizzie Church.

Beals, Maine.
President, J. W. Alley; secretary, Lovenia Alley; treasurer, Minnie Alley.

JUNIOR

Beals, Maine.
Superintendent, Agnes Horton; ass't. superintendent, Lovenia Alley; president, Diana Alley; vice-president, Rhoda Beal; secretary, Cordelia Norton; treasurer, Belva Alley.

"Just being happy is a fine thing to do:
Looking on the bright side rather than the blue."