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CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Christmas gifts for thee,
Grand and free!
Christmas gifts from the King of love,
Brought from His regal house above;
Brought to thee in the far-off land,
Brought to thee by His own dear hands.
Promises held by Christ for thee,
Peace as a river flowing free,
Joy that in His own joy must live,
And love that Infinite love can give.
Surely thy heart of hearts uplifts
Carols of praise for such Christmas gifts.

H. M. HAVERGAL.

In a note received from Rev. John Craig, dated October 18, we were pleased to learn that Rev. and Mrs. McLeod had arrived in India and were to spend a few weeks at Samulkot before going to their field. We hope to hear soon of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell and Miss McLeod.

Rev. Mr. Scott writes encouragingly in *The Baptist* of the work in Tuni. "From ten villages we have had accessions by baptism this year, one of these hitherto an unbroken mass of heathenism. In several other new villages hearts are opening to receive Christ, and scores of the older villages are becoming increasingly fruitful. The future is bright with promise. Writing especially for my own field, Tuni, I find prospects of an abundant harvest, and that at no distant date. Others have labored and we are entering into their labors. May God grant that the issue may prove that He has sent us to reap."

The late Robert Louis Stevenson said: "I had conceived a great prejudice against missions in the South Seas, but I had no sooner come there than that prejudice was at first reduced and at last annihilated. Those who debaterate against missions have only one thing to do, to come and see them on the spot."

CASTE PEOPLE CONVERTED

Rev. George H. Brock, of Kanigiri, in our Telugu mission field, is greatly rejoiced because a large number of the Sudra or farmer caste are becoming converts to Christianity. The people of this caste mingle very freely with the Christians of all castes and no caste, something which was practically unknown in India a few years ago. Mr. Brock believes that a very great ingathering is coming from the Sudras before very long, and Dr. John McLaurin, who has, been visiting Mr. Brock, says that every day the house was besieged by persons representing all castes seeking light on religious subjects.

Interesting letters have been received from Misses Priest, McLaurin and Robertson which have to be deferred till next issue. One extract from Miss McLaurin's is too important to be delayed. "Revival is in the air here. Ever since the news of what God was doing in Wales began to reach us, our hearts' desire and prayer for a revival in India has been increased. And not only are we desiring it and praying for it, but we are *looking for it*, and it has already begun. Your missionaries in India are praying daily that the revival may be granted to us here in every station and section of our work. Will you not join us in this daily prayer?"

Tidings have come of a wonderful work of grace in The Industrial Evangelistic Mission of Northern India. The revival began by one brother confessing his sin, from which others became convicted, often thirty at a time being on the floor waiting to confess. One boy was so afraid of leaving out something that he wrote out a long list as a reminder.

The news of this has spread all over the District, and the heathen are asking what it means. This gives opportunity to preach to them of Christ's power to save. Many have been regenerated one day, and baptized with the Holy Spirit the next. Hearts are on fire, for the blessed work to spread, and many are ready and eager to carry the Gospel to thousands around them and to tell of a Saviour who not only saves from sins' penalty, but form its power.

Convention of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario (West).

Miss Mihill, of Brantford, kindly acted as Convention Secretary from whose Minutes this Report is condensed,

THE 29th annual meeting of the F. M. Society was held in Waterford, November 9, 1905. The delegates were royally entertained both in the homes and church, where luncheon and tea were served two days.

The morning session opened at 9.30 o'clock, with our president, Mrs. Firstbrooke, in the chair. After singing Mrs. T. M. Harris read Eph. 2nd chapter, after which Mrs. Gray offered prayer for a blessing on our Convention. Mrs. Firstbrooke then spoke on the 5th and 6th verses of Eph. 2, directing our thoughts from being "dead in sin" to our exalted position in Christ Jesus. The report of Miss Moyle, our faithful Recording Secretary for 11 years, was read and adopted, also that of our Treasurer, Miss Nasmith. Mrs. Porter reported for THE LINK. Receipts to November 1, 1905, \$984.69; disbursements, \$942.48; balance on hand, \$42.21; (a slight mistake occurred in these figures as given to the *Baptist* editor); number of subscribers, 4,977, an increase of 203 over last year. Report adopted, after which Miss Ritchie spoke of the helpfulness of the paper in our work, and urged its more extensive circulation and prompt support. Mrs. Lloyd read Mrs. Dancy's report of the Bureau of Literature, which had a successful year. Books and leaflets to the number of 15,082 had been sold, leaving a balance of \$57.29. It was heartily adopted, and pleasure was expressed that Mrs. Dancy had reconsidered her resignation.

Mrs. Hawkins, of St. George, gave a very interesting report of the Bands, showing increased interest in this important branch of our work.

Our Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, gave a very encouraging report from our Circles. Thirteen new ones have been formed, and one reorganized.

After singing a hymn, Mrs. E. L. Hill, of Guelph, brought the revision of the Constitution very clearly before the convention, explaining the new clauses and the need for changes with the growth of our Society. On ballot the Constitution was unanimously adopted.

A very impressive prayer service was conducted by Mrs. S. Hazleton, after which greetings were received from Bloor street Church, Toronto, the Eastern Ontario and Quebec Conventions, China

Inland Mission and the Presbyterian and Congregational Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, also a hearty welcome from the Methodist Church, Waterford, by Mrs. Kitchen.

The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer by Mrs. S. G. Read. Minutes of morning meeting read and adopted, followed by the election of the new Board. Mrs. Clump led in prayer for a blessing on the work of the year. Our Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alexander, presented a very interesting report of the work in India. Mrs. Ryley, of Lindsay, moved its adoption and urged that special effort be made to increase the income of our society so as to meet its growing demands. Mrs. Allen seconded the adoption of the report and spoke of the importance of work among the women of India.

Mrs. S. S. Bates moved a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. and Miss Elliot on the severe illness of Mr. Elliot, whom we regret has since passed away. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Firstbrooke on "Bungalow Homes in India." An impressive paper by Mrs. Clifford on "Systematic or Proportionate Giving," followed. Mrs. J. J. Ross gave a very suggestive talk on "How to Secure New Members for our Circles," and Mrs. Bates on "Why we Secure Them," followed by a conference on ways and means, at which helpful suggestions were given. Mrs. P. C. Cameron gave an inspiring address on "How to Interest Young Girls in Missions." It had been arranged that the afternoon collection should go to the Bungalow fund, and Mrs. T. M. Harris announced that at the Foreign Board meeting it had been decided to call the Vuyuru Bungalow the "Jane Buchan Bungalow," in memory of our late beloved F. M. Secretary. This met with general approval. Meeting adjourned.

The afternoon collection was given to that object.

A crowded audience assembled for the evening session. After singing, Mr. Elliot, pastor of the church, read the 47th Psalm and Mrs. Holman led in prayer. Mr. La Flamme then gave a most interesting and inspiring talk on the lives of our lady missionaries, especially Misses Hatch, Murray and Simpson, also of the valuable assistance of the native Christian women. We wish we could report the address fully but space forbids.

A solo was finely rendered by Mrs. Elliot, and it being King Edward's birthday, we loyally joined in singing "God Save the King." Mr. Elliot pronounced the Benediction and the Convention closed.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Four regular meetings of the Board and twelve of the Executive Committee have been held during the year, with an average attendance of seventeen at the Board meetings.

The monthly meetings for prayer have been held regularly the last Thursday of the month. It has been a great pleasure to have Miss McLeod meet with us.

At the first meeting of the new-appointed Board held in Walmer road Church, Toronto, November 11th, 1905, estimates amounting to \$7,801.00 were passed; a provisional estimate of \$350.00 for Miss McLeod's return to India, and a special estimate of \$1,600 for Bungalow Funl. At this meeting a committee was appointed to revise the Constitution. A report was presented to the Board and adopted, and is recommended to the Convention this morning. Very earnest prayers were offered that our Foreign Secretary might be restored to health and be spared for many years to carry on her much loved work.

The November prayer meeting was not held at the usual place and when we gathered together eyes were full of tears and voices low and sad for the cloud that had been hanging over us for many weeks had fallen and we were walking in the shadow of a great sorrow. Our Father had answered our prayers and given our beloved Foreign Secretary life, "even life for evermore."

The workers pass away but the work goes on and vacancies must be filled, and at the February Board meeting Miss Grace B. Alexander was unanimously appointed Foreign Secretary.

At the March meeting word was received that Mrs. G. W. Barber, the efficient Band Secretary, was going to England and would be absent for some months.

Mrs. H. G. Hawkins, of St. George, was appointed secretary pro tem. and has proved a wise and faithful leader.

At the April meeting of the Executive Committee the invitation from the Waterford Church for the convention to meet there was received and gratefully accepted.

At the September Board meeting the resignation of Miss Nasmith, the capable Treasurer, was reluctantly accepted.

The October meeting of the Executive Com-

mittee was a most trying one. Estimates for the coming year had to be considered and a "cut" made of \$500.00.

Cut! only a small word of three letters, but how full of meaning to our missionaries. This school must be closed, and the wee girls and the bright little lads, "the hope of India," sent back to their heathen homes. This faithful Bible woman and that earnest native preacher given up and the men and women live their sad lives, and die and never hear of the love of Christ.

Am I my sister's keeper? Can you not hear the voice of God saying, "Thy sister's blood crieth unto thee from the ground."

Eighty circles, one Band and one Ladies' Aid, contributing \$805.19, an increase of \$6.47 over last year.

Thirteen life-members have been added: Mrs. Geo. McConnell, Miss Rebecca Cohoon, by Lake Shore Calvary M. C.; Mrs. Chas. Poole, by Jarvis Street M. C., Toronto; Mrs. Lefler, by Miss Marecar; Miss E. Polley, by Young Peoples' M. B. of Petrolia; Miss C. Haviland, by Bolton M. C.; Mrs. D. Augustine, by Aylmer M. C.; Mrs. G. M. Nairn, by Aylmer M. C.; Mrs. Wm. Goff, (in memoriam); Mrs. H. C. Speller, Samia M. C.; Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Walmer road M. C., Mr. Lloyd through circle; Mrs. Ralph Harbinson, by herself; making a total of 314

An invitation from Centre street Church, St. Thomas, for the next Convention, was gratefully accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNA MOYLE,
Recording Secretary.

HOME DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Another year has passed since we met in Walmer road Church, Toronto, under very peculiar circumstances. The one to whom the Directors had sent in their reports for many years was very ill. She has since then passed to her reward, but her memory will long be treasured by many of those to whom her life was an inspiration. The thirteen Associations have contributed through their Circles, of which there are two hundred and fifteen, \$7,950.13, towards the general work of the Society.

The building fund for Bungalows has been increased this year by \$927.48. Only 62 of the Circles have responded to this needy call this year. Let each Circle lay aside some amount, however small, towards the giving of our missionaries suitable accommodation. We may have to deny

ourselves some luxury to do this, but in the end we believe, we will receive our reward.

We find again this year that the women in our churches and the women in our circles do not correspond by any means and yet there is a stirring amongst those most deeply interested. Our workers are finding out the best way to increase the membership is to get them one by one. We have heard of one woman who has secured seventy members in one year, and she is not a woman of leisure, but as busy as any of us. What might we do if we all tried? Let the year 1906 bring in large returns in this direction. How shall they know unless they come to the meetings, and how shall they give to a cause they know nothing about? Compel them by loving invitation to come to the Circle meetings. Go after them, if necessary, and bring them in. Every woman in the church should be in the Circle. Let us aim at this and not be satisfied till we attain it.

We will, no doubt, learn many ways of getting new members in the conference this afternoon, led by our sister, Mrs. J. J. Ross.

As a society we owe a debt of gratitude to our Directors. They have toiled faithfully throughout the year and although they have not met with seeming success in every Association they have the satisfaction of knowing, many of them, that they have done what they could. We trust they will never grow weary in well doing. We rejoice with those who can write and say we have done better than last year, but we can also sympathize with those who have tried so hard to rouse sleeping Circles without success, or to form new ones where none exist and have failed. Do not give up, dear sister, but try again. "Find a way or make it" (Saxe.)

Mrs. James Walker reports the formation of four new Circles in her Association. She also claims the *Banner* Circle—Daywood. Miss Cummer. of the Northern Association, has three new Circles to report this year. They are Milberta, Sturgeon Falls and Haileybury. She says it is a great struggle for these Circles to hold meetings, but they are very much in earnest. Mrs. Dack of M. and L. Association has three new Circles also. One at East Williams and two in London. She rejoices in getting the young ladies to work and we rejoice with her.

Mrs. Davis, of Norfolk Association, reports a new Circle at Forestville, and as the young men wanted to join, they allowed them to do so and they enjoy it very much.

Mrs. Hendry of N. and H. says—"The reports are all good and the work encouraging. If health permitted she would do much more.

The Director of Toronto Association has cause for rejoicing and thankfulness in many of her churches. One Circle has nearly tripled its contribution of last year. We trust Toronto may become the missionary city of Canada; 496 LINKS are taken in that Association alone. Has this anything to do with the increasing interest?

Early in the year Miss Evans, of Guelph, wrote to every Circle in her Association re Bungalow fund, and every one has responded. Her youngest Circle, Preston, has done nobly.

Mrs. Gray, of Oxford-Brant, reports a new Circle at Otterville, and the reorganization of the Shenstone Memorial Circle. We welcome to our list of Directors Miss Ruby Stovel, who takes the place vacated by Miss Annie McDougall. That her report was the *first* to come in this year augurs well for the future.

Mrs. J. P. Ryley, of Whitby, Lindsay Association, tells us Brooklin Circle has reorganized and is holding regular meetings. For some years they have held no meetings, simply collected the fees and the women felt the need of meeting together. They miss the Hon. John Dryden's family very much.

In closing this report I would, on behalf of the Directors, ask the secretaries of the Circles to be a little more prompt in sending in returns and to please understand that October 20 does not mean November 4th.

Your secretary cannot make out her report till the others are in.

Respectfully submitted,
LIZZIE LLOYD.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Again a year has passed and reports from our Foreign Field are before us, but our much loved Miss Buchan, who for so many years prepared these reports, and for whom this time last year we were sorrowing on account of illness, has gone "to be with Him, which is far better." We all miss her, and her letters of loving sympathy to, and her interest in, the work of each of our missionaries is a loss much felt by them. May we, who have yet the opportunity of service, be as true and faithful in any work the Master entrusts to us as was our late Secretary.

COCANADA, ZENANA WORK.

MISS SIMPSON'S REPORT.

The present staff consists of two assistants, Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs, six Bible women, Miriam, Minnie, Chinamma, M. Mary, T.

Mary and Sorndramma and two teachers, P. Sarah and M. Kesavakao.

There are about 500 houses on the visiting list, and about 3,900 visits have been made, with an average of about 4 listeners on each occasion.

Owing to an arrangement whereby those workers who had served without interruption for seven years should have three months' furlough, four of the workers, namely Miss Gibson, Miss Beggs, Miriam and Minnie, availed themselves of that privilege, and consequently not so many visits have been made this year as last. Minnie who has been very frail for a long time, has been obliged to take a prolonged rest. Minnie's daughter, S. Mary, has been added to the list of Bible women. Cassie left us at the end of July, 1904, for service in another mission.

The number of the women who have regular teaching varies, as some of them tire of the effort to learn, and some become disinterested. Those who have kept at it have made very good progress and are acquiring quite a knowledge of the Bible. We would that we could say of them that they know Christ, but before they can know Him they must have the head knowledge so that they are a step on the way at least.

Of the men from the houses which we visit, of whom we spoke in a former report—Kondiah, who is a leper, has taken his stand for Christ publicly, and his doing so has given his sister the courage to tell of her faith and her desire to make a public profession. The old head constable, who has been ill for some time, and whose hope was that he might be spared to acknowledge his Lord in baptism was not granted that privilege, but he passed away at his home a short time ago witnessing a good confession. His wife and daughters and daughter-in-law are very much impressed with his happy, fearless and trustful death, and with the visions which he had of the heavenly home before he went. They are women for whom we have long labored and prayed, and now we pray that this testimony may enable them to realize what a present, blessed help our Saviour is, and to trust Him and take Him as their own.

The Jugganaikpuram caste girls' school was kept open, under very trying circumstances, till the end of January, when it was thought best to close it for a time with the hope that it might be re-opened again next year. The school in the town has been kept open the usual number of days during the year, though

the attendance has been less than usual. Another change has been made in the staff. Mr. M. Kesavakao, who for so long was head master in the Girls' Boarding School here, has been secured for that work, and the school has improved since his coming in March. The Lord is using the little girls to make known His truth, and we ask you to remember them and us as we strive to make Him known to them.

MISS BEGGS' REPORT.

On looking back over the work of the past few months there seems so little of real interest to report. I have now 89 houses on my list, which I visit as regularly as possible; one Brahmin, one Mohammedan, and the rest are Hindu houses. It is still difficult to get an opening into Brahmin houses. I am thankful that I have been permitted to visit the one I have regularly. The women receive religious instructions very willingly, and make no objections to reading the Bible. The young widow of whom I have mentioned in my former reports is, I am happy to say, still firm and trusting in the Lord to make her path plain.

Another dear old woman in the same house, who is very fond of our hymns, always asks me to sing two or three before leaving. I make it a rule before doing so, to read and explain a portion of Scripture, if possible, from which the hymn is taken. She listens very attentively and asks questions, which show that she understands a great many of the truths of Christianity. We are trusting that this old woman may some day join that company which no man can number, who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The work amongst the Mohammedans is not so encouraging. Some of the women are very ignorant and dull; living the secluded lives they do, tends to make them so. It is very difficult to get them to take any interest in anything; they seem quite contented with their lot and have no wish for anything higher or better.

The pupils in the Zenanas are getting on nicely in English and their own language, but above all, I am so thankful that there is such a deep interest in the Bible. I asked one of the pupils if she had taken part in the bathing festival too. She looked up with her eyes glistening with joy and said, "Why, I have my heart already washed with the precious blood of Jesus, and need no other cleansing." Some of the other women were ashamed to confess that they were at the feast, and had taken part in it.

The work that has specially interested me is that in the pattas, where we get a good number of women, some listening with great attention. Perhaps it seems strange to some of our readers that nothing comes of the listening and seeming interest, but the truth is they are so terribly ignorant that it is some time before they really understand us.

In one place, after telling them of the love of Jesus, I told them how He was calling them (Matt. xi. 28). I cannot tell you the

look of surprise on two of the women's faces, they seemed to think it was too good to be true, and when I repeated, at the third time they, too, said it after me. It is such a joy to be able to tell the good news to these people, one only longs for them to accept it more readily. We can truly say, "the common people heard Him gladly," and pray that they may also believe in Him.

In sending this, my brief report, I am conscious there is nothing striking or noteworthy. It has been simply a few months of quiet work for Christ, a few months chequered with joy and disappointment, as labour for the Lord must oftentimes be. But my prayers for ourselves and all fellow-workers is, God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

MISS GIBSON'S

Report for the half-year ending June, 1905.

This is a report of only three and a half months' work. During this time I visited 82 houses of the 106 on my list. Of these quite a few were new ones. We have been encouraged to see the desire for learning to read much increased, although the lack of perseverance on the part of some is rather disappointing. So many become mothers at an early age, and when the baby comes, there is little time for books, so the best pupils are the childless mother and the widow; and sometimes one who is anxious to learn is forbidden to do so by some prejudicial man who has authority over her. Under such circumstances it is wonderful that we find some who have succeeded. Into the new houses I have been also invited for the first time by the women themselves. We do not always know their motive for doing so. It may be from curiosity, or because they feel honored by our visit, as the highest amongst them, although they consider our touch polluting, look on us as their superiors, and will seldom sit on the same level, giving us the chair and sitting on the ground themselves. When I entered a house for the first time lately I asked what they wanted us to come for. "We want to hear about your God," they answered. "We would serve Him." But, I said, you have 333,000,000 gods of your own; are they not enough? "They have not done us any good," they said, "so we would learn about the God you tell us of." Here was an open door for the Gospel, people tired of their idols, turning to the living God. It was easy to give them the message. In some houses we find those who, although unable to read, have committed to memory hymns that have impressed them as they heard them sung. One young woman who loves to read the Bible, expressed herself thus while reading the 8th of Romans, "How sweet these words are, 'No condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.'" If that was not her own experience would she find the words so sweet? "I believe in Jesus Christ and have peace," said one lately in a house where I do not often visit. Who can tell where God's chosen are? In a Brahmin house where I had met with a good

deal of opposition from an educated man, I was surprised to find him anxious to have his niece taught the meaning of the Beatitudes. This shows how the truth must conquer eventually. One who has fallen into the snare of the tempter, being driven from her husband's home by cruel ill-treatment, was much impressed by the parable of the Prodigal, especially of the Father's reception of His son on his return. "My earthly father would never receive me back like that," she said. The people are so full of superstition, that it is often painful to witness it. For instance, during the festival of the Mohoreem, celebrated by the Mohammedans every year, the Hindus who are not supposed to take any part, think they will obtain some benefit by passing their children from under a model of a bier which is carried round the streets on their shoulders, the festival being the anniversary of a funeral of some great hero. When we asked them what they expected to obtain by doing this foolish act, said they did not know, but everybody did it. Others, however, owned that it was folly, and they would not do so any longer. Many assure me that superstition and idolatry have, in a great measure, lost their hold on the people since the Gospel has been preached in the homes. To those who have long heard and who show a great interest, we often put a searching question. One of these, while listening to and when the verse, "Jesus, my Lord, I know the hymn 'I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,' His name," or as the Telugu translation goes, "My God, His Name is Jesus." I said, "That is what I say, but what is the name of your God?" promptly repeated, "My God is Jesus, and He alone." Another, when asked where will the Saviour meet the sinner, replied without hesitation, "At the Cross." These instances prove that the truth has taken hold of their hearts. The good seed has fallen on good soil in some places, and will spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life. The very ideas of good and evil have undergone a change. That which their forefathers considered right they condemn as sin. As in the case of a late suttee which took place in Bengal, and the perpetrators were severely punished by the British Government, the women in these parts were of the opinion that they were properly dealt with and were shocked at the deed itself. And when there was a rumour in this town lately that a human sacrifice was necessary in order to propitiate an evil spirit that was interfering with a public building which was being erected, the superstition found no place in the minds of the women who had heard the Gospel.

We find it necessary to preach temperance also to these women, in spite of the fact that the use of spirituous liquors is forbidden amongst the high castes, and especially among the women, yet we find it being used almost universally in cases of childbirth, and in some cases the use continued for months after. One woman said she had consumed seven quarts of brandy after the birth of each child, and she had three children. I know of one woman who by this means became a victim to the habit and had parted with every jewel in order to procure the stuff, and finally died

from its effects. The Gospel alone can deliver the people from this evil also. So we continue to preach the Word in season and out of season. "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him."

COCANADA, GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL

MISS BASKERVILLE'S REPORT.

Dear Sisters,—As I look back over the months I find much to be grateful for in God's gracious dealings with me. I have already written at considerable length concerning the unsatisfactory condition of my own health during the year that is past, so that I need not enlarge on that subject, except to say that my loving Heavenly Father has abundantly fulfilled His most gracious promises to me, and that I have realized His comfort and help through all the trying experiences through which I have been passing.

It is, perhaps, needless to repeat that the love and consideration I have received from dear friends have warmed and cheered my heart inexpressibly, and that the generous action of the dear sisters in the homeland has added to the last drop in a cup, already filled to overflowing. You will rejoice to know that I am at last beginning to feel a return of the old time energy and vigor, and that I hope soon to be able to get to work again with a zest that I have not felt for some time.

On returning to Cocanada from Coonoor at the end of June last year, I took up my usual routine.

Quite a number of the girls, and two, I think, of the young women on the teaching staff, went up for the "All India S. S." examination, held in July, 1904, and took a very creditable standing. It is gratifying to think that their training in Bible study in the school helps them to study by themselves, in a systematic and satisfactory manner, and no doubt helps them to put their knowledge into shape in writing. It is their progress in spiritual knowledge and power for which we must most earnestly look and long and pray. In the printed report, "Among the Telugus," I mentioned my disappointing experience with Chinna Cassie who was such a help to me in the work in the old days. Devanamma, the other teacher who left me in a difficult place, was not one of our own girls, and I naturally could not expect as much consideration from her, though I am sure her ingratitude would surprise you, if I had time and space to give in detail, all the concessions and arrangements that were made for her convenience. I really believe Cassie intended to remain with me, but they sent a man to take her back, and I fancy she was bound by some agreement which she did not mention to me. I was very grateful to have the help of a capable Head Master, and Mr. Veerasawmy's work in the school was of great value in all the changes and difficulties of the year.

The examination statistics are not altogether discouraging, 51 passing out of 73 who went up in all the standards.

The number of girls kept up well until vacation, as there were 88 names on the rolls at

that time. The number of day scholars does not go higher than 25 or 30; when new little girls join us the older ones are ready to leave.

The history of the second half of the year is soon told. On the 20th of November I was obliged to give up, having performed my usual duties in the school until that time. I was not able to leave my room until the end of the year. At first Miss Simpson had all the care of me, and the responsibility of keeping things going in the school as well; of course my special work in the classes had to drop. The debt of gratitude I owe to this dear sister can never be forgotten. Then Miss Murray, who had to come to Cocanada on other business, cheerfully lent a hand, and Miss Robinson, who had been in Ramachandrapuram for some time, came to the rescue, and undertook the care of the work until the end of January. I have often thought that the actual teaching in the school is far from being the most exacting part of the work, and it was to the welfare of the girls when out of school Miss Robinson needed to give attention. After resting during January, I attempted to resume my work, but before the end of February, even with Miss Robinson's assistance, found myself unequal to the task. During March I was unable to go on, and she again filled the gap as best she could. Miss Pratt kindly took charge during April so that Miss Robinson and I could both get away, Miss Robinson having felt the extra care greatly, in addition to her study of the languages.

The two girls who went to Nellore passed their normal training satisfactorily and came home early this year to make themselves useful when needed. The two women who were under training have gone out to what we trust are spheres of usefulness.

I regret I cannot give figures for the number of conversions and baptisms during the whole year, but the spiritual growth of the girls and their helpfulness and thoughtfulness has been something to be thankful for.

Now, dear sisters, I have tried to give you a little glimpse of this work, which is dear to your hearts I know, as it is to mine. Will you not pray that I may speedily be restored to, in full physical vigor, and with the "fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ."

MISS PRATT'S REPORT.

There does not seem very much for me to report, and yet I shall tell you a little of how I have spent the year. My part in the work seems to have been just "filling in gaps." In July, during Miss Priest's absence on the Hills, the Boys' Boarding School in Tuni was opened and cared for, and after her return some help was given in this work while preparing for my final examination. When this was over, at the first of November, I went with Miss Morrow to Akidu, and was just in time to help her a little with the care of the boarding schools which had been left her during Miss Woodburne's absence, also to give some help in Zennana and village Sunday school work.

At our December conference I was appointed to touring work on the Tuni field as Miss Priest was not yet able to take up that work. Three tours were made, one each month—January, February and March, and 24 different villages visited. We were welcomed in every village, and in many places they begged us to come again soon.

The supervision of Sunday school work on the field was given over to me, and in order to have uniformity, a programme of lessons for the year was made out and given to the village teachers, and some of the preachers' wives for use in the heathen Sunday schools. The services of a very earnest Christian young man, Manikyam, were secured to do work as children's Evangelist in Tuni and the surrounding villages. Some new schools were organized and some old ones revived, so that many children, before unreached, are now being taught Bible lessons, verses and hymns. Let me just tell you one incident in connection with this work. The children had been taught the lesson about the feeding of the five thousand. One day when Manikyam went to the weaver's street to hold his little school, very few children came, so he told them how he felt about so few coming, when one little boy said, "Can you not pray about it? You told us that Jesus prayed when he had only five loaves and two small fishes, and then He fed five thousand people." So they got right down there in the street and had prayer, and when they got up they saw children coming, and before long a large school had gathered.

This remark was from a little heathen boy who had been taught for less than two months. The work among the children is most interesting and oh, so helpful. Not long ago a woman was baptized in one of the out-villages. She said that when a very little girl she had learned about Christ in a little heathen Sunday school in Tuni, and could never forget it. We look forward to the day when many of these boys and girls will know Christ as their Saviour.

At the beginning of April I came down to Cocanada to take charge of the Girls' Boarding School for Miss Baskerville, who had to go to the Hills. May and June were spent at the Hills—my first holiday in India—from which I returned much refreshed and strengthened for the new duties of the year.

I am enjoying the work very much. There seems to be a very earnest spirit among the girls, and last week five asked for baptism.

TIMPANY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

MISS FOLSOM

Report for Year Ending July, 1905.

Another year of blessing has been given us, and as a school we can truly say, "The Lord hath done great things for us whercof we are glad."

School opened in January with 46 on the rolls, of whom 22 were boarders. We now number 73, of whom 21 are boys. The present number of boarders is 31. Eleven pupils are in the High School.

Changes in Staff.—In December, 1904, V. Venkata Narayana, our science teacher, left us, and Mr. D. V. Peters was appointed in his place. Mr. Peters is a native Christian, who was born and reared in a Christian home. We find him painstaking and thorough; a man who loves his profession, and an improvement in every way on the heathen teacher whose place he has taken. Miss Brown succeeded Miss Williams, who left us to work among Jewish children on the west coast.

Improvements.—During the midsummer holidays the verandahs were all cemented with Portland cement, which has added greatly to the comfort as well as the appearance of our building. This was needed as a sanitary measure. The old mats which covered it collected any amount of dirt, and without the mats, the verandah floor wore up into fine sand, which blew into the house and covered everything. The children suffered every year with hundreds of boils. Although the heat this year has been unusually prolonged and severe, yet scarcely a boil has been seen upon the children. A bountiful supply of water from our four taps, and clean verandahs, have worked wonders in the heat of our family.

The pupils in the Hardy Memorial room (our kindergarten department) having increased in numbers, more chairs and tables have been made. A more suitable table has been furnished for the teacher, and more than a dozen pictures have been mounted and hung on the walls. Rev. Mr. Hardy has very kindly met this expense, and promises to do more for the little folks. Their room is very charming as it is, with its tiny chairs, low tables, and walls covered with pictures.

Our Christian Endeavour Society numbers 22 active, and 18 associate members, the majority of whom are pupils of our school. Our meetings are bright and helpful. Our S. S. has given Rs. 40 to the building fund for our new chapel, and our girls have added a little more to it by making and selling fancy articles.

A good spirit has prevailed among the pupils, and in every way we have felt the hand of the Lord upon us for good. We are very grateful for the nice S. S. papers sent us. When our children have read them, they are forwarded to other S. S.'s not so well off as we are, and are thoroughly appreciated. Pray for us.

MISS CORNING'S REPORT.

As so much of my time during the past year has been given to the school, which Miss Folsom reports, there seems very little for a separate report. Since Sept. 1st, 1904, when our music teacher resigned and it became necessary for me to take her work, I have been teaching twenty-four hours a week in the school. Of this, four hours a week is Bible, the rest secular teaching. However, a beginning has been made in interesting the girls in native work. In August we organized two native Sunday schools in which four of the girls are regular teachers. The average attendance in one school has been 39, in the other 17. In the first, with one exception none of the chil-

dren had ever attended a school of any kind. Law and order were equally unknown to them. Fifty or sixty children huddled together on the floor of a small veranda are not easily controlled, and yet they have learned to be quiet and reverent during prayer, attentive to the lessons, and we know they have gained some knowledge of the way of salvation.

I have been going out alone two afternoons each week, as the girls could not leave school, to teach the women in this same village. They listen gladly, and although with my limited command of Telugu I cannot make the truths very plain, they have learned a number of Bible verses and something of the life of Christ. On Saturday afternoons Emily goes with me to another village. I do not think we are really doing "Zenanna work," because in these villages there are only mud huts, and we sit down in some shady place, and the women and children gather from all around. It has seemed best for us to go each week to the same people, and we now have two regular classes. The first has had an average attendance of 18 and the other 15. Besides these a good many come and listen for a time and go away. In one class there are nine young women, very bright and attractive, and the way in which they have learned the Catechism, Bible stories and verses, has been most encouraging. We are praying for them with a great deal of faith and hope.

A few weeks ago we began work in a fishing village about half a mile from the school. We went after much earnest prayer, as the people there have never been willing to listen to the Gospel and have driven out some who have attempted to teach them. As this work must not interfere with the regular school work and a number of girls wanted to help in it, we went in the early evening. It seemed a very good time to get the people. The men were home, sitting around making or mending nets, and the women at leisure. It is a very dirty village and the people are very low. Although we heard some grumbling to the effect that their gods would be angry if they listened to us, they were attracted by the colored pictures we took, and for more than an hour between 70 and 80 men, women and children listened to the Gospel. They invited us to come again, and at our next visit we heard no grumbling at all. That week cholera broke out there and we have felt it would be unwise to go again for a time, both because of the possible danger to ourselves and because they are likely to think that their gods have brought their trouble to them as a punishment for listening to us. Just as soon as the more experienced workers think it wise we hope to spend one evening each week in that village, and in a short time to have a Sunday School there. We have been able to do very little to lighten the darkness that surrounds our school, but we trust that the love for the work which is steadily growing in the hearts of a number of our girls, promises something for the future.

AKIDU.

MISS MORROW'S REPORT.

Akidu Kistna District, India, August, 1905.
Dear Sisters in the Lord,—The time has come for me to send you my report, a task which I never like to do, because it is so impossible to give the knowledge of the work which I think is going on in the hearts of many to whom we have preached the Glad Tidings.

A record of so many villages visited, so many visits to houses, so many meetings held, and so many days spent on tour may be read and immediately forgotten, but if one could only tell of the change of heart and belief one sees when visiting it would touch the hearts of the reader and take hold of them in such a way as to work a change in them also and stir them up to greater endeavor to send the Gospel. In visiting only once or twice a year we have not the opportunity to watch the growth in grace if there is any, but we do see a change in many in their manner of receiving us, in their desire to listen, in their anxiety to have us stay, and even setting aside their work at the risk of incurring their husbands' anger that they may get a morsel as they say of "bread from Heaven." It seems to me that this year the desire of many of the dear women is deepened here, and oh! I do want you, dear sisters at home to pray that those whose belief in idols has gone may be strengthened in their faith in Jesus, and that they may be able to witness a good testimony for Him in their homes even though the way may not be plain for them to come out and be baptized.

During the last two weeks just around here, I have met twelve women who I think are truly believing in Jesus, and all over this field how many more there are I do not know. But He knows, and He is watching over them. Let us pray very earnestly for them, and will you pray for me that I may be led to the right ones, and that when I reach them I may give them the very message which they need. God can use us as channels for His messages if we only get emptied of our own. I was unable to make a trip into the Colair Lake, where there is beginning to be a desire on the part of the fisher people to hear. I am trusting that I may be permitted to go in there this year when the big monsoon rains come, as that is the only time when there is water enough for the boat to go. Pulem Shantamma has been doing half day work for a part of last year, and for the rest of the year partly school work and partly zenanna work. She cannot get entrance into the caste houses in the village in which she now lives, but she works with the lower classes and waits her chances for getting into the other houses.

Velagapille Annama worked with me touring until the end of March, when she went to a school for four months. During that time I did not pay her anything, and I thought by her going to this school to pass her primary that her idea was to go in for teaching, but she has come back and wants to be taken on again, so I am going to put her in a place

where there has never been a Bible woman stationed, and which is very hard for me to reach more than once a year. The villages in that vicinity are all open, and she has a large field for work. She can live with her married sister in a village near, and work from there. I want your prayers for her that she may be steady and regular in her work, and that she may do it "as unto the Lord."

Panthagani Annama, the old time Bible woman who came back to the work last fall after a great sickness, is with me, and will be my helper in touring. She seems to have had a real change of heart, and has left her farm and with it her desire for money-making, and says she desires only enough to support her that she may preach the Gospel. Please pray for her too.

To my great joy we have at last been able to open up a real work amongst the caste children. Dr. Chute's medical compounder, a young man who has passed lower secondary and has had Normal training, is giving his evenings to this work, and we have now five schools where we teach the children hymns and Bible stories. This has just started, but I am so sure that God opened the way for it that He will not let it drop. When I am on tour Ratnam will attend and teach these schools, and when I come home I will superintend them. By this means we can get the Bible truths scattered all through this large village and the near villages too, and not only scattered, I hope, but planted in the hearts of the people, that when the revival comes there may be good ground for it to work on here.

Our women's circle meetings are carried on still and I think they are increasing in numbers and interest. The circles on this and the Vuyuru fields support Rehelama as our missionary to the heathen up in Yellamanchilli where there are very few Christian women to give their testimony.

I feel that a great need is more prayer for this work. Is every sister, who is interested in this work enough to give her money, however little it may be, praying earnestly that the seed sown by her money may reap a large harvest.

TUNI.

MISS PRIEST'S REPORT.

Helpers, 6—Martha, Atchama, MaLaksmi, Krupavarti, Venkama, Lydiama.

The past year has been one of learning to be quiet as far as your missionary was concerned. Fever kept me from the more active service, and going on tour last cool season was out of the question. But the Master graciously gave many opportunities right at home for a share in the work.

As there was no resident missionary, the care of the boarding school was one that was a joy to me. When we consider the surroundings of the boys in their villages, their living here in the compound with us becomes a matter of great importance as to the influence that is exerted on their lives for the years to come. Teaching some of the Bible classes, conducting prayer meetings with them, besides attending

to the care and discipline of the boys brought me into touch with them in a way that gave many opportunities for personal talks.

Meetings for prayer and Bible study with the Bible women were held frequently. As they are to be messengers to others, this is an important part of our work. Although they do not seem to be able to dip down into the Word very deeply, they respond when it is presented, and in this way they are furnished for better service.

Martha and Atchama went on several tours with Miss Pratt during the cool season, and have worked in Tuni and the surrounding villages the rest of the year. They so often speak of the difference in the way the women in the villages listen now.

Old MaLaksmi is still working out at Nundoor and a number of villages around it. Although she cannot read or sing, many women call her to tell them the gospel message.

Krupavarti lives in Chendurti, and visits several other villages. She is much in demand in cases of sickness and is often able to help much by simple remedies. I am hoping she may be fitted for more helpfulness by some training when Dr. Smith's new hospital is ready. Many opportunities of telling the Gospel message come to her in this way.

Lydiama is a young woman whose husband was a sepooy. She was much confined in those days and used to pray God to open the way for him to get his pension soon, and promised to give what time she could to His service. Her prayer was definitely answered, and she has kept her promise. Her interest has been a joy to us.

Venkama, who started a little school near her home, has kept it up with more or less regularity through the year. So many of the people are very poor and have no idea of the value of education, unless it holds out the prospects of a situation. This makes it difficult to keep up a school with the regularity that accomplishes something. But a number of these little folks have learned their letters and some of our hymns, and better still, they are forming the habit of coming to church on Sunday mornings.

These women have worked in about 101 villages.

Sunday school work was kept up regularly as usual in different sections of the town as have been carried on by some of our people. At the beginning of the year, what might be called a forward movement was begun. Conference decided that Miss Pratt might stay on in Tuni and help with the work here. One of our older boys was available as a helper for this year, and so she undertook this department. But she will be reporting it to you.

These are some of the ways we have been trying to scatter the good seed of the kingdom, and although there are mighty forces at work on the enemy's side and the fruitage may not appear speedily, we believe God that "His word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases and prosper in the thing whereto He sent it."

Although I cannot report my work in so many figures this year, there are many things that cannot be counted that way, and no year

in India has been more full of the consciousness of His presence, and that my being here in Tuni was His place for me. Out of my weakness the workers and I learned lessons which I trust we shall never forget. One was to give God a larger place and to lean harder on Him.

The instruments are weak, but the Hand that wields them is mighty, and some day there will be great rejoicing for you at home, and us out here, who have been fellow-workers with Him in the establishing of His kingdom in this stronghold of the enemy.

RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

MISS HATCH'S REPORT.

Dear Sisters,—Last year when writing our report, although written to all in the Board on convention, we had in our mind our late dearly beloved Secretary, Miss Buchan, as she was the medium of communication to you all. As we think of all the years of loving counsel and sympathetic fellowship of the one who has gone before us, of the cheery, bright, sisterly letters written by her dear hand; as we think of the absolute impartiality and of the unflinching affectionate regard she had for each one of us, and we of her, our reports cannot but be tinged with sadness, when we remember that that beloved one is no more. Friends and dear ones pass away, but there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. For Him our sister worked, and our dear ones have worked, and they have gone to their reward. It behooves us, therefore, to be up and doing, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Since Dr. Hulet left me in March, 1904, that is sixteen months ago, Miss Robinson has been with me three months. Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell were touring on the field off and on for three months, I was in Coonoor or away, or had occasional visitors for a little over three months, which leaves over six months in which I was not only the only lady, but the only missionary in the station or on the field, and since Conference met in July I learn that I must be another four months or more alone again. These have been very lonely months. One says, "But don't you forget your loneliness in your work?" Yes, but without the social intercourse, the uplifting fellowship, the sympathetic hearing of the daily trials or triumphs, the interest slackens, the appetite fails, the strength declines, the work that should be done is not done, and the fretfulness adds to the loneliness, and the loneliness adds to the fretfulness. I am sorry to have to confess that I am not one of those souls cast in such heroic mould that standing alone in this great conflict is no hardship. It has been hard, but though for some months the burden of nearly the whole work of the field rested on me, yet only indifferent work was done, both in my own, and in the general work. The change to Coonoor for two months where I lived in the house with six or more, and in the midst of missionary friends, with whom there was much social intercourse and constant spiritual fellowship, was most delightful, and I was buoyed up with new strength, new joy.

My return has scarcely fulfilled my expectations regarding renewed strength, but as the terrible heat lessens I will look for better things.

During 73 days spent on tour and while at the station, I made 128 visits to villages, held 153 meetings, visited with the Gospel 179 Hindu homes, besides having my Bible classes, my visits to the Christians when sick or in trouble, my work in the schools and in the leper homes, and part of the year my work in the boys' boarding school.

Our Cockshutt girls' school has passed through many vicissitudes this year. First, no girls, or rather very few; then no money or not enough; then no head teacher, then no Bible teacher, and then no school, or nothing but the charred remains of some mud walls left, after a terrible fire in the town had swept nearly all the thatched houses before it, and among them our school and all its furniture. But through all these vicissitudes we can gratefully say the loving hand of our God has been upon us for good. We have now 20 names on the roll, and nearly all attending. We have the money needed for the teachers; we have, instead of the Brahmin who left us to teach in the Rajah's school, a Christian woman, head mistress from Cocanada boarding school and Nellore training school. We have instead of N. Dora, now happily married, and gone to be a valuable helpmeet to her husband, a Bible teacher from Cocanada boarding school, now a widow, and we are meeting in a renewed school-room. The charred walls have been whitewashed, and over us is a leaf and bamboo roof, in which we may be comfortable for a time. But our hope is that some one will be led to give us money for a permanent building, costing about \$250, and then we will have no fear of fire, and our furniture will be secure.

Our Bible women, M. Sarah, P. Mary and S. Lydia, continue to do faithful work, and desire your abundant prayers on their behalf. J. Subhamma and Y. Martha have been newly engaged, and have yet to prove themselves.

D. L. Joshee and S. David have been as before, devoted to the interests of the lepers, and D. L. Joshee finds many opportunities to witness for the truth among his out-patients, the majority of whom were Brahmins.

Our hearts have been longing for a great revival, and the burdened cry of many a one has been "Revive thy work, O Lord," and "Let the revival begin in me." In one of the beautiful Bible readings we had in Coonoor, one of the conditions of the revival was very earnestly pointed out to us in Isaiah 57: 15, "For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones," were the words expounded with much unction and power. There have been some of the droppings of the shower and there are not wanting signs that a great blessing may be near.

Pray for us to this end.

VUYURU.

DR. GEBTRUDE HULET'S REPORT.

Medical Work—Although I had to spend the hot season on the Hills, the number of patients for the year is slightly increased over that of last year. Over 2,700 new patients came for medicines and treatment. These with the return visits number over 3,700. At the beginning of the year my helper, Guanandam, who is head teacher of our boarding school, and gives what time he can out of school hours, decided that we would let no one go without saying something to them about the Healer of their soul's disease. We do not find it practicable or wise to make it a rule that all must hear; that they cannot receive medicine except they hear. When possible, and patients were willing to hear, we had them sit and listen before beginning to treat anyone. When not possible it would be a word when dressing an abscess or giving directions concerning the medicine. The bodily ailments and the necessity of taking medicine afford many suitable opportunities for pressing home their need of the Divine Physician. Patients of all castes, rich and poor, cleanly and uncleanly, receive like treatment, by which we try to teach the brotherhood of man and the impartiality of God, the only rule being those who come first receive first consideration unless a case is urgent, then the others are willing to wait.

Often and often we hear surprised remarks as to our willingness to attend to any case, no matter how offensive, and the fact that it is not a money consideration often leads them to ask why we do such work. One day a woman who has often heard of the Truth, came suffering from a felon. How grateful she was for the kind treatment and for the relief she got, and looking up she said, "It is because you are God's child that you have so much sympathy for us."

We are not always patient, nor do we always undertake the especially trying cases with anything like the spirit we would desire, but we ask your prayers, for we believe this can be made a very potent factor in breaking down caste differences and revealing in a measure the divine love and compassion.

I notice in "Among the Telegus" for 1900 an appeal was made for a better dispensary. More than ever one is needed now. I hesitate doing any kind of an operation in the present one, as it cannot, without almost as much expense as would build a new one, be made "cleanable" or aseptic.

Am hoping that some may feel led to help in getting a proper place, something like Dr. Chute's "Star of Hope" hospital, for carrying on this branch of the work. The cost would be a little more than the Akidu one, as deeper foundations must be laid on account of the character of the soil here.

As usual, Tracts and Messages of Truth papers have been given to all who could read or who could get some one to read to them.

Boarding School—The work among the children has been a great pleasure. For the young one is always so hopeful and full of ex-

pectation as to the possible development of character and future usefulness.

In the 1st term there were 27 boys and 27 girls in the boarding; in the 2nd term only 50, girls 24 and boys 26, and these had to be taken at a sacrifice on account of the cut in the estimates, and the increased cost of rice.

Last December most of our older pupils passed the primary examination, and left us to attend the Seminary. I feared that our Sunday school work would have to be in a measure given up, but the younger boys and girls have shouldered the responsibility and have been very faithful, and considering their age have succeeded fairly well in holding and teaching the children. There are seven schools, besides providing a teacher in the Vuyyurugodam Sunday school. I visit each school in turn, and examine them in the lessons and hymns taught during the two months which necessarily elapses between each visit.

One of the little boys of the Gundagunta school, a bright promising lad, came with his mother, who brought a younger child for medicine. A charmed string was tied to the little one's leg, and turning to this boy I asked him the reason of it. He at once said, "Mother does not yet know that such things are useless, but we have learned in Sunday school that God alone can heal all our diseases." To which the mother said, "He is always talking about God, and telling me that it is wrong to worship idols." So we trust all of these little ones are having the seed sown in their hearts which will in the near future germinate into real living faith. On Xmas day while Dr. and Mrs. McLaurin were with us, we had these little children come from the different villages to the church here, and Miss McLaurin examined them. Not so many came as we would have wished, but it was a great enjoyment to us all to hear the children telling in their simple natural way the stories of Christ's birth and death, "Rich man and Lazarus," "Prodigal Son," etc. In the beginning of the 2nd term a Christian Endeavour Society was formed, and each month a mission, temperance, Bible and consecration meetings were held. This, we believe, will be a great help to the children in instructing and developing their Christian character.

During the year three girls were converted and baptized; eight more have made request for baptism.

Touring—During the school holidays, and once through Mrs. Cross' kindness in looking after the school work, was able to make four short tours in company with Miss McLaurin. In all spent 28 days on tour. The field is so large there is more than enough work for two lady missionaries. We ask you to especially remember the need of Bible women when you pray. All last year there were only three, and one of these spends her forenoons in the caste girls' school, giving the rest of her time to work in this village alone. Two widows are in training, and another one will be free for work this coming year. But how few are there in comparison with the need!

PEDDAPURAM.

MISS SELMAN'S REPORT.

The time has come for another report, and my first thought is one of gratitude to God that He has permitted me to serve another year. It has been a happy one, although we have not realized the great awakening for which we long, yet we do see in our own hearts, and in the hearts of many of God's children, more faith that the revival is coming. We see also all the time the greater need for it.

Touring is a very important part of the missionary work. Accompanied by my helpers I have spent 103 days on tour, and visited 77 different villages. In almost every village we were well received. True, we were asked many times for financial aid, but although the people are poor, it is not always best to give, and only after careful inquiry and prayer was help given in the way of money, food or clothing.

As I glance over my report book and read again the names of the villages visited, my heart warms afresh as I recall the good times we had in fellowship with Christians, and the strength given for preaching to the heathen. We have a Christian village named Gondola. It is over thirty miles from Peddapuram, and in the hilly forest district, where there are said to be many tigers. The Christians, about fifteen in number, are very faithful, and a more Godly earnest people than those in some of the larger towns. Their pastor lives eleven miles away, but this year a teacher has been sent to their village. When I visited them last year for only one day, I promised (D.V.) to pitch my tent there this year and to spend several days with them. So in February last I had the privilege of spending six days in their midst. Every evening we had a service in the tent, first a song service, then a Scripture study. If our home people could have heard them sing, and have seen their happy faces, although not understanding a word, they could have known that these dark men and women were children of the same King and brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. From that centre we visited six other villages. One evening our coming from a distant village was later than usual, and although the cart-man hurried on his oxen, when darkness overtook us we were still about a mile from camp. I could see that the cart-man and the women were getting nervous, so suggested that we sing. As we were singing and the cart-man was urging the oxen, we heard shouting, and to the great relief of the women, there loomed up in the darkness the sturdy forms of some of the Christian men. They had feared for our safety, and had started out with all the weapons at their command, huge wooden spears, knives and stout clubs. They escorted us safely home, and my cook looked very happy as he saw us nearing the tent.

I wish I could tell you more about these Christians. Last year the crops were a failure and they were having hard times. Knowing all this I felt I could not accept their gifts of milk, eggs, etc., without pay, but when they

said with tears, "We love to do it, you have come so far over the rough roads, you have shown your love to us, and we want to show our love too," I had to accept, didn't I?

Maralli was another centre from which I worked for ten days. The Christians were rejoicing over recent converts, and the caste people heard us gladly, the women sending children to the tent to guide us to the right street where they were waiting for us. While there we were called to see a sick young man. We found him dying as much from starvation as from fever. He had been kept 21 days without any food in order to starve the fever devil. Another young mother was kept seven days without food. Oh! what the people suffer from their ignorance and superstitions!

In school work I have not much to report in comparison with other mission stations. Dr. Woodburne, of course, reports village schools for Christians. I have only four small caste Sunday schools. To these schools come children of many different castes. The Dancing caste, Kanema, Kapu, Goldsmith, Weavers, Barbers, etc., etc. Could our home teachers visit these schools they would be amused, not even a Bohemia street school in Chicago could equal them. Now and again some older people threaten the children that we will carry them all off some day, but in spite of all hindrances a few come regularly, and I am continually grateful that they learn so quickly and remember so well the lessons.

In our Zenanna work we have a number of children pupils; one I am sure you will be interested in. She is a child-wife of ten years, not the only wife of her husband, for the first wife or rather the woman who left her home in youth ran away with, and has lived with this man ever since, is not a wife, nor even a woman of the same caste, on this account she has never been allowed to even touch or cook his food all these years. She is sickly and feeble now, so he has married and brought to his home a child-wife of his own caste. She is a sweet demure little girl, and at first was very sad. She brightens up when we go, and as we teach we pray that she may believe and find joy in Christ. Some of the old pupils are still attentive to lessons, and others have gone to other villages.

Sayamma, the Bible woman supported by my two dear friends, is not strong in body, but is strong in service. Rebecca, in Killampudi, does good work among the caste people, but do pray that she may have a more loving spirit toward all Christians, even those from other castes than her own. Leah, in Pithapur, does good work in her own village, and is loved by all. Nagamma has been very ill for two months, but is better and at work again now. Mallamma and Nokamma do half-day work, and have their regular pupils.

Yerramma, our new worker, was for four years in the Cocanada boarding school. She is an efficient and an earnest worker. Her little daughter is in school, so she is free to accompany me on tour.

I wonder if when you read our reports you are inclined to be discouraged. You will learn by them how very many hear the Gospel, and

as yet so few have believed. I have been thinking much of this, and feel now that God is preparing the land for the great Revival. When it comes there will be thousands who have heard the Gospel through the missionaries, and the Word of Truth when applied to their hearts by the Holy Spirit, will convict them of sin and their rejection of Christ, they will then plead for mercy and He who willeth not that any should perish will graciously save all those that call upon Him in truth. Mrs. Penn-Lewis says there is no Pentecost in spiritual experience without a preceding Calvary. It is our part to preach Calvary—the Cross—to lift up Christ, and He will draw all men unto Himself. O, Lord, send the Revival and begin in me.

And now we have a mere outline of some of the work done by our missionaries during the year, but all the filling in, the trials, disappointments and discouragements, the weariness and loneliness, only the Master knows.

And what is our share in this work? to pray and give and interest others.

Two or three extra needs are mentioned in these reports, but let us not forget that the Bungalow Fund has yet a first claim upon us. Our Board having agreed to provide the Vuyuru bungalow and half the cost of the Akidu bungalow, which is only our just proportion, the total amount needed as our share of the two homes is \$4,600. Of this amount only \$2,344 has yet come in, leaving a balance of \$2,256 to be raised. Owing to extra cost of labor and materials in India, the Vuyuru bungalow is costing \$2,900 instead of \$2,500 as at first expected, and in addition \$200 for land. The Akidu bungalow will cost about \$3,000. That the Vuyuru bungalow might be completed at once, and the material bought for the Akidu bungalow to prevent delay, the sister societies of the East and of the West kindly allowed their bungalow funds to be drawn upon by us to the extent of \$1,560, so it is right and necessary that we should repay this as soon as possible. Shall we not make this loan our first special claim, not reducing by one cent our gifts to the general work? Will it not be possible for us to raise \$1,200 of this amount by January? Will not every woman who reads these reports make an extra effort herself and bring it before the circle of which she is a member that of the four thousand women belonging to our circles each one may feel her individual responsibility to do her share "in proportion as God has prospered?" All we have of means, of time, of influence are God's free gift to us; what free-will offering besides your tithe does He ask of you for this? To-day the Master sits over against the treasury and beholds what we are casting in, whether it is from out our poverty or from out our abundance. May He give us each the "willing heart" to do His will.

GRACE B. ALEXANDER.

BOARD MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in the Waterford Baptist Church, November 7th, at 7 o'clock, Mrs. Firstbrooke presiding.

The annual reports of the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, LINK Bureau, and Foreign Secretary were read and adopted.

It was decided to bring the new Constitution into effect as soon as adopted by the Convention.

A letter was read from Miss Brodie, of Grimby, resigning her position as a member of the Board, as she is unable to attend the meetings. This was regretfully accepted.

It was unanimously decided to name the new bungalow at Vuyuru "The Jane Buchan Bungalow" in memory of our former loved Foreign Secretary.

The following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, owing to circumstances our efficient Treasurer, Miss Eva Nasmith, has sent in her resignation, we have no other alternative than to accept it, but we desire to place on record our appreciation of her services during the last two years. She has performed her duties faithfully and unassumingly, and we as a Board thank her most sincerely."

A meeting of the Board was held on Thursday at the close of the afternoon session of the Convention.

The following officers were re-appointed: Mrs. Porter, Mrs. H. H. Lloyd, Mrs. Daney and Mrs. G. W. Barber. Mrs. G. H. Hawkins was appointed secretary of Bands (pro tem.)

Mrs. Glenn Campbell was appointed Recording Secretary, and Miss Sarah Webster, Treasurer, to fill the positions rendered vacant by the resignations of Miss Nasmith and Miss Moyle.

The first meeting of the newly-appointed Board was held Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. T. M. Harris, Mrs. Wm. Davis, Miss Nasmith and Miss Moyle, with the officers, were appointed the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Firstbrook, Miss Alexander and Miss Moyle the committee to meet with the General Board.

The following appropriations were made:

APPROPRIATIONS.	
Miss Morrow	\$ 275 00
Miss Simpson	546 00
Miss Pratt	1,300 00
Miss Baskerville	500 00
Miss Folsom	500 00
Miss Corning	200 00
Miss McLeod	500 00
Miss Selman	652 00
Miss Hatch	780 00
Miss Priest	685 00
Dr. Hulet	586 00
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	\$6,524 00
Village Schools	\$ 425 00
Samulcotta Seminary	400 00
Two furlough passages	650 00
Two furlough allowances	300 00
Home Expenses	125 00
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	\$8,424 00
Specials—	
Bungalow Fund	\$2,256 00
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	A. MOYLE.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Aurora	\$8 00		\$8 00
Bethel	18 00		18 00
Markham, Second	24 60	10 00	34 60
York Mills	26 35		26 35
Toronto City:—			
Beverly St.	50 71	17 50	68 21
Bloor St. (2 Circles)	273 48	10 06	283 54
Century Ch.	31 20	3 53	34 73
Chester	2 00		2 00
Christie St.		25 00	25 00
College St.	99 45	5 00	104 45
Dovercourt Rd.	34 60		34 60
Elim	27 02		27 02
First Ave.	39 40	50 00	89 40
Immanuel Ch.	64 48	4 60	69 08
" " Y.L.	3 45		3 45
Jarvis St.	2264 44	*1 50	2265 94
Kenilworth Ave.	29 65		29 65
Memorial Ch.	20 00	10 00	30 00
Moulton C.Y.W.C.A.		*41 60	41 60
Olivet	14 32		14 32
Ossington Ave	24 00		24 00
Parliament St.	48 05		48 05
Walmer Road	606 78	17 50	624 28
Western Ch.	52 60	17 00	69 60
" " S.S. Class		*25 00	25 00
" " " "		*17 00	17 00
East Toronto	26 00	10 00	36 00
West Toronto Junction.	15 60		15 60
Association Collection			11 84

\$3804 18 \$265 29 \$4081 31

25 Circles. 12 Bands. 4 *Other Organizations.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Atwood	\$8 75		\$8 75
Glamis	5 00	\$2 00	7 00
Kenilworth	5 60		5 60
Kincardine	8 50		8 50
Listowel	15 22	9 80	25 02
Mount Forest	36 96	7 50	44 46
Teeswater	6 00		6 00
Tiverton	12 60		12 60
Walkerton	16 44	19 20	35 64
Wingham	6 50	13 00	19 50

\$121 57 \$51 50 \$173 07

10 Circles. 5 Bands.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Bothwell	\$6 00	82 00	\$8 00
Brooker	3 13		3 13
Chatham	38 07	15 50	53 57
Colchester	16 91		16 91
Harrow	15 00		15 00

Names.

Names.	Circles.	Bands and Others.	Totals.
Kingsville	3 50		3 50
Leamington	19 50		19 50
Ridgetown	12 40		12 40
Sandwich	5 00		5 00
Tupperville Union	25 00		25 00
Wallaceburg	12 65	17 00	29 65
Wheatley	19 13	11 00	30 13
Wilkesport	9 55	25 00	34 55
Windsor	10 00		10 00
Association Collection			7 10

\$195 84 \$70 50 \$273 44

14 Circles. 5 Bands.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.

Baddow	6 50		6 50
Brooklin	4 50	8 18	12 68
Claremont	30 00	17 00	47 00
Fenelon Falls	12 25	3 00	15 25
Greenbank	2 50		2 50
Green River		6 40	6 40
Lindsay	35 02	2 00	37 02
Oshawa	2 50	4 85	7 35
Pickering	10 75		10 75
Port Perry	6 00		6 00
Reabors'	7 00	4 25	11 25
Stouffville	15 60	6 65	22 25
Uxbridge	34 00	17 00	51 00
Whitby	4 50	3 45	7 95
Whitevale	8 25		8 25
Association Collection			5 00

\$172 87 \$79 28 \$251 15

13 Circles. 11 Bands.

215 Circles sent	\$7,884 00
119 Bands sent	1,456 26
11 *Other Organizations sent	144 10
12 Association Collections	66 13

Total credited to Associations \$9 630 49

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections (other than from Associations)	\$103 31
Interest	52 64
Individuals (including \$347 35 for extra-)	1,453 20
Investment, Miss Nellie Davies' gift	40 00
Bequest, Mrs. H. Arkell	25 00
Surplus from expenses, Toronto Convention	3 00
" Mary Shenston Fund"	50 00

\$1,727 15

GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance forward, October 20, 1904 :	
Miss Corning's fund.....	\$ 69
Bungalow fund	1,217 19
Regular work.....	1,859 08
	<u>\$3,076 96</u>
Circles (inc. \$1,658.34 for extras).....	7,884 00
Bands (inc. \$105.91, for extras.....)	1,536 26
Other Organizations (inc. \$1.00 for extras).....	144 10
Association Collections.....	66 13
Miscellaneous (inc. \$347.35 for extras).....	1,727 15
	<u>\$11,357 64</u>
	<u>\$14,434 60</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.	
By General Treasurer :	
On estimates.....	\$8,151 00
Addition during the year..	37 50
Towards Bungalow at Vuyyuru.....	1,960 00
	<u>\$10,148 50</u>
Extras designated by donors :	
Balance of land (with buildings) for Davies' Memorial Compound, Co-canada.....	165 00
Towards furniture, Vuyyuru, Bungalow.....	60 00
Dr. E. G. Smith's Hospital Lepers.....	1,505 00
Biblewoman, Satyavedam..	148 90
Native preachers.....	8 00
Repairs at Alkidu.....	75 00
Bolivia Mission.....	111 00
	14 70
	<u>2,087 60</u>
	<u>\$12,236 10</u>
By W. B. F. M. S. of Eastern Ont. and Que. :	
For Biblewoman, Salome, Yellamanchilli.....	25 00
Home Expenses.....	101 35
	<u>\$12,362 45</u>
Balance October 20, 1905 :	
Miss Corning's fund.....	\$75 69
Bungalow fund.....	184 67
Regular work.....	1,811 79
	<u>2,072 15</u>
	<u>\$14,434 60</u>

SUMMARY.

Receipts for extras.....	\$2,112 60
Bungalow fund.....	927 48
Towards Miss MacLeod's passage to India.....	150 00
For regular work (including \$275.00 for Miss Corning and \$402.75 for "Medical Lady").....	8,167 56
Total Receipts during the year.....	11,357 65
Total Disbursements during the year.....	12,362 45

EVA NASMITH,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
Oct. 27th, 1905.

CHAS. T. STARK, }
G. W. HOLMES, } Auditors.

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