MAKING A WAR-TIME GARDEN

HIS is planting-time, that time of faith and works which, out of the experience of the past, draws expectation for things to come. On that faith rests the sustenance of the people in all the lands. We give our seed to death and darkness in full assurance that it will spring up and bear fruit—some ten, some fifty, some a hundred fold. A few are in training fields as soldiers, millions of men and women, boys and girls, are in the sowing fields to-day making ready for the needs of the future.

This is planting-time, also,—even these days of the beginning of war,—for every garden of the soul. Here, too, we need counsel from the experience of the past and faith that lays hold upon the future. What of our garden plot? What seed shall we make room for in its borders? What cultivation and what watering must go to the successful harvest toward which we look? What weeds and blights and devouring enemies threaten our planting?

We must sow and cherish the seeds of faith. God is still Ruler of the world. The evil deeds of men have not snatched it out of his hand, as the thief snatches a purse from the listless hold of a woman in the crowd. Give place and culture to these seeds of faith in God. If they must needs be watered with your tears and cared for in the midst of trials and temptations, give them the care they need.

Make large room for the seeds of brotherly affection. Do not be content with hedgesrow kindnesses, flowers and fruits of brotherhood that spring of themselves along our human way. Sow them with care and tend them with ardor in a liberal space of your soul's garden. Let this part of your planting be the place where you go first to see what new shoots have appeared and what fruits are ripening. Just because it is a time of war, still more because the cutworm of hate is working underground, give care and protection to every plant of love and kindness. Daily enrich this garden plot of brotherhood with such a prayer as the Apostle wrote for the Christians of Salonica; "The Lord make you to increase and abound in love, one toward another, and toward all men."

Make a wide sowing in your soul's war-time garden of courage with its crimson blossoms. Its fruits are patience, diligence and hope. It soon becomes a sturdy plant if you will only give it room enough to grow. In some disturbed and perhaps disheartened hour under the pitiless sun of circumstance you may find welcome refuge under its spreading boughs.

All along the borders of your war-time garden sow cheerfulness. This is that plant called Heartsease which with its color and its fragrance teaches our lips to sing. The true seed is of Christ's giving. It is perennial in the soul where dwells the Spirit of God who takes of the things of Christ to show them unto us. Its fragrance flies on the wings of the wind over your garden border for the refreshment of the wayfarer in his discouraged hour. Ah, that scent of wayside gardens! How it speaks to us of home and joy and love!

In our home places if we are too old, or too young or hindered otherwise from service in the field, in the right care of these war-time gardens of our souls, we may do necessary service for our nation and the world. The fruits of this sowing belong to the eternal and renewing elements. There are great impending changes in the life of all the people. By this culture of our souls' gardens we shall be making ready our contribution toward the better things to come. The harvest of our sowing will be used by the Master of all garden growths, who said, 'I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.'—Isaac Ogden Rankin, in The Congregationalist.
EVERYDAY HAPPENINGS
J. M. Saunders

The following was taken from a personal letter written to one of the Executive Board Members, and given such a clear glimpse of everyday doings that we publish it that others may read and enjoy it too.—Ed.

I HAVE purposed in my heart not to let another week pass without writing to you. I have been heaping up resolutions about letter writing for a long time. Do you find it easy to keep resolutions? I don't.

I remember with what pride you showed me your garden when I was with you in 1915. Now if you were here I would take you for a walk through mine or ours I should say. We have about an acre planted with different kinds of vegetables and they are growing splendidly. The boys are taking a real interest in it, and Mr. Pulicoden is as happy as can be. I think he likes to see things accomplished as well as I do. You see being of one mind on these things we can work together very nicely. I do not know what I should do without his help. Now that I am staying at Guindy while the Petersons are away for their vacation, I can leave everything in his hands to care for. I go there almost every afternoon to see how things are going.

At Work

What do you do when Tom, Dick and Harry are just as mischievous and naughty as they can be? You only have yours for five hours each day; mine are ever present. Well, I'll tell you what I did and how it worked out. The first of April I started an honor roll. It did seem, for some time, that the boys did not have the faintest idea what honor meant; at least some of them. I promised to give the boys that did not receive a bad mark for the whole month a good treat. I did not coax them but let them go as usual, only marked the names each day. The first of May fourteen out of forty-six had honors. Yesterday they were given a holiday and allowed to go to Madras sight-seeing with the headmaster. They had a fine time and something good to eat and came home very happy. What effect did this have on others? Well, they too could win if they tried, the result is every boy says he is determined to win honors this month. Of course, this is just what I want, the scheme is working just as I prayed it might, and this may be an incentive for them not to do right only for a treat, but later on for the sake of right, because it is right. In marking the rolls everything is taken into account, their work, study, conduct, and treatment of each other. It needs a lot of wisdom to manage boys, but God's store is full and He has promised to give liberally. The kind of wisdom I need is that from above mentioned in James 3:17.

To this outside trouble, twice running, men who were false were put here as teachers. It was some time before the missionary detected the state of things, when of course the offender was at once removed, but his example had told against Christ.

At present we have a true Christian teacher, sometimes we think him pretty dense, but while he is not a man of great mind, he is a man of great prayer. His prayers and constant effort are having their effect.

This morning I went with him to the village and spent some time in the house of Ponan (Gold) who has given his name for Christ. He
went with us to look at a piece of land we expect to buy for our own. (I will write you more about it when the deal is made.) This land will improve the location of our school and give us a chance to dig a well. At present there is no good water for the teachers.

After seeing the land we came back to the school where we could, without hindrance, have a heart to heart talk with Ponan. He talked so well and warmed our hearts not a little. He said, "I am determined to be a Christian and by the light I have to bring my neighbors to Christ. I know in my heart of Christ and mean to serve Him the few days I have to live." There are three other men, with their wives, who expect to become Christians. Does this not make you feel good? It causes us to rejoice greatly. Victory in Perambakam is victory by the mighty power of God.

DO MISSIONARIES DIE YOUNG?

The Christian Patriot of Madras quotes a discussion of this subject by Rev. D. D. Downie, of the American Baptist Mission, Nellore. Confining himself to his own station, he gave a negative answer. Nellore has the reputation of being one of the hottest stations in South India. The temperature is known to have been 118 degrees in the shade. That is exceptional, but a temperature well over one hundred degrees is quite common during six months of the year. Three missionaries, including Dr. Downie, have been in charge. The Rev. S. S. Day died at 63, the Rev. Lyman Jewett at 84, and his widow has just passed away at the age of 91. Dr. Downie is 76 and still hale and hearty. These three lives, the third not yet completed, cover a period of 223 years; and if wives are added the total is 465 years, or an average of 77 1/2 years. Dr. Downie himself has been 42 years at Nellore and may reach a more mature age than his predecessor. He says, "Young missionaries who come to India with sound constitutions and who exercise moderate care should look forward to living to a good old age."

Thus is dispelled another traditional fear about the ill health in mission lands.—Miss. Review.

JOTTINGS FROM INDIA

Zella L. Peterson

May 9—I hope to get the letters for those supporting girls in our Guindy orphanage off on the next mail. I wanted to get them all written and sent before I came to the hills; but the sickness in the orphanage hindered, and we came up here two weeks-or thereabouts before we expected to come on account of Miss Jones' illness.

We received the March All Nations, yesterday, the first copy of it, that we have had this year; but we have not been receiving the other papers regularly either, they are probably lost on the way. It has been a long time since we have received a copy of the Christian Herald, the Literary Digest comes occasionally, the Outlook and World's Work come pretty regularly.
A CALL TO PRAYER

At the suggestion of one of our workers, this call to prayer in behalf of Miss Jones is made, and July 22 is the day on which we ask all who believe in prayer to especially hold her up before our Heavenly Father for healing. God has heard and answered our petitions many times before. Let us be faithful and earnest in asking Him that our beloved missionary may be strengthened and healed. Sunday has been appointed, as it was thought that on Sunday it would be possible for more prayer groups to be held and July 22, the date, in order that due notice could be given in our different publications, and thus have the whole denomination, as far as possible, united in asking for her healing.

This paper may not reach all our readers before that date; but we trust all will see the call in one or other of the denominational papers.

THE attention of the friends in Northern Vermont and Quebec is called to the Perambakam school report for 1916-17, which appears in this issue. We are delighted with the good work the school has been doing, and ask that those who help support it will remember to pray for the teachers who are working there and for those among whom they work. Only about half of the amount needed, $144, had been raised before the campmeeting at Beebe; but the balance was raised during the meeting.

WHO WILL HELP?

Our fiscal year ends with July, and we need at this date, July 6, one thousand dollars to enable us to close our year with all bills and pledges paid. We can probably count on at least five hundred dollars of this amount coming in through our regular channels of local and state treasuries; but that leaves another five hundred which must come in special gifts, either conditional or otherwise. We do not know where these gifts are coming from; but believe our Heavenly Father knows, and expect to receive the amount needed. We also believe that each of us must do our part in the matter, and if we can help make up this amount by paying a pledge we have made, or sending in a gift, large or small, it is our privilege and duty to do so.

We would also request of the local and state treasurers that they send in whatever money they may have on hand for the general treasuries; but that leaves another five hundred dollars more and the full amount apportioned us for the expense of printing the Manuals will be raised. This can be done in one of two ways: either by twenty individuals ordering a Manual at twenty-five cents a piece, or by donations being sent for the fund. We are anxious to see this amount raised before our fiscal year closes, July 31. Who will help on this?
REPORT OF HOW THE PAYMENTS FOR THE STATE SCHOOLS STAND

Maine has paid $138.64; New Hampshire, $109.06; Quebec and Northern Vermont, $144; Connecticut, and Western Massachusetts, $136.25; Northern California, $117; Oregon and Eastern Washington, $87.65; Western Washington and British Columbia, $83.95.

The year for the different States ends with their annual meetings, which are at different dates, most of them coming in August and September; and we expect all will have raised their full pledge by that time. Let those in the different sections note how much their school lacks and help out if they can. One hundred and forty-four dollars a year is the full cost of a school.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the general society will be held in the tabernacle, on Alton Bay Campground, August 14, 1917. Sessions are planned for morning, afternoon and evening.

The attention of the locals is called to the following sections from Article VII of the By-Laws. Let each local see that delegates are appointed and do not forget to supply them with credentials.

Sec. 2. Only women twenty-one years of age are entitled to vote.

Sec. 3. Each active member not connected with any local society shall be entitled to one vote, either directly or by proxy. Any local society of seven members or less shall be entitled to one vote for each member; and local societies having more than seven members shall be entitled to an additional vote for each additional seven members. Any Young Woman's Auxiliary of five members or less shall be entitled to one vote for each member; and Young Woman's Auxiliaries having more than five members shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional seven members; but no individual shall represent more than a single membership. Delegates sent by States or districts to the convention shall be empowered to cast one vote for each local society and Young Woman's Auxiliary in their State or district, not otherwise represented. In case no member of the local society or Young Woman's Auxiliary can attend the convention or annual meeting, the Secretary of these societies can send the votes to the clerk of the general society, who shall cast them for the societies.

Any society, or member at large who desires to send their vote will receive an authorized ballot blank, if a request for one is sent to the office, 5 Whiting Street, Boston.

EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Executive and Advisory Boards at Alton Bay Headquarters, Wednesday, August 15, at 8.30 a.m. That it may be clear as to who compose the Advisory Board, and the duties of the same, we give the sections of Article VI of the By-Laws which relate to it.

Sec. 6. A President shall be elected in each State or Province by the local societies of such State or Province. These State Presidents, together with heads of departments and officers, appointed by the Executive Board, shall constitute an Advisory Board.

Sec. 7. The Executive Board shall direct the affairs of the Society, and have full charge of the expenditure of all moneys to carry out the joint action of the Executive and Advisory Boards.

Sec. 8. The Executive Board, together with the Advisory Board, shall determine the opening and closing of all missions or mission work, the appointing of additional officials, all salaries and other expenditures.

NOTICE

The W. H. and F. M. S. Cottage on Alton Bay, N. H., will be open for the season July 16, 1917. Women wishing to secure rooms there should apply to Mrs. Julia E. Magoon who will be House Mother this summer.

Louise H. Kinsman, For the House Com.

THE ENGLISH MAIL

A Fortnightly Service

Simla, 11th May.—The government of India have decided, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to have a fortnightly, instead of a weekly English mail service, to commence at the beginning of June from England, and probably a month later from India. This measure has been decided upon in accordance with the general policy of economising the use of British shipping throughout the world.—Copied.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF MASSACHUSETTS LOCALS

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Massachusetts W. H. and F. M. Society was held in the A. C. Church at Lawrence, June 14, 1917. Greetings were extended the convention by Mrs. Trumbull, the local president; and responded to by Mrs. Emma G. Hall, the State president.

The devotional service was led by Pastor Adams. After organizing for business, annual reports were given by Mrs. Emma G. Hall, president; Mrs. Bertha F. Ward, secretary; Miss May C. White, treasurer. Reports were received by the secretary from eighteen locals showing an active membership of two hundred and sixty, and fifty-one honorary members.
These locals have contributed to home work the sum of $726.24 and to foreign work, $616.86. Total amount raised for home and foreign work in the State from all sources, $3,397.11. Report showed that Miss Saunders’ salary had been raised in full.

Mrs. Helen Keeney gave her annual report as superintendent of Y. W. A. and Junior work. Mrs. Flora G. Churchill, Eastern District president, reported for the Eastern District; Mrs. H. P. Lawrence, Middle District president, reported for the Middle District; Mrs. Helen Keeney reported for the Southern District in place of Miss May C. White, Southern District president, who was unable to be present.

Mrs. Chadsey read the report for the Boston Bible School Home.

Mrs. C. H. Keeney offered the noontide prayer. Mrs. Hall told a little story about some missions in a hard field in India, receiving great help through the prayers of friends in the homeland. It was especially urged that we pray for Miss Jones and Miss Keeney, who are ill.

The afternoon devotional service was conducted by Pastor Shurtliff of Lowell. He emphasized the thought that we should give our best, ourselves, to God, a reasonable service.

The following officers were elected:

President, Emma G. Hall, Worcester; secretary, Bertha F. Ward, Worcester; treasurer, May C. White, Acushnet; superintendent of Y. W. A. and Junior Societies, Helen W. Keeney; auditors, Mrs. Edna Bennett and Mrs. Alonzo Spooner, Directors for the Boston Bible School Home, Mrs. Rebecca Casavant, Mrs. Minnie Foss, Mrs. Amanda Blanchard, Mrs. Flora G. Churchill and Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey. Mrs. Susie Varney was chosen for the committee to be in charge of the Massachusetts room at Alton Bay.

Mrs. Florence Richardson was chosen for our committee to keep us informed as to the Adventist Home and Orphanage needs. Mrs. Chadsey told us about some schools in India that are not supported by any State or society and it was voted that Massachusetts assume the support of the school at Vengavasel.

The day school at Jeldenpet is supported by the local at Worcester and the evening school at Jeldenpet is supported by the Middle District. A report of the Adventist Home and Orphanage in Florida, sent by Mrs. Richardson was read. Pictures of the place were shown and Mrs. Chadsey told of her visit there recently.

Mrs. Hall read a letter from our past State president, Mrs. Carrie E. Scott. Seven young ladies in costumes to represent different countries gave the dialogue, “Christianity’s Call to Conquest.” The story of “The Lone Star Mission” was read by Mrs. I. M. Blanchard.

Roll Call showed twenty-six members present from seven locals and four Y. W. A. members from two societies.

Mrs. Hall read the story of Chundra Lela. The evening devotional service was led by Mrs. Flora G. Churchill. Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey gave an address on missions which was followed by request, by one on prophecy by Rev. C. H. Shurtliff.

Bertha F. Ward, Sec.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE public meeting for mission interests was held at Beebe Plain, P. Q., at ten a.m., June 28. There was a very good attendance and response to the various financial appeals. Rev. G. W. Tabor presented the conference missions, and Mrs. M. M. Chadsey represented the W. H. and F. M. S., the A. A. M. S., and Boston Bible School.

The annual business meeting of Northern Vermont and Quebec District W. H. and F. M. S. was held in the afternoon of the same day, with the president, Mrs. McKenna, in the chair. After singing, “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go,” prayer was offered by Mrs. Chadsey, and the usual reports were given. Splendid work has been done among our women, and Y. W. A. and Junior Societies.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. A. E. Raymond; vice-president, Mrs. Eva I. McKenna; second vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Fish; secretary-treasurer, Miss L. Grace Prior; auditors, Mrs. Lydia Gregory and Mrs. Nellie Smith. The delegate for Alton Bay Convention, L. Grace Prior, with Mrs. R. D. Vaughn alternate. Superintendent for soliciting for Perambakam School, Mrs. L. E. Peabody. At an adjourned meeting, a rising vote of thanks was extended our retiring president. A preview of possibilities of work the coming year was shared by workers present, and many helpful suggestions made.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas: The enemy death has invaded our ranks and taken from among us a beloved sister, a faithful and efficient worker, Mrs. Gillian Dean, Therefore be it,

Resolved, That we in annual meeting assembled do hereby express our appreciation for all her labors of love, and extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and family. Also be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bro. H. E. Dean, and family, be published in All Nations and World’s Crisis, and spread upon the records of this District Mission Society.

L. Grace Prior, Sec.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WORCESTER, MASS., LOCAL

THE annual business meeting of the W. H. and F. M. Society of Worcester, Mass., was held at the home of Mrs. E. W. Ward, Friday afternoon, June 22.

Annual reports of officers and committees were given, and the membership committee reported a gain of two active members, also two new subscribers to All Nations Monthly. The visiting committee reported eighty-three calls.
had been made and six prayer-meetings held at Rest Home. A box of fruit was sent to the Boston Bible School Home. The total amount for home work was $34.55 and the total amount given for foreign work was $143.50. The first meeting of the season was called a talent meeting and several related their experience of earning money during the summer for a talent offering.

We have a program committee who plan a printed program and choose a text-book for the year. Last year our mission study book was South American Neighbors, and was very instructive. We elected two delegates for the annual convention to be held at Alton Bay Campground, Aug. 14, 1917.

We had a very interesting report from our delegate to the annual meeting at Lawrence, and was interested to hear about the new State school, Vengavasel, India.

Chairmen were appointed to raise money and interest others in twelve different benevolences of our denomination and local charities, and some were eager to begin the work as soon as the meeting closed.

In the evening our local united with the Y. W. A., refreshments were served and an interesting missionary program was given about our work in India: two dialogues by the young people were greatly enjoyed, all seemed interested in missionary work.

Mary A. Sibley, Sec.

HOW IT LOOKS

"COSTLY cathedrals, ornate churches and ecclesiastical millinery seem as a travesty on our faith to the weary, tired, heroic and battle-scarred missionaries who stand barchanded in the front-fighting line. It is as the callous painting of the lifeboat when the wrecks are pleading, and when the call is loud and long and real to man the lifeboat and send it o'er the dark waves to seek and save the lost."—Sel.

CONDITIONAL GIFTS

Our society is ready and glad to receive any such gifts. That is, if anyone has $100 or more, which they wish the mission society to have after their decease, instead of leaving it to the society in their will, they give the society the money now, receive a good rate of interest on it during their lifetime, and upon their decease the money becomes the property of the mission society without any delay or expense for administration. Several have already made such gifts; and we shall be glad to correspond with any who may desire to do so, or who desires more information regarding the plan. All letters should be addressed to Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey, Treas., 5 Whiting St., Boston, Mass.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts for June, 1917

California—Pasadena local, $5; Tustin S. S., $5.50; Los Angeles local, $51; Colton local, $7; San Diego local, $16; Mary E. Barton, $30; Oakland local, $21.50; Santa Clara local, $5.50; San Francisco local, $5; Lillie B. Kelley, 50 cts. Connecticut and western Massachusetts—East Norwalk Church, $5; M. S. Staplin, $1; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Woods, $10; Louise H. Kanman, $12; Fannie Degg, $2; Bristol A. C. Church, $17.10.

Florida—V. P. Simmons, $11.11. Georgia—Brunswick local, $15. Maine—Westbrook local, $2; Bessie C. Lord, $1.50; J. H. Hilton, 50 cts.; Clara Richardson, 50 cts.; Godwin Mills Church, $2.85; Auburn local, $12; Phyllis Miriam Anderson, 20 cts.; State treasurer, 40 cts. Massachusetts—M. A. Hulbert, 75 cts.; Ursila M. Marshall, $2; F. A. Waters, $1; Acushnet S. S., $80; Chelsea L. W., $2; Newburyport local, $3.50; Patricia Sanford, $5; Salem local, $26; Zion Hill S. S., $10; Treasurer of Middle District, $25.35; Somerville Y. P. A., $12; Lawrence Woman's Mission Society, $5; Mary Spooner, $5; Attleboro Junior Mission Society, $5.80; Class 5, Boston S. S., $1.54; Boston S. S., $1; Mrs. Jas. A. Sanborn, $4.44; a friend, $2; Somerville local, $17.50; Lowell local, $1.10; Worcester local, $12.

New Hampshire—Thos. B. Hall, $6; Dover local, $23.75; Northwood Narrows S. S., $2.94; Center Haverhill local, $9.50; Angie Joy, $2.


Oregon and Eastern Washington—Portland S. S., $15; Portland local, $33; Hood River local, $5; Boyd local, $3.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—Danville local, $5; Hall Stream local, $4; Danville A. C. Church, $3; M. L. Ames, $10; Maude M. Chadsey, $5; Mrs. S. B. Sylvester, $2.50; Mrs. Elliot, 25 cts.; Mrs. E. M. Campbell, 80 cts.; B. F. Kezar, 50 cts.; Eva L. McKenna, $5; L. L. Frye, $1; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chadsey, $2; Nellie Smith, $1; J. C. Bulis, $1; C. W. Shattuck, $1; Grace Batchelder, $10; Mary Morse, $2; Mrs. O. W. Heath, $2; G. W. Tabor, $1; Mrs. Alice Longland, $2.50; Mrs. A. E. Fish, $2.50; Ella Marsh, $1; Mrs. Briggs Waite, $1; Mrs. George Malcom, $5; Mrs. Fred Goss, $5; Miss E. Anderson, $1; Mrs. M. L. Ames, 75 cts.; H. E. Dean, $4; M. O. Vaudry, $5; L. J. Marsh, $5; Edith Grey, 50 cts.; Newport Center local, $6; Magog local, $2.50; Fitch Bay local, $5; Eva Jacobs, 50 cts.; Mrs. Austin Libby, $1; Grace Tiltons, 50 cts.; Mrs. L. L. Ames, 50 cts.; one-fourth loose collection, Bebee, $2.84; one-third children's collection, Bebee, $2.34; Record subs., $2.70; one-third children's collection for China, $2.53; W. B. Patch, $2; Annie B. Daniels, $4.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—Putnam L. W., $2; Mrs. Allen Cobb, $1; Providence local, $8; C. and P. Gale, $1.

Vermont—South Vernon local, $30; South Vernon Junior Mission Society, $3; Minnie B. Blanding, 50 cts. Western Washington and British Columbia—Seattle local, $1.50.

Wisconsin—Mifflin H. U., $2.50.

Chairman Alton Bay House Committee on loan, $18: rent, $54; sales, $9.66; All Nations subscriptions, $22.61. Total receipts, $863.01.

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Our 35 cts. a year, or 3 Years for $1.00 Club

As stated previously we have opened this list for those who are willing to pay the above mentioned price for All Nations, and thus help us out on the increased cost of the paper. The following joined in June:

George Hopkins, Mrs. Jas. Campbell, Annie Daniels, Mrs. Mary E. Powell, John H. Buck, Mrs. Rose Baverstock, Susie M. Tupper, Ethel Leabo, M. C. Leabo, John Griffith, Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. J. E. Brancah.

Maudie M. Chadsey, Treas.
REMEMBER THE MISSIONARIES

ONE thing we need to remember just now is that (to use Carey's simile), the missionaries are down in the dark mines of heathenism digging out souls while we at home are holding the ropes. We have pledged them our support and these pledges must be kept at all hazards. Whatever else we undertake we must be true to the men and women at the front—our substitutes in the outposts of the Lord's army.

The position of the missionaries throughout the war has been a trying one. None of them, so far as we know, has met a tragic end while at the post of duty. But a number have suffered death from over-strain, especially in Persia and Turkey, where conditions have been so terrible and relief work so heavy.

In other lands, too, their lot has been far from enviable. Many have seen their work suffer, and far away from home and loved ones, the uncertainty of the future, which hangs like a pall over the whole world, is doubly hard to bear.

For the sake of the missionaries we must guard our treasuries well. In these days of many appeals there will be danger of funds given for their support being diverted to other more popular channels.

We do not minimize the suffering caused by the Great War and feel that it would be impossible to do too much in the way of Red Cross and other relief work. Nevertheless we believe that such facts as the following, presented in the right way, would not only help to keep us loyal to our missionary obligations, but awaken a sympathetic interest in the work on the part of those who are now indifferent to it.

1. We are appalled at the awful suffering and loss of life in Europe, yet it is a mere drop in the bucket compared with the sacrifice of life and the endless agony endured year after year as a normal condition in many parts of the mission field. Last year 2,000,000 died on the battlefield; during the same period 33,000,000 died without Christ on the mission field. We are rightly concerned over the two million; what about the thirty-three?

2. We cannot bear the thought of little children starving in Europe and send shiploads of provisions to relieve their distress. Yet, according to Robert E. Speer, 30,000,000 half-fed Chinese children cry themselves to sleep every night and this condition has been going on for ages. But only a few seem to care.

3. We feel the keenest sympathy for the war sufferers of Europe who are homeless and lack sufficient food. Yet, according to Bishop Thoburn, more than 100,000,000 people in India, China, and Africa (more than the population of the United States) sleep without shelter every night and more than 200,000,000 lie down to rest with hunger unsatisfied. How little we care about this!

4. Our indignation is intense at the treatment women have received during the war at the hands of their captors. Yet it is more than matched by what has gone on unchecked for centuries in many mission lands. Let W. P. Livingstone in Mary Slessor of Calabar, Dan Crawford in Thinking Black, or Donald Fraser in Winning a Primitive People, tell you something of the indignities women have endured for ages in Africa with scant sympathy or help from their white brothers and sisters.—Sel. and adapted from Miss. Review.

PROMOTED CRADLE ROLL MEMBER

Elsie Florence Ljunggren, Providence, R. I.