

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT OUR MISSION.

The Free Baptist mission field in India lies west and southwest of Calcutta. The largest cities are Midnapore and Balasore. Midnapore is seventy-five miles west of Calcutta, with which it is connected by rail and canal. Its population is about 33,000, and it is the headquarters of a district containing 5,082 square miles, and a population of about 2,500,000. Balasore is 150 miles southwest of Calcutta, with which it has communication by rail. Its population is about 20,000, and the district of which it is the headquarters contain 2,060 square miles, with a population of about 1,000,000. Each district bears the name of its chief city.

Balasore is the oldest of our stations. Work was begun there by Messrs. Phillips and Noyes in 1838. At present the missionaries there are Rev. E. H. Lougher, Mrs. Lougher, Mrs. Julia P. Burkholder, and "Grandma" Phillips, all supported by the Conference Board, and Miss J. J. Scott, Dr. Shirley H. Smith, and Miss Ethel Dawson, who are supported by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin, of the Conference Board workers, Miss H. P. Phillips, of the W. M. S., and Miss Gaunce, of the New Brunswick W. M. S., are on furlough from this station.

Mr. Lougher has charge of the preachers, of whom there are three, and two colporteurs; he has also the oversight of the high school, and looks after the church, if necessary; he is secretary and treasurer of our work in India; and he has charge of the work in two outstations, Metrapore and Ujurda; he also preaches in English every Sunday evening, and is secretary of the Orissa Auxiliary Sunday-school Union. Mrs. Lougher has charge of the Eurasian school, with an assistant teacher and a dozen or more pupils, three of whom are orphans dependent on the mission. She also looks after the work of four Bible-women and a school supported by the New Brunswick W. M. S.

"Grandma" Phillips's chief work is to pray for and encourage the others. She went to India first in 1840, and is by far our oldest living missionary. She is living with her daughter, Mrs. Burkholder, who has the care of the Boys' Orphanage, with numerous other duties among the women and young people of the Christian community.

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work, with ten teachers and one hundred and sixty-five pupils. She also has charge of the Widows' Home, and of several Hindu girls' schools. Dr. Smith does considerable medical work, besides having the oversight of the kindergarten, and the school for Christian girls, which requires considerable care. Miss Dawson has charge of the girls in the Sinclair Orphanage.

The Balasore church has 175 members, and is entirely self-supporting. Its Sunday-school has 246 pupils; three Senior C. E. Societies have 60 active, 30 associate, and 4 honorary members; two Junior C. E. Societies have 115 members.

Nine miles west of Balasore, over an ordinary country road, brings one to Metrapore. This is a little Christian village within the borders of the small native state of Nilgiri. A native preacher lives here. The church numbers 36 members, and the Sunday-school fifty-six.

Twenty-one miles by rail, and a walk of four or five miles across the fields, is required to reach Ujurda, northeast of Balasore. There is a native preacher here, with twenty members of the church, and a few more in Sunday-school. The preacher is also the teacher of a day school. The work here has long been supported by the New Brunswick W. M. S.

Bhadrak lies forty-four miles southwest of Balasore by rail. A preacher and colporteur are stationed here, and the church has 17 members, and the Sunday-school 52, mostly Hindus.

To reach Chandbali from Balasore, one can go 100 miles southwest by rail to Cuttack, and back northeast half as far by canal steamer, or he can go to Calcutta and down the coast by steamer. Rev. M. J. Coldren and Mrs. Coldren are stationed here, and supported by General Conference. The church here has 22 members, the Sunday-school 250, most of them Hindus, and the C. E. 15 members. Bro. Coldren has three preachers and two colporteurs; there is a school of the grammar grade, and 14 primary schools; Mrs. Coldren looks after the girls' school and three Bible-women.

Twenty-eight miles northeast of Balasore by rail lies Jellasore, which was the second station to be opened by our missionaries. Mrs. Rae was in charge here, but she died in November, 1903. Now there is a native preacher and two Bible-women. The church here has 60 members, and the Sunday-school 94.

Eight miles north of Jellasore, across the Subarnarekha river, lies Santipore, the fourth station to be occupied. Here Mrs. Mary R. Phillips is in charge. She looks after the church, grammar school, kindergarten, industrial work, etc. There are three preachers and three Bible-women. The church numbers 134 members, and the Sunday-school 140. The C. E. Society has 57 active and 18 associate members.

Salgadia lies seven miles to the westward of Santipore. A preacher and a Bible-woman are stationed here. The church numbers 30, and the Sunday-

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school 113, many of them being Hindus. The C. E. Society has 11 members.

There are two quarterly meetings in our mission. All the places mentioned thus far belong to the Balasore Q. M. Those that follow all belong in the Midnapore Q. M.

(Concluded next week.)

A Real Little Missionary.

A blind man in Madras, India, used to repeat some of the first chapters of St. John's Gospel. When he was asked how he had been able to learn them, he said that a little boy, who had been taught in a mission school, has read these chapters aloud to him in so many ways that he had learned them by heart. The little boy had finally left the village, but not one word of those precious chapters had the man forgotten.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.—The 27th inst., will be "World's Temperance Sunday." The lesson is Isaiah 28: 1-13. C. A. Scofield, D. D., writing on this lesson in the *World Evangel*, says: "It is a timely lesson, for two facts are beyond question. The first is that drunkenness is increasing with awful rapidity in all the so-called Christian nations, and the second ominous fact is that the public conscience is becoming apathetic on the whole question. What is needed is not some new effort at reform, but from every pulpit and by every fireside the clear stern teaching that drunkenness is not primarily a problem in sociology but a question with God. That drunkenness is sin, and that drunkenness excludes from the Kingdom of God. It may be said at once, that such preaching will avail little from the lips of that man who shrinks from also saying that with the drunkard Scripture puts also the 'covetous' and 'extortioners.'"

This is the position taken by the temperance department in the Sunday school. The young are there taught that drunkenness is sin, that any dealing with the traffic is sin, and through the Sunday school this department is endeavoring to teach these truths by the fireside. It asks all superintendents and teachers in Sunday schools, and the ministers in their pulpits, to teach and preach earnest, practical truth on this subject on the World's Temperance Sunday.

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WHAT ONE THINKS.—A long-time subscriber writes: "I am sorry I cannot send all this time; I will send the balance before long. The INTELLIGENCER is as valuable as ever. I always looked forward to its coming every week when a boy, and gladly welcome it now. It is clean, readable and full of interest."