

Foreign Missions

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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REVIEW TOPIC FOR MAY

For Parla Kimeddy, that the spirit of power may graciously descend upon the lonely missionary, Miss Harrison. For the helpers, schools and outstations, and that the halting one may decide for Christ. For God's blessing upon Grande Ligne and the French in Nova Scotia.

The Semi Jubilee Group

Before me is the semi jubilee picture taken at Bimilipatam Nov. 1893 at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the starting of our Telugu mission at this station in 1843. This was the beginning of our work in India, as an independent Mission, but the first band of Missionaries was sent out in 1832. They were sent to evangelize the Koreans of Siam, not the Telugus of India, so they were first sent to Burmah, to learn the Korean language, and some of them spent a year in Siam studying the Siamese language. But when the Koreans of Siam were not found accessible, or in sufficient numbers to warrant a mission to be started among them, a joint letter from the missionaries was sent home explaining the situation to the Board. In reply the Board sent a telegram to their missionaries, in response to which the Korean and Siamese languages, etc. were dropped and the families were increased to fifty. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, and Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, crossed the Bay of Bengal, landing at Cocanada, July 10th, 1843, and took up their abode in the "Nova Scotia barracks". The study of Telugu was there

school, one said to her, "Do you think me a dancing girl that you ask me to come and learn to read and write?" The teacher of this school gave evidence of a change of heart and faith in Christ. One girl who first heard the gospel in this school, is now a Christian, and her husband a worker in the Bimilipatam field. Mr. Churchill after suffering for months became so ill that they had to go to Madras, for better medical advice. The doctors ordered a sea voyage and Mr. Churchill sailed for Australia. During his absence of 8 months, Mrs. Churchill with her little boy remained in Madras, visiting hospitals, taking cases under the eye of the head surgeon, visiting schools and studying Telugu. Two weeks ill in hospital and when able to travel came to Cocanada and remained studying the language till Mr. Churchill's return. Mr. Boggs became ill after a few months in India, and believing that he could not live in the Tropics, he with Mrs. Boggs sailed for home from Cocanada early in 1876. After a few years at home they joined the A. B. M. U. and have done good work in their Telugu mission, south of us. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong began work in Kimmidy in 1876, but Mr. Armstrong became so ill with fever, it was thought unsafe to remain longer, so they came to Chicacole and opened the stations there, started schools, etc., and worked on till 1880, when they went home on furlough. While in the home land they severed their connection with our Board, and have since been labouring earnestly under the A. B. M. U. in Burmah.

The Bobbili station was opened in 1879 by the Churchills. Mr. Churchill really came to Bobbili and obtained land in 1878, lived in a tent until he built a mud hut and lived in this till he partly completed a small bungalow, left the masons to put the tiles on the roof and went to Bimilipatam. Mrs. Churchill and their two children. When he returned not one room was covered, and they all had to huddle in one corner to escape the sun's rays till the roof was finished this in April, 1879. The Mission house was built in 1880-1881.



commenced and vigorously prosecuted, along with some preaching and teaching of English speaking people, gathered into a church and S. S. there.

In September a loan was made to the Northern part of the Telugu country, by Messrs. McArthur, Churchill, and Boggs, and from information gained on this tour, it was decided that the missionaries belonging to the Maritime Board locate their missions to the North. In accordance with this plan, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford came to Bimilipatam and opened our first station here, in Nov. 1875. Hence this semi jubilee celebration and this semi jubilee group of missionaries and Native Christians. What of the intervening 25 years? In the beginning we owned not one mission house, nor one foot of land. We had not one native Christian to help in anything, or offer a prayer. Nothing! Absolutely nothing!

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill joined the Sanfords in December. A small house out of the town was rented, in which the two families lived. As the language was being studied, English work, preaching and a Sunday School among Eurasians, was carried on. Several were converted and baptized. A small boarding school for girls was opened by Mrs. Sanford and some of these girls, thus started on their upward way have been, and still are, a great help in the mission. Mrs. Churchill started a caste girls' school, first on the verandah of their rented house, and afterwards in a rented room in town. When she first asked little girls to come to her

In 1878 Miss Hammond joined the Mission, and was located at Bimilipatam, where with the Sanfords, she lived for a time in what is now the cook house at that station, while Mr. Sanford built the mission house. Five years afterward she became Mrs. Archibald. It would no doubt be interesting to hear of the struggles of these pioneer missionaries, in getting land, buildings, bungalows, starting schools and getting a hearing among the heathen, and of their joys in gathering in their first converts from among the heathen, and forming them into churches, etc. Also the great joy of welcoming home missionaries to the work, and the experience of each of these in turn, but space forbids. Suffice to say in the 25 years, 9 missionaries and their wives and 9 young lady missionaries have been welcomed by these pioneer missionaries. And one had the joy of bringing his own daughter back to India to help in the work, before this Semi Jubilee was celebrated.

At that time not a break by death had occurred in the original eight with whom the Mission started, and of all the twenty-seven who had joined since, death had only claimed two, and these only six months before the semi jubilee. These were two beloved sisters, Mrs. Hardy and Miss Gray, who died within a month of one another, and whose graves are side by side, in the cemetery at Parla Kimeddy. At the time of the celebration, seven stations were equipped with houses and out buildings, Bimilipatam, Chicacole, Bobbili, Vizi-

anagram Parla Kimeddy, Tekkali and Palcondah. Some also with churches and school-house. One, Chicacole with a hospital in working order, each station too except Palcondah had one two or three out stations, in which houses had been erected for the preachers to live in. There were nearly 1000 pupils in day and Sunday schools, and 415 converts brought into the seven churches, from among the heathen. Every one you see in the picture, except missionaries and children, were brought to Christ during this time. What hath God wrought! In all there are 95 native helpers, many of whom you see in the picture, and some have fallen asleep in Christ. The first preacher from this mission taken away, was bitten by a snake, and died a few hours afterwards. At Bimilipatam, two ear test preachers have died at Bobbili and one each at Chicacole and Vizianagram, besides these some who were earnest Christians, and some who had learned of Christ in the schools, died triumphantly. A mission, also largely supported in India, by those converted in this mission, has been started among the Savaras, a hill tribe north of Kimeddy. But since this picture was taken one dearly beloved form that you see there now sleeps in a lonely grave in Madras. Dear Mrs. Sanford, one of the original seven, designated to this mission work, is the first of that band to be called up higher. She is forever with the Lord, in whose presence is fulness of joy and at his right hand are pleasures forevermore. M. F. CHURCHILL.

Digby, N. S.

During the last few months our Aid Society has been increased and encouraged by the addition of several new members. A successful public meeting was held in the church Sunday evening, April 17th, the papers, readings, and music given, proving very interesting to the large audience present. At close a good offering was received, which will go toward making a life member. Com.

Financial Statement For Quarter ending April 30, 1904

	F. M.	H. M.	Total
Rec'd from bands, Nova Scotia	\$ 181.30	\$ 27.13	\$ 208.43
" " " N. B.	104.10	22.73	126.83
" " " P. E. Island	17.10		17.10
			\$ 352.36
Paid Mrs. Mary Smith			\$ 302.50
" " " Foreign Missions			49.86
" " " Home			
			\$ 352.36

MRS. IDA CRANDALL, Treas. Mission Bands.
Chipman, Queens Co. N. B.

Quarterly Statement W. B. M. U. ending April 30, 1904.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total
Rec'd from N. S. W. M. A. S.	\$ 889.19	\$ 393.29	\$ 1282.48
" " N. B. " " "	588.07	113.54	701.61
" " P. E. I. " " "	101.04	51.56	152.60
" " M. B. Treasurer,	302.50	49.86	352.36
" " Annual Reports,			8.68
" " Tidings,			10.00
" " Leaflets,			16.53
" " Donations,			10.15
			\$ 2534.41

Paid Treas. F. M. Board,	\$ 2168.75
" " N. W. Missions,	160.00
" " Indian Work,	50.00
" " G. I. Missions,	100.00
" " H. M. N. S. & P. E. I.	150.00
" " New Brunswick,	50.00
" " Printing, Tidings and Leaflets,	17.90
" " Pro. Sec., Nova Scotia,	4.00
" " M. B. Sup.,	4.42
" " Drafts and postage	12.80

\$ 2717.67

MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.
Amherst, May 2nd, 1904.

Amounts Received by M. B. Treasurer.

FROM APRIL 4TH TO MAY 4TH.

Louisville, sup. of Chicacole Hospital, F. M. \$5; St. Stephen, F. M. \$25; Bridge water, support of Mary, F. M. \$7; Fairville, F. M. \$7.50; Florenceville, F. M. \$4; Acadia sup. of Pampama, F. M. \$10; Forbes Point support of Leremiah, F. M. \$4; Waterville to constitute Mrs. N. A. Osborne life member and for support of Ramasarey, F. M. \$15; St. George F. M. \$7.60; H. M. \$8; Chester Basin for Miss Archibald's salary, F. M. \$3; Halifax Tabernacle, F. M. \$2.50; H. M. \$2.50; Dartmouth to constitute Miss Fielding life member, F. M. \$10; Mahone for Miss Archibald's salary, F. M. \$15; Dartmouth to constitute Miss Emma Hume life member, F. M. \$10; Wolfville for life member certificate, F. M. \$10; Upper Granville for Bimili school, F. M. \$10; Forest Glen for support of boy F. M. \$10; Moncton for Miss Clarke's salary F. M. \$30; also to constitute Miss Eva Glenlenning life member, F. M. \$10; Surrey, F. M. \$1.25; H. M. \$1.25; Grande Ligne, 25c.

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Look unto Jesus even through your tears. Tears are telescopes. I have seen farther through my tears than I ever saw through my smiles. We can see Jesus through our tears. He knows what tears are. Jesus wept.—Dr. Joseph Parker.