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THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W. B. F. M. S. OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 2nd. 1900.

The work of this Society since our last report has been moving in the same general lines as heretofore. During the Convention year your Board has been called upon to part with two of its very earnest workers, Mrs. W. F. Graham, one of our Vice-Presidents and Directress of the Eastern Association, and Mrs. Vaux, Directress of the Canada Central. The removal of both these sisters to the west was a source of deep regret to us all. Let us pray that others may be raised up to take the places of these who have served our Society so faithfully and well.

We have also to record the death of one of the members of your Board, Mrs. Woodworth, of Montreal. She took a deep interest in Mission work and was a faithful attendant at the Executive Meetings while health permitted.

It is proper also, that attention should here be called to the death of Miss Jennie McArthur, of Cornwall, for many years a member of this Society and always an earnest and active worker on behalf of Foreign missions.

Miss McArthur showed her unabated interest by leaving us residuary legatees of her property in equal shares with the General Home Missionary Society. As the process of winding up the estate is a slow and very intricate one, we have no accurate idea as to what our share will be.

The Associational Directresses have contributed by their earnestness invaluable aid in carrying on the work of our Society. Mrs. D. McLaurin is still at the head of the Ottawa Association and early in the year visited the Circles in her district, encouraging the members and inciting them to new interest. She reports a new Circle at Dalesville.

Miss P. M. Chandler, of Coaticook, has been appointed Directress of the Eastern Association, and Mrs. Frank Knowlton, of Chantry, Ont., one of our former Directresses has resumed the charge of the Canada Central.

New Circles have been formed at the Tabernacle and French Baptist churches, Montreal, and a Band is reported at Almonte.

To turn to our work in India:

Miss Murray is still at Cocanada taking charge of the Girls' Boarding school, while *Miss Baskerville* is on furlough. She finds the work of teaching upon which she is engaged interesting, and feels that she is now beginning to really understand and master the details of the school work.

It is seven years this fall since our missionary left Canada and she writes thus. "That is quite a long time and yet I am not homesick but feel equal to another seven. I think, upon *Miss Baskerville's* return I shall be quite ready for another spell of field work, if it is God's will. How good of God to give me such good health. The Indian climate quite agrees with me."

We at home, should be very grateful that *Miss Murray* has been spared from famine, plague and drought. Although not in the so called famine district she writes that prices are exceptionally high, and the natives as a rule are so poor that great suffering is endured by the lower castes for want of food.

Akidu.—It was recommended by Conference in India to divide the estimate for the Akidu Girl's Boarding School, which our Society supports, and give half to Vuyyuru as the Vuyyuru girls do not take advantage of the Akidu school, and to send the boys, who are much more anxious to learn to Akidu. In order to save the expense of a new building the boys' dormitories in Vuyyuru, will be used for the girls.

Mrs. Chute, M.D., reports as follows:

"It has always been very hard to get the girls to come so far. Most of them come over sixty miles and have to walk all the way as there is no cart road and it is out of the question to take the train, as Vuyyuru is 20 miles from the railway at that end and we are about 25 miles from the station at this. Formerly the clothes were an inducement for the girls to come. Yet Vuyyuru girls have never had the chance they should have. Instead of being represented by twenty or more, we have never had more than eight Vuyyuru girls. In spite of all inducements girls will not go so far away from home, they do not care enough for education on the one hand, and on