

## The Woman's Missionary Society.

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### THREE YOUTHFUL DISCIPLES.

Among the best missionaries that India has to-day are some of the children who have been or are under Christian influence and instruction. On the Tuni field a little boy about ten years of age began attending a mission school. He lived in a village where there were no Christians. The only god he knew of was that represented by the hideous images which he was taught to fear and reverence, or the rough unshapen stone daubed with saffron under the branching tree before which the villagers were accustomed to make their vows and offer their sacrifices. School meant for him a walk of from three to four miles a day. There he soon learned some Christian hymns, and in the evenings would sing them much to the delight of his parents. Soon his father became interested not only in the music, but also in the truths expressed in the hymns, and the boy was instructed to find out what it all meant. Some time after the father and boy walked in to see me, a distance of some twenty-five miles, to ask for baptism. When I questioned the man as to how he had learned of Christ, he told me it was through his little boy who had brought the truth home from the Mission School.

In the village of Pydeepala, about ten years ago, some eight or nine persons came out as Christians. After a few years, certain conditions arose which resulted in all of them going back into heathenism. Repeated visits of missionary and native preachers appeared to accomplish nothing, and hope concerning them seemed well nigh dead. A few years ago a young girl, who had spent a short time in one of our schools, went as a wife to that same village. She began by gathering her new relations together, reading the Bible, and having prayer with them. As a result of her simple efforts, three of those who had renounced the Christian faith have been received back into the church, one other has been baptized, while still others there are seeking the way of life. Thus what missionary and native preacher failed in a young girl under God accomplished.

Some twenty years ago on the North Cocanada field a boy of about twelve was brought to Christ and at once publicly acknowledged his Master in baptism. His people were all heathen. Shortly after he was taken seriously ill. His mother thought, as indeed did every other heathen man and woman in the place, that she knew the reason. He had incurred the anger of the gods by becoming a Christian. There was but one remedy. He must renounce his newly found faith. To ensure his doing this he was sent some seventy miles distant up into the North Tuni, district, where there were no Christians within miles. He was only a lad of twelve. Is it any wonder he kept quiet and said nothing in that heathen community, about the secret hopes he was cherishing? Recently, through the efforts of a humble Christian from another distant village, four men came from that same village asking baptism, and with them came the lad of twenty years ago, now a full grown man, to openly renew his former vows of allegiance to Christ Jesus. Never shall I forget the scene as last New Year's morning he stood

before the church in Tuni and told with a face lit up with holy joy how all these years, though he had through fear been silent, never had he lost the faith begotten in him in his boyhood days, and never had he ceased to long for the time when some of the villagers would become followers of Christ, and thus he might have courage once more to take his stand as a Christian.

What a glad joy to be a partner in this work of not only imparting to loveless hearts a love which many waters cannot quench, but also of winning those who in turn are becoming messengers of salvation to their own countrymen.—*H. C. Priest, in Can. Baptist.*

### WOODSTOCK SOCIETY.

It always encourages us to read the reports in your columns from the woman's missionary societies. But of late we have heard but very little from the different societies. When we look back upon the past year we feel that we have a great many things to be thankful for. God has wonderfully blessed us in our work both at home and abroad. The interest in our society is good. We hold our meetings at the homes of the members each month; after the opening exercises, reading of minutes and business is transacted, we take up a reading on the work. This year we are reading "Lux Christi," we find it very interesting and helpful, it makes us better acquainted with the work and workers. To have an interest in any work we have to know something about it. With the literature we have these days we can have no excuse for not knowing how God's work is advancing in the dark lands of heathenism. May He help us to help spread the glad tidings throughout the world, and to have a greater interest in His work this year than ever before. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest, and that many will hear the call and answer, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

E. A. MCKINNEY,  
President.

### MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

—According to the summary of Protestant foreign missions issued by the American Board, the income of societies in the United States and Great Britain alone shows an increase of over \$2,000,000 over the previous year.

—In Africa a Bulu man living about twenty miles from Efulen has put away four women, representing \$800, and retained one wife (\$200) as the genuine beginning of a Christian life. Most of his knowledge of Christian morality has been learned from black schoolboys.

—A thousand conversions in the province of Canton, in South China, last year! Five hundred converts from heathenism received in one district worked by the London Missionary Society within the year just closed! The fields are white with the harvest; can we not send more laborers?

—In North Korea, a large body of consecrated evangelists, men and women, are the mainstay of Christian work and do it entirely of their own free will. They have all been developed through training classes, and give good promise of a church that will be able to stand, should foreigners withdraw from Korea.

—The Southern Methodist church has inaugurated a Sunday-school movement

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