

The Eastern Society

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ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Eastern Association meets this year in the Temple Baptist Church, Montreal, on June 22nd and 23rd. A very interesting programme has been prepared for the Women's Day, Wednesday, June 2nd. Mrs. Smalley, of Ottawa, will speak on Home Missions in the afternoon and Miss Marsh, of Quebec, will give an illustrated lecture on India in the evening. Mrs. A. Paterson will also speak on "Efficiency in Stewardship." It is hoped there will be a large attendance of delegates.

At the Canada Central Association, which meets at Pembroke June 15th, the Women's Foreign Mission Board of Eastern Ontario and Quebec will be represented by Mrs. N. J. Fitch, and by Mr. Leslie Barnard at the Ottawa Association, Ottawa, June 15th.

June is the month for Associations in Canada. Miss Bain gives us a glimpse of a similar gathering in India in the following:

The Kistna District Telugu Association was held in a small Christian village on the Avani-gadda field, where there are no missionaries living, so we had to take our tents. There were eight of us, and we had four tents—two smaller ones for the three men, a fourth as dining-room. We had a jolly time together, and I enjoyed every moment of the four days. While there we had moonlit evenings, and Indian moonlight is **glorious!**

Just across the road from where our tents were pitched was a little village school house, which also serves as church. It was much too small for the meetings so they had built a large **pandal** or flat-roofed shed of bamboo poles and palm rice straw. In this Association just three fields are represented—Vuy-yuru, Akidu, and Avani-gadda, and yet there were about 500 delegates.

It helps us to realize that something is really being accomplished when we can see so many delegates together at one time. Of course the meetings are conducted by our Indian brethren, the missionaries simply acting in an advisory capacity.

LEST WE FORGET

The time is at hand when our members will be scattered over the country seeking relaxation and health and in many centres our circles will be disbanded.

During the weeks "When we are absent one from another" let us continually seek God's blessing on our work, praying as we have never prayed before that He will indeed "open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing". **Let us not forget** that in order to have this blessing we must do our part by generous and sacrificial giving. **Let us not forget** that July and August are the lean months when although little money comes into the Treasury, the same amount, \$675.50 must go out monthly, and see that no money lies idle in the local treasuries.

We have placed the need of a large advance in giving before you in these pages and in various other ways and yet to date the condition of the Treasury remains the same.

We have marked our Jubilee year by embarking on this adventure of support of all our "true yoke-fellows"—"who then is willing to consecrate her service this day unto the Lord?"

Let us remember from whence cometh our help.

—Ethel C. Ayer.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Our readers may be interested in the following from the pen of Miss Susie Hinman, at Akidu, and will realize some of the strange experiences through which the missionaries have to pass.

"We have had some excitement here this term. You will be tempted to say it serves me right for my 'leaning towards the sterner sex' when I tell you the boys with the exception of two, all ran away on Saturday night, Feb. 7th. This was such a sudden and unexpected affair that it surely gave me a shock. It was a protest against a kind of porridge they have been having for the last year and a half. We were the only school in the Mission not using it when we introduced it. It was on the Doctor's advice that