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We have again to address those in arrears, asking for prompt payment. The money is needed. Do not withhold it longer.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

SIBERIA.—George Kennan's description of Siberia gives to most people an altogether new idea, not only of the extent of the country but of its character:

If we could take the whole United States of America, from Maine to California, and from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico, and set it down in the middle of Siberia, it would not touch the boundaries of the latter at a single point; then we could take Alaska and all the States of Russia, with the single exception of Russia, and set them into the remaining margin like the pieces of a dissected map; and after having thus accommodated all the United States, excepting Russia, we would still have more than 300,000 square miles of Siberian territory to spare.

Too Late.—A Mrs. Taylor in Bristol, England, a firm believer in the modern faith Cure idea, fractured her arm about a month since; but she declined to call in medical assistance, declaring that she had been cured of erysipelas and other ailments by faith. Instead of healing, the fractured limb grew worse, and when a doctor was at length summoned it was too late.

INHARMONIOUS.—According to current reports things are not moving very smoothly in Beecher's old church. The election of Dr. Lyman Abbott as pastor caused the resignation of Mr. Halliday who had for many years been Mr. Beecher's assistant. The friends of Mr. Halliday have not well sustained the new pastor. During the absence of the present pastor on his European vacation it seems still further dissatisfactions have arisen. Now it is said that Dr. Abbott, seeing no hope of a reconciliation, has determined to resign the pastorate of Plymouth Church.

IMPORTANT QUESTION.—The other day, says a contemporary, a pious young man made known to a friend deeply interested in his welfare the news of his approaching marriage. The young man was dilating on the many mental and spiritual qualities of his intended, when his aged friend broke in upon his glowing description with the pertinent inquiry, "Can she wash?"

CAUSES OF CANCER.—In Dr. MacKenzie's report on the case of the late Emperor Frederick, he thus refers to the causes of cancer:

By far the most common seat of the malignant disease in men is the mouth which is the more exposed than any other part of the body to irritation by hot substances. Every surgeon is familiar with this fact, whether it be a lower lip, on which the hot stem of a clay pipe or the smouldering of a cigarette has rested day after day, or a tongue exasperated by the frequent contact of acrid tobacco smoke or the mouthpiece of a foul pipe, or made raw by ardent liquors, or stung and blistered by fiery condiments, the cause is essentially the same—viz: the searing of the superficial covering by prolonged heat.

AGITATING.—The Pope, acting on the advice of Italian clericals, has instructed the bishops throughout the world to continue to agitate for the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope.

SOMETHING TO THINK OF.—Those who think woman suffrage would assure an overwhelming majority in favour of every good measure, may get some food for thought in the following from the Canada Presbyterian:

An election took place in Boston a short time ago which throws a ray of not very pleasant light on the practical working of female suffrage. The school commissioners of that city were charged with favouring the Roman Catholics in the management of the public schools. A number of Protestant ladies resolved to exercise their franchise, and voted against the commissioners. The priests quickly saw that that was a kind of warfare in which both parties could engage. All the Catholic servant girls and other women in the city were registered, and voted. The Catholic female vote was polled, while a large number of the Protestant female voters gave themselves no trouble about the matter. It is always assumed by the advocates of female suffrage that "the women will vote on the right side." Were the women of Canada given the right to vote to-morrow, we believe an immense majority of them would not vote at all and those who did go to the polls would vote on both sides just as their husbands, brothers and fathers do. That all women would vote even for prohibition

is pure assumption. If an issue similar to that risen in Boston were raised here, every Catholic servant girl and every other Catholic woman would be found at the polls, while very likely a large majority of Protestant women would decline to vote.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Free Baptist Mission Society.

Mrs. President and Sisters:—As we present this Annual Report reviewing the work of the past year, although many failures might be recorded and much more might have been done, yet we feel to "thank God and take courage." As we glance over the Annual Indian Report, that comes from the Free Baptist Mission Field, we find it full of interesting reports of earnest, faithful work done in all the different departments. Yet as we study its contents from every page, directly or indirectly we hear the cry of "Help." It comes alike from thousands of poor benighted heathen as well as from the weary over-burdened hearts of the missionaries. And how can we help? By giving our sympathy and prayers, our faith, our substance and ourselves, if need be, to this blessed work. For we are not our own. We are bought with a price. Did not our Father give His only begotten Son that we might have everlasting life? And

Shall we, whose souls are lighted
By wisdom from on High,
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?

During the year beside paying Miss Hooper's salary, we have supported two Bible women, Oma and Kokoi, and a native preacher, Daniel Naik, under the direction of Rev. A. B. Boyer, besides an appropriation, if needed, for incidental expenses.

As you know Sister Hooper has had charge during the year of the Balasore Hindu Girls' schools during the absence of Miss Ida O. Phillips who is at present in America. These schools consist of seven week day schools and four Sabbath schools. It was a responsible position to take charge of this work which had been so successfully carried on by one who had years of experience. Yet, judging from the reports, Miss Hooper has faithfully and successfully performed the work; although labouring under many difficulties. Perhaps the greatest was the cyclone of May 25th '87, which injured all the school buildings. Of one new house only the prints of where the walls had stood remain. The girls under Miss Hooper's care have been very successful in passing the examinations. Miss Hooper has also opened three new schools with nearly one hundred pupils. These schools are not in Balasore city but distant two and five miles in the country where no girls' schools have ever been. These schools she wishes your society to support. Of the work done by the Bible women Miss Hooper sends the following Report:—

My dear Sister Wayman:—The sisters in dear old New Brunswick will soon be gathering at the yearly meeting and looking to you for items of news from their workers over here. From the Indian Mission Annual report which I am sending to you by this post you will learn of the "Balasore Hindu girls' schools" which have been under my care for a year. The three new schools I have adopted for New Brunswick. The call to do so was loud and pressing. Each one of the villages where the schools are form centres to a number of other villages. From these villages the children come quite long distances. Girls' schools could be established indefinitely had we the means and the inclination to answer every call. It does not seem best at present to respond too readily. Among the poorer classes it is an unheard of thing for a parent to make an effort to educate his little girls, so we must little by little teach them to help themselves. So far in all these places the people provide the place for the school. In one place Jangini, it is the verandah of a temple to the idols. At Swaraswipoora the head man of the village, gives the children a school-room on the large verandah which is built around the inner court yard. He also provides lodgings for the Hindu teacher whose home is at a distance. I am greatly interested in this house. The aged grandfather of the large family has recently returned from a pilgrimage to the distant shrine of Gya. While there the Brahmins allowed him nothing for twenty days only Ganges water to drink, fleeced him of all his money, so that he came home more dead than alive. His face betrays his longing for rest. When he told me of his pilgrimage to Gya, I said "I am sorry you went so far and suffered so much. You can have salvation by one look of faith to the Saviour of the world." Among the leaflets which we get from the Mission Press at Outback is one "Life for a look". Giving him one we silently prayed that the Lord would open his eyes to see the Saviour. The next time we went a new light seemed to be on his face. He sits very near so he can hear the instruction we give the children. When we go to the place where the women are he creeps slowly along and listens intently again. There are twelve or thirteen Bows in this house and the glory of Jesus love is new to them.

I cannot tell exactly the number of houses visited by the Bible women. They visit in sixteen different villages Bonapardia (jungle village) is five miles distant and is the centre of one of the schools. In work among the women we cannot give you statistics of so many baptized and their names enrolled on the church book. Yet we trust that during the year many have had their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We know that in many homes the worship of idols has been left off and prayer to the true God has ascended to heaven. This we know as the result of the reading and teaching of the Word of God in homes visited by your Bible women Oma and Kokoi.

From their weekly reports I glean that many a sad weary heathen woman has learned to take in the comforts of the gospel of Jesus. Two or three extracts will serve as illustrations. At a village to-day Bhooosie, the women said, "Let us hear you pray, the way you pray we will pray too." If we are late in going they say "we were feeling sad we feared you would not come and are counting the days till you do."

At Ajahad one woman said, "I have prayed and fasted to the God Jhardasa for three years. One day after hearing you I left off fasting to and serving Jhardasa and now praying to your God I find relief in mind and body." Another said, "It is useless to go to Juggernath. I went with my husband and mother-in-law and my husband died on the road." Men say "Come and teach our women they are very ignorant."

Formerly Brahmins could extort money from the women when they had lost influence with the men. Now they are losing their influence over the women. A few Sabbaths ago we went to a low caste village near. The women and children came from their houses and spreading a blanket on the ground we were seated for a Bible picture story. Presently a Brahmin pilgrim to Juggernath came along begging. The women simply laughed and told him to "go." Among the listeners was one whom I believe is truly converted by means of the teaching received through Oma and Kokoi. She prays to our God daily and her face reveals the peace that reigns within. As a proof of the reality of her conversion, when her husband is cross and scolds she says nothing in reply.

On the road I often meet women to whom a namaskar is a sufficient introduction to a chat. Very often the response is "O yes you have a school in our village, your 'Patha Ma'." (Mother of books) meaning the Bible women comes to our houses. Such wise words as she speaks. We are so glad to have her come. There is a strong bond of sympathy between the Bible women and the Hindu women. I am pleased to hear Oma and Kokoi speak of them as "Sisters." By showing our human sympathy and love for them imperfect though it may be we try to lead them to the perfect love and sympathy of Jesus.

One day a poor despised widow was weeping bitterly. As I stepped near to her she shrank from me. Putting my arm around her I said "Sister why do you weep? I have a friend who is your friend too." Turning to a Hindu woman she smiled saying "she calls me sister." Instantly her attention was won and her sorrow allayed. Just one more incident. Living near to Kokoi's home is a young Bengali Zenana woman. She has no relative here only her bigoted Hindu husband. Kokoi has so won her that she has given up her faith in Hinduism. One day while calling to see her I said you must be very lonely, no mother or sister near. "O Kokoi is my sister, she comes to see me often." So great is the influence that Kokoi has over her that she actually went with her to the Christmas tree in the Chapel. With her saree over her face no one knew that a Zenana woman was enjoying the treat with us. But "Don't you tell" or that Zenana will be closed to us forever.

Kokoi has a young babe and has not been able to go with Oma for a few months. A Christian widow goes with Oma till Kokoi can return to her loved work.

I love this house to house visitation and am fully decided to resign the care of Ida Phillips' schools in order that I may devote my time exclusively to the Bible work. Ere this reaches you I shall have done so.

Basudeb is doing well. Having no permanent home, I could not have a watchful care over him as seemed to me necessary. There is much a boy or a girl can never learn at school to fit one for the battle of life. So I talked the matter over with Bro. and Sister Boyer and the result is, Basudeb has gone to be under their care. Basudeb is a good boy. I have found him frank and truthful to a fault. We hope he may be a preacher some day. As yet he gives no special evidence of a "call" to the Lord's work. He is but a boy fond of fun as any boy at home, yet fond of study also. Many times I have told him of the friends in Canada who are praying for him and of our wish and hope that he may be a preacher of righteousness to those who sit in darkness. May the Lord call him and thrust him into the harvest field. My health has been very good during the year until recently I have been laid aside from work for two weeks by illness; but I

am now daily growing stronger and am trying to keep on doing so. God bless you and all the sisters. "Do all you can for Jesus."

Affectionately Yours,
JESSIE B. HOOPER.

One of your Bible women, Oma, sends a most interesting report but the limits of this report will not permit me to give you an abstract therefrom but by your permission it will be published. Your native preacher, Daniel Naik, who had formerly been a teacher is now devoting all his time to preaching. Rev. Mr. Boyer says during the few months he has been preaching he has improved very much and he feels sure he will make a successful worker. Mr. Boyer is very thankful to your society for providing him with a native helper. Mrs. Boyer has opened a school for high caste girls in her own house as she had no facilities for carrying on village work. The school opened with six children representing the best Bengali families in Balasore. Since two Christian children have been added also two Eurasians. There are more who would gladly come could Mrs. Boyer provide a conveyance, but they live at too great a distance to walk. Mrs. Boyer has secured the help of a capable Christian pundit who teaches them Bengali, Oriya and English. While Mrs. B. teaches them sewing, knitting &c. Every day the pundit prays with them gives them religious instruction and teaches them the pretty Bengali Hymns. They are much interested in Bible stories and can repeat some of them very nicely. Mrs. B. has also been paying two Bible women out of their own salary but cannot afford to do so longer. She requests your society to guarantee their support for the ensuing year. There are many, very many opportunities for work if our missionaries had the means. Are we doing all we should? Let each one on bened knees ask the question Lord what wilt thou have me to do?

HOME WORK.

1st. Dist. —We are pleased and grateful to state that the work in this Dist. is yearly increasing and each yearly report is more interesting than the former one. This true as the Secy says the work is growing slowly and quietly but steadily, which encourages our hearts and the hearts of the few faithful workers there. God is leading the way, and the faithful few are following as best they can. This year seven churches have contributed, viz., Bath, Wicklow, River Do, Chute, Lower Perth, Perth Centre, Arthur, Bath and Lord Island. Amount contributed from societies and churches \$30.67. Collected at public meeting \$6.84, making a total of \$37.51, an increase of \$13.85 over last year. Their yearly meeting was held at Bath. The business meetings and public meetings were interesting and profitable. In closing her report the Secy says: "The sisters are being awakened to the needs of the Society and to the importance of the work done in heathen lands. Churches who have hitherto done nothing are falling into the ranks. At Perth Centre a new interest has been awakened and a monthly missionary meeting appointed. While we see much to encourage us, we see so much to be done. We need more leaders in the work, those who are willing and have the time to give to this blessed work." The Secretary regrets she cannot be present at this annual meeting, but prays that the Master's presence will be here to bless and cheer us in our meetings.

2nd. Dist. Forward, as ever has been, is the motto of this District. A larger number of Societies and a larger amount of money is reported this year than ever before. Last year they reported an increase of five societies and \$30.00. This year they have an increase of two societies and \$30.56 more money than last year. Twenty societies have reported, viz., Lower Woodstock \$33.89, Upper Woodstock \$3.50, Third Tier \$8.30, Lower Brighton \$17.75, Hartland \$11.00, Tracey's Mills \$20.47, Seventh Tier \$4.60, Bristol \$6.50, Knoxford \$4.00, Royaltown \$10.31, Rockland \$9.00, River Bank 45 cts., Connell \$7.15, Beaufort \$2.50, Windsor \$5.00, Knowlesville \$8.50, Victoria \$11.60, Brookville \$1.00, Gordouville \$1.00, Charleston \$6.50. Collection at public meeting \$2.61, making a total of \$173.04. They have also three mite societies, one at Hartland, one at Royaltown and one at Lower Brighton. Woodstock, Hartland and Royaltown hold monthly prayer meetings. Their annual meetings were very encouraging. The programme for public meeting was music, readings from Missionary Helper, a talk about home life in India, short speeches from several sisters. Sister McFarlane from Grand Manan, made an effective address, as also Elder French and Doctor McLeod. It was proved that the plan, reported last year, of grouping of sisters as committees to visit and help them, was a success. Some good work was done by the sisters. The Secretary's report is most interesting and instructive. Did space permit, I should like to give it in full. In closing her report she says, "I do wish the societies would hold regular prayer meetings. The societies which do find it a blessing. A sister from Royaltown says, 'The Lord is faithful to bless us in our meeting.'

And I can say for our own prayer meetings that it is good to ask the Lord together to bless our work—His work. And how imploringly comes the request from over the sea 'Pray for us.' And we are told to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more labourers into His harvest. Surely all our success must come from being 'workers together with Him.'

3rd. Dist. From this District we have always found it difficult to get a full report of work done by each society. There have been various causes for this. I think one reason has been their not having a District Society, which is helpful to systematize the work. We are pleased to learn, through the INTELLIGENCER, that a Dist. Society was organized this year by the Dist. Secy, Mrs. C. Burr. There was a good attendance, and all seemed alive to the importance of the work. After a half hour spent in devotional exercises, the officers were elected, Mrs. Wm. Downey being President, and Mrs. C. Burr being Secretary and Treasurer. The Society began well. Steps will be taken to organize local societies all over the District. There was a good public missionary meeting in the evening, which we presume was a union meeting with the District Foreign Mission Society. Addresses were made by Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Hoyt and Mrs. Irvine. From the Asst. Secy I have received reports from two Societies, viz., Lower Prince William and Millville, Lower Prince William organized last year by Miss Freeze, holds monthly prayer meetings, which are a blessing to the faithful who attend them. This society has 21 members, but only 9 have contributed this year. In connection with this society they have a mission band organized by Mrs. Thos. Slipp. Since this band was organized a number of the little girls have given their hearts to Jesus, and are genuine workers for Him. May God bless and keep them. Amount received by mission band \$2.30, by society, \$8.50. Total \$10.80. Millville Society is doing live earnest work. Meetings are held regularly each month, and occasionally there is a public meeting. They have also arranged with their pastor for a missionary sermon each fifth Sunday. Amount raised \$10.35. Since writing the above I have received reports from Secretary Mrs. Burr, who sends reports from four more societies, viz., Fredericton, which holds monthly meetings, and numbers 24 members, sends \$33.25. Upper Caverhill meets occasionally, has 16 members and sends \$11.00. Mapleton meets irregularly, has 6 members, and sends \$13.67. Central Southampton does not hold meetings, has 6 members, and sends \$6.00. Upper Queensbury Society is reported dead. Mrs. George Ebbett sends \$1.00; Mrs. B. Goodspeed, Nashua, sends \$1.00; Mrs. Gideon Swin sends \$1.00; Charlie Knox, a little boy six years old, 1 cent. By collection at public meeting \$5.50. Since the report from Millville was received a lady (did not get name) contributed 50 cents. Total amount of money reported raised in district \$94.08. The Secretary says that Miss Crowdon the Asst. Secy. rendered efficient help. We are glad to receive so full and encouraging a report from this Dist. Hope next year to hear of still further advances being made in this good work.

4th. Dist. This Dist. is still at work and gives a cheery report we are pleased and thankful for the interest awakened in our work in this Dist. during the last few years. In this Dist. we have 8 societies viz., Blissville, Upper Gagetown, Waasis, Rusagornish, Geary, Waterville, Fredericton Junction and Patterson Settlement. Blissville Society holds monthly meetings has 12 members sends \$37.27 the largest amt. raised since it was organized. Waasis Society is doing well sends \$4.30. Rusagornish Society does not hold meetings only one sister contributed, Miss Annie Smith, \$1.00. Geary does not hold meetings only one sister contributed this year twenty-five cents. Waterville did not report. P'ton Junction meets every month, has 13 members sends \$26.20. Upper Gagetown Society has interesting monthly meetings sends \$9.27. The Mite Society in connection with this Society is doing good work, raised this year \$13.85 total \$23.12. Patterson Settlement did not report. Have since learned they raised \$22.00. The Vice President of Mill Settlement church sends \$2.10. The Vice President of Oronocto church sends \$1.00. The Annual Meeting was profitable. Collection at public meeting \$8.48. Total amt. raised in Dist. as reported \$125.72 being an increase of \$14.67 from last year. In closing her report the Secy says "The interest in missionary work in this Dist. seems to be increasing. The more I become acquainted with the work the better I like it, may the dear Lord keep us and bless us as he has in the past."

5th. Dist. The Secy of this Dist. writes "the work in this Dist. is not increasing as fast as I would like to see it yet among many there is a growing interest." Only three Societies have reported. 4th Society Hampstead numbers 5 raised \$24.18. They have some very earnest workers. Among whom we might mention Mrs. J. G. McKenzie and Miss J. A. Stockford as deeply engaged in this work. 3rd Society Hampstead sends \$2.40. 1st church Greenwich sends

\$1.00. Lake View church \$1.00. 2nd church Wickham \$7.25. Greenwich Society \$11.00. Making a total of \$46.74. 1st and 2nd Hampstead Societies have not reported. The Secy. says "we deeply regret the death of one of our earnest workers Mrs. George Palmer who was always ready and willing to do all she could for the advancement of the mission cause, but we know she has gone to reap her reward." Tenderly and reverently would we too speak of our departed sister. In this society she will be missed. For a number of years our sister was present to help and encourage in our work. In closing her report the Secy. says "I very much regret I cannot be present at your Annual Meetings. Do not forget to pray for this District that God may help us to be more in earnest about this important work."

6th. Dist. In this Dist. we have reports from 21 Societies viz. Dover which sends \$6.10. Taylor Village earnestly working away keeping up its interesting monthly prayer meetings with a president over 80 years of age sends \$9.00. Moncton owing to being misinformed at the last Annual Meeting in regard to finances only raised \$4.00. Upper Coverdale sends \$7.00. Petitcodiac \$3.55. Graves Settlement \$3.10. Portage \$3.25. Lewis Mt. \$6.28. Wheaton Sett. \$5.24. Lower Ridge \$7.45. Corn Hill has interesting Monthly Meetings send \$14.50. The faithful little band at New Town send \$3.30. Penobscus faithful aever send \$15.75. Sussex has always done well this year sends \$28.30. Apohaqui sends \$5.00. Norton has taken an advance step sends \$6.25. Mid Land meets yearly send \$10.70. Snider Mt. sends \$2.32. Mills'cream Mt. sends \$8.30. Lower Millstream sends \$16.20. Lower Millstream Sunday School Mission Band towards the support of Basudeb \$3.50. From the funds of the Dist. Society for Rev. A. B. Boyer's Book Room \$5.00, from the funds of the Dist. Society for the incident fund of the Parent Society \$5.00. Total \$179.09, being an increase of \$15.64, over amt. raised last year. In nearly all of the churches in Dist. Societies have been organized. When no societies have been organized the Dist. Society has appointed Vice-Presidents. Two societies organized by Miss Hooper in 1884, which had never reported before have contributed this year while some who reported last year have failed to report this year. The annual business meeting was quite well attended, and the business promptly done. One or more Ladies from every society was called upon to report their Society which was interesting and instructive. By request of Chairman of District we united with Dist. Foreign Mission Society in a public missionary meeting which was interesting and helpful. Collection \$15.20, which was equally divided between the two Societies. The Secy says she visited the societies at Moncton and Dover, and trusts that neither of these meetings were in vain. She also adds, "When will our sisters realize it a blessed privilege as well as a duty to meet and pray for our missionaries, and more consecration of ourselves to Christ our great example of sacrifice?"

7th. Dist. This District has 8 Societies viz. North Head, numbers 34 members, holds monthly meetings, sends \$50.00. St. John, holds monthly meetings, has 30 members, sends \$38.83. Carleton has 23 members, holds monthly meetings, raised \$35.75. Beaver Harbour meets every fortnight has 8 members, sends \$14.15. Wilson's Beach has 6 members, sends \$7.00. Chocolate Cove has 9 members, sends \$12.00. Mrs. Babcock collected at Grand Harbour \$7.70, and at Seal Cove \$6.05, making a total of \$171.48, being a decrease from last year of \$24.21. In closing her report the Secy. says that the two greatest needs of our work are earnest consecrated Christian lives in the individual membership of our Societies. Societies may be started, but without work they cannot be kept up, and we must have our hearts filled with love to Christ before we are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to do that work. Thesecond need is knowledge. It is impossible to be interested in what one knows nothing about. And it is a fact, whether they are to blame or not, that a great number of our people know very little about our mission work."

Thus sisters I have gone over your work done in the Foreign and Home fields, and given you as brief and careful a statement as I could. While much has been done, much remains yet to be done. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth more laborers into the vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. W. WEYMAN.

It is announced that a factory chimney has been erected, entirely composed of paper. A large factory at Breslau required a chimney fifty-four feet in height. Instead of using the customary bricks, a large number of solid blocks of paper firmly compressed were made use of. These blocks were placed carefully one on the top of the other and joined together with special cement. The chimney is non-inflammable, very elastic, and by nature of its material quite secure from lightning, which so often plays sad havoc with the more ordinary sort of factory chimneys.