

*Quebec.*—Again we are pleased to report the sum of \$75 contributed by this energetic Band of 31 members. Besides sending \$35 to Foreign, \$18 to Home, \$10 to Grande Ligne and \$10 to the North-West, they have sent \$10 to our Indian Mission.

*Sawyerille.*—Membership 16. Amount collected not reported. It has been for the support of a student at Akidu.

Respectfully submitted,

AMELIA MUIR.

Oct. 4th, 1902.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
FOREIGN SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S BAP-  
TIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF  
ONTARIO (WEST.)

"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness."

**T**HERE have been anxious days during the past year and some difficult problems have had to be considered, but He who commanded His disciples to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," also promised "Lo, I am with you alway." This promise has been realized as step by step we have been led in answer to prayer, in the appointment of two new missionaries this year, Miss Lida L. Pratt, of Petrolea, Ontario, and Miss Edna Corning, of Yarmouth, N. S.

When a little over a year ago Miss Pratt offered herself to the work, the Board was obliged, because of the low state of the treasury, to postpone taking any action. The promise by a lady in Petrolea, of fifty dollars a year toward Miss Pratt's support, as long as she continued in active service in India, gave a gleam of hope. In the meantime, while looking for an assistant for the Timpany Memorial School, Miss Folsom had met in Boston, one who had special qualifications for that work. Here again, unsurmountable difficulties arose, but Miss Folsom believed the call was from God, and was urgent, proposing to make personal sacrifice in order to have the appointment made. Miss Corning offered to go on so small a salary that the Board hardly dared to accept it. This led one who is greatly interested to make an equally generous offer. On hearing this still others "provoked to good works," promised additional help to extend over one, two and three years. God's will being thus plainly indicated, at the meeting of the Board, held on the 16th of May, 1902, these two ladies were unanimously accepted as our missionaries to India.

Miss Corning sailed with Miss Folsom from New York, in the *S.S. Kroonland*, on the 20th of August, and on the 1st of November, Miss Pratt with Miss Priest, sailed in the *S.S. Mesaba*, for London, where they expect to be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Cross, the newly appointed missionaries of the General Board, leaving London on the 13th of November for India.

In the early summer we had the joy of welcoming Miss Hatch home on her second furlough. Our hope is that the invigorating climate of the far west may prove so beneficial that she may return to us in the spring completely rid of the Indian malaria which has prostrated her.

To-day we gladly welcome to our Convention Miss Kate S. McLaurin and Miss Anna C. Murray, after nine years' service in India, Miss McLaurin as the missionary of the Walmer Road Church and Miss Murray as the missionary of the Board of Eastern Ontario and Quebec. During all these years they have been very closely allied with the missionaries of our own Board in the work for the women and children of India.

#### INDIA.

##### COCANADA.

ZENANA WORK—MISS SIMPSON AND ASSISTANTS.

This work amongst the women and children of Cocanada has, Miss Simpson reports, gone on much the same as in other years. A great many visits have been made; a great many women and children have heard, and we would like to be able to say, that a great many have believed; but it is not ours to deal with the results.

Fifty-three new houses have been opened to the visitors, a larger number than usual, partly owing to the number of new girls at the school, whose friends have welcomed the visitors into their houses. Three hundred and seventy-eight houses are being regularly visited in Cocanada, 3,315 visits have been made to these houses, and to 154 villages. Some villages hitherto not visited have this year been visited regularly by the missionary or by Chinamma and one of the women in the Bible Training Class. One afternoon a week has been devoted to this work.

Changes in the *Bible-women's* staff have hindered the work to some extent. Soondramma's husband was sent to take a course of theology at the seminary, and she accompanied him and so is lost for a time to the work in Cocanada. Her place has been taken by K. Lydia. Seelum Sarah, formerly a