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## Editorial.

A RESPONSE has come to Miss Hatch's suggestion. A young lady is willing to become one of twenty to give \$25 a year toward Dr. Hulet's support. We are hoping to hear from others.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.—Sister Jean Richards, of Singhamptons, has taken THE LINK from the beginning and the *Canadian Baptist* for twenty-five years. She is now seventy-eight years old; but she enjoys THE LINK and takes a deep interest in missions. May God richly bless her in her old age and loneliness.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.—We have long had on our list of subscribers, the name of Mrs. E. B. Selman, Hickey, Michigan, and have sometimes wondered why this sister, though living in another country, still remembered THE LINK, and our missions. In sending receipt for last renewal we asked if she was a relative of our new missionary. In reply a fine letter comes, saying that she is Miss Selman's mother. Mary, she says, is her youngest child, and for many years she has prayed "that God would make her like the Mary of old, to sit at His feet, and learn of Him." "When Mary was a little girl, as regularly as the Sabbath came, she wanted her penny for the heathen."

Enclosed in the letter is Mary's first receipt for money sent to Foreign Missions when she was a very little girl. It is signed by Mr. T. S. Shenston. At the bottom he wrote, "God bless dear Mary."

## BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the W. B. F. M. Board will be held Monday, May 7th, at 2 p.m. in the Mission Room, No. 9 Richmond St., West, and not at Walmer Road church as stated in April LINK.

Certificates must read "in attendance at Com-

mencement Exercises of McMaster University." In order to profit by the reduced rates members of the Board must attend one of the following meetings, after which certificates will be signed by Professor Willmott.

SUNDAY, May 6th.

Fyfe Missionary Sermon, 11 a.m., Bloor St. Church.

Baccalaureate Sermon, 3 p.m., Walmer Rd. Church.

MONDAY, May 7th.

Alumni Public Meeting, 8 p.m., McMaster Hall.

TUESDAY, May 8th.

Annual Collection, 4 p.m., Walmer Rd. Church.

Meeting for the conferring of Degrees, etc., 8 p.m. Walmer Road Church.

If unable to attend any of these meetings an ordinary return ticket must be purchased. Any member of the Board requiring entertainment will please notify the undersigned not later than May 1st, stating which day and time of arrival.

A. MOYLE, 20 Elm Ave.

Rec. Sec.

Two grandsons of Li Hung Chang, the great Chinese statesman, have come to America to study in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

WHILE we (Baptists) have accomplished more in the foreign field than any other American evangelical denomination, our growth at home has also been more rapid than that of any other. We enter upon our second century (of missions) with numbers and wealth marvellously increased. We have material resources of which the fathers never dreamed. Have we the liberality and faith to use these resources aright?—PRESIDENT AUGUSTUS H. STRONG, D.D.

## THE GREATEST FAMINE OF THE CENTURY.

We copy the following letter from the *Missionary Review of the World*

The suffering of India's millions is indescribable, and the prospect for the coming months is appalling.

The famine of 1897 was not so severe or so extensive

as that of the present year. Recent letters from missionaries in the famine districts bring heart-stirring and *purse-stirring*; appeals for help from the Christians of America. From these we take extracts. India is entering upon the greatest famine of the century. The afflicted areas comprise the Punjab, Western India, parts of Southern India, and many of the native states. Following upon two years of scarcity which have impoverished the country, the present year, with its almost total failure of rain, and the utter loss over large areas of two entire crops, leaves hungry millions in absolute and awful famine. Reviewing the situation, the viceroy said, "We are now face to face with famine of water and food and cattle, which is unprecedented in character and intensity. The greatest aggregate famine area will thus be about 300,000 square miles, with a population of 40,000,000. There is a further population of 21,000,000, in which more or less general scarcity and distress prevail."

Picture the bulk of the population of the eastern half of the United States in *total famine*, without food and without money to buy grain, even if it were imported. Add to this the population of the Western States in "general scarcity and distress." Imagine outside of every city a great relief camp, with thousands breaking stone, covered with rags and bareheaded in the sun—men, women, and children silently fighting for life. A friend writes from one camp: "Poor, emaciated women, clothed only in thin rags, came and fell down at our feet and said, 'Oh, sir, we can not live, we can not keep from starving on two and a half cents a day, with grain so high priced, and breaking stones is such hard work!'"

Already there is a population equal to that of Ireland on the relief works, and they are increasing at the rate of several hundred thousands every week. The government finds its revenues reduced by the very famine it is trying to relieve. England is overtaxed by the war in South Africa. Large famine tracts lie in the districts which have been allotted to the American missions, and hundreds of these missionaries and their people can look for help only to America. Even where the government is offering relief to the heathen, native officials are often unprincipled. Some of the people are deprived of part of their wages, while the relief works are often demoralizing even where they save life. A Christian woman writes of one poorhouse: "Bad men, immoral women, pure young girls, and innocent children were freely mixing. Many were suffering from leprosy and other unmentionable diseases. God help the young girls who are obliged to go to the relief camps and poorhouses." Government is doing its best, but what is needed now is money to offer the people work in digging wells and tanks, to lend weavers yarn, and farmers seed, to provide those actually starving with grain, and build orphanages of mud or thatch for deserted children.

In South India a veteran missionary, who had been through the "great famine" of '76, when 6 millions died, said that the present famine will be greater than that "great famine." I saw one group of gaunt spectres stalk silently in from the dusty road. They had walked 75 miles. "Sir," they said, "we have no work, no food, no water; how can we live?" The old missionary could only point them on, 30 miles farther, where there was work at two or three cents a day. "But our wives and children—what will become of them, how will they live?" The old man could not answer. Here in his own field were 10,000 Christians destitute of food, praying and waiting—for what? The last hope of rain has gone; there are no crops left to be saved. The people are living on berries, roots, the thorny cactus, and grass seed, and this can last but two weeks longer. Beyond this one dreads to think. At best, no crop can come now for eight months. From April to September the famine will be at its height.

There are hundreds of men and women bravely trying to meet this famine, but who must see people die almost before their eyes because they have nothing left to give them. The missionary with whom I am staying told me this morning, that her own little girl died in the last famine because they had tried to deny themselves and give their own food to the starving natives.

GEO. S. EDDY, Madras.

#### HOW THE ESKIMO GOT THE SCRIPTURES.

Among the successes won by the Church Missionary Society may be mentioned the giving of the Gospels to the Eskimo in their own language. For the first step in this direction we go back to the work done by Mr. Evans some sixty years ago among the Cree Indians in North Canada. When he went to them they had no literature, no written language, no true knowledge of God. They believed in a great spirit called "Manito"—from whom their country was named "Manitoba," or the great spirit land—but they thought him arbitrary and stern. By living among them, showing kindness to them, suffering hardships with them, and troubles from them, Mr. Evans gained their confidence and love. Having learned their language, he invented signs to express it in writing, these signs indicating not the letters of an alphabet, but the syllables of their language. With a burnt stick he wrote these signs on the face of a rock, and taught them to utter the corresponding sounds. He next taught them to join these sounds together. Thus, having pointed them to signs the first of which sounded "man," the second "e," and the third, "to," he bade them utter these sounds in quick succession, as he pointed to the signs. They did so, saying, "Manito." They now looked to each other with

pleased surprise, perceiving that they had named the great Spirit. Next he taught them to read the signs corresponding to our words "is" and "love." Then, pointing to these signs in close succession, they read out the sentence, "Manito is love." Then he told them that while they were right in believing in a great Spirit, they were wrong in thinking him their enemy, for that He was their loving Friend, who had sent His Son Jesus Christ to save them. Then, wishing to put into their hands printed copies of Scripture portions, the first made paper from the lining of the bark of certain trees. Placing several layers of it above each other, and beating them together, the gum exuding from them bound them into a coarse paper. Then he made ink by charring pieces of wood and mixing the dust with oil from a sturgeon fish which he had caught. Next he made type from the lead sheets in tea boxes which he had begged from friends, and which he then melted and afterwards shaped according to his mind. And, lastly, he made a rough printing press, with which he printed some portions of Scripture. He had thus the pleasure of seeing these people read in their own language the wonderful works of God. On hearing these things, Lord Dufferin declared that less deserving men had won fame, and after death had been buried in Westminster Abbey.

From Mr. Evans we turn to the Rev. E. J. Peck, who is now laboring among the Eskimo in the region bordering on Cumberland Sound, to the Northwest of Hudson Bay. When a boy he was such a heartbreak to his Sabbath school teacher that the latter had to expel him. But when it was arranged that the boy should go to sea, his teacher presented him with a Bible. He put it carelessly into his locker and thought no more about it—for a time. At length, however, when on a clear moonlight night the ship was quietly sailing on the ocean, he thought of the Bible, went for it, and began reading it. He was impressed. After a time he gave his heart to Christ. On reaching home he offered himself to the Church Missionary Society, expressing a wish to be sent as a missionary to some lonely land to which others might not care to go. He was then trained for the ministry, ordained, and sent out to the Cree Indians. There he learned the signs which Mr. Evans had invented to represent certain sounds. On meeting some Eskimos, and learning that they had no missionary, he offered to go to them. His offer was accepted, and he was sent to the region above named. The Eskimo settlements there are small, and far removed from one another. The food is poor, coarse, and scanty. The snow houses are uninviting. The smells arising from blubber, lamps, and seal meat are often well-nigh overpowering. The winter is one long night. The cold is often from 40° to 50° below zero. During a great part of the year they live, journey, and work on the frozen sea. Going to bed is wriggling into a fur bag. Only once a year is their coast accessible to ships. The ship "Alert," which visits them in August, bringing letters and sup-

plies, and which leaves them again in September, is their one link of connection with the outer world. In living among these people, and still more in passing from one settlement to another, Mr. Peck has had many trying experiences.

Yet he has had great joy in pointing these people to Jesus Christ as their Saviour. To several of them he has dispensed the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. He has translated the Gospels into their language, using the signs invented by Mr. Evans. When home on furlough some three or four years ago, he has got the British and Foreign Bible Society to print one thousand copies. And now, having returned to his field of labor, he has the joy of seeing the Eskimos reading the Word of God in their own tongue. His last published journal ends with September 18th, 1898, written as the ship was about to leave for another eleven months. While the journal tells of hardships, it has more to say of the joy of working for Christ and for the good of these poor Eskimos.

The last entry speaks of having gathered the Eskimos into a building which would serve for a church; and it closes with the expression of a hope that they might "spend many happy days together in mutual fellowship and brotherly love." Let us trust that this hope is being fulfilled, and that his next message home may announce still further progress in the work of evangelizing that lonely land.—*Ed.*

### THE CALL OF THE SPIRIT.

It is a matter of the very first importance for every church of Christ that it should have an ear to "hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." But to recognize the voice of the Spirit is not easy. It is still His way to speak "at sundry times and in divers manners," and there are many who cry "lo, here!" or "lo, there!" guided rather by the inclination of their own wills than by any leading of the Spirit. If we are not to "follow wandering fires" there must be some test by which we may recognize the truer inward light.

The Church of Christ is no mere voluntary association of men bound by a common purpose and belief. It is, in simple truth, *the Body of Christ*, dead—and better, buried—unless animated and controlled, in all its many members, by the Living Spirit of its Lord. We are continually in danger, especially we Independents, of losing sight of the fact that it is not so much—certainly not alone—to the individual church that God speaks and entrusts a mission. The Church, no less than the nation or the family, is an entity before Him; and it should be possible for the Church as a whole, or for the churches of any particular order to which, as a whole, some special work has been entrusted, to be as fully and unitedly assured of the guidance of God's Spirit as is the conscience of the individual believer.

It has been said that the greatest failing of the Church of to-day is that it does not yield a ready response to the Providence of God. But what does this mean? If it were true that the Church, clearly recognizing the call of Providence, deliberately or slothfully refused to obey that call, then would her condition be hopeless indeed. But is not the failure rather a failure to hear? Not disloyalty, but deafness, is the sin that will be laid at her door. Whilst the Church is busy here and there, the voice of the Spirit falls on unheeding ears—though it is to her life work, her one and only reason for existence, that it calls her.

But is it not the Church's work to do the duty that lies nearest to her? Is she not hard pressed in the struggle with unbelief and materialism on every hand? Is not the call of the Spirit to be heard in the claims of the moment? Yes, yes; but may we not speak of all these as, in a sense, *secondary* duties—duties of means, rather than of end? The one great cry of the Spirit is a cry of yearning: for a lost world. "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring." So long as the Church is awake to that cry, she may trust God to provide her with places of worship, and to defend her from the encroachments of materialism. Once let her shut her ears to it, and she is helpless against the unbeliever, though she be ever so full of business and good works.

The voice of the Spirit is not to be heard off hand. The temple must be cleared of traffickers before the call can reach our ears. Again and again in the Book of Acts we read that it was "as they ministered unto the Lord and fasted" that the Holy Ghost said this and that. But when our souls have learned to keep silence before Him, there are at least two simple tests by which we may discern between the voices and know the one that is of God.

(i.) Wherever, in answer to the prayers of the Church, long-closed doors have been thrown open, the answer to prayer is itself a call of the Spirit to enter in and take possession. If, under such circumstances, we make no honest and determined effort to advance, we stand convicted of insincerity in prayer as well as of lack of zeal for the Kingdom. For many years the churches of order besought God fervently that He would open to the Gospel the great Chinese province of Hunan. God has heard our prayers. Hunan is open, with its *twenty million inhabitants*, of whom no more than a few thousands have heard the story of God's love. Have we, as a Church, fulfilled our duty when we have sent *two men* to represent us in the evangelization of Hunan?

(ii.) In many heathen lands there is no desire for the Gospel. The people are satisfied with their own religion. The first work of the Gospel is to create—or rather to *reveal*—the hunger which it alone can satisfy. From such a work as this the Christian mis-

sionary does not shrink, ungrateful though it may at first often be. But in other countries or districts the Spirit Himself seems to have put within the hearts of the people a yearning for truth and life. They welcome the Gospel with avidity, and cry for more teachers to instruct them in its ways. "It is sad to see the grain ripening and to have no reapers to gather it," writes one of our missionaries. "The people seem literally pressing into the Kingdom," writes another. "In one village," says a third, "we have ten converts. We might have had ten times ten if we could have sent a preacher."

This, then, is our second principle: a cry for the Gospel is a call of the Spirit. "Give ye them to eat," is the Master's words; and if our provision seem too small to satisfy the hunger of so many, it shall be multiplied miraculously in our hands.

In many other ways the call will come from time to time. But will not these two suffice to guide us for the present? Can it be doubted that here, at least, we have a true calling of the Spirit? And if it be so, what possible attitude can we take up but that of loyal and glad obedience? The character of our response will reveal the measure of the value which we set upon the Cross of Christ.—L. H. G., in *Chronicle of the London Missionary Society*.

#### "GOD IS CALLING ME."

(Last words of D. L. Moody.)

BY MRS. MARY B. WINGATE.

"God is calling me," he murmured,  
As the tide of life ran low,  
"To His pure and holy presence  
He is calling—let me go!  
He is calling, gently calling  
To his tender, loving breast,  
Oft he called me into service,  
Now he calls me into rest.

"God is calling, heaven is opening,  
Oh, what visions greet my eyes,  
Souls redeemed—a countless number—  
Smile and beckon to the skies.  
God is calling—He who led me  
And upheld me by his grace.  
Oh, we've had such sweet communion—  
Now I'll see him face to face!"

God is calling, loudly calling,  
"To the harvest fields away!"  
For the mighty reaper fallen,  
Let ten thousand rise to-day.  
Let the mantle of Elijah  
On the young Elishas fall;  
When they hear the Master calling,  
May they answer to the call.

## WELL DONE!

By Mrs. Ohman.

As over life's labor I pondered,  
And sighed for the blessing of rest,  
There came a sweet thought to my bosom,  
Like a beautiful heav'nly guest,

Which changed the dull shadows to sunshine,  
The dark, leaden sky into gold,  
Till truths, once obscure, in the brightness,  
One by one, began to unfold.

In fancy my work was all over ;  
I stood on the fair, shining shore  
Beholding the King in His beauty !  
Whom thousands of angles adore.

And oh ! my whole soul was enraptured,  
As He turned to me kindly, and smiled,  
And said, " Yours are joys, everlasting,  
Well done ! my own faithful child "

Compared with the rest and the glory,  
The struggle was lost in the prize ;  
And few seemed the toils of the journey,  
And foolish the tears and the sighs.

So gladly I work, and I suffer,  
Whatever the Master deems best,  
Nor care I for praise or for censure,  
Do I but fulfill His behest.

And though the storms lower and threaten,  
I know that my heaven's begun,  
As onward and upward I hasten,  
To catch the sweet welcome, " Well done ! "

—Montreal.

## Work Abroad.

ZENANA WORK REPORT FROM JULY TO  
DECEMBER, 1900.*(Continued from last Month.)*

By P. H. N. Brooks.

I have at present 69 zenana houses ; these are visited once in two or three weeks. Those I am more especially interested in, I try, when possible, to visit every week.

A few months back I was especially cheered by the marked interest, and spirit of inquiry shown by some of the women which made it a perfect delight to talk to them. It is true that some who listened with such eagerness then are now comparatively indifferent ; but there are others who have remained the same, and are I feel, now really believing in Christ. One of those whose interest has remained unabated is a poor widow. She asked herself to read the Gospel in preference to any other book, and said " When I have read it through, and understand everything, I will be the same as you."

Another very attractive pupil who strikes me as a singular example of guilelessness, and seems to drink in all the beautiful because it is beautiful, as if she would be herself adorned with the purity of the Gospel. She has not fascinated me with her beauty, for she has none, but her face lights up with inward joy, and she always seemed to grasp her subject well. She never makes puja. My dear Cunnamma's words are " I am trusting in the Lord and I know He is mine." She is firm as ever.

There are others who say that they are trusting in Christ ; and I feel convinced many of them are believers in Jesus Christ, and often do pray to Him.

In one of the houses we went to the woman was ill in bed, too poorly to do her usual lessons, but she said, " I want you to stay as long as usual and to read the Bible and pray," so I gladly read the 14th chapter of John. Then she said " Will you both kneel down and pray to the true God to make me well."

One woman who has been learning for the past few years, pays great attention to her Bible lessons, calling Christ her own dear Saviour. She seems to be in earnest. I have asked her to pray daily for light, assuring her it will never be denied to a seeking soul.

Another woman says that she could give up her food and everything else just to listen to the Lord's word. Another dear old woman said " I love your Jesus, tell me more about Him." She would sometimes come and say, " To-day we will talk of nothing else, all the time must be spent in speaking of Jesus," and sometimes she would say " Yes, this is all true, what you read and say. I feel it is true, my heart tells me it is true." And then are many others who say the same thing, " It is all true what you read and say."

We are thankful for all the encouragement the Lord has given us the past year, but we long for direct soul-saving work, that there may be many jewels for the crown of our Lord Jesus when He comes.

## Work at Home.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.

**OWEN SOUND** Association of Circles and Bands, will be held at Keady on June 13th. Each Circle is expected to send delegates, and churches where no Circle exists are cordially invited to send representatives.

Miss Baskerville, one of our missionaries on furlough, will be with us to speak on Foreign Missions, and Home Missions will be represented by Miss Trotter, of Toronto, a member of the W. B. H. M. Board. A very profitable time is expected

MRS. JAS. WALKER,  
*Assistant Director.*

**PETERBORO** Association of Mission Circles and Bands will meet at Campbellford on 20th June.

ANNIE WALTON,  
*Director.*

**NORFOLK** Association will be held in Waterford, June 12th. An interesting and profitable programme is being prepared. All churches are requested to send representatives.

MRS. DAVIS, *Dir.*

**ELGIN**—The Associational meeting of the Circles and Bands will be held (D. V.) in Aylmer, on Wednesday, June 6th. Morning Session at 10.30 commencing with a prayer and praise service. Our speakers for the afternoon and evening are expected to be Mesdames Booker, McLaurin, Hartlèy and others, also Miss Baskerville, a returned missionary. The programme is not fully prepared, but it will be a good one.

A. S. NEWCOMBE, *Dir.*

**TORONTO**.—The Annual meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands of the Toronto Association will be held with the church at Baker Hill on the morn-

ing of Wednesday, June 15th, from 10.30 to 12 o'clock in conjunction with the general Association. The cars leave the Union Station at 8.05 a.m., and all who attend can return that evening. A large attendance of the members from Toronto is urgently requested.

JULIA F. PEASE, *Dir.*

### NEWS FROM CIRCLES.

**BENTICK**.—A Missionary Circle was re-organized in connection with the Bentick Church on Feb. 29th, with nine members. President, Mrs. (Rev.) M. P. Campbell; Vice-President, Mrs. P. O'Neill; Treasurer, Mrs. Foster; Secretary, Miss Kate McKinnon; Agent for LINK, Miss K. McKinnon.

**BROCKWAY**.—We organized a "Mission Band" June 20th, 1898, with a membership of 18; since then we have been growing in numbers and interest. We now number 52. Our Band is called "The Brockway Band," and our prayer is that we may be some help to those whose lot was cast in heathen darkness, who know not of Jesus and His love.

Mrs. E. F. Smith is President; Miss M. M. Brockway, Vice-President and Secretary; Mr. E. F. Smith, Treasurer; and we also have a managing committee.

Last year we raised \$9.72, five of which we gave to Foreign Missions and the rest to Home Missions. We also had a concert on Nov. 7th in connection with our Band and raised \$6.00, which was evenly divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

C. M. S.

**BARRIE**.—The annual thank-offering service of our Woman's Mission Circle was held on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 25th. Owing to stormy weather the attendance was much smaller than it otherwise would have been, but a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Our President, Mrs. Nash, occupied the chair.

The meeting opened by singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," followed by the reading of the 98th Psalm by Mrs. McLean and prayer by the President. An interesting programme consisting of readings, music and singing, and an address by Mrs. S. Sheldon on the origin of the Circle and its progress to the present time, was attentively listened to.

One event of the evening was the singing of a chorus, by the members of the Circle.

A solo given by special request by our oldest honorary member, Dr. B. Patterson, was highly appreciated.

The thank-offering amounted to \$9.50.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," the meeting closed with prayer by the Pastor.

F. PATTERSON, *Sec'y.*

**PORR HOPE**.—A very successful "At Home" was given

by the members of the Mission Circle, in the lecture room of the church, on Friday evening, March 23rd, in aid of the Loper Mission undertaken recently by Miss Hatch, on the Ramachandrapuram field, in India.

The programme consisted of readings given by Misses Mo Lennan, Richards, Campbell, and Mr. Craig; also a short address by the pastor, Mr. Dayfoot—all bearing on the condition of the lepers and the means for aiding them; especial attention being given to the work done by the heroic and self-sacrificing woman, Miss Mary Reed.

Those who assisted in the musical part of the programme were: Miss Richardson and Mr. Maboo, Miss Chislett and Miss Erema Hausman.

During the intermission refreshments were served and a most enjoyable half hour was spent over the coffee cups.

The receipts of the evening amounted to \$12.25.

At our Foreign Mission Thank-offering Meeting in February, we had the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Bollamy, sister of our missionary, Mr. Davis, and of hearing her account of the beginning and progress of the church at Edmonton, of which she is a member. We were so interested in our sister's report of the field there, and so touched by the stories of privation among the new settlers that we decided, as a Circle, to prepare a box of clothing and useful articles to be sent out early in the autumn, for distribution among the needy ones, before the very cold winter weather sets in.

Although the evening was stormy and disagreeable, making the attendance small, our offering for Foreign Missions amounted to \$30.

M. CLEMESHA, Sec'y.

**GUELPH.**—(First Church.) The annual Thank-offering Service of our Mission Circle was held Thursday afternoon, Feb'y. 15th, at the home of our secretary, Mrs. Morlock, the president, Mrs. Merrill, in the chair.

Printed invitations had previously been sent out by the president to all the ladies of the church, forty of whom responded by being present, while others who were kept at home through sickness sent regrets.

The meeting was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," followed by the reading of Psalm 145 and prayer by Mrs. Raymond. The following program was then given:—

Reading—A Thank-offering Story, Mrs. Davison; Paper—Individual Responsibility, Mrs. Clarke; Piano Solo—Miss McKechnie; Reading—She Got the Box, Mrs. Simpson.

The Gleaser, Miss Smith, gave a very interesting summary of missionary news for the month. Mrs. Morlock then announced that the thank-offering amounted to \$22, and read the texts of scripture which accompanied the offerings. This exercise proved very interesting and helpful to all.

After singing the Doxology, the meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. McCall.

Light refreshments were served by the hostesses at the close, and a social hour spent.

Mrs. MORLOCK, Secretary.

**FORT WILLIAM.**—It is quite a long time since our Circle sent any account of its work to the LINK. We are always glad to hear from our friends in this way, and have begun to think that some of our friends may be disappointed at not hearing from us.

We have just held our seventh annual meeting, and in some ways at least the last year has been our best. We have not very many members—nineteen altogether,—perhaps not as many as we might have if we worked more faithfully. And of these nineteen, seven are at present non-resident; but all or nearly all of our members take a deep interest in our meetings, and even our non-resident members are liberal contributors to our funds.

We are glad that this year we have been able to contribute more than in any previous year to the work, both in the Home and Foreign field. We divide our fees between Home and Foreign Missions—the work in British Columbia, Manitoba and the North-West, and the work carried on by brother Prince and others among our own Indians. \$46 in all has been contributed this year, and we are looking forward to larger things in the years to come if the Lord tarry.

AGNES SPROULE, President.

**PETERBORO.**—Park Street.—As news from Circles and Bands is always interesting, we send a few lines from here. A special invitation was extended to the members of the church and congregation to be present at the regular monthly meeting of the Mission Circle, on April 10th, to meet Mrs. Sharpe, of London, who is to leave in a few days to join her husband, who is a missionary to the Indians on St. Peter's Reserve.

About thirty ladies were present. The President, Mrs. Mowry, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting by reading a portion of Scripture and leading in prayer. After a hymn was sung the minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and approved of. Then Miss Maggie Mann gave a few extracts from a Bible study on Haggai, showing that we must not recognize the word *impossible*, for, with God all things are possible, and He has promised to be with His people to help them in every undertaking.

Mrs. Sharpe was then introduced and spoke for over a half hour on the Indian Mission of St. Peter's Reserve. As we listened to our sister telling of the life led by the Indians and the great need of the Gospel, we were drawn as never before to that great work lying so near our homeland, and as our sister goes to carry the Gospel to them we feel sure she will have the love and sympathy of all those who listened to her earnest, touching words.

A duet was then pleasingly rendered by Misses Bunton and Pilling, after which the Director spoke a few words, urging upon the members to be faithful in the work for the Master.

A collection was taken up, amounting to \$3, to be sent to help defray Miss Hulet's expenses to India.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," refreshments were served, and all those

present had an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with Mrs. Sharpe.

At ten o'clock we left for our homes, feeling that the happy influences of that meeting would long be remembered to stimulate us to greater zeal in the cause of missions.

A. W., *Director.*

**ALGONQUIN.**—The Women's Mission Circle of the Baptist Church held their regular meeting on the 12th of March, at the residence of Mr. Carpenter, North Augusta.

After the meeting a number of friends gathered in and we had a social tea together and spent a pleasant evening. Any wishing to contribute to the cause of missions, did so; we received \$5.

We also held an open meeting at the Baptist Church, Algonquin, on Thursday evening, March 15th. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. R. Throop. After the opening exercises, Rev. Mr. Sycamore, of Brockville, gave a very interesting address; also, the pastor, Mr. Ingram. Mrs. Fred. Wright gave a reading and Miss Now a recitation.

The collection amounted to \$8.08. The proceeds of both meetings to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

E. N. MYLER, *Sec.*

**COBOURG.**—Our annual Thank-offering meeting was held on Tuesday evening, Feby. 6th, at the home of our sister, Miss Peebles.

The meeting was unusually well attended, thirteen members and seven visitors being present.

Two new members were added to our Circle.

The Thank-offering amounted to \$4.69.

The reading of the different expressions of sincere gratitude for the year's many blessings prompted a season of prayer, which was followed by a well selected programme thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

We purpose studying the South American Mission at our next meeting.

M. M.

**ST. MARY'S.**—Another year has passed, and God has seen fit to spare our lives to enter upon another year of loving work for our Master. We, as a little band of workers are more encouraged than ever before, not only because there is a slight increase in our funds but because each member seems more in touch with their blessed Master.

Our little Mission Circle held its annual meeting at the residence of Mrs. Dr. Smith, on Tuesday evening. After tea, the annual business was transacted. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—Officers for Mission Circle: President, Mrs. Wm. Richards; Vice-President, Mrs. R. J. Eades; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Tate; Assistant Sec.-Treas., Mrs. D. A. Martin; Collector for *Visitor*, Miss McConachie; Collector for *LINK*, Mrs. R. J. Eades.

As there was such a small attendance at the Boys' Mission Band, it was thought best to unite the Girls' and Boys' Band. Officers for the Band are as follows:—President,

Miss M. J. Delmage; 1st Vice-President, Miss Lizzie Mitchell; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. D. A. Martin; Secretary, Miss Emma Hoyt; Treasurer, Miss Melissa Richards.

MRS. W. J. TATE.

**HESPELER.**—Perhaps it may interest our sisters in other parts of the Lord's Vineyard to hear what we as a Circle are doing in our small corner for the advancement of the Mission cause. We have a membership of twelve, three of whom have been added during the past year. Under the able leadership of our President our meetings have been interesting and helpful. We are glad to be able to report an increase in our contributions. We have raised during the year for Foreign Missions \$22.29, for Home Missions \$25.82, and for the Indian Mission \$5 15, making a total of \$53.26. This is an advance over last year of \$21.47, for which we thank God and take courage. We took up our Thank-offering in December amounting to \$7.40, which was divided between Foreign and Home Missions. On March 26th, Rev. J. G. Brown, gave us a very interesting and instructive address on the life of woman in India. The collection amounting to \$7.90 was sent to the Foreign Mission Treasurer. During the year we made one of our members a Life-member in the Home Mission Society, and have started a Life-membership for another in the Foreign Society, which we hope to complete during the coming year. Our officers are: Pres., Mrs. W. Wingfield; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Cornell; Sec., Mrs. A. Brownlee; Treas., Miss E. A. Starnaman. Our women take fifteen *LINKS* and eighteen *Visitors*.

A. BROWNLEE, *Sec.*

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

Receipts from March 16, 1900, to April 15, 1900, inclusive.

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT.

**FROM CIRCLES.**—Acton, \$4; Ailsa Craig, \$5; Aylmer (\$12.60 Life-membership), \$47.94; Ballieboro', \$2.40; Beachville, \$1.10; Burtch, \$8; Brooke and Enniskillen (\$17 for Papamma) \$18; Brampton, \$3.80; Belleville, \$4; Bruce, North, \$1; Bloomsburg, \$6; Burgessville, \$5; Burgoyne, \$5; Barrie (\$4.75 Thank-offering), \$9.75; Bobcaygeon, \$2.20; Brantford, Calvary Ch., \$6.50; Beamsville, \$5.75; Brantford, Park Ch. (50cts. additional Thank-offering), \$42.77; Bethel, \$5.60; Cobourg (\$2.34 Thank-offering), \$9.84; Cramahoe, \$2; Calvary, \$7.50; Clinton, \$4.50; Chatham, \$4.90; Cheltenham, for Siddila Joseph, \$8.60; Colchester, \$3; Cheltenham, for Siddila Joseph, \$5.50; DeCrowsville, \$3.60; Delhi, \$3; Doe Lake, \$5.80; Daywood, \$12; Flesherton, \$3.25; Fort William, \$4.70; Freeton, \$2.50; Fonthill, \$1; Galt, \$7; Gilmour Memorial Ch., \$8; Guelph, Trinity Ch. (\$8 Thank-offering), \$19; Georgetown, \$5.75; Gobles, \$1; Guelph, First Ch. (\$11 Thank-offering), \$24.71; Gladstone, \$4; Guelph, Trinity Ch., \$2; Hespler (special towards Life-membership, 52cts comm. on "Baptist,"

and \$8.70 from meeting addressed by Rev. J. G. Brown), \$9.22; Haldimand, \$4.07; Hagersville, \$4.50; Hamilton, James Street, \$24.85; Houghton, First, \$12; Hamilton, Victoria Ave, \$2.55; Ingersoll, \$3.91; London, South, \$7.10; London, Talbot St., \$23.34; Lindsay, \$11.51; London, Maitland St., \$8.05; London, Egerton St., Young Ladies', \$9; Lakesfield, \$12.64; London, Adelaide St., Young Ladies', \$24; London, Adelaide St. (\$5 special collection), \$18.70; Lakeshore, Calvary (\$25 for D. Sual), \$37.30; Midland, \$2; Marthaville, \$1.18; Markham, Second (\$2.05 Thank-offering and \$4.50 from open meeting), \$13.47; Mount Forest (\$12.15 for Famine Fund and \$3.50 for Bolivia), \$23.51; Malahide and Bayham, \$9; Niasouri, West, \$1; Niasouri, East, \$5.25; New Sarum, \$2; Norwood, \$1.35; Onondaga, First, \$3; Plympton (\$1 Thank-offering), \$4; Port Rowan, \$3; Paris (\$13 Thank-offering), \$31.25; Paisley (\$4.56 Thank-offering), \$8.25; Petrola, \$8.29; Port Burwell, \$3; Port Hope, \$13.40; Port Hope, for lepers, \$15; Port Elgin, \$2.25; Peterboro', Murray St., \$22.89; Port Perry, \$3; Reaboro', \$5; Ridgetown (\$5.08 Thank-offering), \$12.70; Stayner, \$1.28; St. Catharines, Queen St., \$13.14; Scotland (75cots. add. Thank-offering), \$12; St. Thomas, Centre St., \$11.70; St. George, \$5.50; Solkirk, \$1; St. Mary's, \$2.40; Sarnia Township, \$5.50; Sidney, \$7.60; Strathroy, \$15.25; Stratford, \$5; Sault Ste. Marie, First Ch., \$2; Sarnia (70cots. Thank-offering), \$9.95; Sarnia, Young Ladies', \$3.28; Salford, \$5.58; Stouffville, \$1; Tiverton, \$3; Thamesville, \$10; Tilsonburg, \$7.50; Toronto, Bloor St. (\$17 for Selam Sarah, an extra girl), \$89.75; Toronto, Bloor St., Y. W. Aux., \$3.45; Toronto, Bloor St., Thank-offering add., 50cots.; Toronto, Parliament St., \$8.85; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$9.21; Toronto, Sheridan Ave. (\$2.26 Thank-offering), \$5.41; Toronto, First Ave., \$4.75; Toronto, Walmer Rd., \$2; Toronto, Walmer Rd., for native preacher, \$25; Toronto, College St. (\$10.28 Thank-offering), \$21.33; Toronto, Immanuel Ch., \$14.30; Toronto, Jarvis St., \$30.08; Toronto, Konilworth Ave., \$5; Toronto Junction, \$4.85; Toronto Junction, \$1; Uxbridge, \$1.75; Villa Nova, \$6; Wheatley, \$8.10; Walkerton (\$2.24 spec. coll.), \$3.24; Westover, \$9; Woodstock, First Ch. to make Mrs. John Muir a Life-member, \$25; Woodstock, First Ch., \$15; Whitevale, \$3.02; Whitby (\$1 for Bolivia mission), \$2; Wyoming, \$6.57; Wyoming, Young Ladies', \$1.59; Warton, \$1; Woodstock, Oxford St. (\$9 for extra girl), \$11.43; Wilkesport, \$1.25; York Mills, \$3.83. Total \$1178.41.

FROM BANDS.—Aylmer, for student support, \$10; Baillaboro', 80cots.; Bridgen, \$2.21; Bloomsburg, \$5; Brantpton, \$7.10; Baker Hill, \$1.50; Bracebridge, \$2; Brantford, Park Ch., \$13.60; Brantford, Calvary Ch., \$7.15; Boston for Pendurti Joseph, \$7; Clinton, \$2; Cheapside, \$1.18; Cheltenham, \$2.50; Dundas, \$8.94; Forestville, \$4.50; Guelph, First Ch., \$7; Georgetown, \$4; Hamilton, Victoria Ave., \$4; London, Maitland St. Sr., Thank-offering, to make Miss Susie Vrooman, Marlborough, Asa., a life-member, \$25; Lakesfield, \$4; London, Maitland St., Junior, \$4; London, Talbot Street, \$5; Lindsay, for Bona

Krupavati, \$23; London, Egerton Street, (\$2.70 Thank-offering), \$7.35; London, Adelaide Street, Y. P. for Student Fund, \$7.73; London, Adelaide St., Junior, \$6.30; Mount Forest, \$4; Mount Forest, Baby Band, \$1; Markham, Second, \$7; Maple Grove, \$6; New Sarum, for Student Support, \$12.25; Owen Sound, for C. Venkatachellam, \$25; Port Arthur, for N. Gabriel, \$4.25; Paris, \$15.22; Paisley for K. Appalamma, \$8.50; Pine Grove, \$2; Peterboro', Park St., \$2.10; Port Hope (\$6 Mite-boxes, \$12.41 Thank-offering), \$25; Petrola, \$13; Port Powan, \$2.13; St. Mary's, Boys' for Bolivia, \$5; St. Marys, Girls' for G. Appalamma, \$9.75; St. Catharines, Lyman St., \$1.75; Townsend Centre, \$11.80; Toronto, Beverley St., \$4.50; Toronto, Sheridan Ave., \$2; Toronto, First Ave., \$5; Toronto, College St., Y. W. for Degala Mary, \$4; Uxbridge, \$1.25; Wheatley, \$2.50; Walkerton, \$1.83; Woodstock, Oxford St., for P. Katakshamma \$18; Wallaceburg, \$2.50 Total \$369.99.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Brantford, First Church Junior B. Y. P. U. (\$5 for student), \$13; Bracebridge B.Y.P.U., \$2.50; London, Talbot St. Y.P.S.C.E., \$5.02; Sprucedale S.S., special for Miss Priest, \$5; Toronto, Western Ch., Miss Edy's S.S. class, for a Bible-woman, \$3.50; Walmer Rd. B.Y.P.U., for famine fund, \$5; Immanuel Ch., Junior Y.P.S.C.E., \$1.20; Investment Account, interest from Bk. of Commerce, for temporary deposit, \$10; "One Interested in Missions," \$20; Mrs. T. M. Harris, for famine fund, \$100; Miss Rose Crittenden, for famine fund, \$2. Total, \$172.22.

#### Refund:

On account sale of copies of "Historical Sketch" \$1 13  
Total receipts during the month ..... \$1721 75

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

##### General Treasurer:

Regular work ..... \$513 25

##### Extras:

For extra girls at Cocanada ..... 28 00  
Miss Priest, from Sprucedale S.S. .... 5 00  
Work for lepers, Port Hope C. .... 15 00  
Famine fund ..... 121 15  
Bolivia Mission ..... 12 50  
Total ..... \$692 90

##### Investment account:

Premium on \$1000, registered bond of Commercial Cable Company ..... 31 25  
Brokerage ..... 2 50  
Total ..... \$33 75

##### Home Expenses:

Postage ..... 3 00  
Stock of stationery ..... 2 04  
Collection on cheque from Georgetown M. C. .... 15  
800 receipt post-cards and printing ..... 10 00  
Total ..... \$15 19  
Total disbursements during the month ..... 741 84

Total receipts since May 1, 1899 ..... \$7175 61  
 Total disbursements since May 1, 1899 ..... 7212 48

The total receipts as above include \$150.15 for famine relief, besides other amounts for extras, and \$784.27 from Thank-offerings, from 83 Circles, 6 Bands, 1 other organization, and two individuals.

SECRET ACCOUNT—"Medical Lady" Fund.

Receipts:

Bloor St. M. C .....	\$10 00
Brampton M. C. ....	5 00
Mt. Forest M. C. ....	5 00
Two friends, Ridgetown .....	4 00

Total during month ..... \$24 00

The balance in this fund is now ..... \$187 01

NOTE.—To send out Dr. Gertrude Hulet this fall there should be assured about \$1100.00, to cover the expense of her passage to India, cost of a stock of medicines, and possibly some extra instruments, her salary for the first year and Munshi's salary. Towards this we have now in the balance above and in promises about \$600.00.

VIOLET ELLIOT,

Treasurer.

109 Pembroke St., Toronto.

W. B. M. W.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:—"We are labourers together with God."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY.—"For Visianagram, that the Gospel seed so long and patiently sown, may spring up and yield an abundant harvest of souls."

### SIGNS OF POWER.

Miss Archibald writes: "There were 25 late marriages in India last year, that is the bride was over fifteen years of age. In 1899 about 160 widows were married. Yes, there are signs of progress. Never was social reform so fully agitated, men that are most proud of caste and custom are taking light from quarters they most affect to dread. A Brahmin wrote a pamphlet the other day calling upon his castemen to uphold Brahmanism. The appeal was closed with the words, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his own soul"

The Telugu Association, and M. P. Conference met at Bimlipatam in January. While in session a letter was received from Miss D'Prazer, enclosing notes for Rs 1000, equal to \$333.00, a second gift to the Savara Mission.

Miss D'Prazer says: I send this as a special thank-offering to God for the manifold rich blessing I received through my travel abroad, and for my safe return."

Should there not be some added gifts on our part for the blessings we received through our sister while she was among us?

Please note our new F. M. Directory. It came just too late for our April No. of the LINK.

Another faithful worker has been "promoted" to higher service. Mrs. Henry Harlowe, of Shelburne Co., who passed away very suddenly this week; away from the toils and cares of earth to the immediate presence of Him, "whom having not seen she loved." The "Provincial Committee" for N. S., appointed Mrs. Harlowe, Secretary for Shelburne Co., in 1887. We hope for a more extended notice of our sister.

The Provincial Secretary for N. S., recalls with gratitude the great kindness and help she received from Mrs. Harlowe when visiting the Societies in Shelburne Co.

The Woman's meeting held during the District Quarterly meeting in March, in Yarmouth Co., must have been of great interest. At the December session Mrs. M. W. Brown was appointed President of the Woman's meeting at these quarterly sessions. Our County Secretary writes: "Mrs. Brown presided so successfully in every way that we all considered she was the right woman in the right place."

Mr. Foster having resigned his charge in Arcadia, this was the last meeting at which Mrs. Foster would be present as Secretary for the county. Her address therefore partook of a review of the work done during the time she had been in office. We hope soon to print this paper. In the meantime during the last four years, Mrs. Foster has organized eight new Aid Societies in the County (also one in Shelburne Co.) and seven Bands. This sounds a great deal, and yet it does not begin to tell all that has been accomplished, the travelling, the thought, the prayer, the weak ones encouraged, and the strong made stronger, the seed sown among the little ones, and their interest in this part of the Lord's work aroused. Only at the great harvest day will all this be known. The sisters in the county presented Mrs. Foster with a farewell address, which we print this month.

A new feature in this meeting was two well rendered recitations from two of the girl members of the Band, (who are also Life-Members of the Band) and two pieces of music from Mrs. Frazer (another Band Life-Member) and her son, a boy of twelve years. Mrs. Mode, wife of the pastor of Zion church, read a grand paper on "Encouragements in the Work."

Who will take our sister's place as Secretary in Yarmouth Co.? Surely some one is ready. Mrs. Foster began her work as County Secretary in Digby County, in 1887.

Our Dear Sister Foster,—When we, your sisters of

the W. M. A. Societies in the County remembered that this would be the last quarterly meeting in which you would be with us before your removal to your new home in Berwick. We felt it but due you, as well as a great pleasure to ourselves to express to you the high appreciation we have of the work you have done in our M. A. Societies as County Secretary. We appreciate the fact that the work has trespassed very largely on your time and strength, and that many times you have found the lack of interest taken in this work of missions, a work so dear to your own heart, a source of great discouragement to you. It is doubtless true, that many of us have not co-operated with you as heartily and earnestly as we ought to have done, and thus it may be, the cause has suffered loss. Yet, let us assure you, that your untiring love and energy in the work has awakened an interest and given an impetus to the work of missions in our County that will be long felt and remembered. Indeed, influences of this kind are only measured by eternity. Of particular importance do we regard your work in connection with the organization of Mission Bands in the County. While it is with pleasure we convey to you our appreciation of your work since you came to the County, it is with sincere and heartfelt regret we learn of your purpose of leaving us. We shall very much miss your helpful visits to our M. A. Societies, and your presence with us in our Quarterly meetings.

We have been not a little perplexed to know who would be found to take your place as County Secretary. But for the fact that the W. M. A. Societies are a part of the Lord's work we should feel quite discouraged at this time, but we remember there is One more interested in the work than we can be. We trust to Him for guidance at this time.

We trust that your relations in your new church home may be very happy ones, and that in every phase of your life the Lord will greatly bless you. Our prayers shall always follow you to this end. We shall hope to have you visit us from time to time, and can assure you that a hearty welcome will always await you from the W. M. A. Societies of Yarmouth County.

In the name and in behalf of the members of the Yarmouth County W. M. A. Societies and Mission Bands.

MRS. J. H. SAUNDERS.

#### OUR HOME FIELD.

UPPER GRANVILLE.—The March meeting of our W. M. A. S. was a missionary tea at the home of our Vice-President, Mrs. Walter Bent, Thursday evening, March 8th. Nearly all the members were present. After tea had been thoroughly enjoyed by all, the meeting was called to order by the president in the usual manner. The programme consisted of choice

music, readings, recitations and an address by our pastor, Rev. P. M. Young. Especially gratifying was it to see our younger sisters taking part. We have every reason to feel encouraged in our work. One new member has joined our number and we have the promise of more. Slowly but surely an interest is growing in the missionary cause here. Collection \$3.16.

CARRIE E. GOODWIN, Sec'y.

WILLING WORKERS' MISSION BAND.—As there has not been any report from the First St. Margaret's Bay Mission Band for a long time, I venture to send the following: We meet as usual, the first Sabbath in every month immediately after Sunday School, and fill our programme with readings, recitations and dialogues of a missionary character. We have a very small number enrolled, but the few we have well deserve the name of Willing Workers. Our earnest prayer is that our "mothers in Israel" will come in and help us. God grant that we may win them soon. Much missionary information has been given, and our young people are becoming better acquainted with our missionaries and their work. Our offerings for missions are small, yet those of us who know something of the effort that is being made by the people in our village to meet the claims of our Home and Foreign Missions, feel that we have reason to thank God and take fresh courage. We feel very thankful that God has given us some little part in the great work of winning the world for Jesus. We pray daily for more workers, that the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon God's people in the home land, so that God's work shall have the place He means it to have in the hearts of not only the few but of all.

Yours in the work,  
MRS. NEIL MACDONALD, Pres.

TYRON, P. E. I.—Perhaps a few words from our Society would be interesting to the readers of our columns. A deep interest in the work is shown by large and regular attendance at our meetings. Average attendance during the last three months, 26. In the month of November a Thank-offering service was held by which we realized \$12.25. This the sisters decided should go towards making a Life member, the remainder to be made up from our knitting work and other offerings that the sisters would feel in their hearts to make. We meet at the homes and find it helpful to keep up sociability in the church. Seldom do we have a meeting without the presence of a few brethren. Our meeting is announced for half past two p.m. Those of us who get there at that hour take up the knitting until three when an hour is given to the devotional part of our meeting, after which knitting goes on again with business and plans for our next meeting. By this time our kind hostess is prepared to refresh us with a cup of tea, which we all

enjoy very much. I might say the yarn for the knitting is donated by the sisters to the Society, and the socks find a ready sale. The amount realized from the work is about \$5 a year, which always goes for Home Missions. The amount raised by 10 cent contributions is \$1.80. Three new members, result of Crusade day. Our aim has been to send as much money as possible to the treasurer during the first six months of the Convention year. The outlook is hopeful for a good year's work. May the Lord still increase the missionary zeal of these dear sisters.

MARY J. PRICE.

A MEETING of the W. M. A. S. of P. E. I. was held at Alexandria on Tuesday, March 13th, in connection with the P. E. I. Quarterly Conference. Mrs. J. C. Spurr, our Provincial Secretary, presided, and although the afternoon proved stormy there was a good attendance. A short time was spent in devotional exercises, led by Mrs. A. F. Browne, of North River. After extending a most cordial welcome to the visiting sisters, Mrs. Spurr read a characteristic note from Mrs. Manning expressing her love and interest in us and in our efforts. Also greetings from Mrs. Price, of Tryon, whose health had not permitted her to be present, and from Miss Jackson, our former Provincial Secretary, whom we miss so much in our work. Through verbal and written reports 16 Aid Societies and 11 Bands were heard from. We found we had no cause to be discouraged, but every reason to press on and do our best. A very encouraging letter from Miss Harrison was read. Thank God for consecrated workers. A paper by Mrs. E. J. Grant, of Summerside, on our work among the Telugus was most interesting and instructive, telling briefly the condition of missionary affairs in Telugu-land. Mrs. Browne spoke of Mission Band work and methods. A missionary roll call, conducted by Mrs. Spurr, brought our missionaries and their work before us afresh. Special mention was made of Mr. and Mrs. Morse, whose little daughter has gone from them, and of Miss Clark, whose sister has passed away, and prayer was offered for them. Before another Quarterly Conference our sister, Mrs. Price, expects to have sailed for her home in Wales. A resolution was passed expressing our regret at her departure and our best wishes for a pleasant journey. The frequent mention of Miss De Prazer's name in reports and addresses showed what a large place she had made for herself in our affections during her too brief visit. A renewed interest in missions and in all India for her sake is very apparent. God bless her and make her more and more a blessing to others.

—S. B. S. B.

STEEVES' MOUNTAIN.—We are pleased to report our Aid Society still alive and fairly prosperous. Although our numbers are small yet we have very large

monthly gatherings and seldom miss an appointment. We feel that these meetings are very helpful and we have the presence of the Master with us. Miss Flora Clarke, our County Secretary, met with us on the 13th in our afternoon meeting, and also in a public missionary meeting in the evening. As it proved to be very stormy the congregation was small, our collection only 41 cents. Miss Clarke's talk and Bible reading was very interesting and instructive.

—MRS. ENSLEY LUTES, Pres.

THE "Willing Workers" Mission Band in Dartmouth held a successful tea and concert in the school room in March. The sum of \$13.00 was added to the funds, and Miss Nettie Wallace, our faithful organist, is made a life member of the Mission Band.

The M. A. S. of the Prince St. Baptist Church, Truro, N.S., met on Feb. 7th for the usual monthly meeting, and also to bid good-bye to our beloved president, Mrs. J. M. Page, who is about removing to Rothesay, N.B. About thirty ladies were present. After the usual devotional exercises a beautiful desk was brought in and presented to Mrs. Page on behalf of the society by Mrs. Christie, who spoke in a very touching manner of our regret in parting with Mrs. Page, and of her readiness to help in all good work, hoping that, while her removal would be a great loss to us, she might take up her work in the M. A. S. as well as other things in the church to which she would go. All were deeply touched by these parting words, and when Mrs. Page arose to reply her feelings would not permit her to say all that was in her heart but we are sure that should opportunity offer she would be glad to join the Aid Society again in her new home. At the close of the meeting our pastor and a few other gentlemen came in, tea was served and a very pleasant time was spent. A few days after this meeting Mrs. Page was summoned to St. John to bid a last farewell to her daughter, Mrs. Foster. We feel very deeply for our dear sister, and at the March meeting our society requested the Secretary to send her a letter expressing our sympathy. May the Lord sustain her.

M. F. OLIVE, Sec.

The Mission Band in Berwick, N. S., is progressing under the leadership of the pastor's wife, Mrs. D. H. Simpson. We give below a short paper on "William Carey," written from memory by one of the members, after a lesson on the life of the missionary from Mrs. Simpson. Mrs. Simpson calls these lessons "little talks" on the life of William Carey. A large picture of Carey's shoe shop, and also one of his pulpit was pinned on the wall. One of the scholars dressed as Krishna Pal sang his hymn, and then the Band had a drill on his life. The next session was somewhat after the style of an old-fashioned spelling match.

Sides were chosen, and a captain for each. (About two dozen questions and answers had previously been prepared). And questions and answers went back and forth to the enjoyment and profit of all. "Ella" is one of the younger members of this Band, and we are very glad she acceded to our wish for her paper. It will help some others.

Are there not others who will send papers for the LINK, or some account of the working of the Band. Be sure and write on *only one* side of the paper, and send your letters to Miss Johnstone, Dartmouth, N.S.

### WILLIAM CAREY.

William Carey, the great "Father of Modern Missions," was born in the year 1761, in Paulersbury, England, where his early life was spent. Determined perseverance, the one thing which guided and controlled his whole life, was the crowning point in his character in youth.

He was converted at the age of twenty, through the influence of a fellow worker in his employer's shop. It was between the age of twenty-five and thirty that the call to India came to him and was obeyed, despite great difficulties. His steady perseverance throughout life, and especially as shown on this occasion, shows that he had the blood of the true English soldier in his veins.

Some of the results of his work in India are, the translation of the Bible into twenty-seven different languages, the founding of Fort William and Serampore Colleges, the conversion of 700 natives, 10,000 children instructed in schools, and many other grand works. But the true results or fruits of his labours, will not be known until every grain is gathered into the garner, and the sickle is put by. Mr. Carey started life as a poor cobbler, almost unknown; at the time of his death, his name was on nearly every tongue. With all his other good traits, Carey linked that of generosity, sacrificing much in order to give to his work.

A handsome monument marks his grave, but we know that a more lasting monument is his work; for, "though he is dead, yet he still speaketh."

Ella A. Harlow.

### NEWS FROM AID SOCIETYS.

ADVOCATE HARBOR.—We organized a Mission Band last September, 1890, with a membership of 19, since then we have been growing in numbers and interest. Our band is called "The Helping Hand," and our prayer is that we may indeed be a helping hand to all those that do not know of Christ and His saving grace.

We have a very energetic president in the person of Mrs. C. M. Elderkin, and every member of the Band has taken a deep interest in the work of doing something for their brothers and sisters who have not the knowledge of the love of Jesus as we have.

Feb. 12th, 1900.

MRS. L. A. COONEY.

RIVER HERBERT.—We have been privileged with a visit from our esteemed missionary, Mrs. Archibald, who, under the auspices of our Aid Society, addressed a meeting on March 18th. The evening was wild and tempestuous, yet quite a large number gathered in the church to listen to the burning, thrilling words of our representative from India. (When we invest money in a bank, we want to meet the stock-holders as often as is convenient). While Mrs. Archibald was telling of various things in connection with our Telugu Mission, we felt that India, with her turning millions, was very near, and the collection taken proved that the speaker's words had aroused all present.

The next morning we held a little informal reception at the parsonage for our sister, and we were more than pleased with the manner in which she answered all our questions (for we turned her into a regular question box). We would gladly have had her remain longer with us, and it was with genuine sadness that we each said "good-bye."

She has promised to come to us again (if all be well) before returning to India. After singing, "We'll never say good-bye in heaven," she left, carrying with her the best wishes of River Herbert church.

Our Society meets regularly each month, and we are hoping and praying for a great blessing upon India during the present year.

Our Mission Band is increasing, and doing good work, and we expect great things in the future from this daughter of our Aid Society.

We regret that our loved and faithful secretary, Mrs. John Porter, is still very ill, but we hope and pray that she may soon recover and be able to meet with us again.

S. E. PARKER, Pres. W. A. S.

River Herbert, March 22nd.

## Young People's Department.

### PITY FOR THE HEATHEN.

(To be recited by six children of the Band.)

No. 1.

I'm sorry for poor heathen souls!

Thinking of death, they shiver!

They worship snakes, and worship stones,

While some pray to a river.

They never heard of Heaven so bright,

Where little children clothed in white

Sing Jesus' praises with delight.

We help the missionaries go

To tell the old, old story,

Of Jesus and His love below,

Of Jesus and His glory.

And heathen souls will joy and sing,

And far away their idols fling,

Then call our Jesus Lord and King.

## No. 2.

When I think how Jesus died upon the tree,  
 How He has a mansion all prepared for me,  
 How He loves His children wherever they be,  
 A very happy little girl am I.  
 And I wish the children every one to know  
 All about the Jesus who doth love us so,  
 And I wish the heathen every one could go  
 To sing our Saviour's praises in the sky.

## No. 3.

The Heaven of the Bible  
 Is such a happy place,  
 Where Christ's forgiven people  
 Behold their Saviour's face.  
 Where no one weeps at parting,  
 Nor sinks neath sorrow's load,  
 O I should like to help poor souls  
 To reach that blest abode.  
 No mortal e'er can number  
 The multitude who sing  
 Within that happy city  
 Loud praise to Heaven's King.  
 And when I join that chorus,  
 And sing these blessed songs,  
 O may some heathen I have saved  
 Stand with me in that throng.

## No. 4.

Go into all the world said Christ,  
 Speak everywhere of me,  
 Proclaim the gospel in each land,  
 And with you I will be.  
 Wherever dwells a human soul  
 Who never heard of me,  
 Go there, and preach the way of life,  
 And with you I will be.

## No. 5.

The heathen are so far away,  
 And I am but a little child,  
 I cannot tell them all myself  
 Of "gentle Jesus, meek and mild."  
 But yet if I can tell a few  
 And they the blessed words repeat,  
 'Twill help to usher in the day  
 When all shall bow at Jesus feet.

## No. 6.

I would not be a shirk,  
 And let others do my work,  
 While I walk around too selfish to do  
 Work for any one,  
 No! I mean to bravely fight,  
 For my God and for the right,  
 And the work of helping others we already have  
 begun.  
 I will not be a shirk,  
 And let others do my work,  
 While I spend my days in pleasure going round  
 from joy to joy,  
 No! I mean my share to do,  
 For the workers are but few,  
 And the fields so white with harvest every  
 reaper will employ.

—Selected.

BEWLEY.—Our Band has held meetings regularly once in two weeks. We have taken up specially the story of some of our fields in India and traced the work of David Livingstone in Africa.

We held a public meeting on the afternoon of November 16th, members of the Band furnishing the programme, which included two readings telling the story of the "Lone Star Mission," and more particularly the story of Ongole, an acrostic "Lone Star," followed by a recitation, "Shine on, Lone Star." Two readings on the subject of "Missionary Boxes," one showing the disappointment of a missionary who received a box containing mostly gaudy hats and hose of all kind; the other picturing the joy at receiving a box full of useful clothing in the home of a poor foreigner in a strange city. Two songs, "Pass it on" and "Come over and help us," were much appreciated.

An offering was taken up and thus added to the regular fees for the year, amounting to nine dollars, which we divided as follows:—\$2.50 to Bolivia; \$2 to India; \$1.50 to each of Grand Ligne, Manitoba and Home Missions.

WALTER NORTHOUT, Sec.

## WHAT THE FAMINE ORPHANS GAVE.

It was at a meeting of the Children's Branch of the North India Bible Society a year ago, that there came a little procession of orphan children that would have touched your hearts. They were famine orphans. They had no money, but they had learned to love the Bible. And when they knew that two pice (about a cent) would print a Gospel, they asked their teachers if they might not make a collection. And they wanted to do it all themselves, and their

teachers did not know what it would be. And the boys would not tell the girls, nor the girls the boys. But for a whole week those children laid by the only thing they had. An allowance of grain was given daily to each child to be ground in the hand-mill and cooked with a little spice, and that was their daily food. And those children, every day, had taken out a handful of the grain, or of the meal, and a portion of the spice. And when the meeting was held, they marched over to the tent, singing hymns, and the leaders of them carrying on their heads baskets of grain, flour and spice. And when the other children had given their money, these little orphans, with beaming faces, brought their food and laid it with the rest—the girls ninety-six pounds of grain, a basket of spices and two dozen eggs—the boys, one hundred and twenty pounds of flour! And those little gifts from their daily food sufficed to print 250 copies of the Gospel of St. John in the Hindi language.

BY MARY GAMERTSFELDER.

#### Scriptural Meditation for Thank-offering.

1. *Consider.*—How great things the Lord hath done for you. 1. Sam. 12: 24.
2. *Accept.*—All spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Eph. 1: 3-6.
3. *Present.*—Your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. Rom. 12: 1-2.
4. *Reckon.*—Yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 8: 11.
5. *Yield.*—Yourselves unto God as those that are alive unto God and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Rom. 6: 13.
6. *Offer.* a. The sacrifice of praise unto God continually. Heb. 12: 15. b. With a willing mind, 2 Cor. 7: 12. c. Systematically and proportionately. 1 Cor. 16: 2.

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