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## DECISION OF CONFERENCE IN INDIA AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE FIRST BUNGALOW.

*Resolved*.—That inasmuch as Vuyyuru is the first station requiring accommodation for a single lady, that the new house for single ladies be erected there.

The need was brought to our notice by Mrs. Chute, at Aylmer, and by Miss Hatch in her letter in the January LINK, to which I would refer any desiring information on the subject. In response to the circular sent out by Mrs. Lloyd to the Associational Directors we hope for a generous response from the Circles—not to lessen our offerings for the regular work, but an extra, freely given for those who have been willing to leave home and friends and be our representatives in India, while many of us remain at home at "ease in Zion."

## EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MISS McLAURIN

FEB. 23, 1904.

Having another lady in Vuyyuru will mean, of course, another bungalow, and we are now getting out plans and estimates.

It is almost like getting married, isn't it? We are going to housekeeping at any rate. Things move slowly in India, so I do not expect we will be in our new bungalow for almost two years yet. We cannot submit plans and estimates to Conference until July. Then they have to go home and be sanctioned by the Board, and the money has to come. Then the rainy season must be allowed to pass, so that if we begin building eleven months from now we will do well. Dr. Hulet and I will have to live in one room until our new house is ready, and that room is the only place we shall have for receiving patients, holding meetings, etc. So it will often be very inconvenient, but I will make myself as scarce as possible by touring all I can—and I can do the more because she will be there to look after the town work.

K. S. McLAURIN.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stillwell and family and Miss McLeod are on their homeward journey. Let us pray that their journey may be a safe and pleasant one.

The act of giving is divine. God loves to give—to bestow life and health and beauty and joy upon His creatures. Christ Jesus came to give himself for man. This is heroic, and men are heroic in proportion as they spend themselves and their powers in behalf of others. This is most elevating in its influence on ourselves, and, when wisely directed, on those for whom it is expended. "God rains down his large benedictions from above, and below men offer their glad and free contributions." "God loves a cheerful giver." There is an unconscious and uncalculated reaction received by the cheerful giver, enlarging the heart and lifting it toward the level of the Supreme Giver.—Selected.

I am convinced that while our work needs reinforcing, while we need more funds to carry it on, all the needs are secondary. There is one primary need, and that is prayer. This work is not merely that of impressing upon the Chinese the intellectual superiority of the faith that we profess, nor merely showing that the morality of Christianity is higher than the morality of Confucianism and Buddhism, or any other of these faiths. We go out to fight against the great enemies of God and mankind, against the powers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places; and for that service, for that warfare, if we are to be strong, it must be you at home who will make us strong. As long as your hearts and hands are uplifted to God in earnest supplication, just so long will victory be ours.—F. Howard Taylor.

A Christian heard a heathen woman praying passionately in a heathen temple. She had in her arms a pitifully misshapen baby, and she was praying that it might grow beautiful like other babies. As she turned to go away, the Christian asked her: "Friend, to whom have you prayed?" "I do not know," she answered; "but surely there must be some one somewhere to keep a mother's heart from breaking!" The message of missions is that there is this Some One.—Selected.

## OUR INDIAN GRAVES.

(See *Canadian Baptist*, March 24th, 1904.)

All earnest souls are led to think,  
 Why lives so fair were caused to sink,  
 Like wrecks beneath the waves ;  
 Brave were these messengers of grace  
 Whose bodies found a resting place  
 In far-off Indian graves.

Those silent graves contain the forms  
 Of those who bravely faced the storms,  
 Where sin the land enslaves.  
 Their happy spirits dwell with God,  
 Their bodies rest beneath the sod,  
 In far-off Indian graves.

Above the honoured of the earth,  
 The record of their lasting worth,  
 The hand divine engraves :  
 To hearts constrained by love sincere  
 A message comes distinct and clear,  
 From far-off Indian graves.

Beside those graves in thought we stand,  
 And view that prospect vast and grand,  
 From which each spirit craves ;  
 For God will His great promise keep,  
 And glorious harvests He will reap.  
 Beside those Indian graves.

—T. WATSON.

Dalesville, Que., 1904.

## THE MISSION OF THE THORN BUSH.

By Mrs. Margaret E. Backus.

**J**UST a common thorn bush that grew at the back of the desert toward Mount Horeb. Wandering winds brought to it tidings of a wonderful life beyond the mountain and the desert. Stories of heaving seas and laden ships and strange peoples ; of strife and stress ; of cries for help ; and voices of sympathy. And the little bush stirred and throbbed within itself, and longed for a heart of oak or the strength of a cedar, that it might be used in the work of the world.

No answer came to the aspirations of the lonely bush. The solemn stillness of the mountain round about was unbroken, and neither strength nor beauty was given to be its portion. But strong desire sent the roots down deeper into its native soil, and the gnarled branches put forth fresh leaves and gathered all of light and moisture that was possible for its growth there in the desert in the shadow of the mountain. And suddenly one day a breath, a wind, moved over the thorn bush. It glowed, it flamed, it could no longer be hid.

A shepherd with his flock beheld the glory, and stepped to one side to look and listen. And through the midst of the thorn bush the Spirit wind breathed such a wondrous message that the shepherd left his flock and went forth into the wide world beyond the desert and the mountain, and led a people crying for help out into a sunny land of plenty and of peace.

To the thorn bush was granted a marvelous vision of a nation saved, and the gift of the Light of the World. So it came to know that more powerful than a heart of oak, or the strength of a cedar, was the message breathed through its glowing leaves to the shepherd on that quiet day in the monotony of the desert.

Does the story of the thorn bush bring any message of comfort to those who love the Master and His service, and who desire above all things to be used by Him in the upbuilding of His Kingdom here on earth ? To those who are almost discouraged because of the smallness of this world's goods, the lack of opportunity, the pressure of the common every-day duties and the passing of youth with its possibilities ?

God most often reveals Himself to those who are quietly and faithfully and prayerfully performing "the trivial round, the common task." He gives them sudden flashes of insight into the meaning of life, a vision, some new truth, a consciousness of divine companionship. Let us be consecrated and faithful where God has placed us, and some day he will speak through us, and perhaps a listening soul may go forth to lead many people out of bondage of sin a superstition into the glorious promised Kingdom of God and of His Christ.

Only seven years have passed since Bishop Tucker of the English Church Missionary Society began work in Uganda, and to-day there is a Christian community there of 3000. Touching the northwest corner of Lake Victoria, Nyanza, Uganda is in communication with the east coast of Africa, by water and railway ; and with the west coast all the distance save a few hundred miles. From the north to the South of Africa one-half of the distance is now covered by steam travel, and there is a possibility of connection being made the remainder of the way. Thus when steam travel crosses Uganda from north to south and from east to west, it will find this Christian community ready to influence the whole of that vast and dark continent.

## BURMA.

H. M. N. Armstrong, Rangoon.

**F**AR away in the sultry tropics beyond India and west of China, lies a land not so well known in America as these, its neighbors, and utterly different from either. The people, their language, customs, character, religion, dress, physique, are all wholly distinct from what one finds either in India or China. A nation by itself. Burma lies a fair gem in the British diadem.

The masses of the people in India and China are poor, as they have constantly recurring famines. Burma always has enough, and to spare, and is the granary of the East, much as Egypt was in former days.

Abundance of rain, well watered everywhere, most fertile soil, where much that its people need grows spontaneously,—in many ways Burma is the most favored of tropical lands.

Before the influx of foreign population, which modern commerce has brought, it was proverbial that Burma had no beggars. Every family supported its own poor, and considered it a disgrace if any of their kin were uncared for. Their women were as free to make and keep wealth as their men; women, whether married or single, held property in their own right by native law.

The chief commercial centre of Burma is Rangoon; next in importance are Moulmein and Bassein, while the center of the native population and of inland commerce is Mandalay.

Wherever commerce goes, and labor is called for, the Indian coolie or day laborer goes to supply the demand. Lank, half-starved, almost naked, ready to do any work that will supply him with food, Burma, with its sufficiency of all things, is an El Dorado to him. It is pitiful to see how he works to earn all that he can, and saves every piece he can put away to send to his half-fed relatives in India.

The last census gives the population of Burma at ten and one-half million, of whom from six to seven hundred thousand are immigrants from India. Still they flock in week by week, a vast mass of foreign population that forms a splendid field for Christian work. Often I have stopped by a group of these coolies as they rested for awhile by their work, and have spoken to them in their own language. Instantly I had their acute attention. "Listen, she speaks Telugu," they said one to another, and it was music to them to hear their own tongue in a foreign land. This fact alone was sufficient to secure a hear-

ing for my message. Numbers of this people have given their hearts to Christ, they are more susceptible to the truth than in their own country, bound about by caste and the traditions of centuries.

We have worked among them for the last twenty years. Our methods have been preaching from house to house, and gathering the children in schools to teach them the gospel there. We have no boarding establishment, but by placing the schools in centers of this class of population, they have come as day scholars, returning at night to their homes.

As our Christian community increases, the number of children who come to us and become orphan or destitute increases also. Within the last year I have been obliged to send away more than twenty children whose parents were either dead or otherwise unable to care for them, and it is resting on me as a burden I must lift that we should have a home for those children who would gladly come to us if we had any means of supplying their temporal wants. There are many homes in Burma for children native to the country, whether Burmese, Karen or Eurasian, but none where these Hindu waifs can be taught in their own language. The Roman Catholic and High Church homes take them in and educate them in Burmese, and this is the only refuge for our Christian children also when left destitute.

The most pressing need is for a building. This would cost about thirty five hundred dollars. We have been trying to secure this, and it may be some who in former years have heard me speak of Burma and its peoples, may feel glad to help us in our work, which the Lord has greatly blessed during the thirty years of our sojourn there. We have centers in Rangoon, Moulmein, Bassein, Mandalay, Prome and Henthada. Over eight hundred children in schools, and about six hundred church members, all natives of India. Pray for us and help us as the Lord moves you to do so by his free Spirit.—*The Helping Hand.*

The first college for women in Japan is only two years old, yet it already has more than eight hundred pupils. Of this number many come from the farthest parts of Japan, girls and women of all ages, from the youngest pupils of the high school (twelve years old) to students in the university classes of more than thirty-five years old. Some have been teachers themselves for years, others are looking forward to a long career of usefulness as such, and many hope to visit England and study for a time at one of the universities before returning to Japan to become lecturers and literary workers in their turn.—*Selected.*

## Our Work Abroad.

### LETTER FROM MRS. SCOTT.

DEAR MRS. PORTER :—

**F**OR some time past now I have been feeling that I should write to thank you for so kindly sending the MISSIONARY LINK to me. I do enjoy it very much indeed.

Writing has been put off from week to week until we should feel settled in our new home here in India, feeling that then I would have more of interest to pass on to yourself and the kind friends of the LINK.

We have indeed been made to feel more and more the goodness and watchfulness of the Lord since we started for India than ever before, for every day on the journey seemed to bring added blessing and to unfold something new, and we enjoyed every day.

Then when we reached Samalkot we were made to feel so welcome and at home by the missionaries who had gathered there to give us a welcome.

It had been decided that we were to remain at Samalkot, so eleven weeks we were there with Rev. and Mrs. John Craig learning many lessons which are most valuable to us, as well as

sharing in their love and care, for they have in every way been like parents and we believe that this was the Lord's way for us.

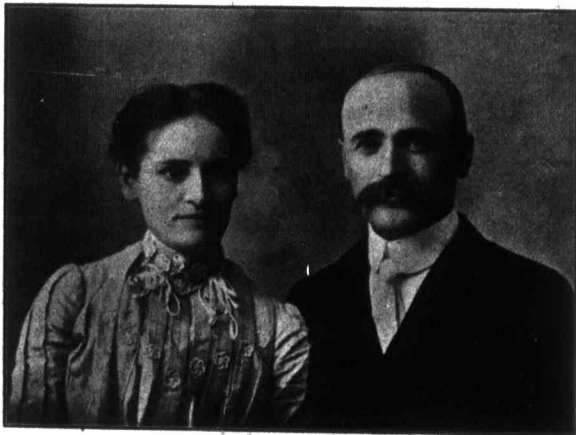
At Christmas time we were invited to Yellamanchili by Dr. and Mrs. Woodburne, and, with a number of the other missionaries, had a real happy Christmas.

Later on we attended the Conference in Canada and there learned that we were to be settled for a time at Peddapuram, and so, for the past three weeks, have been here getting more into the work and have been blessed in many ways. Our hearts are enlarging with love to this people and we long more and more each day

to be able to do definite work among them and in a little way are doing what we can.

On Sunday afternoon we have a class of boys from eight to eleven. These boys have come each Sunday and we try to have some one who is here speak to them, or do so ourselves through our Christian cook who understands English and is most willing to be of any service. We give these boys small text cards and they learn the text for the following week. They seem very bright boys and are much interested and very attentive listeners and we expect much from them.

Then I also see to the feeding of the beggars each week. We have about thirty-five of these



REV. A. A. AND MRS. SCOTT.

who are poor, needy, sick, suffering creatures, and with the rice they receive they also get the gospel. Many of them seem to brighten as they hear the good news. Oh, pray that these people may not only come for temporal blessing, but spiritual, and that we may be able in His hands to feed not only the hungry body but the hungry soul.

Since I do not wish to take up too much of your space this must be sufficient this time. With many thanks for THE LINK and interest of many friends.

MARGARET FISHER SCOTT.

Peddapuram, Feb. 17th, 1904.

## FROM PEDDAPURAM, INDIA.

**S**CARCELY four months have elapsed since we reached this Telugu mission field. It is too early to speak of direct personal effort, but the very best time to record a few first impressions gleaned from observation and from conversation with our senior missionaries. I trust these may not be wholly void of interest.

The density of population at once impresses the new comer. Everywhere we are meeting people, in the fields, on the road, in the bazars, at the railway stations, in the cars—everywhere men, women and children of all castes or no caste. Looking up the bazar street in Cocanada from the bridge over the canal on any ordinary day, one sees the street filled from side to side, thousands of busy traffickers going hither and thither, but finally whither?

I look into their faces. Many bear the unsightly clay mark on the forehead that tells which of the vile gods of Hinduism they worship. But more unsightly still, is the look of many hardened, hopeless, or even beastly. For one who knows the deep, pure, upwelling joy of a life in Christ to look on the faces of these multitudes and read the ruin and the misery that sin has wrought in their lives is heart sickening. But that is only one side.

We find here and there faces in which a new light has been enkindled. Life plainly has a new meaning—nay rather, *has a meaning*—for the multitude know not the meaning of life at all. These few bright faces I need scarcely say are Christian faces. It is a great change indeed out here when Christ is given His place in the life.

Not that the Telugu Christians rise at once freed from all the weaknesses, prejudices, vices, and superstitions of their former life. That is unreasonable to expect; it was not so in Corinth in Paul's time. And if the opinion of one of our missionaries who expressed himself on this matter be the opinion of all, it is safe to say we have few if any churches in our mission that are not purer and better than the church at Corinth was when Paul first wrote to it. These Telugu Christians are weak and must be treated very much like children for years to come. They generally lack initiative; personal concern for the salvation of their heathen neighbors. They are accustomed to the old order of things. A sense of the awfulness of sin and of God's righteous judgment against it is slow to awaken and pos-

sess them. Many, too, have a false impression of the Christian life, looking on it as a means of getting rather than of giving. And there are darker stains on the character of some which are a source of unspeakable grief to the missionary. But withal they are God's elect. He has begun His work in them; we must not yet expect it perfected. He has begun the work in them, therefore he will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Looking at the work in this light we are filled with great joy, and missionaries who have had the privilege of laboring longest see a great advance in the spiritual life in the native churches. Indeed, could we realize the depth and foulness of the pit from whence they have been digged, and the inadequate supply of men to teach and feed and shepherd them, we cannot but be filled with wonder at what God has wrought, and shame that we have not done more for them. Altogether the Telugu Christians are a most lovable and loving people so far as I can hear and see, and personally I have been deeply moved by their evident love for us missionaries. I do not yet nearly understand all that they say in their prayers, but I know enough to understand they are praying for us that God would bless us and fill us with the Holy Spirit, and that the Telugu language might come easily and quickly. It is enough to make one's eyes moisten and one's heart melt in love for these dear members of the body of Christ.

I find the missionaries united. There are differences of opinion in details, and we are not sorry for that. It is enough and more than enough reason for praise that there is absolute oneness of purpose and the warmest Christian love in our mission family. But I find the missionaries are over-burdened. I wonder how they endure as they do. It is only through the strength of God.

More workers are urgently needed. There is the Peddapuram field, for example. Population about 225,000, Christians 366 in sixty-two villages, 250 villages on the field. One lady missionary, but no resident male missionary. Surely these facts must speak.

I am busy with the language. This must for some time be my special work. But I long for the time when I shall be able to preach Christ to this people in their own tongue. Pray for us.

A. A. SCOTT.

Canadian Baptist.

## Our Work at Home.

### ASSOCIATIONAL NOTICES.

**WESTERN.**—The Annual Meeting of the Women's Mission Circles and Bands will be held at Blenheim, on Wednesday, 8th June, commencing at 11 a.m. Miss Norton, of Toronto, has promised to be with us and give a map exercise of the Home Mission Fields. Our work among the Telugus will be represented by the sisters of the Association.

We trust that all the Circles and Bands will send as many delegates as possible and that their reports will be of an encouraging nature.

JANE RITCHIE,  
*Director.*

**ELGIN.**—The Annual Meeting of Circles and Bands of the Elgin Association will be held at the Malahide and Bayham Church, Wednesday, June 1st, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Will all Circles and Bands please appoint delegates. Churches also in which are no Circles are requested to send representatives.

Full programme will be given in *The Baptist* later.

M. LAIDLAW,  
*Director.*

**OXFORD-BRANT** Association meets at Jerseyville, on Wednesday, June 8th. The following are some of the topics to be discussed, "What the President should be to the Circle," "Qualifications of a good Treasurer," "The Programme Committee," "How can we best enlist and utilize the Activities of our Young Ladies," "Best Methods of Developing Band Workers among the Members," "How to obtain the best Spiritual results in our Bands," etc.

Will every Circle, Band and Church in the Association send delegates. Secretaries kindly return reports to the Director and prepare one-minute report for the meeting.

LENNIE M. GRAY.

**ACTON.**—The Annual meeting of Circles and Bands of Guelph Association will be held in St. Marys, on Wednesday, June 8th. Circles and Bands are expected to send delegates, and churches in which no Circle exists are earnestly requested to send representatives. Programme will appear in *The Baptist*.

B. C. WARREN,  
*Director.*

### THANK-OFFERING MEETINGS.

**HAMILTON.**—The Annual Thank-offering meeting of the James St. Mission Circle, of Hamilton, Ont., was held on the Eleventh of March. A special effort was made to make this meeting interesting and profitable. Cards of invitation with a small silk bag attached for the Thank-offering were sent to all the members of the Circle

and congregation. The offering amounted to thirty-five dollars, for which we were very thankful. After Mrs. Holman's bright address on "Personal Work," a reading, music, and a social hour, refreshments were served. The evening was voted a great success.

(MRS.) K. C. SOMERVILLE,  
*Secretary.*

**ORILLIA.**—On Thursday, April 7th, our first Thank-offering meeting was held and was a decided success, thirty ladies were present, Mrs. Dayfoot presided. The feature of the evening was an address on "Mission Work in India," by Miss Chase, a returned missionary, a resident of our town. In addition to this, readings were given, and also a solo by Mrs. Locke. The offerings were presented in envelopes with a text of Scripture enclosed, and amounted to \$17.00. At the close of the meeting refreshments were daintily served. Since our Circle was organized in August the meetings have been growing in interest, \$8.85 have been raised for Foreign Missions and \$6.75 for Home Missions, also a box sent to one of the Home Missionaries.

(MRS.) WM. MAYNARD,  
*Secretary.*

**GUELPH, (Trinity Church).**—The Annual Thank-offering meeting of our Circle was held at the home of our President, Mrs. Weeks, on Thursday afternoon, March 24th, a large number attended, and an interesting programme was given, after which the envelopes containing the offering were opened and the selections read. The offering amounted to twenty-four dollars. Fifteen dollars of this was sent to the Home Mission Society, making a Life-member of Mrs. James Cormack. The remaining sum of nine dollars was sent to the Foreign Mission Treasurer, to be applied towards Bungalow Fund. After the offering was received the ladies rose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." A pleasant and profitable meeting was brought to a close, after which the Pastor and Mrs. Weeks entertained their guests most hospitably to tea and refreshments.

M. MATHESON,  
*Secretary.*

**SMITH'S FALLS.**—Our Thank-offering meeting was held on March 18th, at the parsonage, and it was the most successful one we have yet had. The attendance was very large, and the interest taken in giving praise for the bounties of life was great indeed. Our offering far exceeded our expectations, amounting to \$45.00, twenty-five of which was given by Deacon J. Gile to make Mrs. Gile a Life-member of our Foreign Society. This was a delightful surprise to all of us, not excepting Mrs. Gile, who knew nothing of the gift until it was in the Circle's possession. We



have added five new members since Jan. 1st., and at each of the meetings this year we have had an attendance of 25, 26 and 33 respectively, which is large for us. The Lord is answering prayer, in deepening the interest in His ever-growing kingdom, and leading to a greater desire for the salvation of precious souls. To Him be the praise.

C. M. F.

WHITBY.—It is some time since our Circle reported, but our work has been going on, meeting each month for prayer and praise, and giving to different missions as we have been prospered. At our Annual Meeting it was gratifying to hear from our Treasurer that the money collected this year was as much again as last. This month our meeting was a Memorial Service in memory of Mrs. Sarah A. Howell, who had been a member of the Whitby Circle ever since the Circles were started by our late, much-lamented missionary, Rev. A. V. Timpany, then home from India. Our dear sister was the first member of this Circle and called to rest from her labors at the advanced age of 79 years. The 14th chapter of John was read by the President, having been the last chapter read by our sister at the family worship the night before she passed away. The hymns especially dear to her were sung "Abide With Me," "Jesus Lover of my Soul," "Nearer my God to Thee." Prayer was offered by one of the sisters who had been in the loved work with her all these years. A paper by another spoke of Mrs. Howell as she was known and loved both by the Circle and the church. She was baptized by the Rev. John Craig, of India, then pastor of this church at his first baptism. When speaking of her union with this denomination she would quote with pleasure "A little child shall lead them." Her little son attending a Baptist Sunday School and wishing to go with him, led her to hear Dr. Hooper preach the word that was used of God to open her eyes to believer's baptism. She had before been connected in the Established Church, having been born and educated in the city of Dublin. In intellect and grace of manner she was a queen among women. Ever interested in missions, her last gift was to Grande Ligne. Always at her accustomed place in the house of prayer, how we all miss the familiar form and animated face of our dear sister. The empty seat reminds us of a true mother in Israel. Our sympathies go out to those bereaved of one of God's choicest gifts, a mother.

God giveth thee rest.

Rest from all sorrows, watchings and fears,  
Rest from all possible sighing and tears,  
Rest through God's endless wonderful years,  
At home with the blest.

J. RICHARDSON.

NEW LISKEARD.—This Circle has not been heard from for some time, nevertheless we are alive and active. We feel very thankful to our Heavenly Father for his goodness to us. The

interest in our work does not slacken. We meet the first Thursday evening of the month. Although the temperature has sometimes been as low as 45 and 50 below zero, our meetings have been well attended. In February we took for our subject "The Indian Work on St. Peter's Reserve"; in March we took up "The Telugu Mission," (to be continued in April). We hope by taking up the different missions mouthly, to interest the sisters more generally in the work. We have a membership now of 18, four having united with us in the last two months. The last to join the Circle, and its youngest member, is Bessie, five months old, daughter of (Rev.) Mrs. Stewart, wife of the pastor of the New Liskeard Baptist Church. One pleasing feature of our Circle is the promptitude with which the members pay their fees. We never have to ask for them, even from those living eight and sixteen miles away. If the Lord loveth the cheerful giver, He must surely regard with favor these devoted sisters keeping alive the missionary flame in their remote homes.

A. N. P.

INGERSOLL.—We had a very successful open meeting on the evening of March 16th, under the auspices of our Circle and Band, Mrs. T.A. Menhennick, our President, presiding. The main feature of the programme was the splendid address on "Woman's Stamp on Nations," by Mrs. Barber, of St. George, with which every one was highly delighted. We feel that the large audience present cannot but have been stimulated to greater interest and effort in giving the blessed news of salvation to the people of foreign countries. Some of the boys and girls of the Band gave in a very pleasing manner a Mother Goose exercise. Bo-peep, Little Boy Blue, and all the other characters showing a missionary spirit. The offering received was a very gratifying one to the Circle and Band.

NAOMI BOWMAN,  
Cor. Sec.

DUNNVILLE.—A Foreign Mission Circle has been organized in the Baptist Church, Dunnville, with nine members which we hope will soon be doubled. The following are the officers: Pres., (Rev.) Mrs. McDonald; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Forrester; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Saunders; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Braven; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Spence; Sec., Mrs. A. Camelford.

KINGSVILLE.—The Ladies of the Mission Circle expect a very pleasant afternoon in the Church, on Tuesday, March the 22nd. Fifty invitations were sent out by the president, requesting each lady in the Church to bring an offering for India. Twenty-one responded. One hour was spent in devotional exercises and business, it being the last meeting of the quarter. Refreshments were then served by the members of the Circle. \$11.70 was taken up in the free-will offering, dues and talent money. All

expressed themselves as highly pleased with the afternoon's entertainment.

BERTHA PALMER,  
*Sec.*

#### EASTERN SOCIETY.

The ladies of the Montreal Circles observed the Day of Prayer in conjunction with their Annual Union Circle meeting, in the Parlors of the First Church. The prayer service led by Mrs. J. L. Gilmour, occupied the opening hour. Those Presidents of the other Circles who were present, occupied seats with Mrs. Gilmour. There were a good number of ladies present and earnest prayers were offered, not only for the ever pressing needs of the mission fields, but also for a strengthening of the spiritual power of those in the homeland. At the close of the devotional session, Miss Russell, as President of the entertaining Circle, took the chair. Good reports were received from the various Circles and a most pleasing programme had been arranged. Mrs. Creed's two beautiful solos and the trio sung unaccompanied by Mrs. Taylor and the Misses Sims and Roberts, were much appreciated. Two fine papers were also given. The one Mrs. H. H. Ayer contributed on "The Wrongs of Indian Womanhood and what Government has done toward Reforms," spoke not only of those evils which are now only a black cloud of memory, but of those which remain as potent instruments of misery. Miss Cramp in her paper, "From Dawn to Daylight," traced the growth of missionary labor among women for women and spoke of several gracious names of those who had given loving effort in this line. Mrs. Claxton's absence through illness was deeply regretted, but hearty thanks were offered for her recovery to health. At the close of the meeting all were invited to remain and adjourn to the tea-room. This was most prettily arranged with white and green and the young ladies of the church assisted their visitors to a bountiful tea.

ETHELWYN M. CROSSLEY.

MONTREAL.—OLIVET.—The Annual Thank-offering of our Mission Circle was held on Mørch 14th, with quite a large attendance. Our President, Mrs. D. Bentley, occupied the chair. The principal item of the programme was an address by Mrs. Grieve Nichol, on "Mis-

sions in Japan." Mrs. Nichol spent some years in the work there and spoke with a full personal knowledge of her subject. She spoke in a very interesting way and we could almost see the scenes she described. Although, as a Circle, we do not help with any work in Japan, we felt our sympathies growing very strong as Mrs. Nichol told of the difficulties and rewards in her bright conversational way. She had brought a large number of pieces of embroidery done by the Japanese, very delicate and beautiful work, which called forth unlimited praise from those who examined them at the close of the service. We had two special pieces of music during the afternoon, a duet by the Misses Crossley and a solo by Mrs. Buchanan, of St. Lambert's, both of which were very much enjoyed. Our Thank-offering amounted to \$29.05. Before leaving, the ladies were served with tea and cake, which added the finishing touch to a very pleasant afternoon.

ALICE H. LOUDON, *Sec.*

#### FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

*Receipts from Dec. 6th to Feb. 26th, inclusive.*

CIRCLES.—Kingston, First Ch., \$8; Westmount, \$3; Buckingham, \$3.15; Montreal (Olivet), \$10; Brockville, \$15; Cornwall, \$2.90; Winchester, \$6.10; Lanark, \$3; Algonquin, \$10; Osabruck, \$7; Pt. St. Charles, \$5; Perth, \$16, (Bolivia, \$5, India, \$11); Ottawa, First Ch., \$61 (\$15 for student, \$16 fees, \$30 Mrs. Woods Biblewoman); Ottawa, Fourth Ave., \$5; Brockville, \$6; Ottawa, First Ch., \$32 (fees \$7, from Mrs. Whitcomb to make Mrs. Geo. Blair, Ottawa, a Life-member, \$25); Kingston, First Ch., \$4.90; Ottawa, McPhail Mem., \$30. Total, \$227.05.

BANDS.—Grande Ligne, \$6.50; Quebec Willing Workers, \$15; Perth (Konla Jemmia) \$15; Westmount, for student, \$5; Rockland, "Andugola Susanna," \$8. Total, \$49.50.

SUNDRIES.—Miss Marjorie Muir, \$30; Mr. Morton per Mrs. Claxton, \$5; Elim Circle, towards support of Blandinamma and child, Yellimanchili, \$10. Total, \$15.30.

From Circles.....	\$227 05
" Bands .....	49 00
" Sundries .....	15 30
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MARGARET C. RICKERT,

*Treasurer.*

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

*Receipts from Mar. 16th, 1904, to April 15th, 1904, inclusive.*

**GENERAL ACCOUNT.**

FROM CIRCLES.—New Liskeard, \$3; Sault Ste. Marie, \$10; Brooke, (\$1.73 Thank-offering), \$5.89; Colborne, Thank-offering, \$10.50; Greenbank, \$2.74; West Nissouri, (\$1.45 Thank-offering), \$3.25; Sparta, \$3.91; London South, \$6.65; St. Marys, \$2.15; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$6.53 Annual Collection), \$24.63; St. Catharines, Queen St., \$5.60; London, Talbot St, (12 cts. Thank-offering), \$15.12; Glamis, \$1.50; Second Markham, (\$3.42, Thank-offering), \$9.50; Atwood, \$1.65; Uthoff, \$5; Waterford, \$6.75; Burgessville, \$6.60; Gilmour Memorial, \$9; Belleville, \$8; Stratford, (\$9 Thank-offering), \$15; Poplar Hill, \$8; Meaford, \$1; St. Thomas, Centre St., \$8.47; Kingsville, \$10; Colchester, \$2; Huntsville, \$3; Port. Colborne, \$3; Keady, \$2.50; Brooke and Enniskillen, (\$13 for Bonn-Martha), \$14.85; Parkhill, \$1; Forest, (\$2.70 Thank-off.), \$6.80; Norwood, \$0.79; Brantford, Immanuel, \$12.50; Calvary, \$9.50; Port Hope, \$11; Guelph, First Church, (\$9.25 Thank-offering), \$11.20; Brownsville, \$8; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$7.10; Langton, \$2; Mount Forest, \$5.05; Brampton, \$5.20; Beachville, \$3.40; York Mills, \$3.55; Huntsville, for Bungalow Fund, \$3; Lakefield, \$8.60; Sarnia, \$8.75; Woodstock, First Church, \$16; Orillia, \$7; London, Maitland St., \$2.75; Jaffa, \$3.35; Toronto, Bloor St., \$22.90; Toronto, Bloor St., Young Ladies' Aux, \$4.61; Daywood, \$5; London, Adelaide St., \$15.40; Barrie, \$11.80; Boston, (\$7.10 Bungalow Fund), (\$10.82 Life-membership), \$20; Ingersoll, \$5.61; Claremont, \$10; Brantford, Calvary, \$10.25; Wheatley, (\$13 completing Life-membership fee for Mrs. E. Hanson), \$14.75; Alvinston, \$3.70; Wilkesport, \$1.30; Toronto, Beverley St., \$9.65; Toronto, Jarvis St., (\$151.60 Thank-offering), \$184.82; Westover, \$4; Paris \$6.90; Fenelon Falls, \$12.25; Fonthill, (\$6 Thank-offering); \$7.25; King, Bethel, \$4; Guelph, Trinity, (\$8.75 for Bungalow Fund), \$17.25; Listowel, \$1.60; Pine Grove, \$2; Galt, (\$4.80 Thank-off.), \$17.30; Beamsville; \$7.50; Walkerton, \$3.76; Chesley, \$2; Tilsonburg, \$14.25; Hartford, \$2; Ridgetown, \$6.06; Onondaga. 1st, \$2.85; Malahide and Bayham, \$5.50; do. a member for Bungalow Fund, \$5; Petrolea, (\$1.85 Thank-offering), \$8.45; Acton, \$2.35; Norwich, \$7.50. Total, \$797.36.

FROM BANDS.—Simcoe, (to make Miss Mamie Paulina a Life-member, \$10; Port Hope, (\$5 in loving memory of Gertrude Hume) \$12; Owen Sound (for "Enteli Satyarandam") \$25; London, Adelaide St., Boys, (for "Maddalu Samuel"), \$17; Belleville,

(\$10 to make Mrs. O. C. Elliott a Life-member), \$27; Boston, (for "Degala Paul"), \$4; London, Talbot St., \$3.71; Peterboro' Park St., \$8.42; Lakefield, \$7.50; Bewdley, \$10; Waterford, (55 cts. for lepers), \$2.25; Guelph, Trinity, (for Bolivia), \$7; Brantford, 1st Church, (\$4 for "Dasyam Paradesi"), \$24; Petrolea, for Tuni Student \$10; Hamilton, Herkimer St., (for "Thuluru Annamma") \$5.80; East Oxford, \$11; Forest, \$1.04; St. Marys, (for "Cheppela Rammamma"), \$9.65; Forestville, \$4.10; Paris, \$2; Cobourg, \$4.25; Listowel, \$2.50; Norwich, \$5; Bracebridge, \$5 London, Egerton St., \$12.50; Hamilton, Victoria Ave. (Junior), \$3; Huntsville, for Bungalow Fund, \$3; Strathroy, \$3; Sarnia, Central, (for Bolivia), \$12.80; Sarnia, Brock St., \$1.56; Belleville, (for Akidu student at Cocanada), \$12. Total, \$266.08.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Mrs. R. W. Elliot, (\$50 for Bungalow Fund, \$70 for Miss Corning, \$120; Mrs. Chisholm, (for Bungalow Fund), \$2; Miss Rhoda Massecar, (to make her sister, Mrs. Wm. Brown, of Waterford, a life-member), \$25; Investment Miss Nellie Davies' gift, \$10; Miss A. Grace Iler, (Refund re-outfit money, \$77, interest \$8), \$45; London, Maitland St., B. Y. P. U., \$3. Total, \$205.

DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, on estimates, \$569.66. *Extras*—(for Bolivia, from Guelph, Trinity Ch., M. B.), \$7; for lepers, (from Elim M.C.), \$4; (Waterford M. B.), 55 cts. Total, \$581.21.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—By Treasurer's postage, \$3; collection on cheque, 15 cts. Total, \$3.15.

Total receipts during the month - - - \$1268 44  
Total disbursements during the month - - - \$584 36

**"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.**

Receipts.—Delhi M. B., \$12.50

Disbursement.—By General Treasurer for Dr. Gertrude Hulet - - - - - \$41 67

**GENERAL ACCOUNT.**

Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$4,800 36  
Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 \$5,180 22

**"MEDICAL LADY" FUND.**

Total receipts since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$120 70  
Total disbursements since Oct. 21, 1903 - - - \$250 02

EVA NASMITH,

*Treasurer pro tem.*

14 Maitland St., Toronto.

And Azariah said, Since the *people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty; for the Lord hath blessed the people; and that which is left is this great store. 2 Chron. 31 : 10.

## Youths' Department.

### A MODEL MISSION BAND.

So many "Presidents" and Committees of our Bands are wondering what they shall do for their next meeting. I found a little poem in an old copy of *Gospel in all Lands*, that I have arranged as a dialogue, or mission exercise for you. Be on the look-out for everything that will lead your members to think of the work they have promised to do, and do not worry about entertaining them. The best meetings are those which touch each heart, and set all the busy hands at work. Then programmes might be arranged for several meetings so the boys and girls will have something to look forward to as each month comes.

The Mission Band of the Baptist Church in Smith's Falls find this plan very successful. The President prepares dainty cards, tied with a little bow of ribbon, to be hung up where each member may see them every day.

A globe stands on the table at each meeting of this Band to receive the birthday pennies from each member who has had a birthday that month. After the programme on "Work among the Lepers," each child was given an envelope and told to try to earn some money for these needy people. Then they all met, had tea together, opened these envelopes and told how the money had been earned. Washing dishes, caring for the sick, carrying wood and coal, shovelling snow, sewing, blacking boots, learning lessons and Scripture portions, ironing, carrying milk, cleaning silverware. These are some of the ways reported, by which the little folks earned nearly seven dollars in one month for the poor lepers who are being cared for by our missionary, Miss Hatch. This Band supports a boy in India, and were much pleased to receive a photo of him, some time ago. They are few in number, but every one a worker. Do you not agree with me in calling this "A Model Mission Band"? But the editorial scissors are ready to shorten this talk of mine, so I must say good-bye.

SISTER BELLE.

399 McLaren St., Ottawa,

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.

Leader—

Watchman, who from Zion's watch-tower,  
Looks o'er lands and seas afar,  
Tell us of far-distant China.  
What its signs of promise are.

China—

China seems not now far-distant,  
She is standing at your door,  
And with longing eyes is watching  
For the light that floods your shore,  
China holds her arms out to you ;  
Do not let her plead in vain,  
Carry her the seed with weeping,  
And with sheaves you'll come again.

O, the helpless grief that calls you !  
Sin and sorrow rampant reign,  
Opium victimising thousands,  
Idols still their power retain ;  
Infants left by cruel parents  
In the streets to starve and die ;  
Maidens sold to shame and sorrow,  
With no kind, or pitying eye,  
Come and help us while you may.

Leader—

Having heard China's sad story,  
Which our hearts with pity stirred,  
We would hear in wakening India,  
Of the progress of God's Word.

India—

Long did India wait the Gospel,  
Slow to hear it and obey,  
But her children learn with gladness,  
Of the Life, the Truth, the Way.  
Women, prisoned in zenanas,  
Where scant sounds of joy are heard,  
Hear from loving Christian sisters  
Gladdening wonders from God's Word.

But yet millions of child widows,  
With griefs pitiful to see,  
Look to you to bring your Saviour,  
Who alone can set them free.  
India, truly needs the Gospel,  
With its quickening power and light,  
To uplift its fallen nature,  
And illumine its moral night.

Leader.

Brave Japan, may God defend thee,  
In thy hard, heroic fight,  
And His blessed Gospel send thee  
Peace from Him and light and life.

Japan—

Wakened from her sleep of ages,  
Japan looks to Christian lands,  
And in search of nobler models,  
Eagerly extends her hands,  
Though full eighty thousand of us  
Own as theirs the Christ you love,  
Yet we need more of that Gospel,  
Sent in mercy from above.

Though to-day our armies gather  
To defend our native shore,  
Yet to God we look for victory,  
And to give us peace once more.  
O ! that Christ, the blessed Saviour  
May in grace among us reign,  
Till He comes again in glory  
With His ransomed to remain.

(Continued.)

# W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

Communications for this Department should be addressed to Mrs. J. I. Bates, Amherst, N. S.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY.—*Pa'la-K'imidi. That the Spirit's power may graciously descend on all the missionaries, helpers, schools, out stations and that all who are halting may decide for Christ. Also that the blessing of God may richly descend on Grande Ligne and the French Missions of N. S.*

## MISSION BANDS.

**T**HE paper on Mission Bands, read by Mrs. P. R. Foster, at the meeting of the Eastern Association last July, has been at the request of several sisters who were present, condensed by Mrs. Foster for publication in these columns. Shall not these words result in the formation of some Bands where none now exist.

Among the departments of Christian service to be considered by the Association, the Mission Band is second to none, in fact, it is the foundation of the superstructure; its central purpose is preparatory, or foundation laying, the school in which the young are trained and developed for future usefulness and helpfulness. A Sabbath School is incomplete without thorough instruction in missions; and there is no better plan for this instruction than a rightly conducted Mission Band, which is a place of broad fields of unlimited possibilities in every branch of Mission work.

If we have properly conducted Mission Bands in each church and section of a church, with leaders acquainted and in touch with Home and Foreign work, we shall have young lives stamped with every phase of the benevolent enterprises of the church, and fires kindled which can never wholly die out, but, sure to give us, either missionaries to "go down into the mines" or intelligent, liberal givers to "hold the ropes."

We must all agree that the character of the young of to-day largely determines the work of the church in the future. If we are to have a consecrated, intelligent, benevolent and conquering church in coming days, we must put forth our best effort to have the boys and girls carefully and judiciously trained in the church's duty to bring a lost world to Christ.

The question may be asked, how shall we train the children? We reply by teaching, giving "line upon line, and precept upon precept." To do this requires organization, example and instruction. Organize them into Mission Bands, and give them a share in the work, meet at the

close of the Sabbath School if possible, or at some convenient time. A leader must be secured with love for Christ, for children, and for missions. Where Christly love exists, there will be a willingness to work, to spend and be spent in an effort to shape in plastic minds, principles that will tell in coming years. Not only must the leader be willing to work, but not easily discouraged. Moody said, "God never makes use of a discouraged worker." In this, as in all Christian effort, there will be days when discouragements will present themselves—the lessons given in the leaflets will not be prepared, collection forgotten, or a restless or mischievous spirit apparent. At such times the leader needs to consider that the enemy of the Kingdom of Heaven is at work, and remember our Captain, even Jesus "leads against the foe," and that she shall prevail if she holds fast, faith in God; keeping in mind that thousands are perishing for whom Christ died; and that our missionaries are working amid the dense darkness, with so few to help, in heathen or home land. These facts will help to master a feeling of discouragement, and enable her to arise superior to difficulties, and create a spirit of thankfulness that she is permitted to work for the cause to which our Lord and Master gave Himself.

The world's need of Christ should be taught. But, to do this the leader must know something about the heathen and their condition spiritually. To this end she should master as far as possible the subjects presented in the leaflets; also encourage the boys and girls to prepare the lessons, and to read missionary literature. This may be a difficult undertaking, as there is so much light and sentimental trash placed before the young, even in the Sunday School libraries. Yet, if they can be induced to read such books as the lives of "William Carey," "Dr. Judson," by his son, Dr. Paton, "The Whole World Kin," or the life of Nathan Brown, "Madam Feller," "By Canoe and Dog Train," by Egerton Young, these books

will create a taste for instructive reading. Our Sunday School libraries should be supplied with books of this class.

The lack of knowledge in regard to heathen life, as well as the darkness of Roman Catholicism, and the urgent need in the North-West, is the cause of the deplorably small giving in many of our churches. It is not lack of money. There is money enough for gratification, pleasure, ambition and personal adornment. If we have rightly conducted Mission Bands in every church there will be an observable increase in missionary knowledge. A Band worker writes, "My boy, twelve years of age, knows more of heathen life than most of our old church members." Many may learn from the children, "A little child shall lead them."

Not only should the world's needs be taught to the young, but their relation to this need. Teach that to work for missions is to work for God; and, that we are "fellow-workers with Him" as we endeavour to carry the gospel "to the uttermost parts of the earth," that they do this work through knowledge in themselves, and by working out this knowledge in effort for the world's good, for which Christ died.

Work with the little ones may seem small but it is the beginning of a life work that may tell in the future. Our agriculturists, teachers, merchants, doctors, lawyers and statesmen, as well as our pastors and missionaries are to come from the ranks of the young. That they may do their part rightly, whatever that part may be, they need to begin mission study, mission work, and mission giving young. Training in the grace of giving is important. In too much of our teaching, on these lines, we give the idea that God has need of our help, we should teach that all belongs to Him. "The world is His and the fullness thereof." "The silver and the gold are His and the cattle upon a thousand hills belong to Him." He is not dependent on us, but we on Him; that He has made us partners with Himself, that He may develop us spiritually. He is always giving, and that love for Him will give us a desire to do His command in evangelizing the world.

In teaching we should endeavor to create and establish a principle of benevolence. If we can get the boys and girls to decide to return to God at least, a tenth of all they receive, though at present the offerings may be small, the principle is fixed and in years to come, the question will be solved how to carry on the Lord's work with-

out debt, and Christ's name proclaimed to all peoples in this generation.

The W. B. M. U. recognizing the importance of early education, in the missionary enterprise, have undertaken this necessary part of Christian service, with the aim that there shall be a Mission Band in every church and every child a member. How far we have come short of carrying out this aim will be seen by the following comparison: In Nova Scotia, we have two hundred and three churches and one hundred Bands.

This movement should interest and claim the active support of all pastors. A few of the pastors recognize this fact and are giving their influence and assistance. Superintendents of Sabbath Schools can be very helpful; but the responsibility of organizing and conducting Bands fall mainly on the members of the Aid Societies; and they are not doing their whole duty to the cause of Missions until there is a Band, under their direct care, in every section of the church.

It has been asked, "How can anyone be a Christian and not be interested in missions?" To me, it is as great a problem how a sister can be interested in the Aid Society and not in Mission Bands, from which in future the members are to be drawn. If our girls are properly trained there will be intelligent recruits to the place of those removed from our ranks by death, and the number of young ladies who do nothing to obey the divine mandate, to give the Gospel to the world, will be greatly lessened. We need the young girls in the Bands, and they need the training to be had in the Band work. An interest in missions has an ennobling effect on young lives, and gives almost an assured promise of future usefulness. A number of the young sisters, in the province, realize this and are among our most efficient Band workers. In helping others their own souls are being enlarged and blessed and the boys and girls under their influence are learning to be unselfish and self-sacrificing, and thus being prepared for the highest usefulness possible.

The mother's influence is also needed, not only in the Aid Society, to see that a Band is organized, but in the home to see that the lessons are prepared, and the children ready and at the meeting on time; that ways and means are opened by which the members can earn or save in order to give of their own. To help the leader by speaking approvingly of her efforts before the children, and show appreciation by visiting the

Band. Let your children realize, that the cause of Christ is of more importance than a children's party or place of amusement, that you value their spiritual welfare more highly than adornment or temporal pleasure.

None can afford to remain listless or inactive in this missionary age. Life is short, time is passing. Let us from this hour resolve that in view of what Christ has done for us, and the great command to "go," that we will, by every possible effort, do what we can that the young may be taught to think, and pray, and act in their endeavor to "win the world for Jesus," and, as they are interested for others, they will be led to consecrate themselves to Him.

TEKKALI GAMJAM DISTRICT,

FEB. 15th, 1904.

DEAR SISTERS :

... "The Lord giveth the word : the women who publish the tidings are a great host" is certainly a verse for our encouragement. To us the word has been given to pass to our less favored sisters and to you who cannot join us in the work is given the privilege of supporting those who day by day meet with and speak to the many who know not the love of God nor the way of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Bible-women are always native Christian women and are chosen as far as possible because of their desire to work for the Master, and love for the souls of their own country women. These women are generally trained for longer or shorter periods by the missionaries with whom they work. The training is along lines which will be most helpful to them as they come in close contact with those who know nothing about the Gospel story.

We prefer women of some educational ability especially for the zenana work, and I am glad to say that in our Mission there are some who command the respect of even the highest castes and are gladly welcomed by these secluded women, as one of the pleasures in their shut-in lives. A few cannot read. Because of age or loss of sight they cannot learn does not debar them from the work. If they have a love for lost souls and a longing to tell of their own conversion we encourage them to go forward. In the Bible classes they learned to tell the story of Christ, also parables, miracles and Bible verses, that are most helpful in presenting the way of salvation. I doubt not but some of these will be given crowns glittering with more gems won

from the villages and by-ways of India than to many who have more education but less spiritual power.

More than half of our Bible-women have family cares which prevent their giving more than half of their time to the work. While encouraging them to do what they can, we assure them that keeping their homes and children in order is just as acceptable to the Lord as street preaching. One Bible-woman said to me a few days ago, "When the Lord gave me two little boys I thought I would have to give up Bible work entirely, but I find I need not, for every morning I do up all my work, then in afternoon I take my youngest in my arms and the other walks along beside me and we go into the village. The bright healthy children (without blackened eyes, caste marks disfiguring their faces and scars showing the torture the poor little Hindu children must endure) soon opens the way for conversation and leads up to the subject of God's love and care, and how that he is just as willing to help them bear their many burdens if they will but trust him." I feel that this woman isolated as she is from Christian fellowship with only her husband to encourage her, is fulfilling the Lord's command in that village by letting her light shine with no uncertain flicker. The work of the Bible-woman is varied, some are especially adapted for zenana visitation, that is, going into the homes of the caste women and teaching them to sing hymns, reading to them the Bible stories and presenting the Gospel message. Others seem to have more power to speak to the crowd gathered in the Bazaar, the outcast hamlets or on the roadside wherever fifty, twenty, or even one is willing to listen.

The help they need is your prayers, that they may have power to speak the word faithfully, to live consistently, and that instead of getting used to the indifference of their hearers, they will yearn more for the salvation of their souls and pray more for immediate results.

The faith needed by us all in working among these women is such as would remove mountains, for nothing less than miracles will so change their hearts so as to make them willing to give up all for Jesus. The present need in our Mission is more Bible-women, seven times as many as we have could be used to advantage, especially do we need those who have no family ties, those who can be ready at any time to go on tour with the missionary. I know I voice

the prayer of every lady missionary when I say, pray that from among those who have heard so long, workers may be converted and called, not by us but by the Lord Himself, to supply the pressing need. We can make so little impression ourselves, but with a large band of faithful helpers to work through, much more could be accomplished.

Very sincerely yours,  
MARTHA CLARK.

It is a fact, that the severe storms, and the extreme weather of the past winter, has made the work difficult in the country, and remittances from that quarter have been fewer and amounts less; it is also noticeable, that where work is not thus difficult many have taken on an inactivity which does not tend towards enlarging the Treasury. However this is all past, and ours is the privilege now of doing good and special work along financial lines. \$2000 and more have to be raised during the next six weeks, so that we may meet our liabilities. A knowledge of this fact should burden each one of us, and and not only cause questionings, as to what more I can do, but where is the other woman among my friends from whom I may solicit, and help to get a blessing by giving of her means. Let us from now to July 31st carefully and prayerfully look after, and save dollars for our loved Master and his work. — *Treasurer, W. B. M. U.*

#### ITEMS.

The expression among our missionaries of their conviction that the time has come for union among the Mission Board of the different provinces, will, we trust, meet with a hearty response in the home land.

The advantages that would accrue to the work both at home and abroad are obvious, while the hindrances are not so great, but that they may be overcome by earnest, persistent effort.

The missionary problem is a personal one. No sacrifice can be too great if we can only get the church to take time and wait unitedly before the throne of God, to review her position, to confess her shortcomings, to claim God's promise of power, and to consecrate her all to His service—*Andrew Murray.*

Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall does not hesitate to say that, from his observation, the most en-

couraging aspect of the missionary enterprise is the boarding schools on our mission fields. "As educational institutions they deserve commendation, but as institutions for the formation of character and the development of a new type of manhood and womanhood they are beyond praise."

#### HELPING TOGETHER WITH PRAYER.

Our noble missionaries who have given up all to follow Christ, are in a real way our substitutes in a "Holy War." One earnest request they make of us—one before all others. They make no murmur that they know much real deprivation; they understand the blessedness of self-denial. But this one thing which they plead is the appeal of every missionary letter that crosses land and sea—"Pray for us." We do not respond to this cry as we should. We work better than we pray. If the efforts to plan attractive and literary missionary meetings were "thrown into the form of a prayer," like the good deacon's remarks, what meetings those would be! The missionaries tell us of the gatherings of converted women, where "nearly every one takes a part." We have in this matter, the urgent desire of the missionaries, the example of heathen women, and if the Lord, Himself, says unto us, "do it," shall we devise excuses? One evasion as old as Moses, we shall surely hear, "I am not eloquent!" This reply came from Moses in all humility, but it did not release him from obedience. So even our replies in that spirit ought not to quiet Christian consciences. From most of us an honest avowal of our positions, would show cowardice. God said to Moses,—"I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." Here is all reason for our courage, and let us remember that the woman we may consider gifted in this direction found it just as hard to begin as we find it, and though she may seem to us a very Miriam, possibly it is not easy for her yet.

To draw near to God in the assemblies of His saints, is counted a privilege, and brings blessings which we persistently refuse. The whole Word of God invites us to prayer: but it also commands. If we are not willing to stretch out our hands for the mercies hanging just over our heads, we must not be surprised at the dear Lord's displeasure, shown in our hunger unsupplied.