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## Editorial.

**DEATH OF MRS. DR. DADSON.**—In the death of Mrs. Dadson, who for many years has been prominently connected with our missionary work as member of the Board, etc., the Editor has lost a very dear friend. (This is no doubt true of all of our readers who were intimately acquainted with her. All will unite in sympathy for Dr. Dadson and their sons who have been so sadly bereaved

**OUR MISSIONARY TO BOLIVIA.**—Several brief communications have been received from Rev. A. B. Reekie, who arrived safely in Oruro, and is planning to enter as speedily as possible upon the work. He has been hospitably entertained by a Scotch family while making his permanent arrangements. He seems to be the only evangelical minister in Bolivia. He will doubtless meet with much opposition, and will need the prayers and the sympathy of all friends of missions at home.

**THE PUNDITA RAMABAI.**—The recent visit of this remarkable high-caste Hindu lady to Toronto, was much appreciated by those who had the privilege of hearing her and meeting her. She made several interesting addresses in relation to her work for the child-widows of India. She is a lady of fine education and deep piety and is doing a work of great value. It is worth much to the cause of missions to have so admirable a specimen of regenerate Hindu womanhood before the public.

**CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION.**—At the Convention in May the following change in our Constitution was made: Moved by Miss Elliott, seconded by Mrs. D. Hutchinson, and carried by the Convention.

1. That the Rules of Life Memberships be erased from the Constitution.

2. That Article III. be amended to read as follows:

Any woman shall be held and deemed a member of this Society who contributes \$1 a year to its funds: and any woman may be a life-member who contributes \$25 in one year, or for whom that sum is given in special offerings. A life-membership cannot be constituted from any regular membership fees of the Circle. Any life-member of a Band of the Foreign Missionary Society can, upon payment of \$15 additional in one year, become full life-member of the Society.

**IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS.**—On the 13th day of May, when the Women's Foreign Board met to consider the work for the ensuing year it was found that the regular income from the circles, upon which the appropriations are always based, instead of warranting any advance would barely suffice to meet the requirements of the women's work for women and children to which we were already pledged; and necessitated the curtailment of the usual grants to the Samulcotta Seminary, village schools, and the fund for books and tracts. The request from the missionaries on the field for two more single ladies, and the pressing need of building a suitable bungalow on the new compound in Cocanada, were earnestly considered; but humanly speaking, there was little prospect of money to meet these pressing requirements. At the evening session the treasurer stated that a lady had, during the afternoon, promised \$500 towards sending out a new missionary. This good news was joyfully received as being an indication of the Lord's will that we should "go forward;" and, at the suggestion of the president, it was resolved to ask the women of the circles to unite in prayer that God, through his people, would provide all the money for these special needs; and, also, that the regular income might increase to keep pace with the work in India. Our ever present Lord heard and wonderfully answered the prayers offered that afternoon. Before the end of the following week the bungalow was fully provided for. At a special meeting held on the 13th of June, the financial difficulties having been all removed "by the good hand of our God upon us," the Board had the pleasure of meeting with and appointing, as the first of the two missionaries asked for, Miss Sarah E. Morrow, of Grenville, Que. The way has been made very plain. "Praise ye the Lord. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good and His mercy endureth forever." M. F.

## OUR NEW MISSIONARY.

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Morrow, who has just been appointed as missionary to India by the Women's Foreign Missionary Board of Ontario, is a native of Grenville, P. Q., where her parents still reside.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of fifteen, and about a year later was buried with Christ in baptism, by Rev. P. H. McEwen, and became one of the charter members of the Grenville Baptist Church, which was



MISS SARAH ELIZABETH MORROW.

organized through the preaching of Mr. A. J. Vining, while yet a student.

When, as a little child attending Methodist Sunday School, Miss Morrow used to collect for missions and read the missionary books given to her as a reward. She became interested in the work. This interest deepened when she became a Christian, and the desire to tell the good news of salvation to her heathen sisters so forced itself upon her that she could not escape it.

Being called to live in Montreal for some years, Miss Morrow removed her membership from the church in Grenville to the First Baptist Church, Montreal, and for three years had the privilege of attending Mrs. F. B. Smith's Bible Class. Here she manifested a very real hunger and thirst for the Word of God while attending the meetings of the Women's Mission Circle. She became specially interested in the women of India; this interest was deepened when sometime later Mr. McLaurin gave an address on the Widows of India, which so moved her that she seemed to hear their cries for help—cries which have been ringing in her ears ever since.

Acting on the suggestion of Rev. Donald Grant, her pastor, Miss Morrow went to Boston, nearly five years ago, to take a course at the Gordon Missionary Training School. A year and a half she spent in doing private nursing, in which she had had considerable experience. She then entered the school, taking the full course. She has also taken a course of lessons at the Massachusetts' Emergency and Hygiene Association, and a six months' course at the Obstetrical Department of the Talitha Cumi Home. From all these she holds first-class certificates and very high testimonials as to her fitness for, and call to, Foreign Mission work from F. L. Chapell, of the Carey Home Z. M. T. School, and W. E. Witter, District Secretary A. B. M. U., Tremont Temple, Boston.

It is eighteen months since Miss Morrow first communicated with the Ontario Board with a view to being appointed to India. At that time—and, indeed, until the last few weeks—the Board was not in a position to accept any application. As soon as ever the way was

opened Miss Morrow left everything and was ready to go. She has been proved already in mission work, having engaged in it both in Montreal and Boston, and has been found faithful.

We bespeak for her the prayers of God's chosen ones, that in the distant land to which the Lord has so evidently called her, she may be always conscious of His presence, and may be the means of turning many to righteousness.

## CALL THEM IN.

BY PASTOR J. CLARK.

Call them in! call them in! from the world's broadway;  
The poorest, the greatest, the least;  
Call them in! call them in! from the byways of sin;  
Call them in to the Gospel Feast.

Call them in! call them in! they have wandered far;  
No excuse can be made for delay;  
They are tempted without; they are lingering in doubt;  
Call them in! call them in! while you may.

Call them in! call them in! 'tis the word of the Lord;  
Can you turn a deaf ear to His voice?  
Let the weary and sad, in the Saviour be glad;  
The Banquet is waiting—Rejoice!

Call them in! call them in! for the night draweth near;  
And the storm will be fearful and wild;  
With souls all aflame, in the dear Lord's name,  
Call the father, the mother, the child.

Call them in! call them in! ere, in justice supreme,  
The Master shall shut to the gate;  
And to all who shall cry, there will come the reply:  
*Forever, forever too late!*

Bass River, N.S.

## TEKKALI.

This was sung at a concert in Amherst.—Tune Galilee.

BY PASTOR MACDONALD.

From messengers across the sea  
We've learned the name of Tekkali,  
A place where Christ is little known,  
And Buddha sits upon the throne.

CHORUS—O Tekkali! O Tekkali!

We send our gifts across the sea,  
That gospel light may go abroad,  
And every one may worship God.

We've also heard from Tekkali,  
That prisoners have been set free,  
By choosing Christ to be their King,  
And now they songs of gladness sing.—CHO.

A mission house the laborers raise,  
Where all may go for prayer and praise,  
That He who died upon the tree  
May save the men of Tekkali.—CHO.

Our help they need in this good plan,  
To honor God and rescue man,  
We send our gifts an offering free,  
oming! God for Tekkali.—CHO.

Rev. J. A. K. Walker and Mrs. Walker have arrived in Canada and are at Renfrew.

## Work Abroad.

### ENGLISH CHURCH, COCANADA.

Owing to the frequent changes in the pastorate the schedule of church work introduced eight years ago had fallen into disuse, and the usual weekly meetings and the Sunday School were the only organizations for aggressive work. Recognizing the lack it was decided to convene a general meeting as soon as possible to re-organize our forces, arrange a programme of church work and to revise our nominal roll. A pastoral letter was sent out to non-resident members, urging them to be present at that meeting by letter or in person. This meeting was held on the 20th April, when every resident, and several non-resident members were heard from. It was a season of great spiritual blessing and refreshing. After a careful scrutiny of the church roll, some members were dismissed to other churches, and others who had not been heard from for some time, or had changed their practice and belief, were dropped. A schedule of church work was adopted. This comprises the following eight departments: Sunday School, prayer-meeting, singing, welcoming strangers, tract, evangelical, missionary and flower. A programme of services was adopted, including the usual weekly services. The first Sunday in each month is set apart for a missionary sermon followed by a missionary concert of prayer on the Wednesday evening after. The third Wednesday evening prayer-meeting is given up by the hearing reports of work done and in offering prayer for the workers. On the first Saturday the Mission Band meets; on the second, the Women's Mission Circle, and on the last Friday in each quarter, the usual monthly business and covenant meeting makes way for a church social. This order of services has been printed on a neat card and widely circulated.

The most notable event of the year was the special mission conducted by Brother Morae, of Bimlipatam, for eight days in October. The Holy Spirit was present in great power. Believers had their faith strengthened and renewed their covenant with the Lord. The wavering were brought to a decision, and many, almost a score, professed to have found Christ. As the direct outcome of these meetings four professed Jesus in baptism. There were two boys and two girls, all pupils of the Timpany School. The opening of a Church of England S. S. has taken away many who formerly attended our little school.

Mr. Snugg's connection with the church, as a worker, ceased in November last. His calling is some other than that which he had been following amongst us.

Of the Rs. 5,000 needed toward the new building which is so pressing a necessity, Rs. 700 are now gathered. Our collections are Rs. 100 in excess of last year, and total about Rs. 392. Of this Rs. 55 went to the Mission's Famine Fund.

H. F. LAFAMINE.

### THE FAMINE WAIF.

The little famine waif who came to us about a year ago, died on the 23rd of March. Her history was altogether sad, and yet is only the history of many such, who live, suffer and die, all over India, without a thought or a prayer. She had been married quite young. She could not have been more than twelve or thirteen when she died. Owing to the early death of her parents she had been sent to live with her husband. There she was ruined, saturated with disease and turned out to wander or to die, the heartless relatives cared not which. Some bad woman in Cocanada took her in and kept her for a time, but she ran away from her, and was wandering about the streets when Mahalakshmi brought her to me.

At first the good food and regular hours, with the kind care of old Viramma, the matron in the Girls' School, seemed to improve her. But as I saw her from Sunday to Sunday in the services with the other girls at the church, her face appeared heavy with the most woful, helpless and hopeless expression I have ever seen in one so young. She seemed to be in constant pain. Her expression at times was dulled beyond intelligence by the continuous gnawing pain and weakness. At times she was quite bright; but she never could study very well.

One day they missed her from the school. Inquiries were sent in all directions. She had been at the hospital, but had slipped away from there, and for months we heard nothing of her. At last she was found, and came back. She came with the seal of the death angel on her. He had claimed her as his own long before he really took her. I saw her just three days before she died. She was wasted to a mere skeleton, and could hardly speak to me. She seemed to have found Christ before she died. But she did not know Him very well. The girls in the school had often talked with her about her soul, and they say that she took Jesus as her Saviour just a few days before the end came.

She died in the afternoon, and was buried at seven that evening. There is a pile of rough coffins made from mangoes planks, and kept in the church storeroom always ready for immediate use. They wrapped her in a clean white shroud, laid her in one of these coffins, and covered her with flowers. The coffin was placed in the new school-room. The girls stood quietly about. But for the black coffin the place might have been mistaken for the chamber of the sick, made quiet for sleep. None had loved her as their very own, so none mourned deeply for her loss. All felt thankful that the Lord had delivered her from the awful pain. The Christian men bore her to her burial. The school girls followed with Misses Baskerville and Murray. By the dim light of two lanterns from the Timpany School, and amidst

the sobs of the girls, her school mates, we laid her little wasted body in the deep grave to await the call of the Master when he comes for his little lambs on that great day.

I trust the kind friends who from all parts of Canada sent help for this little waif will not feel that the money has been wasted. If the money was given for the love of Christ, and Christ chose to use it in that way, then we know that He made the very best use of it that was possible. Those gifts kept her alive just long enough to learn to know about the Father's great heart of love and the home over there. Then when she seemed to be ready to go God called her home. That will be the first home the little waif has ever known.

What is left of the money sent for her support, Miss Baskerville will use for other little girls; who, like her, have been left fatherless and homeless and with no one to love.

H. F. LAFLAMME.

April 19th, 1898.

#### EXTRACTS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS.

Miss Hatch writes:

"I felt so well at the beginning of the tour, but I rather over-worked myself one Sunday, when I started off to Moramundi, nearly two miles from the canal, at about nine in the morning, and didn't get back till about six at night, though I was not working all day, but rested in Lanahi House as I have done before. I generally sit down to talk to the women, as standing always wearies me very much, and I am not good for long walks, but that day Peter wanted me to speak in the church, or preach I suppose we must call it (though I don't preach) and I gave the people a Bible reading on the judgment, and stood for about an hour. I think that with the walking back and forth quite tired me. I have a chair, a bandy, in which I ride, but men were very hard to get as it was harvest time, and I had been feeling so well that I thought I could easily walk. I was very undecided about whether I should go to the festival or not, and we tied up the boat and had a prayer meeting about it as to whether I was to stay or go, and the way seemed to speak for me to go. I was able with God's blessing to witness to a great many who had never heard before, and we with our workers distributed about 2,000 leaflets. Sarah and Jeeramma had grand times they said; found many glad hearers. We went in different directions, as there were so many to be reached. Then on our way back all the rich gentry of our town opened their doors to us and gave us a most delightful welcome. This, too, was through the introduction of one of our school girls, Lydia, the same Lydia who was teaching my women's school here this last year. She has started an independent school, and through communication with the teachers

of the caste girl's school in the town had herself got acquainted with these people, and so the Gospel was taken in behind high walls and closed gates. Really, they almost overwhelmed us with their kindness, and some would insist that we were more than human. Alas! how little they knew our human failings and weaknesses! So there seemed a Providence in our continuing our journey. Many received the tracts very gladly at Kotapilly, but there were also those who blasphemed, twice we were hooted after, and once a man in a shop took up a tract that had been received before, and when we were passing tore it before our faces. But on the whole the word was listened to gladly. I saw a number of the rajah caste there, people who only came out at such times as these, and to them, too, I was able to witness of the truth as it is in Jesus."

Mrs. Craig writing on May 12th says:

"To-day is Foreign Mission Day at our convention, and I felt that I must write to you to-day. You have been busy preparing for it of course, as it is to be in your church. How much I should like to be there with you! We have been remembering you in our prayers in our Saturday evening meetings, and last evening you were specially remembered in our English prayer meeting. I hope you will have splendid meetings and very helpful in every way. . . . I expect a good many of our friends will be there, and I hope they will go to see our little flock, and then write me good long letters about them and the meetings too. You can imagine how anxious I am for every scrap of news about our darlings: It seems as though people never said enough to satisfy me.

Monday was very warm—for a while it was 109° on the north porch, and for hours it did not go below 106°. In the evening we went to the sea to find a breeze, but did not succeed, for it was almost as hot down there as here.

I remember with very much gratitude, all those who were at the station the day we came away. Your sympathy did us good, for it was a most trying time. Even yet I cannot realize that it may be several years before we see our darlings again. Perhaps it is well I cannot. It might be harder to bear.

A friend writes to the *Indian Social Reformer*:—  
"Yesterday morning (16 April), Berwada witnessed the celebration of a deplorable specimen of early marriage. This time the parties are Sudras, immigrants from the Vizagapatam District. The bride-groom is 10 years old and the bride is at the ridiculously low age of 4 months!"

## Work at Home.

### ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS.

**WESTERN.**—The Woman's Meeting of the Western Association was held at Rodney, June 8th, about seventy women being present. The Prayer meeting at 11 a.m. was led by Mrs. Hatton, who took as her subject, "The Work going Forward," based on Luke ix: 62.

Miss Hugell was appointed Secretary for the day.

At 2 p.m. Mrs. M. Humphrey gave us an address of welcome. Mrs. Mellish replied.

Reports were heard from fourteen Circles and nine Bands. These reports were quite encouraging, and most of the Circles and Bands show increased contributions. The Circles sent to Home Missions, \$122.62; to Foreign Missions, \$121.47 while the Bands sent to Home Missions, \$18.63, and to Foreign Missions, \$43.78. A model Circle meeting was conducted by Mrs. Hatton, of Chatlam, subject, "The Indians of the Northwest." A paper on "Higher Christian Living" by Miss A. G. Her, and one on Mission Bands, 1st, "Do we need Them?" 2nd, "How to Conduct them Successfully," by Mrs. Graham, of Montreal, were read. The claims of *THE LINK* and *The Visitor* were presented by Mrs. Campbell, and many of the women testified to the help they had received from reading them. During the Mission Band hour Misses Gladys Humphrey and Mattie Sinclair sang two duets, "Hear the Music Singing," and "I've two Little Hands."

Mrs. M. P. Campbell was re-elected President, and Miss Her, Director.

This session was brought to a close by a discussion of methods of work, singing and prayer.

At 8 p.m. a platform meeting was held. At this meeting the Director's report was read and adopted. The claims of Foreign Missions were presented by Mrs. Selden. Five young ladies gave an exercise on our schools in India, and Rev. J. J. Ross led us in a Bible reading on the man's side of separation to God. During the evening the Male Quartette of Rodney, sang two beautiful selections, and the choir also assisted with the singing. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the Home Mission report was not read, but the people were referred to *The Visitor* where it will be published. Collection for expenses \$2.85, for Missions \$8.80.

CLARA HUGELL, Secretary.

**NIAGARA AND HAMILTON ASSOCIATIONS.**—The Annual Meeting of the Women's Mission Circles in connection with Hamilton and Niagara Associations was held in Queen St. Baptist Church, St. Catharines. Mrs. D. M. Walker, Director of Niagara Association, presided, in the absence of Mrs. Lloyd, of Hamilton. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Tate and Mrs. Phillimore. Mrs. Mills gave a very hearty welcome to the delegates, to which Mrs. Forbes, of Grimsby, responded. From the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist

Societies greetings of goodwill and cheer were received from sisters representing these several churches. The reports from Directresses were received, and showed in many Circles an increase in contributions and others a falling off, attributed to various causes. Reports from Circles and Bands were, on the whole, good, and showed earnest work done by the faithful few who usually constitute the membership. Misses Hewson and Coombs sang solos during the afternoon. In the evening Mr. Routledge, missionary elect to Bolivia, spoke for a short time on the work to be done in that dark country, and of his hopes for the future mission work to be undertaken by him in a few months. Miss Hewson read a paper written by Miss Olive Copp, of Hamilton, bearing upon the important work of the mother in the training of children for missions, or teaching them to love mission work. Mrs. Holman gave an admirable address, taking for her theme "The mind of Christ." Solos were sung by Misses Wismer and Hewson. A duet was sung by Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. McTavish. The collection will be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Mrs. H. Lloyd was re-elected Director of Hamilton Association, and Mrs. D. M. Walker of Niagara. In the event of amalgamation the Directresses to unite in work through the entire Association.

MRS. D. M. WALKER.

**NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting was held in Boston, June 7th, at 2 p.m. A half-hour prayer-meeting was conducted by Mrs. Buckborough, of St. William. After the opening exercises the address of welcome was given by Mrs. S. G. Harris, of Boston. Mrs. Daak, of Simcoe, replied, also giving the President's address. Mrs. Rev. J. J. Patterson, of Hagersville, was elected President for the coming year. Mrs. L. C. Barber, of Boston, was re-elected Director. Then followed the Associational Reports, which were given verbally from all the Circles in the Association but one. These reports, on the whole, were very encouraging, most of them reporting increased interest. Among the reports from Bands a song was given by a small M. B. worker of Simcoe. An address was then given on "Women's Foreign Mission Work," by Mrs. Charles Kitchen, Waterford. This was followed by a paper on the "Holy Spirit in Mission Work," by Miss Wharton, Decewville. Then came a discussion on "Ways and Means of Increasing Interest in Missions," led by Mrs. Ronson, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Swain. Mrs. Charles Shearer gave an account of the Scandinavian work in the North-West. Our own returned missionary, Miss Simpson, gave a very interesting talk on her work in India, asking us to pray for the secret disciples, the native Christians, the Bible women, our representatives, that they may be Spirit taught and Spirit lead.

Evening session began at 8 o'clock. Meeting opened

with devotional exercises, after which the Director gave a full report. \$168.40 loss was contributed than last year from Circles and Bands. Most excellent addresses were then given by several women. Mrs. Bingham spoke on Mission Bands. She said a leader must have three qualifications, (a) consecrated life, (b) love for missions, (c) love for children. Mrs. J. J. Patterson, of Hagersville, spoke for Grande Ligne. Mrs. L. L. Sovereign gave a very clear survey of the Indian work. Mrs. Murdock spoke on our own Home Missions in Ontario. Mr. McCleod, in his most interesting way, introduced us to several of our Telugu sisters. Both sessions were interspersed with excellent singing by the choir. Collections \$11.73, expenses \$2.75; balance \$8.98, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Meeting closed with singing and prayer by Mr. McCleod.

Mrs. M. E. CROOKER, Sec.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting of the Owen Sound Association of Mission Circles and Bands, was held in Paisley on June 15th. The business session held in the morning at half past ten was a large and thoroughly representative gathering. The work of the Circles, which was heartily entered into at the beginning of the Associational year, and earnestly sustained, was evidenced by the reports from Circles and Bands given by the delegates. These reports showed an earnest devotion to the work of Our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and gave promise of greater zeal and increased interest for the present year.

A special feature of our Circle work is the devotional character of its monthly meetings, which gives this branch of our woman's work easily the first place. Particular mention was made in most of the reports of the Scripture reading and prayerful spirit which characterizes the Circle meetings. Thus has our Lord's promise been fulfilled in an increased work in our Circles during the year.

Miss A. Eberle, of Owen Sound, was by motion appointed Secretary, and the reading of the minutes of our last annual meeting, held at Warton, was very interesting. These minutes expressed the desire of the Circles to have one of our returned lady missionaries to meet with us at Paisley. Miss Simpson responded to our invitation, and from her we learned that Miss Morrow has offered herself and been accepted by the Board as missionary to India, to accompany Miss Simpson next fall. It is our privilege to share in this work by praying and giving, that the workers who give up home and friends and the many comforts and delights of the home land may be encouraged by our sympathy and co-operation, and be able to gather precious sheaves from the Telugu fields. It was very inspiring to listen to the

reports from thirteen Circles and two Bands. Three Circles have been added to last year's list. Owen Sound and Paisley Circles have sent boxes of clothing, etc., to Muskoka, and Owen Sound Mission Band made and sent five quilts. Also contributed \$5 birthday money to the work in Quebec. This Band also sent thirty beautifully dressed dolls, some toys and picture rolls to India, by Mr. and Mrs. Craig. The Meaford Band sent also useful articles in the same way.

The Oddfellows' lodge of Paisley kindly permitted us to use their beautiful room for our business meeting, which was attended by over one hundred ladies. The claims of the LINK and *Visitor* were presented, and an increased subscription urged for these valuable helps in mission work. Other general business was also attended to.

We then adjourned to meet at the public meeting in the afternoon, when the programme as in *Canadian Baptist* was carried out. An address of welcome was tendered to the delegates by Mrs. Clements, of Paisley, to which Mrs. Norton, of Owen Sound, replied. The Directors' report was encouraging, and the excellent papers that followed were very interesting, and cannot but prove helpful.

Our relation to the Grande Ligne and Indian work was clearly defined, while motives and methods of income were suggested that will no doubt inspire many to greater effort in that direction. A paper on Mission Band work, by Miss M. Fisher, of Paisley, included a Mission Band exercise, illustrating the organization of a model Mission Band, thus introducing a pleasing variety as well as giving a practical lesson in this work. "The Model Band" closed their "model meeting," by singing a hymn composed for the occasion.

The special feature of the programme was the address of Miss Simpson, telling of her work among the Telugus, and our hearts were touched as she pleaded for our prayers in behalf of the missionaries, the native pastors and Bible women, the women of India, the Telugu Mission Circles, the secret disciples, and the children. Truly we need to ask the Lord to "teach us how to pray." By prayer and supplication unceasingly to make known our wants to Him who hears and answers, and who only can give the increase. A dust and prayer closed one of the most inspiring and helpful meetings of the Association. A collection amounting to \$10 received at this meeting, to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions, Miss Simpson's expenses being provided for by special contribution.

Mrs. JAS. WALKER, Director.

GUELPH—The Annual Meeting of Circles and Bands of Guelph Association was held in Berlin on the afternoon and evening of June 7th. Miss Steele, of Acton, conducted prayer meeting for half an hour, after which the Presi-



dent, Mrs. A. R. McDonald, opened the regular meeting singing "There shall be Showers of Blessings," reading Acts 1, and prayer. Though delegates were not present from all the Circles and Bands, each sent a report and these were found to be very encouraging.

Greetings were conveyed from the women's societies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the German Baptist Church and the Church of the United Brethren, by ladies representing each of these.

A paper on "Woman's Sphere in a New Testament Church" was read by Mrs. E. L. Hill, of Guelph, showing that to ascertain this we must look carefully into the word; examining each text with its context. After meeting with Jesus, the woman of Samaria became a missionary to her countrymen. The Syro-Phoenician woman declared before all the people how she had been healed. Women were among the disciples of Jesus and heard the command, "Go ye . . . teaching . . ." Woman must have the responsibility of teaching their children and not cast it on the Sunday School or the Pastor. Read Acts 2:17. Follow the Spirit's guidance. Time is short, work great and laborers few.

Following this a beautiful solo, "Come unto Me," was sung by Miss Dunke, of the German Baptist Choir.

Four pointed practical papers were given on "The Silent Member," Miss Matheson; "The Dependent," Miss Waters; "The Critical," Miss Hutchings; "The Ideal," Mrs. Davidson, followed by discussion led by Mrs. W. J. McKay, a number taking part.

Miss Walker of Tavistock, gave a very interesting and profitable paper on "Why should children be trained in Mission work?" For the success of the church of tomorrow as well as of to-day. If we are to have Mission workers we must train the children. Our work is not accomplished until we awaken and foster a Missionary spirit. The command, "Go ye . . ." must be carried out and children taught how. Teach them that Jesus wants them. They should be trained in the homes, Sunday Schools and Bands that they may grow up to be workers in the Church.

In the evening the Director's Report was given, stating that all Circles and Bands had reported. Thirteen Circles and 7 Bands report this year—12 Circles and 5 Bands last year. A new Circle was organized at E. Nisouri, and two Bands at Cheltenham. We hope next year to have still greater increase. Circles and Bands contributed \$558.98, an increase of \$38.34 over last year.

Miss Armstrong, returned missionary from Burmah, gave a soul-stirring address on the work there. It was first begun by Judson in 1813, and for 37 years he labored on, seeing little or no results, but the seed sown then is bearing fruit now. Many are turning from idol worship to Jesus. Four priests have come out and open-

ly confessed Christ and are now laboring for Him. Schools are being opened for the children and the Kindergarten system introduced and through these they are taught of God and right.

Reach the little ones and the older ones will be gained through them.

"Woman's Fitness for Mission Work," was the subject of an earnest talk by Mrs. Lillie, of Toronto. God made woman to be a help-meet. To woman Jesus spoke first after rising from the dead, saying, "Go tell my disciples and Peter that I am risen." Two-thirds of the Church are women with capacity for thought and action. Women were leaders in the Churches of Thyatira. Woman is specially fitted because of her influence in the home. The average number of women know more about missions than men. Woman's first duty in Mission work is in the home. Jesus said, "Begin at Jerusalem"—at home. Look into the home and gain all there. The prayers of the Association were asked for Mrs. Jesse Gibson, newly-appointed Secretary of W. H. M. S.

During the evening session, the singing of the German Baptist Choir was listened to and much enjoyed. Mrs. (Rev.) P. A. McEwen was elected President for the incoming year, and Miss Warren Director. Collection, \$5.69. During the progress of the meeting, sympathy was expressed and prayer offered for Mr. McEwen and family, who have been sorely afflicted in the illness of their little daughter.

B. WARREN, Director.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.—In Poplar Hill Baptist Church, on Tuesday, June 7th, the Annual Association gathering of the Missionary Auxiliaries of Middlesex and Lambton was held. The opening session, a prayer and praise service commenced at 2 p.m., led by Mrs. Arnold, of London. This, as were all the sessions of the Association, was well attended, representatives being present from all the circles excepting two. At 2.30 the chair was taken by the President, Mrs. Robertson, of London, and the regular order of business attended to. A communication was read by the Director from the Provincial Treasurer of Home Missions, asking that remittances be made quarterly, so that she may be enabled to meet the obligations of the Board promptly. A card from Miss Elliott, Treasurer for Foreign Missions was read also, which gave some instructions respecting the duties of the local treasurers, which it is hoped will be borne in mind. Mrs. St. Dalmas, of Watford, gave a paper on "Mission Band Work," which contained many good, practical and helpful points for band workers. Mrs. David Walls then favored the meeting by reading the paper, "Christian Stewardship—its Motive," read before the Convention at Toronto by Mrs. W. J. Davis, and Miss Johnson followed by giving the paper read by her at the Convention on "Stewardship: its Method." The motive set forth in the former paper was the constraining love of Christ, and the method as shown in the latter was, that having been

given a place among the children of God and having had our Heavenly Father's substance committed to us, it becomes us to recognize the fact that we are *stewards* and not *owners* of that which we hold and render to the Lord the things which are the Lord's promptly, faithfully and joyfully whenever He requires us to do so, as good stewards. Miss Woodbourne, of London, sang a solo, "Lost, lost, but for the love of God's Son," which was very appropriate, and Mrs. Ketchum and Miss Irehams rendered a duet very effectively. The election of officers then took place, resulting in the re-election of those of the past year, after which the meeting adjourned.

In the evening a public meeting was held, commencing at 7.45 o'clock. The programme may be briefly outlined as follows:—1. Why should we be missionary workers? 2. What work have we done during the year? 3. Our field of labor and what remains to be done. The opening hymn, "When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul survey," was very suggestive of the reason why we should present our bodies living sacrifices and the Bible-reading, subject, "what have we that we have not received," showed the measure of our obligations to Him who crowned all His mercies by the gift of His well-beloved Son. The choir then sang with good effect, "The Royal Diadem." The Director's report was read, which was encouraging, several new circles, having been organized within the year, and a slight advance having been made also financially. During the year \$551.82 were contributed to Home Missions, and \$317.91 to Foreign Missions, making a total of \$1,171.73. This being an advance on the preceding year of \$8.47. Our field of labor with the work awaiting us thereon was brought before us by Mrs. Macken, of Forest, giving a paper on "Home Missions in Ontario and Quebec." Mrs. Barber, of Sarnia, following with one on "Manitoba and North-West Missions," and one by Rev. J. G. Brown, of India, giving an excellent address on our Foreign Mission work, specifying the lines to be carried on by us. The choir of the church rendered effective service, and well-deserved the thanks of the Association tendered them, as did also the pastor and his people for the hearty welcome accorded delegates and visitors. May God's richest blessing be theirs.

E. PARK, Director.

### NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

WOODSTOCK, FIRST CHURCH.—We never had more reason to be encouraged than now; the past year has been bright and successful. Our meetings have been well attended. At each meeting we have taken up the work on one of the different mission fields. The programmes have been cheerfully carried out by those having them in charge, and the result has been very profitable. The missionary cause has grown among us through the work that has been done by our Circle, and several new members have been added to our roll. The thank-offering envelopes and mite boxes were a success, and the amount realized through them was divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission funds.

The officers of last year have been re-elected. There has been very much of blessing in the past year, to look back upon, and a great deal to be thankful for, and we pray for more of such blessed encouragement in the future, and that our efforts may help in extending the Gospel of our Lord and Master. May we be faithful.

MRS. H. M. BAUSLAUGH, Sec.

NORWICH.—Our Mission Band for the past year has been encouraging. The attendance has been larger and the finances have increased. Many who attend are Methodists and Presbyterians. We are glad to have them come, though they do not bring many pennies. Many of our Baptist children live in the country and cannot come. We have sent away this year \$11 to Foreign Missions (\$5 of this being extra from our President), and \$5.75 to Home Missions. We can only pray that the faithful teaching of our President may have been blessed to some souls.

ROY GRAY, Sec.

MOUNT FOREST.—At our last Circle meeting, two sisters who felt much sorrow for those who were suffering in India through famine, kindly volunteered to collect again for this fund, having experienced much pleasure in the way they were received while doing this work. And one instance in particular we would mention: A sister, who is engaged in business, gave a donation to this fund, then said her girls in the millinery department had made several dolls' hats, etc., these she sold, and kept the proceeds (between two and three dollars) to give toward the Famine Fund as an offering for these milliners, much to their delight and surprise, for they are also Christian workers. This we think so encouraging we would like to tell others of it, that our sisters in the work might know what can be done if our hearts are truly in sympathy with a work which our Saviour so plainly taught us to be our duty, that of relieving those in suffering. We are pleased also to report the splendid progress our Mission Band is making. The girls and boys (we have over forty names on the roll) are busily engaged at present making rag carpet, which will be used in some way for the benefit of missions. Our hearts are very thankful for the continued interest of these dear young children in the work of our Master.

MRS. S. WOODALL.

HESPELER.—Our Circle is working away quietly. Our membership has decreased during the year by three. Two have removed to other fields of labor, while the names of several have been removed from our list because they have neither attended the meetings nor given of their means to help on the work of our Circle. Two others have been added and our present membership is twelve.

We raised during the year for Foreign Missions \$14.92, for Home Missions \$16.86, and for the Indian Mission \$3.10, making a total of \$34.88. Of this \$6.38 special to Home Missions was towards making our president, Mrs. (Rev.) A. R. McDonald, a life member. Only five of our members have given the \$2 a year. Some give very little, the lowest this year being 12 cents. This leaves the giving, as well as the working, largely to the faithful few. Our thank-offering this year amounted to \$3.75, and was divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Seventeen "Visitors" are taken and nine "Links," one of the latter going to a Presbyterian family. In March Mrs. E. Grigg spoke to us on Mission Work in Burmah. The collection at this meeting, after deducting expenses, was \$7.42, and was divided between Home and Foreign Missions. We are trying to solve the problem of how to interest the uninterested women in our church in mission work, and any suggestions along that line will be thankfully received. It is our prayer that we may become more fully consecrated to the work ourselves and that others may be aroused to a sense of their duty and privilege to work in the cause of missions. Our meetings are held monthly in the homes of the members; average attendance during the year, 7. Our offerings are brought in quarterly and are sent alternatively to Home and Foreign Missions. Our officers for the year are, pres., Mrs. A. R. McDonald; vice-pres., Miss E. A. Starnsman; secretary, Mrs. A. Brownlee; treasurer, Miss Fannie Bigbie.

Mrs. A. BROWNLEE, Secretary.

**FORT WILLIAM.**—The Women's Mission Circle held a most successful public meeting in the church on the evening of June 3rd, to celebrate the fifth birthday of our Circle.

Miss Sproule who has been president since the organization, Mrs. Merrill the new president lately appointed, and Mrs. Spofford of Port Arthur who helped in the organization of the Circle five years ago, presided.

Miss Sproule spoke briefly on the work of the Circle during the past years. Mrs. Saunby of Port Arthur, who was for several years a missionary in Japan, gave a most interesting address on missionary work in Japan. A dialogue by four little girls was very much enjoyed. The children not only knew perfectly the words of the dialogue, but the acting was perfect and they seemed to enter into the spirit of every word.

A very little girl gave, as only a child can, a most appropriate missionary recitation; Rev. Mr. Bowyer of Port Arthur sang a solo; Mr. Merrill gave a guitar solo, and several selections were given by the choir.

At least two hundred people were present, which in our church means quite a crowd.

A collection amounting to \$9.36 was taken in aid of those who are suffering so terribly from famine on the

field of our American Baptist brethren in Southern India.

Our Mission Circle begins its sixth year with greater hope and brighter prospects than ever before. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Merrill we hope to accomplish great things for our Master.

J. M. S.,  
Secretary of Circle.

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

Receipts from May 1st, to May 15th, 1893, Convention year of 1893-99:

**FROM CIRCLES.**—Oxford, east, \$12.16; Brooke and Ennis Hillen, \$2.65; Gobles, \$8; Whitevale, \$10; Brantford, First Church, for Miss MacLeod, \$75; Toronto, Jarvis Street, for April collections, \$21.14; Dundas, two members for a Bible-woman, \$13; Alisa Craig, \$2.50. Total \$144.44.

**FROM BANDS.**—Baker Hill, \$1.25; Chatham for Sampara Davidasa, \$12; Bloomsburg, \$8; Toronto, College Street Y. W., for Degala Mary, \$4; Beamsville, for Netala Nokamma, \$10. Total, \$35.25.

**FROM SUNDRIES.**—Collection at Annual Convention, Toronto, \$74.03. Total for the fifteen days.

**DISBURSEMENTS.**—To General Treasurer for regular work, \$503.82.

**TO HOME EXPENSES.**—Rev. J. G. Brown's expenses, \$2.60; Director of Western Association, \$1; Director of Whitty and Lindsay Association, \$1; Director of Oxford-Brant Association, \$1.25; Director of Owen Sound Association, \$3.12; Mission Band Secretary, \$90. Total \$9.87. Total disbursements for the fifteen days, \$518.70.

Receipts from May 16th to June 15th, 1893, inclusive:—**FROM CIRCLES.**—Toronto, Jarvis Street, for May collections, \$23.82; Whitty, \$4.50; Mount Forest, special for Famine Relief, \$13.55; Port Arthur, \$5; Brantford, \$3.83; Toronto, B'conr Street, \$25.01; Brantford, First Church, for Miss MacLeod, \$50; Galt, \$8.95; Aurora, \$210; Toronto, Parliament Street, \$595; St. George, 210; London South, \$6.67; Hamilton, North Church, \$2; Cobourg, \$3.75. Total, \$158.13.

**FROM BANDS.**—Dixie, \$3; Woodstock, Oxford Street, for student support, \$12.60; Woodstock, Oxford Street, to make Miss Nelly Hatch a life-member of Bands, \$10; Toronto, Walmer Road, towards support of a girl at Cocanada, \$7.88; Reabro, 252; Toronto, Parliament Street, for Cocanada girl, \$1.31; Chatham, for "new missionary" fund, \$5. Total, \$42.31.

**FROM SUNDRIES.**—W. B. H. and F. M. S. of Manitoha for M. Manikamma, \$19; Interest on Deposit, \$12.90; A friend for "new missionary" fund, \$50; Collection from Niagara and Hamilton Association, \$5; Collection at Toronto Association, \$4.15; Collection at Guelph Association, \$2.85; Collection at Western Association, \$4.40; Annual Convention at Toronto (additional), \$15; York Mills S. S. class of girls for "extra girl," \$1; A friend, for Engala Nokamma, extra girl, \$4.50; "To help speed our missionary on her way," \$100. Total, \$218.65. Total Receipts during the month, \$429.30.

**DISBURSEMENTS.**—To General Treasurer for regular work, \$423.82; To Miss Sarah E. Morrow for travelling expenses, \$20.87.

**TO HOME EXPENSES.**—300 copies Treasurer's Report for Convention, \$1.00; 250 programmes for Convention, \$2.5; Stationery for Secretary, 95 cents; Four extra-pages of LINK for June, \$15. Total \$19.20. Total Disbursements during the month, \$463.00.

Total receipts since May 1st, 1893, \$683.02. Total disbursements since May 1st, 1893, \$682.60.

VIOLET ELLIOT,  
Treasurer.  
100 Pembroke St., Toronto.

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

## Third Quarterly Report.

Balance on hand from last quarter, \$253 10. Montreal, 1st Ch. C., \$22.50; Montreal, Olivet C., \$38 90, Band #21; Montreal, Grace Ch. C., \$1.50, Band #5; Montreal, E. B. Paine (Mrs.), \$25; Brockville, \$30; Thurso C., \$6 80, Little Helpers B., \$2.05; Grenville C., \$5; Quebec C., \$40; Pembroke, \$2 50; Abbott's Corner C., \$2; Sawyerville C., \$2; Drummond C., \$4; Kingston 1st Ch. C., \$3; Rookland C., \$12; Kenfrew C., \$10; Lachute C., \$10; Westport C., \$7; Carleton Place, \$3; Allan's Mills, W. W. B. C., \$10; Almonte, \$5; Lanark, \$2; Ottawa, 1st Ch. C., \$30; Delta C., \$10, B. \$5; Athens C., \$11; Osnabrock Ch. C., \$5. Total, \$599.35.

EXPENDITURE.—To Rev. A. P. McDermid, Toronto: Miss Murray's salary, \$125; Alkida Girls' School, \$50; Co-canada, \$50; Vnyyuru, \$50. Total, \$275. (This amount, \$275, was paid out less \$21.56, which was to the credit of this Board in India.) Mrs. Vaux's Expenses, \$4 65; Postage Draft, \$1. Total, \$299.09. Balance on hand, \$340.26.

SARA B. SCOTT,  
Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INFORMATION.

The report of the Bureau for '98 is an encouraging one; as encouraging as last year's was discouraging. You who were at Galt will remember what a sorry array of facts and figures I had there to present to you. I feared then that the Bureau outside of Toronto would neither work nor pay, but the brisk little business done during the past few months in Kingston encourages the Secretary to hope that the day when she and the Bureau must part has not as yet dawned.

During the year 141 orders for literature have been received. 1057 leaflets have been sold, leaflets on all missionary subjects.

Suppose we say the 141 orders represent 100 people (I think that is about accurate), what have we? 100 people buying 1057 leaflets. Will you contemplate for a moment with thankfulness and encouragement what that means, 100 people with the true missionary spirit doing their part to prepare the way for the coming of our King. True it is just 100 out of a multitude who might also up and do, but 100 Christian women with hearts full of love for God and His world can accomplish more perhaps than we dream.

The cash receipts for the year amount to . . . \$25 83  
Expenditure . . . . . 20 59

Balance on hand. . . . . \$ 5 24

So much for the Bureau proper, now for the Circulating Library and Exchange Drawer in connection with the same.

The Library has to report 109 books loaned during the year, to the inspiration of so many people let us hope. This is the largest number ever recorded since the Bureau was organized, but only three under than reported for the year '96. In 1894, 103 books were circulated; '95, 97; '96, 106; last year but 30, and this year 109; making a total of 449 books for the four years. With what result? We know for a fact that one book was the means of sending a missionary to China, that another inspired a young man to devote a large part of his time to city missions, and for the rest, God knows.

During the year 49 papers were ordered from the

Exchange drawer. These papers are in great demand. We would we had a great many more for distribution. Circle Presidents, you have often made your programmes interesting by one of these papers. You know how difficult it is at times to secure one from your own Circle, and how often you have had to resort to the drawer for help. The next time you have a good paper read at Circle or Associational Meeting, remember the Bureau, and try and induce its author to send it for circulation. In fact any way in which you can extend the influence of the Bureau, either by patronizing it yourself or interesting others. Be sure that in this way you are furthering on the work of missions.

Mrs. C. W. KING.

## DEATHS.

Died in Clinton, May 2nd, Mrs. Ann Smithson, aged 93 years.

Died at Grafton, March 21st, Mrs. C.S. Bradley, aged 53 years.

Both of these sisters were active workers in the Mission cause, and will be much missed in their Circles.

## W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "We are laborers together with God"

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JULY.—For our Home Mission work in these Provinces—that the laborers may be greatly encouraged, and a host won to Christ.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR AUGUST.—For our Convention, and the annual gathering of the W. B. M. U. that a special blessing may descend upon all present; and wisdom be given so guide all business.

## THERE WAS A GREAT CRY.

Ex. xii. 30.

There's a cry in the wind to-night  
From the lands where the Lord is unknown,  
While the Shepherd above, in His pitiful love,  
Intercedes at his Father's throne.

There's a call from the dark to-night  
That haunts the lighted room,  
From His "other sheep" on the broken steep  
At the edge of eternal doom.

There's a pain at my heart to-night—  
From the heart of God it came—  
For I cannot forget that He loves them yet,  
And they've never heard of His name.

There's a sob in my prayer to-night,  
When I think of the million homes  
Where never a word for the Lord is heard,  
Nor a message from Jesus comes.  
—E. V. K., in *Christian*.

The annual gathering of the W. B. M. U. will be held this year in Truro, N. S., August 17-19.

Each Aid Society is entitled to send two of its members as delegates in addition to the President and Secretary.

Do not fail to obtain your certificate from the station master at starting.

Miss Gray's physician has decided that she must take a longer rest than she at first deemed necessary, and the decision is a sore disappointment to her, as well as to us, though he promises her, if she obeys now, as long a period of service in India as she had at first.

Miss Gray writes of letters received from India and says: "They make me homesick to be back again and at work. They are having such interesting meetings, Bible readings, etc. So many new Christians have joined the Church at Bimli, that I fancy I should feel quite a stranger were I to drop in of a Sunday morning. I am so glad because of the encouragement the missionaries are having; and not only the missionaries, but the home workers. The work has been weary, long, and up hill all these years, but a change has come, and we all rejoice together."

"Messiah shall triumph, His Father hath sworn,  
It is yours, and ye chosen to hasten the morn.  
Unwearied in labour, unfalling in prayer,  
He bids you the way of His Kingdom prepare.

This number of THE LINK being our double number, July-August, reminds us that in these Maritime Provinces we are drawing very near to the close of another denominational year, and with the closing must come the forward as well as the backward glance. For the forward what have we, what do we see? In India on all our fields we see the people ready as never before to receive the message; open doors on every hand. Are we ready to enter? At this date, June 13th, no one is prepared to go to the foreign field when our new year opens. Does this speak well for our work at home during the past twelve months? Has the "forward movement in India been kept as prominently before our people as it might have been? A worker recently made the remark. "Better work at home must be our settled purpose and aim if our work is to advance instead of retrograding."

Mr. Higgins writes of Palkonda, which up to the time he was writing had had no settled missionary: "Has the Lord no grace for Palkonda? Has He in all the Maritime Provinces no messenger whom He can send to this benighted field?"

Week after week in our churches we hear the prayer and echo it in our hearts: "Lord save the heathen." Would it not be better, and more reverent if we changed that petition, into "Lord help us to save the heathen, Lord make us willing to save them."

The power is His, to obey the command, to use His power is ours. He saved us that we might save others. "Who gave Himself for us," why? That He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. "As lights in the world . . . holding forth the word of life."

The populations of the fields set off from the great Chicaco field are as follows: Palconda, 210,000, with an area of about 500 square miles. Parlakimedi, 350,000; and Tekkali about 500,000.

## FROM THE REPORT OF THE CANADIAN BAPTIST TELUGU MISSIONARIES.

### PARLAKIMEDI.

Mr. Corey says: "1897 has been in many respects the most trying of any of our three years in India. Having acquired some facility in the use of Telugu, the pleasure of preaching has been greatly increased.

The great famine brought its trials and anxieties. We were surrounded by destitution, and suffering and death, yet powerless to render relief, except in a small degree. We were grateful for the gifts of kind friends in Canada, by means of which we were enabled to feed many a hungry one.

The most powerful sermon on Christian love, which has been delivered in this part of India, was the money sent to feed the hungry in our midst. . . . During the year forty-one have been baptized. . . . (On account of ill health Mrs. Corey was absent from the station ten months during 1897. She is now much improved and we are hoping for better things in the future. Our one ambition is to be used in the service of the Lord.

### WORK AMONG THE WOMEN.

In glancing back over 1897 it seems that all the proposed plans have been entirely overturned and that instead of a full year's work only one month and a half has been spent at the station. The Bible-women are both earnest Christians and have as far as I can learn done faithful work.

The one in Kimedi cannot read, but she can tell of what Christ has done for her and seems to use every opportunity of speaking for her Master. In the evening they have Scripture reading and prayer at her house for all who wish to attend.

Many of the neighbors take quite an interest in these little meetings and some are enquiring the way of life.

Lizzie at Auklatampara was hindered much in her work during the first half of the year by the illness of their little boy, but our Heavenly Father saw fit to take him home so now she is at liberty to spend more time in Bible work. In writing about the work she says that her heart has been made glad by seeing so many professing Christ by baptism, and that much of her time has been spent in teaching the women who have come out, and those who are still undecided, but say that they have given up idolatry.

I spent the first part of January at the station, but after Conference did not return because of serious illness in the missionary's family. The hot season was spent at Ootacamund and on my return I began work in Chicaco with the Bible-women who are under Mrs. Archibald's supervision since Miss Wright's departure for America. We have visited the town and surrounding villages daily and have been cheered by the attentive way in which the people listen to the message. Many have heard before and when asked could give us a pretty good idea of the way of Salvation. Some assure us that they are believing, but they are not willing to give up all for Christ, still we do not feel discouraged for we know that the Holy Spirit is striving with many hearts and we have faith to believe that ere long He will give them the needed strength to overcome all difficulties.

After Mrs. Corey's return from "The Hills" I returned to Parlakimedi and once more began work in the

town. The past year has been one of great trial and hardships to the people. In almost every house death has entered, and the women seem glad to listen as we tell of the home above where there is neither hunger nor sorrow.

The promise of the Lord "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling," has been literally fulfilled in our midst; for while hundreds have died in the town, not even one of our Christians has been sick. Two of the Christian women who have never done any Bible work before have been going out with me, and I was so glad to see them willing to do this for the love of the work not money.

I hope that many more of our women will be willing to spare an hour or two each day for work among their lost sisters.

The work on this field is still in its infancy, but there is every room for encouragement and we know that he who hath begun a good work is able to perform it until the end.

M. CLARK.

### VIZIANAGRAM.

Mr. Sandford says: "In the providence of God a very decided change has taken place in the social condition of the Vizianagram Zemindary. The removal of the Maha Rajah by death, and the transference of the management of the estate to Government, mark, as we trust, an epoch for good in the temporal and spiritual interests of the vast numbers of people who were under the sway of that powerful Prince. One is reminded of the expression, "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine."

During the year ten men and women have put on Christ in baptism. These seem to be making progress in the way of righteousness. One of these is a Sepoy in the XXth Madras Infantry. His regiment was called to the frontier. After his arrival there he sent a letter showing his gratitude to God, and his interest in the church of which he had become a member. Two others, a man and his wife, returned to Secunderabad, where they have united by letter with the Mission Church under Bro. W. B. Bogg's care, another has become a teacher in our Mission Day School. Indeed they all have something of special interest connected with their course since becoming Christians.

The Lord has granted us peace and harmony among our church members. There is manifest desire to improve in the knowledge of the truth; and in obedience to the law of Christ.

Brother and Sister Gullison, while devoting their earnest attention to the study of Telugu, have also helped very much in many ways, and especially in the Sunday services in English.

We have been able to hold regular, monthly Conference meetings of the church; the regular observance of the Lord's Supper; the Sunday School; the Telugu services and the English services; the daily morning season of Scripture reading, recitation and prayer; the quarterly meetings for Bible study and examination of work done as assigned for the three months previous.

Four tours with the Christian helpers were made during the year. These occupied forty-one days. We visited during this time one hundred and thirty-two different villages. Other work of this kind was done by the native preacher alone. The time spent in Famine Relief work out short the time for touring. Also there was

much more rainy weather than in the previous year. This made it less favorable for touring with tents.

Our accounts show that we have sold seven hundred books. Of these, three were English Bibles, four Telugu Old Testaments, twelve Telugu New Testaments, and thirty-eight Scripture Portions. We have taken seven copies of the *Telugu Baptist*; one hundred of the *Messenger of Truth*, and twenty-five of the *Progress*. These are received at our hands, for the most part, by regular subscribers, about twelve thousand pages of Tracts and Hand Bills have been distributed gratuitously.

More than a month, at the close of the year, was spent at Tekkali, in Famine Relief work, on our new mission premises there. In closing the tasks of the year we thank God and take courage for the future.

R. SANFORD.

### CHICACOLE AND PALKONDA.

During a large part of the year under review famine prevailed. The sufferings of the people were great and several hundreds died either directly from starvation or from the eating of improper food. It raged most sorely in the region of Tekkali, where I spent several months of the year. Had it not been for the grain doles given by the Government, and timely help from the Indian Famine Relief Funds, it is said, that a large part of the Savaras in that region must have died. As a member of the Y. F. R. Committee, I received and distributed twenty-one hundred rupees. More than half this amount was given to Savaral and the greater part of the remainder to the outcastes among the Telugus. In this work my native assistants rendered invaluable help. In view of the large amount of assistance received by the suffering from other sources, it seemed best to use the bulk of our mission famine money in Relief Works the execution of which would help the poor and, at the same time, be of permanent value to the Mission.

Relief Works.—Two were carried on in Chicacole and one in Tekkali as follows:—

1. A Reading-Room building was erected on the Chapel compound, Chicacole, at a cost of Rs. 793. It is a substantial building with tiled roof and brick walls and has two rooms—one 15½ by 20, and the other 10 by 15½. We plan to keep on hand a good stock of Christian papers and books, and trust that their perusal and the teaching of the native brother in charge may be greatly blessed.

2. More than two thousand rupees were spent in putting in order the walls and buildings of a compound purchased last August for Rs. 1,200. It adjoins the old Chicacole Mission compound to the south. The buildings are two in number—one a dwelling-house containing nine rooms, three of which are large and the other containing eight rooms. The latter is 124 feet in length and has an eight-feet front verandah.

The dwelling, which has been used for a school since September 1st, may be used in the near future as a Mission Hospital and as a residence for Miss Clarke who, according to a recent redistribution of our forces, comes to Chicacole to reside.

In these two works Rs. 1,647 of famine and other specially contributed funds were used.

During the last half of the year over Rs. 3,000 were spent as a Famine Relief work in founding a Mission Station in Tekkali. For a month I was assisted by Mr. Sanford.

Many hundreds of the people, both Savaras and Telugus recognise with gratitude the help received through the mission in their time of dire distress, and so are more ready than ever before to hear the Gospel. Twenty were baptized during the year, and we hope for many more in the near future. During the building operations, about an hour a day during the week was spent in pointing the people to Christ, and often four hours on Sunday. The benevolent spirit among the Christians continues to grow. The amount contributed by the native Christian community was about Rs. 163, and by our Eurasian members Rs. 83.

3,182 books, tracts and papers were sold. In these sales were 15 Bibles, 72 New Testaments, and 48 Scripture portions.

J. C. ARCHIBALD.

### BOBBILI.

During the year eighteen have been baptized, making in all in that village (Chekkagoorda) twenty-six, one of whom has lately died trusting in Christ. Another was received for baptism but was too ill to be baptized with the others, and a few days later died, trusting in the Saviour. In connection with the work there I must mention a strange and sad case.

In a village twelve miles from Chekkagoorda live two goldsmiths—uncle and nephew. After hearing the Gospel a few times they professed to believe in Christ and promised to be baptized in November. Some time after, the young man one day, without any apparent cause, uttered a loud cry and fell into a mental stupor in which he has remained. I went to see him and found him a complete mental wreck. Physically he seems all right. He eats and sleeps well and has no sign of illness, but his mental faculties seem completely stupefied, so that he cannot see, hear, or speak. He has a large finely developed brain and was evidently very intelligent. He could read and write Telugu and Uriya and could read Sanskrit and had composed some Christian hymns, and seemed to be a very promising young man. His case at present seems a very sad one.

Touring has been much hindered during the year and partly by building and partly by illness, lameness and unusually heavy rains. In February in company with Mrs. Churchill and Bible women and other helpers a visit was made to Chekkagoorda, when eleven were baptized. In August another visit was made and six were baptized. Again in November with Mrs. Churchill another visit was made and one baptized. In August I started on a tour to Rajam and neighboring villages, but fever compelled me to return.

Later another trip to Rajam was made but after four or five days fever and a sore foot drove me back to the station, when I was laid up for six weeks. When able to get about again the last touches in finishing the chapel and other necessary station work hindered further touring. I have been much disappointed in not being able to see more of the field during the past year.

**School work.**—The girl's school in town has been carried on during the year with increased efficiency. All the teachers except the head-master and Siamms are teachers of Mrs. Churchill's own training. The names of pupils in the register number one hundred and twelve. Some of these are very poor and during the famine months a half seer of rice was given to them each Friday.

Five pupils sent up for Lower Secondary Examination, two of whom failed.

Six were sent from the Lower Primary, of whom three

passed in all subjects. Three failed in arithmetic and were prevented from trying in other subjects.

Mrs. Churchill in visiting many of her old pupils, married and in their own homes, has been greatly pleased to find them eager to sing hymns, read the Bible and listen to its teaching. One of these when dying of cholera, after earnest prayer to Christ, passed joyously into the unseen world. Her happy death so affected her husband, ill with fever, that a few days later when dying he refused to utter the names of Hindu gods, and died declaring that his trust was only in Christ for his salvation. The number present has usually been from one hundred to one hundred and fifty. There are now seven teachers. For some months Miss Harrison has taught a class and has been helpful in other ways, though her chief work has been the study of the language in which she has made superior progress, and has successfully passed her first examination.—G. CHURCHILL.

Miss Newcombe says: The greater part of the year has been devoted to the study of Telugu and in this I have felt the Lord, my helper. As God said to Moses "Go, and I will be with thy month," so He has been with me and helped me master some of this language so that now, though much, very much remains still to be conquered, Telugu does not seem so much like a "mighty maze" as it did at the beginning of 1897.

It has been a great joy to use the language even a little in the Master's service. I think among the happiest hours I have spent during the year are those with my Sabbath-school class. During this hour the Lord has given me more freedom in using Telugu than at any other time. Here, too, I have felt the training received at the "Baptist Missionary Training School," Chicago, most helpful. I have found the use of the sand map a wonderful aid, and in a measure supplying the need of a Telugu tongue.

Trusting in the unfulfilling promises of God the forward look into 1898 is bright with hope and joy.

### BIMLIPATAM.

A review of the year ninety-seven, makes our hearts burn within us. The number of baptisms, though small, is the largest we have had the privilege of reporting. The hand of the Lord has been with us. We have seen the grace of God and are glad.

On the first Sunday of the New Year, our cook and his ten-year-old son were baptized at the sea-shore. He came to us in ninety-six, recommended by Bro. Craig of Akidu. He had heard the gospel there, and had applied for baptism, but was refused, because he had not given up strong drink. However, He who had begun a good work, in his heart, still carried it on. In His tender mercy, He did not quench the smoking flax but fanned it to a flame. Bad habits were burned away, and the light of a new life shone in his face and in his walk. He is the first servant we have had the joy of baptizing, and he has been doing his duty like a Christian. Though a servant, he is a beloved brother. His son, also, is a promising lad. The teacher offered a prize to any Hindu boy, who would get ahead of this boy.

In March, a young weaver caste man was baptized. His conversion was mainly the fruit of the labors of two Christian Telugus, who were converts from his own caste. One of them holds a good secular position in Chittavalasa, and belongs to another mission. Here is another illustration of the self-propagating nature of the everlasting gospel. The convert is still working, where he was before becoming a Christian. In July, another

youth of the same caste came out boldly and made a public confession in the appointed way. He also has been growing, and the grace of God is upon him.

On the same day, two goldsmith caste men were baptized. One of them was a matriculate who had studied at the L.M.S. High School at Vizagapatam. The history of the Telugu New Testament, through which all this work began, would make a thrilling story, and magnify the grace of God. The wife of the first convert remained true to her husband, and threw away her caste to come back and live with him, when he came out, four years ago, but she declared her determination never to become a Christian. However, her resolution was not in line with the divine purpose, for she is now walking in newness of life. She was baptized last September and is a great joy to the heart of her godly partner, who with all the patience of the saints and the meekness and gentleness of Christ, has been teaching her and praying for her all these years. When we need encouragement we visit this home. Here are peace, purity and domestic happiness, springing from faith in Christ and joy in the Lord! We always come away from the door, making melody in our hearts to the God of all grace! Salvation has come to that house and it is a burning and a shining light in the midst of dense darkness. Sickness entered this home, and we hardly dared to speak our fears, as the one whom God had blessed and made a blessing was laid low at the very gates of death. Prayer was made for him by the church, without ceasing, and God had mercy on us, as well as on those who are yet to hear the gospel through him.

The Mission School has been doing a quiet but deep work. The physical geography of Palestine was taught last year, as a basis for the Life of Christ to be taught this year. The most of the pupils enrolled are Casté Hindu boys. During the year one of these have been converted. He is about fifteen years of age and is asking for baptism. The change, in his heart, is visible in his new life and new face. One of the last events of the year was the organization of "The Bimlipatam Bible Institute." It object is to keep every Christian among us, who can read, busy each month, over some Biblical topic. The Institute is to meet every month as far as possible, when the various papers are to be read and discussed with prayer. All are taking hold of this work with enthusiasm. We believe it was born from above. The Telugu Subject Index to the Bible has come out just at the right time for us. This has been, in many ways, the best year in the history of the station and the outlook was never brighter. A genuine work is going on underground, that sets the hopeful heart prophesying of still better days. "Bless the Lord, O my soul!" We have seen something of His grace and His glory. Our faith has been strengthened. He has healed all our diseases. He has crowned us with his loving kindnesses and tender mercies.

L. D. MORSE.

## Young People's Department.

### APPEAL OF HEATHEN NATIONS.

#### IALOGUE FOR TEN LITTLE GIRLS.

INDIA—India begs for light, more light,  
Hasten with your tapers bright!

FAITH—Faith will light a glowing spark  
When all else is sad and dark,  
I bring to you my little light.

CHINA—China needs the cheering ray,  
Light, more light, we beg to-day.

LOVE—Love will cheer the darkest way,  
God is love; believe and pray,  
I bring to you my little light.

AFRICA—Africa in darkest night,  
Pleads and pleads for light, more light.

PATIENCE—Though the night be dark and long,  
Patient wait, let hope be strong,  
I bring to you my little light.

SOUTH AMERICA—South America still pleads  
Light, more light, for sorest needs.

PITY—Superstition makes the night,  
Christ, in pity, send the light,  
I bring to you my little light.

JAPAN—In Japan the need is great,  
Bring more light, O do not wait.

HOPE—Hope will make the darkest hours bright,  
Hope in God, for God is light,  
I bring to you my little light.

(The girls representing the heathen nations carry small candles, not lighted. As each appeal is answered these candles are lit by the lighted candle of the girl who answers the plea. Then all in concert recite these lines.

The true Light comes from God above,  
But in His wisdom, in His love,  
He kindles little lights below  
And bids us shine to serve Him so.  
By deeds of love, by gifts and prayer,  
We set lights burning everywhere.  
Then come and join our Mission Band,  
There's need of every willing hand,  
To send God's Light to every land.

—Condensed from M. E. Leaflet.

### ABOUT A HELPLESS BABY.

There is a little baby crying. Its shrieks fill the hot air. No one in that entire village seems to care. The little clump of huts huddled together like so many stacks of weather-baten straw, seem to be deserted except for a few old people who sit with their bodies in the shade and their wrinkled, rheumatic limbs stretched out into the welcome sunlight. Their bleared eyes do not see well and their heavy ears cannot hear. But what is the matter with that baby? How it does howl. Are there no boys about to go and see? Not one, for they have all gone to the fields to care for the herds, or are out on the hill sides looking after the flocks. The little girls have gone with the afternoon meal to their parents, all at work on the new road near by, and on the way back have stopped to gather sticks for the evening cooking. They will not be home for hours yet. There is not a living soul in that hamlet but those deaf old creatures and the baby.

The baby keeps on crying. It is suspended in its mother's cloth, tied like a roller towel to one of the rafters of the low verandah, and swung to within three feet of the lower earthen floor. In this hammock-like sack the baby was left swinging in a deep sleep made sure and long by a small pill of opium, while the mother trudged off to the weekly market, three miles away. They are too poor for a hired girl. The entire family—father, mother, two boys and a little girl, altogether—working from early morning till sunset cannot scrape together



cents more than five annas (10 all told, and that does not go far toward filling half a dozen hungry mouths, nor in covering with the very poorest cloths their little bit of modesty, nor in sheltering them with a poor straw roof that often gets blown off by the wind, eaten by the ravenous white ants, or licked up by the devouring flames of frequent conflagrations that sweep away the village in the hot season.

So the baby has been left alone. A calf—calves are such queer animals—in bunting about looking for something to satisfy its hunger (calves are always hungry), comes across that baby in the sling, smells the milk upon its little unwashed hands and begins to suck and bunt at one of them that protrudes beyond the friendly cover of the cloth. The baby cries and shrieks with pain, but the calf does not leave off till it finds there is no food there, when it goes away shaking its head as calves do when they are not happy.

That evening, when the sun is slipping down behind the hills like a great red disc, the mother of the baby comes in from the market with a basket, none too full, though it is supposed to contain the week's supplies of onions, red peppers, yams, rice, currie stuff, boiled butter and other trifles. She hears of the accident at the outskirts of the village. She leaves the basket with her little girl who had joined her at the edge of the jungle with a bundle of faggots on her head, and flies down the street. She leaps over a woman spinning in the way, she overturns an old man with a bed, she scatters a flock of hens picking up the rice husks from the evening pounding; in her great haste she forgets everything but her baby. On reaching the house she finds the baby worn out with crying, hushed to sleep in the arms of a kindly neighbor. Its poor little hand is all crushed and swollen. There is not a finger in it that is not broken, nor a bone that is not bruised. I saw it a few months after. Every finger was crooked, stiffened and hopelessly crippled for life. Why did she not take baby to a doctor? For one reason, there was no doctor within fifteen miles. That would have meant a day's journey, and perhaps a month's pay, for though the native medical man is supposed to treat the people free of charge, yet he does not always do so without a little consideration in cash or kind. This they could not afford. Then if was only a baby that was not earning anything, and was not worth the bother. So it was let go till too late.

That baby is just a picture of the condition of these Indian peoples to-day. They are alone, for with all their gods they are without the worship of the one true God. They are helpless and hung in the gross superstitions of idolatry, and the wicked customs of caste and infant marriage and such like. They are maimed, bruised, broken by the enemy of souls. They are left distorted and crippled by sin. They are in need of the Great Healer.

You will help to send them the word of the true Physician; the Lord Jesus. He alone can bind up the broken hearted, open the blind eyes, bring the prisoners out of their dungeons and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

If you wish to help further in giving medical aid to the bodies of just such little sufferers, as well as the Gospel for the healing of the soul, send your offerings to the treasurer for the new dispensary that Dr. Smith is building in my old station at Yellamanohili. He loves little ones. I have seen him bind up a green bough fracture on a baby's arm, cleanse and apply the healing ointment to another that was literally covered with sores, and do a score of things for them as tenderly and kindly as any woman that ever laid gentle hands on a moaning sufferer. Help him in that good work.  
H. F. LAFLAMINE.

India, May 11th, 1898.

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