VELACHERIE HOSTEL FORMALLY OPENED
BY THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS

This formal opening took place Feb. 26, and Mr. Hudson has written an account of it in the Velacherie News which will appear in the June paper. The following is taken from the report of the event, as given in the Madras Mail of Feb. 27, and will be of interest, as it was written by a reporter who is in no way connected with the mission, and so writes from an outside viewpoint:

Yesterday evening their excellencies, the Governor and Lady Willingdon, took part in a pleasing little ceremony at Velacherie, a village about three miles from Saidapet, when they assisted at the opening of a new students' hostel in connection with the industrial school maintained and managed by the American Advent Mission. A number of guests responded to the invitation of the Rev. Mr. Hudson and motored out to Velacherie for the occasion. . . .

Their excellencies arrived, accompanied by Captain Powell, A. D. C., and were received at the entrance to the mission farmstead by Mr. R. B. Wood, the collector; Mr. Campbell, director of industries; the Rev. C. H. Hudson, and Mr. H. W. Callaghan, inspector of schools, and presented by a child with an interesting bouquet cleverly plaited out of ear-Noads of paddy. They were then conducted along the drive, lined on both sides by Boy Scouts and school children, singing a song of welcome, to a little Mantapam entirely constructed of paddy stalks under a large and shady tree. In front of the new hostel building, which is pleasantly situated at the southwestern corner of the farmstead in the midst of open fields, a large number of people from the surrounding area had gathered to witness the ceremony. Proceedings commenced with a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ferguson, which was followed by the singing of the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Areas Past."

The Rev. C. H. Hudson, the manager of the school, then made a statement, requesting his excellency to declare the hostel open. . . .

His excellency the Governor, in proceeding to comply with Mr. Hudson's request, made a short speech, in the course of which he said that it gave great pleasure to Lady Willingdon and himself to find time to be present there that afternoon and to take part in that most interesting ceremony which he was to perform in a few short moments, and which designated a step forward in the efficiency, as it seemed to him, of that particular industrial school. Mr. Hudson had been full of gratitude to Lady Willingdon and himself, and also to the Madras government, for all that they had done for his school in the past. But his excellency thought that the thanks of the Madras government were far more due to the missionaries who had been working in a devoted and selfless way for the good of the people of India than their thanks were due to the government. His excellency thought it was true to say that it was extremely difficult to estimate the value of missionary effort, both in the way of increasing educational possibilities in many parts of the country and in the way of medical help to its inhabitants.

His excellency knew that the government greatly appreciated the efforts of missionary societies, and he was quite sure people who were thereby benefited appreciated them too, and he only hoped that those outside also appreciated them. His excellency sincerely hoped that they would find the example of devotion and care that missionaries showed towards the poorer classes of the country might produce in this country much more than it did at present, a desire on the part of those who were more wealthy to give freely and readily of their riches, to help forward the good of their fellow-beings. The possession of wealth was a great responsibility, but it had also great privileges, and not the least of those was to help forward the good and well-being of their fellow-citizens to whatever community they might belong. (Applause.) The chief event that afternoon was for his excellency to unlock the door and open the new industrial hostel which was to be a home for many young orphans, and also for those who were learning in the industrial school. Judging from what he had heard from Mr. Hudson, his excellency would say that Mr. Hudson seemed to be extraordinarily successful in his industrial education, for his students seemed to spread themselves...
**SHALL WE GO FORWARD?**

J. M. Saunders

**A VACATION TRIP ON BUCKINGHAM CANAL**

R. L. Peterson

DURING our Christmas holidays a party of ten of us chartered a boat for a few days to make a trip down the canal. We started one evening, and as the wind was favorable we made our farthest point, the city of Sudras, by morning. We had sailed about thirty-five miles. During the night rain had set in and we had a rainy time the whole of our trip, yet we had an enjoyable and a profitable time.

At Sudras we found a lone old catechist of the Leipsig Lutheran Mission carrying on a small Gospel work, but not with much zeal. Here in this city of perhaps a thousand or more inhabitants we found the relics of an old Dutch fort built perhaps more than three hundred years ago by Dutch traders. Some of the tombstones within the fort burial ground bear dates before 1600 A. D. On some of the stones were still traceable verses of Scripture in the Dutch language. One in particular I was able to make out as Rev. 14: 13: "Blessed are the dead . . . they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Yes, the dead may be
blessed, and they certainly are at rest; but the "works"—oh, where are the works of those early Christian traders of three hundred years ago? Aside from the message in Dutch on the tombs there is no sign of any works as a result of their efforts.

All around are Hindu temples, and near the fort a Mohammedan mosque, in the distance a broken down Roman Catholic Church. A lone catechist to battle against such odds made a pathetic picture, and we are told there is no further Gospel effort being put forth for miles down the canal. Before leaving we preached in the streets, sold nearly a hundred Gospels and distributed tracts.

On our returning trip we visited Maha-bali-puram, or Seven Pagodas, the ancient heathen temples carved out of solid rocks and huge boulders on the hillsides and on the plains. Nature at some time or another in some great upheaval placed these rocks in peculiar positions. The Hindus who lived centuries ago, by tedious and painstaking labor, carved great temples and idols out of these solid rocks. And now they stand with a certain magnificence and grandeur, telling their mute story of an ancient civilization and religious faith. Certainly at one time it must have been a place where thousands thronged in religious pilgrimage and festival. The few people who live there now have their local temples of more recent date, and the government has reserved the ancient temples for historical interest and sight-seeing.

Coming nearer home we stopped at Covelong, where the canal passes through a cove, or backwater of the sea. A most beautiful place as well as a place for Mohammedan pilgrimage. It was New Year's morning while we were there, and we heard a band of Indian musicians playing various instruments and beating tom-toms. We thought it must be some Hindu affair, but soon discovered it was a call to mass at a Roman Catholic Church bearing the date of a hundred years ago. It was built much like the Hindu temple; the lights of the candles burning before the various images was not unlike Hinduism; the saying of the mass in an unknown tongue to the congregation, and perhaps to the priest as well, was very much like the mantras of a Hindu pujari (the prayers of the Hindu temple man). In fact, Romanism has so compromised with Hinduisim in India that many of its adherents scarcely know the difference. Certainly upon being questioned they can give little or no reason for their hope. Here we found need for vital Protestant work, but none being done. We distributed tracts and sold Scriptures and then went our way.

We desired to stop at Tirupurur, a place of monthly pilgrimage for Hindus. Thousands make pilgrimage trips there each month. We could not visit this place, however, as it was raining severely, and as it was a mile away from the canal with mud and water waste deep we gave it up until some other time.

NOTES FROM DOWLING PARK

Flossie M. Quimby

SATURDAY night at Dowling Park, and with a family of thirty-five children, it means a night of extra scrubbing of necks and ears and the sorting out of clean clothes for the coming Sunday. They will all look spic and span in Sunday-school tomorrow, but it will not last many hours unless we tie them in chairs, for they just love to roll in the sand.

We were pleased to have as a guest for a day, Sister Wood, representing the church of Springfield, Mass. We wish more of our people who are spending the winter in Florida would feel interested enough in this work to go a little out of their way to visit us. When the new building is completed we can give you better sleeping accommodations, but you are always welcome.

The board of directors met here last week and made plans for the future. They are men of courage, for they planned for great things. A new dormitory for the boys, and if you could see the house which shelters over twenty boys now, you would wonder how we managed at night. An electric light plant will soon be installed with other improvements.

There are several new children who will need to be clothed this year. Perhaps there are individuals or classes who will be willing to care for them. There are two Green boys, Jack and Paul, nine and twelve years of age; Grace Harris, a girl ten years old; four Howard children, Cleo, a girl of nine; Paul and Lawrence, four and six, and the dearest baby, Evenell, two years old. I brought this family from a town some eighty miles south of here, and since that experience I have been wanting some mother to tell me how she travels with children. I would especially like to know how to carry a baby, a suitcase, an umbrella, look after two small boys that they do not get run over, and board a train.

The last fifth Sunday brought a splendid report from New England schools, Salem, Mass., in the lead with the largest collection.

MASSACHUSETTS ANNUAL STATE MEETING

The twenty-first annual meeting of the W. H. & F. M. Societies of Massachusetts will be held in the Advent Christian Church, 160 Warren Street, Boston, Mass., Wednesday, June 23, commencing at 10 a.m. The morning session will be devoted to the business of the society, and there will be a program in the afternoon. This is to be a basket meeting.

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PACIFIC COAST TRIP

In the April issue a brief account of the editor's trip as far as Santa Cruz, Cal., was given. Although seated at the office desk, gathering up the threads of work again, we will endeavor to report briefly the rest of our trip.

The last report was written at the home of Sister Nina Collins, our Western vice-president. The first church visited in Northern California was at Santa Clara; here we were entertained at the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Carpenter, who made many inquiries regarding the friends in New England, and wished to be remembered to all. Our brother and sister are advancing in years, but, although not able to take as active a part in the work as in former days, are none the less keenly interested in all that pertains to the work of the Advent Christian people. We spoke to the little company that gathered in the church Wednesday evening, and told of our work as best we could. Friday afternoon we met with the ladies of the Santa Cruz local in a parlor meeting; Saturday, accompanied by Sister Collins, we visited the renowned Big Tree, and on Sunday, March 28, spoke in the Santa Cruz church in the morning and in the Oakland church in the evening.

Monday was spent in making calls, enjoying an auto ride and visiting the University Grounds at Berkeley. Tuesday we visited the Messiah's Advocate office, and met for the first time Editor Schaumberg, with whom we enjoyed talking regard-

ing the work of the denomination. Tuesday evening a reception was given us, at which we met not only the sisters but many of the brethren of the church and spent a very pleasant evening talking over the interests of the work and getting acquainted. While at Oakland we were entertained at the home of Mrs. Grace Hudson, whose husband is brother to our missionary, C. H. Hudson.

Early Wednesday morning we left for Santa Rosa, where an address was given in the church in the evening, and a parlor meeting held at the parsonage Thursday afternoon. Here we were entertained by Pastor Simmons and his devoted wife. Pastor Simmons is a great sufferer from rheumatism, and was unable, at the time of our visit, to get about. Pray for this dear brother and his wife who are striving so nobly to carry on the work, although handicapped by sickness. Friday found us on our way to San Francisco, where we met the friends in a parlor meeting that evening, and spoke in the church Sunday morning. Here we were entertained at the home of our Northern California president, Mrs. Olive M. Shield, who spent Saturday showing us places of interest in the city, a good portion of the day being spent in the famous Golden Gate Park.

Sunday afternoon, April 4, we took the boat on our way to Napa, where we spoke that evening and met the ladies in parlor meeting Tuesday afternoon. Napa is the home of our Northern California treasurer, Mrs. Clara M. Switzer, who met us at the boat on our arrival and took us to the home of Bro. and Sister F. H. Walker, who entertained us until Tuesday afternoon, as sickness in Sister Switzer's home prevented her having us as first planned. Wednesday afternoon we left Napa on route for Portland, Ore., which city we reached Friday morning, and was most cordially met at the depot by a quartet of ladies who had come to welcome us. A few hours' rest at the home of the Oregon and Eastern Washington State president, Mrs. Lois R. Wright, and we were taken in an auto to view the building lot given to the society in 1918, and then to the home of Sister Beers, a friend of former years, where we spent the night.

Saturday morning we boarded an early train for Hood River, where an all-day meeting was held in the church on Sunday, April 11. Here we were entertained at the homes of Mrs. L. G. Dix and Mrs. Edna Upton. Monday found us on our way to The Dalles, where we enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Thomas Leabo, at whose home the local met Tuesday, several of the ladies coming from ten to thirteen miles to attend. Wednesday evening found us in Portland again, and here we spent some busy days, meeting the ladies in a parlor gathering Thursday afternoon, speaking at the regular prayer-meeting Thursday evening, attending a reception given in our honor Friday evening, enjoying
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an auto trip along the famous Columbia highway Saturday afternoon, visiting on the way Troutdale Campground, and speaking both morning and afternoon at the all-day meeting on Sunday. While in Portland we enjoyed the hospitality of several of the sisters who did their best to make our visit a pleasant and profitable one.

(Continued in June issue)

THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONING LIST

Let us give thanks:
For the good standing of our mission in India as shown by the Governor of Madras formally opening the hostel at Velacherie.
For the passage secured for Miss Jones on the S. S. Killet, which was listed to sail from India April 23.
For the safe return of the General President from her trip to the Pacific Coast.
For the interest manifested in the press work as noted elsewhere.

Let us pray:
That Miss Jones may have a comfortable passage, and gain in health on the voyage.
That wisdom may be given both the home and India boards in deciding the plans and appropriations for the work for the coming months.
That sufficient funds may come in to meet the extra amount required to send to India because of the advance in exchange. (See editorial.)

MISS JONES TO SAIL FOR AMERICA

APRIL 23

Word has been received that Miss Jones was booked to sail for New York on a steamer of the Nickson line, which was to leave India April 23. This should reach New York the second week in June.

SPECIAL attention is called to the suggestive program for a meeting of the elderly people and shut-in friends which appears in this issue, June is a splendid month in which to hold such a meeting. This meeting is a yearly red-letter day with the Providence, R. I., local, and we hope many others will adopt the idea.

ARE WE TO REACH THE $25,000 GOAL BY JULY 31?

This is a question which demands our attention from several standpoints, two of which we will notice at this time:
First, nine months of our fiscal year have passed with April, and we have received during those nine months $17,084.14; thus leaving $7965.86 which we must raise during the remaining three months if we reach our goal, or an average of $2655.29 per month.

Second, and far more important, we need this extra money very much, for at the high rate of exchange it now takes practically $1.50 of American money to make three rupees of Indian money which formerly could be purchased for $1. Or in other words, in order to pay our missionaries their salary of 1200 rupees a year, we must send $600 instead of the $400 we sent when exchange was at par. And as all expenses are paid in rupees, it can be easily seen that we must send 50% more money in order for them to have the same amount. Nor is that all, in a recent letter from India one of the missionaries writes that everything has risen in price so much that they simply cannot meet their expenses. This means that we must send a larger sum to India each month, and in order to do so we must have a larger monthly income than we have had for the last two months. Let every one do his or her part in this matter, and the burden will be heavy on no one. We should have at least $3000 for May.

NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

HOME DEPARTMENT

INCE last report gifts have been received at the home as follows: A quilt and a box of canned goods from the W. H. & F. M. Society of Arena, N. Y.; twenty-five eggs from "a friend in Maine"; cottage cheese, Mrs. Isabella Wright Kennison, Brownville, Me.; box of vegetables, Mr. Richards, Winsted, Conn.; mattress, C. E. Watkins, South Manchester, Conn.; five dozen eggs, Eld. and Mrs. W. T. Patch, Morrisville, Vt.; five towels, Elizabeth Sweetser, Saco, Me.; large crex rug, Mrs. J. E. Tabbutt. For all of these good things all those connected with the home are very thankful.

THE TRACT FUND

IN response to Bro. Hudson's article in the March ALL NATIONS, regarding the great need of funds for printing tracts, a sister in Kansas has proposed to be one of ten who will give $10 for this purpose. Let us hear from nine more who will do the same.

FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

THE W. H. & F. M. S. locals of Southern California met in Tustin during the spring session of the Southern California Conference, for an hour's program, on the afternoon of April 9. The first number on the program was an organ recital by one of our Tustin Juniors, Dorothy La Dieu. We are proud of the Juniors. Our president, Sister Sarah M. G. Brown, has a good way of getting the Scripture for a meeting of this kind. She just asked for favorite texts from the floor, and by the time all had repeated their special verses we had a wealth of choice Scripture. Several Tustin sisters favored us with good readings and a lovely duet.
Pastor Snider of San Francisco gave a very interesting report of our Advent Spanish Mission in that city, the seed that is being sown by Bro. Lemon and then taken by these Spanish converts to other localities where more fruitage is gathered in.

The program closed with the reading of several letters from Sisters Ella Jones and Zella Peterson, followed by a season of earnest prayer for all our mission work at home and abroad, but very especially for our own Ella Jones.

The many expressions from each of the locals regarding Sister Chadsey's visit among us proved that it was a success in every way. We fell in love with our national president and feel, if possible, more certain than ever that she is the right person in the right place. Besides this, added interest, enthusiasm and new members are in evidence everywhere. Her trip has meant much in many ways for Southern California. The Lord bless her for the years that may yet remain for us to "Go . . . and teach all nations."

A SUGGESTIVE PROGRAM FOR MEETING OF ELDERLY AND SHUT-IN FRIENDS

B. S. H. Bemis
Singing: "He Leadeth Me."
Welcome to our guests, President of Mission Society.
Boutonnieres given to each guest.
Singing: "How Firm a Foundation."
Thanksgiving and Petitioning List in Singing: "How Firm a Foundation."
Singing: "I'm the Child of a King."
Welcome to our guests, President of Mission Society.
A MEN'S NIGHT MISSION GATHERING AT MEREDITH, N. H.

In the evening of that very rainy day, April 21, an excellent number of our people gathered at the parsonage in the interests of our W. H. & F. M. Society.

A missionary program was carried out which consisted of general singing, a duet by two of our young women, a song by two of our Sunday-school boys and several readings, both prose and poetry, beside prayer and Scripture repeated in unison. An interesting feature was the enrolling of two new members, and others are soon to join. At the close the men showed their appreciation by a generous offering.

A social hour was afterward enjoyed when cake and cocoa brought by the ladies were served.

We feel that this gathering stimulated our interest in mission work, and we enjoy the love and fellowship which exists amongst us, and realize it is God-given. Reported by request.

MRS. JESSE C. LIBBY.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND AND EASTERN CONNECTICUT SOCIETIES

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut W. H. & F. M. Societies was held in the Providence Advent Christian Church, Deerer Street, April 1, 1920. Owing to the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. Edna B. Smith, presided over the meeting.

The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, after which Mrs. Grace Hewitt of Providence read the Scripture and Mrs. Mary Noble of North
Mrs. Hannah M. Thomas, Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts for April, 1920

California—Mrs. O. D. Benton, $19; Napa local, $12.72; collection, San Francisco, $10.41; Santa Rosa local, $1; “A Friend,” $50; Los Angeles A. C. Church, $62.50; Paul and Edith McKaughan, $10.20; Los Angeles local, $5.50; San Diego local, $18.50; La Verne local, $2; Oakland local, $5; Bro. Warner, $1; Napa local, $12.72.

China—Mildred Wright, $15.

Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—Bristol A. C. Church, $22.78; Palmer local, $1.50; East Norwalk Tithing Class, $15.50; Theresa Hoyt, $2; Mrs. D. G. Byars, $6; Bridgeport local as follows: Mrs. Grace L. Porter, $15; Mrs. Frank A. Burnham, $5; Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, $1; total, $21. Danbury Tithing Class, $6.50; Anna Byars, $3.50.

Florida and South Georgia—Jacksonville local, $6; Jasper local, $7.50.

Maine—Mrs. J. L. Pease, $5; Portland local, $3; Presque Isle A. C. Church, $12; Mary F. Crane, $2; Mrs. G. L. Young, $2; Westbrook local, $5; Mrs. E. P. Woodward, $2.

Massachusetts—F. A. Waters, $1; R. F. C., $2; Mrs. C. H. Shurtleff, $1.50; O. W Mayberry's class, Lowell S. S., $1.50; Mrs. O. W. Mayberry, $1.50; Mrs. Emma Barnard, $1.50; Mrs. Lucy E. Hudson, $3; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McDonald, $15; Whatever Class, Lowell A. C. S. S., $12.50; Mr. and Mrs. George Hobill, $10; Boston local, $31.45; Melrose Highlands A. C. Church, $2.40; Melrose Highlands local, $16; William H. Hambly, $10; Lillian V. Cottle, $1; Anna F. Dewsnup, $7; Haverhill A. C. S. S., $22.50; Mrs. Walker's class, Haverhill A. C. S. S., $22.50; Acushnet A. C. S. S., $20; Worcester local, $12; Athol local, $18; Fiskdale local, $3; Somerville local, $8; Whitman local, $45; Willing Workers, Acushnet A. C. S. S., $10; Mrs. C. E. Rich, $2.65.

Missouri—Harriet E. Dyer, $5.

New Brunswick—Mrs. Louise Hammons, $4; Woodstock local, $11.65.

New Hampshire—Dover A. C. S. S., $7.70; boys' class, Dover A. C. S. S., $5; Northwood Narrows A. C. S. S., $11.15; Rochester A. C. S. S., $3.30; East Rochester local, $17.25; Portsmouth local, $30.50; Manchester local, $17; Concord A. C. S. S., $8.29; Isabel E. Moore, $1; “A Friend,” $10.

New York—Mrs. E. M. Van Dyke, $2; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Greenlaw, $7.50.

Ontario—Boys' Mission Club, $20.

Oregon and Eastern Washington and Idaho—Collection, Hood River, $10.70; Boyd and The Dalles local, $20; cash, 26 cents; Eld. Guy Porter, $10; Friends, $6; collection, Portland, $32.35; Martha Beers, $2; collection, Clarkston, $22; collection, Weiser, $6.97; collection, Mann's Creek, $6.50.

Pennsylvania—Easter offering, Edinboro A. C. S. S., $15; Edinboro local, $10.

Quebec and Northern Vermont—Mrs. Julia E. Webster, $2; Newbury A. C. Church, $8; Beebe Plain local, $10; Mrs. Sarah E. Knight, $2; Mrs. George E. Cass, $2.

Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—Mrs. Alburo, $1; Mrs. Chase, $1; Mrs. Lawrence, $1; Mrs. Abbie T. McCarty, $5; Mrs. C. H. Baiselles, $1; Mrs. Cobb, $1; Mrs. Holland, $1; Mrs. C. H. Hewitt, $1; Mrs. F. A. Reynolds, $10; Mrs. Charles Northrup, $3; Mr. Charles Northrup, $5; Miss Elsie Hewitt, $2; Miss Jessie E. L. Dennis, $9.50; Providence local, $12.50; Rocky Brook local, $4.71; Florence I. Jewell, $1.

South Carolina—Beaver Creek A. C. Church, $4.

Western Washington and British Columbia—S. C. Shore, 50 cents; Mrs. Elizabeth Bissell, $1; Seattle, $1; collection, Nooksack, $1; collection, Sumas, $3.32; collection, Bellingham, $17.20.

Wisconsin—Mrs. Alice J. Cheney, $60.33.

Rent, $35; sales, $5.53; ALL NATIONS subscriptions, $51.80. Total receipts, $1163.25.

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### Junior Mission Societies

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**A TRIP TO INDIA**

Winnifred M. Dyer  

_Come, let us take a trip today_  
To sunny India, far away,  
The land of beauty but of woe.  
Arriving there at once we'll go  
To visit those we know so well,  
Of whom our mission papers tell;  
The work and workers we will view;  
At Velacherie, Guindy, too,  
And Saidapet learn what they do.  

What hosts of people meet our sight,  
Dark-skinned and slim, in clothing light,  
Their thatch-roofed homes and rice fields white.  

Oh, here we are at Guindy Hall!  
Miss Saunders bids us welcome all;  
Miss Jones we miss, but trust our Lord  
Will bring her back with health restored.  
The orphans cared for here we see,  
With thankful hearts that they can be  
Thus rescued from a life of fear;  
We only wish that more were here.  
We watch the girls at work or play;  
Some sew or weave in skilful way.  
At the dispensary we see  
Each sufferer given remedy.  
We taste the water of that well  
Whose history Miss Spence did tell.  
We gladly here a year would be,  
There is so much to hear and see.  

Next we to Velacherie come,  
And greet the Hudsons in their home.  
The orphans in the school we view,  
Inspect the boys' new hostel, too;  
And watch the boys in training then,  
Preparing to be useful men.  
The hum of that old press we hear  
Which has spread truth for many a year.  
From thence we make a tour around  
To stations in outlying towns.  
But haste, for we must visit yet  
The Pettersons at Saidapet.  

First at the reading room we call;  
A great work centers in its hall.  
Our hostess, next, a glimpse will give  
Of guarded rooms where women live.  

But we forbear to call to mind  
All things of interest we find.  
The native preachers, teachers, too,  
The Bible women, workers true,  
All having trying tasks to do,  
'Nneath handicaps of caste and rules,  
Gross superlatives, lack of tools.  
A faithful band, dark-skinned or white,  
Who nobly bear the Gospel light  
Amid sin, ignorance and night.  

God bless them all; their hearts inspire,  
And give them many souls for hire;  
To those at home who "hold the rope"  
Grant courage, vision, faith and hope;  
Till we at last, 'mid glories grand,  
With these from India clasp glad hand.  

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**ATTENTION MASSACHUSETTS Y. W. A.'S**

_Some months ago the superintendent of Y. W. A.'s work in Massachusetts, Miss Lillian F. Welch, sent a letter to each society in the State, asking that they contribute $12 each, and thus enable the Y.'s to assume the support of the Vengavasal night school in India. Vengavasal day school is supported by the Massachusetts local societies. But she has only heard from two Y.'s regarding the matter; each of these pledged the $12 asked, on condition that the other societies would do so. She is anxious to hear from the others before the annual State meeting, June 23. Bring the matter before your society, and let her know your decision. You can address her at 160 Warren Street, Boston, Mass._

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**CRADLE ROLL**


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