WHY AM I A CHRISTIAN?

Answers to that question from three Indian Christians, as found in J. T. Taylor's
In the Heart of India

I am a Christian because the love of Christ constrains me. He lived and died for me. He is now my living, personal Saviour. His loving presence is all sufficient for me. He satisfies all the cravings of my heart. Without Him I find life not to be worth living. I cannot but be a Christian, most unworthy though I am to be called so."

Another testifies: "I do not know how I can live a holy life in this world and be in communion with the Divine, without being a Christian. Since accepting Jesus as my Saviour I have got such a victory over temptations and my sins in which I used to fall so often. The vision of the loving Father through Jesus is so clear that there is perfect peace and joy, and love to help my fellowmen. That's why I am a Christian."

A third says: "I am a Christian because in my own experience I have found a personal Saviour in our Lord Jesus Christ. He is to me not an abstract, philosophic Ideal, nor a mere Historical Person, but a Living Presence, realized in my everyday life, leading and guiding me through the vicissitudes of life, notwithstanding my weaknesses and frailties. I have found Him a ready Helper in all my trials and difficulties, and a loving and sympathizing Friend in my life struggles through this world, giving me assurance that He will be the fulfillment of my hope when this life ends to be resuscitated again in the glory of the resurrection. In communion with Him I have found that peace of mind and spiritual strength which enabled me so far to battle through the indifference and misunderstandings of the world. In the knowledge that I am one of His—a Christian, I have felt that joy and peace which the world had not given me. I am fully convinced that there is nothing in this world which can give that assurance of salvation and divine life that Christianity can give."
FROM MISS JONES

Velacheri, St. Thomas’ Mount, Madras, India.

Aug. 8, 1917.

Dear Friends:

It is so nice to be back at work again and my heart reaches out to you over the seas who have prayed for me during these months when everything has been unbalanced, save confidence that the Father would bring out all right.

When everything human slips away and the Christian is down in the dark valley with nothing but faith reaching out through the darkness, faith attached to the sure throne of God, it is hard; but what must the dark places in life be to those who have no faith.

I never was more thankful to God for His understanding of the heart of physical weakness, of motives gone astray, or for His all over-ruling power. Even failure is used to work His glory, but let us walk softly that He be not frustrated in His plan. It is wonderful, the patience of God and His constant work within the heart of his children to bring out the perfection of His image.

No one needs the perfection of that image more than the missionary, and I thank Him for His work within my heart. If He gives the needed physical strength the reaping, by His power, shall be done in the committed corner of the vineyard.

Pray for me among the men, women and children that God has privileged me to serve, that the service may redound to salvation, and a perfecting of holiness in the lives and hearts of the people; the workers as well as the villagers.

Yours in service with a thankful heart.

Ella L. Jones.

RUMBO SALAAM!

R. L. Peterson

The word, “Salaam,” is used idiomatically as a word for greeting, the time of day and also to express your gratitude, it also serves as a parting word and literally means, “peace.” I do not happen to know the derivation but it seems to have been introduced by the Mohammedians and is probably a Hindustani word; “rumbo” means very much, or very many, as the case may be. And to all my friends who have helped me purchase the fine motorcycle, the service may redound to salvation, and a perfecting of holiness in the lives and hearts of the people; the workers as well as the villagers.

I purchased a new machine, which an army officer had used three weeks when he was transferred. It is what is called a medium weight cycle, two stroke engine, and made in England. The workmanship on it is splendid and for finished beauty and appearance, it is far beyond the American, Indian or Harley Davidson machines, which are sold in Madras. It originally cost, with lamp, speedometer and horn, $345. I paid $252.

Because of a government order forbidding any more importations of motor cars and cycles during the war, the ones on hand were fast being sold, and old machines are selling at high prices. Even at gasolene selling at sixty cents a gallon I find it cheaper than keeping a pony with wheat bran selling at one dollar and sixty-six cents for a hundred and forty pounds; and crushed oats and barley at two dollars and thirty-three cents for the same weight. I have averaged over fifty miles to a gallon of gasolene, and my other expenses are not worth mentioning in the three months that I have owned the cycle.

Again allow me to express my appreciation and thanks with a rumbo salaam, hoping that my increased efficiency may be to the glory of God and for His kingdom.

A TEA PARTY

Zella A. Peterson

On Friday afternoon, July 27, eighteen of the Christian and non-Christian students from Saidapet College were entertained at the Guindy Mission home. Tea was served and they played badminton.

Our baby organ was brought from the chapel into the open, and the Christian young men sang hymns.
Among the company were some of the lady students, one of whom is a very bright, energetic Brahmin widow. As we see these young people training in higher education, it makes us rejoice. It shows real progress, and great advancement. Even now, it is, indeed, no uncommon sight to see the shaven head and white garment of the Brahmin widow, as one passes along the street. In many places, she is made the drudge of the household, her place in the home is worse than a common slave, and an education an unthought of event.

But as we saw this little Brahmin widow, well-dressed, bright and happy—we were glad to think that gradually and slowly old customs are breaking away. Although she would not eat of our food, or drink our tea, she drank bottled lemonade, and ate store sweets, and “asked no questions for conscience sake,” as long as we had not touched it. She mingled with the others, using the same bat and ball that others had used.

Another one of these widows is training at the college, but could not accept the invitation to tea, as her husband has not yet been dead a year.

Oh, that the salvation of Jesus Christ might touch the hearts of such as these, and claim them for His kingdom!

Guindy, Aug. 7, 1917.

VELACHERI NOTES

J. M. Saunders

ONE of our rules is, that when a boy wishes a tool to work with, he must give a chit with the name of the tool and his own name written on it, when he returns the tool the chit is returned to him, but until that time he is responsible for the tool. We have found that this is the best way to make careless boys careful. The other morning at prayers I noticed that a number of the boys had something white tucked over one ear and wondered what new fad they had adopted, but was not long in discovering that they were only their tool chits they had written and laid up until they would be needed a little later.

About two weeks ago a man from the village came in great distress saying one of the females of his family had been badly burned, would we do something for her? He was told to bring her here, and we got busy preparing the things necessary for such a case, and were soon ready for a difficult task and such it proved. The right arm and breast had been burned two weeks before, they had used their native remedies which had aggravated rather than healed. As a last resort they called upon us. That first dressing was not a dainty job by any means, but we succeeded in cleaning off the "muck" they had used and then applied the soothing, healing ointment. Now as an extra to the already full day of work we spend half an hour dressing this arm, and we consider it one of the opportunities given us of showing the practical side of Christianity, and at the same time endeavor to sow truth in the mind of the patient and those who accompany her. Relieving physical suffering was a favorite method of the Master's. We are only imitating Him and are happy in so doing. It may save a soul from death.

BOYS' MISSION CLUB OF TORONTO, ONT.

Knowing of the good work that this Club was doing, a request was sent to Mrs. Bowser, the originator of it, asking that she tell of its organization and work. The following is her reply:

THE idea came to me last fall. When the W. H. and F. M. Society had a social evening, and my little boy, who is ten years old, recited a missionary piece about a church that wished to give something for missions, and the boys got together and saved and earned until they all brought their gifts for missions, the minister found the boys had done more than the others. This story set me to thinking. I talked it over with my boy and asked him if he would like to save two cents a week for missions, telling him I would do the same, and that he might ask his father, sisters and friends if they would do so.

I was surprised to see how many were willing, for he soon had a number of names; then I suggested that he ask the other boys in his class if they would like to form a mission club, each to pay two cents a week for mission work. In December, 1916, we had the first meeting of the Boys' Missionary Club with seven boys present. Mr. Bowser had some cards printed for the boys to collect their money on. They bring these with their money each month to their meeting. The boys have kept together finely and have a good time. This month, July, we had a picnic.

They have paid $10 towards the support of their boy in India, gave Bro. Hatch $5 when he was here, and sent two soldiers boxes of comforts, and have quite a little on hand at the present time. The boys are looking forward to having Bro. Hudson come and tell them of the work in India.

MISSION DAY was observed at the Magog, Que., campmeeting on Thursday, Aug. 30. Rev. C. W. Shattuck conducted the devotional service, H. E. Dean solicited for the conference missions, Samuel Boy represented the A. A. M. S., Rev. J. J. Bennett spoke for the Boston Bible School, the secretary-treasurer. L. Grace Prior reported the district W. H. and F. M. Society, and Mrs. A. E. Raymond, its president, spoke for the general Woman's Society. Special music was furnished by a mixed quartet.

The following were named as Magog House Committee: Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Shedrick, Mrs. Waterman and Mrs. Trenholm.

L. Grace Prior, Sec.
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BOSTON, MASS., OCTOBER, 1917

OUR missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are now on their way East, and will be in Connecticut, with Mrs. Hudson's mother, in all probability, by the time this is in print. Mr. Hudson is to be the speaker at the evening service in connection with the annual meeting of the American Advent Mission Society in the Boston Church, Thursday, Oct. 18. This will probably be his first address in the East, but there are several other applications in for both Mr. and Mrs. Hudson to speak which we hope to have them fill. They have done splendid work for the society on the Pacific Coast since coming home.

THE sisters of the South under the able leadership of our Southern vice-president, Mrs. O. O. Williams of Live Oak, Fla., are planning a splendid program for their part of the services in connection with the South Georgia and Florida Conference which is to be held at Live Oak, Fla., the last week in October. We are glad to see the increased interest that is being manifested in the South in the W. H. and F. M. work, and doubtless it is due, in a large measure to the fact that our society is having a definite part in the support of the Home and Orphanage, which being located in their section, naturally appeals to them. God has given into the hands of the Advent Christian women a splendid work, both at home and in India, and we feel are all faithful and united in our work, whether we live North, South, East or West, we shall see much accomplished for the Master under His guidance.

SEVERAL times in the past few months, there have been articles in this paper regarding the "talent plan," and the good results obtained from its use; but Clarkston, Wash., local, we think, has carried off the palm for this among our own societies, for they increased their $1 to $44.25 during the year between their State meetings. Congratulations, Clarkston.

ANOTHER local that has been doing splendid work is the new one at McAlpin, Fla., which increased its membership from fourteen to twenty-two in a few weeks.

MISS QUIMBY opened her school at the Home and Orphanage the last of September and writes that she is busy and happy. She mentions the fact that there is a lack of good wholesome story books for the children, also she would like two dozen copies of the Golden Sheaf No. 2. Doubtless there are many who can, and we trust will, send on some story books which their children have outgrown, and we hope some one will send in an order for the Golden Sheafs. All books and parcels should be sent prepaid to Miss F. M. Quimby, Dowling Park, Fl.

WE expect next month to print an outlined program for the use of the mission study classes that are taking up An African Trail, or the Junior book, African Adventures, which are the two study books for the year issued by the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions. These programs are being prepared by Mrs. Susie W. Davis, and we know will be found helpful to every class, as Mrs. Davis is splendid on this line. As this is a forward step we would be pleased to hear from those who would like copies of the programs in order that we may be guided as to the number to have printed. The price will be five cents each.

THE annual meeting of the Eastern Mass. District will be held in the Meirose Highlands Church, Wednesday, Nov. 7, afternoon and evening.

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

THE school opened, with the largest number of students that have ever been enrolled, Monday, Oct. 1.

The Home department is in charge of Mrs. Boyd who returns for her third year as matron. She is ably assisted by Mrs. Morse, a former matron, and everything is moving along splendidly.

The Worcester local has already sent a contribution in the shape of canned fruit; and Mrs. Sweet a jar of piccalilli. Freight bills have been received showing that some potatoes are on the way; but no vegetables have been received, and good use could be made of turnips, squashes, cabbages, beets, carrots, etc. These should be sent to Boston Bible School, 17 Rockville Park, Roxbury, Mass.

THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONING LIST

Let us give thanks:
For Miss Jones' restored health.
For the splendid work done by the societies during the past year, as shown by the reports in the convention number.
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For the splendid work of our faithful missionaries.

For the fact that we were able to close our fiscal year with all bills paid and a small balance in the treasury.

For the new local at Lawrence, Mass. This active society has not been affiliated with our general work for some years, and it is with thankfulness that we welcome them again to our ranks. "In union there is strength."

Let us pray:

For wisdom to carry on the work from day to day.

For the health and welfare of the missionaries. Never forget to do this.

For funds for October's needs. September was short as will be seen by the treasurer's report so we shall need at least $1200 for October.

For the sisters of the South and their services at the conference.

For Miss Quimby in her new role as teacher at the Home and Orphanage in Florida.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

THE W. H. and F. M. Society of Rocky Brook held their thirtieth anniversary in the church on Wednesday afternoon, July eighteenth, at two o'clock. Mrs. G. A. Ferguson, vice-president of the society, was chairman of the meeting. A short address of greeting was given by Mrs. Annie Adams, who has been president of the society the entire thirty years. A letter of greeting from Mrs. M. C. McKinstry, the founder of the society, was read by Mrs. Hannah Thomas, as were also letters from Revs. A. H. Davis, J. M. Currie and J. H. Murphy, former pastors of the church. Remarks were made by Rev. G. A. Ferguson, the present pastor. Mrs. Annie Holley read a brief history of the society.

Charles F. Albro, an honorary member, spoke on "Our Work." Mrs. C. F. Smith, of Lafayette gave the principal address of the meeting, her subject being, "The work of those who stay at home."

After the meeting, there was a social hour in the mission room, during which refreshments were served. The president, Mrs. Adams, was presented with a handsome foot rest and other tokens, showing the love and esteem with which she is held. Several ladies were present from the society at Lafayette.

Mrs. Joseph J. Northup, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Of the W. H. and F. M. Society
Of Northern California

THE annual business session of the Northern California W. H. and F. M. Society was held at Advent Park, July 11, 1917. Meeting was called to order at 9.45 a.m., with the president, Mrs. O. M. Shield, presiding. Prayer was offered by Sister N. L. Collins, after which the minutes of the past annual and semi-annual meetings were read.

A motion was carried that the courtesies of the floor be extended to all visiting sisters.

The president gave a short report of the year's work. The auditors reported the books of the treasurer to have been accurately kept. The treasurer's report was read showing a large increase in the amount raised this year over last year. Total receipts, $616.18. Expenditures, $568.49. Balance on hand, $47.69.

Interesting reports were read from Napa, Oakland, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa.

Motion carried that a committee of one from each society be appointed to revise the report blanks and to report during this session. Committee appointed: Mrs. Walston, Mrs. B. W. Switzer, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Dickinson, and Mrs. Bauman.

President appointed the following as Nominating Committee: Mrs. W. Switzer, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. F. R. Dickinson, Mrs. E. F. Twombly and Mrs. F. A. Baker.

A communication from Mrs. Maude M. Chadssey was read; also greetings from Miss J. Saunders.

The secretary presented a bill for sixty cents for postage which was ordered paid.

Motion carried that the treasurer be authorized to return the money given her for the Cafe­teria at the Mid-winter Conference.

Miss Williams extended greetings from the Southern sisters, expressing the need of information if we would have inspiration and gave encouragement to the small locals, urging us to draw on all sources for help.

Adjourned to 3.15 p.m. Adjourned session was opened by prayer offered by Miss Haight. Motion carried that we send a box to India this year and that we endeavor to prepare it before September 15, 1917. Motion carried that a vote of thanks be extended Bro. Endicott for the money given during the Talent Campaign. Bro. Schaumburg suggested that we have an editor for a column in the Advocate to advertize our society work, after which a motion carried that we do so, the column to be given in the second issue each month. Talent money reported for the past six months:

Oakland, $6.35; Santa Cruz, $5.25; San Francisco, $5.75.

The talent plan was discussed and the feeling was that it was unsatisfactory. Voted to continue the support of the Adyar School. Motion carried that the chair appoint a committee on ways and means to consider the support of the Saidapet work. Members of the committee: Sister N. Collins, Mrs. B. W. Switzer and Mrs. E. F. Twombly.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. O. M. Shield; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. J. Christian; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. G. N. Babcock; secretary, Mrs. J. J. Schaumburg; treasurer, Mrs. B. W. Switzer; auditors, Mrs,
NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of New Hampshire was held in the Lowell Chapel on Alton Bay Campground, Aug. 22, 1917. Our president and vice-presidents being detained by sickness and other things, by motion of the floor, Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey presided. There were nine locals represented. Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Mrs. Lettie L. Glazier, president; Mrs. Alice M. Blount, northern vice-president; Mrs. Mamie E. Andrews, southern vice-president, Mrs. Nellie J. Jenness, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Anna Shattuck, superintendent of Y. W. A. and Junior work, and Mrs. Lizzie Drew and Mrs. Mamie Andrews auditors.

Reports were received and read from most of the locals, all of which showed that good work had been done.

Nine special meetings were held during the year in connection with the different conferences, or as special district meetings. The money for the State school, $144, was reported as raised, and a small balance besides.

The interest in mission work among the women of New Hampshire is certainly increasing and we are looking forward to a year of aggressive work if the Lord tarries.

Nellie J. Jenness, Sec.

ANNUAL MEETING

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts

The twelfth annual business meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts was held in the Mission Cottage on the Plainville Campground, Friday, Aug. 31, 1917, at one p.m. The president, Mrs. J. A. Gardner, of Bridgeport, presided.

The meeting opened with a hymn and Mrs. Anna Purinton, of the Middle West, read the Scripture lesson and also led in prayer. The reports of the secretary, treasurer and auditor were read and approved. The report of the delegate to Alton Bay was read and accepted, also the report of the Plainville House Committee. This committee reported that the Plainville Mission Cottage had cost $510.36 and was entirely paid for. The Resolution Committee presented the following resolutions:

Whereas: We have the privilege of having with us for the first time in several years, our dear president, Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey, therefore, be it
Resolved, That we hereby express to her our appreciation of her presence and help in our meetings, and assure her of our continued prayers and support in the arduous work given into her care.

Whereas: We have had the great honor of receiving greetings from the Helpers' Union and Central Mission Branch of the Middle West through their secretary, Mrs. Anna B. Purinton, therefore, be it
Resolved, That we hereby express our pleasure that we were remembered by our sisters in their annual meeting and thank them for sending to convey their good will, one of their number who has won our esteem by her hearty, efficient co-operation.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. J. A. Gardner, of Bridgeport, Conn.; vice-pres., Mrs. Hewitt, of Westfield, Mass.; secretary, Mrs. H. E. Nickerson, of East Norwalk, Conn.; treasurer, Miss L. H. Kinsman, of Hartford, Conn.; auditor, Mrs. Richard Bland, of East Norwalk, Conn.

At the adjourned meeting, at six p.m., it was Voted, To send Mrs. Hewitt, of Westfield, as delegate to Alton Bay next year.

It was then Voted, That the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts present the Mission Cottage, with its contents, to the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian denomination.

The dedication service was held the next day, Saturday, Sept. 1, 1917, at one p.m., following this a few items of business were transacted and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Slater.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the W. H. and F. M. Society of Oregon and Eastern Wash.

Number of locals in district, 9 with 110 members; 28 members gained during the year; 4 locals show increase in membership: Hillsboro, 13; Boyd, 8; Portland, 4; John Day, 3.

Home work reported done as opportunity afforded. Amount raised to aid home churches and interests, $327.16; amount raised for A. C. Home and Orphanage at Dowling Park, $16.60.

Foreign work. Neelargiri School supported, $162.20 received for it; $130.40 for support of four orphans, two native workers and other interests in India; $17.50 sent to American Advent Mission Board for mission work in China. A summary of money raised for both home and foreign work in territory for past ten years
showed that $7,359.43 has been secured under the auspices of the society.

Mr. R. L. Peterson's report on Neelargiri School was read (this will be published next month).

President reported in detail on foreign work, talent money, proposed India box, home work, condition of locals, and membership contest. The talent of $5.00 which was sent out brought an increase of $67.05 which was voted toward support of Neelargiri School. Prize for largest increase of talent awarded Clarkson local. Membership contest resulted in 28 new members secured. Hillsboro local awarded the $3.00 prize offered for largest increase in membership. Ten dollars of amount in home fund voted given to Bro. Murra for Aurora College Endowment Fund. An additional $10.00 out of home fund voted toward cost of building an addition on house on campground.

President and secretary-treasurer were re-elected with Mrs. J. D. Norman of Troutdale, 1st vice-pres., and Mrs. A. E. Leabo of Boyd, Ore., 2nd vice-pres.

Amount raised for home work, $337.16. Amount raised for foreign work, $310.10. Total, $647.26.

Mrs. Lois R. Wright, Pres. Mrs. Susie M. Tupper, Sec.

REPORT OF A YEAR'S WORK
By the Rocky Brook, R. I., W. H. and F. M. Society

Since our last annual meeting we have held nine regular meetings with an average attendance of seventeen. Have added four new members, and lost one. We have paid $1.00 to Bellingham Church; $2.00 for war sufferers; $12.00 to church; a gift of $5.00 to Mrs. Ferguson, also for a cord of wood for the church, and $3.00 to nurses' fund.

Voted, To purchase two dozen fans for church. Voted, To make two kits for the Red Cross. During the year we held one sale.

Mrs. Joseph J. Northup, Secretary.

Note.—Evidently the secretary only reported what they have given for home work; besides the amounts named above, $52 was received by the general treasurer for the year ending with August, 1917, making $75 for home and foreign work. Well done.—Editor.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Receipts for September, 1917

California—Vallejo Church, $4.25; Napa Church, $10; Santa Rosa Church, $5.40; Southern California Conference, $10; Southern California W. H. and F. M. Society, $5; Lordsburg Church, $4.20; Los Angeles Church, $5.42; Santa Cruz S. S., $9.

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—Mrs. C. E. Butterworth, $2; Helen Louise Butterworth, $1; E. S. Higgins, $5; Theresa Hoyt, $1.75; East Norwalk Tithing Class, $3.15; D. W. Perkins, $5; Mrs. Paddock, 33 cts.

Florida—MeCalpin local, $5.75.

Idaho—Rev. G. E. Coodester, $2; Cynthia E. Shaw, $30; Augusta C. Nelson, $3.

Iowa—Mrs. A. P. Bishop, $2; a friend, $10.

Maine—F. W. George, $2; Angie Tabbets, $2; rent Lakeside cottage, $10; Bangor Church, $5; Eliza Brown, $2; Sister at So. Portland Conf., 50 cts.; Isabel Dodge, 50 cts.

Massachusetts—F. A. Waters, $1; Class 8, Boston S. S., $3; North Carver local, $8.50; W. F. Rowley, $2.70; Melrose Highland S. S., $3.37; Melrose Highland S. S., $3.18; Boston local, $5; Abbie Keyes, $2; Boston Church, $1; Mrs. A. M. Thompson, $5; Boston S. S., $1; Lawrence local, $7.50; Patience Sanford, $5; Pastor's Class, Haverhill S. S., $15; Brockton L. W.'s, $5; Lynn Church, $14.90; Class 5, Boston S. S., $1.86; Class 3, Boston S. S., $3.19; Worcester local, $21; Acushnet J. M. S., $1.80; Florence Richardson, $3; Attleboro J. M. S., 73 cts.; S. Constance Holt, $1; Laura E. Alley, $2.

New Hampshire—Betsey G. Elliott, $1.

New York—Hosick local, $7; Mrs. E. M. VanDyke, $2; Arena campmeeting, $7.

Oregon and Eastern Washington—C. P. Woodle, $5; Mrs. Byron, $2; Bandon S. S., $4.85; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Norman, $2; Mrs. Harvey, 25 cts.; Troutdale local, $4; Mrs. A. C. Leabo, $2; Hillsboro local, $5; State treasurer, $56.50.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—Rent of Magog cottage, $5.80; L. J. Marsh, $1; L. Grace Prior, $1; collection at Magog Campmeeting, 60 cts.; children's meeting at Magog Campmeeting, $1.91; Newbury local, $10; Newbury Church, $5; Scotstown S. S., $3; Scotstown Church, $15.45; Newport Center S. S., $5;

Rho Island and Eastern Connecticut—C. and P. G., $2; Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Reynolds, $6; Putnam Church, 50 cts.

South Carolina—C. A. DuRant, $10.

Vermont—Mrs. W. I. Rider, $1; Mrs. Ella E. Dana, $2; Virginia—Anna E. Rowe, $2; Western Washington and British Columbia—Seattle local, $4.50.

Rent, $55.15; sales, $174.92; All Nations subscriptions, $11.45; total receipts, $711.43.

Maude M. Chadsey, Treasurer.

ABBIE BEN ADAMS

Abbie Ben Adams, may her life be spared, Awoke one night and felt a trifle scared; For on her shirt-waist box cross-legged sat A Vision writing on a slate.

Exceeding nervousness made Abbie quake, And to the Vision timidly she spoke: "What writest thou?" The Vision looked appalled At her presumption, and quite coldly drawled: "The list of our best people who depart For watering-places, sumptuous and smart;" "And am I in it?" asked Miss Abbie. "No," The scornful Vision said, "you're poor, you know." "I know," said Abbie, "I go where it's cheap; I can't afford mountains or prices steep. But, just jot this thing down before you fade; I never leave my mission dues unpaid." The Vision wrote and vanished. Next night late, He came again and brought his little slate And showed the names of people really best, And, lo! Miss Abbie's name led all the rest!—Carolyn Wells.

NEW LOCAL

Lawrence, Mass.—President, Mrs. Bertha Trumbull; vice-president, Mrs. A. H. Libby; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Flora A. Belcher.

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 anyone who may desire to do so, or who desires more information regarding the plan.
FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

My Dear Girls:—

As you are making your plans for your winter's work, I would like to emphasize the thought for you as individual members that you put Jesus and His business first, in your daily lives. Probably you have all done this some time but you know when everybody is living at such high tension every day we need to be very watchful. If this thought has been covered up by something which seems of great importance, don't let it be hidden for long. Dig it out and put it on top. When one is very busy about their work or in school, the tempter finds it an easy matter to cover it up for you without your realizing it. Sometimes callers come on prayer-meeting evening, just in time to keep you, either all the evening or long enough to make you late. You do not want to be discourteous and you do not want to say that you are engaged, so Jesus is not put first. You cannot always prevent this, but when inviting company you can say, "Come any evening except Tuesday evening, for that is my prayer-meeting evening," or, "Come early Tuesday, have supper with me and we will go to prayer-meeting in the evening."

This is only one of the ways in which you need to be vigilant in order that you may keep Jesus first in your life. You know of many others. The club, the musical, an entertainment, some noted man is to lecture, or something else comes on the night of the business meeting of the church. You say at once, "I am not interested in the business, I am not needed there, I can go somewhere else to-night." A few time-worn veterans, with dim eyes, dull ears and feeble steps go to that meeting and transact the routine business, and pray that the young members may give their lives to the service that they will soon have to give up. It is the "King's business" and should be put first if we would see our churches and societies prosper.

Some will say this reads well and sounds good in theory, but in actual practise it is hard and we must lose so many good times. True, but how about the work for your employer! Don't you do hard work for him every day, occasionally working hours overtime, and sometimes losing a holiday because of a "rush order" that has to be put through at a certain time that the firm may make a few hundred dollars extra? Jesus is not a hard task master and He pays well, but He wants to be first in our lives every day.

It is well at the beginning of your winter's work to make plans of what you would like to accomplish during the year and estimate the cost. You may be asked to take up new lines of work, but before doing so examine them carefully and see if you can do them without neglecting your regular work, and be sure that God's name is to be glorified.

In the days before us you may be called to bear heavier burdens and make greater sacrifices for the Master than ever before; and if you are, be sure of this one thing, if you put Jesus first, He will not only go first but He will bear the burden and lead the way to victory.

Cordially yours,

Mary E. Rowe.

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