

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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A LETTER FROM MRS. SUNDER.

Dear *Intelligencer*,—An appeal has reached me from India which I can but pass on to you for those it is intended to reach. It is from New Brunswick's old missionary, Mrs. Mary Phillips, the widow of Dr. James Phillips. She has been for some years alone at Santipore with heart and hands full. Many of the *INTELLIGENCER'S* readers may remember her as one of those unselfish, saintly women who saw good in everybody and light in the darkest night. She writes: "Letters are doubly dear in this lonely, lonely place. Were you ever at Santipore? It is a dear little spot, though lonely, and thirty miles from anywhere. Jordan—a most troublesome Jordan—rolls between it and everywhere else, nearly. Sometimes it is so dry no boat can cross it, and then it is so high no mortal dares to. Hence there are sometimes days and days when we have no communication from the outside world, but there are a thousand compensations. First are my boys. How I do love them! How they do help me! You, maybe, more than any other worker, can understand how good boys can be when you really and unselfishly love them. My girls are even more lovable, but they seldom cost me the same anxiety, hence I put them second. We have quite a flourishing Industrial School and a kindergarten; but, O, how we do need funds! I am so staggered and overwhelmed some days for the want of money. Where are the dear New Brunswick people who so liberally helped us (my husband and me)? Where are the societies which a few daring women (few women were at the front in those days) helped me organize in the early part of 1876, nearly thirty years ago? A new generation supports and animates them now, doubtless. The dear women I met, as "ships meet at sea," have gone up higher, and from their heavenly homes are helping on the weary workers who fill their places here below. I can't help believing many of those societies would gladly send us the help we so sorely need. Who so well as you, who love your boys so truly and was so truly loved by them, can tell these same societies how I want money to carry on the industrial work and thus teach our young people to work? Money to send some away to school; money for the kindergarten; money for the S. S. library and Bible women and dear little schools outside the village. Try for us, won't you? I have twelve pupils kindergarten teachers. The home treasury is very low, and I fear I can't keep up these classes. If you could only get some of our dear

old friends to take scholarships of \$25 and send me the money by Postal Money Order at once, how my heart would bound with gratitude. Maybe you can. Try if you can, won't you?"

This is Mrs. Phillips' appeal. It was suggested to me that the men's board might make an appropriation for Mrs. Phillips' work at General Conference. Would not that be a good way to make the heart of your first missionary bound with gratitude and help on the Lord's work?

Yours sincerely,
 CLARA I. SUNDER.

Woodstock, August 1903.

WHAT THEY EAT.

A distinguished Hindoo said to a missionary recently, "We do not fear your preaching so much, because we need not hear it. We do not fear your books, because we need not read them. We do not fear your schools, because we need not send our children to them. But your lady doctors are stealing our hearts, and your zenana workers are stealing our homes, and when hearts and homes are gone what is left?"

RISING.

Women are rising in India. Native ladies have been appointed inspectors of schools in Madras and Bombay, Miss Lilavati Singh as professor in the Lucknow College, Miss Sorabji in the law, Dr. Rukmabai in the Surat Hospital. Other names could readily be added to the list. Pundita Ramabai is unique. Where shall we place her? Her work for widows, begun before the decade, expanded to the Sharada Sandan at Poona, but far more than this is the wonderful village at Mukti, where nearly 2,000 women and children are brought into the fold of Christ, shepherded, befriended, taught and trained.

Mission Notes and News

—The eight Baptist churches of Rangoon, Burma, have organized a city missionary society.

—There are 20,000 communicants in the churches of the twelve Protestant Societies doing mission work in Mexico, and about 50,000 adherents.

—Baptists in Japan number 35, outside places of regular work 94, church members 2,277, Sunday schools 97, with a membership of 3,965.

—A gracious revival at Colovin Bay, Alaska, 85 miles east of Nome, is reported by a Nome paper. Over 100 persons, mostly Eskimos, are said to have been brought to a saving knowledge of Christ.

—The census report of India says: "The principal feature in the last ten years is the enormous increase in native Christians, amounting to almost 200 per cent.

—There is great need for Bible women in North China. Calls come from the country districts where the Boxer persecution was worst, asking for some

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—There is now in Uganda, Africa, 1,070 church buildings, a Sunday school of over 50,000, a church attendance of over 100,000, and the first baptism occurred about twenty years ago.

—Late estimates give Japan a Christian population of 46,165 converts, with 550 or 600 missionaries in the field. The Presbyterians and Congregationalists are the largest bodies doing missionary work in this promising country.

—Dr. David H. Greer rightly declares that foreign missions are not only foreign missions; they are home missions purifying the home life with that larger conception of charity, redeeming the home life with that worthier conception of Christ which they teach and give.

—It is a beautiful custom of the Moravian church in Germany, to charge itself with the care of the children of its foreign missionaries. These children are gathered for their education in a large boarding school, but when the vacations occur, each young person is received into some family and is treated as one of themselves.

—The accessions from heathenism to Christianity number about a quarter of a million annually. Competent authorities give the population of the world as 1,544,500,000. Of this great total 535,000,000 are Christians. Mahammedans number 245,000,000; Confucianists 300,000,000; Brahmanists 214,500,000. Jews number nearly 11,000,000.

—Missionary enthusiasm is not a matter of heredity, but there are cases where it seems to run in family lines. A very marked case is that of the Scudder family of our church, says the *New York Christian Intelligencer*. All the sons, and the greater number of the grandchildren have been, or are engaged in the work inaugurated by the father, Dr. John Scudder, of India. In some measure this is true of the Chamberlain family. Another instance is that of the editor-in-chief of the *Missionary Review of the World*, the Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Pierson. All of his seven children are engaged in mission work. There are five daughters and seven sons. One of the daughters is laboring in Japan, another among the Indians of Arizona, another in Calcutta, and two are city missionaries in New York and Philadelphia. One son is managing editor of the *Review*, and another is about going to Central America.

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