

## The Woman's Missionary Society.

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### CONNELL SOCIETY.

I was much interested in the cheery letter from Brighton. Our sister ought to be encouraged to write again, as her letter seems to have had the good effect of bringing several interesting letters to the Missionary Column. Not all can give so encouraging a report. This need discourage none, when we remember that many communities are small compared with Brighton, therefore their societies are smaller. But let us all be encouraged that this strong society is doing such good work. If sisters where it looks as if there was every chance for a large society, and they think they cannot have one, would read the letter referred to, learn the lesson it gives, and then go and do likewise, they would soon be able, also, to say: "We could not do without our Missionary Society." Probably nearly all the societies can bear the testimony that the contributions of their communities are more than double what they were before they had a society. Then, we get so much out of our meetings for ourselves, when we meet and ask God for the fulfilment of our returned missionary said, as other consecrated workers have said: "The greatest need in our missionary work is prayer." The more prayer the better our meeting. The society whose president and one or two others have to do the praying at the meetings can never be the success that it would be. How much better if all would unite in this service. Is it not probable that the small attendance at missionary meetings, sometimes complained of, is due in a large measure to neglect of members to avail themselves of this privilege and duty? We find many excellent articles in the INTELLIGENCER which tend to strengthen and encourage us on this point; the one in a late number, "How can we Increase the Power of our Societies," being among the best. Like others, we enjoy hearing from sister societies. All through the weeks and months since the annual meeting, as our paper came in I have looked anxiously to see which of the sisters has written. And when there have been no letters, I have been disappointed. Why not have a stipulation that each Auxiliary shall report at least once a year? The president's last letter tells us that there were pledges made. She also expresses the wish to hear from every Auxiliary. Why not comply? It would be very cheering in this good work to have a letter from some sister each week.

What a beautiful tribute Miss Gaunce paid to the memory of the departed missionaries. What a privilege and pleasure

is ours to help uphold the hands of those who give their lives to the enlightenment of those who are "in darkness and the shadow of death." And what a beautiful thought, that we shall sometime meet and greet those whom we have learned to love for their work's sake. Through the little *Helper* we are becoming somewhat acquainted with the different workers in the foreign fields. The more we hear them talk through their letters, the more we get to love them. Not until Miss Gaunce told us did we know that Mrs. Rae was to have been our representative in India. This fact adds a deeper note of sadness to the sorrow we felt when first we saw an account of her death. While our sympathy goes to the bereaved ones we also deeply sympathize with our sister, the Home Secretary, in her heavy affliction. May she now, as in the past, be able to feel that "underneath are the everlasting arms." One more gone to dwell in the beautiful city. May all the bereaved remember that God is love, and that His wisdom is infinite.

The interest in our society is good. All the proceeds of the May, August, November and February meetings, together with the dollar membership fees, go to foreign missions; the proceeds of the other months are devoted to home work. Our last meeting, Feb. 23rd, at the home of Mrs. G. C. Turner, was well attended, all our sisters, with one or two exceptions, being present. Rev. D. Patterson assisted very much in making the meeting interesting and profitable. He read the Scripture lesson and led in a fervent prayer, ten sisters following. After the other business, which is much the same as reported by the other societies, Mr. Patterson gave a review of missions, beginning with the first missionaries who went to India (the Danes), coming down to the first sent by the General Baptists of England (Carey), then the first American (Judson), then the first Free Baptists (Noyes and Phillips), then our own Dr. Phillips, "of precious memory," to whose memory he paid a high tribute. At a former meeting we proposed taking up the different stations in India occupied by the Free Baptists and learn all we could about them and the missionaries occupying them. He made a start with Balasore and will continue the study at our next meeting. In this way we hope to learn much of the field, sure that our interest in the work and workers will be increased. We hope those who have not written will, and that every society may be blessed.

THE PRESIDENT.

### CHUNdra LILA.

Chundra Lila, a Christian native convert in India, is known in this country through a biography that has been circulated, and by references to her in the correspondence of missionaries. She is now aged, but full of faith. In a recent letter Dr. Mary Bachelor refers to her.—*Morning Star*.

At a reception arranged for Chundra Lila the people asked her a great many

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questions, and to them all she answered wisely and discreetly. Some one wanted to know how many had been converted through her, and she began to count, and had got up to about ten, I think it was, when she broke off and said, "I will not count them, I give the Lord all the praise." A lady from America, I think a traveller, just passing, was introduced to her, and after saying "namaskar" as gracefully as if she had been brought up at court, she said, "I am glad to meet you; now I shall know you when I meet you in heaven." So many wanted to speak to her, and ask her questions, that one with less of poise would have been confused; but she was not. She answered all with tact and courtesy, and afterward went off to her room just as if nothing had happened. Mrs. Lee had her speak to her school girls, and she talked to them about dress, and how Christian girls needed the garment of righteousness." Afterward an American lady who came to see her, and had a little talk with her, said she was going back to America in a little while, and what message would Chundra Lila send to the women of America. Now I should say that was rather a large order, and I think you will grant that it was not a very easy thing to answer; but Chundra Lila was quite equal to the occasion, and when Mrs. Lee, who wrote the story of her life, remembering her helpful talk to the girls, said the women of America were also fond of dress, Chundra Lila said, "Tell them that, while they are dressing their bodies, they must not forget to also put on the garment of righteousness."

At another time there were about 30 servants gathered, and she talked to them without embarrassment, and kept to the point, too, for about an hour and a half. As she went on, her voice grew stronger, and the years seemed to fall away from her, and she grew enthusiastic and the audience was impressed. Her words were of peculiar force, as she was a Hindu so long, and knows all about the Hindu religion, and how little it all amounts to, and how satisfying is the Christian religion.

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