

castes are represented among her patients. The missionary, however, pays no attention to the caste distinctions. The hospital is self-supporting.

Mrs. Johnston conducted a question drawer in which many questions were asked and answered relating to Mission Circle and Band work.

Two resolutions were presented and adopted by the Convention, one of heartiest appreciation of and gratitude to the ladies of Aylmer for their unparalleled kindness and hospitality; the other, asking for Government measures to control the cigarette smoking.

Rev. E. J. Skobo opened the evening session with the reading of the sixty-eighth Psalm and prayer, after which Rev. H. C. Priest, of Tunj, India, gave an address on "Seven years among the Telegus." Half of the human race is in heathenism and only one-third has as yet heard the Gospel. The land of India is peopled with 300,000,000 people under the village system. Seventy-one per cent of these are dependent on agriculture and pasture; which fact makes famine doubly disastrous. The lack of a national language makes missionary work very difficult. There are one hundred different languages with fifty dialects. Their religions are as numerous as their languages: Hinduism, Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Parsee and Judaism. India is a land of contrasts. The missionaries see immense wealth existing side by side with the direst poverty. One meal a day is the regular allowance of 40,000,000 people. Caste, affecting religious, social, and economic life is the greatest obstacle to the spread of Christianity. In Mr. Priest's own field of Tunj are 200,000 people living in 200 villages scattered over an area of 500 square miles, and he, with a little band of native workers, are the only evangelizing agencies at work.

The first week of each month is devoted by the missionary to his assistants. He hears their reports, counsels them and teaches them the Word. He then starts out on tour to the villages where thirty or forty will gather on the street while the missionary preaches and sings, and answers their questions. These questions, asked more often than otherwise by the ignorant and totally uneducated classes, show the acuteness of the Telegu mind. "What is the origin of evil?" "Is the Devil greater than God?" "If not, why the existence of sin?" "Why did Christ come as a child?" Such questions as

these can come only from thinking minds, and call forth the best from the missionary.

This work of missions is a huge farce from a human standpoint, but the greatest results are those that cannot be tabulated; the undermining and overthrowing of Hinduism; the craving of these people's souls after God and His truth.

Rev. J. A. K. Walker, of Renfrew, Ont., gave the closing address of the Convention, on "Face to Face with Heathenism." We must not make the mistake of considering heathenism a synonym for ignorance; for India, while steeped in heathenism, has the remnants of one of the most wonderful civilizations that the world has ever seen. The intellect of the educated Hindu is keen and subtle and only with one as keen and subtle can he be met. They have there in some branches the highest development of art, an example of which is the magnificent Tag Mal, one of the seven wonders of the world. They now have their railways, canals and telegraph systems. What is God's purpose in sending Britain into this wonderful country? In tones unmistakable He is saying: "Go ye . . . and make disciples of all the nations." If the moral and religious tone of a nation is determined by the status of the women, India has sunk very low. The place intended for her by God and by nature is not hers in India. She is unwelcome from her babyhood and formerly infanticide was common. Then, too, one-fifth of the women of India are widows, and 2,000,000 girls under ten are among those. So, though the Shastras do contain many beautiful morals and ethical principles, there is no life-giving power from them. The Gospel brings life and light. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. And so it has been proved in the lives of many of these people of the dark lands. Not only is it so among those who belong to the ignorant and outcast ones of India, but also of the higher castes, constituting only one-fifth of the total population. We find just as large a proportion of these coming to lay down their burden at the foot of the cross of Calvary.

Rev. R. Trotter closed with prayer this twenty-seventh birthday of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The last year was one of blessing and fruitfulness, the birthday was full of inspiration and encouragement, and we hope that through the future days all those who heard may give out to those with whom they come in contact of the inspiration received so