PONIAH
Anna N. Hudson

It was rather queer the way he came to us, one Saturday night near dark with his samaan on his head, and said he had heard of our school for boys and wanted to come here to study. He appeared of about sixteen or seventeen years of age and upon being questioned he said he had come from a rubber plantation in Ceylon. He had asked his employer for leave to go and visit his native Tamil country as he had been taken with his mother when very young as coolies from there. He had some of his earnings to his credit and had started out with very little idea where he was going. His mother and father had both died of the fever in Ceylon, and he scarcely knew whether he had any relatives or not. After wandering around in many cities he reached Madras and by chance—or rather, Providence—he fell in with some one who told him of Vilacheri Industrial School, so out he came and presented himself for admittance, and said he would do anything if we would let him learn to read and write. He could show no letters or credentials that what he said was the truth, but his eye was so clear and his manner so open and frank, it was impossible to doubt his story. It was decided that he should join the boys and stay until we could find out more about him.

In church next day it was interesting to see the unusual interest he displayed in all the services and it was plain he had probably never been in a meeting of like kind before. While his neighbors bowed their heads while prayer was offered, he calmly stared around at them with curious wonder written all over his face.

For several days he was the wonder of the place. He was put in the infant class at school for half the day and the other half was put with six or eight boys who were making bricks, and the way he worked made them all stop and watch him. He worked as if his life depended on how much he could get done. Then Mr. Hudson realized he had an unusual specimen for an Indian and was not long in using him as an example to the others. Shortly after wrangling was heard among the brickmakers and they were heard to rate Poniah good for getting them into trouble by “working that much quickly,” as it comes in Tamil. Our new brickmaker never winked an eyelash but utterly ignored them, and kept on doing more than all the rest of them put together. And neither did he flag after a day or two, so he was not merely showing off.

He was asked to drive the bulls one day for “Durai Sonnie” and said he never had driven bulls but would try. Try he did and after a time or two managed our two cantankerous bulls very well. He seemed very attached to
the children and would often of his own accord help about the house, so I wondered if he would come into the house and learn maty boy's work. We have such difficulty in breaking the Indian prejudice against servant's work. They prefer to be a third rate cooly to doing a white coat and turban and washing dishes or pulling a punkah. The same difficulty had to be met when Mr. Hudson asked one of the boys, a dependent little wail of non-caste parents, to clean and attend to the horse. He flatly refused and when forced to obey ran away. We have learned to use tact and caution since in trying forcibly to break down Indian customs. Silly as they appear to us we must conform to them until we can prove to them the smallness of such narrow notions. For weeks Mr. Hudson cleaned the horse himself but they seemed glad to have him do so, and felt relieved that they were not being pressed into the "degrading" service, so the example had no effect.

I have cautiously asked several boys to help me do this or that in the house at different times and if they think they are going to be pressed into continual housework they will refuse and that has to be the end of it. But we are proud of some of our old boys who are gradually getting rid of some of these notions that handicap their education and usefulness in the world, and are becoming well-trained workers, capable and willing to do anything asked of them.

So I considered the possibility of Poniah's willingness to do housework quite a long time before I aroused courage to ask him. He seemed so willing to do anything asked of him and was so quick to help, would deliberately take things out of one's hands and do it himself if he saw it was anything he could do. It was new to us, for nearly always they have to be told to do a thing first, even though they see it is expected of them, they wait for the order first. When I finally did mention the matter to Poniah his usual smile accompanied his usual reply, "Whatever you say, that I will do."

Now he has been in the house a few months, doing considerable damage it is true, but learning creditably well and I am beginning to hope that the future will prove him a faithful servant. Up to the present nothing more has been learned of his whereabouts or people before he so mysteriously came to us.

I am anxiously watching his interest in things Christian and believe he will come out strong when he sees the light, but so far he is only puzzled. That will all pass as he hears it over and over, then it will slowly dawn on him, as it does on minds steeped in generations of heathenism and idolatry, and when that time comes, which I hope is not far distant, may the message be ready and may he become a shining light.

If India's millions were to file past a given point at the rate of twenty each minute, it would take twenty-eight years for them to pass, marching day and night.

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AMONG THE SOLDIERS IN MESOPOTAMIA

C. H. Hudson

I AM expecting to make a move the end of this month. They are giving me another equipment and I am to get up as near to the trenches as possible. A man is on the way out to take over the work I have got started here. I shall be rather sorry to leave it for everything is arranged my own way and to my mind is going fine; but the men farther up are in greater need, and I suppose they think it's easier for new men to take over a work that is established than to start a new one. I ought to feel pleased, and do, for I want to be right in the thick of it, and where I can be of most use. I was examined by the doctor yesterday, and he says I am perfectly fit.

There are lots of little interesting things I would like to tell you, but it is not wise to mention them; will tell you when I come home. I have a camera with me, and am getting some nice pictures which I shall try to bring along.

Well, I shall be thankful when this war is ended, and I think all that are engaged in it feel the same. I shall not for one minute pretend that my absence from Vilacheri makes no difference; I know already it has, but I feel that the setback that the work may receive may be made up for when I return, and the experiences gained, the friendships formed with those that are running things out here, is not going to be without value. Then again, the influence on Indian troops. Of far greater value to them than our sermons, is the knowledge that Christians left their comfortable homes to follow and minister to them through the time of trial. It is not the Buddhist, the Mohammean or the Hindu, that is doing this service, but the Christian. Just think of the impression caused and the influence, when these thousands of Indian troops return to their villages. Then our own men from every part of the empire, also the States, how they need us and how they appreciate our work. If the church does not lay hold of the men who listen to our talks, sit around and sing hymns, and come to us for Testaments, when they return home, well, God help the church, is all I can say.

August 15, 1916.

NEWS OF GUINDY HOME

Zella A. Peterson

SINCE returning from the hills, the care of the Girls' Orphanage has fallen to me. I enjoy the work among the girls, and feel that it is a great responsibility, trying to lead so many children in the right way. On my return, I found eight bright new faces in the boarding school, and the promise of more. With a few day-scholars coming in from the village, this gives us about sixty children in our school.

Recently two of the children were burned by hot "cungie" (boiling rice) which, by accident,
was turned over them. Our little four-year-old boy, Melvin, had his foot quite severely scalded. This happened a day or so before I came from my vacation trip, and they had been taking him to the “dispensary” at Saidapet to have it treated. One day, the matron came to me and said, “Ama, they are not helping Tumby’s (younger brother’s) foot at Saidapet.” “What is the matter?” I asked. “Oh, it is a boil, Ama.” When I looked at it, I found it to be a “scald” instead of a “boil.” She did not know how to tell me in English that it was burned. She knew that the cungie was “boiling” hot, and thought if she told me it was a “boil,” I would understand what she meant.

A few mornings later, the matron again came running to tell me that one of the girls had been scalded. She was sitting in front of the fire waiting for the cungie to cook, when another girl came in and sat down on the end of a stick of wood, which was burning under the kettle of rice. This overturned the kettle burning one foot and hand of the first girl quite severely. Both patients are practically well now, we are glad to say. Thus accidents happen among us, but we are glad that the general health of the school is good, and thank the Heavenly Father for it.

We feel that the work in Saidapet is slowly progressing. I now have a Bible woman who teaches English in some of the homes there. I try to go with her two days each week. The women in many of the higher caste families are very anxious to learn English, and we hope to reach these women, in this way. After the English lesson, a hymn is sung and a Scripture lesson taught in Tamil, so that they may understand it. A few days since I visited a home where the son had recently brought his bride, and the husband seemed quite proud of where the son had recently brought his bride, he would rest in peace.” Perhaps he believed in a grave strewn with flowers and the veterinary surgeon in writing us “hoped his (Peter’s) soul caused hemorrhages and so he had to be shot. Several months of an internal cancer which was turned over them. Our little four-year-old boy, Melvin, had his foot quite severely scalded. This happened a day or so before I came from my vacation trip, and they had been taking him to the “dispensary” at Saidapet to have it treated. One day, the matron came to me and said, “Ama, they are not helping Tumby’s (younger brother’s) foot at Saidapet.” “What is the matter?” I asked. “Oh, it is a boil, Ama.” When I looked at it, I found it to be a “scald” instead of a “boil.” She did not know how to tell me in English that it was burned. She knew that the cungie was “boiling” hot, and thought if she told me it was a “boil,” I would understand what she meant.

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POOR OLD PETER
R. L. Peterson

Peter was a faithful servant of the mission for a good many years. He suffered for several months of an internal cancer which caused hemorrhages and so he had to be shot. But Peter was a horse. They buried him in a grave strewn with flowers and the veterinary surgeon in writing us “hoped his (Peter’s) soul would rest in peace.” Perhaps he believed in transmigration of souls as so many Hindus do, and no doubt he thought Peter would appear in another birth. And so the Hindu treats his animals kindly, that is, providing he is a good Hindu.

In buying a new horse, we realized the true philosophy of Josh Billings’ statement that, “Before you can have an honest horse race, you must first have an honest human race.” Dishonesty seems to be a close partner of the horse dealer. And these Indian horse dealers are past masters at every trick known to the trade. He will lie about the age, cover up any defect or blemish, and “dope” the animal, in short, practice any deceit to make a sale, then laugh at you if you get the worst of the deal.

After spending much time in looking at a hundred, or more, ponies and horses, and covering as many miles of territory we purchased a chestnut mare four years old, of good size, sound in body, swift of foot and gentle in disposition. She comes from northern India, the Punjab district, as practically no horses are raised near Madras. After making three visits to the owner and much talking the deal was closed for rupees two hundred and eighty-five or about ninety-five dollars.

Our best horses come from Burma but these sell for twice the price of the one we purchased. Large driving horses are imported from Australia, but because of the extreme heat these can be driven only for short distances. On the whole the expense of conveyances, and the feeding of horses is about the same as in America.

SNATCHES OF CONVERSATION BY THE WAY
Ella L. Jones

After an afternoon and evening in effort for Christ, our way led across the rice fields that skirted a village from which came a voice: “Who goes with a light?” “We, the wise virgins,” answered the evangelist.

It was ten at night, and a company of six were following the jungle path, single file, peering here and there for snakes, and watching the lowering clouds, when a tired voice asked, “How much farther is it?” “A mile.” “No, a mile and a half,” answered the teacher.

The philosopher of the party, a youth of high spirit, soliloquized, “What is the use of talking, if it is two miles, we only must walk it on our feet.”

Abesagam, whose six foot height gives him an advantage in stride over the rest of us, was leaving the others in the dark when a voice sang out, “Long-legs, we will hobble you like a dhoby donkey.” A bit of chaffing and laughing shortens the way after hours of speaking and walking.

She squatted on the ground in front of the low seat of the house, listening to a talk by the missionary, who asked what one needed in order to have a clean heart; from that ignorant, unkempt woman came the sharp reply, “To be full up of God.”

“Missie, I cannot see,” the kind old friend of Jeldenpet said, as he came forward to say salaam. “If you believe in Jesus, He will give you new eyes when He comes back to the earth,” was the reply.
A report of the amount raised in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for the year just ended has not been received; but we feel safe in saying that it has been the best year this State division has ever had.

MISS KEENEY COMING HOME

A CABLEGRAM has been received from India informing us that Miss Keeney is coming home and will reach San Francisco the first of November. Last winter the doctors advised her to do so, telling her that she would get her health much quicker away from the tropics; and our Board gave her permission to come if necessary; but she was desirous of remaining if possible another year until her furlough was due. However the headaches continued to return so frequently that she as well as the other missionaries decided it would not be wise to remain longer. Pray for her that her health may be speedily restored, and she may be able to take up active work again for the Master.

IN MEMORIAM

SINCE we last met in our little mission circle, death has invaded our ranks, and taken a dear one, Mrs. E. O. Churchill, who was a charter member and one who was deeply interested in its work.

When the infirmities of years came upon her, and she was no longer able to meet with us, she did not forget, but with her prayers, and loving council and financial aid, was ever ready to assist. She was one who loved life for its opportunities and appreciated its blessings.

A dear one has gone from the home. A sister from the church, a teacher from the Sunday-school and while in loving memory of her, the tear courses down our cheek, yet we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we believe when the morning dawns we shall again clasp hands with her on the eternal shore.

Lowell, Mass.  Lucy E. Hudson.

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

THE school has opened again for the winter with eighteen students and we shall need potatoes (we understand that several bushels of these were promised at the Northern Maine Conference, but they have not arrived yet), apples, vegetables, canned goods, etc., to help out on the board problem, for with the advanced price of food stuffs, the problem of keeping the home running on the $3.50 a week which the students pay for board and room, will be a more serious one than ever before. However if the friends of the school stand behind us with their gifts of produce as in past years we believe it can be done, with the efficient management of our matron, Mrs. Amelia Boyd.

A gift of a quilt from Mrs. Mary Cobb of Plymouth, Mass., a sister who is in her ninetieth year, and took every stitch upon it herself even to the knotting, has been recently received.
and will be especially prized as the work of one who has seen so many years.

The wife of one of the graduates wrote asking for a dozen empty quart jars which she would fill with sauce for the school and added a postscript that her husband said send two dozen. This is a suggestion for other graduates and their wives. We have also received some evaporated apples and dried corn from Mrs. R. J. Robson.

We are not in need of bed or table linen at present, and as that need arises will make it known, and feel sure that, as in the past, it will be met. We do need, however, about $20 to finish paying for the papering, painting and repairing that has been done in the home during the summer.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING LIST

Let us pray:

That Miss Keeney may have a safe journey, and be speedily restored to health.

That Miss Saunders may have a safe journey and be greatly blessed as she takes up her work in India again.

That the full amount of the mortgage fund may be received by the 20th.

That wisdom may be given the workers, both at home and on the field, to deal with the problems that are constantly arising, especially that the missionaries may be guided aright in connection with the villagers that are turning to Christ.

That Mr. Hudson may be safely kept amid the dangers with which he is surrounded.

Let us give thanks:

For the awakening in the villages.

For Miss Saunders's restored health, which enables her to return to India.

For the funds that have come in for the mortgage fund.

For the splendid work done in the different States as shown by the reports.

DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, Nov. 17, is the day appointed by the Federation of Woman's Boards as a day of prayer for foreign missions and we are giving the program as suggested for that day.

Many societies may find it inconvenient to have an all-day service; but we trust that all will plan to have a service some time during the day of four hours, from ten until twelve and two until four, into half hour periods, eight in all. One director or leader may take charge for the entire day, securing from the various churches other leaders to be responsible for the half-hour periods. The general leader will open the meeting at ten o'clock. The seven leaders appointed should have ample notice of their period and of the special subject for the hour. We suggest that it would be well to avoid all "exercises," so-called, each period beginning simply with a hymn and a verse of Scripture bearing on the subject, which will be the keynote for the time, which should be spent in earnest intercession. It is well for the leader to precede each prayer with a brief statement of the need. We suggest as topics for these eight periods:

"1. Quiet Hour. Prayer for the conscious presence of God.

"2. China. Prayer for all missionaries and native Christians; and for our denominational work.


"4. India. Prayer for missionaries, native Christians, orphanages, Bible women, evangelists and for the girls' college at Madras.

"5. Africa. Prayer for the parts devastated by war; for industrial work; for the groups of Christians scattered over the dark continent; and especially for the work being carried on there by our own denomination [let us remember especially the work of the Life and Advent Mission—M. M. C.].

"6. The Islands of the Sea, South America, and Unoccupied Fields. Pray for workers and the needed funds to establish missions on these fields.

"7. Young Women's Hour. Prayer for volunteers; for young missionaries just beginning their work; for those who are studying the languages; for deeper consecration among the young women of our churches.

"8. For the World at War; for all who have suffered loss; for a speedy ending of the conflict; for a great turning to God throughout the world; for a deeper sense of our own responsibility to others."

MAINE ANNUAL MEETING

THE annual meeting of the W. H. and F. M. Society in Maine was held in the Portland A. C. Church, Wednesday, Sept. 13. The morning session was opened at half-past ten with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. Mary Tucker of Biddeford. A letter from the President, Mrs. Alfreda Brewster Wallace, was read by the Secretary and Mrs. Tucker was elected chairman. Members were present from Auburn, Biddeford, Old Orchard, Peak's Island, Westbrook, and Portland. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were encouraging. They showed that the amount due for the furnishing of the room in the B. B. S. Annex; the Maine room in the mission cottage at Alton Bay, and for the support of the Tiravamur School had been paid. Twenty-six dollars and forty-five cents had been paid for the Dowling Park Orphanage and one child clothed. One hundred and fifty-two dollars and fifty-five cents...
was paid for the mortgage on the B. B. S. Home. Conditional gifts amounting to six hundred dollars were paid from the State and the total amount received from the State in eleven months was $1242.37.

Much has been done to aid the home churches and perhaps more than usual to aid those in need. Doubtless much has been done that has not been reported, for oftentimes we think many things too small to report, yet when all the items are added the result surprises us.

A report of the Tiravamur School by Mr. Hudson was read by the Secretary, also a greeting from the local in St. Mary's, N. B.

A vote of thanks was extended the President and Secretary for their services.

It was voted to pay five dollars toward the shingling of the mission cottage at Alton Bay.

The invitation from the Biddeford local and Y. W. A. to hold the next annual meeting in Biddeford was accepted.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the Portland Church and local for entertaining the convention. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Retha Glover; Northern Vice-President, Mrs. Isabel Wright Kennison; Eastern Vice-President, Mrs. Benjamin Corliss; Central Vice-President, Mrs. Ethel Haskell; Western Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Tucker; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary E. Rowe; Auditor, Miss Mary E. Marshall; Superintendent of Y. W. A. and Junior Work, Mrs. Minnie Brown.

The ratification meeting of the general society was held in the afternoon followed by an address by Miss Flossie Quimby who told of her work in China.

A special feature of the afternoon was the singing by the trio, Misses Dorothy, Marjorie, and Beatrice King, Junior and Cradle Roll members; and the duet by Miss Celia Phinney, a Junior member, and an invited guest.

The meeting closed with singing by a quartette composed of Mrs. Lilla Ward, Miss Ruth Ward, and the Misses Ruby and Lizzie Sweetser, and prayer by Mrs. Maude Chadsey.

Mary E. Rowe, Sec.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W. H. AND F. M. LOCALS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Our convention was held again this year at Huntington Beach Campground, the afternoon of Aug. 29.

Five locals gave splendid reports. The sixth one has been practically laid on the shelf for the present on account of financial reverses. Only one local reported a mission study class and we feel that this is our weak point. The money received by the locals and State Treasurer for the year amounted to $211.22 for home work and $734.84 for foreign work which includes the box we sent to India in the spring. We decided to send another box next April.

A very necessary part of the program was the taking of pledges for Sister Ella Jones' support. Bro. M. G. Nelson of Pasadena presented this subject so well that we received $300.50 in pledges and cash besides a collection of $14.52 for incidentals.

We were very glad to have Sister Jess Saunders with us and learned to love her in a very short time. She gave us a most delightful and instructive talk from her painted maps of our India mission field. May the Lord richly bless as she returns to the work.

L. Grace Corson, Sec.

SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT

At the district conferences in Southern Massachusetts the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society are given one evening for which they provide the program. At the conference held in Attleboro in September, the W. H. and F. M. sisters took as the subject for their evening, "Some Results of the Great Commission." These results were presented by four speakers: Mrs. Florence Richardson of Attleboro speaking of the Industrial Results; Mrs. Emma Billings of Brockton of the Medical Results; Miss Ruth Davis of Taunton, of the Educational Results; and Mrs. Helen Keene of West Wareham of the Evangelical Results. The program was most interesting and instructive, and we would recommend other sections that are planning for mission programs to take up something along this line.

Flora G. Churchill, Pres.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of Massachusetts Eastern District will be held in the Adventist Church, Liberty St., Lynn, Mass., the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Nov. 1. The afternoon session which will be devoted to the business of the district will open at 2.30. At the evening session a mission address will be given. Let every local in the district plan to have representatives present.

Flora G. Churchill, Pres.

SPREADING THE LIGHT

Ella L. Jones

Sometimes we feel very badly about losing some worker, who has become a good Adventist, but it may be it is one of God's ways of spreading the truth.

The other day we Guindy folks, numbering thirty, took an afternoon trip to see the big mount. After having been to the top of the mount, where St. Thomas is supposed to have left a foot print in the stone, we walked by a Wesleyan Church where a Tamil service was being held, so went in and were favored with a sermon on hell.

An old worker of ours who is now working in that mission was present and afterwards told Zechariah what he thought of such preaching and of the long discussions he has with his fellow workers.
The belief in the soon return of our Lord is spreading rapidly among all missions; but still we have a fuller message, and are thankful whenever we find one who has been with us, still teaching the sleep of the dead in his field of labor.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

Of the Willamette Valley Conference

Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society

Troutdale, Aug. 23, 1916

Number of locals in district, 10.

Number of locals reporting, 8.

(Two disbanded during year, but one reorganized on campground.)

Number of members July 1, 1916, 86. Support Neelangiri School, raising for the first time the new amount called for $114.

A deficit of $21.70 on last year's pledge was paid and $6.00 to apply on ensuing year.

Five children are supported, $35 being paid for this purpose this year. Fifty-nine dollars and four cents was contributed for native evangelists' salaries, $10 for Mr. and Mrs. Dyer on and $16.00 on Miss Keene's support.

China work received $16.25.

The talent of $6 which was sent out brought an increase of $40.60 making $52.60 in talent fund which after reserving $10 for a new talent was applied to support of our school.

A sale of handkerchiefs made by the girls at Guindy brought $16.95.

Garments estimated at $35 were sent to California to be shipped in their box.

Material on hand now ($12.57) from Eight Mile will be sent with a box from Portland if practicable.

Home workers report opportunities afforded.

Realizing that our membership has decreased a plan was proposed to institute a membership contest, to be reckoned upon a percentage of present numbers. The talent brought $16.95.

A letter from Mr. Hudson regarding our school was read and resolutions of thanks and appreciation to Miss Saunders were adopted. Also of remembrance of Miss Jones' visit in 1914.

Miss Saunders addressed us upon "Our Men and Our Mission" making us feel better acquainted with both.

The present officers were re-elected and meeting adjourned.

Amount raised for Home

$216.32

Amount raised for Foreign

$42.76

Total

$259.08

Mrs. Louis R. Wright, Pres.

Mrs. Susie Tupper, Sec.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Receipts for September, 1916

California—Napa Sunday-school, $5.50; Mrs. A. A. Bennett, $3; Santa Cruz Church, $5.60; Colton Church, $1.15; Tustin Church, $5; San Diego Church, $7.65; Los Angeles Church, $7.25.

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—Myrtle Strong, $10; Palmer local, $8; Mabel R. Makepeace, $6; John F. Reynolds, $8; Mrs. D. G. Byars, $3; Danbury Tithing Class, $7; E. C. Noble, $2; A. E. Julian, $1.50; Springfield A. C. Sunday-school, $15.

Idaho—Minerva Campbell, $5.

Illinois—Mrs. A. C. Nelson, $3.

Kansas—Linn S.S., $5.

Maine—Hattie Loughie, $8; Jennie Briary, 25 cts; Esther Gilbert, 50 cts; Ruth Gilbert, 50 cts; Mrs. Beatrice Choate, $8; Ida Murray, 20 cts; collection Lakeside, $1.75; Mrs. Godfrey Gilbert, $1; Ruth Haskell, $2.04; Ruth Foster, 87 cts; Dorothy Foster, 87 cts; Mechanic Falls local, $11; A. and M. Cook, $2; Celia Phinney, 92 cts; children Mechanic Falls Campmeeting, $3.24; Young People, Mechanic Falls Campmeeting, $4; F. E. Mitchell, $10; Presque Isle local, $5; Julia Brown, $2; State Road local, $5; Goodwin's Mills Church, $10; Angie Joy, $2; Fiskdale local, $13.50; Biddeford Y. W. A., $4; Mrs. Byron Campbell, $1; Mrs. J. F. Smith, $1; Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Lake, $1; Beals Y. P. A., $15.

Massachusetts—Dorina Paquette, $1; C. W. Burlingame, $5; F. A. Waters, $7; Rebecca Cassavant, $5; Class 5, Boston S.S., $2.26; Patience Sanford, $10; M. A. Hubert, $1; Emily, $1; Attleboro S.S., $15; Melrose Highlands local, $16; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hammond, $2; Ruth E. Foster, $1; Boston S. S., $1; Class 3, Boston Y. S. S., $3.35; Melrose Highlands S.S., $1.90; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Foss, $5; Boston Church, 85 cts; Class 6, Boston S. S., $3; Ursila M. Marshall, $3; Lynn S. S., $1 50; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ward, $5; Brockton local, $21; Mass. Middle District, $10; Acushnet Junior Mission Society, $1.60; Acushnet J. M. Society's Birthday Book, $1; Salem Tithing Class, $10; Worcester local, $12; Fiskdale local, $7; Augustus White, $10; a friend, $1; Ira M. Chute, $5; Etta F. Gragg, $2.

New Hampshire—Annie S. Dyer, $1; Belmont Auxiliary, $3; Northwood Narrows S.S., $1.10; Arabella G. Learned, $1; Mrs. A. E. Wells, $2; children's meeting, Aiken, $2.33.

New York—Hoosick local, $3; Chas. Feede, $1; Brainsland children, $1.50; Arena local, $3.25; E. M. VanDyke, $1; Mrs. Luther Hatter, 73 cts; Missions S. S., $5.

North Carolina—Janice Spier, $2.

Nova Scotia—Litchfield Church, $1; Rev. E. W. and Mrs. Dyer, $3.75.

Oregon and Eastern Washington—State Treasurer, $34.60.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—Danville Church, $80; Magog cottage, $1.50; children's meeting, Magog Campmeeting, $1.63; Newbury Church, $7.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—Roland Albro, $3; Celia F. Langworthy, $1; Putnam Church, 50 cts.

Vermont—Children, Bethel Campmeeting, $4.40; B. M. Caswell, $2.20.

Western Washington and British Columbia—Mrs. C. S. Preble, $1; L. G. Dix, $3; Annie Warriner, $1; Mrs. Brown, $1; Mrs. Barnhard, 50 cts; Nannie Lestram, 50 cts; T. Rouse, $3; B. Forester, $1; G. A. Alexander, $1; Mrs. Felmy, $1; Mrs. Meeker, $1; Ray Meeker, $1; Sylvia Christie, $1; Mrs. J. E. Brown, $1; Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Cloud, $1; Charlotte Cloud, $1; Mrs. Weeks, $1; Mrs. Jonasson, $1; J. C. Orr, 50 cts; Mrs. Siemens, 50 cts; C. S. Preble, $1; M. E. Dix, $1; E. L. Meeker, 50 cts; Mrs. W. H. Warner, $1; cash offering, $5.50; Nooksack, $16.00; Mrs. Peterson and $16.00 on Miss Keene's support.

Wisconsin—Adel E. Pierce, 50 cts.

General Helpers' Union, $59; General Western Loyal Workers, $10; rent, $20; sales, $7.16; All Nations subscriptions, $20.90; Total receipts, $678.26.

**Brother Peterson's Motor Cycle Fund**

Amount needed $275.00

Previously reported $59.50

Received since last report $110.00

Balance needed $164.00

Maude M. Chadsey, Trea.

GOOD FOR THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY SISTERS

The Oregon and Eastern Washington sisters took the Nilangari School to support, when the cost of supporting a school was $108 per year. This year, for the first time they had that amount and a little more raised before the annual meeting and at their meeting raised enough to make $144 for the year 1915-16, which is now the cost of supporting the school, and intend to raise $144 a year hereafter. Praise God for such devoted workers.
MISSION EXERCISE

I am a widow, altho but a child;
Now I am spurned as accursed, defiled.
Dreary and dread years of toil lie ahead.
Asking for pity, for help and for light.

I can but call from my long, loveless night
And ne'er hear the story of God and His care.

One of our old "biddies" had come in through the door, walked out to the dresser, and jumped up on it. There she stood in front of the glass, perking her head first this way, and that, and was singing a little song all to herself as happily as could be. We watched her for a time, and she would turn one side then the other, and peck at her image in the mirror, then sing again. She seemed to be quite pleased with what she saw.

We took her down and put her out the back door, not thinking more of it. After some time, as we were sitting in the room, here she came again, in through the front door. She went straight back to the dresser, and flying up in front of the mirror, went through the same actions again. After she had done this the second time, we decided that we had a very curious and vain "biddie" hen.

SHE HAD TO LAUGH!

"After conference I went on a short tour," says Miss Grace Bullard, of Kavali, India. "Touring in India is surely an art. In the first place, the amount of baggage is a caution. As mother and I sat on the platform at the Tettu railway station, trying to get things weighed and booked, I really had to laugh—used as I am to life in India. A partial list included tents, beds, with mattresses, numerous baskets, containing dishes, table and bedlinen; cooking utensils, even to bread-pan; supplies, such as sugar, salt, soda, flour; basins, mugs, and bathroom requisites; bedding, personal clothing; two folding tables, a lantern, a clock, umbrellas, canes, a gun, hand-bag with medicines; another with writing material; chairs, besides Bibles, tracts, and food for the natives."

And the point of this item is, that the missionary who "had to laugh" over the care of all that mess will not lose her cheerfulness and courage, no matter what conditions she may have to face.—Sel.

A PET IN INDIA

Zella A. Peterson

Children, what do you think happened in our Guindy home the other day? Just what might have happened in any of your homes perhaps. But I will tell you about it. At the noon hour, during the very hottest part of the day, we are unable to go out-of-doors to work, for fear of sunstroke. At this hour we take a midday rest. On this day, as we were resting, we heard a strange noise, and on looking for the cause, we saw a very funny sight.

CRADLE ROLL

Edna Louise Davis, May 15, 1916, Concord, N. H.

NEW Y. W. A. SOCIETY

We have been informed that a Young Woman's Auxiliary was organized at Attleboro, Mass., at the time of District Convention in September; but the names of the officers have not been received.