Stir Me, Lord!

A Daily Prayer

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world!
Stir me to give, to go—but most to pray:
Stir, till the blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, till prayer is pain—
Till prayer is joy—till prayer turns to praise,
Stir me, till heart and will and mind—yea all
Is wholly Thine, to use through all the days;
Stir, till I learn to pray, ‘Exceedingly,’
Stir, till I learn to wait expectantly.

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord. Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst give
Thine only Son, Thy best beloved One,
Even to the dreadful Cross, that I might live;
Stir me to give myself so back to Thee,
That thou canst give Thyself again through me.

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, for I can see
Thy glorious triumph-day begin to break!
The dawn already gilds the Eastern sky;
Oh! Christians arise! awake! awake!
Oh! stir us, Lord, as heralds of that day,
For night is past—our King is on His way!"

—Selected.
WEDDING BELLS AND OTHER THINGS

Jess M. Saunders

THE schools opened after mid-winter vacation with renewed interest. The work is now in full swing and the days pass by so quickly that we find many a task uncompleted at the setting of the sun.

As yet there has been no account given of our Christmas holidays in connection with the schools, and perhaps it will not be amiss to now give a short report.

The first thing of importance was prize distribution. This was held the last school day of the year. The teachers and scholars had made quite elaborate preparations for the entertainment of guests. Invitations had been sent to parents and friends of scholars and at four p.m. there was as large a gathering as we have ever had in Guindy. The head master’s report showed marked progress in the school. Each year witnesses changes, and this one is no exception. Old girls pass out and new ones come in. This year five who have been with us for many years passed out of the school. They have gone out to battle with the world, and we believe that the training they have received here will help them to be strong and succeed.

During the holidays Hope Nooksack and Lydia were married. Hope married one of our Vilacherie boys. They are now living in Ootomund where he is employed as waterman in the W. Y. C. A. Holiday Home. Lydia married a Madras young man who works in the engineering department. We are happy when a girl leaves us under the protection of a good man. The matrimonial side of our work has thus far been very successful and we are indeed grateful.

Business called the school manager to Conjeevaram one day, and a party of teachers, scholars and evangelists went along too. While the manager did business, the rest enjoyed themselves and did Gospel work by selling Scripture portions and books. We proved that day that even a business trip can be made a very joyous occasion.

The girls have entered upon this year’s work with good zeal. There are evidences that the Lord is with us and is blessing the work. Five girls were baptized last Sunday and received into church fellowship.

We are looking to God for rich spiritual blessings in our work this year.

Finally, sisters, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified.

SOWING THE SEED

C. H. Hudson

I AM sure that you will all be pleased to hear a word concerning our work in Saidapet Reading Room and Lecture Hall. We are now well established in our new quarters. The Government who thought to acquire the land to enlarge the hospital the other side of us have abandoned the project at our solicitation, and that of a few influential friends, whose sympathies we have, and will make their extensions elsewhere.

A series of interesting lectures are being delivered there every Saturday evening. They are all distinctively Christian (excepting one which is one of a health series being given by an Army Doctor), though perhaps not Christian in name, the message is woven in. They are listened to by an interested body of students each week. One very interesting feature of our meetings is the attendance of Indian ladies. At every meeting we have five or six, they are students in the College, attending services each week in English. This is really remarkable for India, where only the very smallest proportion of women can read their own written language. Their presence is a striking example to the educated Hindus who attend, whose wives, girls perhaps, are probably sitting behind the purdah spending their time in idleness. Already one of the Professors in the College has asked Miss Keeney to call on his wife whom he is endeavoring to teach.

Our Sunday evening meetings are wholly religious and not so well attended, but one feature connected with them which is to us very encouraging, is the willingness of the students themselves to help in these meetings. Sometimes one will lead, and another play the organ. These things they are very willing to do and it goes to show the new spirit that is coming over the young Christian students and a desire to do something for themselves.

How many converts have you had? some may ask. Up to this time I do not know of one, but that the work will not return void we are assured. The future leaders of this country, if time goes on, are these young men. We ask your prayers that they may have their hearts touched, that the glorious light of Christ’s Gospel may shine in and abide.

We are still in need of good books, and three or four subscriptions for good magazines. Our own denominational papers we supply ourselves. May God bless those who make this work possible and give them good interest for their investment.

HIS WORD NOT VOID

Anna N. Hudson

MARTHA, my sewing-class teacher, came to me the other day very much upset because seven girls from the caste village could not come to the class any more. She said their parents refused to allow them to come because we were making Christians of them. This is a feature that must be expected. These girls have been under Christian teaching daily now for four months and the fact of the parents taking notice of them enough to refuse to allow them to attend shows that some of the teaching has remained in their minds and been repeated at home. They have learned several Christian lyrics and no doubt have sung them over and over in their homes. The climax came upon
Martha’s drawing them in to the Sunday-school on Sunday. For three Sundays she had a lovely class of ten very bright interested girls, but last Sunday she had only four. We can only hope that their parents will allow them to return. Some of the girls from the cheri side are also absent now, but they are compelled to go out into the fields and help reap the paddy which is now ripe for harvest, and then gather and bind up the straw. So for a month or two the sewing class will consequently be rather small.

The work that they are doing is much better now than at first, but I still have difficulties in making them keep the work clean. If you sometimes think the price you pay for their work is rather high, please remember that very little real profit comes to the mission but goes to them in wages, and thus they are brought under the sound of the Gospel.

\[\text{IN THE LAND OF ROSES}\]

\text{Ella L. Jones}\n
They say that distance lends enchantment, but some way it is just the opposite with me. When I am in India, that is the most beautiful place in the world. The East was full of charm and Canada was a dream of beauty. The Middle West held forth attractions that seemed unsurpassable, but now as I breathe the scented air of fair California, it certainly seems the best of all. Oh, the delight of the feeling, the scenting and the seeing. Every day is a joy,—only duty will come a creeping and conscience keeps pricking until a letter is written to the \text{All Nations}. 

So think of me as happy, and loving the whole family with joy love. Many a morning I feel ready for India, but something gives way later in the day, and I know that sufficient strength is not yet mine. But this dear homeland must certainly hold enough vitality to give this native daughter her share.

For cheer and gladness, oh, Father, we thank Thee.
THE STATE SCHOOLS

Quebec and Northern Vermont reports five more shares taken in its school during the month, making one hundred and twenty-eight in all and leaving but sixteen more to be secured. New Hampshire has added five to its list which makes one hundred and six in all, with thirty-eight more to raise. Maine reported the full number of shares pledged last month and now reports one hundred and sixteen dollars as paid. With a little extra effort, we feel sure that both Northern Vermont and Quebec, and New Hampshire will be able to raise the amounts they need during April.

THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONING LIST

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High." We are thankful:

- For the three new societies that have been added to our organization during the past month.
- For the sixty-six new subscribers that have been secured during the month.
- For the five Guindy girls who have recently been baptized.
- For the $75.00 that has come in for the press work.
- For Mr. Pulicoden's returning health, that enables him to take an active part in the work.
- “Let your requests be made known unto God.” We desire especially to pray:
  - That four hundred and twenty more new subscribers be added to our list before August first.
  - Fourteen were added during February and sixty-six in March. Let us add one hundred for April.
  - We would have three hundred and sixty if each local, Y. W. A. and Junior Society would send one new name. Surely all could do that. How many will?
  - That some consecrated couple may offer themselves for the India work. There are those who are seriously considering the matter. Let us earnestly pray that if they are the ones to go, that God will open the way.
  - That wisdom may be given the executive board in making plans and arranging for the speakers at the campmeetings.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, in view of the loss we have sustained by the death of our Sister Mary O. Smith, Resolved: By the W. H. & F. M. Society of Brockton, Mass., that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not less mourn for our sister who has been taken from us.

Resolved: That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed, to say that in regretting her removal from our midst, we mourn for one
who was in every way a faithful worker, and ever ready to aid the needy, one whose upright and noble life was a standard of faithfulness to her sisters.

Resolved: That the heartfelt sympathy of this society be extended to her husband and family in their affliction.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this society, and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased sister, and the Mission paper, *All Nations Monthly*.

Carrie E. Scott,
Emma Billings,
Com. on Resolutions.

**WHEREAS**, death having entered the W. H. & F. M. Society of Lynn, Mass., and taken from us a beloved member Mrs. Charlotte B. Latham, therefore be it

Resolved: That there has gone out from our midst one who in quiet strength and cheerful courage of her daily life has ever been an inspiration to us who have been associated with her.

Resolved: That as she was a devoted mother and faithful friend the family and we shall miss her sunny presence so much the more; but while the precious memories comfort us, we have the brighter hope of greeting her again in the presence of the Christ whom she loved so well.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and to *All Nations*, also spread upon the records of this society.

Emma M. Searles,
Ellen Colbath,
Ida J. Brock.

**MISSIONARY ALPHABET**

Always attend the meetings.
Be prompt.
Collect money and pledges often.
Do all things heartily as unto the Lord.
Every one can do something—
For Jesus’ sake.
Give systematically.
How much owest thou my Lord?
Invite your neighbors.
Join faith and works.
Knowledge insures interest.
Learn about the work and you will love the work.
Make preparations for the meetings.
Never become discouraged.
Omission, not mission, is written against too many of our names.
Pray, pay, and persevere.
Quiet, persistent, prayerful work is needed.
Read the missionary magazines.
Study the needs and the fields.
Talk about the work.
Use your influence to interest others.
Vow and pay thy vows unto God.
Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.
Expect great things of God.
Young people can do much to further the cause of missions.
Zeal, knowledge, and love will insure success.

“Will you go?” “Where?” “Anywhere, somewhere, at home or abroad, to carry on some work for the Lord Jesus.”

**THE MONTHLY FAST DAY**

In the *All Nations* for March there was a list of things for which our beloved editor asked us to pray. After reading each item carefully I thought, now every reader of this paper wishes the very best for our work in all parts of the world.

Once upon a time not long ago there came a message to us from the East (Boston), which brought many blessings into our lives. Now, you may wonder what that message was. It is this—one of our brethren suggested a “denominational fast day” and said, “Let it be the first Thursday of each month.” Some are keeping this day unto the Lord and are receiving answers to prayer that are surprising and very precious to them.

We are very anxious for our mission work and other departments to grow and glorify God; this can be done by united fasting and prayer. We read where “two or three are agreed concerning a matter.”

If one in Maine and another in Nebraska or in other places are fasting and praying at the same time for the same thing God surely will bring the answer to their prayers to pass. Yes, he will, Praise His Name. Let us keep the denominational fast day not because some one said to, but because of the great blessings we get and the wonderful nearness we feel to our Maker.

Agnes G. Alford.

**BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME**

Recent gifts for the home are a parlor rocker from some friends, five pounds of butter from a widowed sister in New Hampshire, and a fine warm comforter from the Portland local. Thirty dollars were also received during March to apply on the mortgage; and we hope that at least twenty-five dollars more will come in for that purpose during April, as the smallest payment we can make is fifty dollars. This would bring the mortgage down to $2,450.

**SEACTERS**

1. How do the college boys help?
2. Why were the girls kept from Sunday-school?
3. What is suggested for the first Thursday in each month?
4. What is desired for the India box?
5. How many new subscribers were secured this month? How many did you get?
6. What was an interesting feature of the young people’s convention in Madras?
7. How many girls were baptized in India recently?

**NEW LOCAL**

Newburyport, Mass. President, Mrs. Minnie Brown; vice-president, Mrs. M. Butler; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Weir.
How dear the children of India have grown to every one who has lived among them! Let me tell you about a few of those I met in my work, with the hope that all the children of India may become more real to you, and that you will share with them your love and sympathy and prayers.

As I was driving through the city one day the carriage suddenly stopped. The door was thrown open, and before me stood a delicate young woman with eight children, ranging from twelve years of age to the babe of two in her arms. The Hindu driver, motioning in their direction, asked, "How can I feed and clothe that family on two dollars a month?" Two years later the mother and father died of tuberculosis, and two of the youngest children were found sleeping on the roadside without food or shelter.

We took them in, and on inquiry found that all the other children had been married, except one bright, handsome lad, who had been taken by thieves to train in their profession. The lads were named Kim and Jim. They were not with us long when a boy of ten, called Kindar, joined them, saying that his parents had died of bubonic plague and that he was starving. It was wonderful to see how those children tried to please us, and to improve themselves and their surroundings. An old bench was pressed into service as a table and was decorated with a white cloth and flowers. They quickly learned the Lord's Prayer and some Bible verses. No matter where we were, or how busy, they always came and knelt down beside us to say their evening prayer, before being tucked into their little cots on the veranda.

One day the three of them stood before me, saying they wanted their tuft of hair, the symbol of Hinduism, cut off, as they were now Christians. I could scarcely refrain from smiling as I told them I would have to see a magistrate about it, as they were juniors.

Shortly after this a Brahman appeared and asked for his son. Kindar, the lad of ten, stoutly denied that the man was his father. The man took the case into court, and on several occasions tried to kill the boy. Finally, the magistrate advised me to send him to school at a safe distance, until the case was settled. This resulted, later, in favor of Kindar, but, in the meantime, the three boys were sent to a fine educational and industrial orphanage, belonging to the C. P. mission at Mhow. Here they studied well and later received baptism. We trust that they will one day be used to advance the Master's Kingdom among their own people.

Kindar's longing to see his old mission friends, and perhaps also his love of travel, proved greater than his patience, and to satisfy these he twice walked the distance of nearly five hundred miles. The first time he had only sixty cents to supply his food, except what he earned on the way. On being asked how he fared on the journey, he replied that he missed the daily prayers and Bible study most.
Saving the Girls

It is the girls of India, however, that touch our hearts the deepest. There is so little real joy or pleasure in their lives. The birth of a daughter is, in fact, a signal for mourning in the Hindu home; if, indeed, she be allowed to remain there.

England has given several commands in India, one of which is, "Thou shalt not kill thy daughters;" but, strange to say, the female population is still smaller than the male.

One evening a Mohammedan widow, apparently dying, came, with her aged father-in-law, to the Lily Lytle Broadwell Hospital at Fatehpur. Her first request, seconded, or more probably instigated, by her father-in-law, was that we should kill her baby girl. We told her that we could not do that, but we would care for them both. An operation saved the woman, and her little girl arrived the following night. We could not leave it alone with her for two weeks, so she harm it. Through our nurse, Miss Simpson's care of her child, she learned something of our Saviour's love and was willing to trust Him for the extra supplies needed. She learned also to care for her lovely babe, which we named Nainata, "Star of Love," and the mother brought her back to see us once a month.

Let us not judge this poor woman too harshly, but pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers to win such souls to Him. Her husband having died six months before, she had her aged father-in-law and four hungry children to feed, as well as provide a dowry for each daughter, and she could earn only four cents a day.

One night I was called to a woman in distress living in a village ten miles distant. After making the patient as comfortable as possible in a little mud room, ten by six feet, with no other furniture than a mud floor and a low cot covered with musty rags, I asked where the baby was. Some one pointed to a heap of ashes in the adjoining court. A filthy basket under a stone partially covered this. My first impulse was to remove the stone and raise the basket. There lay, just as it had come to the cruel, cold world, one of the little ones whose angels do always behold the face of our Father in heaven.

Sadly, and with feelings that cannot be described, I replaced the basket over that little victim of false religion and poverty. Will its silent cry enter our ears unheeded? Will not He who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not," require them at our hands? How can they come, unless arms of sympathy are thrown around them, and hearts on fire with His divine love draw them to Him?—Selected.

Christ said, "Go ye into all the world." "Go" does not mean "stay;" "all" does not mean a "part."

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts for March, 1914

California—Pasadena local, $25; Mary A. Mushrush, $20; Los Angeles Y. W. A., $1.25; Santa Clara local, $8.50; Oakland local, $5; Napa local, $5.50; Mrs. Jas. L. Mays, $2; San Diego local, $10; Lordsburg local, $2; Los Angeles local, $1; donations, $1; friends, $5; collection Tustin church, $18.45; D. N. Kelly, $5; D. N. Kelly's S. S., $1; collection at San Diego church, $4.25; H. Reimeus, $10.

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Curtis, $5; Mrs. D. G. Byars, $2.50; Mrs. Hart's S. class, $6; Nice I. Crofton, $5.

England—Sammaritan class, Wimbledon, 30 cts.

Florida—S. J. Powell, $3; V. P. Simmons, $1.05; Jacksonville S. S., $5.

Illinois—Mrs. J. E. Derham, 50 cts.


Massachusetts—Young Men's Class, Haverhill, $15; Rev. and Mrs. Haines, $4; Naomi Marshall, $3; G. W. Burlingame, $3; rent, $1.50; Bible Truth Seekers, $3; Boston church, $1; North Adams local, $1; Lynn Y. W. A., $10; G. A., Coburn's class, $1.82; Mrs. C. E. Butterworth, $5; Boston local, $5; Somerville local, $3; Taunton local, $10; Patience Sanford, $2; Brockton local, $3.50; New Bedford local, $1; Clara Thompson, $1; Augustus White, $10; Lynn local, $24; Fall River local, $3; Fiskdale local, $7; Worcester local, $3; Willing Workers, Acushnet S. S., $3; Boys' Junior Class, Acushnet S. S., $8.45; Acushnet S. S., $4.76; Melrose Highlands local, $2; Attleboro, $3.05; Mrs. H. H. Tucker, $1; NorthCarver local, $3.

Michigan—Mrs. Vincent, 50 cts.

Missouri—Mrs. G. Coons, $2; New Brunswick—St. Mary's Ferry local, $30.

New Hampshire—Walter Hammond, $1; Manchester local, $10; Dover local, $25; E. F. Roberts, $2; Hampton local, $7; pledge, $4; Portsmouth local, 65 cts.; Mrs. Andrew J. Phelps, 50 cts.

New York—E. M. Van Dyke, $1; Louis Long, $16; Hoosick local, $4; A. B. and Kate Saxton, $1.

Nova Scotia—Mrs. Halliday, 75 cts.

Oregon—Portland local, $35.50; Berlin local, $9.75; W. S. Copeland, $1.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—Mrs. H. Vaudry, $2; M. O. Vaudry, $3; Fitch Bay local, $5; Danville local, $3; St. Johnsbury local, $7.50; Harold Patch, $3; Wayland MacKitchie, $3; William McCormick, $3; Mrs. Ellen B. Measure, $1; Mrs. H. D. Selby, $5; Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Joy, $5; Emily Adams, $10.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—Escoheag local, $8; Phoebe G. Gale, $1; Providence Junior L. W., Shano, $2; Mrs. E. C. Drew, $1; Vera Drew, $1; Rocky Brook S. S., $3.

Vermont—Waterbury local, $8; Richford local, $4.50; Mrs. S. W. Bailey, 50 cts.; South Vermont church, $10.20; Brattleboro local, $7.47; Brattleboro Junior Mission, $3; Richmond church, $2.50.

Washington—Clarkston local, $7; S. C. S., $10.

Wisconsin—Lavalie Sunday-school and Local Workers, $8.30.

Cash, $32; General Helpers' Union, $28.90; subscriptions to All Nations, $75.62; Sales, $36.56; total receipts for month, $851.09.

Maude M. Chadsey, Treas.
We shall meet with many strangers on our way and we must remember to be courteous and kind to them for we shall want them to treat us well. Perhaps we had better memorize what Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.”

Arriving in New York we go on board the steamer on which our passage has been engaged. These ocean steamers are very large, carrying hundreds of people and we shall enjoy watching them and seeing the many things about the ship which are new to us. If we are good sailors we shall enjoy the trip across the Atlantic Ocean which will take us about a week. It will seem very strange not to see any land or houses, nothing but water all around us for days and we shall be glad when we come in sight of land again.

(To be Continued.)

CRADLE ROLL

Eric Carlyle Joyal, March 31, 1911. Fulford, Que.
Henry Erwin Joyal, December 24, 1912. Fulford, Que.
Harold Elwin Galer, October 26, 1912. Fulford, Que.
Wm. Alpheus Field, Jr., July 26, 1913. West Falmouth, Me.
Helen Grace Davis, February 15, 1914. Lafayette, R. I.

NEW JUNIOR SOCIETY

Toronto, Ontario. Superintendent, Mrs. L. J. Carter; assistant superintendents, Miss L. Taylor, Miss B. Morgan; president, Lillian Bennett; vice-president, Elsie Young; secretary, Beatrice Davies; treasurer, Christina Henderson. Thirteen members.

NEW Y. W. A. SOCIETIES

State Road Church, Mapleton, Me. President, Pearl Packard; vice-president, Nina Gildred; secretary, Sherbie Tuck; treasurer, June Packard, cradle roll committee, Helen Tompkins, June Carter.
Newburyport, Mass. President, Mrs. Minnie Brown; vice-president, Helen Pond; secretary and treasurer, Jennie Currier.

Over 1800 years have passed since our Master’s command, “Go ye” was written, and millions have not heard the good news yet.