

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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MISSION WOMEN IN INDIA.

The bishop of Worcester, says the London *Christian*, has struck a true note in asserting the great importance of women's work in the mission field. After commenting upon the striking change in public opinion in regard to this development, he said at a recent meeting: "It is now generally perceived that there can be nothing of more transcendental importance than the development of women's work. The whole possibility of the Christian religion taking hold of such a country as India depends on getting at the hearts of the women, and that depends upon women workers. . . . The progress of religion depends on what is going on in the hearts and minds of the women, and nowhere more so than in India; and the advance of Christianity there will be very slow until a rear attack is made upon that in which the whole social system of the country is imbedded—the zenana."

How Children Learn to Worship Idols.

A missionary writes: "Come and I will take you to one of their great, gloomy temples on the first or the fifteenth of the month, for these are the dates upon which people usually visit the temples.

"We must go up a flight of wide stone steps at the entrance, and as we enter we shall see two tall images with very ugly faces and brilliantly painted coats, which are called 'Guardians of the Gate.'

"The mothers bring their little children forward and teach them to clasp their hands and bow down, knocking their heads to the ground as they worship the senseless idol! If it is the first time, the children are afraid, and sometimes say, 'I can't do it; I shall never do it.' Then they watch closely while their mothers once more show them how it is done. Afterward they are sometimes rewarded with little presents, which they are told have been given them by the idol. But if they are terrified, afraid to worship, they are told stories of the terrible things that happen to people who do not ask for the protection of these ugly idols."

—The statistics of the *Missionary Review of the World* shows that the Baptist Missionary Union holds the first place among all the missionary societies of the world in the number of its communicants, and the second in the number of additions to its native churches, although it stands seventh in the amount of money expended.

GRAND HARBOR SOCIETY.

GRAND HARBOR SOCIETY.—Again I wish to report briefly our society at Grand Harbor. We are still trying to do our best for the mission cause. We have met quite regularly, considering the rough winter storms and unpleasant roads. We still receive wonderful blessing as we try, under the blood-stained banner of Christ, to do his will. He has told us in his Word, "That this repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations." If we ourselves cannot cross the ocean to preach the word on heathen lands, we can help to send the message, knowing that our weakest efforts are blessed if done in his name. Let us therefore "arise and shine," that the light of God may extend across the dark ocean and reach the hearts of them who know not Christ and are sitting in heathen darkness.

We held a public missionary meeting, June 1st, at 7.30 p. m., our president, Mrs. Owen Green, presiding. The meeting was a success. A short programme was carried out as follows: Chorus by choir: "Put on the Glorious Armour."

Prayer, by pastor, closing with the Lord's prayer by members.

Responsive reading, by president and members: "Call to Give Thanks."

Quartette, by Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dakin, Misses Mary Dakin and Carrie Holmes: "Bless the Lord."

Responsive reading, by president and members: "Resolve to Give Thanks."

Quartette: "Bless the Lord."

Reading, by Miss Sadie D. Dakin.

Dialogue, by eight ladies: "Procession of the Nation."

Talk, by Mrs. McNintch, subject: "What are we thankful for?"

Recitation, by Miss Mary Dakin.

Quartette, by Misses Belle Foster, Ester Guptill, Lydia Brown and Grant Dakin: "Lord of the Harvest."

Address, by Rev. Mr. McNintch.

The offering was then taken, the amount being \$7.09.

Solo and duett, by Lydia Brown and Grant Dakin: "Only a Beam of Sunshine."

Missionary exercise, by eight girls, four being dressed in black, representing Greenland, India, Africa, Rivers and Plains, and four dressed in white, representing missionaries.

Chorus, by choir: "There Shall be Showers of Blessing."

Benediction by pastor.

LYDIA K. BROWN,
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MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

—There are 450,000,000 of the human race still without a sentence of the Holy Scriptures in their languages—still wandering blindly without the light of God's truth.

—The United Presbyterian Mission (U. S.), working in Lower and Upper Egypt, maintains more than 50 churches with 200 stations, and thousands of members, all of whom are taught to make their churches self-sustaining as far as possible.

—The *Missionary Herald* reports an increase in the number of churches which have adopted missionaries or missionary families. One hundred and five different churches within the past year have thus been brought into direct relations with some foreign missionary.

—There are five churches maintaining mission work in Korea, the Presbyterians, Methodists, Anglicans, and Roman Catholics. It is estimated that the Christian population numbers 200,000, two per cent of the entire population.

—When Dr. Harrie, of Tripoli, Syria, examined his first Moslem woman patient, it required five minutes to get her tongue through a split in her veil. Last year sixty-eight and one-half per cent of all his patients were women, and it has become the custom, at Tripoli, to bodily throw off the veil for interviews with the doctor, except when another man is present.

—Ten years ago, when Bishop Tucker went to Uganda, he found there 300 baptized Christians, the fruit of the preceding fifteen years; to-day there are 30,000, an increase of a hundredfold. There was then one church in which men worshipped; to-day there are 700. Then there were twenty native evangelists, a fair proportion, you will admit, out of 300; now there are 2,000, again a hundredfold.

—Many readers are acquainted with the work which the Pundita Ramabai is doing in India for her widowed sisters. An unintentional compliment has been paid by an anti-Christian paper, which says that the rescue of 1,700 widows by

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—A South American Missionary Congress was lately held in London. English Protestants have six societies at work in South America, chiefly in Brazil. Many were surprised at this meeting to learn that a Protestant mission was planted in Brazil by John Calvin, but it was soon stamped out by the authorities. In Argentina, Protestant missions supplement the defective public schools by schools of their own.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Mission Society of the Sixth District will be held in connection with the District Meeting at Norton, King's Co., on Saturday, July 9th, 1904.

BLANCHE P. GOSLINE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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