WHY SHOULD I?

I.—Why Should I Study Missions?

1. Because as a student, my education is sadly deficient if I am ignorant concerning this, the most important work in the world.
2. Because a study of Missions will increase my faith in Christ. Missions is God at work.
3. Because I cannot otherwise grasp the full mission of the Church.
4. Because I cannot discharge my duty without informing myself on the subject.
5. Because if I stay at home, I must be intelligent on Missions in order to stimulate others to the work.
6. Because if I expect to go as a Missionary, I need this study as a preparation for my life service.

II.—Why Should I Give to Missions?

1. Because it is the best paying investment.
2. Because of the joy and blessing that come to the giver.
3. Because I am only a steward of the money that God has given me, and must use it for Him.
4. Because I am put to shame by the liberality of converts from heathenism.
5. Because it is God's will that Missionaries should go, and that I should help to send them.
6. Because I am grateful to God for what He has given me. What has He given?
7. Because men are suffering from sin and souls are dying and I may help save them.

III.—Why Should I Pray for Missions?

1. Because the world needs prayer.
2. Because in the past, Missions have always prospered as believing prayer has increased.
3. Because God has conditioned the success of Missions on prayer. "Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the Harvest," etc.
4. Because the Missionaries and converts ask for our prayers.
5. Because I am commanded by Christ to pray.
6. Because I can plead great promises of God.
7. Because the prayer of faith is answered.
8. Because Christ is praying for those for whom He died.

IV.—Why Should I be a Missionary?

1. Because there is salvation in none other than Christ.
2. Because multitudes have not heard of Him and are dying in their sin.
3. Because doors of opportunity are open.
4. Because the cry for more helpers is urgent—increasing and imperative.
5. Because Christ says, "Go ye."
6. Because Christ gave up everything that I might be saved.

Am I unwilling to sacrifice so little that others might be saved?—Miss. Review.
AFTER VACATION
Bertha E. Keeney

I have taken this verse for my motto for the year from July, 1914 to July, 1915 and to-day I am going to take it as the subject of our Christian Endeavor meeting: "Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shall be fed.” I want to do the first and then I know God will take care of the last.

I shall tell the girls about the holy men here, usually Brahmans, who wander about, receiving gifts from the people, but who are not trusting in God, and almost never do good. If they sit beside a hot fire for six months, day and night, they consider themselves and everyone else holy.

I am glad I am here and do not want to be anywhere else, even though the thermometer does go to one hundred and three in the shade every day and drops only to eighty-five at night. I want to help a good many women and girls to know somewhat about God during this year.

This morning I opened my Bible to the thirty-seventh Psalm, the favorite of J. Hudson Taylor, and read it. It is just wonderful and I have decided to take it for the writing and memory lessons of my Zenana pupils, just one or two verses a week. Then I think I can have some exercises of all my pupils in the Reading Room, perhaps in December, and give presents to those who do well, and have some of the girls take part in the program to show them and their relatives what good it does to send girls to school. I hope we will get some pupils from it.

I started out with one of the Bible women yesterday. We called on a dear little girl, who ran and dressed up in her tiny white sari with gold border when she saw us coming. She is learning to read well. Her lesson was quite hard. Then she sang all the verses of a Christian song, repeated half of the twenty-third Psalm, and wrote some words which I dictated. If I can get up some exercises for these little Zenana pupils, I expect that she will shine.

I had some little Sunday-school cards with me and gave out two on the street, and when I went to leave this house, there stood a clean, bright boy about thirteen years old carrying his school books, to ask me for a card. I am sure that these little cards are more appreciated here than they are at home.

VILACHERI SUMMER SCHOOL
C. H. Hudson

At the ringing of the “cease-work” bell at noon, Saturday, June 13th, nearly everything was ready for our expected visitors. The school was arranged for classes and meetings; the boys' dormitory was divided up into rooms with bamboos and woven cocoanut leaves; bathrooms were erected with the same materials; Guindy's borrowed wash-tubs were in place, ready for water; little fire-places had been built; rice, etc., had been bought and all was in readiness for the gathering together of our little company of Adventists.

The lads went off to get their food and attend to their usual Saturday afternoon jobs of cutting each other's hair, bathing, mending clothes and writing to parents and friends (those who are fortunate enough to have them).

Early Monday morning our visitors began to arrive. The first on the scene were a teacher, his wife and three children, with their necessary cooking utensils and bedding, all crowded into a little bullock-bandy. And when you see the amount of bedding used in the East you can understand that it was not an unreasonable thing that Christ should say to the impotent man, “Rise, take up thy bed and walk.” Many of our Indian friends can very easily take up the whole of their household belongings and walk.

Others soon followed; the father ahead carrying a child, mother following with the baby, little brother and sister, with the bedding and brass pots, bringing up the rear. As the rooms were all of a size and sufficient in number for all, they could go in and locate just where they thought fit.

Mr. Sigamoni had charge of the cooking arrangements and food was to be cooked and supplied at cost price. Some thinking that they would rather cook their own food had brought their utensils for that purpose, but as the arrangements made somewhat exceeded their expectations they were very little used. When the bell rang they would go to the kitchen and purchase curry and rice, as much as the members of their household required, just as we do “hash and johnnycake” at the campmeetings. These meals cost annas 1, pies 6 each (equal to three cents per head).
The classes and meetings were conducted as per program, except that our Paul from Malabar was unable to attend. His place was taken by others. We have reason to believe that the services were very profitable to all. The evening meetings were largely attended by the people from the outside, the speakers occupying the school veranda as a platform, the audience seated under the trees. The subjects were timely and were listened to with interest.

Among our visitors was a John Manoah from the native state of Mysore. He has recently stepped out from former connections in order to preach life only in Christ and the nearness of His coming. Being a newcomer among us his message was very acceptable.

A cause for thanksgiving was the presence of two Hindu families desiring fuller instruction and baptism. This they received and it was good to see the all-round change that had taken place in the appearance of their faces from the time of their arrival to their departure. The simple and earnest testimony of one was, "I don't want land, food or clothing. I have no faith in the Hindu gods, and I want to serve 'Yesu Christu' who died for me." May God make them shining lights in their distant village is our prayer.

After two weeks spent in blessed harmony and fellowship our company separated to go to their several villages, better equipped we fully believe for the work that lies before them.

We who had borne the burden felt tired but happy, and soon got to work to get the place back into order for our routine work. We trust if our Lord should tarry that this gathering may be a regular feature of our work.

"BREIDABLICK"—KODAIKANAL

Anna N. Hudson

We are spending our vacation this year in the Pulney Hills of South India at Kodai­kanal Hill Station. It is a beautiful spot on the crest of a seventy-five hundred foot moun­tain and has a picturesque four­armed lake in the center. The missionary element is the predominating one and it being largely Ameri­can also, makes it a most congenial place in which to recuperate. Though we have been here but four days we have already made several new acquaintances. It is very refreshing and inspiring to be able to mingle with various mis­sionaries of other missions. Much help is gained and many new ideas obtained for the work.

During the season, which is in May and June, Kodai­kanal has a population of from four to six hundred, consisting largely of missionaries from all over Southern India and a few from the north. The journey here is so primitive and tedious that many if in frail health cannot undertake it. The railroad station is forty­two miles from the mountain top, thirty of which are traversed in a motorbus to a small Travelers' Bungalow at the foot of the mountain, where, upon arrangement, canvas stretcher­like chairs are awaiting us, with four husky men for each chair, to carry us upon their shoulders up the twelve miles of steep Ghaut path. Men usually make the climb on the back of a scrubby hill pony.

We left the Bungalow at 2.30 p. m. and arrived at our destination at 9.30 that night, so one can easily conceive the difficulty of the climb. The men are so accustomed to carrying people up and down the Ghaut that they only need to take three ten­minute rests, and much of the way they make the surrounding hills echo with their fascinating hill songs. I got very cramped and stiff from sitting so many hours without being able to hang my feet down; and although at first the sway of the chair was rather pleasant, it soon grew wearisome.

Once here and settled the journey is quite forgotten in the wild beauty of the place. Ev­erywhere are delightful woody walks that make one feel rested and strong just to ramble about them and smell the balmy growing things. Flowers grow rank and wild and there are a few wild fruits and berries to be found. The weather is ideal; the mornings at present are bright and sunshiny and only the evenings are a little damp and misty. Several times a day the clouds roll up around us but they do not remain long enough to make it unpleasant. A fire in the grate at night feels comfortable, and we bring our heavy clothes and blankets into use which lay packed away all the rest of the year awaiting this annual airing on the hills.

July 7, 1914.

Give until you feel it, and then give until you don't feel it.—Mary Lyon.
THANKSGIVING AND SELF-DENIAL WEEK

At our annual convention in August, the matter of observing a week of thanksgiving and self-denial for the benefit of the Boston Bible School Home, as last year, was considered. After listening to the reports of the results of last year both in reducing the mortgage on the Home $300, and bringing rich blessings to those who observed the week, it was voted to observe the same this year; and that the first week in November should be the week observed and the results applied to the mortgage fund.

We trust that our locals and readers will all, as far as possible, observe this week. Where it can be arranged, a prayer-meeting should be arranged for some time during the week; and the blessing of God sought upon the work. Although no one may be able to give a large amount, if each one contributes her little, a fair sum will be realized. An average of seventy cents apiece from each subscriber would clear off the whole mortgage. Shall we not do it?

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

At the annual convention at Alton Bay a list of the table and bed linen required to replenish the supply at the Home was given; and in a few moments pledged. The estimated amount needed to furnish the eight dormitories in the new building was given as $40 per room. Some locals have already sent in small amounts toward this, and it is hoped that the locals in each of the New England States will endeavor to raise the amount required for one room. The Y. W. A.'s are already taking steps to furnish one room, and it is only reasonable to expect that at least one room can be furnished from the funds given by friends outside the locals. Thus, if the six New England States each furnish one, and the Y. W. A.'s and friends each one, the eight rooms will be all fitted out. If anyone has good strong chairs, bureaus or chiffoniers they could give for this purpose, they will be gladly received. All communications regarding the same should be sent to the secretary of the Home, Mrs. Amanda C. Blanchard, 13 Craigie Street, Somerville, Mass. Money for Home should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey, 5 Whiting Street, Boston.

Since last report the following gifts have been received: pair of pillows and a comforter from Dry Brook and Bedell, N. Y.; local; comforter from Glencliff, N. H.; local; comforter from Farmington, N. H.; local; pair of pillows from Mrs. Z. C. Beals; potatoes and apples from Eld. H. Davis, Alton, N. Y.; potatoes, vegetables and a box of bed linen from Littleton, N.
We are thankful:

- the convention which was then led in prayer by Mrs. Frances Woodward of Westbrook.
- by the convention.
- secretary and with one correction were approved A. C. Church, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 9, 1914.

THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONING LIST

We are thankful:

- for the health and strength given our missionaries and native workers in India, and our officers in the home land during the busy summer months;
- for the privilege of meeting with the sisters of the Middle West in their annual session, and the closer ties of fellowship thus formed;
- for the splendid cottage our Connecticut and Western Massachusetts sisters have erected on Plainville campground.

Let us pray:

- that health, strength and wisdom may be given our missionaries and workers both at home and in India during these trying times;
- that sufficient funds may be received that none of the departments of our work need be closed;
- that the Thanksgiving and Self-Denial week may bring a rich blessing to the work.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Eastern Massachusetts District will be held in the Adventist Church, Somerville, Mass., Wednesday afternoon and evening, November 4th, the afternoon session opening at 2.30 and the evening at 7.45. At the afternoon session reports from the locals in the district and the district officers will be given; the officers elected for the coming year; and whatever business there may be brought before the meeting attended to. At the evening session there will be a missionary address. Every local in the district is requested to arrange to have representatives present. This will be a basket meeting.

Flora G. Churchill, Pres.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Maine Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society of the A. C. denomination was held in the Portland A. C. Church, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 9, 1914.

Following the ratification meeting of the general society, the State meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Alfreda Brewster Wallace. Members were present from Biddeford, Westbrook, and Portland.

Devotional exercises consisted of singing by the convention which was then led in prayer by Mrs. Frances Woodward of Westbrook.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and with one correction were approved by the convention.

After reports of officers, committees, and teachers of the Tiravamoor School in India had been read and accepted, the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. Alfreda Brewster Wallace of Portland; Central Vice-Pres., Miss Retha Glover of Mechanic Falls; Northern Vice-Pres., Mrs. Gertrude Haines of Presque Isle; Southern Vice-Pres., Miss Charlotte Whitman of Old Orchard; Eastern Vice-Pres., Mrs. Benjamin Corliss of Milltown; Sec. and Treas., Mary E. Rowe of Portland; Auditor, Miss Mary E. Marshall of Portland; Supt. of Y. W. A. and Junior Societies, Miss J. Hattie M. Brown of Carthage.

Greetings from Dr. Ransom of Somerville were given by Mrs. Annie P. Smith, First Vice-Pres., of the General Society, and it was voted that the president send an appropriate message in reply.

It was voted to continue the support of the Tiravamoor School in India, and that the secretary write a letter of appreciation of his work to the headmaster.

The Portland society extended an invitation to the convention to meet in Portland next year which was accepted.

In the evening Miss Margaret Koch of Spencer, Mass., gave a most interesting address; and Mrs. Annie P. Smith talked for a few minutes on the fitness of our missionaries for the places which they were filling and their preparation by the Lord for their work.

Mary E. Rowe, Sec.

REPORT FROM MAGOG

The attendance at Magog Campmeeting was not so large as usual this year, on account of cold rainy weather and Quebec’s interest in the war now on in the East. However the addresses on Mission Day were of definite interest to those present. Miss Alice Hazard was dressed in Chinese costume and displayed banners, curios, pictures, etc. Mrs. Bertha Bemis of the official board of the W. H. & F. M. S. in her motherly manner presented the work of the India field. Rev. Samuel Clark of the Conference Mission explained the necessity of keeping up the “supply stations,” and the help which is being rendered the needy home churches.

Funds are coming in for the Perambakum School for which this district is responsible, and we desire to raise the full amount soon. Send “shares” money to Mrs. H. E. Dean, St. Johnsbury, Vt., and your regular contributions, dues, etc., to the undersigned.

L. Grace Prior, Sec-Treas.
Morrisville, Vt.

The annual meetings of the Maine and Massachusetts corporations were held as required by the By-Laws in the respective States on the second and third Wednesdays of September.
FROM PLACE TO PLACE

Ella L. Jones

SOME way I cannot help but wish that there was something not as solid as ground under me this bright September morning, when a night’s rain has made life a dream of freshness and joy. Sitting here in the stillness with my back to the window, writing on a heavy oak table, with a patch of green wall in front, I can almost imagine I feel the motion of the steamer I hoped to be on.

India seems very dear as the expectation of reaching there soon, leaves one’s heart. While the war makes the hearts of Adventists bound with new joy at the present evidence of our Saviour’s soon return; I somehow cannot suppress a desire that I may reach India first so as to be in the midst of my dear dusky ones, when the Saviour comes.

Our three campmeetings on the Pacific Coast were seasons of much joy to me; each one carrying with it its special blessing. The Spirit’s work seemed deeper at Troutdale, and reached the hearts of believers, causing them to make a more perfect consecration. Brother Shephard gave us two grand talks on prophecy, that were a wonderful treat to me after the years when I have not heard any of our strong men preach on the subject.

Between the Nooksack and Troutdale meetings I had ten days and took a flying trip through Washington and Idaho, meeting many of our people and being refreshed by the faith and beauty of life seen at the different gatherings. One day was spent with our Brother Edwards, who is physically better than I had thought to find him. A regular farmer, he tills the soil and keeps his spirit sweet and fresh in the love of God. His interest in India is as keen as ever; and although thousands of miles away his prayers avail much.

Never in the weather history of these States has there been such a dry spell, and one hopes there never will be again. Such clouds of dust I never saw in my life before; but the people appear happy and smiling when the clouds roll by.

As I cannot sail this month, a tour of the Oregon churches was planned at Troutdale, and I am again on the road; but there is so much pleasure in meeting our people, here and there, that the dislike of travel fades away. We certainly have noble bands of women scattered through these States who mean business in the cause they have entered for God. I thank God that He has given us such women to work and to pray; and also for their husbands who help us in every way they can. One Oregon sister made twenty-five cents talent money gain four dollars in the year, and others were not far behind her. May God so bless us all that we will use our talents to the gain of as large a per cent of souls.

Every congregation in the Congregational mission in Zululand is self-supporting.

REPORT OF NEELANGIRI SCHOOL

Supported by Oregon Locals

NEELANGIRI, our seaside school, gives us much joy and comfort. The pupils are energetic and conscientious in their work and the result is that the school stands first in the Scripture and also gets a satisfactory report from the government inspector.

Some of the older boys are quite enthusiastic about the study of the Bible and demonstrating their faith in the Christian’s God in true suffragette style, by kicking over one of the village idols while on their way to school one morning. This naturally raised the ire of some of the villagers and they wished to mete out punishment to the boys, but they stood their ground well, saying, “The God did not make any complaint when we kicked it and we don’t see why the people should!” The matter was finally settled by the schoolmaster telling the boys they had done very wrongly and must not give offence again.

These boys say that they pray to the true God every night and morning in their homes and that their parents listen to them. Will not the true God hear them?

There is too much Christianity being taught to suit some of the more orthodox Hindus of the place, so they have taken their children from the school and opened a rival school about half a mile from ours. This little opposition instead of hurting our cause will do it good.

A good foundation is being laid in this village for Christian character building and in a few years, should the Master tarry, the prospect of Christian homes being established is encouraging. He who so often resorted to the seaside and there taught so many wonderful lessons, will now teach these poor fisher folk and draw them to Himself?

To the Oregon locals who support this school, we send our hearty thanks.

Jess M. Saunders.

THIS school was opened in 1910 and up to this day it is in good progress.

This school is in a fisherman’s village and nearly seventy pupils, boys and girls, attend regularly. The number of pupils increase every year. As there is a school lately opened by a Hindu in the neighborhood, some of the children are going over there. The establishment of our school in this village is a great blessing to the children. By the mercy of God, the true light is spreading to these ignorant village children. They are steadily growing in godliness and good behavior. The work done among these children, I believe, will never become fruitless. Their education has made them recognize their duty towards their parents and other fellowmen. The parents themselves bear witness to this effect. Besides this, my object in giving the Bible lessons is to attract their
minds to imitate the characters mentioned in the Bible.

Last year, as I took great pains in their study almost all of the children passed in their examination. In the Bible examination especially, the children of this school received a prize of Rs. 5 for proficiency in Bible.

The yearly prize distribution took place in February last. The pains taken by Miss Saunders is not very little. We pray God to give her strength and bless her in her work. I ask your prayers for the teachers.

Besides this the Sunday-school also is regularly conducted from 9 to 11 a.m. All the children pay great attention to their lessons and attend very regularly.

Sujarem, Teacher.

SEARCHERS

We omitted the "searchers" from our last two issues, because of lack of space; and from three different sections of the country, have come requests that we continue them. We are glad to know they are appreciated and will endeavor to have them in each issue in the future.

1. What are we to do in November?
2. Where have we a new cottage?
3. Whose interest in India is "keen as ever"?
4. Who can pick up "all their household belongings and walk"?
5. What is Miss Keeney's motto for the year?
6. What State supports the Meelangiri school.

The following, which is taken from a letter we received recently, is a sample of the way some Adventist boys do:

"I have sent you through Mrs. Arnold $3.65 for a pledge made of one cent a day by Harold Hall, aged eight years. He earned every cent of this himself by running errands, and selling bottles and bread."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts for September, 1914

Idaho—Collection at Weiser, $4.10; Collection Mann's Creek, $5.65.

Illinois—Mrs. E. T. Stephens, $1.75; Harold Hall, 25 cts.; Mrs. H. W. Hewitt, $1; G. Erhardt, $1; Mrs. L. H. Davis, $1; Children at Aurora camp, $1.70; cash, $1; C. I. Smith, $3.

Iowa—Mae Collins, $1.

Kansas—Mrs. S. M. Snow, $7.35.

Maine—Maude M. Wallace, $5; Hazel Taylor, $1; Marion Clifford, $1; Mary Watson, 50 cts.; children at Mechanic Falls camping, $5.10; collection, $2; Josephine Roberts, $2; Lona Snow, 50 cts.; Oxford local, $1.85; Lizzie Sweetser, 50 cts.; Alberta Weymouth, $1; Beals local, $1; Gertrude Simmons, $1; Miss W. C. Boutwell, $1; Mrs. Jas. Wickers, $1; Mrs. Chas. Carpenter, $2; Flora F. Ham, 50 cts.; Friendship Eastern Mission Band, $2; Annie C. Haines, $1; N. E. Fellows, 50 cts.

Massachusetts—C. W. Burlingame, $5; W. S. Bevan, $1.50; Mrs. Francis' S. S. Class, $2; C. A. Sampson, $3; Melrose Hl'ls S. S., $1.26; Middleboro S. S., 25 cts.; M. E. Wadley, $2; Naomi Marshall, $5; Class No. 12, Boston S. S., 45 cts.; Fiskdale local, $5; Ureasha Marshall, $2.50; rent, $19; Helen W. Keene, $1; R. E. Keene, $1; Insurance, $20; Brockton L. W.'s., $5; Earl Koster Spooner, $1; Worcester local, $14.50; North Carver local, $7.50; North Carver S. S., $5; Acushnet local, $9; Augustus Blue, $10; Boys' Junior Class, Acushnet S. S., $10; Willing Workers' Class Acushnet S. S., $3; Acushnet S. S., $1.75; No. Adams Mission Society, $3.75; Lynn S. S., $1.50.

Michigan—Sylvester Helper's Union, $5.

New Hampshire—S. S., East Rochester, $6; Mrs. Almedia Boyd, $5; Class No. 5, Concord S. S., $2.50; A. S. Williams, $4.

New York—Stockholm S. S., $1.50; Massena S. S., $5; Cash at Lockport, $6.10; children at Lockport camp, $5.37; E. C. Freeman, $1; Buffalo church, $10; Mrs. Geo. Miner, $1; gift, 10 cts.; Bro. Dyke, 90 cts.; gift, $1; Mrs. A. Swartwood, 25 cts.; collection at Penfield, $11.35; Mr. and Mrs. H. Mathews, $1.50; E. M. Van Dyke, $1; Missionary Junior Mission Society, 50 cts.; Martville Junior Mission Society, $7.

Ohio—Miss Josephine Lourey, $1.

Ontario—Toronto local, $3.65.

Oregon—Mr. and Mrs. Leabo, $1.50; Boyd local, 50 cts.; collection John Day, $1.50; Myrtle Campbell, $1; Angelina Devine, $5; Oregon friends, 50 cts.; collection Hood River, $5; collection Boyd, $5.40; collection Eight Mile Creek, $5.95; collection Hillboro, $2.50; collection Gales Creek, $3.31; collection Portland, $9.40; collection, Berlin, $8.12.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—M. S. Gilman, 75 cts.; Mrs. MacRitchie's S. S. Class, $3; Mrs. Edwin Joy, $5; Mrs. F. E. Bullard, $6; Rebecca M. Egel, $5; C. Bacheelder, $1; Isabells Ball, 50 cts.; John J. Hunt, $1; gift, $1; W. L. Brown, 50 cts.; M. Shedrick, 15 cts.; St. Johnsbury local, $1.80; Mrs. O. Cass, 50 cts.; Mrs. R. Sweet, 50 cts.; Ethel Bidwell, 50 cts.; Addie Putnam, 50 cts.; Frances Marston, $5; Hall S. S., $5; loose collection, $1.45; children at Magog camp, 98 cts.; rent, $2; sales at Magog, $15.10; a friend, $100.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—Providence local, $1.50; Treasurer of R. I. & E. Conn., $15; B. S. Bemis, $9.48.

Saskatchewan—H. H. Snow, $5.

Vermont—Children at Bethel camp, $3.70; So. Vernon church, $3.

Washington—Seattle local, $5; Claude Brown, $2; Nooksack S. S., $5; collection Orchardvale, $4.18; collection Clarkston, $4.15; Orchardvale local, $2; a friend, 50 cts.; Mrs. H. M. Lewis, $1; C. S. Proble, $2; Thomas Rouse, $2; E. L. Scott, $1; Mrs. Bower, $1; W. A. Hadlock, $1; M. E. Ladieu, $5; Mrs. J. E. Brown, $1; L. Beach, $1; Miss Meeker, $1; L. G. Dix, $1; Mrs. Dix, $1; cash, Arlington, $1; Edgecomb local, $1; C. E. Bennett, $2; Nooksack local, $10; Mrs. Broyles, $1; Mrs. Copenhagen, $1; Bro. Forester, $1; Miss Sperry, $1.

Wisconsin—W. D. Atwater, $3.

Sales, $80.88; subscriptions to All Nations, $21.02. Total receipts for month, $102.68.

Maude M. Chadsy, Treasurer.
A TALK WITH THE JUNIORS

Mary E. Rowe
(Continued)

The native houses have flat roofs and are decorated in bright colors with queer drawings of snakes, elephants, and other things on the door posts.

We must take time to visit a mission school here. There are several besides one for blind boys and girls. The boys are taught to make chairs and other bamboo furniture and the girls do bead work, making bead chains and portieres. We can buy some of these. They are taught the Bible every day and can repeat whole chapters without looking on the Book.

There is one school called the Widow’s Home. This is for little girls who were married to old men when they were seven or eight years old. In India it is considered a great disgrace if girls are not married. So when a girl is real small her parents sell her to a man to be his wife. The little girl is taken to his home where she has to work for his mother until she grows up. She has all the hard work to do and is treated shamefully. If the man should die, his people would say it was because of the little girl’s sins. Then they would take away all her nice clothes and jewelry and give her an old coarse garment to wear and half starve her or send her away. The missionaries take as many of these girls as they can and give them a nice home and teach them about Jesus.

Let us imagine ourselves a guest in an Indian home. Everything seems so queer. The table with only the dishes, plates, knives, forks, spoons and napkins does not sharpen our appetites, but we are glad we do not have to eat from the floor as some of the poor folks do. Our hostess rings a little bell and a lovely brown boy with a white coat, white cloth for trousers, a big white cloth twisted around his head for a hat, and bare feet, comes in very softly and brings a great platter of rice. We take what we want and then he brings a stew very hot with pepper, ginger and spices, and we put some on our rice. At first we do not like it, but soon we think it just fine and want the boy to bring us more. The evening is spent out in the yard, but not near any trees for fear of snakes. How beautiful is the moonlight in the trees. We really dislike to go to bed, but as we are to start early in the morning for Madras we go to our rooms. The little narrow bed is hard and we feel very funny, under the net that is hung over and around us to keep away the mosquitoes.

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