Another volume of the Helper comes to its close with the present issue. For five years it has had an existence and endeavored to fulfill its appointed mission. It has obtained an acknowledged important place in our work and an honorable recognition among missionary literature at this early period of its history. Its character and aims are better understood, and its friends are constantly increasing.

The desire for more frequent publication has gained strength, and though the conditions proposed have not been met, yet, after consideration, it has been decided to accept the possible risks, and to send it forth once each month.

While the Helper will be no less the organ of the Society, yet it is proposed to let it hint at least at what woman is doing in the various fields of benevolence and reform, thus broadening its power and influence, and, in other ways, to make it more truly what its name indicates. The plan is set forth in the prospectus.

Will not each reader heed the earnest Bible rule, “Go, tell your friends,” and hasten to bring substantial aid by making up clubs and sending names of subscribers without delay? Let us join hands to make this undertaking a success, and let us not be chary of labor or expenditure to increase the facilities of extending a knowledge of Christ's blessed gospel.
The ninth annual meeting of the Society was an interesting and important one, and will stand out in our history as significant of faithful, earnest work, and as expressive of a purpose to gather up our forces for greater things in the future. Each year's review more clearly indicates that a part of the mission of this organization is educative, and that its spirit of loyalty to the great command, developed through the concentrated devotion of its workers, is quietly but surely influencing our churches. The review presented in the reports of the secretaries and the treasurer, gave occasion for thanksgiving that so good a degree of success had been granted to the work of the year. The field abroad had been diligently cultivated, though the toilers were less strong, disease obstructing the power of some, and death having taken home others. In the department of the South, there had been no less faithful service.

A leading feature of the work reported by the home secretaries was, that organization had been recognized as a power, and that in many sections a chain of auxiliary societies, reaching from the churches up to the highest denominational divisions, had been formed. The refrain, "debt, debt," was not heard, the appropriations having been fully met.

The meetings of the Board of Managers were characterized by the usual prompt action. Unexpectedly the Master asked us to send forth another laborer into the harvest field, and all our hearts responded "Amen!" and arrangements were at once made for the equipment and the journey. One who had been in India for many years, and the grave of whose dearest earthly friend was there, was accepted as ours to support; and another who had served as a teacher, was appointed to the full work of a missionary, thus adding three to the roll of our missionary laborers: Miss L. C. Coombs, Mrs. D. F. Smith, and Miss Mary Bacheler. The justice of the increased compensation of others received attention, and home mission work, aside from the freedmen, was considered, and its claim acknowledged by setting apart a small amount for its support.
Faith grasped without hesitation the possibility of doing what seemed plain duty, and the appropriations for the coming year were considerably increased. Many who read, no doubt, will respond, "We will bring our offerings into the store-house, and there shall be meat in the Lord's house." To send abroad the bread and water of life is to-day the grand privilege of us all.

We cannot forbear setting aside some things which claim attention with this closing volume, to give a place to the following communication to Mrs. Hills from our India mission field. These words have been wrung from a stout heart by the exigencies of the situation. Let us read them prayerfully, again and again, till we comprehend their full meaning.

... "How I wish it were in my power to reach the hearts of several strong men fitted for this work! I can think of nothing else when I take up my pen for a talk with any American friend! ... You won't blame me, if I decline to say or write one word about the 'sanitarium,' so long as we are in such deplorable need of men. We have no use for the hills while, overburdened, we are left to stagger, and faint, and fall at our stations. ... Oh! for dear Dr. Duff's fiery indignation, to show off this 'playing at missions.' Do you wonder that I feel anxious? Will you once more cry aloud for us? At least two men should come to our relief this year, or we begin a retrograde movement. Shall we advertise the mission for sale? There are several societies in Bengal that would be glad to take our field. Well, if I never write you again, I'll say now, that like the old negro, 'I'll die on the auction-block, if they sell us out.'

Shall we let even a single day go by without an earnest, determined effort to send the needed reinforcements? It is according to the will of the Lord. Mothers who read, have you not a son whom you are anxious to have hear this call till he shall answer with a cheerful obedience? Have not the sisters a brother or friend whom they can influence to accept one of the noblest positions to which God calls his servants in this life? Send, send forth strong young men into this waiting harvest!
Farewell!

Just now, as two of our own dear young women are speeding away to bear the gospel tidings to a heathen land, the following poem will be of unusual interest. It was written by Miss Rauschenbusch, of Germany, recently sent as a missionary by the Baptist Woman’s Society of the West: “The translator has found it impossible to give the double rhyme of the German original, and she also regrets that much of its tenderness and beauty is lost in the translation.”

My native land, now must I leave thee!
Dear vine-wreathed father’s house of mine,
Farewell! And yet I hasten gladly,
Urged by the call of love divine.

’Tis no desire for earthly treasure
That makes me joyful part from thee:
A holy longing bids me follow,
An impulse from eternity.

Erewhile, I heard my Saviour saying,
“My child, see what I did for thee,
When on the cross I suffered, dying;
And, say, what dost thou now for me?”

Long years, O Lord, have I been striving
To do thy bidding, thine alone.
Take thou my life,—ah! canst thou use me?
Thou gavest my all, it is thine own.

“Wilt thou forsake thy native country,
Of home and kindred bear the loss;
To lead, with loving hand, the heathen,
Poor, wandering sisters, to my cross?”

Yes, Lord, no higher lot is given
Than to devote one’s self to thee;
I fear not sorrow, fear not parting;
My Master still shall be with me.

May I, in India, ’mid thy reapers,
With my ripe sheaves thine harvest swell?
Awaits me there so great a blessing?
I go: my native land, farewell!

—The Helping Hand.

“There was a barren spot on our lawn. We scattered a little grass-seed, but at the end of a month concluded it had been of no avail. Returning after a short absence from home, we found a luxuriant growth of greensward. In every seed we sow for Christ there is the germ of life, comfort, and beauty.”
It is not strange that laborers among a people glued to the worship of idols should occasionally despond. So Mr. Phillips wrote during this year (1853): "I get almost disheartened at times, on witnessing the stupid indifference of the heathen and the fickle-mindedness of some of our Christian converts. I often fear that my whole soul is becoming dull and obtuse, like an old ploughshare which has been ground down among rocks and stones till it needs uplifting with the addition of well-tempered steel. . . . Still, the light is spreading continually, and when the Holy Spirit shall be poured out on this people, their minds, I trust, will be found to be enlightened and prepared to embrace the truth."

Towards the last of the summer, the corresponding secretary received a letter from his namesake, one of the native preachers, thus addressing him: "Elias Hutchins, Santal, with his family, and all the brethren at Santipore, send Christian greeting and love to you, through Jesus Christ. We, through the grace of God, are enjoying much happiness and comfort, being cheered and encouraged in the true and spiritual worship of God. . . . In times past, when I was among those of my own caste, I resembled a beast of the field, without hope and ignorant of the knowledge of God, but He brought me forth by a strong arm from the darkness of idolatry, and through his great mercy, implanted within me the hope of salvation. If now, I look into the state of the Santals, my heart bleeds within me, for they are plunged into the mire of hopelessness, in a state of awful ignorance, and my heart grieves within me. For this reason I strengthen myself through the Word of God, and pray to him to lighten their darkness. Having been myself awakened to a knowledge of God, I feel that I am, of necessity, bound to speak the glad tidings of mercy to them. They are given to all manner of excesses. . . . Both men and women join together in worshiping Belial, and thus they pass their time. It is my earnest desire and prayer, that grace may be granted them to turn from their evil ways."
Mr. Phillips entered on his missionary excursions this year earlier than usual, prefacing them by a few days' labor in Santipore, the new settlement. He found Mr. Oliver managing both its temporal and spiritual interests very satisfactorily. He had just established a market for the convenience of the villagers and the people in the vicinity, which formed also, a good preaching-stand one day in the week. On the day of Mr. Phillips' attendance, his hearers were numerous and attentive. In several instances, tracts were called for by name; in others, they were returned with the saying, "I have this now—give me a new one," thus showing that their books were read and cared for. He was gratified in repeatedly hearing the remark, "It is the sahib's market, and no one can take things from us by force." The market was held in a beautiful grove, sacred to the worship of the goddess Hati-usu-ni. When the grove was cleared of the underbrush and put in order for the market, the broken goddess was thrown ignominiously aside, and yet not a murmur or complaint was made. Said Mr. Phillips: "So let all the gods and goddesses which made not the heavens perish from under the whole heavens!" The Sabbath, the day before he left Santipore, was, to him, a joyful season. Four persons, two of them Khond youths, desired baptism.

Next morning, Aug. 15, he found his return home a toilsome matter. As yet, no road had been constructed between the new Christian village and his own station, and a heavy rain the previous night had laid most of the fields he had to cross, under water. He thus described the trip: "The syce led the way bare-footed and bare-legged, at times knee deep, anon to his waist, in water, while I followed, as best I could on my pony, now wading the fields, now threading my way on the crooked ridges raised to retain the water in the fields. We were nearly four hours in coming a distance of only seven miles, though, in our wanderings, we must have traveled ten or twelve miles." But his discomforts were all forgotten the ensuing evening in the social meeting with his school-boys, while he heard three of them pray for the first
time. Of one of them, Calvin Dodge, he said: "I was surprised and delighted to hear him use the language of prayer with so much propriety, feeling, and fluency. When he came to us in March last, he was just a savage from the jungle, and knew not a single letter. I trust his heart has felt, and is yielding to, the influence of the Divine Spirit."

Mr. Phillips now rejoiced in the completion of his missionary boat, as a means for greatly facilitating his missionary excursions. It was 28 feet in length by 6 in width, and fitted for sailing as well as rowing; 14 feet were closed in, forming a comfortable cabin. It had already been launched in the Subanreka River, near his house. Aug. 18, taking with him Mahes and Elias Hutchins, native preachers, he commenced his first trip, which led down the river to the ocean, stopping at the villages and markets within short distances of its banks, preaching and distributing tracts and portions of the Scriptures. At one of the villages the parties asking for books made numerous inquiries — first and foremost — "What is the amount of your salary from government? Why do you take all this trouble to go about and distribute books at so great an expense? Do you expect to acquire holiness thereby?" Mr. Phillips replied, "We aim to obey the commands of the Saviour, who gave directions that his gospel should be preached in all the world — that all men may know and walk in the way of life. I am by no means the only one thus engaged. Hundreds of my brethren are dispersed in pagan lands for this very purpose. The gospel we preach is designed for all men, and adapted to save all who believe and obey it." He stopped five days in the bungalow at Baliapal, making short excursions in its vicinity. At Sanare market, six miles west, the people seemed really to drink in instruction, and sought eagerly for books, while none opposed.

August 25, they reached the mouth of the river. The native brethren, who had scarcely seen the sea twice in all their lives, were amazed and delighted. Said Mr. Phillips: "They could hardly believe but that there were villages a short distance on the other side. After an hour's leaping and sporting in the foaming surf, we returned to the boat. All re
up went the sail in a trice, which bent and swelled with the breeze most gracefully as away we scud, at a good rate, over the rippling waves.” On the return trip, tidings came of Mrs. Phillips’ illness, and as there were markets still to be visited, Mr. Phillips left the work to Mahes to finish, and walked twelve miles to reach his home. He said: “I started with shoes and socks on, but soon found that the more natural, more convenient, and certainly the more fashionable way of walking in this country, is without either, especially when one has to wade rice-fields in mud and water half-leg deep. I was reminded of Cudjoe’s—‘Please master, powerful bad spot this yer!’ as I pulled my feet from the mud to plunge them as deep again the next step. . . . Without a real necessity for a long walk in these days of carriages, cars, palkees, etc., there might be danger of forgetting what legs were made for: at all events, how useful they may be to their possessor.” He found his wife severely suffering from ague, and what seemed like an attack of tic doloreux.

In the early part of September Mr. Phillips made a trip up the Subanreka River, visiting the villages near its banks. In Palasia, one of these villages, he was surprised and delighted, as a son of a friendly zemindar brought out a copy of the New Testament in Oriya, and asked him to explain it. Then he was listened to with attention and invited to repeat his visit. At Pabrarajpore, some of his hearers were disputatious. Said the leading genius: “Of course, God will judge men according to their deeds. And what then? Suppose the wicked get a sound beating, or are shut up in the dark for a season, what more can God do? Who would care to go to heaven, and sit there gaping, with nothing to eat? Go to hell?—I expect to, but what of that? I shall soon be back again in a new birth. We have lived so many generations in this religion, we are not now likely to change it.”

Early in December the missionaries at Balasore, Messrs. Cooley and Smith, commenced a tour to the south of the station, which occupied Mr. Cooley nearly the whole month.* At Baranar he, too, found proof that their broadcast sowing

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* Mrs. Cooley joined her husband in a few days, and Mr. Smith returned to the care of the station.
of tracts and Scriptures was not in vain. As he was leaving
the market, where he had been preaching, a lad, running
after him, eagerly asked for a tract entitled, *Destroyer of
Delusion*, and at the same time repeated a portion of it. He
told Mr. Cooley that one of his relatives obtained it of him
during a former visit, that the family had read it diligently, and
he had committed most of it to memory. At Turgurree market,
about two thousand had gathered, hundreds of whom listened
attentively as long as the missionary had strength to preach
and distribute tracts. At a market a few miles from Bhuddruck,
he obtained a good hearing. Among his listeners was a men­
dicant, or religious beggar, known in the country by the vari­
ous names, fakir, byragee, or boishnob. Said Mr. Cooley :
"The country is full of them, and more filthy, beastly, de­
graded, disgusting objects are not to be found, I presume,
this side of the pit. They extort their living from the labor­
ing class, many of whom regard it as a holy act to feed them,
while others do it through fear of their curses, which they
pour out on those who do not feed them. When they do not
succeed in begging in the ordinary way, they seat themselves
in the door of the house and compel the family to make a
donation before they will allow any one to pass in or out.
When we remonstrate with them for their filthy habits, and
want of shame in going about in a state of almost entire nud­
ity, their bodies often besmeared with the ashes of cow-dung,
they will answer that they are above being ashamed, they are
too holy for that. The more shrewd among them thus ac­
cumulate a competence. The fakir that came to hear us
seemed a good-natured fellow, and not at all displeased with
our take-off of his class. He acknowledged that they were
great scamps, and that our preaching was true; but, as to his
giving up his profession, that did not seem to enter into the
account. He said he had not shaved or had his hair cut for
thirty years, and that his hair was seven and a half feet long.
It was braided and wound round his head for a turban."

Mr. Cooley's journal of this tour had the following entry :
"Bhuddruck, Dec. 16. To-day is Friday, and of course no
markets to attend, as the people in this country have the su­
perstitious notion, as well as in christian countries, that Fri­
day is an unlucky day, and, so far as I am acquainted, they
have no markets on that day.” Going out, however, at sunrise, he found the people ready to listen, though some threw out the old, thread-bare remark, that he preached to fill his stom­ach. He asked if they supposed he could not get enough to eat in his own country, without coming 16,000 miles? This silenced them. They used to say that government offered the missionaries 1,000 rupees for every convert they made; so very hard is it for their selfish souls to conceive that they come to their country for the sole purpose of trying to per­suade them to forsake idolatry and sin and become Christians.

From Bhuddruck, Mr. Cooley went to Jagepoor, one of the most holy places in India,* where he met Rev. Mr. Stebbins, general Baptist missionary from Cuttack, with his staff of native preachers, and with whom he had the pleasure, for a few days, of uniting in missionary work. They met with con­siderable opposition in this strong seat of Satan. On one occasion, when they brought the Ten Commandments to bear upon the sin of idolatry, the people set up such a shout that they could not be heard, and as they retired from the tumult, some followed, showering upon them dirt and gravel. “But,” said Mr. Cooley, “We escaped better than the Apostles did.” Jagepoor is noted for its huge stone idols, cut out of solid block marble, perhaps a thousand years before the Moham­medan dynasty. The missionaries found seven of them in one building. One of these represented Kalee, wife of Sebo or Maha dabe,—the destroying power. This goddess is only propitiated by blood. She sits on her husband, and has a necklace of a hundred human skulls. One hand holds the head of a human being, and the other a dish from which she drinks the blood of her victim. Said Mr. Cooley, “I asked the man who was pointing them out to us, if he worshiped such an object as that.” “Of course I do.” I asked, “Why do you do so? It is only a block of stone.” “O,” said he, “if I do not she will destroy all my posterity.” In another place were three statues of enormous size, tumbled from their throne and lying with their heels up. It is supposed the Mohammedans plunged them into this position when they conquered the province.

* See March-April issue of the HELPER, page 39.
The Work at Our Door.

THE WORK AT OUR DOOR.

[BY MRS. M. M. FIERCE.]

There was never greater need of missionary work than now, and never greater encouragement to all workers. We hear of successful labor in India and Africa, China and Japan. The Bible is now read in Catholic Europe and in Mohammedan Egypt.

But as Americans at home, we have the greatest encouragement possible for earnest endeavor. Our country is a microcosm. We have the world within our own domain. It seems as if God had planted a church upon these western shores, and political freedom with it, that it might be the central mission station of the world. An important question is, do we so preach, and teach, and live our faith that the thousands who come to us, attracted by our free institutions, perceive its divine spirit?

Much has been done, and is still doing, to overcome the ignorance, intolerance and irreligion that are brought from foreign shores, but how little, compared with the work to be done, and our opportunities for doing it. The poor refugee from Ireland, fleeing from political oppression, as he believes, but really from the evils brought upon him by ignorance intemperance, and priestcraft, comes to us. He should be received with the open Bible and the temperance pledge, and constrained to accept them both. German beer-drinking and Sabbath desecration should be met at our threshold with the gospel and the ballot.

The Chinaman, with worlds of abuse, has received some light. Mission schools have been established for him in New York, San Francisco and elsewhere, and he has been found willing to learn. If christianized, he will carry the gospel to millions whom it would be expensive for us to reach directly.

The Scandinavian, the Russian Nihilist, and the Jew; the French and German skeptic, and the heathen Japanese, are all here, to be saved by our faith, or to take it from us. Which it shall be, depends upon our consecration to the Master's service, and our prompt, intelligent action.

Our greatest duty is, perhaps, to the freedman. We owe him much, and much has been done for him; as witness — Howard University, Storer College, the schools at Berea,
Cairo and other places, besides the many churches. But thousands are still in need of religious teachers, books and schools. It is probably but justice to say that no race, nation, or class of people better repays the time and money employed in his intellectual, moral and religious training, than does the African in America. With slight opportunity, he springs into the ranks of citizens, reformers, and philanthropists.

It has been said that the Indian does not take kindly to civilization, but of late, effort in his behalf has not been altogether in vain. A few missions are succeeding, and some schools; that at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, numbering about three hundred students. Mr. and Mrs. King, formerly connected with our church and college at Hillsdale, are much encouraged in their work among the Chippewas. This tribe receive the gospel gladly, and are not averse to civilization. Though it is true that many tribes are still savages, and seem likely to remain so, yet they are little, if any, more unpromising than the natives of many foreign, heathen lands.

Has not the church a political mission when, as now, corruption reigns in high places, and our law-makers — some of them — are tipplers; when, in a republic, such things are possible as the “Refreshment Bills” incurred on the occasion of the Yorktown celebration and President Garfield’s funeral?

How all these things are to be done we cannot foresee, but God will show us the way, if we are willing to do the work. Cardinal Wiseman once said, “Give me the children, and in twenty years England shall be Catholic.” In this work of temperance and moral reform, as in all christian effort that has for its object the evangelization of our own country, our hope is in the young.

Let us then continue to plant and nourish mission schools, orphan asylums, and homes for the friendless; but let us especially work in and for our own Sunday Schools, seeking to make them attractive and efficient, and the training thereof thoroughly christian. Perhaps in no other way can we so speedily establish in our own dear land the kingdom for which we pray, and through its influence convert the world.

Hillsdale, Mich.

Of the $400 for the Industrial School only about $100 is raised, and $273 are wanted to complete the pledge of $1,000 for Anthony Hall.
A Tribute to Miss Crawford.

A TRIBUTE TO MISS CRAWFORD.

[Written by Mrs. Seth Chellis for the Missionary Concert held in the Free Baptist Church, South Parsonsfield, Me., Sunday evening, July 2, 1882, and published by request.]

There's a wail across the waters,
From the distant heathen land;
There's a shadow o'er the pathway
Of our toiling mission band.

Never more in school or chapel,
Will be heard the fervent prayer
From the lips of this dear woman,
Now beyond all earthly care.

Who can estimate this life-work,
Who can tell of braver deed,
Than to leave friends, home and country,
And the heathen children lead?

Lead them to the living fountain,
Source of purity, of peace;
She hath toiled to save the Hindu,
And to bring a sweet release

For the heathen in their blindness,
Bowing down to wood and stone.
She hath taught them of one, Jesus,
Who can save, and He alone.

O, the silent, sacred influence,
Of a life so truly given
To the Master and His service,
Pointing souls the way to Heaven!

Such a life will live in memory,
On and on through coming time:
Though she's dead, her work still liveth
Ever in that distant clime.

'Neath a tree of her own planting,
May be seen her peaceful grave;
And the winds now chant a requiem,
As its branches o'er it wave.

She hath gone to live in Heaven,
With the faithful and the blest,
Safely in the arms of Jesus,
Where the weary are at rest.

INDIA.—There exist in India special mission societies for lepers. Within a year twenty-eight of these unhappy sufferers have been baptized in several asylums in the north of India, nineteen at one place on a single day in September.—Missionary Outlook.
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[From Dr. J. L. Phillips.]

Miss Crawford as a Teacher.

Miss Crawford’s brief work in India was that of a teacher of the young. During her almost thirty years of active service in this field, she constantly had from a score to a hundred or more girls, of from three to twenty years of age, under her care. She fitted herself for teaching when a student at Whitestown Seminary, and no worker ever delighted more in her chosen work than she did. I wish to speak briefly of two or three strong points in her work as a teacher. Everyone who knew our sister needs not be told that she was a woman of strong points, and a stranger could not long be in her company without being made sensible of this. It was frequently my privilege, either as missionary in charge of the station or as superintendent of mission schools, to visit the institution at Jellasore, and to examine its pupils and pundits. I shall write of what I often felt.

A prime point in a good teacher of children is love for the work. No one could doubt that Miss Crawford possessed this in a high degree. Her heart yielded no grudging assent to the daily demands on her time and strength, for she carried her work in her heart, and made it a part of herself. She loved children, and her love was warmly reciprocated. She was fond of teaching, and one could not pass an hour in her class-room without perceiving that this earnest woman had not mistaken her calling. This love for her work surmounted all obstacles, and made light of some serious disadvantages. One of these was her poor knowledge of the Oriya language, in which all her teaching was done. She once told me that there was not an Oriya grammar worthy the name when she came to India in 1851, and, judging from the books we have now, I presume she was right. It is possible that her eagerness to get to work stood in the way of thorough preparation for it. Unless a missionary learns to use a foreign language correctly in the first five years, he will probably be more or less of a blunderer in it all his days. Miss Crawford’s Oriya was often wrong, her stock of words very small, yet she succeeded admirably in being understood by all who were accustomed to hear her speak. Sometimes
I wondered how her girls caught the idea from a broken, deformed, and fragmentary sentence, incorrect in idiom, pronunciation and accent, but they did. How that soul, illuminated with burning thoughts, pushed through all barriers of utterance until it came into actual, vital contact with other souls, was a marvel that never failed to impress and instruct me. The secret was, she loved her pupils, and that love leaped all barriers. The best disciplinarian, the first scholar from Mount Holyoke, or New Hampton, or Wellesley, would make poor work of teaching heathen girls without this true and abiding love. While it is the inspiration, it is also the abundant reward of every good teacher.

Miss Crawford was also "apt to teach." Not every one who loves a work knows how to do it, though love as a rule finds ways and means of its own. Our dear sister's methods were not the most modern, and might be called old-fashioned. Our teachers' institutes and Normal schools in New York and New England thirty or forty years ago, when she studied, were by no means what they are now. But this missionary teacher made the most of the training she had, and used all her acquirements and appliances to the best advantage. Fertile in illustration, she pressed into her service whatever lay within reach. Her beautiful flowers, her cattle, her gamboling lambs, the sweet birds that sang their merry carols in the trees all around her quiet home, the fleecy, fleeting clouds above her, and the green ground at her feet, all were her helpers in instructing and impressing her pupils. With few tools ready to hand, this skillful worker made many of her own, and did her work wisely and well.

And there was one other strong point in Miss Crawford's character as a teacher. This was her remarkable devotion to her work. It may well be doubted whether ever man or woman toiling for souls on pagan soil kept truer to the great Apostle's stirring motto: "This one thing I do." And when looking for a text for her memorial service, none seemed so suitable as the same Apostle's words: "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain." We all feel that her strong devotion kept her long at her post, but that had she accepted proffered aid three years ago, she might have lived longer and done even better work in behalf of the mission. The last three years or more she should not have been left to work alone, for both body and mind needed succor. Of her last days others have written. We cherish her memory as a rich legacy. Her
life and work live on, while she rests from her labors. Her example should be an inspiration to many young women beginning work in this busy world.

[FROM MRS. S. P. BACHELER.]

AN INTERESTING PUPIL.

One of our zenana ladies is the wife of a deputy magistrate, a gentleman who graduated with honor from the Calcutta University, and who is a progressive man. We have great pleasure in teaching in this house, for we always feel ourselves to be in the presence of, not only a naturally born lady, but of one whose intellect and soul have been improved and enlightened. She was under zenana teaching three years before she came here, about six months ago. She is a good Bengalee scholar, and reads English very well, and she takes hold of her lessons just like a first-rate home student. One of her lessons is translating the English New Testament into Bengalee. She is in the third chapter of Luke. She translates it in her own words, which are often different from the Bengalee Testament.

Wonderful to say, her husband's mother respects her, the only case of the kind we have ever seen, and shows plainly that the absolute tyranny of the dreadful mothers-in-law, is only possible whenever timid ignorance binds down the poor little bōs.

This lady would shine anywhere, and she has already made acquaintance with a number of her neighbors, and they have exchanged visits. One of them, the wife of a doctor, and one of our pupils, was at the house the other day, when we got there. Her covered palkee was in the ladies' court. She, too, is an interesting woman, and, we believe, a secret Christian. A word about her in passing. A few years ago her only child was dangerously ill, and hung between life and death for weeks. The zenana teacher told her to pray to Jesus with all her heart. She did, day and night, the child got well, and she told her teacher that from that time Jesus was her God. About six months ago her husband was bitten by a mad dog, and everybody said the bite would cause death. Even my husband, Dr. Bacheler, was doubtful. The wife went to praying again, and, according to reports, she literally fasted,
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wept, and prayed day and night. Her husband seems perfectly cured, and she is more than ever confirmed in her faith. Who would dare to gainsay it?

But to continue my story. While my pupil was reading, to the intense, apparent admiration of her visitor, all at once her countenance changed, her big black eyes rolled in fright. I saw in an instant what the matter was. 'The babu had entered the next room, and the iron bar of the door was not up. She sprang towards it, and with arms stretched out, with trembling, eager haste placed the bar across the door, and then the sense of deliverance that shone out in her face was most noticeable. The bare possibility that the babu might open the door of the room where we were, seemed to frighten her nearly to death. She had reason for the feeling.

Midnapore, India.

OPENING TERM OF STORER NORMAL SCHOOL.

The echoes of the departing footsteps of the "summer boarder" have scarcely died away, when the silence is broken by the tramping of the small army of pupils for the opening of Storer Normal School. The school commenced almost two weeks since, yet every train sets down one or two. From every point of the compass they come,—to-day from some remote corner in Virginia, with only a county for a post-office address; to-morrow from the mountains of Pennsylvania. We have already representatives from several states, and also from the large cities of our great country. It is pleasant to greet "old pupils," and to see the homesick look depart from the face of the "new pupil."

We enjoy our spacious rooms all the more by contrast with our crowded quarters and the discomfort of last year. The quiet after the confusion of having a large number of workmen about is most grateful. The work of classifying and arranging can go on unhindered by perplexity about where we shall put the next pupil who arrives. Several of our last class of graduates in the Normal department are already teaching in schools of their own. The demand for good teachers is by no means supplied. Too many places are yet held by incompetent persons because there are none fitted to compete with them.

Our work is being recognized by the educators of the state. Surely the future was never more hopeful. But with
enlarged buildings and a growing school come increased responsibilities and expenses. We have not yet heard from the Anniversaries, but trust much to the Society to whose assistance the present efficiency of Storer College is so largely due.

A Teacher.

Personal Items.

Mrs. Jordan, of Portland, Me., has received the following cheering intelligence from Mrs. Burkholder. She says, "I received a letter yesterday (26th), dated Aug. 19 and 30, the last written from the steamship "Indus," on the western coast of Australia, near King George's Sound. Mrs. Burkholder says, 'I cannot tell you how very much better I am. The daily salt bath, with the salt air, has done me a world of good, and I cannot be thankful enough for the strength our Father is giving me. I am walking the deck with ease and pleasure.' The first part of the letter speaks of the great suffering of the previous weeks and of her extreme emaciation. Dear sufferer; we thank God for the prospect of her recovery."

Two new missionaries are added to our India force. Already Miss Emma Smith is on her way, having sailed from New York on the 23d of September, for Glasgow, in the steamer "Circassia," where she arrived on the 4th of October. Thence she was to take the steamer "Calcutta" for Calcutta. She goes to Balasore as a missionary of the Parent-Society.

On the 11th of November, Miss L. C. Coombs, of Lewiston, Me., recently appointed by our Board, will sail from New York. Her outfit is being prepared by the friends in Lewiston, with great readiness and pleasure. Both of these dear women will be followed with fervent prayer into the untried work before them.

Rev. and Mrs. Marshall, of Balasore, India, have sailed for home, Mr. Marshall's health demanding an immediate change of this kind. They will be warmly welcomed to their native land.

At the annual meeting of the Central Association, Mrs. Nellie Dunn Gates was appointed general secretary of mission work in place of Mrs. Griffin, whose duties as home secretary would not permit the added care. She desires the secretaries of Y. M's and Q. M's to notice the change, and report quarterly to Mrs. Gates, at Scranton, Penn.
Important Paragraphs.

**IMPORTANT PARAGRAPHS!**

**The Prospectus.** — The attention of each reader is invited to the prospectus, which indicates the liberal things that are provided for the coming year. Let no one turn away from it without first considering whether she cannot renew her subscription, and secure at least one new name. Study the prospectus carefully, and please do what you can to increase the circulation of the *Helper*.

**The Reports.** — Especial attention is called to the reports which form the supplement to this number. They are worthy of careful reading. One hundred copies are bound separately, to be sent to any address for ten cents each. It would be well to preserve this number, as it contains many things which are valuable for reference.

**Changes.** — Persons ordering a change in the direction of magazines, should give both the *old* and the *new* address. In sending for clubs, if the club has heretofore been sent to one person, and it is to be received by another this year, be very sure to so state the fact in ordering. If the agent is to receive them herself and distribute them, there is no need of sending the names of the persons who comprise the club.

**Sending Money.** — Please send by post-office order, by bank checks, and fractions of a dollar in one or three-cent stamps. Please be very particular in regard to the latter request. It may seem a very small item to you, but all of the hundreds of stamps, beyond what are required for mailing and necessary correspondence, must be changed into *money* by the agent, and they cannot be returned to the post-office or received on deposit.

**Write Distinctly.** — Please write all names and post-office addresses distinctly. Should any one fail to receive her copy regularly, let the fact be known to us at once. Mistakes will occur, even if we all do the best we can.

And shall not the subscription list be largely increased?
Women's Convention at Ocean Park.

Women are interested in woman's work, therefore all such readers of the Helper will expect to find among its pages for September a special report of the Women's Convention held at Ocean Park last month. A report for these limited columns must necessarily be very brief, and so the merest outline only can be given.

The session of Aug. 9 and 10 was an interesting one, and compared very favorably with the other exercises of the Assembly. Its most important features were, doubtless, the large audiences of earnest women, and the practical nature of the papers presented for their thoughtful attention. It was quite fitting, also, since the mission element is being so largely developed in the Christian womanhood of to-day, that the drift of the Convention should have been in the direction of mission work.

The choice of Mrs. E. W. Porter for president of the Convention fell upon one who presided with grace and dignity throughout the session. The opening poem, by Mrs. J. A. Lowell, and the entertaining sketch of "Our Park Enterprise," read by Mrs. K. Bachelder, were a pleasant introduction to woman's first day. The earnest "Voices" which immediately followed, came to us from the west, the south, and distant India, and hold no second claim of importance at this hour upon our attention. Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Brackett, and Mrs. Phillips are "at the front," and they evidently called to us out of their hearts. Mrs. B. F. Hayes gave, in the afternoon, one of her sweet, spiritual talks out of the Bible, which was eagerly followed by many who came to the chapel with their Bibles. Mrs. E. S. Burlingame in the evening addressed a large and attentive audience on the subject of "Woman's Relation to Church and State." The dignity of the address and the weight and importance of its argument removed it far above the average clamor of that dreadful thing commonly styled a "Woman's Rights Lecture." Thus happily closed the first day.

The second day was equal to the first in attendance and enthusiasm. The morning papers were prefaced by the usual devotional exercises. Mrs. F. L. Durgin read in a spirited manner a paper on the "Past and Future Benevolent Work of the Women of our Denomination," which, as a review and outlook, was very encouraging. The papers which followed, on the "Importance of Educating our Children in the Work of Benevolence," by Mrs. G. F. Mosher, and "How can we reach Children outside the Sunday School?" by Mrs. G. C. Waterman, were full of practical suggestions, and deserved a wider hearing. Whether for good or ill, we are beginning in these days to attach more importance to childhood than was formerly thought advisable. The old saying that "Little children must be seen and not heard," is somewhat obsolete now, and the children of this generation are certainly allowed a much larger opportunity for early development than their elders were at the same age.

A "Practical Mission Talk with Question-box," furnished Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, in the afternoon, with an opportunity of using her gift as a speaker who quietly sends the truth home to the hearts of
Rhode Island District Annual Meeting.

her hearers in words which are unmistakably direct. In the evening, Mrs. F. R. Wiley, M. D., read a scientific paper on the "Effects of Alcoholic Liquors upon the Human System," which was one of the most carefully prepared papers read during the Assembly. The "dreadful study of medicine" evidently has not impaired the modesty and womanly dignity of this student. She was followed in an able and strong address on "Lager Beer, and other so-called Harmless Drinks," by Mrs. Sarah Doton Goldsmith. Miss Nellie F. Reed added much to the interest of the temperance evening by her readings. She possesses a good voice, good taste, and has an effective address. The report would not be complete, by any means, without reference to the services of our gifted Christian musician, Mrs. Martha Dana Shepherd, whose genial presence added so much to the good cheer of the Convention, and whose enthusiastic leadership, made the women's service of praise so helpful and inspiring.

IDA HAZELTON.

Unfortunately, this report was not received until the September-October number had been put to press. It may seem a little late to present it, but surely the work done at this Convention is worthy of a review even now, and will stand as a tribute to the judgment and zeal of those who planned it and participated in it. It will be the ardent hope of all who read Miss Fullorton's account of the exercises, that they should prove to be only the earnest of much more that shall follow at this home by the sea. —EDITOR.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the Society of the Rhode Island district was held with the Park St. Church, Providence, through invitation of its auxiliary, on the afternoon and evening of Friday, Oct. 20. Mrs. Dexter's health was so far restored that she was able to conduct the exercises. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Dr. Spencer, and Mrs. Hurlbutt welcomed the workers in a brief and cordial manner.

The report of the corresponding secretary reviewed the work of the district under the new organization. The churches are taking a new interest in the cause of missions, not only by sustaining the financial part of the work, but by a larger representation in the business and other meetings. There are at present nine auxiliaries, five young people's societies, and four bands. The report of the treasurer showed receipts to the amount of $1,006.17.

It has been the aim of the Society to meet the Basis of Work as laid out for them by the Woman's Board, and in addition some special work has been done at Harper's Ferry and in India. Reports were read by persons representing the auxiliaries and bands.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Brewster, which was heartily adopted.

Resolved, That we, the ladies assembled in the first annual meeting of the Society of the Rhode Island district, send our most
cordial greeting to the women in the churches of the western Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and most earnestly ask them to cooperate with us in making efficient this organization, of which they form a part, and also to participate in raising the amount of money for which the Woman's Board wish us to be responsible.

This additional resolve was presented: That we recommend to our auxiliaries, for the sake of greater harmony in our plans for work, and in reporting, that their annual meeting be held some time in the month of October. This was referred to a special committee for consideration. Mrs. Brewster was chosen to bear the greetings of this body to the meeting of the Massachusetts district, to be held at Worcester. An important meeting of the executive committee was held in the forenoon; one of its duties is to consider and recommend the objects of support and the amount of money to be raised during the year. Their suggestions, which embrace more work than formerly, were adopted by the Society. The officers of the former year were re-elected unanimously. An efficient committee was chosen to go among the churches, to help arouse a missionary spirit, and to assist in organizing; and another to prepare for conventions.

After adjournment a collation was served in the pleasant vestries, and an hour or more spent in forming and renewing acquaintances. At the evening session Mrs. A. T. Salley presented a paper upon "Why our mission work lags and what we can do to hinder the lagging," which was very interesting. Mrs. Tourtelott read a letter from Miss Franklin, a colored teacher at Storer Normal School, which showed their great need of help from our churches, and Mrs. Burlingame gave a valuable address on "The work and spirit of missions."

The choir sang the good old Missionary Hymn, and Mr. Ward, the pastor, invoked God's blessing on our work, and the pleasant day ended, with the union of hearts and hands stronger for the Master's service.

E. A. SAYLES.

WORDS FROM HOME WORKERS.

MAINE.

The Woman's Auxiliary Mission Society of the Penobscot Y. M. offer the following resolutions in token of love and esteem for the memory of Miss Rose A. Thurlough, secretary of the Aroostook Q. M.,* who died at Maple Grove, Oct. 25, 1881:

Whereas, In the inscrutable providence of God, our faithful co-laborer, Miss Rose A. Thurlough has been removed from us by death,

Resolved, That we gratefully and lovingly cherish in memory her untiring devotion to the cause of missions, and the faithfulness and energy with which she prosecuted her work.

* Miss Addie M. Gammon, Presque Isle, is chosen to fill the place.
Resolved, That we will imitate her zeal in working for the Master, and in trying to extend His kingdom through missionary effort.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to her relatives and friends in their sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to them, and also to the Missionary Helper for publication.

M. R. WADE, Dist. Sec.

Report of the Woman's Foreign Mission held in connection with the Penobscot Yearly Meeting at Houlton, Sept. 28, 1882. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. E. Harding. The following programme was observed: 1st. Singing by choir. 2d. Prayer by Rev. C. E. Woodcock. 3d. Reading records of last meeting and reports from churches. 4th. Resolutions were offered in token of love and respect for our lamented missionary, Miss L. Crawford, also for Miss Rose A. Thurlough. 5. Singing. 6. Recitation of poem from Missionary Helper, entitled, "A Little Seed," by Miss Hattie Ebbett. 7. Reading of an essay by Mrs. James Ebbett. 8. Reading of a letter from Mrs. J. L. Phillips, India, by Mrs. M. R. Wade. 9. A collection was taken, amounting to $14.81. 10. Closed with singing.

A deep interest was manifest throughout the meeting, and we can but hope that impressions were made which will result in much good for the mission cause.

M. R. WADE, Secretary.

A meeting of the F. B. W. M. Society in connection with the Bowdoin Q. M. was held at Topsham, Sept. 28, at 10 A. M.

The usual devotional exercises were followed by the report of the secretary. An excellent essay entitled "Gather up the Fragments," was then read. Miss L. C. Coombs, now under appointment to India, in answer to a call for remarks, responded in a very sincere and interesting manner in reference to heart-work.

Twenty-four reasons were given for "justifying the zeal and activity of the church in foreign missionary work." Objections generally heard to foreign missionary work were noted and answered.

Remarks from delegates seemed to indicate true feeling and deep missionary interest, and all expressed a desire for more knowledge and interest in, and devotedness to, this glorious work.

MRS. H. M. WHITE, Q. M. Sec.

Miss Chatto, secretary of the Ellsworth Q. M., writes under date of August 24th, that at the June session the two foreign missionary societies which were supported by the sisters were united, and expresses the hope that thereby the foundation for greater usefulness was laid. A collection of $12.00 was taken, and four new members, and five new subscribers to the Helper, were obtained. A public meeting was held, at which far greater interest was manifested than ever before.

A Woman's Missionary Meeting was held, in connection with the Springfield Q. M., at Chester, Saturday, Sept. 2d. Mrs. Graves, president of the society, opened the meeting with prayer. The exercises were conducted by Rev. J. S. Staples, by request of the president, and consisted of singing, introductory remarks by Rev. H. Graves, reading
"Reminiscences of Miss Crawford's Life," from the Helper, by Mrs. Carr, and a paper on "Our work in India," by Mrs. Staples. Rev. J. Carr spoke of his interest in the work at Harper's Ferry. Several ladies present spoke of their interest in missionary work, and willingness to aid in it.

There were many tributes paid to the memory of dear Miss Crawford. Rev. H. Graves spoke in behalf of the Helper, and urged the importance of more copies being taken. At the close there was a collection for Foreign Missions. This society labors under disadvantages. The Q. M. extends over a large area, and is composed of small churches situated in farming districts so widely apart as to make it very difficult to sustain auxiliary societies, yet the meeting indicated that the missionary spirit is increasing and becoming diffused throughout the Quarterly Meeting.

Mrs. A. H. Staples.

Last November, Mrs. Ramsey met with us at our Quarterly Meeting at East Hebron, and organized this, the Otisfield Quarterly Meeting Society, telling us our quota towards the support of Miss Bacheler for the year would be $60.

We felt it was a great undertaking for us to think of raising that amount in this small Quarterly Meeting, where so many churches were without pastors, especially as there was but one organized auxiliary in the whole Quarterly Meeting, and that with only twelve members. However, we resolved, God being our helper, we would try to raise this amount. We have succeeded, and I cannot speak the gladness and gratitude of all our hearts that our kind Heavenly Father has so wonderfully blessed our efforts.

We are also grateful for the increased interest and zeal in missionary work among the women of this section. We now have four auxiliaries with sixty-two members. The one at East Otisfield 20, at Harrison 24, at Canton 11, at Sumner 7. We hope and trust that another year will see an auxiliary in every church. Even if small in numbers it will be a great blessing to the members, and each little helps to make the aggregate large. Last Q. M. our auxiliary workers held a very interesting public service at East Buckfield. Mrs. O. Roys and Mrs. H. Ripley, president and vice-president, of Canton, presiding, assisted by Mrs. S. Hemp, of E. Otisfield, Mrs. H. Hollis, of Sumner, and Mrs. Flint, of Sweden.

I must compare this session with the first held after this society came into being. Then we had but four women present who were members of any mission society whatever; now a strong little band of earnest women, who are ready to do all they can.

We have received during the year three excellent letters from Miss Bacheler, which have been a great help in binding us to her in a close bond of Christian sympathy. May God bless her abundantly with the power of His spirit, and stay up the hands of all His workers wherever they may be found.

Mrs. L. R. Barrows, Q. M. Secretary.

Dear Readers of The Helper: It has been some time since I have sent you an account of our work in this section, and I fear you may think we have been resting during our silence, but such is not the case, but rather, we have been trying to do what we could to advance
Words from Home Workers.

This good work. Our last public meeting was held at Abbott, Sept. 16th. The exercises consisted of prayer by Rev. F. E. Briggs; singing by children; recitation by Merir Fogg; reading of original essay by Mrs. M. E. B. Tourtilotte, which was listened to with close attention, and could not fail to awaken a deeper interest in the hearts of all mission workers, and impress upon them the necessity of immediate response to the cry of our mission in India; remarks by Rev. E. C. Cook, addressed principally to the young. Brothers Kenney and Gerry each followed with brief but appropriate remarks. A collection was taken which amounted to eleven dollars.

ANNIE E. BRYANT, Secretary.

VERMONT.

In connection with Vermont Y. M., which was held at Lyndon Center, a service of the Woman's Missionary Society was observed on the eve of September 9th. The meeting was opened by prayer offered by Mrs. Milliken, of West Derby, which was followed by excellent and appropriate singing by the choir. Reports being in order, Mrs. G. M. Prescott gave a brief but interesting history of the mission work in Wheelock Q. M. This was followed by reports from other auxiliaries, with a partial annual report, and by earnest solicitations for more interest in the work, for more of a missionary spirit. Mrs. Waterman, of Dover, N. H., read an interesting letter from Mrs. Hills, of that city, accompanying it with brief and pertinent remarks. A selection was read by Mrs. Owen, of Lyndon Center, comparing the earlier statistics of missionary efforts with the present. We regret the omission of the reading of a paper from the Bureau of Exchange, prepared by Mrs. J. M. Burgin, of the Huntington Q. M. A resolution was read recommending the women in Vermont, in connection with the Woman's Missionary Society, to make the support of Mrs. D. F. Smith their special duty and care. Remarks by Rev. G. C. Waterman favoring the woman's missionary work were encouraging. A collection was taken, amounting to $9.22. By request, Father Woodman offered prayer, entreating the Lord for more men to enter our mission field.

Mrs. F. P. Eaton, Dist. Sec.

NEW YORK.

Mrs. B. F. Brown, secretary of the Jefferson Q. M. Society, writes:

The year ending September 1st, finds us still in the field, with the usual interest, but hoping for still more extended effort. In our four auxiliaries we have about seventy members, and have raised $102.36 the present year, with a collection of $9.00 at our Yearly Meeting. There are taken thirty copies of the Missionary Helper within our limits, and we are preparing a box to send to Harper's Ferry. We feel that we should do willingly what "our hands find to do," while we pray that "the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into his harvest."

DEAR HELPER: And a helper you are in very deed, as you are bringing nearer to us, each day, the mission field and the work which has hitherto, and for so long a time, seemed so far away and so little understood. We have, in connection with the Oswego Q. M., a W. M. Society, numbering one hundred and twenty-five members, and we are casting in "our mite" toward the mission cause, for God and
humanity. At our last public meeting, held at Constantia, September 2d, we enjoyed an interesting and profitable session. A short programme was carried out, consisting of singing, recitations, select reading, essays, etc., after which, Rev. Mr. Linderman gave a short sketch of the life of Miss Emma Smith, and suggested that the meeting, in view of the near approach of her departure for India, present her with a token of its appreciation of the great work she is about to undertake. The call was cheerfully responded to, and $15.15 was raised toward a watch. Our regular collection amounted to $3.87.

CLARA J. KLOCK, Secretary.

OHIO.

The second Rutland auxiliary recently held its first annual meeting. We shall pray and work for an increase of interest and numbers this year. We feel that we should be very weak indeed, were it not for the aid of our honorary members, whose presence and words of encouragement impel us in the good work.

MALVINA CHASE, Secretary.

The August session of the Seneca and Huron Q. M. Society was held with the South Bloomville church, Saturday evening, August 19. Mrs. Eastman, the president, conducting the exercises. Prayer was offered by Miss E. Huffman, of Venice, and the 91st Psalm was read by Mrs. Walker of Attica. The corresponding secretary and treasurer presented a report of the condition, so far as she was able, of the mission work for the past year, and gave the amount raised, which was $52.08. Then followed the exercises, which brought to us all much of pleasure and profit. Mrs. Sponceller gave a select reading, "She hath done what she could," and Miss Shalter a recitation. Miss McKibben, of Lykens, read a very interesting extract from a letter of Dr. Nellie Phillips of India. Mrs. Robinson, of Bloomville, Mrs. LaRue, of Tiffin, and Mrs. Clark, of New Haven, made short addresses. An effective essay on mission work, "In union there is strength," was presented by Mrs. Mary Eastman. These were followed by an earnest and touching address by Rev. S. D. Bates, of Marion, and also by Rev. Mr. Dinsmore, of Prairie City, Ill.

It was our annual meeting, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss E. Huffman; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Clark; Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Huffman, Venice; Treasurer, Miss L. Shalter, South Bloomville.

A collection was taken for the benefit of Harper's Ferry, of $4.73. Our society is still in progress, there being forty-one members in the society at present, and forty who subscribe for the Helper. As for me, I could not do without it.

MRS. J. W. HUFFMAN, Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The August session of the Waupun Q. M. convened with the Grand Prairie Union church. The Q. M. W. M. Society held its public meeting on Saturday evening. The president, Mrs. King, conducted the exercises and read the Bible lesson. Prayer was offered by Mrs. E. N. Wright. The auxiliary of the Grand Prairie church had provided an excellent entertainment, mingling instruction with pleasure. The choir furnished music; an essay was read by its president, Mrs. L. Perrine, and a poem
by Mrs. King; "The Young Solicitors," a dialogue, was well rendered by several young ladies; another poem was presented by Mrs. Bassett, and "The Missionary Colloquy," by five young ladies, was followed by an address by Rev. J. H. Walrath. The exercises closed with prayer offered by Mrs. Pope, and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Hull. We feel encouraged by the deep interest manifested at this meeting, and by the presence of many earnest workers. We need just such encouragement often, for our society has been organized only about eight months, and has but few members. We do not expect to do a large work, but are willing to put forth every effort we can for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Amount of money raised thus far is $18.64.

Mrs. V. V. Wadleigh, Cor. Sec.

Mrs. O. H. True says that a dear old lady, too feeble to attend church, wishes to pay for the Helper which she desires to continue to visit her, and that she sends one dollar that may be applied for the payment of any teacher in India. She wishes it known to the workers that she has not forgotten them, nor the work in which they are engaged.

MICHIGAN.

The W. M. S. of the Montcalm, Mich., Quarterly Meeting, held its last session in the Greenville church, Sept. 16th. Officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. D. H. Lord, Vice-President, Mrs. Moses Bennett; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. O. Dickinson.

A programme, consisting of music, essays, and select reading, was rendered, and a collection taken amounting to $4.38, equally divided between the Home and Foreign Mission.

Mrs. E. O. Dickinson, Secretary and Treasurer.

ONTARIO.

Mrs. Z. F. Griffin writes that during her recent trip to Canada she spent a few precious days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams, of St. Thomas, Ontario. They are warm friends of the Helper and of mission work, and Christian workers are always warmly welcomed to their pleasant home.

Mrs. Williams gave to missions a beautiful quilt, asking Mr. and Mrs. Griffin to dispose of it for her. It was taken to the Central Association and sold for $77. The money goes to missions, and the quilt was presented by the association to their president, Dr. Ball. Mrs. Lumley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, was appointed president of the W. M. Society organized by Mrs. Griffin at Iona. Mr. and Mrs. Moore, the good pastor and wife at Iona, entered so heartily into the organization of the society there, that we can but expect it to be a success. Bro. Moore may be able to begin the same work ere long at other points.

New Hampshire district is divided, Mrs. H. F. Wood having care of the lower section, and Mrs. C. W. Griffin the upper. The latter name is omitted in the list of officers, by mistake.
Children, do you the story know
Of idol gods? And can you show
What they are like, and by whose hands
Are formed the gods of heathen lands?

[Recitation by all of Psalm cxv., 2-8, with motions.]

FIRST CHILD.
King David, in his Psalms, hath told
Their idols silver are, and gold;
Only the work of human hands,
The gods of far off heathen lands.

ALL IN CHORUS.
Our God is in the heavens above.
We'll praise him with full hearts of love;
We'll shout hosannas to his name,
While heaven and earth his power proclaim.

SECOND CHILD.
They all have mouths, but cannot talk;
They all have feet, but cannot walk;
Two eyes that cannot see have they,
A tongue that not a word can say.

THIRD CHILD.
Two ears that ne'er a sound have heard,
Hands that for work have never stirred;
Each has a nose that cannot smell,
A throat through which no note doth swell.

FOURTH CHILD.
So every one that trusteth them.
These worthless idols wrought by men,
They, too, who make them with their hands,
Are like these gods of heathen lands.

[Recitation, with motions, of Isaiah xliv. 12-20.]

SINGLE VOICE.
Now folded be your little hands;
Then, all together, you may tell
How unlike gods of heathen lands
Is our great God, we love so well.

CLASS.
If we our love to him confess,
He will be mindful us to bless;
He has enough to spare for all,
Holds wide his arms to great and small.

What priceless blessings thus are given,
By him who made both earth and heaven;
The earth for man to dwell on, gave:
In heaven he waits our souls to save.

Oh, let us praise him with each breath,
Before our eyelids close in death;
E'en now begin to sing his praise,
E'en now to him glad songs we'll raise.

(Chorus.)

—Good Times.

In India there are cow festivals, when the animals are decked with ornaments. Sometimes a half-dozen necklaces of shells will be put about the neck, bright bits of colored flannels and shells about the ankles and feet, and a fancy head-dress on the head. It is a sad sight, for the people think they are gods and worship them.

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