

for the Ottawa, and Miss P. M. Chandler, for the Eastern, what wonder that from the Circles all along the line sounds a note of prayer and progress.

A new Circle has been formed at Clarenceville, and one re-organized at Sherbrooke in the Eastern, and also at Vankleek Hill, in the Ottawa Association. Mrs. Moulton reports a Circle in every church, with one exception, in the Canada Central Association.

The days of prayer in April and November were observed by many of the Circles and have proved a blessing. Your Board has felt that the greatest need of the work is more frequent, earnest and united prayer. Prayer and missions are inseparable. "If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it."

*Our Treasury.*—Our Treasurer's report is so full of good news, that we need not touch on this feature of the work. The total receipts for the year are, exclusive of balance, \$2,215.34, the largest amount raised in one year by our Society, on record. That the money has come in answer to continued and united prayer is without doubt.

In accordance with the request of the General Board to permit the cut, which amounted to about 9% on the native work in India, to fall on our part of the work also, your Board agreed with deep regret, wishing to lighten the burden already on the shoulders of the General Society. The deficit of the General Board has lain very heavily on our hearts during the past months, and when a letter from our sister, Mrs. N. McCallum, of Vankleek Hill, was received, with an earnest appeal that the twenty dollars enclosed should be used as a "nest-egg" towards gathering funds for the deficit, we forwarded it for publication in the LINK. As a result of this the "nest-egg" grew to \$68.45, and this sum was augmented at Miss Murray's request, by fifty dollars, being part of the balance of collections taken during her tour. In this way we have been permitted to share in reducing this terrible debt which is such a drawback to the work in India.

*The Outlook.*—With such a record of encouragement along all lines of work during the past year, we feel that we can commence the service of the new year with great thankfulness, that we realize that the money given indicates a growth in interest and faithfulness of the workers at home.

What our future work will be demands careful consideration, and your Board does not feel able at present to make any suggestion, but we trust before long to place before you our future plans and undertake the work which appears most urgent.

Never has there been so much cause for encouragement. Let us go forward into the new year with the commands and promises of God, on which to base our work in time to come.

*Miss Murray.*—We have felt during the past year that a great part of our interest in the home-land, lay in the person of our devoted and

consecrated missionary, Miss Annie C. Murray. It is gratifying to be able to state that her furlough has brought our missionary health and strength and she is now preparing to sail from New York, on Oct. 24th on the *Minneapolis*, and then from London on the *Persia* of the P. & O. line on Nov. 6th, and will probably reach Canada about Dec. 1st. Miss Robinson, missionary for Manitoba and the North-west, and Miss Clark, of the Maritime Mission Society, will be her travelling companions. Our prayer is that God may bless her in her preparations and give her journeying mercies.

As it was thought advisable by your Board that Miss Murray should visit during her furlough as many of the Circles as possible, in order to become acquainted with her supporters and have an opportunity of telling of the work to which her life is devoted, during the months of June and July, our missionary cheerfully rendered this service.

Miss Murray visited Circles in the three Associations, speaking night after night and often with services in the day also, in twenty-eight places in all. We were a little afraid that we were asking too much of her after her arduous toil in India, but we were relieved to find, that not only had she stood the wear and tear of public speaking well, but was full of the enjoyments of the tour.

There is no doubt that her words and presence will deepen the responsibility resting upon our women for their sisters in India and prove a stimulus to missionary activity.

It is expected that Miss Murray's future work will be on the Yellamanchili field. At Dr. Smith's request, your Board passed a resolution approving of this arrangement, subject to the action of Conference in India.

*Akidu Girls' Boarding School.*—As Mrs. Chute, who has had charge of this school for so long, is on furlough, we have received no report regarding the school work: Miss Morrow, missionary of the Western Society, is alone on this large field and has the oversight of the whole work, until other provision is made. Nineteen names were on the roll during the year and the health of the children has been unusually good. Fees have been received from all the girls with one exception. One girl has been baptized.

*Vuyyuru Work among the Women and Children.*—Miss Selman, missionary of the Western Society, has charge of this work and reports that the three Bible-women, Mariamma, Jane and Catherine, are at work on the field. None of these women are strong and Miss Selman finds that the great need is for more workers.

The widow of whom we heard in last year's report is in training in the Boarding School. She is studying well and has conducted several meetings of the women of her own village, but it will probably be two years before her education will be sufficient to make her a very useful worker.