

over wet sand and in a pouring rain. When we were ready to return by palankin no coolies could be found, as cholera was prevalent, and we must pass three villages, and the goddess would certainly come out and get us as it was now after dark. At last the jingle of rupees, and the assurance that I was laden with cholera medicines, prevailed. Now, the distance had so increased that it was said to be six miles up the bank across by boat and six miles down the track, though they still insisted it was three miles as the crow flies. It was now midnight. At last the boat appeared, or rather two logs strung together, and the palankin and I were deposited crosswise. Every breeze that blew threatened to precipitate us overboard, but we arrived safely and went singing down the track. At the station we found that the bike lights had gone on strike, so we did the last eight miles by faith through mud and darkness. Statistical value: One call and one patient. Without trained help, with only eight beds (\$200 would provide a half-dozen more) and utterly insufficient equipment, Dr. Cameron has treated 14,000 cases. Grateful mention is made of Miss H. E. Day, who, being a trained nurse, in addition to the study of Telugu, has administered anaesthetics at the hospital and so made surgical cases possible, and who, further, has been the official sunshine of the place and Dr. Cameron's safety valve.

All of the missionaries value the prayers of the home people. In all the letters we are asked to continue to pray, to pray more earnestly, and to influence others to pray. This is our duty and our privilege, and perhaps of greater importance than we will ever know.

Miss Munro has lately been sent to Cocanada, and we shall doubtless hear good things of her.

Miss Booker is in preparation also for missionary service.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF DIRECTORS (FOREIGN) FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1920.

Ontario (West) is divided into fifteen associations, and you have listened to a short report from each Director. My duty is a light one this year, having merely to summarize what has been given in detail by them.

We have approximately 17,000 women in our churches.

Of these, 8,790 contribute to Foreign Missions through the Circles. A great field of labor is thus presented to us. We know every woman in our church should be a member of the Circle, but how to get them in is the great unanswered question.

We have taken 5,107 Links this year. This is the paper that informs and inspires us about our work in India and Bolivia. Without it we can do very little.

We have contributed \$16,179.59 to Foreign Missions this year through the Circles. Last year we gave \$15,271.73, an advance of \$907.86.

This year we have 257 Circles, last year we had 242 Circles, an advance of fifteen.

Some changes have taken place in our Directorate this year. We miss the faces of Miss McCandless, Mrs. J. L. Sloat, Mrs. Price and Mrs. McKinney. Their places have been taken by Miss Annie Crane, Mrs. W. H. Cline, Mrs. C. M. Passmore and Mrs. T. T. McDonald, of Wingham, to whom we extend a cordial welcome and wish them all success in their arduous task.

The first report to arrive came from Thunder Bay Association. In the face of many difficulties Mrs. E. E. Wood is faithful to her post in this outlying district. The inspiration and help of this convention will be a boon to her, for they have met with losses and disappointments this year.

The Northern Association has had a great uplift in having the valuable services of Mrs. F. C. Elliott for the last two years. Owing to circumstances she had to resign, but is still acting Director till someone else can be secured. North Bay Young Women's Circle is a brilliant light in that locality.

Western Association Director Mrs. J. D. Macgregor is greatly encouraged and enters on another year of service, determined to do more for her Master.

The Collingwood report was a model of neatness. Two Circles stood out quite prominently—Gravenhurst and Collingwood. With a membership of only eighteen, Gravenhurst had contributed \$100.60 to Foreign Missions. Almost \$6 per member.