

Our Work at Home.

A MESSAGE TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

I am glad to report that there are now volunteers for the Home Contingent of our Foreign work in five places. Although we do not see one another, our united prayers are daily ascending to God, that He will move people to send in money to clear off the deficit of the General Board, and make it possible for Mr. Scott to go to India. This is one of our first duties. Let us say to ourselves every day "Have faith in God." He can touch men's hearts, we cannot, we are only the medium He sometimes uses. A great honor, a blessed privilege it is to be so used. But do not let us forget the second part of our pledge, to collect all we can and give all we can spare ourselves. So much can be done by personal influence and if our minds are full of the wonderful things God has wrought among the Telugus, we can tell of them to others. Each volunteer ought to get the report of 1903, called "Among the Telugus." Mr. Brown has them for sale at 12cts.

Are there not others who would like to enlist in this movement and have the joy of being definitely consecrated to Foreign work for six months. I am sending a list of the volunteers to our missionaries, so they may know the members of the Home Contingent.

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ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

OXFORD-BRANT.—Our annual meeting is again a thing of the past, and to those who attended, it was we believe, an enjoyable and profitable gathering. If the delegates impart some of the information and inspiration to their respective Circles and Bands, the time spent will not have been vain.

Mrs. G. B. Davis, of Woodstock, led us in the opening exercises of Bible-reading and prayer. Mrs. W. T. Graham—presiding—gave Mrs. Cameron an opportunity on behalf of Norwich Circle, to welcome most cordially the visitors. In addressing the meeting the President emphasized "Our responsibility to God," for the right use of all our powers of body and mind. The one-minute reports of Circles and Bands gave words of cheer and encouragement. Some practical information was given on the work of the Circles, by Mrs. Rinch, of Currie's; Mrs. Houlding, Burtch; and Mrs. Hazelton, Brantford. The discussion also

included a well-written paper by Mrs. Barber, of St. George, on "How can we keep the Circle in touch with the Band," read by Mrs. Patten. Mrs. Reeves, of St. George, very ably summed up the whole discussion, emphasizing the best points and adding new ones. In a very interesting way Miss Thrall, of Toronto, told us of the advantages of Moulton College. We hope our mothers will not be slow to avail themselves of this Christian school for their daughters. Mrs. Lundy, of Brantford; Miss Hallaam, Woodstock; and Miss Apps, of Paris; gave helpful suggestions, as to the best way of conducting Mission Bands; Mrs. Farmer, of Brantford, closing the discussion and adding to the information given.

The Director's report elicited the fact that though there were fewer special offerings in Life-memberships, the regular giving had reached a higher standard. 12 Circles and 7 Bands had given more to Home Missions. 10 Circles and 9 Bands have given more to Foreign Missions. 12 boxes or bbls were sent out, varying in value from \$8 to \$45. Circles contributed for Home Missions, \$738.26, increase \$113.93. Amount given by Circles to Foreign Missions \$1,167.44, a decrease of \$10.97. One new Band at Burgessville, has begun work very auspiciously. The Bands have done excellent work making large advance over the previous year. They report for Home Missions \$90.66, over \$37 more than last year. For Foreign Missions \$158.96, over \$51 increase. Total from Circles and Bands, \$2,175.32, increase \$179.48.

Mrs. Cowser, of Brantford, gave us a resumé of our Home Mission work in Ontario, Quebec, and the North-West, placing before us very concisely the condition of each field, and closing with an earnest appeal on behalf of all these people. Miss Hatch drew a very vivid picture of some of India's Christian women, telling us of the transformation in their lives from degraded outcasts to intelligent, earnest workers for Christ, comparing them to diamonds polished by the lapidary. Mrs. Cuttall and Miss McColl rendered a duet, and Miss Mihell, of Brantford, a solo, during the evening. It is hoped that before next year's meeting at Jerseyville, arrangements with the railways will be completed for reduced rates.

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The Secretary of Norwich Circle has a few large photos of Miss Hatch, Dr. Hulet, and a number of native Christian women, which she would be glad to send to anyone forwarding 50 cents. Size, 13x11.

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TORONTO.—The Women's meeting of the Toronto Association was one of great blessing and enjoy-