

\$2; St. Catharines, Queen St., for Pennamata Venkanna, \$9.50; Hamilton, Victoria Ave. (\$17 for Bondru Sarah and \$9 for Pall Sundramma), \$26; Langton, \$8; Sarnia, Thank-offering for Bolivia, \$8; Bewdley (\$2.50 for Bolivia), \$11; Stratford, Boys' (amount raised in 1901), \$9; Toronto, College St. Y. W., for Degala Mary, \$4.50; Gilmour Memorial Church for Lydia, \$7; Petrolea (a member to make Miss L. Pratt a Life-member of Bands), \$10. Total, \$110.60.

FROM DUNDAS.—Toronto, Immanuel Church, Junior C. E., \$4; Toronto, Western Church, Miss Edy's S. S. Class for Bokke Jimima, \$17; Investment, Miss Nellie Davies' gift, \$10; Hamilton, James St. Jr. C. E. for Mungamuri Karunamma, \$12; Mrs. E. B. Selman, Hickey, Mich., Thank-offering, \$1; Convention held Nov. 13th and 14th, half supper from Luncheon Committee, \$11.90. Total, \$55.90.

Total receipts during the month, \$790.10.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer for regular work, \$649.66; Extras: Bolivia, from Bewdley M. B., \$2.50, and from Sarnia M. B., \$8, \$10.50 Total, \$660.16.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—Collection on cheque from New York, 15c.

Total disbursements during the month, \$660.31.

Total receipts since October 21st, 1901, \$1,786.81.

Total disbursements since October 21st, 1901, \$1,844.93.

Thank-offerings have been received from fifty-four Circles, three Bands, and one individual, amounting to \$446.12. The total given above includes these Thank-offerings.

"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.

FROM CIRCLES.—Peterboro', Murray St., \$15.

FROM INDIVIDUALS.—Mrs. R. W. Elliot, \$100.00; Miss Dayfoot, \$8. Total, \$123.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer for Dr. Gertrude Hulet, \$45.83.

Total receipts since October 21st, 1901, \$125.66.

Total disbursements since October 21st, 1901, \$129.41.

VIOLET ELLIOT,  
Treasurer.

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## Young People's Department.

### PITY THE CHILDREN ACROSS THE SEA!

Pity the children across the sea,  
Who never the name of Christ have heard;  
Dumb idols they worship on bended knee,  
Which see not, and hear not a single word.

Pity the children across the sea,  
The Master proclaims in a voice of love;  
"Suffer the children to come to me—  
Of such is the kingdom of God above."

Pity the children across the sea,  
Give them your pennies and prayers to-day;  
And God's richest blessings from heaven should be  
Poured on your hearts when Him you obey.

—Christian Observer.

### MISSION BAND CONCERTS.

Many of our Mission Band leaders are probably wondering what new action songs can be found for their Annual Entertainment. Two years ago I wrote about several that I had found attractive, and as these were used by a great many, I hope that the two I am going to describe now may be of help also. One is called *Toadstools*, for little children. The words are:—

A lot of little toadstools all in a row,  
Where did we come from? We don't know.  
Reckon we came in the shower last night.  
How old are we? We don't know quite.  
What are we good for? I let me see,—  
Why just to be cunning as we be!  
How long can we stay? Not very long  
We're just come to sing a little song.

Small parasols are covered with white wadding, which the little girls carry. At the words *we don't know*, second line, they shake their heads. The words, *let me see*, fifth line, are said very slowly, their heads leaning on the left hand. After a short pause they lift their heads quickly and toss them back and say the next line brightly. The piece concludes with any simple song or hymn.

The other piece is called, "Hymn of the Empire," and has this advantage, that as many members of the Band as wish can take part in it. Both words and music are good, and as it has only lately been published, will be quite new. The words of the first verse are:—

Guide our great Empire, O, Father above  
In pathways of virtue and justice and love,  
Grant king and people Thy strength from on high,  
Ruler and ruled on Thy mercy rely.  
Dauntless in valor, the sons of our soil,  
Face danger with firmness, with laughter face toil.  
For king and for country, let all do and dare,  
Britain forever and Canada fair.

Each member of the chorus carries a flag, and waves it at the refrain which ends each verse, "For King and for country let all do and dare, Britain for ever and Canada fair." This hymn is published in an inexpensive form.

AMELIA MUIR.

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### WHAT THEY DO IN CHINA.

Dear mamma, I've been to the Mission Band, and what do you think I have heard?  
Such a queer, queer people, in such a queer land! I'm sure you'll agree 'tis absurd.  
Why, mamma, they say, "How old are you?" when they mean "How do you do?"  
And they whiten their shoes with the greatest care,  
And the men wear down their backs long braids of hair.  
Their visiting cards are all painted red,  
And are four feet long, our teacher said.  
Their dresses for mourning are all in white;  
At funerals they feast to their heart's delight.  
They shake their own hands when a friend they meet,  
And bugs and snails are the things they eat.  
Their houses they build from the roof to the ground,  
And turn their screws the wrong way round.  
They shave their eyebrows to aid their sight,  
And have their fireworks in broad daylight.  
Their compass needle points south, they say,  
And the boys look on while the old men play;  
But of Christ, our Lord, they have never heard,  
And, mamma, I want to send them word.

—Life and Light.