

CHRISTMAS AT VELLORE, INDIA

The following letter, descriptive of Christmas among the children at Vellore, was written by an Indian woman (medical student) to Dr. Elizabeth Findlay, who at the time was visiting at Pithapuram.

"This evening at 5 p.m. I went over to the children's home. There was great excitement. Every child was out in the little court-yard, some jumping, others clapping their hands, and the wee wee babies were crawling about. Miss Petrie, her helpers and myself had decorated their Christmas tree. It was decorated with paper chains of different colors, paper flowers, tiny flags and wee artificial lanterns; also little celluloid ducks and fishes were hung here and there. We then attached the little stockings filled up with various toys, the little bags with a cake of soap in each and other tiny bags of various colors with candy in each. There were several dolls on the tree and also many other toys.

"There were about twenty children, little boys and little girls, the oldest being about eleven years old and the youngest baby about three months.

"On the arrival of Doctor and Mrs. Scudder the little children hurried into the room and one of them came out and told us that they had an entertainment for the occasion. The program had three items on it. First, a welcome song, sung by four of the girls, then a little boy came out dressed as Santa Claus. He was about seven years old. He had a long grey beard, wore a green suit with black edging to it, and a long folly and cap, and carried a number of toys in his arms.

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE W.B.F.M. BOARD.

The Mission Circles may now expect to receive extracts from foreign reports on the first of January, April and October, the Convention report to answer for the fourth quarter.

At the monthly meetings prayers have

been offered for our missionaries, for all branches of their work, their assistants and converts in India and Bolivia.

Relative to Bands the following was recommended: 1. that they be asked to raise this year for education \$1000; medical, \$750; evangelism, \$750; total, \$2500.00. Details to be worked out by Band Secretary.

2. That each year some special object be assigned to the Bands.

3. To aid the Band Secretaries in carrying out this policy and in view of the shortage of the names of available students we allot no student to any Band in future.

The Circle campaign for new members has been very successful.

Our Literature department was presented with a duplicator on its birthday last month. We now have a fully equipped office at 66 Bloor St. West, and well worth the visit of all Circle members.

Our President, Mrs. Matthews, is now on a trip through the Mediterranean, and will be away two or three months. May she have a safe and pleasant voyage.

Mrs. Doherty reports 569 new subscribers for the "Link" and Mrs. Pettit tells us of the receipt of \$1786.40 during the quarter.

Six out of fifteen Associations have reported that their Circles are willing to help undertake the cost of passage and support of Miss Pearl Scott as Missionary to India. What about other Associations?

Speakers at different Circle meetings are being continually asked for. If you know of anyone willing to help in this work, kindly correspond with Miss Gertrude Dayfoot of Georgetown, Ont.

At the last Board meeting, the following were nominated to fill vacancies on the Board:

Mrs. J. H. Rinch, St. Thomas, class '22
Mrs. J. A. Wallace, Simcoe, class '23
Mrs. E. A. Cole, Toronto, class '23
Mrs. W. R. Henderson, Toronto, class '25.

The matter of the Link and Visitor Union has been discussed and a mem-