

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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CHAKRABARTI SAREN.



The above is a picture of another young Hindu adopted by the Women's Mission Society of the Second District. Mrs. Secord, secretary of the District Society, sends the following letters to be published with the picture. The first is from Rev. G. H. Hamlen, the missionary in charge at Balasore, India.

BALASORE,
December 3, 1903.

Dear Dr. Secord,—I was very glad to receive your letter this last mail, telling of the promised support of three more boys. It is cheering to know of increasing interest in the workers and the children.

I have asked the older boy, Chakrabarti Saren, to write you a letter about himself, and will send it along with his photo. He is a very good boy, quiet and studious, and a regular attendant at church and C. E. meetings. I think I told you he is a member of the church. He has only one older brother living, I believe, his father and mother and all the rest of the family being dead. His grandfather was one of the salt of the earth, I am told, and brought the boy up. He died this year. Both boys are here in the same class. They are rivals for the first place in the class, and the chances in favor of the younger, I think. But they are very brotherly in it all. If they keep well, they will have three more years in school. They have been with us two years already. I think I told you they are Santals. The Santals are a large race of aborigines, of whom many live in our mission field. They are a simple, vigorous people, and whom mission work is more promising than among Oringas or Bengalis, for they have no caste, and are much less persecuted when they become

Christians. Chakrabarti hopes to fit himself for a worker among his own people, I believe.

Very sincerely yours,
GEO. H. HAMLEN.

This letter is from Chakrabarti, himself:

BALASORE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL,
December 8, 1902.

Dear Dr. E. C. Secord,—

In order to give you a brief history of my life, I sit down to write a few lines, and thus introduce myself to you. After a week of my birth, at Bhimpur, my father left me in this world. My mother was then all to me. When I grew up to the age of nine years, my dear mother, who was all the world to me, left me in this wide, selfish world. At present I am an orphan, have nobody in this world except my elder brother and old grandmother. I am of sixteen years of age now. My grandfather helped us in getting all the education we have received. On completing our education at home, then he sent us to the Christian high school in December, 1900. He died in June 18th, 1902. So at present we are utterly helpless, having not a single soul to care and think of us.

I publicly accepted Christ in 1899, and was baptized. Since then He has been a personal helper to me, and although this world went hard against me, yet I have had sufficient strength and grace from Him to overcome all the obstacles and troubles.

On hearing from Mr. Hamlen that you are going to support me, I was exceedingly glad. I thank God. He has not left me as I used to think, but He has induced you to send a helping hand to His unworthy and weak boy.

Now, my brother and I are reading in the fourth class. We will have our annual examination on the 6th January, 1903. I expect to be promoted to the third class after this examination. Then I shall have to study three years more and then appear in the entrance examination. Pray for me so that I may be successful, and that I may prove a faithful servant to my Lord.

I am indebted to your society for life, for helping me, and, in return, I pray God that He may shower blessings upon you and encourage you in doing good to others in this way.

Your brother in Christ,
CHAKRABARTI SAREN,
C. H. School, Balasore,
India.

To the Superintendents of the Mission Bands.

Dear Christian Workers,—

The time of the meeting of the District Meetings is near at hand. In each of the seven districts there are more or less Bands. It is desired to have a report from each Band, such report to be forwarded to the secretary of the District Meeting, either through the secretary-treasurer of the Woman's society in your own place, if there is one, or to the secretary of the district. Each Band will take notice that a full account of all money raised by the Band is expected, and for what purpose, whether for home or foreign work. I will, as far as possible, send blanks to fill out. All such reports will need to be sent in at least three weeks before the time of the meeting of the District Meeting.

Your brother in the work,
J. N. BARNES.
Jacksontown, C. Co.,
May 19, 1903.

Rusiagornis Station Mission Band.

Perhaps some of the readers who are interested in missions would like to hear from our "Band." We re-organized at the beginning of the year with only five members. We now have an enrolment of eighteen members.

The officers are as follows: Mrs. T. T. Mersereau, superintendent; Miss Della Gereau, assistant superintendent; Gertrude Nason, president; Margaret Mott, vice-president; Helen G. Mersereau, secretary; Cora Waugh, treasurer. Sunday evening, March 15th, we had an entertainment. The programme was as follows:

Singing, by Band....Send the Light. Scripture reading, responsively—96 Ps. Prayer....by Mr. T. T. Mersereau. Singing....Speed Away. Roll call, to which each member answered by repeating a Scripture text.

Reading of minutes....by Secretary. Singing....Winning Souls for Jesus. Opening recitation...by Margaret Mott. Solo....by Alma Mott. Reading—The Missionary's Dream....By Della Gereau. Duet—Send Out the Sunlight....By Helen Phillips and Helen Mersereau.

Recitation....The Gleaners. By Clara Howland, Alma Mott and Mary L. Sullivan.

Singing by Band....Labor On. Dialogue....What's the Use. By several girls.

Duet....The Call for Volunteers. By Mabel C. Mott and Carrie E. Mersereau.

Questions were then asked on "India Our Mission Field," answered by the different members of the Band, at the close of which the superintendent made an earnest appeal in behalf of missions, and urged upon the parents to take a greater interest in the work, and encourage the boys and girls to join the Band.

Recitation....The Little Missionary. By Mary L. Sullivan.

A Missionary Prayer...by Alma Mott. Recitation....A Boy's Speech. By Willie Sullivan.

The collection was taken and amounted to \$3.06.

Singing....Bring Them In. Closing Recitation...by Helen Mersereau.

An Address...by Bro. Charles Phillips. Closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

HELEN G. MERSEREAU,
Secretary.

Rusiagornis Station.

APPOINTMENTS FOR JUNE.

- 1.—Sabbath, June 7th, the church at Charleston, at 11 a. m.; Lakeville, 7.30 p. m.
- 2.—Sabbath, June 14th, at Gordonsville, 11 a. m.; Lower Perth 7.30 p. m.
- 3.—Sabbath, June 21st, at Beachwood, 11 a. m.; Lower Perth, 7.30 p. m.

Collections will be taken for the mission.

I will (D. V.) attend the Second District Meeting.

J. N. BARNES.

"UNREMITTING SUPPORTERS. — Dr. Briggs, in charge of the Methodist Publishing House, Toronto, reposting to General Conference on the subscription list of the *Christian Guardian*, the principal Canadian Methodist paper, had to touch on the fact that many subscribers were in arrears. He said: "The paper has hosts of friends. All over the country are those who boast of being unremitting supporters of the *Guardian*. But, for my part, I would prefer that they should be occasionally remitting supporters!"

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