

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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LETTER FROM MRS. J. L. PHILLIPS.

JELLASORE, Orissa, India,
 December 15, 1903.

Dear Mr. McLeod,—As I catch my pen to write you a word, over and above everything else—all the dear memories of the past, all the bright hopes of the future, all the pressing cares of to-day—stands out the significant date of this letter, "December 15th, 1903." Its synonym, "Time is short," seems to burn into my very life, and I do so long to get some of my beautiful boys and girls and the young fathers and mothers of this bright little spot, away out in the centre of the jungle, into a higher and better way ere I go home and be no more. For months my mind has been carried New-Brunswickward, and ever and anon there comes a bright, yes, definite assurance that the dear people who so heartily and truly responded to my husband's call for help, and who so lovingly "held the ropes while he went down into the well" years ago, would be equally glad to help on the good work here now. We do need help so much in order to carry on our industrial school, and start little schools, real kindergarten schools, in the villages all about us. We are encircled with heathen villages, swarming with children, for whom there is not one minute of school during the whole year. Our own home need, a great crying one, is money to carry on our industrial work thoroughly. We are weaving durries (rugs) and ordinary native cloths, bookbinding, rope making, farming, etc., etc.; every department needs tools and a special teacher. I cannot tell you what changes come into the lives of the young people when they learn to do something with either their hands, heads or hearts. Could your Board send us a regular allowance for this work, or scholarships for this school, which, also, has the ordinary courses of study used in schools everywhere, the work would be so much more effectual in saving somebody. Scholarships of \$25.00 each would supply one pupil well.

As a mission, our hearts have been tested as never before during the last few weeks. Dr. Burkholder (whose wife Miss Julia Phillips, N. B. and N. S. knew well), after four weeks of intense suffering, slipped away from us so quietly and peacefully, it seemed more like falling asleep than leaving us to come back no more. He died in the very room where Dr. Boyer died, and with a form of the same dreaded typhoid fever. While we were caring for him, Mrs. Rae, dear to every one of us, was at death's door, and twelve days later followed him. Mrs. Burkholder is wonderfully sustained, and going right on with the work. The young missionaries, only one man, who has been here five years, are taking up the heavy burdens earnestly and cheerfully.

Let me say for my husband, who has been eight years where there are no "needs," and for myself, that our remembrances of you and our New Brunswick friends are among our very brightest, and any help from anybody will be most gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

MARY R. PHILLIPS.

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LOWER BRIGHTON SOCIETY.

Looking over some back numbers of the INTELLIGENCER, a short time ago, I was surprised that so very few societies reported through its columns and could not help feel that we had failed to do our duty as a society, when I found that we had sent no report for nearly two years.

We all enjoy hearing from other societies, and should remember that perhaps some would like to hear from us. And we never know what good might be done in this way, for if we do our duty God will do the rest, and has promised that his word shall not return unto him void, but shall accomplish that he pleases, and shall prosper in the thing whereto he sent it.

We hold our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, at the homes of the members. After the opening exercises, reading of minutes, roll-call and business is transacted, we have a short programme, consisting of readings, recitations, etc., which programme was arranged at the previous meeting. We think it would increase our interest in the work to know more of India, its work, workers and people. One member is reading a sketch of the life of Chundra Lela, as given in the *Ram's Horn*, by Mrs. Ada Lee, which is listened to with marked attention. Another is to read a report of last year's work at Balasore, as given in the January number of the *Missionary Helper*. Roll-call is responded to by each member reciting a verse of Scripture containing a certain word which had been chosen at the last meeting. Then we have a plain tea, the bill of fare of which is limited. Each member pays a fee of five cents, visitors ten cents. It is surprising how much will be gathered up in a year in this way.

Not many years ago the sum of \$12.25 was all that was raised by this society in one year. Last year over \$60.00 were raised, \$32 of which was the dollar membership money; the rest, some of which was used for local church purposes, was raised in various ways. I write this for the encouragement of any society that does not hold monthly meetings, for it was before we held them that we did so little. We enjoy meeting together from month to month very much and know that God has blessed us. We have had the pleasure during the last few months of a number of visits from members of Woodstock, Victoria Corner, and Hartland societies. We also appreciate having our new pastor, Rev. A. J. Prosser, with us. Another thing I have noticed is that when a goodly number of sisters pray at the beginning of the meeting we have a better meeting, for God does answer prayer. Hoping this report is not too long for publication, and that it may do a little good. I close by wishing all societies Godspeed.

Ass't Sec'y.

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SIXTY-THREE YEARS.—Mentioning a few weeks ago the resignation of Rev. Dr. Morse, we said he had been fifty or more years pastor of the Digby Neck Baptist church. The length of the venerable man's pastorate was really sixty-three years—a very extraordinary record. The church, which was organized ninety-four years ago, has had only two pastors. Dr. Morse's friends are raising a testimonial for him.

FIFTY THOUSAND.—The Canadian auxiliaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society have planned to present the parent society with \$50,000 on the occasion of its centenary, in March.

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It is officially announced that the needs of the 13,000 inhabitants of Aalesund (Norway), January 24th, have been provided for. Seven thousand of the homeless people have gone to neighboring towns and villages, and the Hamburg-American line steamer, Phoenicia, which was sent to Aalesund with relief at the instigation of Emperor William, is caring for 4,000 more. She has 20 days' supplies. The relief work is well organized. The property losses is estimated at \$4,250,000.

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