The Lord giveth the word the women that publish the tidings are a great host. — Ps. 68:11, R. V.

He was not willing that any should perish; Am I his follower, and can I love Longer at ease with a soul going downward, Lost for the lack of the help I might give? Perishing, perishing! Thou wast not willing, Master, forgive and inspire us anew; Banish our worldliness, help us to ever Live with eternity's values in view. — Selected.

A PLEA FOR THE HEATHEN
Selected by Carrie Weed, author unknown.

The night of the world is falling And brothers! no common cry Comes out from the distance, calling The multitudes passing by:
O leave us not here to perish (Christ died not alone for you,
Your dear ones ye well may cherish,
But can ye not love us too?
“Glad tidings your own heart is filling Should surely overflow to all;
Answer! Are none of you willing To follow your Master's call?”

It is not for the want of pleading Men go on their way unstirred But the gospel they pass unheeding The heathen have never heard.
The sweetness of God's salvation Is still to the world unknown, And many a mighty nation Does homage to wood and stone.
The master himself will measure Your part in this solemn call; He noticed the rich man's treasure, He valued the widow's all.
The world for its Lord is waiting! O, with the pity unfelt before, And a zeal that is unabating, Press in through the open door,
Go ye! 'tis a high endeavor! And happy are all who toil; The battle is not forever, And you shall divide the spoil.

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JESSIE M. SAUNDERS

FOR a long time we have been praying the Lord to send the right person to help Miss Spence who is overworking. Miss Saunders is all ready to go. Elder George T. Wellcome will start for India in November, if the Lord will. If we can raise $500 by pledge before the first of November Miss Saunders can accompany him. Can we do this? Yes; if every one helps. Let us hear from you at once.

Next month we expect to have the picture of George T. Wellcome and family.

Remember, young men and women, that vessels of clay, filled with the Spirit, are more useful to God than vessels of gold filled with self. — A. J. Gordon.
EFFORTS FOR UNION.

WHILE the Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Advent Christian Denomination feel compelled to decline to unite with the American Advent Mission Society upon the basis defined in their kind and courteous request, no one can be more desirous of harmonious co-operation both here and in India than are we. With the reply which was returned to the A. A. M. Board the President of W. H. & F. M. S. sent the following letter:

ROCKLAND, ME., October 5, 1901.

TO THE A. A. M. BOARD:

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus:—If you can devise any form of union through a joint board composed of members of the executive boards of both the American Advent Mission Society and the Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society whereby there shall be equal representation permanently secured, which union will not interfere with our individuality nor hinder our work, nor materially add to the expenses of administration, personally I shall favor it and I have no doubt that the executive and advisory boards of the W. H. & F. M. S. would approve.

Sincerely your sister in Christ,

SARAH K. TAYLOR.

[The small caps in the following communication are ours.—Ed.]

Request of American Advent Mission Society

BOSTON, MASS., MARCH 5, 1901.

TO The Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society:—

Inasmuch as the A. A. M. S. has been requested by its agent and worker, Capt. Spence, to divide its work in India with the W. H. & F. M. S. and,

Whereas, certain recent events have served to bring in question the feasibility of two Societies undertaking to carry on independent work in the same field, and to publicly appeal to the same constituency for funds with which to do the same,—and since investigation of the relation of the Woman’s Home & Foreign Mission Societies to the general Mission Societies of the other denominations reveals a plan of work different from that which exists between our Societies, therefore, we ask that your Society consider with us the adoption of a new plan of co-operation and mutual relation, a plan which we believe will result in the best interests of both Societies, and in the accomplishment of a much larger, better conducted and more fruitful work than can be accomplished under the present arrangements. We ask,

(1) That your Society become thoroughly co-operative with ours, and to this end that, while it shall be free to manage its own Society business, select workers, etc., your workers in the foreign field shall labor under the supervision of the Executive Board of our Society, that in the matter of selecting and assigning workers in such fields there shall be consultation, and our Board shall approve the choice and commission of such workers before they are sent to the field.

(2) That in the matter of collecting funds for the work of your Society you will depend upon such resources as may be derived from your membership fees, and what your local Societies may raise, and that you will refrain from appealing publicly to our churches and connecting congregations for collections and pledges for your work.

By this means there will be a united supervision on the field, a harmonious administration of mission affairs among our people, and the complication of double appeal to the same constituency for the support of the same work will be avoided.

Humbly trusting that these requests will appear to you to be offered in an entirely friendly spirit and for the best interests of the great work which we all deeply love, we are,

Most cordially yours,

EXECUTIVE BOARD A. A. M. S.

A. C. Johnson, Secretary.

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Voted to accept the statement as formulated above, the same being, in general principle and substance, what we believe we ought to secure and to make operative between the A. A. M. S. and the W. H. & F. M. S. It is understood that this statement is not necessarily final, further adjustment being had, if necessary, to secure harmony before becoming operative.

A. C. JOHNSON, Secretary.

ADDED EXPLANATORY WORDS CONCERNING FOREGOING REQUEST.

(1) The situation that called forth the petition.

(a) There is already considerable dissatisfaction among our people because two Societies are appealing to the same churches for finances to carry on Mission work. This seems especially strange when it is an appeal for work in the same field. There is sure to be more disturbance about this as the work increases and the appeals multiply.

(b) There is an urgent call for and evidently an urgent need of an American Superintendent of the Mission work in the India field. This seems very necessary in order to bring this work into closer touch with the Home Societies and for its better and more thorough development on the field. If two societies are to carry on an entirely independent work on the same field then the work must be divided and it will be necessary to have two superintendents—while the work and cost of one only is actually needed. We believe that this division of the work and a double-headed superintendence of the same would be in every way disadvantageous and unfortunate to the work.

It would involve more or less of rivalry and misunderstanding among the workers—and it would seem strange to the heathen mind, already distracted by the many sects and parties among Christians, to see the people of the same faith divided in their work. If the work is to go on to the broadest and best success it must continue to be one work under one supervision.

This also is a very serious matter and calls for unprejudiced, impartial, candid consideration and the application of a comprehensive, sagacious plan of administration. It would seem only reasonable that the Society which has received by transfer the long established work of I. C. Welcome and of the S. P. S. should feel that they have certain rights of priority in this field and an unavoidable responsibility for the best possible adjustment and superintendence of the work.

II. The purpose of our request.

We ask that the officers and constituency of the W. H. & F. M. Society will believe that we do not have any sinister motive in the request we offer. We have no desire to cripple, frustrate or absorb the work of your Society. We rejoice in the good work you have already done, we believe you may do yet larger and better service and we pray that you may. But we believe that your Society may do a double-headed, thorough and effective work in the days to come if brought into closer relation to our Society. In unity there is strength. This truth is recognized in financial circles today as never before and it is equally true in Mission work and administration.

If we thought that what we ask would in the least injure the W. H. & F. M. S. or its work, we would not ask it on any account. We rather believe that in the long run, if our request be granted, your Society will be greatly helped thereby.
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The excellent and ever-increasing work of other Women's Mission Societies that are working under similar rules of administration is abundant evidence of this—evidence not easily gainsaid or wisely ignored.

III. The expediency of the plan of co-operation and mutual relation which we offer. (a) It is not an untried plan—the relations of the Woman's F. M. Societies of the Congregational body to the American Board are thus defined: "The constitution of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior says: 'Art. 2. The object of this Board is to engage the earnest, systematic co-operation of Christian women in sending out and supporting female missionaries, native teachers and Bible readers to heathen women through the agency of the American Board of Commissioners for foreign Missions.' In accordance with these provisions, the Woman's Boards are to make no appropriations for persons or objects which have not first been adopted by the American Board as part of its force and work; and the disbursements of the Woman's Boards are made through the Treasurer of the American Board." The relation of the W. F. M. Society of the Methodist Church to their general Society is thus stated in their constitution: Art. X, Sec. 1. "This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall and remuneration of missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Further specifications are given in the next four sections of this article, amplifying the same thought.

The relation of the W. F. M. S. of the Baptist people to the Baptist Union is thus set forth in the by-laws of the Woman's Society:—Art. III of the by-laws of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society says:—"This object it shall seek to accomplish, as far as possible, by furnishing support through the American Baptist Missionary Union, to Christian women employed by said Union as missionaries, native teachers, or Bible readers, together with the facilities needed for their work; such laborers being recommended by this Society."

(b) This plan of administration works well in these Societies—we find that their work is greatly appreciated by the General Societies. Of course they have charge of their own business affairs, they select and train their own workers—raise a large amount of funds through membership fees and local circles—and are continually stirring up mission work among the women of their Churches—yet all their workers go out under the employment and direction of the General Society and (c) thus there is on the field a unity of administration which gives strength, cohesion and success to the work of the whole body.

We ask only similar relations with W. H. & F. M. S. and believe that this will give added unity, strength and success to the work of our whole people.

(d) As to our request in the matter of collecting funds let this be remembered—The W. H. & F. M. S. has a large income from membership fees and also receives donations and assistance through their local societies or circles.

The A. A. M. S. has no membership fees and no local societies organized for its own support, ought it not therefore to have an open field for solicitation of donations and pledges?

Here again we ask only for what is the policy of the other Societies before referred to—thus any confusion or complication of appeal to the people is avoided, while each Society has its method or resource of support for its chosen work.

IV. THE URGENCY OF THE CASE.

We feel that what we ask for is worthy the most careful consideration and is urgently needed. If the adjustment of relations may be granted it would give to the people clearness of understanding— it will give to the Societies harmonious, workable relations—it would conduce to such methods of labor as will prove felicitous and practicable as the work develops and would promote such concord, economy and discretion of administration as would create and sustain confidence on the part of our people at large in the wisdom and efficiency of the work. It is vital to the interests of the work at home and on the field that we not only acquire the clear understanding, unity and confidence of the people, but that we keep that good understanding and confidence. Therefore in all seriousness, and according to the best light we have we offer you the foregoing request and these added words more fully stating our reasons for the same, and we pray that by mutual conference and careful unprejudiced consideration we may arrive at the best adjustment of relations and methods—and that the best possible work may be accomplished.

For and by order of the Executive Board,
A. C. JOHNSON, Secretary.

Reply of W. H. & F. M. S.

TO THE AMERICAN ADVENT MISSION BOARD.

Dear Brethren in Christ:—We have carefully read your requests and reasons for the same, and while we believe in your sincerity, and regret extremely to refuse to accede to any proposition coming from your Board, we are convinced that it would be unwise to unite with the A. A. M. S. upon the basis you propose.

I.

We do not think it would be advisable that our workers in the foreign field should labor under the supervision of the Executive Board of the A. A. M. S. This proposal means that we should relinquish all supervision of our God-given work, handing it over to the A. A. M. S., and this we cannot consent to do.

2. We will always be glad of your approval and grateful for your counsel, but we do not think it would be wise to consent that the missionaries we approve must also come before your Board for approval before sending them out. That would not only entail quite an expense of means and delay our work, but would also make all our work subject to your veto, which might prove a serious and expensive hindrance to our work. We do not think that the A. A. M. S. Board would consent that all the missionaries approved by them should come before our Board for approval before they should be sent out.

II.

In the matter of soliciting funds:—We have always been generous to the A. A. M. S. For the last year at Alton Bay we have given up taking a collection, and last year we not only relinquished the collection, but the right to speak on mission day. After that, Mrs. McKinstry made a public appeal for a church in Vermont and took up several hundred dollars for that church. It seems to us we should have the privilege of taking up a collection at any of our camp meetings after you have had the first opportunity and raised all the money you could. And in our mission meetings in the churches we think that if we desire it we should be allowed to take up a collection to pay the expenses of the meeting.

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MUTUAL RELATIONS

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s many curious and contradictory reports are abroad con-
cerning the relations which the Woman's Home and
Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian De-
nomination sustains to the American Advent Mission Society,
it seems due to our people, and especially to the members of
our W. H. & F. M. S. to place the matter before them.

Our relation toward the A. A. M. S. has always been friendly,
and while we have from our first organisation been entirely in-
dependent in jurisdiction and action, and have taken great pains
to try to make everybody understand that the W. H. & F. M. S.
is not in any sense auxiliary, or subordinate, to any other mission
society, we have always been willing to help the A. A. M. S. in
any way we conscientiously could. Last spring the A. A. M. S.
requested us to unite with them and become auxiliary to them,
and we now publish their request with reasons for the same,
together with our reply, and a letter sent by the President of
the W. H. & F. M. S. to place the matter before them.

In our reply all our reasons for not uniting with the A. A. M.
S are stated, but those which are stated are to us sufficient
where there are others. Perhaps many of our members do not
know that the parent mission society in our denomination was
a woman's mission society. After this society had been working
for two years the American Advent Mission Society was formed
and by strenuous efforts prevailed upon the parent mission
society to unite with them, promising equal privileges and repre-
sentation upon the Mission Board. So soon as the union was
acted upon the work of the woman's society ceased, and so far as
we are able to learn there never has been a woman upon the
A. A. M. Board.

With this object lesson in our denomination we may well
walk very carefully before the Lord in considering all ques-
tions of union with the American Advent Mission Society. The
board is composed of godly men, and so has the board ever
been as far as we know. We believe that the choicest men of
our denomination have been elected to serve on the A. A. M.
Board ever since its formation. The conclusion we have come
to is this:

1—God called us to do this work.
2—He gave us a special field in India.
3—He has greatly blessed both here and there our work and
we see no reason to think that the work would be better done,
or more cheaply done, under the A. A. M. S.
4—We should prove ourselves unworthy of the trust reposed
in us, and should sin against God if we should give this work
over to the management of any other mission society.

We wish the American Advent Mission Society all pros-
perity. This is a large world; the harvest is great and the
labors few. The hope that the blessing of God upon the A.
A. M. S. will be so great, and that they will have so much work

to do, that in a little while they will not care to have the super-
vision of our little corner in the great mission field.

OUR INDIA LETTERS

GUINDY, 5 September, 1901.

MY DEAREST SISTER:

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perity. This is a large world; the harvest is great and the
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to do, that in a little while they will not care to have the super-
vision of our little corner in the great mission field.

The work here is going on as usual and is very discourag-
ing at times but as all discouragements come from the
Devil we can meet them in God's strength and overcome
them too—Praise His name!

Last Tuesday when we went to the village for street preach-
ing the whole of the castle village was astir with the excitement
of two weddings. They were just then performing a religious
ceremony by dipping their clothes into a sacred well. One of
the bridegrooms, was a man I was much interested in as he is
so intelligent and was ever willing to help us in our out door
services and took a great interest in what we said. The vil-
lagers would have me go and speak to each of the bridegrooms.
Well I thought this would be a good chance of giving them the
gospel, even if their minds were full of the weddings, etc. So
I spoke about the Bridegroom and The Ten Virgins and I had a
large and attentive crowd. We all felt on returning that we
had had a profitable time. We had two enquirers who were
very persistent in their arguments and said that their Gods,
Brahma, Vishna and Siva were the only three gods in the world
and that they alone could save us. We spoke with them for a
long time and tried to show as well as we could that there was
only one God and that He sent His only begotten Son into the
world to save the souls in it who had all sinned. They then
affirmed that if Jesus Christ became a man he must have sinned,
for every man sins. But we told them that He was born of the
Holy Spirit and "was in all points tempted like as we are
yet without sin." It was wonderful to see how much they had
quieted down by the time we had had our say. One of these
enquirers has promised to come over on Sunday morning to
have a talk with us and to read our Bible. I do hope he will
come.

The weather this month is most trying and cholera has stalked
here the length and breadth of the land. The number of peo-
ple dying in the villages of fever, etc, is enormous.

If one can afford to pay for the feeding of a child only once a
day I can arrange this as there are many hungry little children
in Velacheri who go a whole day without any food whatever.

Alice G. Spence.
NOVEMBER, 1901

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REPORTS FROM STATES

CALIFORNIA.

The annual meeting of the W. H. & F. M. Society of N. Cal., was held in Napa, August 28, 1901. The Secretary reported seven societies in good working condition. Beside the work each society is doing in its own church field, and the dues and contributions sent to India, we are still sustaining our home missionary, Sister Carrie Ellis in her work of carrying the good news of salvation into the mountain towns and mining camps, where there are hungry souls longing for the bread of life.

We are glad to report a good interest in both lines of work. While the command stands, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," we must not weary in sending. But while this work is laid upon us, we do not forget the other duty, that of gathering in those who are in the streets and lanes, and in the highways and hedges, for the tables must be furnished with guests. And while the many cannot go, let us remember we may always send by giving of the means God places in our hands, and thus speed on the good work.

A. R. Organ, Pres.
Anna Stephenson, Sec'y and Treasurer.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Officers of Massachusetts: President—Mrs. Mabel R. Makepeace, Indian Orchard; Secretary—Mrs. Flora Phillips, Acushnet Ave., Springfield; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma L. Hall, 10 Chandler St., Salem, Mass.

Officers of Eastern District: President—Mrs. Roger Sherman, Salem; Vice President—Mrs. F. I. Piper, Malden; Secretary—Mrs. Mary E. Rowe, Salem; Treasurer—Mrs. G. F. Haines, Chiclsca.

MAINE STATE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Mechanic Falls, August 29, 1901.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock a.m., by Vice President, Mrs. M. C. Clapp.

Prayer by Mrs. S. K. Taylor.

Secretary's report read and accepted.

Committee on redentials appointed.

Roll Call of Local Societies: Five represented by delegates, two by letter.

Voted, that members present not members of a local should be allowed all the privileges of the meeting except voting for the election of State officers.

Tellers appointed. Then proceeded to election of officers as follows:

President, Mrs. Flora M. Brown, Berry Mills.

Vice President, Mrs. M. C. Clapp.

Secretary, Miss Bertha A. Glover, Zircon.

Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie L. Marshall, Portland.

Constitution read, amended and adopted.

Listened to report of the work done by the Locals the past year.

Report of general work given by Mrs. S. K. Taylor.

Voted, that the next meeting should be held at Mechanic Falls during the camp meeting session.

Voted to adjourn.

BERtha A. Glover, State Secretary.

Mrs. Marshall being unable to serve, Mrs. L. Jennie Brown of Norway, Maine, has been chosen Treasurer.

DELAY.

For some cause our wraps, which are printed in New York were held back and thus the mailing of our October paper delayed three weeks.

FROM THE SOUTH

My Dear Sister Taylor:

You wished me to tell you about my work in the South.

Since I was appointed superintendent, July 1900, I have organized three societies and persuaded the Jacksonville Society to become auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M. Society to become auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M. Society to become auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M. Society to become auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M. Society to become auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M. Society to become auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M. Society to become auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M. Society to become auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M.

I have received eighty-nine letters, have answered these and written many more and obtained seventy-two subscribers for our little paper. I find the work grand and pleasant and would persuade every dear sister to be diligent and faithful in this blessed work, knowing our time is short. Let us all be up and doing with our might, for our Saviour will soon come and call us to account for our stewardship here.

Your sister in the services of my blessed Saviour till he comes,

ELIZA L. KING.

MONEY RECEIVED IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Maine—Ellen M. Skinner, $2.00; Sarah M. Leach, 25c.; Henrietta Gay, $1.00; Mary A. Cobb, $1.00; Jennie Latham, 50c.; Flora Berry Brown, 50c.; Mrs. R. R. York, 50c.; Mrs. Sarah Storer, 50c.; Mrs. J. T. Smith, $1.00; Mrs. Carrie R. Whitney, 50c.; Silas M. Roberts, $1.00; A. H. Tillson, $1.50; Aheline Berry, 50c.; Nellie Randall, 50c.; Esther Staples, 50c.; Josephine Roberts, 50c.; Mrs. Priscilla Sibley (China), $1.00; Mechanic Falls local, $1.40; F. E. Mitchell, $1.00; Nettie McAlister, 50c.; Arthur Holman, 50c.; E. A. Smith, 50c.; Mrs. O. R. Jones, $5.00; Ida Mayberry, $1.50; H. G. Nichols, 50c.; Mechanic Falls local, $1.40; Geo. F. McAlister, 1.00; Esther Baxter, 50c.; Mc. Falls collection, $1.81; Laura Young, 50c.; Frances E. Farnham, 50c.; Luella, $2.00; Hettie Marr, 50c.; Frances A. Woodward, 50c.; Mrs. E. G. Cole, 50c.; L. J. Brown, 50c.; Stella Dennis, 50c.; cash, 50c.; E. G. Cole, $1.00; Mrs. Procotor, 2.00; Rose Walker, 1.00; C. Sawyer, 1.00; S. Mains, 50c.; I. E. Jordan, $1.00; L. Longley, $1.00; A. J. Walker, 50c.; E. Price, 50c.; G. W. Quist, $1.00; H. Boyd, 50c.; C. Dennis, 50c.; M. Jordan, $2.00; F. Berry, 50c.; Sarah J. Martin, 50c.; Auburn local, 2.50; Elton Timmerlake, 50c.

New Hampshire—Sarah S. Paige, 50c.; Sarah Ford, 50c.; Margaretta Gilelden, $2.00 ($1.50 for China); Mrs. Frank Hall, $1.00; Ella Couch, 50c.; Manchester (for China) $19.10; James H. Downing, 50c.; M. L. Dow, 35c.; Ellen Hutchins, 1.00; Mrs. W. H. Blood, $1.00; Mrs. E. L. Saulpaugh, 50c.; Almeta Currier, 50c.; J. Henry Welk, 50c.; Mrs. A. S. Williams, 50c.; Mrs. S. E. More, 1.50; Juliette Bennett, 50c.; James F. Brown, 50c.; C. C. Jackson, $2.00.

Massachusetts—For orphanage, Jennie R. Tyzzer, 50c.; Matilda J. Tyzzer, 50c.; Sophronia Sprague, $1.50; Mary J. Esty, 50c.; Amanda Bollen, 50c.; Sarah Young, 50c.; Mildred Hatfield, 20c.; Ella L. Pierce, 50c.; I. E. Moore, 50c.; Samira Osgood, 50c.; Mrs. E. F. Better, 50c.; Dr. N. M. Ransom, 50c.; Mary S. Lotherope, 50c.; Mattie A. Hamer, 50c.; L. A. Harlow, 50c.; M. A. Johnson, 50c.; Annie L. Piper, 20c.; Clara E. Peck, 50c.; Acushnet, 50c.; Somerville, $1.50.

Vermont—Bristol, $3.00; Bristol, 50c.

California—Los Angeles, $7.50; Ponoma, $1.50; A Friend, 50c.; Pasadena for W. I. Edward's work, $5.00; Transit fund, 50c.

Wisconsin—Sparta, 50c.

Kansas—S. J. Powell, 50c.

New York—Jennie Benson, 50c.

New Brunswick—St. Mary, $16.00; Woodstock, 50c.

Pennsylvania—Judith Danham, 50c.; Mrs. Abie Thompson, 50c.

Wisconsin—Cainville, $1.50.

Rhode Island—Providence, 50c.; Mrs. Phoebe Cotrell, 50c.; Bertha Hazard, 50c.; Lillian E. Slocum, 20c.; Ruth O. Pennington, 20c.; Charles R. Ballo, 20c.; Rocky Brook local, $3.50.

Connecticut—Birchard Sisters, 50c.; Sidney L. Glover, $1.00; Mrs. E. M. Green, 50c.; Mrs. E. L. Miller, 50c.
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In regard to appealing to the churches, we would not feel it right to promise to refrain from appealing to them. We have made but one general appeal so far, and that was for help to rescue the famine orphans in India. Had we not made that appeal there would have been no famine orphans rescued by our denomination. We think the Holy Spirit wanted that appeal made, and how can we know that He will not want us to make another appeal sometime?

EXPLANATORY WORDS CONCERNING THE REQUEST.

(a) There is, we believe, more dissatisfaction among our people because we are doing foreign work at all than because there are two societies making appeals for help, but that is no reason why we should give it up. Those who are dissatisfied with any appeal simply will refuse to respond, and that is their right. We do not believe that God wants us to change our course because somebody is dissatisfied with it. What we want to be sure of is that God approves it.

(b) Two Superintendents in India:—Your school nearest to our mission station is ten miles distant, I think. India contains thousands of heathen villages without either school or preacher. It seems to us that with the wide extent of territory and great destitution of Gospel privileges in India there might be enough for your superintendent to do without overseeing our work; and we are sure that our missionary superintendent, Miss Spence, can find ten times the amount of work that she can do and not touch your field of labor. It is true that she has had the supervision of your schools and that Capt. Spence tells me that she is going to set our new missionary, Mr. Edwards, at work on your press, but while we have told Capt. Spence that he could put our missionaries at any work, wherever they seem to be needed most, and are willing they should help your work in India whenever it is necessary, so soon as you send your workers to superintend your schools, ruin your press, etc., we will be very glad indeed to set our missionaries at work on our own field.

The Advent church in Boston has a pastor and the Advent church in Chelsea has a pastor. These churches are less than ten miles apart. It might be cheaper to have one man superintend both churches, but only half the work would be done. The town of Bridgton has a supervisor of schools and the town of Harrison has another. These supervisors live only three miles apart. This is not a “double-headed” superintendence and there is no rivalry nor misunderstanding between them. We can see no necessity for having all the work in India under one superintendent. We feel willing to work alongside of you and bear no trouble. If you are not willing to work alongside of us, and think the entire work should be under one supervision, we will take the entire field in Southern India if you desire. In regard to your claim to “certain rights of priority in this field” we are simply amazed. The W. H. & F. M. S. had two schools, an orphanage, a corps of native workers and a Missionary Superintendent before the A. A. M. S. had any mission at all in India; and we received our first school by transfer from the society from which, two years later, you received your work by transfer. We offered to take a school that had been dropped for lack of funds and they transferred to us one that would soon have to be dropped had we not taken it. That school had a heathen teacher, a three legged stool, and a mud schoolhouse thatched with leaves, which was afterward burned. Through the blessing of God our work has grown until now we have eight schools with Christian teachers, three orphanages, about twenty-five native workers, and two white missionaries, and we are convinced that it would not be right to give into other hands the work in India which God has entrusted to us.

We thank you for every kind word you have ever said to us, and for us, for what kind co-operation you have given, enabling us to organize auxiliary societies in our churches, for your prayers and good wishes and helpful counsel, and we sincerely regret that we are compelled to refuse to accede to a proposition coming from your Board; but we believe that in a matter of such importance as the one under consideration we should not be moved by sentiment, but do what we believe to be best for the general cause; and we feel that we should be recreant to our trust if we should give up the supervision of this work to any other mission society.

Desiring only to do the will of God,
Sincerely your sisters and fellow workers.

SARAH K. TAYLOR, President and Business Manager.
A. R. ORGAN, Vice President of General Society and President of North California.
MINNIE I. GAUR, Field Secretary.
SUSIE B. THOMPSON, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.
JESSE LEE THOMPSON, Treasurer.
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BERTHA HAZARD, President of Rhode Island.
MABEL E. PLACE, Secretary of Rhode Island.
ANNIE MANSFIELD, Secretary of Connecticut.
AGNES SYRANS, President of New York.
LEDDIE L. DICKENSON, President of New Brunswick.
DELLA BARNARD, President of Quebec.
CLARA HAPFENDEN, President of Oregon.
ANNA STEVENSON, Secretary of North Carolina.

We have not yet heard from Southern California, so we do not know how the officers of that state have voted. So far as we know the vote is unanimous, and as the A. A. M. Board wanted to receive the reply before their annual meeting in Chelsea it has been sent to them with the signatures we have received.

Letter of President to Executive Board and to the State Officers of the W. H. & F. M. S.

MY DEAR SISTERS:
The enclosed communication from the A. A. M. Board was sent to me with the request that I would forward it to you. I or several months I have known this matter, and as some of you know, at the request of the A. A. M. Board, the secretary and myself met their Board for mutual conference upon the subject of our becoming auxiliary to them and giving all our work in India up to them. I am convinced that to do as they request would be a grave mistake, and would be in the end a great crippling of the work, perhaps its destruction. And I am also further convinced that it would not be honoring God to give into other hands the work He has entrusted to us.

While in Boston Mrs. Thompson and myself visited the Women's Boards of the Congregationalist, Baptist and Methodist Woman's Foreign Mission Societies, and called at the Free Will Baptist House. We did not meet the women at the last place as they were away, but I enclose a letter from one of their officers. Not one of these women whom we visited advised us to become auxiliary to the A. A. M. S. I think every woman in those Societies would much prefer to stand as we do, and if
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The same may apply to women. Have I helped you any?

1. We organized as a denominational society, not auxiliary to any other society. We are doing good work both here and in India, and see no reasons to change our methods.

2. As our society is far broader than the A. A. M. S., taking in all the denominations, west as well as east, it seems hardly courteous to the west to turn our work over to the management of an eastern society which has no representation in the west except fraternal.

3. Our workers would naturally lose their interest if all care and responsibility, and supervision of the work were taken from them, and all they had to do was to raise money and pass it over to another society to spend. The deep interest in foreign missions which has been aroused would soon wane if we should transfer the supervision of our work.

4. After about thirty years existence with a clear field the A. A. M. S. had not a single foreign mission station, nor foreign missionary upon the face of the earth. Then they took up China which is necessarily doing little at the present time. At the present time so far as I know, the only other foreign missionary who is working in their employ is one at the Cape Verde Islands. In India they have two schools which were transferred to them from the Scriptural Publication Society, and a printing press. The schools are being supervised by our Missionary Superintendent, Miss Spence, and Capt. Spence writes me that he shall put our new missionary at work on the press which has been idle for a long time. I am willing to allow our missionaries to do work freely for the A. A. M. S., but to turn over the supervision of our work, which is doing well, being blessed of God, to a society with such a record as theirs, would surely be most unwise, and not pleasing to God, as I view it, and I fear, would result in disaster.

Now I want every one of you to act freely. I send to you a paper which I shall send to the A. A. M. Board signed by my name and if you do not think it best to sign it do not do so; and please write out any paper you wish to sign according to your own personal judgment. Let every one act according to her judgment and conscience. As soon as you send the papers along to the next one, please drop me a card telling me if you have signed a paper or written another, as my interest is very deep and I shall want to know how the matter is progressing.

I enclose a paper on which is the order in which the papers can be sent around so as to save time, sending to our field secretary first and after Massachusetts had done with the papers, then to Maine, New Hampshire, etc. Pray that God will graciously preserve the work He has begun and give great wisdom to us whom He has honored by placing in our hands this great work.

Affectionately your president,

SARAH K. TAYLOR.

P. S. In regard to Capt. Spence's request that the work be divided, he suggested that the A. A. M. S. take the publishing interest and evangelistic work and the Woman's H. & F. M. S. take the schools and orphanages and zenana work. When in Boston we suggested that this division of the work be made as Capt. Spence suggested but they refused to consider it saying that it must not be divided. They must have the supervision of the whole work.

S. K. T.

Letter from the Secretary of the Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society.

MY DEAR MRS. TAYLOR: You have asked advice. I do not know just what to give but will tell you of our situation. We are not auxiliary to our General Conference of Free Baptists. We urge our women to contribute for the general work as well as for their own. We have a joint committee from the two Boards to which can be referred questions of mutual interest. We have the question constantly to meet about becoming auxiliary to General Conference and just now the question is being agitated.

We have felt that should we become auxiliary it would hinder our work as a large part of our constituency are opposed, unless women can have an equal representation on Conference Board and hold a part of the paid offices. Our women are and have been for years very strenuous on this point of representation. It is a matter of principle with us to keep our independence until women are recognized equally with men in representation.

If there is anything in it that suits your need we shall be glad for you to benefit by our experience. Surely if you have begun as an independent society I should say you ought to be very slow in changing. Whatever the ideal may be the fact remains that societies or individuals, women as well as men (with few exceptions) are more interested in those things for which they are responsible and when they work to earn or save money to carry on work they want to have a voice in how it should be expended. You see this everywhere. The boy or girl as they come to maturity are not willing to give their time and strength into the common cause for father or mother to take what they bring into the family and use it as they see fit, regardless of the wishes of the children, even if the latter's wants are as well supplied.

"Men are only boys grown tall;"
"Hearts don't change much after all;"

The same may apply to women. Have I helped you any?

Cordially yours,

S. C. G. AVERY.
CHILDREN’S PAGE

November, 1901

Miss Lucy H. Olmstead, Assistant Editor, and Superintendent of our Junior Mission Societies.

SCHOOL AT VELACHERI, INDIA

This picture was taken before we sent clothing to our children, and they are covered with whatever could be used for the purpose while they were having their pictures taken. The schoolhouse is behind them and the leaves over their heads are the palmyra leaves which form the roof of the building.

A CURIOUS BOOK

We have received from India a curious book made by our children in Bethany. It is an inch wide and eighteen inches long, and is made of palmetto leaves cut in strips. On each page is a text of scripture beautifully written in Tamil and also in English. This writing is done with a stylus which is forcibly borne down upon the leaf “and then,” says Mr. Edwards, “some preparation or other is rubbed along the strips and finds lodgment in the broken surface making the characters become more visible. Ink, or charcoal or dirt or oil will do. In Bethany they had few printed books, most of their books being like the one I am forwarding to you, which the boys in Bethany made for you.”

MONEY SENT BY CHILDREN

So. Berwick, S. S. Class, $1.25.
North Wood Narrows, N. H., $1.50.
Wakefield, Mass., $4.00.
Children in Putnam, Ct., 64c.
A little girl in Connecticut, 57c.
S. S. classes in Lowell for orphans, $2.00.
Childrens meeting at Baldwin camp-ground, $2.00.

ORPHANAGE IN INDIA

Following are the names of the children having already sent in money for the orphanage in India:

South Carolina, Harry Durant, $1.00; Oklahoma, Hattie Stephens, $3.20.

We have received a card from Oklahoma with a double row of holes around the picture. The little girl who sent it found she could get more than one dollar for the Orphanage in India and filled it twice, sending two dollars. Did she not do well? L. H. O.

The Junior Society of Somerville, Mass., are very busy workers. They did considerable sewing in the spring and on Labor Day had a sale from which they made $10.

A LITTLE BROWN PENNY

A little brown penny, worn and old,
Dropped in the box by a dimpled hand;
A little brown penny, a childish prayer,
Sent far away to a heathen land.

A little brown penny, a generous thought,
A little less candy just for one day;
A young heart awakened for life, mayhap,
To the needs of the heathen far away.

The penny flew off with the prayer’s swift wings,
It carried the message by Jesus sent;
And the gloom was pierced by a radiant light
Wherever the prayer and the message went.

And who can tell of the joy it brought
To the souls of the heathen far away,
When darkness fled, like wavering mists,
From the beautiful dawn of the Gospel day?

And who can tell of the blessings that came
To the little child when Christ looked down;
Or how the penny, worn and old,
At last will change to a golden crown?

—Onward.

LITTLE LIGHT BEARERS

Alva Bliss Sanderson, Chase, Kansas, two years old.

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