

as this year, and I never felt so well. To the Heavenly Father be all the glory.

Very sincerely yours,

F. M. STOVEL.

Mudanapilly, India,

July 27th, 1897.

MISS HATCH writes, August 6th :

"Two weeks ago I brought Miss McLeod to Poddapur, and gave her over into Mr. and Mrs. Walker's hands, took leave of them all and started bravely on tour. We found cholera in three or four of the villages we visited, and in one place heard that two who had died of cholera were strangers coming from the famine districts of the north, had been thrown into the canal. We stayed in the canal a couple of days longer and then came into another canal where it was not so bad. After being about eight days I intended having my monthly meeting in the bungalow and moving in the next day to the south side. But while in the compound a boy took cholera there, so I fought all day Sunday with that, though I myself did not go near him as his father and mother were with him. I administered medicines and gave advice and sent here and there for disinfectants, made a free use of carbolic acid, sulphur and tar, and through the providence of God stopped the plague. The boy began to mend in the afternoon but my courage somewhat failed and I telegraphed for Mr. Walker—(Miss Hatch was suffering from a very heavy cold at the time.) To add to this, the water we were drinking was close by the well where the boy was ill. Although he was isolated as soon as we knew, still he had been a few hours ill before they had said anything of it, and another well where we can have water was out of repair. I set men to work to finish repairing at once and to add to the list of misfortunes the bread that should have come on Saturday missed, so I was in the house without bread or water or just about without, and these are two very necessary articles of diet with me, and still another quite unusual thing the milk went sour that Monday morning. I had ordered an extra quantity from a part of the village where there is no cholera, in hopes to have it to quench my thirst. It was Sunday that the boy was ill all day; Mr. Walker came in on his wheel early on Monday morning, bringing bread and water and good cheer. I don't think I was ever so glad as I was of that bread and water. No luxuries ever tasted so good. Mr. Walker thought I was looking very badly and told me I must leave. I hated to do so, but the lad was getting better, there was not really anything I could do, but the others were very sorry to have me go because they felt safer with me there. I arrived here (Oocanada) Monday night and word keeps coming that they are all well in R— so I have stayed the week out here. Many are dying in the

villages near there. . . . Eleven are dying a day they say in Poddapur. Two boys have died in the Boarding School there, the others have been dismissed. I am taking a big supply of cholera mixture disinfectants and so on, and this few days rest has quite set me up. I have also been able to get much writing done.

## Work at Home.

### THE CONVENTION AT KEMPTVILLE.

The Convention of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, met at Kemptville, Ont., Oct. 6th. At the close of a prayer-meeting led by Mrs. Halkett, the President Mrs. Claxton took the chair.

Mrs. Coleman gave the address, and was replied to by Mrs. Halkett.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, and different committees, as well as the Cor. Secretary's report, were given.

Mrs. Halkett spoke on behalf of the LINK, stating it should be in every home, as it was indeed a link connecting us with our missionaries.

The Treasurer reported receipts for the year, \$1382. A full report will appear in the LINK. For the first time in the history of the Society, there is a deficit in the treasury of about \$165. It was suggested that the Circles, as the Society has reached its twenty-first year, might have a "Birthday-party" or "Thank-offering" day, to make up this amount.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mrs. Claxton, who has been our President for so many years and has done her work so faithfully, resigned that office and accepted that of Hon. President. Mrs. E. W. Daddon was elected in her place. Mrs. Bentley and Miss Green also resigning as Rec. Secretary and Cor. Secretary respectively. We regret their loss to the committee, as they have also worked faithfully. Miss Florence Tester was then elected Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Hibbard Ayer Cor. Secretary, and Miss Scott still retains the office of Treasurer.

The sum of \$1430 was appropriated for 1897-'98. They are as follows:—\$600 for Miss Murray; Akidu Girls' School \$400; Zenana workers, Cocanada, \$250; Samulcotta Seminary \$150; Vuyyuru work \$130.

The meeting then adjourned.

In the afternoon session, after a short prayer service led by Mrs. Parson, the President, Mrs. Claxton, took the chair, and addressed us, encouraging and exhorting us to go on with the work.

Mrs. Graham gave a very interesting paper on Mission Band-work. Three things mentioned as necessary to success in that work, and they are the choice of a good