

Colobour, (\$2.03 Thank-offering), \$9.38; Canboro, \$3; Norwich, Thank-offering, \$3.20; Toronto, Parliament St., (\$3.55 Thank-offering), \$6.10; Lakeshore, Calvary, Thank-offering, \$9.40; Ridgeway, Thank-offering, \$2.32; Toronto, Western Ch., (\$7.10 Thank-offering), \$9.68; Villa Nova, \$5.14; Oshawa, \$2; Tiverton, (\$3 Thank-offering), \$10; London, Adelaide St., (\$4.30 special collection and \$10.18 Thank-offering), \$14.48. Total, \$601.43.

FROM BANDS.—Boston, \$5; Petrolia, Thank-offering, \$3; Lindsay, for Bonu Krupavati, \$7; Haldimand, \$1.50; Port Huron, \$1.20; St Catharines, Lyman St., \$1; London, Egerton St., Thank-offering, \$3.75; London, Adelaide St., Junior, \$8.80; Bawdley, \$3; Belleville, \$2; Paris, \$10; Delhi, for N. Kate, \$9; Wyoming, Junior, Thank-offering, \$1.30; Wyoming, Senior, (\$1 Thank-offering), \$1.80; Forest (?) \$2.25. Total, \$60.00.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Tiverton, Helping-Hand Society, \$1.30; Interest on Deposit, \$22.80; Thank-offering from sisters of Rodney Church, \$1.50; Delhi, B. Y. P. U., for N. Kate, \$8.75; Binbrook, Ladies' Aid Society, \$3. Total, \$37.44.

Total receipts during the month, \$699.47.

Disbursements.

To General Treasurer :

Regular Work in India.....	\$444 00
Extra: From "New Missionary Fund" for Miss Morrow.....	43 75
Bolivia Mission, from Stroud M. C.....	2 00
From Special Account, for Dr. Pearl Chute's Medical Work.....	25 00
Total.....	\$514 75

Home Expenses :

One-half account for printing Instructions to Association Directors.....	\$ 1 00
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Total disbursements during the month.....	\$555 75
Total receipts since May 1, 1898.....	\$5631 36
Total disbursements since May 1, 1898.....	\$6267 70

By mistake in last month's statement, only the disbursements in the General Account were included: the total should read, \$5711.95, instead of \$5601.17.

VIOLET ELLIOT, Treasurer.

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A missionary writes that he is often puzzled by having some one in his walks come suddenly upon him and ask the meaning of a particular passage, simply referring to it by chapter and verse. For instance, a man will come upon him and ask: "What is the meaning of Matthew xxi: 33? Or, what do you understand by John x: 10?" In the class he was asked the question, "Can you not connect John xii: 2, with John ii: 19?" How many Christians are there in the United States who could answer these questions without referring to their Bibles? And yet those people in Uganda have only had the New Testament in their language since 1893!—*Missionary Herald*.

In 1850 you could buy a man in the Fiji Islands for seven dollars, butcher him and eat him, without even a public remonstrance. To-day the Bible is in nearly every house, and on Sunday nine-tenths of the people may be found assembled in the churches for public worship. What about the power and profit of foreign missions.—*The Missionary Review of the World*.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:—"We are labourers together with God."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY:—For Bimlipatam, its Missionaries, and Mission Helpers—that the seed so patiently sown, may bring forth an abundant harvest. For our Mission Bands and their Leaders.

THE FOUNT OF LIFE.

"With Thee is the fountain of life."—Psalm xxxvi. 9.

Fount of fire, eternal flame,
Now and evermore the same,
Light of life, we bless the name,
Shedding brightness o'er us.

Son of God, our hearts inspire,
Grant us tongues and thoughts of fire:
Let our souls in worship tire,
Shed Thy brightness o'er us.

Son of Man, our footsteps guide,
Grant us light at eventide,
Lead us where still waters glide,
Shed Thy brightness o'er us.

Light of love, arise and shine,
Spread abroad Thy beams Divine:
Till the sad dark earth is Thine,
Shed Thy brightness o'er us.

—HOWARD T. N. USSHER.

Let the above be our prayer for the New Year, my fellow-workers; and may it be answered in every one of us.

MAPS A NECESSITY FOR MISSION BANDS.

How many Mission Bands use maps? Those taking up the study of our foreign fields should own a complete set, so that they may be familiar with the localities where our missionaries work so faithfully. To meet this want, Mrs. W. H. Clarke, of St. Stephen, N. B., has undertaken to supply our Bands with maps of the following fields. They are printed on one yard of cotton, and a brief description of the country represented is given with each, thus rendering them doubly useful. Proceeds of sales are exclusively for missions. An outline map of the World with all the mission countries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, marked, large size, \$1.00. Trinidad and North Formosa, each 50 cts. The New Hebrides and North Honan, each 25 cts. Korea, 30 cts. British Guiana, 30 cts.

The above is from *The Message*, the monthly visitor to the Presbyterian Women's Mission Circles. In a private letter, Mrs. Clarke says:—"I was at the Aid Society this afternoon, when Miss Wright brought before us the needs of the Hospital at Chicacoole. I was so interested in the work, and what had already been done, that I said, if I could get Maps to do for the Bands, I would give the first five dollars toward the Hospital. My map