Madras to the dedication of a new teaching Room and Hall, by the Baptist Mission. It gave us dreams for our Saidapet work in the future.

We are surprised, but very pleasantly so, at our work here. It is certainly fine, and the wonder to us is, that so few have accomplished so much.

We are praying that God will help us in the language and so bless us in the work here, that in our co-operation with the others, many souls may be won for Christ.

December 14.

We are highly pleased with the prospects here, the work is on a much better basis than we expected to find it. The Saidapet work certainly opens a great field of labor. Just now the students at the college are leaving on a vacation for the holiday season.

Our lecture last Saturday night was well attended, and Mr. Peterson is to give the lecture next Saturday night. Tomorrow (Dec. 15) we are to make our first visit to the village schools.

We have introduced this industry in hopes that some of the villagers will take eggs and rear worms and either go on and weave the silk or sell us the reeled thread. It will be a means to an end in gaining influence with them and also will help them financially. But we must first master the process ourselves in order to teach them and be able to help them in their difficulties when they attempt it.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IN INDIA
J. M. Saunders

From the very earliest days of Christian missionary effort in India, the value of Christian literature has been repeatedly proved. Many have been brought to Christ by means of Christian books and tracts.
“In the earlier days of Protestant missions the aim of much of the Christian literature produced was markedly destructive and controversial, and largely concerned itself with the simple task of exhibiting the folly of idolatry, and the grossness of the legends told of some of the popular gods and goddesses. Longer experience has distinctly altered the tone of such writing and the publications of the present day dwell less and less on the defects of popular Hinduism, and are more and more concerned to present the substantive truth of Christianity, endeavoring to convince the reader rather by a positive statement of living Christianity than by confuting errors, which must of themselves perish in the presence of truth.”

It is estimated that more than half a million are added annually to India’s reading public and many of them belong to the Indian Christian community.

There is now a loud demand and need for more and better books on practical piety and ethics. Literature that is sane, clean, edifying and attractive, such as will discriminate between good and evil, overcome ignorance and superstition, and establish the highest ideals of pure living. By far the most important is that which heralds the message of the Kingdom of God.

The readers of this paper know that our press work is one of the most important branches of our mission. It might be well right here to quote from The Year Book of Missions in India: “American Advent Mission Press, Vilacherie: the work was started for the purpose of publishing Christian literature. Ninety per cent. of the work done is for its own mission. Eighty per cent. of the output is strictly religious, operates in Tamil, English, Malayalam, Telugu and Kanarese.”

We in our work have the same problems to meet that other missions do, and the financial problem is by no means the least of them.

I believe that all missions are agreed that where the output of mission presses is mostly religious, the work is not and cannot well be self-supporting. Much of the literature is given away, and that which is sold must be at a minimum charge in order to put it within the reach of those who need it.

One mission reports that their desire is to do vastly more in the direction of purely religious publication, but they are hampered by lack of funds for this purpose, and are obliged to depend largely on the commercial work they secure from outside in order to accomplish what they are now doing.

We have no rich endowments, no reserve fund, or long list of subscribers that will guarantee the upkeep of our press, so we have to depend on the contributions of friends.

We have reason to be encouraged, and rejoice in what has been done, but more might be done, more ought to be done, and are there not those who will say more shall be done, to supply the demand for Christian literature in India?

I AM feeling fine, better than I have for over a year; and after my long rest from trying to talk Tamil, I find it comes much easier. The Christian Endeavor meetings Sunday afternoons are very enjoyable. One Sunday I told them of a sermon I heard on the hills, about the Crucified Life. At another time I spoke on Prayer and told them my experience this summer, and how I believed God restored me to health again, because of prayer. At testimony time the children were very eager to take part, and it did do me good to see and hear them.

This morning (Dec. 9) I went with the Bible women to Guindy village. The first house looked real clean and orderly. I took the picture of Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler, and talked to them about it. We kneeled down and prayed in every house before leaving and the people all seemed softened and thoughtful.

My motto for this year is the last part of John 6: 38, “Not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me.”

December first was Raymond’s first birthday and I took both the children over to Guindy for the afternoon. While there the orphanage girls gave him a little impromptu tamasha in honor of the occasion. They all marched up to where we were sitting and sang some songs and garlanded him with jasmine buds strung together. As is the Indian custom they presented him with Indian sweetmeats and plantains. He was quite delighted over all the honor and patticaked and sang for them in return, which pleased them immensely.
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BOSTON, MASS., FEBRUARY, 1916

T was the writer's privilege to attend the United Day of Prayer for Missions service held in the chapel of the Old South Church, Boston, Mass., Friday, Jan. 21, which was referred to in our January issue; and it certainly was an inspiration to be there. There were some five hundred ladies present and the whole session was given up to prayer. The leaders of the different topics merely directing our thoughts to the topic with a few words, followed by silent and audible prayer: I am sure all came away from the service feeling they had been richly blessed by attending. We do well to spend a day in this manner occasionally.

BROTHER TYLER, secretary of the A. A. M. Society, is asking that Thursday, February 24, be observed by our people, as far as possible, as a day of prayer and self-denial for the mission work; and we hope our readers will plan to be among those who do so.

We have recently had copies of our W. H. and F. M. Society's field of work in India, made from the map Miss Saunders brought. These are of post-card size and have on the reverse side a description of the field, and give a good idea of the location of our work. They can be furnished at the rate of five cents each or fifty cents a dozen.

We are glad that each month gifts come into our treasury for the American Advent Christian Home and Orphanage at Dowling Park, Florida. This was adopted at our last annual convention as a branch of our Home work, hence the gifts for the same. Last month we received $14.02 which was sent to the treasurer of the Home and Orphanage; and we hope to receive as much if not more this month.

Have you sent your subscription for 1916?

OUR FUND FOR "EXTRAS"

The article which appeared in our December issue from the pen of Miss Ruth E. Davis, regarding this fund, met with a hearty response from many of our readers; and several have written of their approval of the same and desire to contribute. Thirty dollars and forty cents has been received for this purpose up to Feb. 1. Of this a portion went to Miss Keeney to help defray the extra expense she was under during her illness; another portion to pay the subscription price of a good magazine on needlework to help Mrs. Hudson in her work, while $5 was sent for extras in the Zenana work.

We shall report this fund from time to time, and trust that the interest in it will continue. One sister, a business woman, writes: "I consider this a splendid thought and will give one dollar a month towards the same." If you do not recall what Miss Davis wrote look up your December All Nations and read the article again; it will be found on page five of that issue.

WHO WILL BE ONE OF THE 290?

In the January issue, we suggested, in referring to the $2100 which the Society still owes on the Boston Bible School Home, that if three hundred persons would give a dollar a month from January to July 1916, inclusive, seven dollars in all, the whole amount could be easily paid.

A brother from the Middle West was the first to respond, and not only sent his check for seven dollars, but wrote that he would pray that the other two hundred and ninety-nine might be found. Since then nine others have pledged a dollar a month, and we are on the lookout, and praying for the other two hundred and ninety.

If you will be one of the number please send us a card saying so. The money can be paid each month, or any time before July 31, as preferred.

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

The following gifts were received for the home during January. These do not include the money sent the treasurer of the W. H. and F. M. Society for the Home, but only that which was sent direct to the matron: Two bags of potatoes, Rev. Frank J. Davis; canned fruit, Mrs. N. F. Stevens; two barrels of apples, A. J. Phelps, Jr.; box of canned goods, Worcester local; $2, Mrs. Joanna Sherman; $5, General Helpers' Society, Rutland, Vt. And word has been received that some of the huck towels asked for last month, will reach us soon.

For all these gifts and the interest shown in this department of our Home work we are very thankful.

With potatoes retailing at $1.60 a bushel, I have hardly courage to ask for any; but they are what we need.
THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONING LIST

We are thankful:

For the safe arrival of Brother and Sister Peterson in India.

For the good income for January, and for the friends who sent in their gifts when they realized our need.

For the interest manifested in our two special funds, The fund for extras; and the Boston Bible School Home mortgage fund.

For the fact that the different States show an increasing interest in their especial school.

Let us pray:

That Brother and Sister Peterson may easily acquire the language.

That the output of our India press this year, may be effective in winning many for Christ.

That the 290 persons or societies needed to make the 300 asked to lift the mortgage may be led to send in their pledges.

That the day of prayer and self-denial, Feb. 24, may be a day of blessing to our denominational mission work and workers.

That the receipts for February may be sufficient for all our needs.

A LIVE LOCAL

OUR W. H. & F. M. Society held its annual business meeting last week. The year just closed has been a prosperous one with your Bridgeport, Connecticut, local; we have been able to give a helping hand to both Home and Foreign Missions, besides giving a bit of good cheer to several. The amount given for Home Missions was $179.10, and for Foreign Missions $130.25. As each year brings its needs, we hope to be able to do even more this present year.

We now have twenty-six members and others to follow; these are not all active, but they pay their money and that is essential. We voted to still continue the support of a child in India. This makes three children that are being supported by our local and its members.

K. A. Johnson, Secretary.

OUR STATE SCHOOLS

A REQUEST has been received that we publish, this month, the amounts the different States that are supporting village schools in India have raised for their especial schools for 1915-16. The amount needed to support a school for a year is $144; the names of the schools supported and the amounts received for the same for 1915-16 are as follows:

Maine supports Tiruvamoor, and has paid $136.92; New Hampshire supports Injinbakum and has paid $128.32; Quebec and Northern Vermont supports Perambakum, and has paid $72.15; Northern California supports Adyar, and has paid $155.80; this State had $75.80 paid for 1915-16, when our fiscal year of 1914-15 closed. This State is certainly forehanded in this matter. Oregon and Eastern Washington supports Neelangiri, and has paid $111.35; but as they were in arrears for 1914-15, this gives them a credit of $57.15 for 1915-16. Western Washington and British Columbia supports Nookumpuliam, and has paid $10; through some miscarriage the report of their school did not reach them for their annual meeting, therefore the interest in the school waned. The report was printed, however, in the November paper and we trust that our locals and friends, in that section, will rally to its support.

Besides these State schools the church at Danville, Quebec supports Ponmar, and has paid $63.60; Worcester W. H. & F. M. local supports Jeldenpet and has paid $56.

WORTHY OF IMITATION

THE local at Attleboro, Mass., are planning a program for their meetings during the coming months, that promises to be both instructive and interesting. They are to make a trip to India, and as they must go by the way of the Pacific route, because of the war, they will visit Aurora College, Our Hope office, and Messiah's Advocate office on their trip across the continent; then sail for Japan either from San Francisco or Seattle, stopping at the Japanese and Chinese ports (as did Bro. and Sister Peterson) and on to India. When they reach our stations they will visit not only the main stations but each outstation and become thoroughly acquainted with the work. The Junior Mission Society are also planning a trip, but as they are young they will not attempt a sea-voyage, but will visit the American Advent Christian Home and Orphanage at Dowling Park, Florida and learn details of the work there, also noting things of interest on the route.

These trips cannot fail to make the members of the societies better acquainted with the work, and consequently more interested in it; and we hope others will be inspired by these suggestions to go on a journey. Helps and suggestions will be gladly furnished by the office to any who may desire to do so.

"WHERE ARE THE NINE?"

"Oh, Peggy, dear, there's a big home mail here, and you have a dozen letters besides a bunch of papers and magazines!" To Peggy, just in from a hot afternoon at school this was very good news. She was not slow in claiming her portion of the American mail on the table in the hall.

In her study she read with great delight her messages from the dear ones of home, a cheering one from a beloved secretary of her Board, an amusing Round Robin from some classmates, etc., and two lovely notes of thanks from the Junior Endeavor Society in which Peggy had grown up and to which several months before she had sent a long letter about the "Children in Blue."
There was one which she left to the very last. It bore an unfamiliar handwriting and a strange postmark, that of the city of X——. Very brief its contents were: "Will you kindly send our society a letter which we may read at our meeting on China, April 10?"

"April 10," exclaimed Peggy excitedly, "why this is March 9, this very day! Oh, if only those at home who want letters would give us time, at least three months from the request to the day of the expected receiving!

So Peggy stinted the dear home "folks" by five pages, and went late to prayer-meeting, and unprepared to her classes.

But the letter, neatly typed and registered, was dispatched by the ten o'clock steamer of the next morning.

Three months later Peggy was looking over her Letter Record. "Yes, that society in X surely received that article long ago, and by this time I should have had some acknowledgement. Certainly I deserved a gracious 'thank you.' Even though it were on a postcard, I'd be so glad to see it."

But Peggy never heard from her letter. Her associates told her of the many times this had happened to their special contributions; and one who had given many beautiful years of blessed service in that far-away land said, "Peggy, as you grow older you will realize that Christian courtesy is becoming strangely rare. Too many are among the nine."

Auxiliaries in America, Chairmen of the Missionary Committees in the Sunday-schools, leaders of Mission Boards, etc., are you among the nine who forget to return your kindly thanks for the help you receive from the letters of your missionaries, yes, and for the assistance of your Board's Secretaries in literature,—or are you happily like the one who could not forget and came back to say, "I thank you?"

"Were there not ten? But where are the nine?-The Mission Cleaner."

**PLough Work**

"O ur minister is always talking to us about sacrifice. I am getting tired of it. He expects us to give, give, give all the time. He seems to think the church is the greatest institution in the world."

"Perhaps he is right. But I agree with you that we can't always be giving to the church. There are other things that we must think of. I am afraid our minister is visionary rather than practical."

The first speaker was a wealthy business man and the second was a successful lawyer. Both men had very large incomes; they lived not only in comfort but in luxury, and denied themselves nothing that they felt it desirable to have. They were church members and gave "generously;" but neither of them really knew the meaning of the word "sacrifice."

A few months after this conversation, the two men joined a party that was going round the world. Before they started, their "visionary" minister earnestly asked them to observe and to remember any unusual and interesting things that they might see in the missionary countries through which the party was to travel. The men promised—carelessly, perhaps—to do so.

In Korea, one day, they saw in a field by the side of the road a boy pulling a rude plough, while an old man held the plough handles and directed it. The lawyer was amused, and took a snapshot of the scene.

"That's a curious picture! I suppose they are very poor," he said to the missionary who was interpreter and guide to the party.

"Yes," was the quiet reply. "That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was being built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money; so they sold their only ox and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plough themselves."

The lawyer and the business man by his side were silent for some moments. Then the business man said, "That must have been a real sacrifice."

"They did not call it that," said the missionary. "They thought it was fortunate that they had an ox to sell."

The lawyer and the business man had not much to say. But when they reached home the lawyer took that picture to his minister and told him the story.

"I want to double my pledge to the church," he said. "And give me some plough work to do, please. I have never known what sacrifice for the church meant. A converted heathen taught me. I am ashamed to say I have never yet given anything to my church that cost me anything."

How much does the average modern church member ever sacrifice for his religion? How many that call themselves Christians ever sold the ox and then harnessed themselves to the plough?—Selected by L. H. Kinsman.

**The Forgotten Pennies**

PASS the box around the class, Carter, said the infant-class teacher, and the little boy whose business it was to take up the collection for this month, slipped down off the bench, opened the cabinet door with the air of a great banker, and walked up and down the rows upon rows of children, solemnly presenting the little cedar box with a slit in the top.

Penny after penny was slipped in, and rang cheerfully against last Sabbath's pennies. Sometimes Carter and the cedar box came to a long standstill, while some small boy investigated every pocket in his new suit, or a little maid pulled off a tight glove to get at the penny that was in safe keeping in the soft, pink palm.

But every little while the box would pass a boy or girl without getting anything but a shake of the head, and the infant would say, "I forgot my pennies."
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TREASURER’S REPORT

Receipts for January, 1916

California—Oakland local, $13.50; S. W.; $10; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis, $700; Pasadena local, $30.
Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—Palmer local, $2.50; Mrs. C. E. Butterworth, $5; Springfield local, $20; C. M. Seaman, $5; Bridgeport local, $20; Mrs. G. L. Porter, $5; Mrs. F. A. Burnham, $5; M. Adaline Tiffany, $1; F. A. Waters, $1; Danbury Church, $2; Mrs. John D. Cox, $3.

Florida—S. J. Powell, $2; V. P. Simmons, $1.

Illinois—L. P. Olsen, $5; Jud E. Smith, $7; Rev. O. R. Jenks, $2.

Maine—Mechanic Falls local, $7; Biddeford Y. W. A., $5; M. E. Rowe, $5; Irma L. Marshall, $3; A friend, $1; Isabel Wright Kennison, $80 cts.; Old Orchard local, $7.50; Mrs. Elliot Prior, $50 cts.; Mrs. Daniel Leighton, $50 cts.; Mary Wilcox, $1; Milltown S. S., $3.75; Mrs. G. L. Young, $1.

Massachusetts—Ruby A. Miles, $2; Middleboro S. S., $4; Abbie E. Keyes, $1; Worcester local, $30; C. W. Burlingame, $5; Lynn Y. W. A., $4; A. M. Thompson, $3; No. Adams Mission Society, $4.75; Patience Sanford, $5; Viola Bridge Heath, $2; Uralla M. Marshall, $3; Mrs. E. E. Wright, 75 cts.; Mrs. E. R. Sawtelle, 75 cts.; Melrose Highlands Junior Mission Society, $2; Melrose Highlands local, $1.50; M. A. Hulbert, $1; West Wareham Y. W. A., $1; Boston Sunday-school, $1; Attleboro Juniors, 65 cts.; Haverhill local, $23.50; Class 5, Boston S. S., $11.11; Class 3, Boston S. S., $2.10; Aeunhet S. S., $3.53; Boys’ Junior Class, Aeunhet S. S., $10; Augustus White, $10; Somerville local, $5; Brockton local, $6; Taunton distant, $2.50; Middleboro local, $2; Luella Dunham, $1; Melrose Highlands S. S., $2.56; Lynn S. S., $2.30; Maude M. Chadsey, $1; Melrose Highlands friends, $14.

Michigan—Detroit Church, $6; Mrs. A. M. McIntyre, $5.

New Hampshire—Concord Church, $2; Ellen M. Whipple, $5; A friend, $10; Pansy Jr. Class, Concord S. S., $2; Mrs. Julia Magoon, $5; W. W. Norcott, $1; M. I. Norcott, $1; Miss Charles’s S. S. Class, Dover, $3; South Barnstead local, $6.25; Hampton local, $8; Littleton Junior Mission Society, $1; Mrs. Lydia Tuttle, $2.25; Northwood Narrows S. S., 50 cts.

New York—Mrs. E. M. VanDyke, $1; South Butler local, $5.50; Massena S. S., $5; Stockbridge S. S., $1.50.

Oregon and Eastern Washington and Idaho, Willamette Valley Conference—Zoa and Minnie Boyd, $15; Mrs. L. J. Davison, $2; Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Walston, $10; State Treasury, $4.50; Troutdale local, $1.75; John Day local, $10.50; S. M. Tupper, $5.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—St. Johnsbury local, $5; Hall Stream local, $15.

Rhode Island and Eastern Ct.—Putnam Church, $3.80; E. M. Greene, 50 cts.

Vermont—Brattleboro local, $3.50; B. M. Caswell, $10; South Vernon local, $5.

General Western—Loyal Workers, $5; rent, $19; subscriptions to All Nations, $31.57; sales, $30.79. Total receipts for month, $1385.71.

Correction.—In the receipts for November, as given in the December paper, Biddeford, Me., local was credited with $10. This was a mistake as $8 of the amount should have been credited to the Biddeford Church, and $2 to the local. We are glad to correct errors, and thankful to those who call our attention to them.

Maude M. Chadsey, Treasurer.

“If your friend is a help, a joy, an inspiration to you tell him so; there are discouraged hearts everywhere just hungry for appreciation and sympathy.”

Nine-tenths with God are worth far more than ten-tenths without God.—Sel.
TELLING THE CHILDREN

Eva Paine Kitchell

Gather the children, mother,
The little heads close to your knee.
In the hush of the beautiful twilight,
And talk to them tenderly.
When the bright eyes grow tired and restless
And gaze at you wistfully,
And the sweet lips beg for a story,
Then gather them close to your knee.

Tell them a story, mother—
But tell them no olden tale
Of knights, that rode through the forest
To search for the Holy Grail;
Or of bearded and bronzed Crusader,
Who fought in the Holy Wars,
His face towards the Holy City
And scarred with the battle scars.

But when through the beautiful twilight
The first ray of starlight beams.
And the children gather around you
To tell you their beautiful dreams
Of a wonderful grown-up future,
Overflowing with valorous deeds,
Then tell them the story of missions—
Of our world and its pitiful needs.

Tell them nor valor nor riches
Have ever the soul sufficed,
Nor the wisdom of all the sages
Like a life that is given to Christ,
To take up "the white man's burden"
Through loneliness, pain or loss,
Where the star of the Northland gleameth
Or burneth the Southern Cross.

Not long will your little ones linger,
So talk to them while you may:
A world may be better to-morrow
For the story you're telling to-day.

Tell them the story of missions,
For the child-heart is tender and true,
And not all the teachers and preachers
Can guide them, oh! mother, like you.

—Sel.

A WORKING JUNIOR

Dear Miss Rowe,—On receiving my copy of All Nations to-day, I turned as usual to your page to see what the Juniors were doing, and I began to wonder if you would not like to hear from our Junior Mission Band at Littleton, N. H. As the girls are all very busy with their school work, I think I will write you myself, and later on perhaps our secretary will want to write you too.

This Band was organized a year ago last October. We have bought an electric lamp for the pulpit of our church, also paid for two thousand shingles for the church. We have sent flowers to the sick, bought a nice doll which was dressed by the girls and carried by them to the hospital for a little sick friend there, and also made several scrap-books for the hospital.

Last Christmas we made sixty-four bags and filled them with candy, nuts, and popcorn. These and a large number of secondhand toys were sent to our State Orphan Home at Franklin and were very much appreciated.

We also made two quilts for the Home and Orphanage at Dowling Park, which we sent there together with six wash cloths, three holders, four needle books and one cretonne bag. One of these quilts was an album quilt, each person whose name is on the quilt having given us ten cents. This is one way in which we supplied our treasury. Another way was in getting up a Larkin order. The Larkin Co. very generously sending us $23 worth of products for $10 which when sold left us the handsome premium of $13 cash.

Trust that this may be of interest and encouragement to you, I am very sincerely

(Mrs.) A. A. Richardson,

This Junior Band is certainly a live one; can we not hear from others?—Ed.

NEW Y. W. A.

Melrose Highlands, Mass., President, Mrs. May E. Gale; Vice-President, Leah M. Osgood; Secretary, Ella M. Corbett, 88 Melrose St.; Treasurer, Vesta A. Wilson.

CRADLE ROLL

Mary Helen Carter, December 28, 1915, Bangor, Maine.