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BE STRONG.

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle—face it, 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long,
Faint not, fight on! to-morrow comes the song.

—S.L.

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An Indian Poet's Parable.

I HAD GONE a begging from door to door in the village path, when thy golden chariot appeared in the distance like a gorgeous dream and I wondered who was the King of all kings!

My hopes rose high and methought my evil days were at an end, and I stood waiting for alms to be given unasked and for wealth scattered on all sides in the dust.

The chariot stopped where I stood. Thy glance fell on me and thou camest down with a smile. I felt that the luck of my life had come at last. Then of a sudden thou didst hold out thy hand and say, "What hast thou to give me?"

Ah, what a kingly jest was it to open palm to a beggar to beg! I was confused and stood undecided, and then from my wallet I slowly took out the least little grain of corn and gave it to thee.

But how great my surprise when at the day's end I emptied my bag on the floor to find a least little grain of gold among the poor heap. I bitterly wept and wished that I had the heart to give thee my all.

RABINDRANATH TAGORE IN "GITANJALI"

—From the *India Christian Endeavor*.

MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY AND NOT TO FAINT.

EDITORIAL.

Dear readers of the LINK, did you know that a great deal of her inspiration comes to the editor from your letters? But it is true. The readers make the LINK. Here is one from a dear sister in Alberta. She has lived north; she has dwelt south; now her lines have fallen unto her in the west, and she lives far from the beloved church privileges of her own denomination. But she is one who has learned that "it is more blessed to give (service) than to receive (services)," and so, in her isolation, she gathers the neighbors' children into her home and organizes an interdenominational Sunday School, which numbers about fifty, whose interests have a wide scope indeed, for they contribute to mission work in many lands. This time their contribution of \$6.40 is designated to that bungalow in Tuni. The youthful secretary, in acknowledging my receipt, says: "If the little Hindus learn quickly, the Gospel will spread quickly among them and they will soon spread the news themselves," which shows an unusually intelligent understanding of the principles of Gospel propagation. This S. S. evidently has a leader who believes in leading, and in admitting the scholars into the Saviour's great plans for the redemption of the world. Would that there were more such leaders!

Sometimes it is "a little child shall lead them." Do any of my readers remember hearing long ago of little Allie Parker's Mission Box? It forms one of the editor's earliest recollections in the missionary line, and delighted indeed was she to receive a letter from Allie's mother last spring, telling the story in her own tender language. Believing that it will prove as interesting and inspiring to her readers, the editor gives extracts below, as follows:

"Our Allie was five years old when Mr. Timpany, during his last visit home, gave us a very interesting evening on India. That address Allie never wearied of recalling. He soon had a mission box, and both earned and saved his little, and it gave him great pleasure to have his offering go to India to help the children love Jesus. The fall after Allie left us your father visited our townships. While near us he made his home with us. I asked him to open Allie's mission box. Soon after he wrote for our LINK "Allie's Mission

Box." This, though pleasing to us, was quite unexpected, as it was not spoken of while he was with us. I mentioned to him that Mary Craig was born in India the day Allie was taken from us. "Yes," he said, "the Lord leaves no blanks in His army."

Allie was ten years old when he left us, and his love for missions had so increased with his years that Mr. Parker, as well as myself, felt that a missionary's life and labor would have been his choice. As he was not spared, we felt it a duty and a privilege to support a boy, hoping he might do the work Allie might have done had he been spared. Allie's Mission Box has sent the \$17 each year for thirty years."

What a work accomplished by a child in ten short years of life here! What a memory and inspiration to leave behind while he went on to "serve Him day and night in His temple." Seventeen dollars for thirty years, to educate students for the ministry in our mission in India! There must surely be many a soul in Telugu land now rejoicing in the light and liberty of the Gospel through little Allie's legacy.

"And their works do follow them."

Allie's mother goes on to say:

"I have a scrap album filled with his S. S. cards, recitations for entertainments, etc., which I made to keep his little treasures for myself; but now, at my age, I cannot keep them long, and if the little album could now be of use to you, and you care for it—"

Yes, dear readers, it is of use, and the editor does care for it, and has it now in her keeping. One day it will go to India to tell the children there, as they look at its bright pictures, and perhaps learn the pieces for their S. S. entertainments (now that they are studying English) about the little loving heart that was so inspired with the Christ-love that it reached across many seas to help them.

Mothers! Are your boys learning to love those boys in India and Bolivia?

And in the April LINK we read of the Percy Hey Memorial Fund which the Ingersoll Mission Band has instituted in memory of one of their members.

Leaders, take the lesson. Do you wonder that

"HE TOOK A LITTLE CHILD AND SET HIM IN THE MIDST."

PRAY, ALWAYS PRAY: THOUGH WEARY, FAINT AND LONE,

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

A company of disappointed and embittered Sikhs, our fellow-creatures and our fellow-subjects, are going home to India, turned away from our beloved Dominion, where they aspired to be fellow-citizens with us. What will they tell their people when they reach their home, in the Land of the Five Rivers, the Punjab? Their story has gone before them, and even now, emphasized by disappointment, wounded pride and resentment, is being given wide and telling publicity; we may be sure, in the Hindu newspapers of India. What can they tell their people? That the sister state across the sea, who sends them men and women preaching the Gospel of good-will to all, the brotherhood of man, the unity of the human race, and the all-embracing love of our Christian God, has, with guns and threats and many words, driven them off from its shores.

Our missionaries go to their homes and ask admittance in the universal Father's name. For the most part they are courteously received and entertained with gentle kindness.

They come here seeking admittance at our western gate. They come to share with us the resources of our broad Dominion, to find that the "brotherhood of man," "the unity of the race," are things more easily preached by missionaries in India than practised by their supporters at home.

We might have shown them how a Christian nation lives at home. But we were afraid they would underbid our wage-earners. "And then, you know, they are—well, they're black!" Great, tall, handsome Sikh policemen in Hong-Kong, grave and gentle-mannered men of the Punjab plains, loyal soldiers of the Sikh regiments who helped to save the Indian Empire to the Crown in the dread mutiny of 1857, and who, on the restless frontier, have been oft victorious in England's battles—we can only call you "black!" Browned by the suns of India they now are—but in the younger days of the human race their forefathers and ours came of the same Aryan stock.

But they will go home and tell the story of their welcome at Victoria. Being human, they may tell it with burning hearts and fiery words. And if this spark kindles a fire that shall run the length and breadth of India and threaten the peace and progress of mis-

sion work, and the lives of missionaries, besides the integrity of the Indian Empire and the prosperity of British rule therein, who can wonder?

There would be men in India to listen and respond, and say, "Now is the day. England is busy elsewhere; all her power concentrated in the west; let us strike here!"

Surely much prayer is needed that our work and workers in India may be protected in the event of danger, and the power of the Gospel message transcend the wrath of man.

K. S. McL.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

Pithapuram.—An interesting event last April was the formation of a Ladies' Club, similar to the one formed in Cocanada last January, and described in the June LINK. The Rani of Pithapuram, whom our readers will remember as the donor of our fine Women's Hospital in Pithapuram, is the president of the club, and our Mission staff is represented on committees in the persons of Mrs. (Dr.) Smith and Miss North, head nurse. This club has as its object general instruction and recreation. Lectures will be given, and a lady teacher, paid by the Rani, will teach English, music and fancy work. There will be an English and Telugu library. Success to the club!

Vizianagram.—We have had the joy of receiving two by baptism. One is a young Brahmin from Umberdavalasa. For some time he has been considering the matter very seriously, and was to see me on several occasions. He has shown no sign of Brahmin pride or prejudice, broke caste at once, and mingles freely with the Christians. His people have forbidden him to enter his home, but have been to see him on several occasions. He is very firm and has told them that his mind is fully made up, and that the Christian faith is the only faith for him. There has not been any trouble, for which I am indeed thankful. I am much interested in him, and pray that he may become a help and a blessing.

Our leper work is prospering. There are now twenty-four in the home. There are women. All seem contented and get on nicely together. A new school has been opened in the town. It has

PRAYER NESTLES BY THE FATHER'S SHELTERING THRONE.

only been in session a few days, but the attendance already numbers twenty. This makes the third new school opened since the first of the year.

FLORA CLARKE.

Vuyuru.—The work on the Claxton Memorial chapel-schoolhouse has proceeded favorably in spite of many delays, which are usual in building operations in this country. The walls are complete, and also the two terrace roofs on the wing rooms. The building has been well tested by rains, and on the whole I think the work has been done satisfactorily. I had it inspected by an engineer, who pronounced upon it very favorably. The work should be complete in another month.

R. C. BENSON.

Another new missionary joined our ranks in India in the person of little Miss Elsie Gwendolyn Gordon, who arrived on June 2nd at Ootacamund, India. It will be remembered that her parents, Rev. Archibald and Mrs. Gordon left us last fall for India. They are stationed at Waltair. The LINK sends congratulations, and heartily welcomes this new recruit to our ranks.

BOLIVIAN NEWS.

Are you praying for our new field in Potosi? Remember that in Potosi is the greatest silver mine in the world, and one hill has produced more wealth than any other hill known, and is now yielding tin in large quantities. Of course the Bolivian mint is there, and the tourist can obtain wonderfully wrought silver ornaments and filigree spoons, purses, brooches, etc. This is the first station to be opened by a native worker. May he be given much wisdom in turning the minds of this mining population towards the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The woman of the higher class recently baptized by Mr. Mitchell has gone down to Santa Cruz de la Sierra, her native town, to develop a business in laces, embroideries, skins and other curios and specialties between that town and the interior, or rather gateway of the interior, and Cochabamba, Oruro, La Paz and other towns of the exterior of Bolivia. Santa Cruz is a week's journey by mule-back from Cochabamba, and is in the lower hot, tropical level. What interests the foreign ladies living in our three larger cities is that in Santa Cruz you get

the most beautiful and unique hand embroidery, quite unlike any other I have ever seen.

This dear sister carries with her the good news of what Jesus has done for her since she was home before. She is not the kind that would keep it to herself either. I know you will wish her success, not only in her business venture, but in letting her light shine amongst the folks back home.

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Our own paper, "El Amigo de la Verdad"—The Friend of the Truth—and affectionately shortened now by its native friends and readers to "El Amigo"—the Friend—is a great help. The high class and the rich read it, as well as the working class and the poor, and in this time of spiritual and mental unrest, general in Bolivia, it is helping wonderfully to adjust thought and advertise the Gospel that the Protestant missionaries have to offer in lieu of Romanism.

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The high altitude of our part of Bolivia causes some conditions that seem odd to us. For a soft-boiled egg you must take five minutes instead of three, the boiling point giving less heat and making less bubbling. Beans refuse to cook. I tried boiling a pot of them for the greater part of three days, and they still had decided bones in them. To properly insure safety, milk or water must be boiled for several minutes. Germs, however, do not spread so rapidly in the thin atmosphere, or the abounding filth of those back streets of Oruro would cause some awful scourges. Because of the light pressure of the atmosphere, your "corns" don't bother you much. Come down and get them cured while looking over the work!

Bolivian women—even the dirtiest old Indians—have lovely soft speaking voices—except when they fight—but the altitude prevents any prima donnas in the singing line.

When you first arrive you get "seroche," or mountain sickness, and your head aches, your stomach turns upside down, and your heart rolls around like a loose stone inside of you. Happily, this passes, but you find you must always climb a hill slowly and rest often in your work. In fact, if your heart is weak, don't go to Bolivia; but if your lungs are weak, Bolivia is the place for you. Tubercular troubles simply cannot exist there.

LOUISE M. MITCHELL.

PRAY, ALWAYS PRAY: AMID THE WORLD'S TURMOIL

MAKING THE DESERT BLOSSOM.

The "Divi Island" belongs to us. The Lord has given it to us just as He gave the land of Canaan to Israel. And we have entered in to possess it for Him. Let me give you a bird's-eye view of this "island," which lies between the north and south branches of the Kistna River, as it flows east into the great Bay of Bengal, thus dividing "the Divi" from the mainland on either side, and making it a huge island, containing 120 square miles. About 88,490 acres of this land are now being irrigated and used for farming. Along the bay and on the shores of the Kistna, large numbers of fishermen live. We often see the fishing boats and the men busy with their nets, and sometimes we eat the delicious fish they catch.

The island is protected on either side by very high flood-banks. Without these the water would rush in from the Kistna when the freshets come and play havoc with the farm-land and the villages.

It is dotted with villages large and small. In a number of the villages we have Christians, who make a living by farming, fishing or whatever they find to do.

A few days ago I visited "The Divi Tank Project" at Puligadda, a village about one mile north of Avanigadda, and headquarters for this great pumping "project," which has an interest all its own.

The large power-house contains eight large engines, each one hundred and sixty horse-power. From June until January the water is pumped from the Kistna, by means of these engines, into a large canal that lies above the power-house. From this canal the water flows through large gates into two reservoirs, lying at either side of the power-house. From there, through large sluices, the water flows into a channel below the power-house, which goes as far as Avanigadda, where it divides into two branches, one going to the south of the island and one to the east. The water flows from these channels through small canals and underground drains into large tanks, where it stands ready for use. There are about thirty of these tanks on the island. As we go along the roads we see women filling their water pots from these artificial ponds or tanks, as they are called. The men who have farms are dipping the water by means of large buckets into troughs,

from which it flows into little ditches that the farmer has dug in his field. In this way the land is irrigated during the dry season, or until the crop is ready to harvest.

Without the fresh water thus artificially supplied, the people of the Divi have been for generations very poor. They lived at the mercy of frequent floods, and an irregular and oftentimes scanty rainfall. Their villages and homes presented a striking contrast to those of their prosperous neighbors of the Vuyyuru field, who have for years been enjoying the benefits of artificial irrigation, and whose farms were fat and flourishing thereby. Now, however, a good day has dawned for the Divi. With the high artificial flood-bank, or wall, built along the shore of the river on both sides of the island, they are protected from flood, and now that they have irrigation for their crops, it means new life to the Divi Island.

When you visit this interesting part of "Telugu land" you must be sure to go to Puligadda and see for yourself what government is doing for our people here. Six English families live at this place, and English officers come and go. Over fifty Indian men are employed at the "works" the year round. Comfortable homes are provided for them, and they receive good wages. We have three Christian families among them who attend service at Avanigadda.

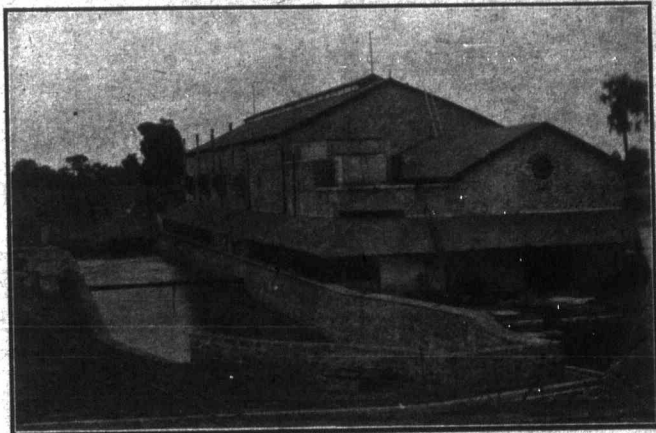
Avanigadda town is a very few rods from the northern arm of the Kistna. It is a large and important place, and, being the county capital, makes it a very busy place. The Courthouse and buildings stand opposite our new bungalow site. Our new chapel is in the centre of the town, surrounded by the homes of Sudra people. It is not far from the Government Hospital and the Postoffice.

It has been encouraging to see this work in progress, and we cannot help looking into the future, and what do we see? Growth, growth, growth! Things are bound to go ahead in the "Divi." They cannot help it, and we are glad to have a share in this great work for Jesus' sake.

CARRIE ZIMMERMAN.

Rise, for the day is passing
 And you lie dreaming on,
 The others have buckled their armour
 And forth to the fight have gone.

PRAYER KEEPS THE HEART AT REST AND NERVES FOR TOIL.



Showing the stone reservoirs through which the water flows into the canal below

The power-house and one of the reservoirs of the Kistna Tank project at Puligadda, on our new Avanigadda field, described in Miss Zimmerman's letter. There is no electricity here; the engines are run by coal oil, and the plant is lit with incandescent lights. The great engines were brought out from England; private telephone sys-

tem connects this power-house, headquarters, with the various sub-stations and watch-towers along the banks of the river. The natives regard all this as truly miraculous, and have said to the missionary: "You (English) are greater than our gods. You have brought water to our lands, and put bread into our mouths."

"OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY" FROM PARLA-KIMEDI.

Gumma Bungalow, May 16, 1914.

My Dear Editor:—

Miss Pratt sent me a card some time ago, asking me to send you a letter for the LINK. She said, "I think our people ought to know more about the northern fields."

At this present time I am the farthest north of any of our missionaries, so I ought to be able to give you something from the northern standpoint.

For three years I have been planning to spend my hot season out on our Parla-Kimedi hills, but instead, for two years I went to Darjeeling. This year, after four vain attempts, I succeeded in coming so far. We had planned to go on to Sirungu to-day, but last night we had a small-sized cyclone, which has so convulsed our weather that we dared

not venture away from our bungalow. Last night many a time, as a roaring burst of the tempest would strike us, I prayed, "Lord, have mercy," and then looked up to see if the roof was still over us. We have it still, but rain came through in many new places. There was only one place big enough for my cot that was dry. I did not retire until almost 2 a.m. So it seems hindrances attend this tour.

Possibly many of your western people do not know that the work out here among these hills has been by far the most fruitful and promising of any in our northern fields. It began about seven years ago in a street not very far from here. The first convert was a non-caste Oriya man who had received a booklet, "The Way of Salvation," at market. This he read and considered

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with a number of his people. He made two or three trips to Parla-Kimedi seeking to know more about the "Way" before he was baptized. The fact that he did not know Telugu cut him off from the missionaries till Miss Gaunce heard of him. However, there were Christians who understood Oriya, and one of them did a fine work among these people. Soon over 30 had been baptized, and now the total number of baptisms mounts up to 320, of which 24 have been baptized during this year. Of course the Christian community number many more.

Miss Gaunce gave her strength to this work, touring chiefly among the Christians, but doing a great deal of work among the sick of all classes. One of the evangelists referred to her a few days ago, saying that she had given her life for them. It really did almost amount to that, as for a time it seemed that the fever she had contracted during her last tour would carry her off. She left Kimedi on Jan. 18 that year and did not return until March 31, when she was carried in on a cot by Savara coolies.

We have been having good news from her lately, and the people out here are beginning to hope she may be restored to them.

Two churches have been established among them, and very soon there will be a third. There are four schools, one of which has two teachers, and others are being educated with the intention of making teachers of them.

The Oriya women are more secluded than the Telugus, and it seems almost impossible for the work to be done among them without women workers. I have enjoyed my tour here very much. Nearly every day the women have gathered—a goodly number—for a good long lesson both morning and afternoon. So far as my experience of almost 18 years among the Telugu women carries me, I have no hesitation in saying that these Oriya women are very much brighter at learning Christian truth. During these few days quite a number of these women who cannot read have learned to repeat the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and also the two great Commandments, besides going quite intelligently through more than half of an elementary catechism and having three special lessons on the life of Christ.

One of the first converts—the wife of the school teacher here—can read

nicely, and she is starting a class among the other women to teach them to read. Some already have made quite a start, and some Hindu women wish to join the class. This woman is a leader, and I am in hopes that she may be able to carry out our plans for a regular weekly woman's meeting. Quite a number of the first women converts already take part in prayer in the general meetings, and during our classes a number of the new converts began to take part in the same way. It has been good to be here.

One of the greatest needs of this work is a doctor. I have been dispensing quinine, epsom salts, bismuth, soda, pain killer, iodoform and boric powder and zinc lotion for sore eyes, santolin, and a number seem to have been helped, and, as far as I know, none have been injured.

Sincerely yours,

MAUDE HARRISON.

Parla-Kimedi.

LETTER FROM MISS MURRAY.

"Annandale, Darjeeling, N. India,
May 15th, 1914.

Dear LINK.—

Before leaving for the hills I tried hard to find time to notify your readers of the change in my address from Nar-sapatnam to Yellamanchili, but failed.

I notice, however, that your watchful editress has already noted the change, and it but remains for me to emphasize it.

Yellamanchili, as you know, was my home during the whole of my second term in India; therefore, when Mr. Walker's furlough became necessary, it was but natural that I should return to my old work.

The hearty welcome given me by both Christians and Hindus has been reassuring, and in the change I have had tokens that He that sent me is with me.

After the hot season, Miss McLeish will join me, God willing, and I wish you to think of us as living together in Y., and helping Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of Tuni, in the care of the Yellamanchili field during the absence of its missionary.

Returning after an absence of four years, I find the work that I left has been beautifully cared for in every department by Mr. Walker, in addition to all his other work. I find the Bible-women faithful and enthusiastic. The

 PRAYER STRIKES THE HARP AND SINGS THE ANGEL'S SONG.

Women's Helpmeet Society, too, meets regularly, and its officers and members speak gratefully of help and encouragement received from Mr. Walker. But most noticeable is the flourishing condition of the Caste Girls' School, which has an enrollment of 107, due largely to Mr. Walker's deep and loving interest. Especially gratifying was the high standing taken in the Bible examination by these little high-caste Hindu girls, several taking 100 per cent. and a number over 90 per cent.

At the little farewell meeting given to their friend by these girls and their teachers, expression was given to the loving esteem in which he was held, in an address read by the daughter of a leading Brahmin citizen, and on the day of Mr. Walker's departure from Y., over seventy of the children were present at the station to bid him goodbye.

Their happy friendship with this true man of God must influence their whole lives for good. I dare say you will be able to appreciate the situation when I tell you that, following all this, a letter has reached me here from Pastor Peter, of Yellamanchili, stating that on May 5th, just about five weeks after Mr. Walker's departure, there was held in the Hindu Reading Room of Y. a meeting attended by all the leading citizens, including lawyers, magistrates, etc., etc., many of them highly educated in English, and presided over by the Government School Inspector, also a Hindu, who had inspected our school but a few days previously. It seems that some time before an appeal had been sent by these people to the Director of Public Instruction, requesting the opening of a Government Caste Girls' School in Yellamanchili, and this Inspector had been sent to look into the matter, hence the meeting, where the following reasons were given for the opening of such a school:

1. We do not like the teaching of their religion by those of the Mission School. Our children are neglecting our religious ceremonies. They ridicule us and tell us that idolatry is useless. For this reason we fear that gradually they may become Christians.

2. We do not like our children to be taught by teachers from the Malas and Madigas. Moreover, they are being taught that they should not marry until they reach the ages of twenty or twenty-two.

3. So much time is being spent in the

teaching of religion that other subjects are being neglected.

Adding the above reasons, with their signatures, to the petition, they promised not to send their children to our Mission School longer.

All this the Inspector has doubtless forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction. It remains to be seen what the outcome will be.

I hasten to let the friends at home know, that they may join with us in prayer that whatever may be the result, Jesus Christ may but receive added glory and His kingdom become more firmly established.

Pray that His servants may so conduct themselves at this trying time as to commend Him and His Gospel to these Hindus, and that, if it be His will, our school may become even stronger and more efficient than ever before.

For

"There's wonderful power in prayer.
It moveth the Arm that moveth the world.

There is wonderful power in prayer."
Yours very sincerely,

ANNIE C. MURRAY.

If I can live
To make some pale face brighter,
And to give a second luster
To some tear-dimmed eye,

Or e'er impart
One throb of comfort
To an aching heart,
Or cheer some wayworn soul
In passing by;

If I can lend
A strong hand to the fallen
Or defend the right
Against a single envious strain,

My life, though bare,
Perhaps of much that seemeth dear
And fair to us of earth,
Will not have been in vain.

The purest joy,
Most near to heaven, far from
earth's alloy,
Is bidding cloud give way to sun and
shine;

And 'twill be well,
If on that day of days the angels tell
Of me, she did her best for one of
Thine.

ALL EARTHLY THINGS WITH EARTH SHALL FADE AWAY—

SINGS OF THE TIMES.

(Taken from the Missionary Review of the World.)

A National Missionary Council for India.

As one of the fruits of the conferences on unity, a national missionary body for India has come into existence. The new council is purely consultative and advisory in character, but it is full of promise, and is likely, in co-operation with the Provincial Representative Councils of Missions, to effect greater efficiency, closer co-operation, and a more complete and scientific plan for the evangelization of India. There are now Representative Missionary Councils for Madras, Bombay, Behar and Orissa, Mid-India, the United Provinces, the Panjab, Bengal, and Burma, each of which has elected two members to serve on the first National Missionary Council. These elected members have selected 20 others, so that 36 form the first National Missionary Council.

Five Church of England bishops are included in these members, and there are representative missionaries of various other denominations. Special attention may well be called to the nine native Indians, two of them women, who are enrolled in this important body. These are Rev. L. T. Ah Sou of Bangoon, Mr. K. C. Macko of Travancore, Miss Khero Bose, Dr. S. K. Datta, her nephew, Rev. J. A. Chitamber, Mr. S. C. Mukerji, Jr. K. Pamperrien, Mr. K. T. Paul, and Miss Susie Sorabji. The missionaries of one hundred years ago would hardly have believed such a united missionary council to be possible.

Islam Turning to the Lord.

A missionary who has travelled much in Moslem lands writes:

"The day has come for the redemption of Islam. Two hundred million people, one-seventh of the world's population, burdened with the accumulated superstition, stagnation and oppression of 1,300 years, are beholding a new vision. The old system has had its day, and has become effete and worthless. Millions are plunging into a deeper night over the precipice of doubt. The political events of the past eighteen months in the Moslem world have foreshadowed the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the social disintegration of the Moslem's religion. There is abundant evidence that this conviction is

strengthening in countries where Islam has been supreme. The downfall of the supremacy of the state carries with it the dissolution of the Koran faith, where they have been one and inseparable. The loss of Morocco, Tripoli, the Aegean Isles and Turkey in Europe has shocked the dominion of the Sultan. Failure in diplomacy, bankruptcy in finance, and the loss of 7,500,000 subjects have destroyed the prestige of Islam as a church. Its strongest supporters are dazed and unnerved by this sudden blow. Revolution in Arabia and Persia, with serious dissension in the home government, threaten disaster, so that people on the streets, not only in London, but in Beirut and Damascus, now discuss the partition of these countries among European nations.

"Surely this is a time for earnest prayer in behalf of Moslems, for converts, and for missionaries working among them. The wisdom and power of God are the only hope of success, but the resources in the hands of Christians must be placed at His disposal."

An Opening in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan, on the northwest frontier of India, is one of the lands still closed to the Gospel. A native Christian physician, Nasir-Allah, from Peschawar, is willing to return to his homeland. As a boy he had been carried away because of a family feud, and as they wanted to be rid of him he was given to a traveling Indian catechist. In this wise he came to Batala, in Gurdaspur, where he received a thorough education in the schools of the missions. He studied medicine and became assistant physician in the mission hospital in Peschawar. Some time ago people came from his old home and recognized him. Very soon another group of Kafiri came to the hospital, among whom were the brother and uncle of the physician. Great was their joy when they met again Nasir-Allah, who is now forty years old. He intends to return with his relatives to his home, and they desire this, although they know that he is a Christian. It can be expected of him that he will confess his faith publicly in his old home.—Sonnen Aufgang.

A Marvelous Change in Samoa.

More than sixty years ago two Samoan Christians contemplated evangelizing Niue, or Savage Island. They were seized, their clothing torn off in

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order to see the color of their skin, and the fowl and pigs brought with them butchered and eaten, but the Book which they carried and with which they seemed to converse, frightened the savages. They thought it had magic powers, and feared to kill those under its protection.

Seven years later there was a strong church on that island. In 1861 the Gospel of Mark was translated. When it was brought from England the natives sat up the whole first night reading it. During recent years the natives of the island have maintained a number of evangelists in New Guinea who come home at intervals, and, telling of the blessing of God on their work, strengthen the faith of their brethren.

How the Gospel Entered Haitang.

Haitang is a Chinese island about 25 miles long, with a population of 70,000. About 37 years ago an inhabitant traveling on the mainland heard of Jesus from a fellow-traveller at a Chinese inn. He accepted the truth, returned to Haitang, and did not rest until he had carried the Gospel to every one of the 411 villages on the island. When the missionaries came about ten years ago they found a prepared people. There are now preaching stations in 30 villages. Some of these poor village Christians give one-fourth of their income for the spread of the Gospel.

Sunday Observance in China.

Under China's new educational system the Government schools give a holiday on Sunday. This makes it possible for thousands of children to attend Sunday schools, something impossible under the old regime. Freedom of thought and action though faintly understood by the masses, is generally becoming a principle of the new republic. It is taking hold of the young and the old. As a result, many who would not have dared to enter a Sunday school, now come gladly. Until recently most of the Christian constituency have come from the illiterate adult population, and the majority have been unable to read. Much has been done in the past to meet the needs of this class, first, by oral teaching, and second, by teaching them to read the colloquial Bible and hymn book, or some simple catechism. This kind of work will be needed for a long time to come.

AMONGST OURSELVES.

The Editor's little Mission Barrel reports \$21.40 since last issue for Miss Priest's bungalow. One of the gifts which went to make up this amount is particularly interesting because it was part of a birthday gift from a husband to his wife, which lay waiting, waiting in the bank to be set free for service. "Haven't you spent that money yet?" was the oft-repeated question. "Not yet," came the answer. At last, "What are you keeping it for?"—and the Editor gets the answer—"For Miss Priest's bungalow!" Many happy returns of such birthdays!

Sometimes there come \$5 bills and \$2 bills and \$1 bills with no stories attached to them. Only a word, saying that it is for Miss Priest's bungalow, and the invariable addition, "Please don't mention my name." Alright, we won't. But we would love to hear the stories—for every such gift has a story, and they are so sweet! However, we can only read "between the lines;" but God sees all, and to Him it is "a sweet savour."

We are sure our readers will be glad of the very interesting Bolivian news sent us for our columns this month by Mrs. Mitchell. If our Women's Board had a representative in Bolivia, we should hear more of that work in our LINK. We do not hear enough, and would be glad to be kept better informed.

It is with great regret that we hear of the serious ill-health of Miss Philippott, our missionary from India, who returned to her home in Hamilton this spring on account of her own and her mother's ill-health. We are also grieved to hear of the sad bereavement that has come to the family in the death of her brother. In this multiplicity of trials we sympathize with our sister and her family, and pray for their comfort and restoration to health.

Mrs. Churchill, who met with a serious accident in San Francisco last spring, soon after landing there on her return from Bobbili, India, has recovered, we are glad to hear, sufficiently to go on to her brother's home in Vancouver, B.C. She will spend some time there before coming east. Her daughter, Miss Bessie Churchill, who is her

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co-worker in Bobbili, is with her. We give thanks for Mrs. Churchill's restoration, and wish for them a happy and enjoyable furlough.

The LINK extends to our missionary, Miss Marsh, in India, our sincere sympathy in her bereavement owing to the death of her brother, the late Mr. Wm. Marsh, of Quebec. Mr. Marsh was an earnest and faithful supporter of Baptist interests everywhere, and the church in Quebec will miss him much. We pray for our sister in her loneliness and separation from the family at a time of trial, and for the entire family circle at home in their loss.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY COTTAGE
OPENING.

Promptly at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, July 29th, a glorious summer day that seemed to give thanks for and bestow blessing upon the "Baptist Missionary Cottage," Mr. Denis (a deacon of Bracebridge Church) steered his little launch up to the new wharf, and about fifteen friends from Bracebridge disembarked; he then went up to Mr. Stephens' wharf and brought down another lot of friends, some of whom had motored out from Bracebridge. When all were gathered on the porch, a hymn was sung, the 103rd Psalm was read responsively, and Mr. Dickie (another deacon) led in prayer; after which the key of the house was handed to Mrs. Stephens by Miss MacLaurin, who expressed regret at the absence of Mrs. Pugsley. Mrs. Stephens spoke a few words, unlocked the door, and named the cottage. Rev. H. Jackson, of Bracebridge, then conducted the meeting, and after some remarks on "Quiet resting places," called on Miss Mould to tell how the land had been given by Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and the cottage built by Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Pugsley. Then, on behalf of the W. B. F. M. Board, Miss Alexander thanked these kind donors, and also Mr. Denis, who gave lumber towards the wharf. Mr. Linton, of Toronto, next made a few remarks, the doxology was sung, and the cottage was pronounced formally opened as a place of summer rest and quiet for our missionaries on furlough. Refreshments were served and a social time spent. At this juncture Rev. R. R. MacKay, Field Secretary of the Gen-

eral Foreign Mission Board, who came as their special representative, drove up in good time to say a word of thanks on behalf of that body for these generous gifts.

The land has a frontage of 150 feet on the bay, and stretches back 400 feet, and is well wooded; there is a beautiful view up and across the bay and out to the main channel of Lake Muskoka. The comfortable and attractive cottage, consisting of three rooms down and four rooms upstairs, is built in a clearing about fifty feet back from the water. In the living-room is a large stone fireplace, which will hold a fire that will chase away both chills and blues on cool damp days. A large porch in front makes a pleasant sitting-room in the morning, and when more curtains (which have been donated) are put up, will be shady in the afternoon. The gifts of money and articles given by many friends have furnished the cottage quite comfortably. We trust that for years to come many of our missionaries may here find a truly "quiet resting place," where over-tired body, mind and spirit may be refreshed; and upon them and the givers may the blessing of the "Giver of every good and perfect gift" rest and abide.

A GUEST.



"The Baptist Missionary Cottage"
Muskoka.

IF THOU THE TRUTH WOULD TEACH.

THE NEW REST-HOUSE ON LAKE
MUSKOKA.

Where dark Muskoka's waters curve
In ripples on the bay,
And shadows of the cloudlets chase
Each other far away;
Where tall trees crowd to see themselves
Reflected in the lake,
And fragrant flowers and clinging vines
Combine a joy to make;

On rocky slope a cottage stands,
Inviting, fresh, and fair;
Below, a massive landing-pier
Gives generous welcome there—
The outcome of kind thoughtful hearts
And loving Christian care.

“Come ye apart, O our sisters!
Rest for a little while;
Ye are weary with much labor,
Let the sun go back on your dial.

Come, rest, thank God and take courage,
He knows your weary frame;
He will lead you beside still waters
For the sake of His great name.
Then after rest and refreshing,
To life anew restored,
He will lead you forth to battle
For the glory of the Lord.”
—ISABEL SCOTT JACKSON.
Bracebridge.

NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

Canboro.—At the request of the Director, Mrs. A. Camelford, of Dunnville, visited the ladies of the Canboro Church on June 18th, and organized a Mission Circle of seven members. The officers appointed were: President, Mrs. F. Ashton; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Rice; Sec.-Treas., Miss Jennie Birdsall. Let us pray for this new interest in the church at Canboro.

Mrs. J. H. Hendry, Director.

Villa Nova.—It has been some time since you have heard anything from our Circle, but we are very much alive and trying to do something—at least tell others the glad tidings.

During the last year we have secured quite a number of new members among the younger ladies, and this has added young life to our meetings.

We have just organized for another year, but were unfortunate in losing our President, Mrs. A. Hellyer, by removal.

The ladies of the Circle met with Mrs. Hellyer at the parsonage in the month of May, and presented her with an address and piece of silver. Mrs. Hellyer assured us that if she could not be present at our Circle meetings we would share her sympathy and prayers.

Our Circle has also sent a quilt to the Mission Rest Home in Muskoka, and are now planning for our thank-offering. May we not become weary in well doing.

Lizzie E. Goebel, Secretary.

Grenville.—The ladies of the Grenville Mission Circle held a special birthday meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 9th, at the home of Mrs. George Nicholls, Cushing. The President, Mrs. J. H. Slimon, presided. There was a large gathering of the members, who had agreed last month to donate one cent for every year of their age at this meeting. After an interesting programme of missionary readings, etc., the Treasurer, Miss Hilda Beattie, took up the collection, which amounted to \$7.57. This sum will be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

An important feature of the afternoon's programme was the distribution of mite boxes to the members and others. This is a new venture for our Circle, and we trust it will not only increase the finances, but also the interest in our work.

Mrs. John Heatlie, Jr., Secretary.

ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.

Canada Central.—The Circles and Bands of the Canada Central Association held their 26th annual meeting with the First Church, Kingston, June 16th. The devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. McAlpine, who centred the thought around Hope as one of the primal elements of Christian living and service.

Mrs. Broley, of Delta, was appointed Secretary. Six Circles and four Bands responded to the roll-call, with a total delegation of 21, besides visitors.

Mrs. Smart, the Directress', report showed total monies raised \$862.45, a decrease of \$22.77 compared with last year.

Five boxes were sent, an increase of two over last year. Five Circles have contributed to the Glaxton Memorial Fund during the year; three life mem-

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bers in Circles and two in Bands were made; 125 LINKS and 193 Visitors were taken; two Bands disorganized.

Greeting from the Foreign Mission Board were read, beseeching each Circle P R W Gal EIGHT Aug 15 to be in special prayer from now until October for the apparent deficit meeting us.

A conference on Mission Band work, led by Mrs. Sinclair, of Perth, and Miss Ines of Kingston, proved interesting and helpful.

We are pleased to have Mrs. Hallkett in our Association, and to have her speak to us on Home Missions. In a pleasing and loving way she brought before us something of the work our Home Mission Board has been doing in the last 25 years, with a call to more self-sacrificing service.

The men joined us to listen to a splendid address on Foreign Missions by the Rev. H. E. Stillwell, who told us of the development of thought and spiritual life of the people of India.

Officers elected: President, Mrs. Hallkett, Kingston; First Vice-President, Mrs. Copland, Brockville; Second Vice-President, Mrs. McLennan, Perth; Directress, Mrs. McAlpine, Delta; Assistant Directress, Miss Ines, Kingston. Offerings, \$6.90.

Meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. G. Collins, of Athens.

Ruby Broley, Secretary.

Western.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands held at Wheatley, May 27th, opened promptly at 1.45, the President, Mrs. P. C. Cameron in the chair. Mrs. J. E. Oldershaw read the Scripture lesson from John, 14th chap., and a season of prayer followed. Mrs. McGregor, of Wheatley, gave the address of welcome, and Mrs. H. V. Cameron, of Chatham, replied.

The reports from all the Circles were of a most encouraging nature, all but three reporting an increase in their giving, and sounding an encouraging note.

After a Bible-reading on the Holy Spirit and His influence in our lives, Mrs. P. C. Cameron gave a paper that was prepared by Mrs. Dr. Brien, of Windsor, who was unable to be present, telling us much of the life and work of Dr. Jessie Allyn, our missionary—Dr. Allyn and Dr. Brien having been in college together.

The President, Mrs. Cameron, spoke words of courage to the new Circles,

after which Mrs. Lecate gave a paper on Home Missions, using a map, and giving quite a comprehensive trip to our Home Mission stations.

Mrs. Vizard, of Kingsville, then gave a splendid paper on Band work.

The LINK and Visitor were ably spoken for by Mrs. Benson, of Chatham, and the President also spoke a kind word for these very bright, helpful little papers.

Mrs. Hatton, Chatham, spoke on the Treasury and spiritual needs.

Miss McLeod then spoke a few minutes, telling of her call to the closed field, from her place as a Mission Band leader.

Officers for the ensuing year:—

Directress, Miss Ritchie, Arner P.O.; Assistant Directress, Mrs. Young, Harrow P.O.; President, Mrs. P. C. Cameron, Windsor; Vice-President, Mrs. M. Hatton, Chatham.

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” was sung, and Rev. Mr. Bosworth closed the afternoon meeting with prayer.

Collection and speakers' expenses amounted to \$17.75.

Mary Wilson, Secretary.

Eastern.—The Mission Circles of the Eastern Association held their annual meeting with the Abbott's Corners Baptist Church. The President, Mrs. Dick, of North Hatley, occupied the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Ramsay, of Montreal, following which was the President's address. Mrs. Ayer very earnestly presented the claims of the Women's Foreign Mission Board. The report of Circles and Bands was encouraging. The amount contributed to Missions was \$2,313.03, an increase of \$55.68 over last year. The number of LINKS taken was 200; Visitors, 207; barrels sent away, 10. An instructive paper written by Miss Higgins, on “Methods of Finance in Our Circle Work,” was read by Mrs. Pollock. Those interested in Mission Bands gained much valuable information from the “Question Drawer on Band Work,” conducted by Mrs. Ramsay.

The officers for the following year are: President, Mrs. Dick, North Hatley; Directress, Mrs. Pollock, Moe's River; Secretary, Mrs. McKenzie, Coaticook.

At the joint service in the evening two very inspiring addresses were given Home and Foreign Missions, by Mrs.

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Parsons and Rev. H. E. Stillwell, respectively. The day proved to be one of blessings to all.

Mrs. G. Allen, Secretary.

Elgin.—The 30th annual meeting of the Circles and Bands of the Elgin Association met with the Malahide and Bayham Circle, Tuesday, June 2.

A helpful prayer service was conducted by Mrs. Ernest Woodruff, and a business session followed, with the President in the chair. Seventeen Circles, seven Bands and one Junior B. Y. P. U. reported a total offering of \$1,233.05.

Heartly words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. J. D. Pound, and responded to by Mrs. O. C. Elliott.

The afternoon devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. F. Ross and Mrs. Shaw, and a most helpful Bible reading by Mrs. Pollock, entitled "The Fruits of Thought," the text being Jer. 6: 19.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Directress, Mrs. J. H. Rinch; President, Mrs. D. E. Brown; Vice-President, Mrs. Hugh Shaw; Assistant Directress, Mrs. V. J. Towers.

An interesting and profitable conference ensued, entitled "Duties of Circle Members."

Excellent papers were read by Mrs. V. C. Towers and Miss Esther Baker, respectively, on "Systematic Giving" and "Young Ladies' Mission Circles."

A Model Band Meeting by the Malahide and Bayham Sunday School, presided over by Mrs. Rinch, ended the afternoon session.

Evening session opened by song service conducted by Mrs. D. Augustine. Mrs. Magee read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer.

Mr. Peter Kolesnikoff gave a most interesting talk on his work in his inimitable style, and sang two songs, one in Russian and one in Bulgarian. Miss K. S. McLaurin gave an address on Foreign Missions, and presented the claims of our Foreign work in her usual forcible way. Music was furnished throughout the day by Mrs. V. C. Towers, Miss Esther Baker and the Malahide and Bayham choir. Offering, \$21.00.

Rev. Mr. Magee closed the session with prayer.

Northern.—The Annual Meeting of the Circles and Bands of the Northern Association, which was held in Barrie on June 23rd, was most interesting and inspiring. The chair was taken by the

Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Barrie, and with her on the platform were Mrs. Lillie and Miss Alexander, of Toronto. Mrs. (Rev.) Andrew Smith, of Barrie, gave the address of welcome.

Greetings were received from sister societies.

The President gave an address on "Our God-given Powers."

Musical selections were contributed by Misses Urry and Jones, Miss Irvin and Miss Nellie Morgan. Recitation by Miss Sinclair.

Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto, gave a most interesting address on Home Missions, and Miss Alexander, of Toronto, spoke in the interest of Foreign Missions.

After hearing two such excellent addresses on the Home and Foreign work, there was aroused within us a more earnest desire to help, and a more sympathetic feeling towards those who know nothing of the love of Jesus.

The reports from Circles and Bands showed an increase which was very encouraging. The offering amounted to \$12.48, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Wm. Smith, Barrie; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Poehlman, Collingwood; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. John Henry, Sudbury; Directress, Mrs. (Rev.) W. F. Price, North Bay.

Emma Morgan, Asst. Directress.

Owen Sound.—The Mission Circles and Bands of the Owen Sound Association held their regular annual meeting in the schoolroom of the Baptist Church in Owen Sound on June 11th, 1914. The meeting opened by singing "Work for the Night is Coming." Minutes of last Association, held in Menford, were read and adopted. Very encouraging reports were read from the various Circles and Bands. The following is a summary of the Directress' report.—Amounts raised for Home Missions by Circles, \$200.72; amounts raised for Foreign Missions by Circles, \$183.37; amounts raised for Home Missions by Bands, \$53.30; amounts raised for Foreign Missions by Bands, \$68.80. Total, \$506.19, an increase of \$91.02 over last year's total.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Directress, Mrs. (Dr.) Burt, Owen Sound; Assistant Directress, Mrs. A. Cameron, Leith; President, Mrs. McCormack, Port Elgin;

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Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Graham, Durham.

The afternoon session opened by singing "I Gave My Life for Thee." A short season of prayer followed the reading of the Scripture lesson. Greetings from sister societies were received. Finances of our Circle, illustrated by a chart by Mrs. Pickard, made one grieve to think of "a blood bought child of Christ spending so much on pleasure and dress and giving so little to the cause of Christ." An address on "The Forfeiter in Canada," given by Mrs. Day, was splendid. A solo, "Why Stand Ye Idle?" was beautifully sung by Miss Irwin, of Owen Sound.

Miss L. M. Jones, our returned missionary, gave us a splendid address on our work in India. Miss E. Pickard gave a reading, "A Religion Good Enough of Their Own." Then followed a Mission Band drill by 21 boys and girls from Miss Manghan's Mission Band.

After singing "Take My Life and Let It Be," Mr. Proudfoot closed with prayer.

Mrs. J. A. Graham, Secretary.
Box 100 Durham, Ont.

Oxford-Brant.—Beautiful weather and surroundings favored the gathering of the Women's Mission Circles and Bands at Springfield. The first session opened at 1.30 with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Dewey, of Tillsonburg, the keynote of which was "Thankfulness."

After appointing committees, Mrs. Doolittle, the Directress, reported for the Circles. She reminded those present that as Oxford-Brant was the banner Association at the Convention last year, not to fall behind this year.

The Band Directress, Mrs. Vardon, reported 17 Bands and 16 contributing.

Mrs. D. B. Smith, of Springfield, welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Priest responded.

The message that Mrs. Rose, the President, gave was based upon the words of Christ, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." She emphasized faithfulness according to our capacity, in love more than from a sense of duty.

"What Are We Doing in the Home Land" was the theme of Mrs. Simmons' address. Following this address Mrs. Cattell, of Norwich, sang a solo very sweetly.

The splendidly instructive address given by Mrs. Mitchell will not soon be forgotten. She impressed upon all the location of the Bolivian Mission, and the responsibility of immediately "Going in to possess the land" seemed to be impressed on each one present.

The exercise by the Springfield Mission Band was most unique and interesting.

Mrs. (Dr.) Barber held a Conference on Circle and Band Work, when many new thoughts and suggestions were given, one of the chief being that most of us fail to go to the proper reservoir for our enthusiasm.

Greetings from the Norfolk Association at Vittoria were read, after which Miss McLaurin came forward and dismissed with prayer.

The evening session opened with the President in the chair. Devotional exercises took the form of an alphabetical exercise on giving. After the reading of the minutes by Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Richards read the report of the Nominating Committee, as follows: President, Mrs. Priest, Jerseyville; Vice-President, Miss Whiting, Brantford; Circle Directress, Mrs. Doolittle, Norwich; Band Directress, Mrs. Vardon, Springfield.

A duet given by members of the Mission Band was much appreciated.

Mr. Andoff, missionary to the foreigners in Toronto, spoke forcefully of the need of Christianizing the foreigners, and also spoke of the lack of proper equipment to carry out their work successfully.

"Abide With Me" was sweetly sung by Miss Shattuck and Miss Wilcox, of Springfield.

Miss K. S. McLaurin centred her thoughts around the widows of India, and touched the hearts of all with her word pictures of their life.

Mr. Andoff closed with prayer a day of great helpfulness and enjoyment.

J. E. McLean, Secretary.

Peterborough.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands was held with the Pieton Church on June 16-18. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. W. D. Scott, of Peterborough. After the devotional exercises, the minutes of last meeting were read.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. W. B. Scott, of Pieton Church, and suitably responded to by Mrs. R. Weston, of Campbellford.

TO GIVE THE LIPS FULL SPEECH.

The reports from the Circles and Bands, read by the Directress, Miss M. A. Nicholl, of Peterborough, were very encouraging, and showed substantial increases in contributions from many of the churches. The best way of handling the mite boxes was discussed. Mrs. Dulmage, of Picton, gave a pleasing solo. THE LINK and Visitor were ably represented by Miss Jackson, of Port Hope. She pointed out the fact that more subscribers were necessary. A very interesting address was given by Miss McLeod, of India, depicting many incidents in her work for the past twenty years. Many pathetic stories were related, showing love and zeal for the winning of souls. Greetings were received from the sister societies of Picton.

The Nominating Committee appointed the same officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. W. D. Scott, Peterborough; Vice-President, Mrs. R. J. Edmunds, Port Hope; Directress, Miss M. A. Nicholl, Peterborough; Assistant, Miss J. Jackson, Port Hope.

Norfolk.—The annual meeting of the Circles and Bands was held in Vittoria, on Tuesday, June 9th. The opening exercises were conducted by Mrs. H. C. Newcombe, Simcoe, who gave an able address on "Living in Personal Touch With Jesus," followed by a helpful prayer meeting.

Mrs. MacLeod gave us kind words of welcome, to which Mrs. Beemer, the President, replied.

The Directress' report showed \$60 decrease in giving by the Bands, but the Circles contributed \$163 more this year than last, and many of the Circles are taking the Canadian Missionary Study Course. A Model Circle Meeting, in which several ladies took part, was held. In the "Question Drawer," which followed, the matter of raising our standard to the old one of 10 cents per month to each society was discussed and approved of where possible.

The advantage of the Study Course, using Visitor and LINK as helps, was emphasized.

In the Band Conference, led by Mrs. Leech, of Eden, the question of fees was discussed, and the attendance of older people urged.

Miss Fisher and her Band held a meeting, model in every respect.

Mr. Fitch, late superintendent of the B. Y. P. U. Missionary Department, gave a forceful address on the value of Systematic Missionary Study, and presented the advantages of the Canadian Baptist Missionary Course. The table of literature, in charge of Mrs. Fitch, was much appreciated.

In the evening Mrs. J. McLaurin, Toronto, spoke to us on "Hinduism vs. Christianity." She told us of the hopelessness of Hinduism, but how the Spirit is turning the pure water of the world into the wine of Life. Rev. John Kolesnikoff, Toronto, interestingly told us the beginnings of his work among the foreigners.

Resolutions of sympathy with bereaved friends and of appreciation for the hospitality of the entertaining church were passed.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. D. N. Cameron, Langton; Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. McConnell, Delhi; Directress, Mrs. Geo. Pearce, Waterford; Band Directress, Miss V. Fisher, Vittoria.

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Middlesex and Lambton.—The annual meeting of Circles and Bands, meeting with the Arkona Church, was opened at 1.30, and notwithstanding the heat, was well attended and full of interest. Mrs. Wright welcomed us to a town where women do things. They do not stop at wanting their homes and town to look their best, but they help with all the activities of the church. Mrs. Meldrum, from Ailsa Craig, replied on behalf of the delegates.

The Directress' digest of work of Circles and Bands indicated faithful work and generous giving, especially by the smaller Circles.

The President, Mrs. Boyd, of London, in her address, contrasted the beginning with the end of the century of missionary effort. The Mission Band Conference, conducted by the question and answer method, was interesting and profitable. "The Consecration Hour" was felt by us all to be a time of quickening and refreshing. We were particularly impressed by Miss Adams' address on the stewardship of time and money.

At roll call 55 delegates responded with a message. Mrs. Brown, of Strathroy, impressed the importance of our valuable papers, THE LINK and Vis-

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itor. The best way to help is to see that the subscription list is increased. Our beloved missionary, Miss McLeod, gave us a brief message.

Officers for 1914-15: Hon. President, Mrs. T. Woodburn, London; President, Mrs. W. J. Barber, Sarnia; Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Hawkings, London; Directress, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Sarnia; Assistant Directress, Miss Campbell, Strathroy; Secretary, Miss K. Watson, Sarnia.

On account of the extreme heat, the evening meeting was held in the open air, an auto being used for a platform, the birds assisting in the song service.

The Directress' annual report showed a new Circle organized at Kensal Park; and Maitland St., London, Mission Band reorganized. Twenty-three Circles have raised for Home and Foreign Missions, \$1,822.66; eighteen Bands have raised \$363.44. Grand total for Circles and Bands, \$2,186.10, an increase over last year of \$319.69.

The Foreign Mission address was given by Miss McLeod. Instead of telling us of her work in India, Miss McLeod called our attention to some of the mistakes we were making at the home end. She urged that parents and teachers, who lead the young people, see that Christ leads the way.

The Home Mission address was given by Rev. A. C. Bingham, Petrolia, who took for his theme John 4: 4, "And he must needs go through Samaria." We were indebted to the church organist and many other friends for delightful music.

The pastor of the church dismissed with the benediction one of the most helpful and interesting meetings yet held.

Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Directress.
K. Watson, Secretary.

Whitby and Lindsay.—At 9.30 on Thursday morning a business meeting of the Circles and Bands was held. Delegates answered the roll call with their respective reports and other business, including the naming of the Nominating Committee, was transacted.

The regular meeting was at 2 p.m. Mrs. Forsyth led the devotional exercises, choosing as her lesson the 28th chapter of Matthew. The three words,

God, come, and go, she used as the basis of her talk. Mrs. Richardson, of Whitby, led in prayer for the missionaries and their work.

Mrs. Rigby then took the chair, and Mrs. Trull, of Oshawa, offered fervent prayer that God would bless the present meeting.

Mrs. Anderson, of Oshawa, gave the hearty address of welcome, to which Mrs. Holden, of Mount Joy, replied most ably.

The keynote of the whole meeting was prayer, introduced by the President in her address.

In the absence of the Directress, the Assistant Directress read Mrs. Madill's report, and the Nominating Committee submitted their report, nominating the following as officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Rigby, Lindsay; Directress, Mrs. Forsyth, Claremont; Assistant, Mrs. Holden, Mount Joy; Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Scott, Oshawa. This report was also received as satisfactory.

It was decided to write a letter of sympathy and appreciation to the Director of 1914, Mrs. Madill.

Mrs. Mundy, of Oshawa, rendered a solo with much expression, which was enjoyed by all.

The address on "Our Papers" by Mrs. Bryant, of Lindsay, was read by Miss Forsyth in the former's absence. Good agents, extra copies, the pastor's help and the circulation of the copies already in the homes were suggested as helps to increase the number of subscribers.

Kindly greetings were given by representatives of the Ladies' Societies of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, also the Women's Temperance Society.

Mrs. Fry, of Oshawa, sang a solo with sweet voice, after which Mrs. Powke gave an excellent paper on "Diversified Home Missions."

After a most generous offering was taken, Mrs. Kingdon, of Toronto, gave an earnest address on the work done in India. Again the people were pressed to pray for the advancement of the work on this wide field.

Rev. E. J. Harris, of Bobcaygeon, then closed the meeting with prayer.

ANNUAL CONVENTION, EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

The Annual Convention of the W. B. F. M. S. of Eastern Ontario and Quebec will be held in the First Baptist Church, Ottawa, Oct. 6th and 7th, 1914.

Delegates desiring entertainment are requested to send their names to Mrs. W. E. Matthews, 221 Clemow Avenue, as early as possible.

Delegates may be appointed thus: For a Circle of twenty or less, two delegates; for each additional twenty, one delegate.

Bands have the right to send one delegate.

All are invited to attend and take part in the discussions, but only delegates, life members and the officers belonging to regular Baptist Churches are entitled to vote.

Matters of great importance to the Society will be discussed at the morning session, and delegates are urged to be in their seats at 9.30, so that the day's proceedings may begin promptly, and with a united supplication for a blessing from our Father.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the Rev. H. E. Stillwell, India, will address our gathering on Tuesday evening.

PROGRAMME.

Oct 6th—Morning Session.

9.30—Hymn. Scripture. Prayer. Election of Convention reporter. Introduction of pages.

9.45—Address of welcome. Reply, Mrs. Metcalfe, Thurso. Appointment of committees. Nominations. Appropriations. Resolutions. Reports: Recording Secretary, Eastern Association, C. Central Association, Ottawa Association, Grande Ligne Association.

10.30—Quiet hour, Mrs. A. N. Frith, Ottawa.

11.00—President's address, Mrs. H. H. Ayer. Report of Committee on Nominations. Election of officers and Executive Board. Roll call. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session.

2.00—Prayer service, Mrs. Davies, Renfrew.

2.30—Minutes of morning session. THE LINK.

2.45—Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Motley. Moved by —, seconded by Mrs. A. T. Chapman. Discussion.

3.15—Report of Treasurer, Miss F. M. Russell. Discussion. Report of Committee on Appropriations. Discussion.

3.45—Address, Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace.

4.30—Report of Claxton Memorial Fund. Mrs. A. E. Paterson. Prayer. Adjournment.

TREASURERS OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC—THIS CONCERNS YOU!

Will all Circle and Band Treasurers of Eastern Ontario and Quebec note that the next, and last, quarterly business meeting of the Board will be held September 11, and kindly send all available monies on or before that date?

Also please remember that, as the books close September 20, all monies to be credited in this year's statement must be in the Treasurer's hands not later than the above mentioned date (Sept. 20). Your Board still needs \$900.00 to cover appropriations. Be generous as well as prompt.

Frances Russell.

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WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Treasurer's statement from March 12 to June 12:—

Receipts from Circles—

Philipsville (thank-offering), \$11.00; Dempsey, \$5.00; Cornwall (balance on life membership \$17.00), \$24.45; Montreal Tabernacle, \$10.00; Point St. Charles, \$10.00; Westmount, \$18.25; Smith's Falls, \$15.00; Clarence, \$10.00; Kingston, First, \$6.00; Barnston, \$5.00; McPhail Memorial (life membership,

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Mrs. I. H. McDonald, \$25.00; Winchester (life membership, Miss Alice Schofield, \$25.00), \$30.00; Osgoode (life membership, Mrs. John Ferguson, \$25.00), \$90.00; Delta, \$15.00; Quebec (Bolivia \$10.00, Leper Work \$10.00), \$50.00; Montreal, French, \$5.00; Ottawa, Fourth, \$7.00; South Gower (support Bathamma), \$15.00; Almonte, \$5.00; Montreal, Olivet (deficit \$25.00), \$62.00; Drummond, \$5.00; Ottawa, French, \$10.00; Ottawa, First (Biblewoman's work), \$93.00; Mrs. D. W. Cameron, for Biblewoman, \$30.00 \$30.00, Bolivia \$2.00), \$173.00; Montreal, Temple, \$20.00; Montreal, First (life memberships, Mrs. D. H. Wood, Miss Grace McLaren \$50.00), \$193.00; Coaticook, \$10.00; Moe's River, \$4.30; Osnabruk, \$5.00; Sawyerville, \$3.75; Roxton Road, \$4.00; Breadalbane, \$5.00; Ottawa, East, Bolivia, \$5.00. Total from Circles, \$890.25.

From Bands—

Dixville, \$4.90; Vankleek Hill, \$2.60; Westmount (Bolivia \$10.00, support

student \$17.00), \$52.00; Montreal, Tabernacle, \$5.07; Rockland (part support girl), \$8.00; Allan's Mills, \$10.00; Sawyerville, \$2.50; Clarence, \$4.50. Total, \$89.57.

From Sundries—

Miss McPherson, Vankleek Hill, support student, \$15.00; A Friend, \$5.00; collection at Union Meeting, \$3.71; Montreal, First Church S. S. Primary Dept., support girl, \$15.00; Friend, for Valluru School, \$39.00; Thurso Circle (Miss Priest's Bungalow), \$27.00. Total, \$104.71.

Disbursements—

Cheque to General Treasurer, \$1,000.00; printing in Year Book, \$6.00. Total, \$1,006.00.

Total receipts from March 12th to June 12th, \$1,084.53; total receipts since Oct. 1st, 1913, to June 12th, 1914, \$2,841.41; total disbursements since Oct. 1st, 1913, \$2,498.39.

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Young People's Department.

MISSION BAND CORNER.

As I sit down to write for my Band boys and girls, the sounds of revelry greet my ear. Our city is celebrating its Old Home Week, and the music of the razzle-dazzle, the grind-organ, the merry-go-round, and the bands are heard most of the time. Flags flap gaily in the breeze. Throngs of people are in the streets. The children are out "seein' things." Old friends stand about in groups chatting over the past. The glad hand of welcome is extended; friends meet, then part again. Everybody is out for "a good time." When that good time is found in things that are right, how pleasant are the days, and men thank God for life's blessings, and for the many beautiful things that our loving Heavenly Father has given us so richly to enjoy. But when the good time is sought in questionable amusements, in gambling dens, and in the bar-room, what is the inevitable result? You know as well as I do. It is heartache and misery for somebody.

It reminds me of a description I read in "Missions," of a Hindu holiday. Human nature is much the same the world over, and the Hindu also longs

for a good time, and has his own way of hunting it. The missionary pitched his tent in a fine grove of tamarind trees, a quarter of a mile from the temple enclosure of Penaganchaprolu, and from there could watch all proceedings, and also come in close contact with the people whom he longed to help. The "Teranalli," or temple festival, is the occasion that draws people from their homes, and affords them their holiday season. The day before the festival, the village people paint their homes with a plaster made of red earth, cow dung and water, and after this has dried hard, the wall is whitewashed. This whitewash is striped with red, the stripes running four inches apart. The doorsteps and streets are also "cleaned," and the women make fancy designs with white sand and chalk on the streets in front of their houses. The missionary watches the merry, chattering people, bedecked in their best, coming from all directions in their bundies. On the carts tall bamboo poles are placed and fastened to them are gorgeous decorations of colored cloth, tassels, paper, and bells. The oxen's horns are painted red and yellow, and wreaths of flowers are about their necks. Five

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special carts with ponderous stone wheels have erected on them poles thirty and forty feet high, covered with many brightly colored pictures of gods and goddesses. The village band escorts the groups of carts to the open space near the temple, and there several men sing and recite verses about the merits of their gods. They pass in procession about the temple three times, and then camp out in the grove. Not only all day, but all night, the noise continues—the loud voices of the people, the ringing of bells on carts and oxen, the screech of the pipe, the beat of the tom-tom, the barking and howling of dogs combine to make no soothing lullaby.

Of the five temples, four are the abodes of goddesses. One is the home of the terrible tiger who ate the husband of Tiripama, to whose honor the main temple is dedicated. Tiripama was made a goddess on account of her noble act of jumping into the funeral pyre to secure her husband's salvation after his body had been eaten.

The merchants of all the villages in the vicinity see in this festival a great opportunity for trade, so they have camped out in the space near the temples. Here they sell brasswork, tinware, beads, bracelets, clothing, fruit, candy and provisions. It is also a harvest-time for the travelling beggars and religious fakir. Here lies one on a bed of thorns; another fakir has a little show of images, and when the people see the blood flow freely as he cuts and flogs himself before them, they give to him generously. Here are wandering minstrels dressed as women, who sing and dance, and accept gladly the pice thrown to them. The lame, the halt and the blind call persistently for pity and alms. A crowd of sturdy rascals, smeared with ashes and colored powder, go from shop to shop in the bazaar, beating drums, rattling iron clappers, blowing shrill whistles, and shouting, making such an awful noise that the trade has to stop, and the merchants are glad to pay them enough to get them out of the way. Many modern gambling devices are there, and crowds are always about, throwing dice, spinning the pointer, and watching those who thus are trying to win the coins put up, in value from an anna to a rupee.

The sacrificing comes the last day of the festival. Two men, designated "the killers," stand before the temple, and

the people bring to them their sheep, goats and chickens. There seems to be no order, or decency, or regular form of service. The crowds yell, and push their way in and out. The skins of the sheep and goats are kept for sale or leather work, and the lower castes sometimes eat the meat. None of this offering is given to the goddess. She is presented with jewels, grain, money, amounting to hundreds of rupees. And what has this prosperous-looking goldsmith brought with him? He has a large pot and a bag of rice. After covering the pot with red and yellow powder, he places it on a fire built before the temple. He pours in the rice, after repeating certain mantras or prayers. When the rice is well cooked, he takes a little on a leaf and offers it to the idol, then sits down with his friends and enjoys a hearty meal of the remainder.

When the festival closes, the crowd disappears in a night as if by magic. In an empty grove the refuse and the blackened stones of the fireplaces show where the campers had been. The people return to their daily round of toil, some in debt, and all poorer, excepting the beggars and the merchants. For days to come, the women about the village well and the men in the streets will talk of the joy and excitement of this short season of merrymaking.

You will be looking for the results of the examination in the Foreign Mission Courses. More Band members wrote than at any previous time. We are grateful for the increasing interest in this department of our work. The leader who won the book is Mrs. William Raithby, Dunnville. Honorable mention is given as follows: Mrs. James Burgess, Villa Nova; Mrs. Nora D. Hellyer, Townsend Centre, and Mrs. T. F. Rupert, Leamington.

The winners of rewards for Band members are as follows. First, Lennan Lapp, Dunnville; second, Archie Goble, Villa Nova; third, Thos Russell, Townsend Centre; fourth, Muriel Leckie, Leamington.

Honorable mention is given as follows: Editha Smith, Leta M. Burgess, Villa Nova; Evelyn L. Kenny, Springfield; Florence Asher, Lola Smith, Alice Broser, Dunnville.

Be watching for the next examination, and please try again!

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