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W. B. F. M. Society of Ontario.

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The following appropriations were made:—Seminary Students, \$200; Village Schools, \$870; Books and Tracts, \$280; Bible Women, \$160; Samulcotta Seminary, \$1550; Woman's Work, Akida, \$700; Tuni, \$650; Cocanada, \$1000; Cocanada Zenana, \$910. Total for India on regular work, \$6,200. Miss Hatch's furlough allowance and probable passage to India, \$721; Home expenses, \$79. Total, \$7,000.

As this is equal to the total amount raised last year, including \$500 extra for the boat, it was felt that the Board could not undertake more at present, but would

make a special effort to raise \$600 for girls' dormitories, and \$100 for widows' quarters, to be paid as soon as we are able to do so.

A resolution was passed by the Convention encouraging the Board to go forward and enlarge the work for the coming year. A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies of Hamilton, for kind hospitality, was passed. Next Convention to be held in Jarvis St., Toronto.

ELLEN DAVIES, Rec. Sec.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the past year the Board has had four regular meetings and one extra meeting. At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board for the year, held in the Paris Baptist church, on October 26th, the following appropriations were made.

AKIDU—Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$300.00; NARSAPATNAM—Books and tracts, \$10.00; RAMACHANDRAPURAM—Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$205.00; YELLAM ANCHILI—Village schools, books and tracts, \$75.00; COCANADA—Village schools, books and tracts, \$160.00; PEDDAPURAM—Bible women, Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$130.00; TUNI—Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$85.00; SAMULCOTTA SEMINARY—Miss Hatch's salary, \$500; teachers, \$375.00; students' support, \$950.00; books and tracts, repairs and miscellaneous, \$235.00; VUY YURU—Bible women, Seminary students, village schools, books and tracts, \$195.00; WOMEN'S WORK FOR WOMEN—Akidu, \$660.00; Tuni, \$450.00; Samulcotta Bible Work, \$80.00; Cocanada School, \$1000.00; Cocanada Zenana Work, \$610.00; Total, \$6010.00.

A request came from the Women's Home Mission Board relative to some proposed changes in the Constitution of Associational Societies and instructions to directors. The matter was referred to a committee consisting of Mrs. Pease, Miss Buchan and Miss Elliot, and at the half yearly meeting of April 14th, a Letter of Instructions to Directors, with such alterations as were concurred in by both boards, was unanimously approved.

On behalf of the Society the president and recording secretary signed a petition to the Minister of Customs, which had been prepared in conjunction with the other Women's Missionary Societies of the country, with a view to the abolition of the importation of Chinese girls.

It is with much sorrow that we record the death of our Secretary for Bands, Miss Hattie West, of Toronto, who passed away on the 28th of December last. In spite of great weakness, Miss West had continued to the last in her much loved work. After her removal Mrs. West kindly carried it on for a time, but was obliged to relinquish it, when Mrs. C. T. Stark, of Toronto, was appointed to the vacant office.

At a special meeting of the Board on February 24th, an application was received from Miss Ellen Priest, of

Toronto. At the same time, a proposal was made by the Women's Foreign Mission Board of Manitoba, to undertake the support of a lady missionary, as regards salary and munshi, if this society would assume the expenses connected with outfit and travelling. On these conditions Miss Priest was appointed to the work.

She is one who has long cherished a desire to go to the foreign field, but, being providentially prevented from doing so by the pressure of home cares, she has devoted herself to Christian work at home, in which she has proved herself well fitted for the wider sphere to which she is now called. Miss Priest left Toronto with the missionary party sent out by the General Board, on Tuesday, September 26th.

At the meeting of February 24th, a letter was received from Miss May McDonald, tendering her resignation as a missionary elect of this Board.

At the meeting of April 14, word was received that Miss Hatch had set out on her homeward journey, it having been considered wise by the missionary party in India, on account of the state of her health, and for other reasons, that she should return to Canada for a season of rest this year. Miss Hatch arrived safely towards the end of May, and during the last few months, by her presence amongst us, has been giving valuable assistance to the missionary cause.

A kind offer was received from an anonymous gentleman friend, for the Board to order mite-boxes at his expense. This offer was gratefully taken advantage of, 5000 boxes being ordered and advertised to be procured at the Book-room, or from Miss Stark, President of the Bureau of Missionary Information.

Through the Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, an unknown friend expressed to the Board a willingness to contribute \$200.00 towards the \$500.00 required for providing a missionary boat, for Miss Stovel, of Akidu, on condition that the balance should be raised by our women as an extra effort. The offer was gratefully accepted by the Board, and the necessary \$300.00 has since been collected and paid over.

The following have been added to the list of life-members during the year:—Mrs. Wm. Davies, Jr., Toronto; Mrs. Alexander Nelles, Boston; Mrs. Cooper, Toronto; Mrs. Maria E. Bell, Grimsby; Miss Anna Moyle, Brantford, five in all.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN DAVIES, Rec. Sec'y

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The will of God our Saviour is that *all* men shall "be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth," "for there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all."

To accomplish this salvation the Creator of the universe laid aside His glory and suffered the death of the cross. To lift up fallen man God himself became man. To give to those who sit in darkness a knowledge of Him who is the Light of the world, Jesus our Lord and Master, our Life and Light, has commissioned us to preach the Gospel in all the world, to every creature—has said, "As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world," and has promised His continual presence with us as we fulfil this commission.

What part have we as Baptist women taken in carrying out this last command of our ascended Lord? The record of the past year will tell; while many Circles and

dividuals have done nobly, others have done nothing. Some Circles have more than doubled their gifts to Foreign Missions, but alas there are many that have fallen far behind last year's offerings, and ten Circles which reported last year have given nothing this year! Surely the love of Christ must be almost dead in the hearts of those who can do nothing to brighten the lives of the thousands of Telugu women who have no Christ—no light, no gladness.

The appropriations made by the Board at its annual meeting were \$700 less than the income of the previous year. This was done in the hope that the society might be able this year to send out and support another missionary in India.

The past has been the most anxious year in regard to funds that the Board has ever experienced—never before has the treasury been so empty, never have the officers been in such perplexity.

There has been, we regret to say, retrograde movement in the work here, for the past two years; and the receipts for this year are behind those of last year (the boat money being *extra* money).

We fear that our young friends in the Bands are losing sight of India's children and students, for the income from them is more than \$150 short of last year.

The returns from the Associations show 208 Circles, of which only 206 have reported to the Treasurer. Of these only 79 have come up to the standard of *one dollar a year to Foreign Missions*, seven have given \$2 and over per contributor, three have given \$3 and over, one has given \$5 per contributor, but as this Circle only reports *two* contributors and 200 women in the church, it is not a fair estimate.

Ninety-three Circles have increased their offerings to Foreign Missions, sixteen have given the same as last year, and 67 have given less, and others have reported too late.

There are a great many women in most of the churches who do not give through the Circle. Cobourg, Burks Falls, Eglinton and Blytheswood, are the only Circles that report every woman in the church as contributing—several others come very near the mark. It is pleasing to note that most of these are in country places, where the population is scattered and the collecting much more difficult.

A number of new Circles have been organized this year.

From the January Conference held in Cocanada a request came for at least three more ladies to be sent out this year, and also for \$500 to build a boat for the lady or ladies on the Akidu field.

About the same time Miss Ellen Priest and Miss Anna Murray, of Toronto, offered themselves for missionary work in India, and it became known to certain members of the Board that Miss Katie McLaurin was very desirous of going out under the Canadian Society, if it were possible to send her. A meeting of the Executive was called on the day set apart for prayer for Foreign Missions. The Treasurer reported the money coming in very slowly and the treasury very low.

What was to be done? Here were the three ladies asked for, and no prospect of being able to send out more than one, if even that could be done. Prayer after prayer arose from troubled hearts to Him who has said, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." The need was made known through an appeal sent to every Circle.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Manitoba had some time before asked

if our Board could recommend a lady for them to support in India. Miss Priest's application was laid before them, and they accepted her as their missionary on condition that our society provide her outfit and passage money. This our Board agreed to do.

Miss McLaurin was appointed by the General Board to be supported by the Walmer Road church, Toronto, and Miss Murray was accepted as the missionary of the Women's Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

As soon as it became known that a boat was needed for Miss Stovel's use on the Akidu field, "A friend of missions" offered, through Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, to give \$200 toward it on condition that the balance (\$300) be raised by the women in addition to their ordinary gifts. The amount was raised by special offerings from the women and children; it has been sent to India, and the boat "Glad Tidings" is now being built.

Misses McLaurin, Priest and Murray sailed with other Canadian and American missionaries from Boston on the 30th of September. We rejoice in God's goodness; we thank Him for three more devoted, consecrated and gifted women for India. Our only regret is that the privilege of supporting them is not ours.

Again has the Board been disappointed in its hope of soon having a medical lady on the Akidu field. In January the resignation of Miss May Macdonald as a prospective missionary was unanimously accepted. Still the cry comes across the ocean—"India's women and children are suffering for want of proper treatment, come over and help us." Will no one answer to the call?

WORK AMONG THE TELUGUS.

MISS HATCH.—The first few months of the year found Miss Hatch recovered from the severe fever that laid her low during her visit to Bangalore, and she was able to visit the villages and Yetlapalem more regularly than before.

In Seminary work—in Bible work—work in Samal-cotta and Yetlapalem towns—work among the women and children—in charge of Sunday schools—of village schools—in services at houses and in by-ways and lanes with the women, in conducting prayer meetings, her time was spent until the strength that had been slowly getting less and less was so reduced that it was only by exercising the greatest care that she was able to do her daily work. Then the missionaries unanimously advised her to return to Canada. Her own good sense told her it would be wise. Some changes being in process in the Seminary made it convenient for her to leave—so after a great struggle that well nigh broke her heart, she decided to bid farewell for a time to the missionaries and her much loved work, and sailed from Bombay on the 8th of April, arriving at her home in Woodstock on the 16th of May, much benefited by the voyage.

"Miss Hatch has been in India nearly seven years and has been connected with the Seminary for rather more than four years—years which she has filled with service of all kinds—teaching—Sunday school work—village work—correspondence with Circles and Bands, besides making her influence felt in many other ways."

Since her return her time has been spent to a great extent in visiting the Circles and endeavoring to arouse greater interest in the work among the down-trodden women of India. It is our joy to welcome her to our Convention; she will tell her own story. We bless God for such a woman and that it is our privilege to call her our missionary.

As the reports of the lady missionaries now on the field and that of the Samulcotta Seminary will be published, it is only necessary to refer to them very briefly.

MISS BASKERVILLE AND THE COCANADA GIRLS SCHOOL.—The school is larger than ever before—there are over 50 boarders. It engages all Miss Baskerville's attention and strength, so that she has been obliged to give up visiting in the Malapillys. Her heart has been made glad in the conversion and baptism of ten little girls from the school. There have been discouragements. Two girls had to be dismissed on account of persistent lying and smoking. A small fee of 4 annas a month is asked from those parents who are able to pay. This is only a nominal fee, being but one-twelfth of the actual expense of keeping a girl; there has been difficulty in getting this paid. Miss Baskerville has also had many trials to bear in the management of the school—but they have all been removed.

Very few reach the highest standard in the classes. The early marriage of girls in India is the hindrance to this.

In the two Sunday schools under Miss Baskerville's charge, although the attendance is not large, the children have learned a great deal of scripture truth. A few weeks spent at Darjeeling and a fortnight with her old pastor, Rev. Mr. Hallam, greatly refreshed her both in body and mind.

MISS SIMPSON AND ZENANA WORK.—Miss Simpson has treated 1029 patients, made 1498 visits in town, had 3977 women hearers; 34 new houses have been opened to her in Cocanada, making 186 to which she has entrance, and 64 visits to villages have been made. These figures speak for themselves; no comment is needed.

Miss Simpson reports the caste girls' school as very encouraging.

She has lately been hindered in her work a good deal by a throat trouble, which prevents her speaking much; still she has attended to her medical work, the caste girls' school, and visiting in town and village.

The reports of the Zenana workers show encouraging progress; there are more women who appear really in earnest and always glad to hear the word, but yet there are still some indifferent ones.

Mrs. DeBeaux, in mentioning a few of her most interesting cases, says, "I was much encouraged by a young widow who is the mother of five troublesome boys, telling of the comfort she found in prayer. She belongs to a caste where the women are not so intelligent as most of those we visit, and yet her faith seems to have grasped the idea that Jesus is her Friend and Saviour. She always uses the word "Lord" when speaking of Him. I said to her, "I feared at the time of your son's wedding you would forget all I had taught you." She replied, "Indeed it was because I prayed to Him that things went on as well as they did; He is more to me than mother or father." This was very much for her to say; for her husband having been a poor man, she is depending on her father for support.

"The great hope is that the children and the young people may receive the truth before being taken hold of by their vain superstitions. It seems impossible to get the older ones to realize their personal responsibility to God and that their souls' salvation depends on their own willingness to decide on accepting Christ as their Saviour." The women cling to the belief that all sufferings and sorrow are the result of sins committed in a former life. The loss of eyesight, one's

husband, or grown up son, is a proof of great sins committed by them."

Miss Gibson reports no difficulty in getting into the houses, and as rule she has had good audiences. The women universally condemn their idols and acknowledge the truth of what is taught them by the Zenana visitor, Miss Gibson says, "It shows us how tired they have become of their idols. I believe that many of them do feel that they would like to serve the Saviour, but caste keeps its thousands out of the kingdom."

Miss Beggs begins with a note of praise that in all her difficulties and discouragements the Lord Himself has been her stay. She has always met with a warm welcome from the ladies of the houses, and none of them object to her reading the Bible and speaking about it. She says, "I wish I had another baptism to write about to gladden the hearts of those who are interested in this work, but when we remember the narrow, secluded lives these women lead, how they are for the most part uneducated and unaccustomed to think for themselves, it does seem at times almost impossible for those who have husbands and children to leave their homes and profess Christianity openly." Miss Beggs tells of one woman who has been learning for two years and who without any hesitation speaks of Christ as the Son of God and answers questions before other women, confessing that Jesus shed His blood for her and is able to cleanse her from every sin; of another who was much touched on being told for the first time of the suffering of Christ, and who takes a lively interest in telling their women the truths she has learned, and of another dear old woman who while Miss Beggs explained the hymn "I gave My Life for thee" exclaimed, "I love your Jesus; tell me more about Him!" Sometimes with tears in her eyes she would say, "Yes all you have said is true; Jesus is able to do all things." Another woman said, "There is no need to offer up sheep and goats; Christ has given Himself a sacrifice for the whole world."

MISS ROGERS.—A single lady's life in India is necessarily a very lonely one. Perhaps of all our lady missionaries Miss Roger's life is the loneliest, but having learned with the Apostle Paul to be content in whatsoever state she is, and being full of love for souls and ever active in work, no murmur ever comes from her.

She has spent the whole year on the Tuni field, with the exception of a few days at the Conference and eleven days in touring in Yellamanchili; for until there is a lady for this field, Mr. Laflamme claims a share in Miss Rogers.

Much attention has been given to Sunday schools; three new ones have been started, making in all seven now under Miss Rogers' direction, four of which are for caste children.

A great deal of time has been given to touring. Miss Rogers writes, "The last year has only given me a glimpse of the work that lies waiting on the Tuni field. It is indeed great, and the thousands of women who have never heard, lie heavily on my heart God grant that I may have the privilege of reaching far more of these poor lost ones in the coming year, than I have in the past."

MISS STOVEL reports the brightest and best year for and among women and children on the Akidu field. During Mr. Craig's absence in Canada she had the use of his boat, and was with it able to do so much more work and reach so many villages which hitherto she had been unable to visit, that the January Conference decided to ask for a boat for her use. Several letters

to the LINK, written while on tour, told of her glad reception by the women and children. Of the boat Miss Stovel writes, "When it is an accomplished fact and I am in my cosy living room with my books and little things about me, I shall be very happy. Of course there will be a wee diningroom and bathroom, kitchen and Bible woman's room; a canal boat can be made quite comfortable and homelike." She proposes to make this boat her home.

Until the end of March Miss Stovel was blessed with splendid health and was able to put in longer hours than ever before; then the sun and heat affected her strangely so that she had to seek rest at Bangalore. When about ready to return to Akidu, a sprained foot detained her at Bangalore, so that it was July 1st before she could resume work. At last account she was hard at it again. Mrs. Craig and Miss Stovel have again been disappointed about a medical lady; they write of it very pathetically. So great is the need that Miss Stovel has tried to gain admittance into more than one hospital, in order to get an insight into the way of treating sores and other diseases. She regrets not having taken a medical education before going to India, and writes, "There are, there must be, girls at home whose hearts the Lord will touch! That there should be money in our treasury that can be used only for the M. D. and no M. D. forthcoming is to me passing strange. The Father knows all about it, but I find my faith considerably shaken, we have prayed so long and so earnestly for our medical missionary."

Until this year it has been impossible for the Missionary to persuade the heathen women to attend the Sunday services in the chapel; this year they have rejoiced over some ten who were attending regularly, and meeting Miss Stovel in Bible class every Friday for study of the Life of Christ.

SEMINARY AND STUDENTS.—Some changes have been made in the Seminary. As there are no Boarding schools at the various stations, and instruction in secular branches is a prime necessity, there are now two schools, a Theological school and a Boarding school. This new order began in July last. In course of time, when there are boy's Boarding Schools at the various stations, this Boarding school will be dropped and the Theological school alone will remain. Hereafter the school year will begin in January.

Mr. Stillwell reports the conduct of the students all that could be hoped for, with a single exception.

"The Bible instruction given in the Boarding school corresponds with that given in the first two years of the Theological school, so that approved Primary men are admitted into the 2nd Theological year and lower Secondary men into the 3rd Theological year."

"The object of the Boarding school is to prepare teachers, that of the Theological school is to prepare Evangelists and Pastors."

"Christian boys and children of members in Baptist churches are admitted into the Boarding school; approved men only are admitted into the Theological school."

BIBLE WOMEN.—There are over 20 Bible women now busy at work on the various fields.

Minnie so long at Samulcotta has gone to Yellamanchili with her husband who is an evangelist of the Home Missionary Society. Mr. Laflamme reports that she has been doing good work amongst the women. They regard her strangely, as they have never seen a woman do that kind of work, but she has a winsome way and is gaining an entrance. Another of the Samulcotta women has gone to Mr. McLeod's field, and the faithful Satyandam has been sent to Cocanada for further training to fit her for a higher sphere of work against Miss Hatch's return. Samulcotta has at present no Bible women. Miss Simpson has only one left in the Cocanada field. N. Lydia having married will work where her husband is. B. Miriane has gone to her daughter in Akidu.

Miss Stovel reports 5 Bible women who have made 1490 visits. Miss Rogers reports 3.

On Peddapuram field Mr. Walker has Rebecca and an assistant for Rebecca, and Bubbamma, a young widow who requires care and protection and cannot be sent to work alone. Rebecca is a plain spoken woman who draws her bow with a steady, strong hand, and her arrow flies with unflinching effect and irresistible force.

Vuyyuru.—Mr. Brown reports the work of Jane and Veerama. "Jane is clever and attractive and can read, Veerama is very earnest, bold and pious, but cannot read." However, with commendable zeal she has been learning a good deal of the Bible by heart. Veerama with her nephew has occupied Polavaram and its surrounding villages preaching the Gospel to many women, on hard soil, but with encouragement. She is a godly woman of great faith and earnestness. Jane works chiefly in her own village; she is not so pious, earnest and reliable as Veerama but has a good deal of tact, and is respected by the Sudras and has access to many of their houses; more are needed.

Mr. Barrow reports two in Narsapatnam field. Anna and Sarah. Anna's work has, except a visit to a village 8 miles away, where she found many women eager to listen to the words of life, lain in Dhermasagram, where a few hearts and homes are open to her. She is not strong, so can not visit other villages: she can read well but can not write. Sarah was formerly teacher of the only village school on this field. She has proved herself an excellent Bible woman; her knowledge of scripture is exceptional for a native Christian woman. Her consecrated life, together with her earnest, loving, pathetic manner of talking with the women, begets respect and admiration which give her listeners, open hearts, open homes, and open enemies too.

Amidst bitter persecution Sarah with her devoted husband, David the preacher, sows the good seed in tears. "Uncomplainingly they labor on amidst a village of persecutors, compelled to sleep outside their little mud hut every night, cold, rainy or hot season alike, lest the villagers should repeat what they attempted once, viz., to lock the two Christians in their house and set fire to the leaf roof, and so rid themselves of these witnesses against their sin and folly by burning them in their hut.

Many a sleepless night they pass in watching the suspicious movements of some in the darkness, yet "a strong faith in God banishes fear and gives tranquillity of soul." "Our earnest prayer is that God will raise up some more Sarahs whose faith in God banishes all fear of death, whose love for God is so great that she is never so happy as when hearing or talking about him, and whose love for souls is such that self is forgotten in her anxiety and care for others. Mr. Brown baptized the niece of the village munsiff who afterwards suffered much persecution, a Shudra woman, and shortly hopes to baptize another woman, all of whom Sarah has been instrumental in bringing to the feet of Jesus.

Mr. McLeod reports noble work done by three Bible women at Ramachandrapuram and hopes to employ 6 or 7 next year.

The Conference has asked for \$100.00 toward building widows' quarters in Cocanada. As widows seldom marry again, it will be a great advantage to train them for Bible work. It will also be a real blessing to them to have a home and education.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.—These are chiefly for the benefit of the children of native Christians. About sixty-six are reported as having been conducted during the whole or a part of the year. The attendance has varied from one to forty-three scholars. In some places the work has been very satisfactory, in others quite the contrary. In one or two places the school has been directly under the oversight of the wife of the missionary, in these the children have done remarkably well. A few schools have had the good fortune to have trained teachers, others have been taught by the wives of native pastors, or by Seminary students during vacation.

Hundreds of children have been taught in these schools,

they have begun by writing Telugu letters in the sand, then been promoted to read little Telugu books, and so on, and upward until ready to enter Boarding School or Seminary. The discouraging part of this work is the irregularity in the attendance of the children. The extreme poverty of some of the parents leads them to keep their children away when ever there is a chance of their earning a little money, and their great ignorance makes it seem a little matter to keep a child away from school when that child can earn enough to supply the whole family with food for a day. Another hindrance is the lack of trained teachers, yet these schools are very important, for from them must come the girls for Boarding Schools and the students for the Seminary—the future Bible women and preachers and teachers. In many cases these schools have been a means of opening a door into the hearts of the people for the preaching of the Gospel. In them the children are well instructed in Scripture truths, and may be heard going along the street singing "Nothing but the blood of Jesus," "Behold God's love." Their mothers, many of whom go out to do daily *cooloo* work, may be heard singing the same hymns while preparing mortar, carrying bricks, &c. More school buildings are needed on many of the fields, village schools are needed on the Vuyyuru field.

BOOKS AND TRACTS.—A missionary writes, "This is one of the most insinuating and potent influences on the field. When speech has failed to impress, or sacred song to soften, a little tract or booklet, reluctantly accepted by a bystander, has found its way to the home and awakened serious reflection." "It has preceded the preacher, and prepared the way for his message, or where the message has been forgotten or lies unheeded, has awakened conscience and led into light and life."

In hundreds of villages thousands of Bibles, Testaments, Scripture portions, tracts, leaflets, handbills, religious, moral and instructive books have been sold or scattered by the missionary, at home or in town, by the preacher in his village visitations and by the colporteur as he journeys from town to town, from village to village. Even in the priest cities of Upmarka the Brahmans have been known to buy and read portions of Scripture.

In a village in the Narsapatnam field a sepoy was given a copy of John's Gospel, which was the means of his conversion and through him the conversion of some sixteen souls.

In India, in every department of work there has been growth; the call comes for more workers, and yet, sad to say, we in this land have gone backward instead of forward with the necessary money; what shall the future be? After putting our hands to the plough, shall we draw back? That cannot be, must not be; the work is too pressing, too precious to our Lord and Saviour.

Very soon others of our missionaries will be obliged to come home to recruit. They can not do so until new ones are on the field ready to take up their work.

Our opportunity will soon be past, yet we idle away our time and while we are indifferent precious souls for whom Jesus died are perishing by thousands. "Now is the day of salvation." Very soon our Lord may return to reckon with his servants, we know not the day nor the hour, but we know His return is certain. Shall we meet Him with joy, returning to Him talents doubled in His service, or shall it be that we who have professed to love Him have no returns to offer, no precious jewels from among India's daughters to adorn our Saviour's crown.

"Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me: to give every man according as his work shall be."

JANE BUCHAN,
Corresponding Secretary

MISSION BAND REPORT.

October, 1893.

Since meeting together last fall one who served well and faithfully as Mission Band Secretary has been called home and the work has been undertaken by

another, who as yet feels very new and strange to it. If this report appears incomplete your indulgence is asked, trusting that by next year, having become better acquainted with the duties of secretary, it may be more satisfactory.

The returns from the Bands show an increased interest and attendance and are on the whole cheerful and encouraging, some few seem depressed, others again who have not done much this year are looking for greater results next year.

Of the 124 bands 99 have reported as against 104 last year, the main difference being in one association from which I have had but one report. In only six associations have all the Bands reported.

The 99 Bands represent 3848 numbers, 719 more than the 104 Bands of last year, but while the members are greater there has been a falling off on the total receipts.

The money has been divided as follows, Home Missions, \$502.15; Foreign Missions, \$1281.02; these are the amounts received by the respective treasurers.

Last year the Bands were about \$58 short of the amount needed for Mr. Grenier's salary, this year they may indeed claim him as their own missionary, having raised somewhat more than the required \$500.

Although the contributions to Home Missions have improved those to Foreign have fallen behind. The pyramids provided by the Foreign board have proved attractive, several Bands report increased contributions through them. In the Boston Band 3 life memberships are mentioned, one for Mrs. Henry Barber by her husband, but I have received no applications for certificates for the other two.

25 Samulcotta and 21 Cocanada students have been supported by Bands during the year, besides others taken by Circles and individuals. There are a number of boys and a few girls still unappropriated.

Those sending money to the Treasurers should be careful to mention the object for which it is intended, and please note that money for Grande Ligne should be sent through the H. M. treasurer, Miss Dryden, as if sent to any one else it is not credited in her report. There have been 10 Bands organized since May last. Cheltenham junior Band, Essex, Cheapside, Selkirk, Villa Nova, College street junior, Freilton, New Sarum, Staples and Toronto Junction.

I have omitted making a list of the banner bands as some feel it does not give a fair impression, for instance, one band composed of a number of well-to-do members, shows a large amount for the year, another whose members have sacrificed and given much according to their ability have not appeared to do as well, when in reality they have done much better.

MABEL STARK, Secretary.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

COCANADA GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL 1892-98.

Cocanada, Aug. 5, 1893.

A glance backward over the year ending June 30th, '93 seems to show that it brought more discouragements than any other year for which it has been my duty to report this work. After having for two years cherished the hope that there was a time coming, when, with a properly

qualified man at its head, some decided improvement might be looked for in the secular department, it was *discouraging*, to say the least, to realize that the hope had been vain. My matriculation candidate's first failure was very disappointing; the *second simply crushing*. So much time and so much money gone for nothing! For the first time we have found it necessary to dismiss students (two of the largest girls), for persistence in smoking. The habit is very common in India. The young and old of both sexes indulge freely, so the offence is comparatively a slight one. Yet smoking cannot be tolerated in the school, for after having passed the matter over twice with a warning, and finding that the girls still persisted, and that the habit was spreading among the younger children, I was obliged to send the offenders away. Some parents withdrew their children rather than pay the monthly fee of four annas (about eight cents). Soon after school opened we had a case of determined lying, which was all the more disheartening, because before vacation there had been a similar case (the first of its kind), that should have been a lesson to every girl in the school. The girls who give trouble in this way are not those who have grown up in the school, but those who have lived twelve or fourteen years in the heathen influences of the Malapillys. I like to see the girls come in while they are *young*. Another feature of this work is, that one seems to see no fruit of one's labor. As the girls grow up and pass into the higher classes, they are asked for in marriage, and so the number in the higher classes dwindles down. I have known the fifth standard to come down to one girl. Then some one comes along and asks for her, and like the little Indians swinging on the gate, she goes off too, and "then there are none." So we are obliged to say "good-bye" to our prospective graduate, for we *never* refuse a good offer for any of our girls. One very promising girl, Vara Mary, was married in the holidays without consulting with me at all. Two others, also Marys, were married before school closed. M. Mary from the fourth standard on Jan. 16th, and N. Mary from the third standard on April 13th.

But we have not been altogether without encouragement. Though we had no other gleam to brighten the year, all its cares, vexations, trials and worries fade into nothingness in the glory of the fact that ten precious jewels have been won for the Master's crown. Ten promising little girls gave themselves to the Lord Jesus and were baptized in his name on the 30th of October, 1892. One of the little girls, who was married by her parents to a heathen, has since been baptized with her husband. The general conduct of the girls is good, and the inspecting schoolmaster reports a gradual improvement in the secular department. Four girls who went up for the Primary School examination in December have to appear again in one optional subject. Of the two who tried the fifth standard examination one passed. The other failed in one optional. The reason of these failures may be partially accounted for by the fact that the teacher of the optional subjects was often ill, and in his absence it was impossible to find a substitute.

We received a grant of Rs 120 for the examination in July, but though we expected an additional sum for the pupils in December, nothing was received, as the government had been notified in the meantime that we did not wish to accept any further grants. We still desire to work along government lines and keep in touch with the educational policy of the Department of

Public Instruction, but as the assistance rendered in money was slight we can afford to dispense with that.

We found it impossible to fulfil certain requirements which would enable us to rank as an Upper-Secondary School, and are consequently recognized as a Primary School only.

M. Pedda Cassie was alone in the training class until September, when she was joined by T. Sundramma, who afterwards went to work with Miss Rogers in Tuni. The two fifth standard girls entered the class after their examination was over, and Salome from Yellamanchili, the widow of David, one of Mr. Laflamme's preachers, came down in February. It is to be hoped that Salome will be fitted for Bible woman's work on that field. The work of this class has been very irregular, as I have never yet had any girls who remained for the two-years' course.

In the Bible classes the exact limit has not been covered in some of the standards, but the following have been taught:—First Catechism, New and Old Testament Stories, Mark, the "Life of Christ," Genesis, John, Acts, Mrs. Archibald's Catechism and 1st Corinthians.

During 1892 the total number of children receiving instructions in the secular department was eighty-six. There were thirty-three boys among the day scholars. When school was dismissed for holidays there were twenty-eight boys and ten girls in the day school, besides the boarders. We had had forty-two in the boarding department, including Lydia and the girls in the training class, but from various causes the number was reduced by eight before school closed.

As the number of girls increased I have found that the school work required all my time and strength, so with great regret have been obliged to give up visiting in the Malapillies, always with the hope of taking it up again should time and strength permit. The two Sunday schools have been carried on, and though the number in attendance is not so large, the children are more regular and have learned a great deal of Scripture truth, not to mention manners and deportment as well as singing.

As soon as school closed I made ready to get away, going north this year for vacation. A happy week with loved friends in Balasore, my dear old pastor and his wife; a week in Calcutta (including an afternoon's run out to Serampore); four weeks in the Himalayan Hills, and the rest of the time in going and coming. A stay so short in such a cool place is not sufficient. The system gradually adjusts itself to the colder air; in so short a time, before one gets accustomed to the cool atmosphere, it is time to leave, and a re-adjustment must take place on our returning to the plains.

Reaching home on the 13th of June, I had several days to wait for the girls who should have been ready for work on the 15th but were detained by heavy rains.

We begin the year with the largest number we have yet had in the school, and ask that you will pray for that strength and grace may be given, and that the year may abound in fruit for the Master.

Yours in Him,

A. E. BASKERVILLE.

COCANADA—WORK AMONG THE WOMEN.

The work of another year has been recorded, and though very little in the way of results is apparent, still we are encouraged to go on praying for grace to

do faithful service, and leave the results with Him who has given us this work to do.

We have changes amongst our workers to report.

S. Lydia, my faithful little helper, was married in April to K. Isaac, one of Miss Hatch's boys, and although we lose her from our staff she will not be lost to the work, as she will probably do school work under Mr. Davis in the village to which she goes.

Her place as Bible woman is being well filled by M. Pedda Cassie, and in the caste girls' school we have engaged B. Luschungamma who can give all day service there. Marion, who helped Miss Beggs so efficiently in Juggannikpuram, left town that she might be with her daughter who had married on Mr. Craig's field.

The four Sunday schools go on as last year, my own little boy, Josiah Burder, carrying on the two that were left without a leader at Charlie's death.

The caste girls' school which has been carried on in the town since November is an encouraging part of our work. There are two teachers, one of them a Christian engaged there all day, and the missionary teaches the Bible for an hour in the school each morning. Several of the girls have learned to read since the school was opened and are now reading for themselves the New Testament stories.

They have been taught the Catechism, and have learned to sing several of our Christian hymns very nicely. As a result of the teaching in the school we are told that some of our girls are afraid to engage in the idol worship which has hitherto been a part of their lives. We have been received into a number of new houses through the school, and have been called to others which we have not yet found time to visit.

The schools in the Madigappella and Malapilly have been merged into one which is now being carried on in the Malapilly in a room which we were able to secure for that purpose. Susannah is doing a very good work in the school there. One very discouraging feature in connection with these schools is the irregular attendance of the scholars. The parents are not interested enough in the advancement of their children to compel them to attend, and so it is very hard to get them.

The workers, Miss Beggs, Miss Gibson and Mr. Debeaux, each speak hopefully of individual women; and some of them they believe to be secret disciples. Siamma's baptism in September was encouraging to us all. She has since married Venkata Renu, one of Mr. Craig's men, and seems to be quite happy though obliged to give up mother, sisters and brothers for Christ's sake.

A part of the Missionary's time each morning has been given to seeing sick people who come to the house, and through the medicine new houses have been opened as well as a welcome ensured in several villages. We try to follow up our patients in the villages wherever we can. In all during the year 1,020 patients have been treated.

No. of visits made in Town	1498.
No. of women hearers,	3987.
No. of new houses,	34.
No. of visits to villages,	64.
No. of women and children hearers in villages	1352.

Yours for India's women.

SARAH SIMPSON

AKIDU.

Akidu, July, 1893.

With June 30th, 1893, closed the brightest and best year of work for and among women and children on the Akidu field. A larger number of women has been reached than in former years, and the work done among them has been of the most abiding nature, in that we were enabled to spend several days, sometimes two or three weeks, in a village, and had opportunity of meeting the women again and again, until we felt that we really had gotten acquainted with our dusky-skinned sisters as not before. A series of letters to the LINK, written from different villages while touring, leaves nothing to be said of the work during those months. In Akidu we have done more personal heart to heart pressing home of the truth than in other years, and the houses have increased in number. We call attention to the *children's meetings*. They have steadily grown in number and attendance. Into them gather boys and girls of every caste, and we consider this a very prominent feature of our work. The *women's meetings* also deserve special mention. Hitherto these have been for and attended by Christian women, but this year heathen women called for meetings, in two instances selecting their own subjects, "The Divinity of Christ" and "Your Jesus," and again a class of seven met an afternoon weekly for study of "Life of Christ."

The Bible women have worked well. Only one of them is free to devote both morning and afternoon to the work. The others, owing to household duties and domestic cares, give but half the day. In my touring, one or two of them accompanied me. They made in all 1,490 visits. I made 1,174 house visits, conducted 130 children's meetings, 49 women's meetings, 64 Bible classes, toured 179 days.

FANNY M. STOVEL.

TUNI.

Another year of missionary life has closed, and as I look back I can say that goodness and mercy have followed me all the way. Trials there have been, but when I look on the blessing side the trials are not worth mentioning. The year has been spent on the Tuni field, with the exception of ten days taken up with conferences in January, and another ten days spent in work on the Yellamanchili field.

Since January I have had Sundramma, a girl from the Cocanada boarding school, and this trained worker has been a great help in the work and such a comfort to me. I expect that she will be married at the end of the year and go to another field, which I sincerely regret. The widows stay with us, but unfortunately very few are able to read and write.

I have toured enough to give me a general idea of the field and the extent of the work that has been entrusted to me; it is certainly a large parish.

Among the children the work has prospered. Many of these heathen children can repeat the Lord's prayer, the Ten Commandments and a number of texts and catechism questions, and often as I go through the streets I hear, them singing the hymns we have taught them.

The number of women who hear in the town have increased. These women are bright enough but so ignorant, and some say "these things are for the men how

can women understand?" but many do understand and we thank the Lord for some that we trust are true believers.

One of the happiest hours in the week is the hour I spend with my Christian women in Bible study and prayer; this meeting has been kept up weekly.

The work of the new year has commenced and we look ahead with the hope of reaching women in distant parts of the field who have never heard the gospel, for our message is for all.

Pray for these Hindu women and children and for the laborers who are toiling among them.

Yours in the Master's service,

MARTHA ROGERS.

SAMULCOTTA.

Samulcotta, August 14, 1893.

My report runs from July '92. On the first day of that month Seminary opened after the long vacation. Missionaries, teachers and students came together again, and straightway work began. We had returned from breathing the invigorating atmosphere of the mountains in Southern India. The teachers, not so fortunate, still had their holiday and were ready for another year's work. The old students were delighted to get back into school life again and to resume their studies. They had much to tell about their vacation experience, most of them having been employed in the work, some at teaching and others at preaching. The new students came in salaaming awkwardly, staring curiously at everything, and stumbling with abashed demeanor into the places shown them.

The first few days ran swiftly on. But soon things fell into the yearly groove and glided on with little break and variation. As the village schools are still in a very primitive and elementary stage, and as there are no boarding schools at the various stations for boys, secular branches are a prime necessity at the Seminary. This secular work is the same as that in any home school—reading, writing, composition, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, hygiene, algebra, geometry, &c., with English in the place of moderns or classics.

There were four teachers in this department throughout the year, not the same, however, for we have not yet arrived at the end of changes. These all did good and faithful work, which was shown at the annual examinations, in which the pupils acquitted themselves unusually well.

There were also the usual Theological and Bible classes. Of the Theological and, which graduated at the close of the school year in March, an account has already been given in the LINK. This class was taught by the Principal and was carried through Hebrews, the Pastoral Epistles, Theology, Homiletics, and Bible geography.

Miss Hatch had been detained for a time in Bangalore on account of illness and so did not join us at the beginning. Returning health, however, permitted her return, when she resumed her old classes and work. She continued at her post throughout the year and quitted us for a home visit in April last. Miss Hatch has been connected with the Seminary for rather more than four years—years which she has filled with service of all kinds—teaching, Sunday-school work, village work, correspondence with Circles and Bands, besides making her influence felt in many other ways.

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Mr. Jaganakala, the pastor of the Seminary church, continued in charge of the Junior Bible classes teaching Acts, First and Second Corinthians, Genesis, Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

The women were taught by M. Mary and D. Elizabeth under Mrs. Stillwell's superintendence, Mrs. Stillwell teaching their Bible.

With a single exception the conduct of the students was all that could be hoped for. Conscience, a faculty with which Indian people are not excessively endowed, is gradually being formed, and it is our hope that it may develop sufficient strength so as to become a steady and reforming influence over our boys.

At the time of Miss Hatch's departure, Minnie, who had done Bible work along with some study in the Seminary, went to Yellamanchili, whither her husband had been called as an evangelist of the Home Mission Society; another Bible woman was returned to her home and is now under Mr. McLeod's charge while the faithful and indefatigable Sabgavedam two months later was sent to the Cocanada girls' school to undergo further training so as to be ready to enter a higher sphere of work against Miss Hatch's return. We have not therefore at present any Bible women; we have, however, three schools, one taught by Chinamma, assisted by Batchamma, a second in Yellapalem, taught by V. Appanna, and a third in what is called the Samulcotta big Mallapilly, where we have purchased a plot of ground and erected a school house at a cost of some fifteen dollars.

This is a brief account of the work. To all that have helped us by their sympathy, prayers and contributions, we return sincerest thanks. And now may the God of all grace bless them and us, and grant that we may continue his channels of mercy and blessing to this people.

Yours in Christ,
J. R. STILLWELL.

THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Treasurer's Seventeenth Annual Report, 1892-93

BRANT ASSOCIATION.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Total.
Ancaster	\$ 17 00	\$17 00	\$ 17 00
Brantford, Calvary Church	53 00	7 50	60 50
" First Church	159 00	boys 18 00	224 00
" Young Ladies	15 00	girls 32 00	
" North Star	20 50	6 00	26 50
" Park Church	73 75	4 00	77 75
Burth [B.Y.P.U.]	10 00	18 00	28 00
Drumbo	1 30		1 30
Mrs. Laurason's S.S. class	1 30		1 30
Holmedale [Infant Class]	5 00	10 70	15 70
Onondaga 1st	15 00		15 00
" and	43 35		13 35
Paris	63 34	19 35	82 69
Plattsville	3 60		3 60
St. George	26 70	33 75	60 45
Wolverton	46 70	3 14	49 84
13 Circles. 10 Bands.	\$16 30	\$518 64	\$700 68

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Aylmer	\$ 80 80	\$17 00	\$ 97 80
Calton	18 00	19 00	37 00
Fingal	14 55		14 55
Gladstone	20 20		20 20
Iona	6 00		6 00
Lorne, West	1 25		1 25
Malahide and Bayham	19 75	6 50	26 25
" Berean	8 00		8 00
" Jubilee	39 15		39 15

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Total.
Mount Salem	7 00		7 00
New Sarum	21 30		21 30
Sparta	13 32		13 32
St. Thomas, Centre St.	63 70		63 70
2nd Southwold	7 00		7 00
1st Yarmouth, Plains Church	2 50		2 50
15 Circles. 3 Bands.	\$322 58	\$42 50	\$365 08

HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

Freelton [Class]	\$ 3 75	\$	\$ 3 75
Hamilton, James St. [Y.W.B.]	5 00	8 50	88 43
" Victoria Ave.	19 05	25 00	44 05
" Wentworth St.	17 56	25 00	42 56
Westover	19 10	11 00	30 10
5 Circles. 4 Bands.	\$5 00	\$134 39	\$69 50

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Ailsa Craig	\$ 28 95	\$	\$ 28 95
Brooke [Mite Boxes]	00 33	22 38	22 71
Calvary (Wanstead)	14 25		14 25
Courtright	6 00		6 00
Denfield	16 25	3 50	19 75
Forest	17 30	7 41	24 71
Lobo	5 00	6 50	11 50
London, Adelaide St.	73 50	Y. P. 21 13	131 73
" " Y. Ladies'	24 60	Junior 11 50	
" Grosvenor St.	14 87		14 87
" South B.Y.P.U.	21 00		54 00
" Talbot St.	111 34	18 04	129 38
Oil Springs	87		87
Park Hill	8 90		8 90
Petrolia	26 90		26 90
Sarnia	45 52	9 50	55 02
" Township	10 00		10 00
Strathroy	35 25		35 25
Theodorf	10 75		10 75
Wyoming	17 30	34 00	51 30
20 Circles. 8 Bands.	\$21 33	\$522 93	\$112 58

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Acton	\$ 14 45	\$	\$ 14 45
Ayr	7 00		7 00
Belfountain		1 00	1 00
Brampton	13 15	Young 17 00	30 15
Cheltenham	17 00	Ladies 17 00	34 00
Edmonton	Late		
East Flamboro'	7 75	15 00	22 75
Galt	29 45		29 45
Georgetown	9 92	1 00	10 92
Guelph, 1st Church	98 68	18 00	113 68
" Trinity Church	38 00	18 00	56 00
Hespeler	21 77		21 77
Hillsburgh	17 22	2 00	19 22
Orangeville	8 45		8 45
St. Mary's	13 60	27 00	40 60
Stratford	20 25		20 25
14 Circles. 6 Bands	\$313 69	\$116 00	\$429 69

NIAGARA ASSOCIATION.

Beamsville	\$ 14 25	\$20 00	\$ 34 25
Cayuga, North	1 05		1 05
Dundas	26 50	11 75	38 25
Fonthill	10 00		10 00
Grimsby	45 00	(pd. in adv'nee last yr.)	45 00
Port Colborne	17 00		17 00
St. Catharines, Lyman St.	11 30	18 25	29 55
[Y.W.M.S. \$8.30, Y.P.S.C.E. \$3.00]			
St. Catharines, Queen St.	36 00	10 00	46 00
8 Circles. 3 Bands	\$11 30	\$168 05	\$41 75

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Bloomsburg	\$ 10 00	\$25 00	\$ 35 00
Boston	63 00	30 00	93 00
Cheapside	9 54	3 00	12 54
Cultus	7 00		7 00
De Cewsville	7 00		7 00
Delhi	6 50	20 20	26 70
Eden	8 00	16 18	24 18
Hagersville	5 00	4 00	9 00
Hartford	26 50		26 50
1st Houghton	22 00		22 00
Langton	2 60	5 00	7 60
Pine Grove	5 00		5 00
Selkirk	16 00		16 00
Simcoe [Mrs. Collins' S.S. Cl.]	4 25	8 00	26 77
" Young Ladies'		9 52	
Teeterville	7 00		7 00
Townsend Centre		17 00	17 00
Villa Nova	16 50		16 50

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Name.	Circle.	Band.	Total.
Victoria	11 00	21 70	32 70
Waterford	B. Y. P. U. 4 50	10 00	14 50
10 Circles. 11 Bands.	88 75	290 16	\$157 08 \$455 99

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Barrie	10 00	10 00	20 00
Burkebridge	5 95	1 35	7 30
Burk's Falls	4 85	4 85	9 70
Collingwood	6 50	3 25	9 75
Dee Lake	11 19	11 19	22 38
Midland	4 00	3 07	7 07
Minesing	11 08	11 08	22 16
Port Arthur	Missionary 22 75	22 75	45 50
Sault Ste. Marie	[Union] 3 67	3 67	7 34
Stayner	8 10	27	35 10
9 Circles. 4 Bands.	\$3 67	\$91 32	\$ 7 04 \$102 93

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Burgoyne	4 00	4 00	8 00
Haywood	6 00	6 00	12 00
Durham	5 00	5 00	10 00
Flesherton	1 00	1 00	2 00
Keady	5 00	5 00	10 00
Owen Sound	14 00	25 00	39 00
Pavley	20 58	20 58	41 16
South Sydenham	2 00	2 00	4 00
Woodford	7 00	7 00	14 00
6 Circles. 1 Band.	\$73 58	\$21 00	\$ 98 58

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

Bailieboro	4 00	4 00	8 00
Bellevue	29 95	2 50	32 45
Campbellford	10 00	10 00	20 00
Cobourg	10 30	10 30	20 60
Colborne	5 00	1 00	6 00
Cramahe	10 00	10 00	20 00
Gilmour Memorial Church	41 35	14 25	55 60
Haldimand	8 00	8 00	16 00
Lakeland	27 52	19 00	46 52
Norwood	12 60	3 40	16 20
Peterborough, Murray St.	4 70	66 79	71 49
[Y. P. S. C. E.]		13 00	13 00
Peterborough, Park St.	126 60	40 00	166 60
Port Hope	6 40	6 40	12 80
Seyn	16 00	16 00	32 00
Sidney	5 40	5 40	10 80
Stirling	5 40	5 40	10 80
11 Circles. 8 Bands.	\$ 4 70	\$371 01	\$114 20 \$486 91

TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

Baker Hill (and Markham Ch.)	5 00	5 00	10 00
Bethel	19 68	2 00	21 68
Dixie	5 70	34 00	39 70
Eglinton, Zion Church	5 70	5 70	11 40
Etiobicoke	12 00	12 00	24 00
2nd King	3 00	3 00	6 00
and Markham	10 40	10 40	20 80
Schomberg	5 00	9 00	14 00
York Mills	14 75	14 75	29 50
Toronto City	64 02	6 00	70 02

Beverly St (Bible Classes)	18 75	64 02	82 77
Bloor St. Miss Buchan's Cl.	25 00	92 02	117 02
Y. Women's Auxiliary	9 50	9 50	19 00
College St.	75 62	Y.W. 13 00	88 62
Dovercourt Road	35 00	Jan'7 2 05	37 05
First Ave.	9 50	9 50	19 00
Immanuel Church	78 62	Boys 17 00	95 62
Jan'7 15 45	Girls 15 45	31 90	127 52
Jarvis St. (Y.P.M.S.)	25 25	28 68	53 93
Lansdowne Ave.	21 70	21 70	43 40
Moulton College	19 32	19 32	38 64
Ossington Ave.	8 05	8 05	16 10
Parliament St.	44 10	Jan'7 10 91	55 01
Queen St.	13 00	13 00	26 00
Sheridan Ave.	19 00	3 00	22 00
Tecumseth St.	10 00	5 00	15 00
Walmer Road	S.S. Box 3 58	81 30	84 88
West Toronto Junction	10 45	75	85 45
24 Circles 17 Bands.	\$72 58	\$1075 81	\$1610 38 \$2686 77

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Attwood	22 75	3 64	26 39
Glams	25 89	25 89	51 78
Greenock	3 50	3 50	7 00
Howick	9 35	9 35	18 70
Kenilworth (South Arthur)	10 84	10 84	21 68
Kincardine	7 01	7 00	14 01

Listowel	21 53	21 53	43 06
Mount Forest	28 36	28 36	56 72
Teeswater	16 12	10 57	26 69
Tiverton	5 50	5 50	11 00
Walkerton	12 65	3 9	16 55
Wingham	22 34	7 65	30 00
juvenile	64	64	128 00
12 Circles. 6 Bands.	\$191 70	\$40 34	\$232 04

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Aidborough	4 10	4 10	8 20
Blenheim	12 00	5 00	17 00
Blytheswood	6 25	6 25	12 50
Chatham	7 00	6 75	13 75
Colchester	8 00	8 00	16 00
Euphemia Church	1 00	1 00	2 00
Kingsville	15 00	15 00	30 00
Leamington	6 81	6 81	13 62
Louisville	3 01	3 01	6 02
Ridgetown	18 82	17 00	35 82
Rodney	8 00	8 00	16 00
Wallaceburg	5 00	25 00	30 00
Wheatley	1 00	1 00	2 00
Wilkesport	10 50	17 00	27 50
Windsor	13 00	13 00	26 00
Zone	13 00	13 00	26 00
16 Circles. 6 Bands.	\$143 05	\$ 70 75	\$213 80

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.

Hobbsvoo	2 00	2 00	4 00
Brooklin	14 44	9 80	24 24
Clartonat	10 10	20 00	30 10
Fenelon Falls	15 00	15 00	30 00
Goodwood	5 40	5 40	10 80
Lindsay	21 00	20 00	41 00
Onawa	5 00	5 00	10 00
Pickering	5 70	7 70	13 40
Port Perry	10 80	1 75	12 55
Rawlora	4 84	4 84	9 68
Stouffville	9 50	8 80	18 30
Uxbridge	14 00	14 00	28 00
Whitby	10 00	9 00	19 00
Whitevale	7 63	7 63	15 26
14 Circles. 6 Bands.	\$142 31	\$78 35	\$220 66

WOODSTOCK ASSOCIATION.

Beechville - Members of S.S.	\$7 85	19 76	27 61
Burford	13 20	1 20	14 40
Burgessville	35 00	35 00	70 00
Gables (Y.P.S.C.E.)	2 10	11 00	13 10
Ingersoll	5 00	15 00	20 00
Maple Grove	7 00	7 00	14 00
Narrows	21 50	12 00	33 50
Oxford East	25 05	4 50	29 55
Salford	32 35	2 21	34 56
Seotland	5 00	4 00	9 00
Springford	7 00	7 00	14 00
Tilsonburg	1 00	18 00	19 00
Young Ladies	1 00	18 00	19 00
Woodstock, First Ch. (S.S. cl.)	1 00	23 46	24 46
Oxford St.	23 46	23 46	47 92
13 Circles. 9 Bands.	\$11 25	\$303 62	\$488 01 \$403 48

MISCELLANEOUS.

Special Contributions	\$880 00
Interest on Deposit	35 45
"Canadian Missionary Link"	44 20
Transfer from "Special Acct"	10 00
Miss Stovel, complete refund	70 14
W.H.H. & F.M.S. of Manitoba, for Students	66 00
Total	\$1105 88

GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS		
Balance forward		\$251 71
Amount from Circles	\$4602 57	
" " Bands	1281 02	
" " Other Organizations	154 88	
Special Contributions	880 00	
Bank Interest	35 45	
"Link" dividend	44 20	
Total from our Society	7054 21	
Transfer from "Special Account"	10 00	
Miss Stovel, complete refund	70 14	

W. B. H. & F. M. S. of Manitoba	68 00
	\$ 146 14
	\$9356 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Mr. Firstbrook, General Treasurer.	
Amount of Estimates, \$6710.00-\$250.00	
(Miss Hatch's salary for six months)	\$5760 00
Special for Native Preachers, etc.	54 25
Balance due for Miss Hatch's passage	283 38
Miss Priest's travelling expenses, on acct.	238 17
"For the Akidu Boat"	500 00
Miss Hatch's furlough allowance, on acct.	129 07
	\$7010 87
Paid to Treasurer, Convention East for Akidu and Tunt Boarding Schools	64 31
To Miss Ellen Priest, outfit allowance	200 00
Transferred and Deposited to Special Acct	53 88
Home Expenses	88 00
	\$7,937 70
Balance on Hand	\$1,418 36
	\$9,356 06

STATEMENT OF "SPECIAL ACCOUNT"
(MEDICAL LADY FUND.)

RECEIPTS.

1893 Jan 17. Transferred amount on hand	\$ 507 81
" 30. Deposit	10 00
Feb. 10.	15 55
April 20. Transferred from Miss May Macdonald	
Fund, per order of contributor	35 50
June 19. Deposit	5 00
	\$573 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

1893 May 1. Transferred to General Account, per order of contributor	\$ 10 00
Balance in Bank	\$63 86
	\$573 80

Total Number of Circles heard from	206
Bands	104

VIOLET ELLIOT.

Treasurer

Audited and found correct.

J. B. FUDGE }
FRED. L. RATCLIFF } AUDITORS

Toronto, Oct. 14th, 1893

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

W. B. F. M. Society of Eastern Ontario
and Quebec.

OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR 1893-94.

Pres., Mrs. T. J. Claxton; 1st. Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. L. Therrien; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Graham; Rec. Sec., Mrs. D. Bentley; Treas., Mrs. M. A. Smith; Supt. of Bands, Mrs. Halkett; Cor. Sec., Miss Nannie E. Green.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mesdames McLaren, Scott, Utting, Ayer, Radford, Lester, McKergow, Whitham, Porteous, Pendleton, Packard, Milne, Simpson, Hutcheson and Wingham, Misses Payne, Cramp, Clarke and Boa.

DIRECTORS.

Central Association—Mrs. F. Knowlton, Chantrey; Ottawa—Mrs. D. McLaurin Metcalfe, Osgoode; Eastern—Mrs. Sims, 234 St. Martin St., Montreal; Sec., Miss Tremaine, 10 St. Ursule St., Quebec.

APPROPRIATIONS 1893-94.

Akidu Girls' School, \$350.00; Tuni Girls' School,

\$325.00; Samulcotta, \$150.00; Zenana Workers, \$150.00; Miss Murray, \$500.00; Munchi, \$75.00.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Ladies:—Another stage of time has arrived when it becomes necessary to report to you of the things attempted and done on your behalf by those you have made your executive.

This year has been prolific in Board meetings, well attended; and while much business being of a useful routine, not interesting character, needs but a passing notice, in one matter we must gratefully report that we have succeeded in carrying out the wishes of the Society as resolved at the last Annual meeting and that we are now in a position to tell of the appointment of Miss Anna Murray as our missionary at Vuyuru, India, there to work under the direction of Rev. J. G. Brown.

In reference to this appointment, the following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Board, held August 14th: "Whereas the Rev. J. G. Brown has frequently expressed an urgent appeal for a young lady missionary to be sent out to Vuyuru this year, and whereas Miss Anna Murray having applied for appointment to the field, this Board feeling assured of her permanent fitness to do the Lord's work in this department do appoint her, subject to the approval of the General Board. We promise to pay her outfit, passage and support, humbly relying on the gracious Lord for His guidance and blessing in all our future work and that he will enable us to continue faithfully in His service."

We look forward with fervent hope that her future may be bright with success, and that she "shall be among those turning many to righteousness, shining as the stars forever and ever."

Miss Murray sailed from Boston, together with the other Canadians and a large party of American missionaries in the S. S. Pavonia, leaving that port on the 30th of September.

Two life-memberships have been made during the past year:—Mrs. Robert Smart, of Brockville, and Mrs. J. Day, of Gananoque.

The changes in the membership of the Board are as follows:—Miss Edwards and Miss Parker, Director and Secretary respectively, of the Eastern Association, after long and faithful service have retired, giving place to Mrs. Sims, of Montreal, Director, and Miss Tremaine, of Quebec, Sec. of Association.

We are sorry to lose these efficient and faithful members who have been mainly influential in planting Circles and Bands in nearly every church and mission station in their Association. Another member, Mrs. McDonnell, has left us for a residence in the Maritime Provinces.

ASSOCIATIONS.

The reports from the Associations are encouraging, and we have cause for gratitude to those who under many difficulties have worked so faithfully, each in her Circle, for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord. We regret to hear that in some cases in all the Associations, monthly meetings have been discontinued and we fear it may tend to the failure of interest in the future. The reason given, in all cases, is small numbers and distance necessary to come to the meetings.

One Circle feeling this discouragement, leaving their circle meetings, join and work with the Mission Band.

From every Association we hear of the blessing of the Circles and Bands. One Band reports that in its meetings their members can first take part in public prayer and worship. Four Circles are in existence where there are no organized churches.

One Association averages more than two dollars per member, another more than one. We cannot compare the third, owing to imperfect returns. Five new Circles have been formed during the year.

The response to the appeal to the Circles for aid in sending out our new missionary—owing, I suppose, to the late issue—has not yet met the favour we expect, but in one instance at least the members have gone bravely to work to earn an increase to their subscriptions by selling flowers and vegetables from their gardens and in other ways.

FOREIGN FIELD.

Miss Simpson, who has charge of the Zenana work, reports many changes in the workers, owing principally to marriage and removal.

The four Sunday schools are carried on as during last year. Josiah Burder, a brother of the late C. Burder, superintends two of them. The caste girl's school opened in November reports progress, several of the girls now being able to read New Testament stories, to sing Christian hymns and have been taught the catechism. As a result some of them are afraid to worship idols. May they soon worship the true God. The day schools of Madigapella and Malapilly have been merged into one under charge of Susannah, who is doing there a good work. The discouraging feature is the irregular attendance, and traceable to the indifference of the parents.

The Bible women all speak hopefully of their work though sometimes carried on under difficulties. The inattention and carelessness of the hearers, the distraction of other visitors and the inability to master the texts given, make the work at times discouraging, but they are content to leave it all in the hands of our Lord, who will give the result His blessing in His own good time.

One missionary, besides the hour spent daily in the caste girls' school and oversight of the Bible women and their work, tries to increase opportunities for working in new houses by her daily work among the sick who come to her every morning. In all, during the year 1027 patients have been treated. To sum up the visits made we find:—No. of visits, 1498; No. of women listeners, 3987; No. of new houses, 34; No. of visits to villages, 64; No. of women and children listeners, 1352.

AKIDU GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This school reports a large increase in attendance, now numbering thirty-five pupils. The advance in scholarship is good, many promotions taking place, resulting from the five-days' examination at the end of the term. Mrs. Craig especially commends the sewing in the various classes, that of the second class in particular could not be equalled by many little girls of the same age in Canada. With devout thankfulness we hear that, in May, four of the pupils, after full proof of their trust in Christ as their Saviour, were baptized and admitted to the church. May these be kept by the power of His Spirit, till in due time, they, by their voices and holy conduct, may speak most powerfully to those around them of the Saviour who died that they might live.

TUNI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This school has had in some ways a most trying year. Unlike the last, when scarcity and drouth prevailed, this year they have had flood and plenty. The waters rose around the girls' school house till it reached above the floors and they had to migrate to the mission bungalow, where they took up their abode in the verandah with mat hangings between the pillars to form the walls of their quarters. For this reason it is not surprising to hear that the children have suffered from fever during the latter part of the term. As the months of April and May are the hottest of the year in Tuni, the missionaries in charge have changed the school vacation to these months, instead of June and July as formerly. The school is now in progress with nineteen pupils. The examination held by the inspector shows good progress in scholarship.

In the schools in Akidu and Tuni we owe a deep debt of gratitude to the wives of the missionaries at these stations who take the oversight of the schools and teach the Bible classes. I beg to bring this matter to your attention lest we become so used to the idea that the schools will march of themselves that we forget how much we are indebted to these devoted ladies for their efficient care of this part of our work.

This year we hope we have taken a certain step forward, but have we done all that we could or ought? Let us each answer for ourselves, and strive for the year to come to let no opportunity pass for the furtherance of the Kingdom of our Lord, and to Him be all the praise for ever.

Respectfully submitted,
NANNIE E. GREEN, Cor. Sec.

MISSION BAND REPORT.

Mrs. President and Dear Sisters:—In presenting this my first annual report as Superintendent of Mission Bands in our jurisdiction, I regret that I am unable to give definite figures regarding the number of Bands now in working order, with the membership belonging to them. Not being able to attend the meetings of our associations in June last, I wrote a paper on "Mission Band Work," which was sent and read at each association. It endeavored to impress upon all the friends interested in Mission Bands, the necessity of systematic reports being sent at least once a year to the Superintendent, giving the number of members, the amount of money raised and the objects to which this was given. Also requesting suggestions as to the needs of our Bands; and any items of interest as to the successful ways of working.

The Bands, except in a few instances, failed to respond to my request, so my report has to take the form of condensed information from the many letters received during the year from the secretaries and other friends of the Bands.

On receiving the books pertaining to my office from your late Superintendent I found the names of fifteen Mission Bands recorded. These were located at:—Barnston, Brockville, Clarence, Dixville, Morrisburg, First Church Montreal, Osgoode, Osnabruck Centre, First Church, Ottawa, Perth, Papineauville, Rockland, South Gower, Thurso and Tayside.

To these have been added the "Sunshine Band" of Grace Church, Montreal, which was organized in December, 1892, with 53 members. They have chosen to support one of the girls in the Akidu Boarding

School. This Band meets once a month before Sunday-school. Teachers and scholars are alike interested in the work and the president feels greatly encouraged. "Little Sunbeams" Band, of Point St. Charles, Montreal, who are also supporting one of the Akidu girls. South Indian Band who are supporting K. Delama, of the Tuni School. A recent letter from Mrs. Garside contains the good news that this little girl has been baptized this year. Quebec City Mission Band who are supporting an Akidu student. Concession St. Church Mission Band, Ottawa, who are supporting a student at Samulcotta. Carleton Place Mission Band who are supporting a girl at the Tuni School, and "Willing Workers" of Allan's Mills, who are supporting a student at Samulcotta.

Some of these Bands were organized before this year commenced but had not been reported or entered on the roll.

The Brockville Band are supporting two girls at Tuni this year instead of one as in previous years, an evidence of increased interest and missionary zeal.

Sawyerille Band reports about twenty members, some of them young ladies who have grown up in the Band but who have not outgrown their interest in it, as well as smaller boys and girls. Each member pays twenty-five cents a year, and nearly all have mission barrels also. Meetings are held fortnightly. Many of their young Christians have prayed in public for the first time at the Band meetings. Lessons are studied and missionary recitations given. Some time is also spent sewing. Two quilts are finished and ready to be sent to missionaries and some rag carpet mats are now being made for Grande Ligne. Three members have been called Home during the past year, one a little boy about seven years old. One of his last requests was that fifty cents of his money be put into his mission barrel. This Band supports a girl at Akidu.

Mrs. Baker of Sawyerille also writes to me that a new Band was organized in August, at Bulmer, with twelve members.

The "Young Helpers," of Perth, report 39 members, boys and girls. The funds are raised by monthly collections and mite boxes. This Band was organized in 1886 and have been supporting a girl in Tuni.

The "Cheerful Gleaners" of Ottawa First Church were organized in 1884, and have given \$17 a year to Foreign Missions and the same amount to Home Missions ever since. For the last three years they have also given \$5 to Grande Ligne. No regular fee is charged for membership. Collections are taken at the monthly meetings, and mission barrels are kept by most of the members, and opened at the June and December meetings. Seventy names are on the roll, with an average attendance of about fifty. The Band are supporting D. Lydia of Tuni at present. A Flower Mission was organized last year and flowers and fruit have been sent to the sick in the church and hospital. A temperance pledge has been signed by nearly all of the older members of the Band. The amount raised by mission barrels this year was \$38.10. A special offering through the Band by Mrs. Parson for the support of "Ruth Laura" of Tuni, in loving memory of her only daughter who was a member and officer of this Band from the time of its organization until she entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God,—Being dead, she yet speaketh, and her bright example and earnest zeal still influence her fellow-workers in this cause.

In concluding my report, might I suggest that all our Bands be urged to send delegates to our annual convention, thus arousing new interest in their work, and making them feel that they are not working alone, but are a much-esteemed portion of our W. F. M. Society. The children of to-day will soon be occupying the places now held by us, and ought to be thoroughly rooted and grounded in missionary knowledge now. If each Circle represented here to-day would realize this fact and contrive in some way to at once organize a Band of the young people connected with the church and S. S., we would expect to see a grand increase reported next year.

BELLA HALKETT, M. B. Sup.

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

YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 5TH, 1893.

INCOME.

Cash in hand from October, 1892.....	\$ 302 92
Coll. at H. and F. Con., Ottawa (share of) less expense.....	\$ 3 20
Eastern Association per Miss Parker.....	4 00
Miss Barlow, Winterhill, Mass.....	9 00
Western Asso. per V. Elliot for Akidu and Tuni.....	66 85
Interest on banking account.....	3 47
Share of profits of MISSIONARY LINK.....	8 80

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

H. Morton Esq.....	10 00
A. Cumming Esq.....	10 00
Mrs. McDougal, Montreal.....	10 00
Mrs. McDonell, Pugwash.....	25 00
Mrs. Waite, St. George.....	5 00
Loan from General Board.....	150 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM C. AND M.B.

Abbotts' Corners.....	13 00
Allan's Mills Willing Workers M.B.....	17 00
Almonte.....	3 75
Algonquin.....	25 00
Athens.....	19 00
Beebe Plains.....	5 00
Barneston, C. \$18, M.B. \$17.....	35 00
Brockville, C, \$102.87, Girls' B. \$45, Boys' B. \$13.....	160 87
Carleton Place, C. \$18, B. \$30.....	48 00
Clarence.....	12 00
Coaticook.....	10 00
Charlemange.....	3 00
Cornwall.....	11 58
Delta, C. \$15, B. \$23.....	38 00
Dominaionville.....	13 10
Drummond.....	14 00
Gananoque.....	35 00
Grenville.....	5 00
Hull.....	16 85
Kingsley Falls.....	12 00
Kemptville.....	7 50
Kingston.....	30 00
Kenmore M.B.....	4 00
Lachute.....	15 00
Magog.....	16 00
Maxville.....	10 40
Mulgrave.....	15 00
Morrisburg.....	7 00

Montreal, First Ch., C. \$71.70 S.	
" S. \$28.60	100 10
" Olivet C.	100 00
" Grace Ch., C. 17.72, B. \$36.63	54 35
Ottawa, First, C. \$121.80, B. \$34	155 80
Osgoode, C. \$56.75, B. \$17	73 75
Ormond M.B.	2 55
Osnabrock	12 00
Pembroke	4 00
Perth, C. \$43, B. \$17	60 00
Plum Hollow	5 00
Papineauville	16 80
Phillipsville, Invalid boy's M. barrel	
\$12.40, C. \$20	32 40
Pt. St. Charles	9 00
Quebec, C. \$25, M.B. \$7.87	32 87
Roxboro	13 00
Rockland	63 00
Sherbrook	18 00
Sawyer'sville, C. \$18, B. \$20	38 00
S. Indian M.B.	17 00
South Gower	14 00
St. Andrews	6 00
St. Eugene, S. S. \$2, M.B. \$2	4 00
Thurso	12 39
Vankleek Hill	9 77
West Winchester	32 55
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	\$1,793 70
	\$2,096 62

EXPENDITURE.

To J. Firstbrook, Esq., Toronto :

Tuni Schools	\$225	
Akidu Schools	350	
Mrs Simpson	250	\$1,225 00
Samulcotta	150	
Zenana work	250	
Miss Murray's outfit	200 00	
Passage money (less \$20.50 sent last year for new missionary)	335 24	
General Board, re-payment of loan	150 00	
Miss Hatch's expenses to Montreal Con.	20 00	
Drafts, commission on cheques, postage, etc.	11 20	
Cash in hand	155 18	
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	\$2,096 62	

Respectfully submitted.

MARY A. SMITH, Treas.

8 Thistle Terrace, Montreal.

Audited and found correct:—

F. W. WADSWORTH.

H. A. BARNARD.

W. B. F. M. S. OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

RECEIPTS FROM AUG. 24TH TO OCT. 23RD, 1893.

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Mrs. McDonnell, Pugwash, \$25; Miss Green; \$11.58; B. Morton, Esq., \$10; A. Cumming, Esq., \$10; Mrs. McDougall, \$10.

CIRCLES AND BANDS.—Kingston, \$12; Mulgrave, \$15; Sawyer'sville, \$38; S. Indian M.B., \$17; Magog, \$16; W. Winchester, \$14; Ottawa, \$50; Rockland C., \$21; Sherbrook, \$18; Phillipsville \$5; Cornwall, \$11.-38; Vankleek Hill, \$2.50; Roxboro, \$8; Allan's Mills, Willing Workers, \$7; Abbott's Corners, \$6; Pt. St. Charles, \$5; Olivet \$28.65; Dominionville, \$1.10; Osgoode Circle, \$40.25; Osgoode Band, \$17; Barneston, \$35; Hull, \$16.85; Thurso, \$3.32; Brockville \$15; Morrisburg, \$4; Montreal (First Baptist), \$29.50; Max-

ville, \$10.40; Beebe Plains, \$5; Lachute, \$5; South Gower, \$14; Kempville, \$7.50; Delta, \$6; Drummond, \$3; Carleton Place, \$14; Western Society per V. Elliot for Akidu and Tuni, \$34.36; total, \$602.59.

MARY A. SMITH, Treas.

8 Thistle Terrace, Montreal,

W. B. M. U.

We are very sorry that on account of the reports this month, some interesting matter for the W. B. M. U. is left out. Next month we shall make up by giving more than the usual space. [Ed.]

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.—"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

We hope that the Prayer Topic for November will be in our column in the M. and V. According to a vote of the Union at the annual meeting in August, the selection of topics this year was placed in the hands of a committee. Our sisters will appreciate the difficulty when they know that the Bay of Fundy separates the committee. It was hoped that the list of Topics would have reached Halifax last week, but the letter probably miscarried.

Will the Secretaries of those Aid Societies who observed Crusade Day, Oct. 11th, please send a short account of the meeting to Miss Johnstone, Dartmouth, for insertion in the LINK.

A full list of leaflets, M. Band exercises, recitations, &c., will appear in the *Messenger* and *Visitor* very soon now. It should have been ready ere this, but owing to press of other work has been detained. Next year it is hoped that some sister will be found who will make this work a *specialty*. In the mean time all orders will be attended to and receive as prompt attention as possible from Miss Johnstone.

The Annual Report is to be sold this year. Five cents per copy. The Provincial Secretaries will keep an account of the number sent each Society, and the Secretary or Treasurer of each Society will please remit the amount to the treasurer of our Union, Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst, N. S.

Suggested programme for November meeting.

Our Telugu Fields.

HYMN.—"To the Work, to the Work!"

PRAYER.

RESPONSIVE READING.—John, vi, 1, 18.

ROLL CALL.—Each member responding with a verse of Scripture.

HYMN.—"Blessed assurance, Jesus is Mine."

PRAYER.

PAPER.—"On Relation of Christian Women to F. M. Work." (Oct. LINK.)

HYMN.—"More Love to Thee, O Christ."

DISCUSSION.—Is our Aid Society doing its best to interest the young people of this Church in Missions? If we have no M. Band, why?

PRAYER.—Two or three.

HYMN.—“Labourers of Christ arise.”

READING.—Selected.

PRAYER.

Minutes of last meeting.

BUSINESS.

HYMN.—“I am Thine O Lord, I have heard Thy voice.”

CHEERING WORDS FROM FIELD AND WORKERS.

Woman's work in India has made great progress. There are now 711 women—foreign and Eurasian—missionaries in India. These have access to 40,518 Zenanas, and have 62,414 girl pupils in the M. Schools. Therefore, well may the Brahmins tremble for the result.

The Women of the United Presbyterian Church, in the States, presented as a thank-offering, last year, to the Lord, \$87,028.

Baptists in the United States speak of a great and notable advance. The increase of cash contributions from the churches alone, including the Women's Societies, amounted to over \$860,000.

A young Brahmin recently came to the house of a missionary seeking an interview. In the course of conversation he said: “Many things which Christianity contains, I find in Hinduism; but there is one thing which Christianity has and Hinduism has not.” “What is that?” asked the missionary. His reply was striking; “A Saviour.”

Ethiopia is certainly lifting up her hands, not only to God, but in defence against the vices of civilization. A Zulu church recently organized, has among its by-laws, that, “no member shall be permitted to drink the white man's grog.”

A hopeful sign of progress in India is seen in an important movement in the cause of social reform. The Hindu Social Reform Association of Madras, has entered on a crusade against the demoralizing practice of Nautch dancing, which has hitherto been an accepted feature of entertainments, public and private. The crusade is led by, but not exclusively confined to Christians.—*Missionary Review.*

ON THE FIELD IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Digby County having been gone over pretty thoroughly three years ago, it did not really come into the programme for this autumn's work. But our county secretary there felt that something more was needed, so our first meeting was with the sisters at Bear River. The “faithful few” in the afternoon, and a somewhat larger audience in the evening, not as many as we had hoped for. Missionary zeal should be burning brightly in this church. Still we hope that the day is not far distant when every sister will be interested.

The pastor of the Digby church met us at the Bear River station, and the next morning drove us over to Barton, where we had an interesting

meeting with the sisters' meeting with some from North Range, who went home determined to start the work there.

Driving to Digby after tea, we reached there just in time for the weekly prayer meeting, when time was kindly granted to address the friends at the work. The work goes on apace in Digby Church; the members are few but alive! The next morning found us again on our way to Rossway where we met in the afternoon with the Anti-Society—the youngest child of the W. B. M. U. in this county. Here we took leave of our kind friends Mr. and Mrs. Dykeman. It is impossible to tell of all their kindness and aid. We can only pray that the Master's richest blessing may rest upon them. From Rossway to Centerville, where it was good to meet the Band organized on the last visit. Sickness and removals had caused some discouragements, but the meeting was a large one, and we think there is no cause to fear for the future.

The next morning saw us again helped on our way to Sandy Cove, by good friends. Here we found the pastor and his family watching by the bedside of one of the loved ones, who strong hopes must soon say good-bye. A husband and four little ones claim her here, but without a murmur she is giving up all. The strong faith of Brother Morse, leads him to say, “I do not want to call this an affliction.” The workers are few at the Cove and Mrs. Morse's untiring devotion to her daughter has left no time the past summer for outside work. We gathered the young people in the afternoon, and had a little talk with them. Then drove over to Little River, where we held an evening meeting. The sisters had become somewhat discouraged here, so it was good to have new names as a result of our meeting.

The next morning, and we were off by 6 a.m. by coach to Digby, and after receiving a good warming at the parsonage, which was needed after twenty miles of stage driving, we were off by train to Annapolis, having driven since leaving home on 10th, about eighty miles by carriage and coach, to say nothing of the train. Tired? O, yes, very often. But it is wonderful how the Master uses this hand to hand work. And it pays every time. Pays in the reflex influence on those who make the effort, and pays by His grace in added help in His service.

The collections were small owing to various causes, still something has been added financially, and a detailed statement will be sent to the treasurer. Prov. Secy., N. S.

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