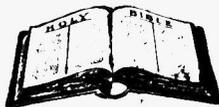


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VACATION.

What a lovely day in June
When there are perfect days.

THIS lovely month will soon be over and then will come the heat of July, when people will be hurrying away to the country or seaside for renewed strength or recreation. In many places the active work of our societies will be suspended, but "the ministry of intercession," should be unceasingly continued, as there is no time when our missionaries do not desire and need our prayers for themselves and their work. As usual the *Link* will not be issued in August. The Editor, is therefore, giving extra news from our Foreign field this month.

Our readers were doubtless pleased to see the cut of the "Jane Buchan Bungalow," in the June *Link*, and to know that Misses McLaurin and Hulet are thoroughly enjoying their new home, and that they can now carry on their work with much more comfort and efficiency. While we rejoice that the Vuuyuru Bungalow is all paid for, our responsibility does not cease here, as we share with our sisters in the East in building the Akidu Bungalow, which is now in course of erection. Our amount of indebtedness is \$1,111.00, which should be paid as soon as possible, that the work be not hindered. Let us, therefore, not slacken our efforts for this object, whether in large or small gifts, till all our lady missionaries have such suitable accommodation as their needs require.

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A TIME FOR PRAYER.

This is the time for intercessory prayer, not to prevail upon our Lord to become more deeply interested in the salvation of the world, for His interest cannot be increased or diminished, but to bring ourselves into right relations with Him and his work so that he can use us to the best possible purpose. Prayer will make us more sympathetic, broader in our views, and more active and aggressive. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," subjectively as well as objectively. Prayer will make us feel as He feels, see as He sees, and act according to His will. Prayer for missionaries will give us larger sympathy with their work and make us more generous in their support. Prayer for the unsaved millions will cause us to be intensely anxious for their enlightenment and deliverance from the body of death that weighs and crushes them. — *Heild Wild. Missions*.

REPORTS are received of a remarkable revival in Madagascar, in which God seems to have chosen instruments that men would not have selected for the advancement of His work. One of these was a young woman who had confessedly led an evil life, but on her conversion became a most efficient leader in Christian work. Another was a poor, raw, ignorant freed slave, who was so transformed and illumined by the reception of Christ into his own life that every one felt that God was speaking through him. The movement thus inaugurated produced a most profound impression, and at Famarantsoa the whole church had been changed, so that the missionary can report that he has become a spiritual force to such an extent that one can only say, "The movement is truly of God. It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

Less than one hundred year ago Robert Morrison landed in China, now there are more than 3,000 missionaries and thousands of converts.

Our Work Abroad.

LETTER FROM MISS HATCH

Ramachandrapuram
Godavari, D.

Dear Link:

AFTER having many discouraging reports about our Cockshutt Girls' School here, I am sure you will be glad to have more cheering news again. Last year was full of vicissitudes and we had many reverses and I felt at times very discouraged, but the outlook seems now very bright.

Besides the Cockshutt Girls' School, a Kapoo in the Savaram, a suburb of Ramachandrapuram, has given permission for us to have a school in his verandah. When I was on furlough, Mrs. Davis conducted a school here for a short time, having as teacher, a former Cocanada school girl, who was wife of her cook, but when they left the cook left, so the school dropped out for a while.

The Kapoo there have been asking me to open the school again, so last December, I had the opportunity of doing so. There are now 10 pupils, and one girl cannot go back and forth alone very well, so two girls act teaching one session only, while they visit the house in the afternoon as Bible women. Manjamma and Subamma. They are both Cocanada girls, that is, have been taught in Cocanada, though they belong to our field, and the former has had normal training in Nellore. The Kapoo, who verandah the school meets, has promised to put up a temporary building for us. He is to give the first year class with his money, and will contribute a limited opportunity for the second year, partly relief of his promise.

For our Cockshutt Girls' School we have secured P. Veeranna, a trained and experienced teacher, who is very conversant with several other girls. Our girl, who has been with her though they stand in awe of her, is still disciplining as good.

I have T. Anna to assist her at present, but she is to be married soon, and will be leaving us. When the Inspector was here, the other day, we brought the two schools together, and numbered them all.

All pupils that we presented passed. We have now in the two schools two in 4th class, five in second class, five in the first class, six in infant A and the rest in infant B.

Even the infant classes are learning the Bible

stories, Easy Kindergarten and Object Lessons, and are learning good hymns.

Then we have other good news. Our first room was burnt away last year and all our furniture and doors and windows, the mud walls only were left standing. We put on another first room and had some more furniture made, and wanted a grant for a pukka building, but as the Board are anxious to get the ladies' bungalow built they felt they could not look the people for this extra. However, one kind lady has sent me \$200 and she is a Presbyterian, another has sent £20 sterling for my work which I am taking for the school, and perhaps some one else will give us a little more. We are going to begin to build, trusting that the rest will come. We can't afford lime, so will make the walls of burnt brick and mud, which are fairly serviceable, and we will put on a tiled roof, and only have one long room at present with a broad verandah at the back for infant classes. This will keep us from all danger of fire, which are so frequent when there are only that roofs, and as the money comes in we will plaster our walls, put in a cement floor instead of mud, and add another room. New straight walls, whitewashed, with a tiled roof and porch and pillars in front will be a great attraction to the school, and as in Mrs. Srinivas' new quarters in Cocanada, the attendances may possibly double at once.

The mother of two of our school girls is a very good teacher, in fact, her teaching taught the four Bible women, but she is too good to be teaching 10 children in a rooming at the Savaram, and I would like to see her, and send her to some place.

As before, April 1905, we had a letter from P. Davis, appointed by the Board to visit the Cocanada school, and he says that he has the children of the bungalow school, and that he will be present. A good name for the school when I told them, that is, they would like me to give to them, their names are Mahadevi, Velamma, Restina, Rajalamma, and Chittamma.

We prayed for the officers of the Board by name for the many kinds of work they have undertaken in this far land, for different individuals, and especially for our girls' schools.

Trusting that your prayers, united with ours, may bring down a blessing, I am, yours sincerely,

S. L. HATCH

THE ENGLISH BAPTIST CHURCH AT COCANADA.

The new church was opened June 7th, 1909, by Rev. John Craig, at which time the meeting of prayer and praise was held. In the evening of the same day Dr. McLaurin preached the dedication sermon. It was under him that the work began 32 years ago, and his text now was "Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good

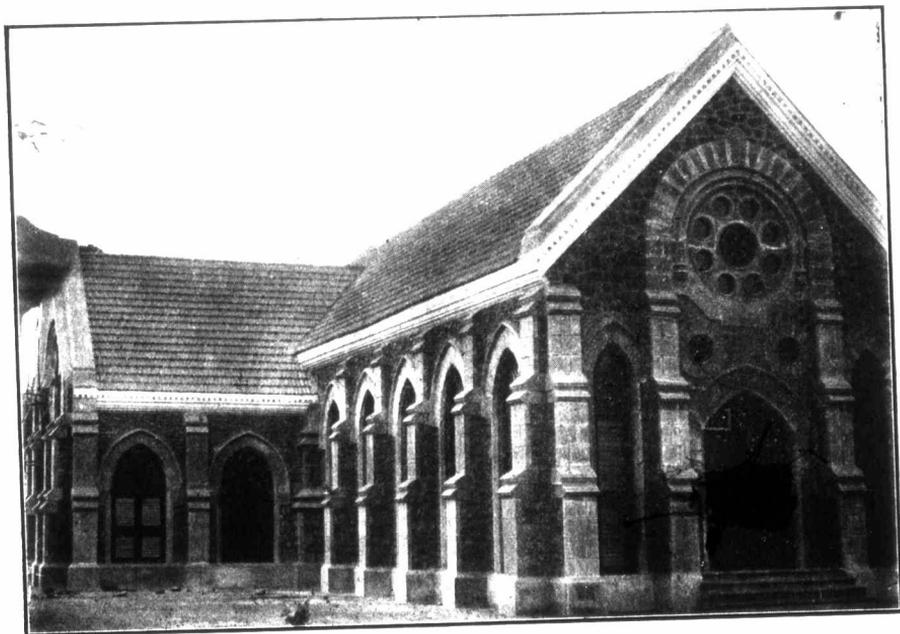
pleasure to give you the Kingdom." We hope that this new church is to be a centre of light in a very great sense to a large number of people, and with this end in view a committee was recently appointed to make arrangements to secure a Bible-woman or native preacher to be supported by the church just as soon as the building is paid for.

Yours Sincerely,

R. E. SMITH



THE OLD ENGLISH BAPTIST CHURCH, COCANADA.



THE NEW ENGLISH BAPTIST CHURCH, COCANADA.

PEDDAPURAM.

EXTRACTS OF LETTER FROM MRS. McLEOD.

For the first time in my Indian experience I find myself free from the burden and responsibility of the woman's work. In Anakapalle and in Narsapuram there was no single lady missionary and I went into the work with the Bible women in both places, much as I used to in the Akhri field before our marriage. Here I was at its different, the burden and responsibility of the work among women and children belongs to Miss McLeod and her team of Bible women. This does not, however, mean that there is nothing for me to do. In this India Mine is always working in plenty, for willing hands and willing hearts.

Mr. McLeod is very busy. These two days with his workers' meeting. The workers come in every month with reports of the week and for advice and counsel and help. At the W. M. and I listen much to be able to help them all up, as it were, and send them back to their villages and their work with the best of our counsel, help, faith and love by vision and strength for the fight with the powers of evil in the dense heathen world. The meeting concluded most of the night.

Mr. McLeod is also busy in the same respect, and at intervals of the week. He has a considerable amount of book work, and has many correspondence letters, notices, notices, and reports. He is also busy in the field, and in the evening we go to the meetings of the women workers, and in the morning we go to the meetings of the men workers. We are also busy in the field, and in the evening we go to the meetings of the women workers, and in the morning we go to the meetings of the men workers. We are also busy in the field, and in the evening we go to the meetings of the women workers, and in the morning we go to the meetings of the men workers.

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A THIRTY-TWO DAYS' TOUR ON THE PEDDAPURAM FIELD.

MY THIRTY-TWO DAYS' TOUR ON THE PEDDAPURAM FIELD. I have written you before, and am writing you again, about my tour on the Peddapuram field. I went into the field on the 15th of February, and returned on the 15th of March. I was in the field for thirty-two days, and during that time I visited 100 villages, and saw 1000 people, and preached the Gospel to 1000 people. I was in the field for thirty-two days, and during that time I visited 100 villages, and saw 1000 people, and preached the Gospel to 1000 people. I was in the field for thirty-two days, and during that time I visited 100 villages, and saw 1000 people, and preached the Gospel to 1000 people.

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halt, and I have been able to work continuously since coming back to India. Continue to pray for me for I long to be used in His service, not I trust because I wish to be great in the Kingdom of Heaven, but because I truly desire to see the Kingdom Come, and oh! I do want these people to have a part in that Kingdom when it comes.

CHARLOTTE M. ALFORD

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MR. CROSS.

"The quarter has been rich in blessing. We have been rejoiced to see a better spirit in the churches, a deeper earnestness. There have been clouds. Some have stood the trials and temptations of scarcity and pestilence. These however are very few, and we praise God for the victory which many have gained over Satan in these dark days. There have been 112 baptisms during the quarter. This number would have been augmented but we thought it prudent to leave many to a further test of time. The reception of new believers who are just coming out of dark heathenism is the greatest responsibility of the Missionary. Of these 112, sixty-five came from the Davi Sema, from four villages. It was in the Davi Sema that the Roman Catholic priests attempted to get the start of our Missionary B. Twenty-four came from Modumudi, a village where we started work a year ago, the village of the first episode of which I wrote about six months ago. Thirty-four came from Shirivoi Inka, a village from which as a first fruit six came last year. The others from two other villages where we have had Christians several years. We were somewhat loath to receive so many converts at one time, and examined them very closely. They all gave a good testimony, and seemed to have a good grasp of the Gospel. They had been attending services at least ten months. It was a great Sabbath when we all gathered on the bank of the great river Krishna, one of India's sacred rivers, and

after a very serious talk on the responsibility of the step they were taking, in which we be sought only who had not really experienced a true change of heart as well as conduct, to desist from such a serious step, we watched them, one by one, go down into the water and publicly profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts.

Bro. Cross reports the further addition of one member by letter, two by experience, and two by restoration, or a total addition for the quarter of five. Four Christians died and was excluded from fellowship. The total membership on the field on April 1st last, was 1,478.

T. G. BROWN.

AKIDU.

Miss Robinson, writing about the new bungalow, says — Mr. Chute and I have been over to see the work in the new bungalow. It is just across the road from here. We go over every evening to see how much farther it is on than the previous evening. The men are at work on the foundation now. In another month all work on it will have to be suspended until July or August, as we have only a little material (stone, kinkur, etc.) here, and no more can be brought in until more water comes into the canals, which will probably be about the middle of July. We hope to be into the bungalow by a year from now, possibly a little earlier. Building is slow in India. For the foundation the hole is not dug out for a cellar, as in a Canadian house, only the parts are dug where the foundations for the various walls are to be laid. At present the place looks like a plan of the house made out in drains instead of lines. They have begun the muddling now, and we are as greatly interested in seeing those drains filled up as we were in seeing them dug out.

N. W. BAPTIST.

Our Work at Home.

BOARD MEETING, EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

THE regular quarterly Board Meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, was held on the afternoon of June 8th, in the parlors of Olivet Baptist Church. In the absence of our President, Mrs. Claxton, the Vice-President, Mrs. J. I. Gilmour, took the chair. After the customary devotional opening exercises and reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mrs. H. H. Ayer, reported that after consultation with the Home Society and at their suggestion 5,000 envelopes had been procured for the use of Circles at Thank-offering meetings. These

little envelopes are neatly printed and can be procured free by any Circle, either from Mrs. Ayer, for the Foreign, or Mrs. Parsons, for the Home Society.

The Treasurer's Report included a reference to the Bungalow Fund, for which to complete our share of \$1,500, the sum of \$250.00 is still required. The regular report made a good showing, but the Circles are urged to remember that the Treasurer's books are to be closed this year on September 25th, and all sums must be in by that date, if they are to stand to this year's credit.

A letter was received from Dr. Pearl Chute, about her work in Akidu and the Girls' School

there. The shameful state of the girls' dormitories was again remarked, and to complete the needed buildings a sum of \$170.00 over the original estimates will be needed as Dr. Chute found that no allowance for cooking house and other needs had been made.

Miss Murray's quarterly report was most encouraging and full, and with the other reports from Miss McLaurin, Miss Gibson, and other parts of the field formed no small part of the meeting's interest.

The Corresponding Secretary's letter to the Associations was heartily adopted by the Board, and the Program Committee for the Convention in October, was appointed before the meeting closed.

LEILA W. M. CROSSKEY,

Rec. Sec.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Board was held at 2 p.m., May 18th, 1909, at 27 North St. There were present Mesdames Firstbrook, Jas. Ryrie, Dancy, Geo. Cross, Mullock, Freeland, Chas. Stark, S. S. Bates, Jas. Woods, Jno. Hooper, Wm. Craig, Porter, J. B. Kennedy, Wm. Davies, T. M. Harris, W. J. McKay, H. H. Lloyd, Glenn H. Campbell, Misses Alexander, Tapscott, Moyle, Nasmith, Webster, Elliot, Norton, Rogers, and the returned missionaries, Miss Simpson, Mrs. Jno. Craig and Miss Morrow.

After the reading of the Scriptures and prayer by several members, the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mrs. Porter reported regarding the progress of the Link, that the Agents for the various Circles were doing good work.

It was moved and seconded that the balance left over from Miss McLeod's travelling expenses be applied to the "cut" of the General Board for 1909.

Miss Elliot read a letter from Miss Pratt, in India, stating that as the fifty dollars which had heretofore been given privately had been discontinued, she wished to have that amount deducted from her salary. It was moved and seconded that this amount be made up to Miss Pratt from the Board.

A Committee consisting of Miss Norton, Mrs. Dancy and Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, was appointed to consider fully the question of Mite-boxes.

Miss Morrow reported that she had turned the first sod for the bungalow at Akidu, before leaving India, and that the work on the building was going forward.

Miss Alexander read an exceedingly satisfactory letter and application from Dr. Jessie Allyn, in which she stated her desire to spend her life in India, under the direction and support of our Board. It was moved by Mrs. Freeland, seconded by Mrs. Wm. Craig, that Dr. Allyn's application be accepted and that she be sent to India in the Fall.

Mrs. Stark moved, Miss Elliot seconded, that the details of Dr. Jessie Allyn's going to India, be left with the Executive to arrange.

Miss Langton also applied to the Board for the position of missionary in India, but owing to lack of funds, it was impossible to consider her application. After prayer by the President, the meeting adjourned.

MARIE C. CAMPBELL,

Rec. Secretary.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON. The Circles and Bands of the Middlesex and Lambton Association met with the Poplar Hill Church on June 5th, 1909. The first session opened at 2:30 p.m., with the hymn "There shall be showers of blessing," after which Miss Claypole, of London, read the scripture lesson, and Mrs. Smith, of Petrolia, offered prayer. Miss Bertha Campbell welcomed the delegates to the church and homes of Poplar Hill, expressing the wish that each session would prove helpful and inspiring to all present. Mrs. J. B. Campbell, of London, replied, heartily thanking the people of Poplar Hill for the excellent manner in which everything had been planned for their pleasure and comfort, and hoping that each one would carry away what would be helpful during the coming year. Mrs. Samis, of Sarnia, President, not being able to meet with us, Mrs. J. J. Ross, of London, Vice-President, named the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Dark asked that her place as Director be filled by some one else. Nearly all the Circles and Bands reported through their delegates or by letter to the Director. Mrs. McCandless, of Strathroy, sang very sweetly for us, and Miss Watson, of Sarnia, read an interesting paper on "Band Work," telling of the importance of training the children in mission work,

also giving methods of Band work. At this time the Poplar Hill Band came on the platform and delighted the audience by singing, "I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus." A discussion was then conducted by the President, on Circle work. Mrs. Carew, of London, spoke on the importance of the devotional part of the work, and Mrs. J. B. Campbell urged personal effort for gaining new members; inviting those who are not interested in missions to attend the meetings. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres., Mrs. D. Dack, Strathroy; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Spidell, Denfield; Direc., Mrs. J. B. Campbell, London. The session closed by singing a hymn, and Benediction by Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart.

The evening session was opened by singing "Stand up for Jesus." The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Ballantyne, of Strathroy, and Mrs. Pierce offered prayer. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted, after which Master Basil McCandless, of Strathroy, sang for us. The annual Director's Report was read and showed that 30 Circles and 16 Bands had contributed \$1,300.00 during the year.

A very helpful and inspiring address on "Home Missions" was then given by Mrs. Firstbroke, Toronto. Mrs. Ripley then favored us with a solo, and Mrs. J. J. Ross, London, gave an intensely interesting address on "Our Foreign Lady Missionaries." The offering was taken, during the singing of a hymn, amounting to \$4.00. Rev. McGregor pronounced the Benediction, bringing to a close a most successful and profitable day of the Middlesex and Lambton Association.

Mrs. J. B. Campbell

Director

WATERLOO. The Annual Meeting of the Women's Mission Circles and Bands was held with the church at Glamis, June 9th. At 10 a.m. a business meeting of delegates was held, after the reading of the Minutes and appointing of Committees, several matters of interest were discussed. The afternoon session opened with a prayer and praise service, led by Mrs. M. Diarmid, of Iverson. The President, Mrs. Brownlee, gave a very thoughtful and helpful address, drawing attention to the fact that we are God's watchmen, held accountable for others, each to do our utmost for Missions. An address of

welcome was given by Mrs. Buckbrough, and a reply by Mrs. Walker. Greetings from our Presbyterian sisters were also received. The Director's report showed a slight increase in our regular offerings to Home and Foreign Missions. Ten Circles reported \$183.13 to Foreign Missions, \$147.78 to Home Missions; three boxes sent to missionaries, two from Walkerton and one from Wingham. Bands contributed \$10.85 to Foreign, \$49.75 to Home Missions. Total amount raised by Circles and Bands, \$425.71. We have also to report the re-organization of a Circle at Palmerston, with a membership of thirteen. A very excellent and interesting paper on "The Relationship between Circle and Band" was prepared and read by Miss Joy Cook. This was followed by a solo from Mrs. Black, Paisley. Mrs. (Rev.) Jesse Gibson, of Toronto, gave an interesting address on Home Missions, giving a sketch of the work in Kenora, Dryden, and other points, showing that doors are being opened, means provided and the work is encouraging. Mrs. Gibson also spoke of the western work, the work at Feller Institute and closed with an appeal for more prayer for this great enterprise. Mrs. E. J. Stobo then read us a very helpful paper on "Ways in which the Circle helps its Members," Mr. D. McLennan following with a solo. Foreign Mission work was presented by Rev. J. G. Brown, who spoke of the work among the women and children of India, as the most important possible, thus emphasizing the great usefulness of lady missionaries and Bible-women. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Mt. Forest; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Walker, Director, Miss R. Stovel. The offering amounted to \$4.00. After singing Hymn No. 68, Mrs. Gibson closed the meeting with prayer.

Rose M. Stovel

Director

OXFORD BRANCH. The large attendance at our annual meeting held with Immanuel Church, Brantford, on Wednesday 14th inst., was gratifying proof of the interest taken by the Circles and Bands. Mrs. Wainly, of Woodstock, in the prayer service led us to the source of supply without which all our efforts would be useless, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts." Mrs. Nicholson, President of the Circle entertaining, left us in no doubt as to the heartiness of their welcome to the

delegates. The Vice-President of the Association, Mrs. Stringham who presided, very earnestly urged us to more careful preparation for and more strenuousness in our service. The reports of Circle and Band Directors showed that the Circles had given \$810.66 to Home Missions and \$1,002.57 to Foreign Missions; 14 boxes were sent to Home Mission fields. The Bands gave \$710.25 to Home Missions and \$161.48 to Foreign Missions. The subject, "How can we more efficiently carry on our Circle work," was discussed by Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Cotel, Mrs. Langdon, Mrs. Mahon and Mrs. Forsyth, many ways were suggested, "A deeper appreciation of the work," prayer, preparation, business methods, more meetings, literature committees, etc. Little Carlos Mitchell, of Bolivia, S.A., delighted the audience by singing "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish. Mrs. J. E. Hawkings, of St. George, led in the discussion of the topic "Programs for Regular Band Meetings and Concerts," Mrs. Coho, of New Durham, also giving helpful suggestions. The resignation of the Director was received, Mrs. Béal and Armstrong, of Brantford, sang a duet. In the evening Mrs. G. W. Barber in connection with an address on our Home work, emphasized the fact that knowledge of a need, and ability to meet that need, constitutes individual responsibility to the Christian. We were all glad to look into the face of our beloved missionary, Mrs. C. N. Mitchell, and to hear her tell of the work in Bolivia. Officers for the year: Pres., Mrs. C. E. Gray, Norwich; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. E. Hawkings, St. George; Circle Director, Mrs. G. E. Mahon, Woodstock; Band Director, Miss Annie Winter, Brantford.

LESLIE M. GRAY.

1908-10. The Mission Circles and Bands held their annual meeting at and Markham, on June 19th, the President, Mrs. Lloyd, in the chair. Mrs. Colman, Mrs. Jordan and Miss Barkey led in the opening exercises. The Director's report showed an increase in receipts from all sources of \$7,202.51. Receipts for 1907-9 were as follows: Circles, for Home and Foreign, \$6,881.65; Bands, \$1,791.41; Bungalow work, \$415.25; Indian work, \$84.63. Total, \$7,202.95. Miss Violet Elliot gave a resume of "The Year's Work in India," and Mrs. Firstbrook spoke of "Canada's Need of Mission Work." Miss

Lindsay sang a solo. The attendance was large. The officers for 1909 are as follows: President, Mrs. Lloyd, Vice-President, Mrs. H. J. Stark, Director, Mrs. Shenstone.

1910-11. The annual meeting of Circles and Bands, of the Elgin Association, was held at Lake View, June 6th. Beautiful weather favored a large attendance of delegates and visitors who were heartily welcomed and royally entertained by the members of the old Lake Shore Calvary Church. All the various papers and addresses were exceptionally entertaining and helpful.

The morning session opened with a prayer service, led by Mrs. C. E. McLeod, of Port Burwell. The Association was heartily welcomed by Mrs. Willis, of Lake View, in a very able address, to which Miss Pound, of Bayham, fittingly replied. A paper on "The Indians of Canada," by Miss Beckett, of St. Thomas, was a very clear and forcible presentation of our responsibility, our opportunity, and the result of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these needy ones of our own country.

After singing and prayer, by Mrs. Upton, of St. Thomas, the reports from the delegates of Circles and Bands were received. These were for the most part cheering as they told of progress in the work during the year. The Directors reported no increase or decrease in the number of organizations, there being 12 Circles and eight Bands. The Circles reported a decrease in offerings, but the Bands an increase. The total contributions from Circles and Bands being \$1,050.15. The value of our missionary papers, the Link and *Travo* was brought before the Association by Mrs. C. McConnell, of Lake View. Two excellent papers on "Band Work," and "Circle Work," were given by Mrs. W. L. Silcox, of Shadden, and Mrs. J. A. Laddlaw of Sparta, respectively. A Bible reading on "Proportionate Giving," by Mrs. Haight, of St. Thomas, brought to each one the teaching of God's Word regarding this duty and privilege. The President, Mrs. J. H. Doolittle, directed our thoughts to the promise of the Holy Spirit, and our need of the Spirit if our lives would be fruitful. Half an hour was then given to prayer for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

At the evening session three excellent addresses on our Mission Work were given. Mrs.

"bridge, of Aylmer, presented the "Claims of Grande Ligne Mission"; Miss Scott, of Sparta, the "Claims of Home Missions," and Rev. W. P. Reikie presented the "Claims of Foreign Missions."

During the session music was given by Mrs. Hagan and Miss Clarke, of Aylmer, and the Lake View Choir, all of which added much to the enjoyment of the meeting. The officers for the year are: Mrs. J. H. Doolittle, of Sparta, Pres.; Miss M. Laidlaw, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. W. L. Silcox, Shedden, Director; Mrs. Haight, St. Thomas, Asst. Dir. The offering amounted to \$15.35. Prayer by the President, Mrs. Doolittle, brought to a close one of the best and most helpful of our annual meetings. M. L.

CIRCLE REPORTS.

We are glad to know that a Women's Mission Circle was organized at Nassau St. Church, Winnipeg, April 14th, with good prospects.

GRITLY. On Tuesday, May 8th, we held our Annual Thank-offering meeting. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of Rev. H. C. Priest who gave us a stirring address for our Missions in India. On account of the inclement weather the attendance was small but the offering nevertheless amounted to \$18.25.

MRS. J. E. MAYNARD,

Secretary.

TORONTO (KENILWORTH AVE.) The Women's Mission Circle of the Kenilworth Ave. Baptist Church, Toronto, held their annual meeting on March 1st, in the church. The meeting opened with singing "The Glory Song" and reading of the Scripture. Secretary read Minutes of last annual meeting. Mrs. Buckley took the chair vacated by Mrs. Tew and the election of officers took place. Miss Ruby Brown and Miss Florence Jones sang a duet accompanied by Miss Mabel Dingman, our Organist. Mrs. Norton was to have addressed our meeting, but being unable, her daughter came in her place and spoke on Home Missionaries and Church Homes, and the work the Home Mission Board is doing in New Ontario. We hope the result will be a deepened interest in and liberality towards our Home Mission work. After the address Mrs. Tew, our President (who had been re-elected), gave a vote of thanks to the speaker, seconded by Mrs. Austen. The collection taken up amounted to \$12.01, followed by reports from officers and agents for LINK and *Vision*. There were 24 present at the meeting. Tea and cake were served at the close and a social time spent.

ELIZABETH T. SMITH,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

Receipts from May 10th, 1909, to June 15th, 1909.
(inclusive).

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES. Waterloo, \$22; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$18.38 (Thank offering add.), \$34.22; Brantford, Immanuel, Gleaners, for lepers, \$1; Boston, \$6; Thank offering on L. M., \$8; Wallaceburg, \$1.65; Orlith, \$6.60; Villa Nova, \$16.75; Burtch, \$1.50; Victoria, \$7; Gladstone, for native preacher, \$30; East Toronto, \$1; Brantford, First Ch., for Miss McLeod, \$25; New Sarum, \$1.50; Springfield, \$1; Warton, \$1.20; Toronto, College St., for "bungalow," \$17.70; Toronto, College St., \$15.40; St. George, for Dr. Hulet, \$4.20; Gravenhurst, \$5; Peterboro, Murray St., Mite Fund, for Dr. Allen's outfit, \$9.50; Scotland, \$4.60; Gravenhurst, for student, \$17; Saint Ste. Marie, for bungalow, \$7; Hamilton, Heckmer, per Mrs. Ralph, for bungalow, \$5; Brantford, Immanuel, for bungalow, \$12.80; Meaford, \$5; Chatham, per Mrs. Mellish, for Bible woman \$25; Norwich, for "Hospital Fund," \$12.50; Cobourg, \$3.60; Toronto, College St., add. for bungalow, 50 cts.; Toronto, Walmr. Rd., \$21.23; Barrie, Thank offering for bungalow, \$6.75; Ailsa Craig, \$3.40. Total, \$142.20.

FROM BANDS. Waterloo, (objects, for lepers), \$6.70; Victoria, \$9; Port Hope, \$12; Berlin, for student \$12; Warton, \$5; Chatham for student, \$5.85; Burgessville, \$5.50; London, South, on student acct., \$10; Springfield, \$2.60; Toronto, First Ave., A. L. M. B., 184, for Dr. Allen, \$4 for Famine Fund, \$10; Oxford, East St., Baddow, \$7. Total, \$55.11.

FROM SUNDRIES. Grandma Robinson's "Circles of Hos." for lepers, \$1; Members of Board for "Among the Telegraphs," \$3.62; A friend, for Miss Corning, \$25; Mrs. S. B. Todd, for Bible woman, \$35; Toronto, Jarvis St., L. B. V. P. U., \$1.33; Odd Lots sold for Bungalow Fund, \$1.30; Toronto, Bloor St. Sunday School, for bungalow, \$50; Western Association Collection, \$6.07; Mrs. Jas. Wood, for Dr. Allen's outfit, \$10; Middlesex and Lambton, Assoc. Coll., \$2.20; Elgin Assoc. Coll., \$6.85; Toronto Assoc. Coll., \$10.31; Niagara and Hamilton, Assoc. Coll., \$1.20; Walkerton Assoc. Coll., \$2.15; Mrs. E. Davies, \$25 for bungalow, and \$25 for Dr. Allen, \$50; Interest on Bank deposit, \$25.55. Total, \$224.78.

Total receipts during the month \$302.58

DISBURSEMENTS. By Cheque to General Treasurer, Dr. Allen's outfit, \$200, on regular estimate, \$200; \$7; *Vision*, Famine Fund, \$5; Leprosy, \$7.16; York and North Church Fund, \$1.20; Total, \$217.13.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT. Five hundred post cards and Printing for Rec. Sec., \$65.

Total disbursements during the month \$217.13

Total Receipts from Oct. 21st, 1908, to June 15th, 1909 \$7533.19

Total disbursements from Oct. 21st, 1908, to June 15th, 1909 \$7668.25

NOTE. Payment for "Lane-Richard Bungalow" is completed. Amount of our share on Akshu Bungalow still required is \$1,131.39.

SARAH J. WEBSTER,

Treasurer.

324 Gerrard St. E., Toronto.

Youths' Department.

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN.

(For Mission Bands.)

Hark! the cry of little children,
Comes across the sunny sea,
Comes from India's plain and forests,
Comes to you and comes to me.

Pity us, O happy Christians,
In your homes so far away,
Send the glad good news of Jesus
Pray for us, O work and pray.

We are dying in the darkness,
We are weeping in our play,
Think of us, the little children,
In the deserts far away.

In your Mission Bands, O children
You are singing happy songs,
We, in darkness dens are waiting,
O'er our sorrows and our wrongs.

Pity us, O happy children!
Time is swiftly passing by,
Send the glad good news of Jesus,
Send it quickly, ere we die.

I. S. SPENCER.

YONG, THE DRAGON.

IN China and Japan much attention is given the dragon as a mysterious and powerful creature. It is pictured on Chinese flags, on coins, etc. But in Korea it is *Yong*, a fearsome creature, with big eyes, claw and fangs, that the people worship. In war time *Yong* is supposed to be very active, and the Koreans have been looking for him and at last discovered him, says Dr. Gale.

"A house in the west part of Seoul, that had in its courtyard an old, rusty, creaking tree, was sold to a Japanese. The Korean family was left in charge of it till the Japanese should move in. One morning the caretaker and his folks looked out on the world and the tree, as they had done a hundred times before, but this morning was different from all others, for there, looking out of an opening in the hollow trunk, was a who would think it?—yes, no mistake this time, there were the face and eyes of *Yong*, the dragon.

"This, too, was in accord with tradition, for *Yong* frequents pools and mountain streams and old trees. Some friends were called in, and while

they could not see very clearly, they all agreed that it was the dragon. They bowed in great fear before it, and women brought rice and offered sacrifice, but the head had withdrawn itself and there was only the opening and the recollection of the inhuman face that had looked out upon them. Word went flying everywhere. "A dragon was to be seen looking out of the tree in So-and-Su's yard." Hundreds of people crowded in.

"Yes," said they, "these are momentous days, and such a visitation is not to be wondered at." There were tables of food offered and prayers. "Oh, Dragon King, we are here to pray, guard us from catastrophe this year, and watch over the winds and cloud and rivers and keep thing steady." They bowed with their faces to the ground, most devout and reverent, for *Yong*, the dragon was in the tree.

"News of it reached the Japanese owner and he found his yard full of worshippers.

"Listen," said the caretaker, "there is a dragon in the tree; everybody has seen his head and the people are now worshipping."

"In a little while the Japanese came back with a countryman or two, who had a pair of field glasses, iron spikes, and a hammer. They looked at the hole up so high in the tree, and one of the Japanese began driving in the spikes. He would climb and find out. The Koreans begged him not to risk it. "It is the dragon," said they, "and you will die."

"Nonsense," said the Japanese, "let me alone."

"Up he went, step by step, making his way by the spikes, till at last, with a boldness that paralyzed the onlookers, his hand went in after the dragon. There was a scurrying and a flutter, and out flew an allpammy, not a dragon, but an owl! With a disgust inexpressible the rice tables were removed, and the worshippers went away. Poor Korea's mighty dragon has turned out to be an allpammy." (*Ch. 200, Missionary*.)

PRAYING FOR PENNIES

It was a bright spring evening when little Polly stole softly into her father's room with shoeless feet, her golden hair falling lightly over her white nightgown, for it was bed time, and she had come to say "Good night."

"Father," said the little one, raising her blue eyes to his kind face, "father, may I say my prayers beside you? Mother is too ill for me to go to her to-night."

"Yes, pet," he answered, tenderly.

And reverently the child knelt down beside him and prayed her evening prayer, adding at the close, with special earnestness, "God bless my two pennies."

"What can the child mean?" thought the father in surprise; and when the little white-robed figure was gone he went and asked her mother if she knew what their little daughter meant.

"Oh, yes," said the mother, "Polly has prayed that prayer ever since she put her two pennies into the plate at the last missionary meeting."

Have you ever prayed to God for a blessing on the pennies you have put in the missionary box?

St. Louis Evangelist

ONE VILLAGE SCHOOL IN INDIA.

THE building is made of nice, clean red earth, just the kind the white ants like to use in building the long narrow tunnels which they think will hide them from view and when they get hungry for the blackboard, or for Palmira strings which tie on the grass roof. There is nothing that you would call windows and doors, but the light comes in where the walls do not reach the gable ends of the roof. Then too the front wall is only one yard high and a space is left in this wall for the children to enter. The floor is also made of mud, and once a week the teacher takes all the children to the nearest river bed or sand bed, and they all bring back as much sand as they can in their queer little garments. This is spread on the floor where the younger children learn to make letters and characters by writing them in the sand with their fingers.

The school has neither bench nor table, but only one small stool for the teacher, and a small blackboard, both of which have to be carried into the nearest house each night for safety. The children begin to come to school at six o'clock in the morning and often remain until seven or eight o'clock at night. The parents would not be willing to pay the teacher if he did not keep the children all day long. In the Madras District there are 7,000 children in the village schools of the mission, but of these only 443 are girls. "Why should girls learn to read? Do they expect to be lawyers? Girls are like donkeys and can not learn, so what is the use?" This is the way the fathers and brothers talk. And the mothers shake their heads and say the girls

must work. So they sweep the floor and tend the babies, and if there are no babies at home to tend, they tend some rich woman's baby, and are given food once a day in payment. The little girls also go to the fields and pull weeds, and they gather leaves and sticks and other refuse for fuel. They bring large pots of water and baskets of grain on their heads. Those who go to school must take the big baby brother on one hip, and often have another small child clinging to their skirts. But we know it is good for them to go to school and learn to read and sing, and repeat Bible verses, and it is good for them to learn to tell the truth, and to obey, and to sew and to comb their hair, and to do many things that they can never learn at home.

Do not forget to pray for the thousands of girls in India who have never yet been to school, and who have never heard about the life of Jesus.

In one of these schools there was a very nice Hindu boy of the goldsmith caste who learned more verses than the other children and was always interested in the miracles and parables of Jesus. The chief man of the town often came to school and learned to love the clever boy and taught him to call him "Grandpa," although he was no relative or even of the same caste. One day the little boy fell very ill with cholera, and all thought he must die. The chief man went to see him and at once the little boy said, "Grandpa, pray Jesus?" "Do you wish me to call the Christians to pray for you?" the man asked, and the boy nodded his head.

But it was raining, the fields were full of mud and water, and the Christians were three miles away. The boy grew rapidly worse and the man could not bear to see the little fellow suffer so. He went out, locked himself in a grain store-room, fell on his knees and, with the tears running down his face, cried, "O Lord! I do not know how to pray like the Christians, but I heard them tell how you healed all the sick, and the boy wants somebody to ask you to make him well, and there is no one here to do it but me, and I do not know how to ask. But if you will heal this little boy whom I love, I will give you five rupees as a praise offering." He returned to the other room and the little boy opened his eyes and said, "Grandpa, you prayed to Jesus. It is all right."

Several weeks after ward the man brought the boy in an ox cart three miles to our Christian church, and while the boy put five rupees on the table the man told how the Christian's God heard his prayers.

To-day, that man is the only Christian in that village, and he is suffering much persecution. The little boy died since and the school is broken up. Will you not pray Jesus to send a Christian teacher and his wife to teach in that village, and will you also ask Jesus if He wants any of your money to help in that way? *Missionary*