

spent. We feel that it was a red-letter day in our history, and will be an incentive and inspiration to us to work more faithfully for our Master.

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Athens.—Our Thank-offering meeting was held in the church on April 30th. Lantern views on India were given by the pastor, after which a social hour was spent. Offering \$10.00.

MRS. R. BRESEE, Secy.

Kincardine.—The Woman's Mission

Circle of Kincardine is pleased and grateful to report a most prosperous year. Although the membership is small, only thirteen, the meetings have been bright and helpful.

The amount of forty-two (\$42.00) dollars was raised, and of this amount seven (\$7.00) dollars was a special offering for "the North-west Indians."

We hope and pray that we may be enabled to go forward and do more this coming year.

INEZ H. BARTON, Secy.

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

A SURVEY OF SOUTH AMERICA.

By Mr. Robt. Elder, of Argentina.

The eyes of the world are turning towards South America as never before. Latin Europe has long seen in it the rejuvenescence and perpetuation of its race. Commercial Great Britain shows its belief in its future by investments to the sum of £600,000,000. Interned Germans in England, judging by their demand for Spanish grammars, evidently look upon it as their future home, when peace returns, and are preparing themselves for that new day. During the past two years a rapid succession of commissions representing different business enterprises in the United States have toured the Southern Continent to study its commercial possibilities, whilst even Japanese and Chinese are seeking there an outlet for their products and manufactures. And at last the Evangelical world is waking up to realize its great spiritual needs; part of it, at least, rose from its long slumber to seriously and scientifically study the problems at Missionary Conferences held at Panama, Lima, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Rio Janeiro and Barranquilla.

A brief survey of South America's three Colonies and ten Republics, with some 56,000,000 inhabitants, may be of help to those who wish to understand their problems. Most of the figures quoted are taken from the Argentine publication called *El Almanaque del Mensajero* for 1915, and are based on the latest official statistics.

The three Colonies are:—

1. French Guiana, into which Holland

could be placed twice over, with a population of 33,000.

2. Dutch Guiana, which is larger than Greece, with 75,000 people.

3. British Guiana, twice the size of Bulgaria, with 307,000 as its population.

The Republics are:—

1. Venezuela, a country twice the size of Germany, with 2,755,685 inhabitants, of which 99 per cent. are negroes and mulattos,* and 1 per cent. white. It is very inadequately occupied, from a Missionary standpoint.

2. Colombia, which has more than twice the area of France and 5,072,613 inhabitants, of whom 40 per cent. are mestizos,* 10 per cent. whites, 35 per cent. negroes, mulattos and zambos†, and 15 per cent. Indians. It is also very inadequately supplied with evangelical Missionaries.

*The offspring of whites and negroes.

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3. Ecuador, an almost unoccupied field, from the evangelical Missionary standpoint; with an area larger than Norway, which contains a population of 1,955,000, made up of 70 per cent. who are predominately whites and mestizos, 15 per cent. Indians and 15 per cent. negroes and mulattos.

4. Peru, capable of holding two Spains and the greater part of Serbia thrown in, and which has a population of 5,580,000, of which 62 per cent. are estimated to be Indians, 22 per cent. mestizos, 12 per cent. whites, 2½ per cent. negroes and mulattos, and 1½ per cent. Chinese. The Deputation of the